

THE GRAPEVINE

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October 2018

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Grace and Peace to You from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

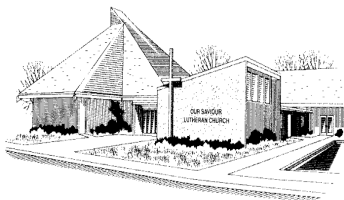
I frequently talk about how fortunate we are here at OSLC with regards to the prevailing attitudes regarding stewardship. There are many congregations for whom that is not the case. But today we are debt free, pay our bills, meet synodical benevolence, and support ministries outside our self. I am not sure how that happens frankly. We don't have stewardship drives, or have the need to constantly harangue the congregation about giving. You are just naturally generous. I thank you for that.

Our leadership's ongoing work with Farming Church has revealed something else about this congregation. Of the 7 pillars necessary for a church to be ready for when the Holy Spirit moves—faith, trust, vision, leadership, urgency, discovery and alignment, we ranked highest in trust. It seems to be “a natural” for us. Trusting God would be part of faith. This trust is the trust we have in one another.

Ernest Hemingway was quoted as saying, “the best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.” This makes a lot of sense to me. Perhaps you have heard the term about someone “earning” another person's trust. That's not really trust. That is suspicion tinged with a bit of optimism. That is saying “I do not trust you now, but let's play it out for a while because I can foresee a future where I do actually trust you. But that is not quite how we operate around here. It is probably not unrelated to the stewardship attitude. It boils down to generosity. Trust, like money, is something you give in the context of a congregation.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



When: Sunday, October 28, 2018
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Where: Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Parking Lot

Who: Open to the community

Join us for a spooktacular evening of fun and fellowship while reaching out to our local community. We are asking for:

1. Volunteers to decorate their vehicle trunks for Halloween and dress in costume according to their theme.
2. Donations from the congregation of candy and goodies for the trunk or treaters.
3. Volunteers to assist and direct traffic.

All participants with their cars need to arrive by 4:30 pm for set up. There will be a sign-up board and a donation box in the Narthex. Hosted by the Social Ministry Committee. For further information, please contact Gail Marcum at 803-397-9272.

Please feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors. This event is open to the community.



WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

Welcome Home Sunday, hosted by the Elderberries, will be held on Sunday, October 21 at 10:30 am. All past and present members, families and friends, and community neighbors are invited to join us.

A covered dish luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The Elderberries will provide the meats, and members are asked to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts to share.

Please plan to attend and bring your families and friends to worship, reminisce with your brothers and sisters in Christ and enjoy a great meal provided by Our Saviour's awesome cooks. This is always a special event for our congregation and we look forward to sharing the day with you.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am in the chapel and the worship service begins at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. The luncheon will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Last year was our 60th anniversary here at Our Saviour and our theme was "Built on a Rock". That rock continues to keep us strong in our love of Christ and our dedication to our Church and carrying out God's mission.

See you on October 21 for Welcome Home!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints' Day will be observed on November 4, 2018. If you had a loved one pass into the Church Triumphant after November 5, 2017 and would like them remembered during this year's All Saints' Day worship please notify the Church office.

When there is trust in a congregation like we see here, some things are obvious. For one, people recognize one another as having the congregation's best interest in mind even when they disagree. I knew a pastor's wife who would sit right by the exit during congregational meetings. Her trust had been broken at a previous congregation when some people started making personal attacks on her husband, the pastor, in the middle of a congregational meeting. She had no interest in being present for that again.

Another sign of trust in a congregation is built on a dose of humility. The best selling self-help book *12 Rules for Life* has a chapter called "Assume that the person you are listening to might know something you don't". When we can readily admit that someone might know something that we ourselves do not know, we become more inclined to listen deeply.

Evangelical Pastor Francis Chan was recently told the story that someone came up to him after a service and said "I really didn't get much out of worship this morning." He replied, "that's okay, we weren't worshipping you." During this Farming Church process, we will be making some changes in the way we do things and perceive things. And we want your thoughtful feedback. You might get challenged back a little bit. But it is okay. We trust one another around here.

Peace in Christ,
PLH+

OCTOBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Oct 7 *Bill Aull*
14 *Ben Lemons*
21 *Howard & Sandra Hughes*
28 *Caroline Raszewski*

GREETERS

Ben Lemons
DeLeon & Jane Wallace
Bill & Linda Hill
Isma Boland

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Oct 7 *Virginia Morris*
14 *Marie Lybrand*
21 *Elizabeth Shealy*
28 *Loleta Keitt*

LAY READERS

Isma Boland
Pam Hanfland
Elizabeth Shealy
Loleta Keitt

OCTOBER

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Barney Keitt

NOVEMBER

Gary Black

NURSERY MONITOR

Sue Drafts

Elizabeth Shealy

USHERS

Chief Barney Keitt
DeLeonn Wallace
**Need Volunteer*

Mark Satterwhite
Steve Nivens
Isma Boland

ALTAR GUILD

Isma Boland & Anne Moya

Kelly Heid & Beverly Nivens

ACOLYTE

Isma Boland

Jason Powell

CRUCIFER

Jason Powell

Charles Nicholson

OFFERING PICKUP

Jason Powell

**Need Volunteer*

TELLERS

Beth Cleland

Horace Meetze & Doris Wessinger

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Barney Keitt

Howard Hughes

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Kelly Heid, Council Secretary
SEPTEMBER 2018

- Welcome Home Sunday will be October 21st. This will be a covered dish lunch with meat provided by the Elderberries. This is a joint effort among the Elderberries, Evangelism, and Fellowship teams.
- A few noteworthy items regarding the renovated conference room: No food is to be on the table; beverage coasters are on the table; the air unit remains on at all times and the door to the hallway remains closed.
- OSLC and Mt. Tabor will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity building project in the fall. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Service and Charitable Works Team is asking for the congregation's participation in Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Sunday evening, October 28. Watch the bulletin for details.
- Upcoming dates to put on your calendar: October 21 Welcome Home Sunday with lunch after Worship October 28 Reformation Sunday, Trunk or Treat early evening.

2019 WELCA RETREAT

WHERE: Coastal Retreat Center
Isle of Palms, SC

DATES: May 3-5, 2019

WHO: All ladies of Our Saviour and guests are invited to attend

The Lydia Circle will be hosting the 2019 Retreat. All ladies of the Church and their family/friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. The first deposit of \$50 will be due on November 4, 2018. Please make your check payable to OSLC-WELCA and mark for the 2019 WELCA Retreat. Marie Lybrand will be taking your reservation.

The Lydia Circle hostesses will be providing transportation for those of you who would like to ride with someone. We will be your "Uber" for the weekend.

More details will follow but wanted you to get the dates on your calendar for 2019 and get started on our payment schedule. Should you have any questions, contact Marie Lybrand or Ann Satterwhite.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From September 2-September 23

Sunday School—19

Sunday Worship—65

Women of the ELCA

*President — Linda Griffith (920-3975
lindagriffith2@aol.com)*

*Vice President/Advisor — Pam Hanfland
(348-2820*

phanfland@gmail.com)

*Treasurer — Ann Satterwhite (254-9934
asatterwhite@earthlink.net)*

*Secretary — Kelly Heid (356-6705
kheid@sc.rr.com)*

Circles have begun meeting for the fall and plans are underway finalizing committee assignments. Please be sure you have a representative at the October Joint Meeting to discuss ideas for 2019. All women of the church are considered members of WELCA and we'd love to have you and a friend join us for our Joint Meeting or even a circle meeting. Here's a list of contacts:



Lydia Circle — meets 2nd Monday
at 6 PM

Contact: Gail Marcum
(791-3893 gparks2073@aol.com)

Cameron Circle — meets 2nd Monday
at 10 AM

Contact: Isma Boland
(760-6645 ilbright@bellsouth.net)

Rebekah Circle — meets 3rd Monday
at 7 PM

Contacts: Linda Hill
(794-4697 mhill78@sc.rr.com)
Linda Griffith
(359-1278 lindagriffith2@aol.com)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR....

RESCHEDULED DUE TO HURRICANE

**September 30—3 PM: Fall SC WELCA
Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at
Emmanuel/West Columbia.**

The original program with Pastor Jackie Utley will be performed later. This meeting will be a business meeting only to elect officers and share ideas.

**October 14—10: 30 am : WELCA
WORSHIP SUNDAY (Lydia)**

**3-5 PM - Joint OSLC WELCA
Meeting (New Officers to be
elected)**

***Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah**

***Refreshments – Lydia**

**December 2—11:45 AM : WELCA
Executive Meeting immediately following
Worship Service**

***Opening Prayer: Pam Hanfland**

WOMAN OF THE ELCA SUNDAY

WELCA Sunday will be held on October 14th during the worship service at 10:30 am. The Rev. Dr. Mary Havens will lead the worship and deliver the sermon. Ladies of the congregation will serve as choir members, ushers, acolyte, and crucifer. Please mark your calendar to attend.

COMMEMORATION PROFILES

Ruth Nicholson

The Lutheran Church, as part of its worship, celebrates the lives of notable Christians of the past. Our hymnal provides a calendar (pp. 15–17) for us to follow which recognizes these individuals on the anniversary of their deaths.



October 7

**Henry Melchior Muhlenberg,
Pastor in North America
(1711-1787)**

Often called the patriarch of Lutheranism in America, Muhlenberg was sent from Germany to America as a missionary to early congregations there. After his arrival in 1742, he spent forty-five years traveling almost constantly to assist fledgling congregations or to heal divisions in older ones. He was nominally pastor of a Philadelphia congregation until his death. Muhlenberg established the first Lutheran synod in America, provided a liturgy that would be used for forty years, and wrote a model constitution that was valuable to the churches of his time. Several of his sons became notable clergymen and statesmen in America.

October 26

**Philipp Nicolai,
hymnwriter
(1556-1608)**

This pastor, poet, and composer studied theology at Erfurt and Wittenberg and served several congregations with distinction. It was during his time in Unna that the plague killed thirteen hundred of his parishioners. Nicolai wrote a book of meditations for his grieving flock. As an appendix to this volume, he penned “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” (see ELW 436) and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” (see ELW 308), writing both texts

and melodies of the hymns. These two chorales are among the most highly regarded and widely sung in Christendom. Their tunes have inspired other authors to write texts for them, extending Nicolai’s contributions even further.

October 26

**Johann Heermann,
hymnwriter
(1585-1647)**

This Lutheran pastor and hymnwriter was born in Silesia and showed an aptitude for poetry early in life. After completing his studies, Heermann served the church at Koeben from 1611 to 1638, the year that tuberculosis forced him to retire from the ministry. His hymns were frequently intended for family devotions and reflect attitudes of personal prayer and a need for spiritual comfort. Of the three hymns by Heermann in the ELW (#349, 675, 806), the first, “Ah, Holy Jesus,” is perhaps the best example of the heartfelt poetry he wrote about human sin and Jesus’ sacrifice. Johann Heermann has been called the greatest Protestant hymnwriter between Martin Luther and Paul Gerhardt.

October 26

**Paul Gerhardt,
hymnwriter
(1607-1676)**

Often called the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, Gerhardt served the church in several positions, losing one post because of theological disagreements with state authorities friendly to Calvinism. Before he regained employment, he was very poor. In addition, his wife and four of his children died. The Thirty Years’ War ravaged the world Gerhardt knew, but in the face of all these hardships, he maintained a steadfast trust in God. He took comfort from the wonders of God’s creation and from the psalms and used his poetic gift to glorify God. Eight of Paul Gerhardt’s one hundred forty-eight hymns appear in our ELW. Of these, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#351) is perhaps the most familiar.

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

In keeping with our first Trunk or Treat, this quiz is about bones!

1. In Genesis 2, to whom is Adam referring when he talks about "bone of my bones"?

A. Eve
B. His first son Cain
C. His third son Seth
D. His nemesis Skeletor
2. In Exodus 13, who takes the bones of Joseph out of Egypt and back to Israel?

A. Joshua
B. Benjamin
C. Moses
D. Uber
3. In Psalm 22, the psalmist laments that he is in such a sorry state that his bones may be _____?

A. Heard as they creak
B. Counted
C. Broken by the wind
D. Sold on Ebay
4. In Matthew 23, Jesus compares the Pharisees to these items because they are beautiful on the outside but full on the bones of the dead (and other filth) on the inside. What are they?

A. Whitewashed tombs
B. Coffins
C. Caves
D. Great White Sharks
5. As prophesied in several places in the Old Testament, John 19 says Jesus' bones were not broken on the cross. What happened instead?

A. He was speared in the side
B. He was pulled off before dying
C. He had stones thrown at him.
D. Option D is generally reserved for a joke. The GV quizmasters decline.

BONUS: In Evora, Portugal is a 16th century chapel made of thousands of human bones and skulls. It was meant to inspire its visitors to contemplate what?



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 8/31 A statement from ELCA presiding bishop addressing our call to care for creation
- 9/08 Lutheran World Federation's Augustana Victoria Hospital needs ELCA members' help

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Are you signed up for Right Now Media? Send your email address to the church office and make sure you have access "the Netflix of Christian education." This is a free gift from your congregation to you. You can use it for personal devotions or leading a small group study.

THANK YOU

Our church family,
There are angels that God sends to bless us.
There are “friends and family” who seem to
always know what to do or to say. Then,
there’s support we hold close to. But, above
all, there’s you!

Barney and I want to thank you—all of you—
for all the love and support you gave Chris
over the years; be it phone calls, visits, cards,
prayers, and especially the “goodie bags.”
Your caring ways were certainly felt by him.

But what a bounty of blessings Barney and I
felt during Chris’ final journey. All the calls,
cards, visits, food, memorials, and the meal
were so much appreciated.

We would be amiss if we didn’t thank Pastor
Lance, and Mary Havens for their love and
support. Rod, Beverly, and Brent, we thank
you for the beautiful music! Yes, Chris heard
it all! It wasn’t time for the ballgame, yet!!!

In Christ,
Barney & Loleta

Dear Our Savior Lutheran Church Men,

I want to thank you for supporting Lighthouse
for Life and standing with us against those
who enslave children in the horrible bondage
of sex trafficking. Your generosity of \$100
given on September 10, 2018 will make a real
difference!

Once again, thank you for making a positive
impact in the quality of life of the children who
are victims of this crime.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Thompson
Executive Director

Dear OSLC,

We are grateful for the many faithful people
that came together for the remodeled
conference room and dedication. Marie
Lybrand, Mark Satterwhite, and Pastor Lance,
thank you for your commitment and work on
this project. Thank you to Jumper Carter
Sease Architects for the table and room
design. Richard Bryant, the plan design is
beautiful. It will serve the congregation of
OSLC well.

Marie, Kelly, and Ann, you made the vision
real. We are excited to see the fruits of the
spirit in this room. Thank you, Mark and Ann
Satterwhite for providing and preparing the
Chat & Snack food. Using Margaret’s recipe
was very special. Albert and Sue, your
flowers were gorgeous and brightened the
day.

We are most appreciative for the donations in
memory of many saints to make this project
complete. Craig and Margaret were faithful
loving servants of OSLC. They are deeply
missed. The conference room will be a “heart
-beat hub” for many to continue God’s work.
Our family appreciates all the love and
kindness you have shown us.

Kind Regards,
Jennifer, Brad, Maura &
Addison



MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



ELDERBERRIES



We met on September 21 in the Fellowship Hall and heard from Pastor Lance and Council Representative Gail Marcum about plans for combining Homecoming with *Welcome/Home Sunday* planned for

October 21st.

Donations are being accepted by Linda Hill for the meat. As in the past, the Elderberries will be responsible in the kitchen with food, etc. and the Razberries will provide the set-up and decorations in the Fellowship Hall. Plans are to have a 'full house' for worship! Hope you can join us. Also, plans are underway for 2019 and the sign-up sheet will be posted soon. Several ideas have been posted on the bulletin board with regard to local entertainment since we will not meet again this year as a group.

RAZBERRIES

Look for more information to come on the date and time for the October Razberries, hosted by Rod and Donna Stone.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands needs are for jelly, Jiffy Mix, tuna, bags of rice, canned milk, cooking oil, bed sheets, and bath soap. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the boxes which are located in the Cameron Hallway.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

In October we will continue collecting for our Christmas Shoeboxes. Our October emphasis will be on toys. The children who receive our gifts are between the ages of 2 and 14. Suggestions for toys are: balls (that will fit in the shoebox), dolls, toy cars and trucks, plastic animal figures, yo-yo's. Reminder: We **cannot** send liquids, candy, toothpaste, war related items (toy guns, knives, or military figures), food, vitamins.

There is a collection box in the Cameron Hallway for your items. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to OSLC and in the memo line indicate that it is for "Christmas Child."

This is a mission opportunity that everyone can participate in. Some of us can't go on a medical mission to Peru, or build a house for the homeless, but we all can purchase a pair of socks or a box of crayons for a child in need. Samaritan's Purse includes with our shoebox gifts, age appropriate material that conveys the story of Jesus in the native language of the child who receives our gifts. For more information contact Loleta Keitt.

CAMERON CIRCLE

The Cameron Circle will meet on Monday, October 8 at 10:00 at the church.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Community Lunch will be served on Wednesday, October 31 at noon. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those listed below have special prayers needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church secretary so the name can be removed.

Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Margaret Chapman
(sister of DeLeon Wallace)
Carol Green
(mother of Beth Cleland)
Mickey Golden
(cousin of Linda Yonce)

Dolores Hopkins
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Jean Vasquez

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

William Gregory	10/03
Francis Fingerlin	10/04
Bobby Heid	10/05
Bobby Manos, Sr.	10/11
Pam Hanfland	10/15
Charles Nicholson	10/20
Chris Boland	10/22
Sylvia Ford	10/22
Barbara Hunter	10/28
Marie Lybrand	10/29

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Ann Satterwhite 10/29

Please Note: if there are any errors or omissions in birthdays or anniversaries, notify the church office. We want to make sure our records are correct.

GRAPEVINE ARTICLES

If you have articles, reports and/or pictures that you or your group would like printed in the next Grapevine, please send them to the Church Office on or before Monday October 22.



ANSWERS: 1. A. Eve; 2. C. Moses; 3. B. Counted; 4. A. Whitewashed tombs; 5. A. He was spared in the side; BONUS Their own mortality. A sign inside reads "We bones, are here, waiting for yours."

SEPTEMBER PICTURES



Symbolizing how baptism is incorporation into a community, members of OSLC brought water for the baptism of Alivia. Water came from West Columbia, Cayce, Columbia, Elgin, Goosecreek, SC; Heilsbronn Germany, King's Mountain, NC, and even some from Hurricane Florence. The waters were then offered to God as the element for baptism by God's Word and Spirit.

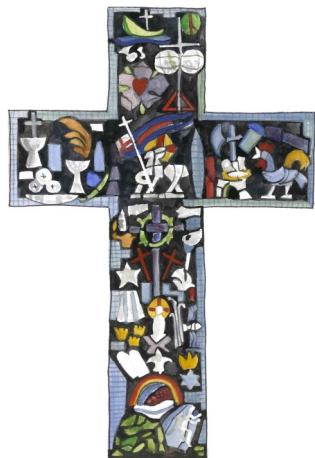


We welcome Alivia to our congregation through the sacrament of baptism.

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of our Saviour*

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POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a poinsettia for our Christmas Services at a cost of **\$13.00 (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for POINSETTIA. Please indicate in the space below the information you would want printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check **BEFORE Sunday, NOVEMBER 11.**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ poinsettia(s).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given _____ IN MEMORY OF _____ or _____ IN HONOR OF _____ or _____ OTHER _____

By _____

Please attach check.