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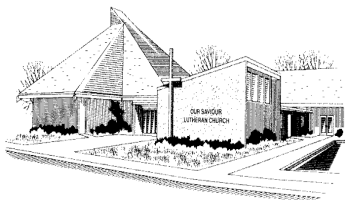
The Rev. Lance Henderson—Pastor
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Grace and Peace to You from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

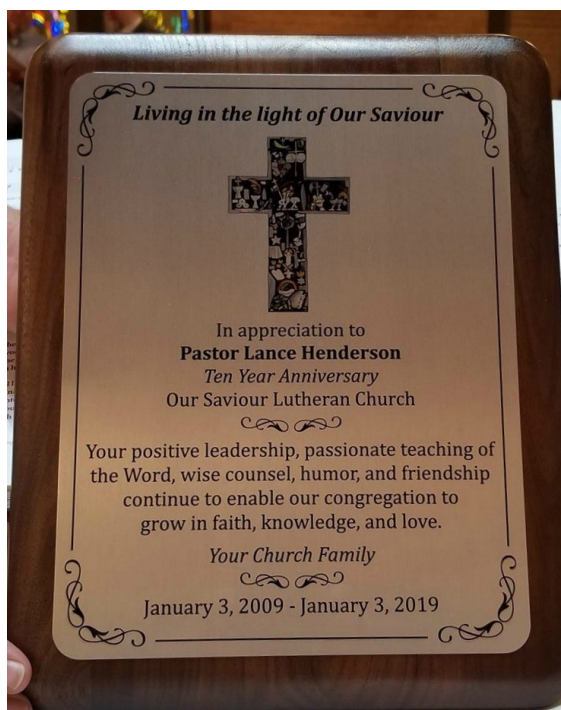
If you thought things were both culturally and politically disturbing in the US in 2018, I'm sorry to say 2019 seems to be following the same pace and direction so far. Perhaps the most surreal moment to date was watching the galley of the New York State Legislature cheer the passing of a bill that expands abortion by removing the 24 week limit, expanding the reasons for late-term abortion from the mother's life to the mother's life or health, and expanding the types of medical personnel who can perform abortions. While the pro-choice people applaud it, and the pro-life people denounce it, to me it just seems so extreme. There is no compromise in bill like that. Later, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the bill into law.

I do not speak about abortion much for a few reasons. We live in a culture that frowns on men speaking on the matter (unless it's a full-throated embrace of the pro-choice position). Secondly, I don't have any first hand experience on the matter (although I know that many readers will have been involved or adjacent to involvement regarding the decisions surrounding abortion). Thirdly, since I don't talk about it often, there is a high chance I would talk about abortion in a clumsy, unproductive manner. So I operate believing that, in America, the best-cast-scenario would be the politician's quote that abortion ought to be "legal, safe, and rare". If I had to deal with the issue pastorally, I would do all I could to dissuade an abortion. Others would be working on "legal and safe"; I would be working on "rare" when I could.

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CELEBRATION OF 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR PASTOR LANCE HENDERSON



Pastor Lance, and his family, were honored on January 13th to celebrate his tenth year of ordination and ministry as our pastor. A plaque was presented, along with a gift card, for the Henderson family to share a meal together at a restaurant of their choice. A covered dish luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service. Many thanks to Jane Wallace for the delicious celebration cake and to Wayne Lybrand for the memorable video he created for Pastor Lance with highlights of his ten years at OSLC. And, many thanks to Pastor Lance for his dedicated service to our Lord and to our congregation. He has truly been a blessing and we are so grateful that God led him to OSLC.



Yet, in the surrounding news that unfolded after the NY legislation, I came across a woman who does speak about abortion with grace, love, and gentleness. And she has a rare perspective. She survived an abortion. I don't mean she had an abortion and lived. Rather, I mean in the 1970's her biological mother underwent a saline injection designed to abort her. Her name is Melissa Ohmed and she survived. She's got lots of stuff out there because she is a pro-life Christian, so google her or look on YouTube for her talks or get her book *You Carried Me: a Daughter's Memoir*. Her story is fascinating. And as she tells it, time and time again, she mentions forgiveness.

It's a sure sign that a thing will create feelings of guilt and shame if it can be screamed about in Washington marches, but when it needs to be talked about in real life it must be spoken in hushed tones. So how can we talk about abortion? Well, I'll never be a NY legislator. I'm not likely to see a day when the debate is settled. But for those who are burdened with guilt and shame, I can speak of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus. I can speak about abortion that way.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Feb 3 *Heyward & Doris Wessinger*

10 *Gail Marcum*

17 *Bill Aull*

24 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

Gary & Kay Black

Horace & Betty Meetze

Melba Murphy

Mark & Ann Satterwhite

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Feb 3 *Bill Aull*

10 *Marie Lybrand*

17 *Charles Nicholson*

24 *Ann Satterwhite*

LAY READERS

Wayne Lybrand

Sylvia Ford

Charles Nicholson

Ann Satterwhite

FEBRUARY

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Barney Keitt

Barney Keitt

NURSERY MONITOR

Doris Wessinger

Sue Drafts

USHERS

Chief Gary Black

Bill Aull

Mark Satterwhite

DeLeon Wallace

Steve Nivens

Jim Garner

ALTAR GUILD

Chris & Beth Boland

Beverly Nivens & Kelly Heid

ACOLYTE

Chris Boland

Jason Powell

CRUCIFER

None needed

Barney Keitt (March 6)

OFFERING PICKUP

Jim Garner

Horace Meetze

TELLERS

Horace Meetze & Doris Wessinger

Beth Cleland & Theresa Garner

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Gary Black

Meredith Cleland

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Ann Satterwhite, Council Secretary
JANUARY 2019

- Lutheran Services of the Carolinas is implementing a capital campaign of \$6,000 over a three year period. A temple talk will be given on March 5th with more information.
- A laptop computer, donated by Mark Satterwhite, will be available in the secretary's office for use when needed.
- In an effort to make announcements more efficient prior to the Worship Service, cards will be available in the Narthex for members to briefly write announcements they would like the pastor to read. The ushers will present them to the pastor as he enters the sanctuary.
- Memorial and Gifts requested that two additional arm chairs be added to the Narthex which are donated as an outright gift. Council approved.
- Property Team is developing a list of maintenance issues that need to be addressed.
- Valentine Bags will be in the Cameron Hallway on February 3 and 10 for our shut-ins
- OSLC Youth will again be selling soup on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3.
- The Financial Review Committee will be auditing all organizations within the church that accept money.

2019 WELCA RETREAT May 3-5, 2019 Coastal Retreat Center Isle of Palms, SC

Ladies, the 2019 Retreat is fast approaching. If you have not paid your \$50 deposit and would like to attend, please see Marie Lybrand or Ann Satterwhite. We currently have 18 ladies registered and have room for more. Friends and family are welcome as well. For those of you who prefer not to drive, transportation is being provided by the Lydia Circle.

The next payment of \$50.00 will be due February 17, but we need to know how many ladies we will have joining us to determine the final payment. The deadline for attending and/or cancelling will be March 31. The Retreat Center will not accept changes after 30 days prior to our arrival date.

More details will be forthcoming. It is always a fun and relaxing time sharing the weekend with our OSLC ladies and meeting new friends that join us. We are in the process of planning an interesting program to share with you. And, Charleston is full of beautiful scenery, great food, and lots of shopping!

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From Dec. 30-January 27

Sunday School—22

Sunday Worship—71



2019 Officers:

President Linda Griffith (lindagriffith2@aol.com)

Vice President/Advisor Pam Hanfland
(phanfland@gmail.com)

Treasurer Ann Satterwhite
(annsatterwhite2@gmail.com)

Secretary Kelly Heid (kheid@sc.rr.com)

Again, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President again. We have a very busy year ahead of us.

The Executive Committee consisting of the above plus leaders from the circles —Cameron (Isma Boland); Lydia (Sandra Hughes); and Lydia (Caroline Raszewski) met on January 24. Treasurer Ann Satterwhite was unable to attend; however, she e-mailed her report for record.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Action—Lydia reports that 9 meals (5 hospitalizations/4 funerals) were served during 2018 with another 5 memorials. We want to thank Kay Black and Linda Hill for their outstanding performance of the hospitality last year. Caroline and Gail Marcum are the chairs for 2019. Notebooks with guidelines are being passed along to the new co-chairs. The also reported that the Retreat schedule for May only has about 18 ladies signed up and they'd like to have more. Please contact Caroline or Marie Lybrand for information. They have several ideas about a service project this year; however, not is firm and will be brought before the membership at our joint meeting in April.

Community — Rebekah reports that the Valentine Function scheduled for February 9th has some 35 attendees signed up. Sandra Hughes presented ideas regarding the Easter Egg Hunt as one of their assignments and that the circle feels that another option is on the plate. More on this later. Likewise, they are working on a plan for the 2020 Retreat with some thought on having a one day Bible Study at the church versus going out of town. More later on this idea also.

Growth — Cameron's Isma Boland reports that plans are underway to work with Pastor Lance and Pastor Utley to do a 'pulpit swap' for our WELCA Sunday. Date and time to be announced. They will continue to monitor the nursery and activity bags for the children and have planned April 28th as the day to collect for the Newberry College Women's League. They are up-to-date on confirmands and baptismal supplies.

Loletta Keitt has graciously agreed to continue sending cards to our shut-ins and others from time to time. This is a very time consuming duty and we appreciate her efforts to continue. I am sure she has an angel from heaven looking down at her saying "Job well done, Sister!"

Linda Griffith will attend the Convention in June with hopes of a Young Woman nominee from Our Saviour.

2019 WELCA Calendar

February 8-9	SC-WELCA Camp Kinard Bible Study <i>"How Lutherans Interpret the Bible"</i>
March 5	Shrove Tuesday
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 10	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March —	World Day of Prayer (TBA)
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March —	Spring SC-WELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at Mt. Hermon/West Columbia
April 7	3-5PM Joint Circle Meeting Devotion/Prayer – Cameron Refreshments – Rebekah
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 26-28	SC-WELCA Spring Retreat at Isle of Palms
April 28	OSLC-Newberry College Women's League
	Sunday (Cameron)
May 3-5	OSLC-WELCA Retreat/Isle of Palms
	(Lydia Circle)
May 12	Mother's Day
June 7-8	SC-WELCA Synodical Convention St. Stephen (119 N Church Street, Lexington)
June 16	Father's Day
October 6	3-5 PM Joint Circle Meeting (Officer Elected)
	Devotion/Prayer – Lydia Refreshments – Cameron
November 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends
December 1	11:45 AM Executive Board Meeting immediately following Worship Service (Circle Leaders with Unit Officers) Opening Prayer: Isma Boland
July 14-16, 2020	Triennial in Phoenix, AZ

CIRCLES MEET:

Cameron – 2nd Monday at 10 AM at the Church

Lydia – 2nd Monday at 6 PM at member home
Rebekah – 1st Monday at 10 AM at Church

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.



February 3

**Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg
Missionary to Denmark and Sweden
(801-865)**

Ansgar was born near Amiens, France. After his mother's early death, he was sent to join a monastery. In his subsequent life as a monk, Ansgar became the first Christian missionary to Scandinavia. His appointment as an archbishop gave him much-needed funding and a base of operations for his difficult work. Just before his death, Ansgar asked his friends not to abandon the mission to Nordic countries, but two centuries passed before Christianity was able to gain ground there. Today's Swedish Lutherans, in particular, hold Ansgar in high regard.

February 5

**The Martyrs of Japan
(died 1597)**

Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches have chosen to remember, each February 5, the crucifixion of twenty-six Christians in Nagasaki, Japan. These sixteenth-century men of faith were six Franciscan missionaries sent from Europe, a Japanese Jesuit priest, a Korean layman, fifteen Japanese laymen and three young boys. Despite the virtual banishment of Christianity from Japan by 1630, missionaries who entered the country in the mid-1800's found a community of Christians there that had survived by hiding its faith and worship.

**February 18
Martin Luther,
Renewer of the church
(1483-1546)**

Founder of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther formulated a new understanding of humanity's relationship with God. He recognized Jesus as the only mediator between mankind and God; he identified grace as the key element in forgiveness and salvation; and for him, word and sacrament were the key elements of worship. Luther's translation of the Bible from churchly Latin into everyday German was a tremendous gift to Christianity and culture in Germany. His catechisms, tracts, letters, sermons and hymns remain powerful sources of education and inspiration for Christians around the world today.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

1/17 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
devotions offered by four heads of
communion

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

Legend holds that Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men so that they may make better soldiers. However, young couples in love could seek out Saint Valentine who would marry them over the emperor's command. It's probably not a true story, but it does make weddings a good quiz topic!

1. After fleeing Egypt, we read in Exodus 2 that Moses meets Jethro who gives his daughter to marriage to Moses. What is her name?

A. Zipporah
B. Miriam
C. Hizpah
D. Mrs. Moses

2. Psalm 19 mentions this part of Jewish weddings. Something still seen in Jewish weddings today. What is it?

A. The bride and groom stomping on a glass together
B. A wedding canopy
C. The bride and groom being lifted up and paraded around the room
D. All the bills that show up 30 days later

3. In Matthew 22, what happens in the parable when a king sends out invites to his son's wedding banquet?

A. The invited refuse to come
B. The invited show up many days too soon.
C. The invited bring no gifts
D. The invited rush to Target and buy everything on the registry

4. In John 2, who prompts Jesus to take action when the wine runs out at the wedding of Cana?

A. The bridegroom
B. His disciples
C. His mother Mary
D. The Judean Wine Association

5. In Revelation 21 (after all the scary stuff), who/what comes out of the heaven like a bride adorned for her husband?

A. The new Jerusalem
B. The queen of heaven
C. The woman in red
D. Rachel McAdams from the movie *Wedding Crashers*

BONUS: In the marriage service in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book, there is no part where the bride is presented to the groom. True or false?

A NOTE FROM LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS

Thank you for Our Saviour Lutheran's Church's generous contribution of \$500.00 on January 9, 2019 to support disaster response efforts in South Carolina associated with Hurricane Florence. This gift will assist with the costs of providing disaster services and/or providing direct relief, such as food vouchers, temporary housing assistance, or home repair supplies and equipment.

As you may know, immediately after a hurricane, flood or similar catastrophic event, Lutheran Services Carolinas works with disaster service providers, community groups, government partners, and other faith-based organizations to support on-the-ground relief efforts. When the water recedes, LSC will still be there with long term recovery efforts. LSC provides services to help fill the gaps for individual and families struggling to recover during the months and years after a disaster.

We are so grateful for Our Saviour Lutheran Church's generosity and support of this ministry. Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Yours in Christ,
Ted. W. Goins, Jr.
President

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for a lovely 10 Year Celebration of my Ordination and Installation as Pastor of OSLC. The meal was wonderful, the gift was sweet, but I really enjoyed the plaque. Some of you may have read what I wrote on Facebook, but I wanted you all to know how appreciative I am of the kind words. I wrote "A pastor always wonders if he is being faithful to himself as he goes about his duties being faithful to Christ and His Church. I have to say—the words on the plaque are a wonderful affirmation as to how I have been attempting to do parish ministry for 10 years." Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Lance

Our Saviour Lutheran Church,

WOW! Thank you guys so much for the donation of clothes. These items are very crucial for our children when they are in need. You guys are truly a blessing. I am so thankful for a wonderful caring and supportive community. You guys ROCK!



SRAA
Mr. Beeler

Dear Our Saviour Family,

Thank you so very much for the Christmas bag of gifts. The treats cards, and gifts are all appreciated and brightened Christmas for Greg and me. You showed the love of Jesus with everything that was given to us and we are richly blessed. It's been a difficult year but God sends special ones like you to support and help us.

We are truly blessed to be part of a caring and giving church family—for Pastor Lance and each of you. May God's best blessings be yours in 2019 and always.

Peace and Love,
Jeanne Chapman

Our Saviour Church Family,

There is not a measure that could weigh the love, consideration, and kindness I have received from my church family. Not only for this Christmas season, but you have shown your compassion, as well as many acts of friendships for years. You have given me many happy memories to keep in my heart and that will continue to bring many smiles.

God's Blessings & Peace,
Sandy Cook Graham

To my Church Family,

Many thanks for all the beautiful Christmas cards and the notes as well as the beautiful gift bag full of great gifts. I felt the love in every one! God bless you in this New Year.

Love & Peace,
Mary Stocker

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the large Christmas bag filled with cards, treats, and gifts. I'm enjoying it all. God is so good and I love you all.

Greg Chapman

Dear Church Family,

Katie's Christmas was happier because of the love you showed to her with the Christmas bag of gifts. I read the messages to her and she's still enjoying the treats and gifts. Especially do we thank you for the love and prayers for her, the most important gift of all.

God Bless You,
Sharon Doble-Bone for Katie Doble

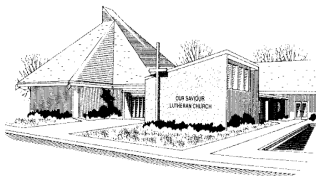
Many thanks for the Christmas bag and all the goodies. I am enjoying them all. Thanks to Pastor Lance of his visit.

With love,
Merna Long

Thank you for the gift in reducing our rent for the month of January. It is a blessing and much appreciated.

Pioneer Health & Missions

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



RAZBERRIES

Join the Razberries for a special Valentine dinner at the Nivens' home on Saturday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. Nothing needed but your choice of beverage. Please respond by February 11 (important!) to:
Beverly nivensbr@gmail.com or
Steve nivenssp@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The OSLC-WELCA is planning a Valentine Dinner with Entertainment for Saturday, February 9, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$15 per single or \$25 per couple (checks made payable to OSLC-WELCA). All members of the congregation and family and friends are invited. There will be a sign-up in the narthex and tickets will be available from Sandra Hughes and Linda Hill (Rebekah Circle). We hope you will make plans to join us for a great evening.

CHURCH MINISTRY DIRECTORY

The 2019 Church Ministry Directory may be picked up from the basket on the table in the Cameron Hall. Please take no more than you need

VALENTINE BAGS

Valentine Bags will be put out on February 3rd and 10th for the shut-ins. There will also be a sign-up sheet to help deliver the bags. We have seven shut-ins this year. Candy and non-candy items are suggested for the bags. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Marcum. Thank you for your support.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands has a need for jello, peanut butter, and crackers. In addition, there is a need for sugar, canned peas, juice, and toothpaste. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the boxes which are located in the Cameron Hallway.

ATTENTION ELDERBERRIES



We met on January 24th to plan for 2019 and the following is set up:

In **February** we'll go to the Lowman Home to have lunch with the Satterwhites and on **March 30**, we'll have our Shred event with help from all. Since Easter is in **April**, we will not meet and plans are to have an outing in **May**.

Since we normally do not meeting during the summer, plans are also underway to continue with OSLC's Homecoming in October and possibly have our Thanksgiving Lunch with Transfiguration at Our Saviour this year.

Please check the bulletin board in the Camera Hallway for updates and sign-up sheets.

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.

Danny Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Bessie Cushman
Don Ford
Ted Hanfland
(brother of Dan Hanfland)

Loleta Keitt
Merna Long
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Jean Vasquez

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robin Henderson	2/05
Jack Hopkins	2/08
Sadie Gregory	2/13
Betty Meetze	2/13
Karen Dawkins	2/14
Rebecca Kleckley	2/15
Willette Satterwhite	2/17
Bryson Raszewski	2/20
Don Horton	2/27

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 Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

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.



ANSWERS: 1., A. Zipporah; 2., B. A wedding canopy; 3., A. The invited refuse to come; 4., C. His mother Mary; 5., A. The new Jerusalem; BONUS: True

JANUARY PICTURES



2019 Installation of Officers

2019 Congregational Council

President—Marie Lybrand

Vice President—Mark Satterwhite

Treasurer—Meredith Cleland

Council Secretary—Ann Satterwhite

Representative to Executive Committee— David Griffith

Jim Garner

Bill Hill

Gail Marcum

Beverly Nivens

Elizabeth Shealy

2019 WELCA Officers and Circle Leaders

President: Linda Griffith

Vice President/Advisor: Pam Hanfland

Secretary: Kelly Heid

Treasurer: Caroline Raszewski

Lydia Circle – Leader—Beverly Nivens

Recorder— Ann Satterwhite

Cameron Circle - Leader— Isma Boland

Recorder—Ann Moye

Rebekah Circle – Co-Leaders— Sandra Hughes and Linda Griffith

Recorder— Linda Griffith

2019 Lutheran Church Men Officers

President—Gary Black

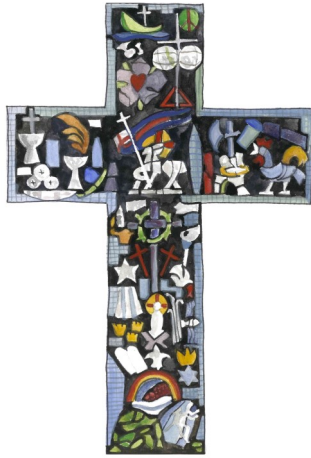
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MINISTRY IN THE LIGHT

It's that time of year! We hear that there is a football game being played on February 3rd, but we also know that around OSLC, Super Bowl Sunday is Souper Bowl Sunday. All proceed will go to God's Helping Hands.

Quarts.....\$8

Pints.....\$4

On sale after Church in the fellowship hall.

HAM & BEAN

CHICKEN NOODLE

CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

