

THE GRAPEVINE

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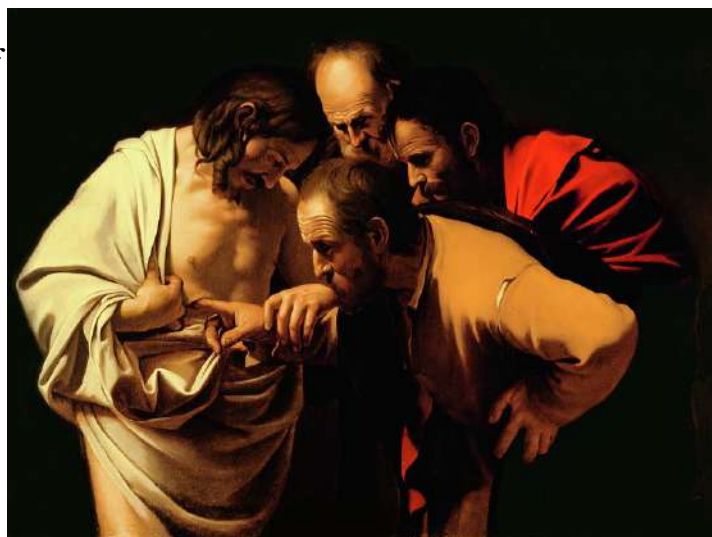
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Grace and Peace to You from God our Father
and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus' disciple Thomas gets tagged with the nickname "Doubting Thomas". He is the one disciple not with the others when the Risen Christ appears to them. He refuses to believe saying "Unless I see the wounds from the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the wounds from the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe it!" As we know the story, Jesus appears to his disciples and invites Thomas to look at his wounds and to touch them as well. And Jesus adds, "do not continue in your unbelief, but believe." It is at this point that Thomas cries out, "my Lord and my God!"

Caravaggio's famous painting, *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, shows Thomas physically examining Christ's side with his finger. Some have said that it is Christ's command that led Thomas to believe. But that's not what the John 20 story tells. In the 29th verse, Jesus asks or maybe tells Thomas that Thomas believes because he has seen the wounds. And that's not the only story about the resurrected Jesus that involves vision.



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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bill Aull on his appointment by the Lexington County Council to the Commission.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The Property Team is having our annual Spring Clean-up Day on April 13, 2019 @ 9:00 AM. We hope you will be able to join us to help get the building and grounds extra clean and manicured for the Spring season.

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.

PASTOR'S BLOG

Looking for access to Pastor Lance's sermons online. Want to reread a newsletter article but don't have your copy of *The Grapevine* in front of you? Curious about other ramblings, the Pastor occasionally has? Head on over to

<https://gointhismightofyours.blogspot.com>

You can sign up and get email notifications of new postings.

RAZBERRIES

Gail Marcum will be hosting Razberries on April 13th. More details will follow closer to the date.

Mark your calendars now.



Join the Elderberries
On their April Outing.

We will tour the new
*Lexington School District Two
Innovation Center*
located off the Twelfth Street Extension.
(509 Bulldog Boulevard/Cayce)

Thursday

April 11, 2019

10:00 AM

Lunch at
Henry's Restaurant and Bar
(2108 State Street/Cayce)

**SIGN-UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD
IN CAMERON HALLWAY**

**CONTACT ELIZABETH SHEALY FOR
DETAILS.**

Our literal vision is a strange thing. It is capable of taking in a great deal, so much so that our brains have to dismiss much of it. For example, despite how many hours you have spent in the Fellowship Hall, it may be difficult to recall what is the color of the drapes that surround the stage*. It sounds obvious, but what we see depends a lot on what we are looking for. When we talk about vision as the ability to think about the future with imagination or wisdom, the same thing applies. Imagine two years out, what will we see? Only what we have been looking for! So building a vision for a congregation is a critical manner.

As we think about the future, we can do so with some bit of optimism. Why? Because we have the promise of Jesus that we have the Holy Spirit with us! So how are we going to get this vision that looks two years out and says, "I can see what God is doing here"? With the Farming Church process, we will meet in groups of about 8-10 and ask ourselves the following questions:

- When the Kingdom of God comes more fully in our community, what will we see?
- What is this congregations specifically poised to do to participate in God's renewal of our community and this world?
- When the Kingdom of God comes more fully in our congregation, what will be different?
- What may be our best next steps toward living into God's intentions for us as a congregation?

In the narthex, beginning March 30, I urge you to sign up for one of these groups. It does NOT matter if you are on the official church roles or not. If you worship here, you are part of this community.

I look forward to gathering our vision in preparation of the celebration of resurrection of our Lord and our God.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

**they are black*

APRIL MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Apr 7 *Francis & Rebecca Fingerlin*

14 **Available*

21 *DeLeon & Jane Wallace*

28 *Wayne & Marie*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Apr 7 *Howard Hughes*

14 *Marie Lybrand*

21 *Linda Griffith*

28 **Need Voluneer*

APRIL

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

**Need Volunteer*

NURSERY MONITOR

Isma Boland

USHERS

*Chief *Need Volunteer*

Wayne Lybrand

Gail Marcum

ALTAR GUILD

Jane Wallace & Linda Hill

ACOLYTE

**Need Volunteer*

CRUCIFER

Charles Nicholson (4/14, 4/18, 4/21)

OFFERING PICKUP

Wayne Lybrand

TELLERS

Linda Griffith & Need Volunteer

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Meredith Cleland

GREETERS

Robin Henderson

Sylvia Ford

Barney & Loleta Keitt

Caroline Raszewski

LAY READERS

Howard Hughes

Sylvia Ford

Loleta Keitt

Virginia Morris

MAY

**Need Volunteer*

Elizabeth Shealy

Barney Keitt

Loleta Keitt

Horace Meetze

Isma Boland & Melba Murphy

Isma Boland

Not Needed

Barney Keitt

Beth Cleland & Barney Keitt

Barney Keitt

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Ann Satterwhite, Council Secretary
March 2019

- Treasurer, Meredith Cleland, reported that there is currently enough money in the account to pay the second of five synod payments and the insurance bill.
- The Farming Church Cluster Session-Vision meeting was held at Our Saviour on February 17th. Cluster churches attending were Mt Hermon, Faith, Emanuel and Transfiguration.
- The OSLC website and Facebook page have been updated with Lent, Holy Week and Easter schedules along with current events and happenings.
- Forty Days of Prayer for Lent is being sent daily by eVine and placed on Facebook.
- Spring Clean Up Day is April 13th at 9:00 am
- Pastor Lance reported that Claire and Adam Fingerling attended the Youth Retreat at Camp Kinard.
- Council continues with the Farming Church instruction series. Pastor Lance will be setting up small groups with congregation members for "Gathering Input: Listening groups". These sessions will be held concurrently with 40 Days of Prayer for Lent.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From March 3-March 24

Sunday School—24

Sunday Worship—64

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

We are now up to 23 ladies registered for the 2019 Retreat! We want to welcome Melodie Capole, Hannah Havens, and Kathy Hutto as "first timers".

Our theme for the weekend is "Finding Joy When Life Gives You Lemons". The Lydia Circle is excited to be serving as hostesses this year and we are planning a meaningful, entertaining, and relaxing weekend for everyone. The welcome reception will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday and there will be a short program beginning at 6:00 pm. Following the program, ladies are welcome to venture out for a delicious dinner at neighboring restaurants, or stay in and relax at the Retreat Center enjoying the ocean breeze and yummy snacks brought in by everyone. If you would like to go out, transportation can be provided for you. Also, no one has requested "uber" service for the trip down and back, but if that changes, just let Marie know and we will be happy to provide that for you.

As always, both Saturday and Sunday breakfasts will be provided as well as Saturday night dinner which will be served at 6:00 pm. The caterer is again, Toni Scott, with Parish House Catering from Summerville. She has delicious meals on the menu for us. The program will follow the meal at 7:00 pm.

Your total payment of \$150 should be received by March 31. After that date, we cannot make cancellations with the Retreat Center. If you have any questions regarding your payment status, please contact Marie. Also, if you have not let me know who you are rooming with, please do that as well. The list of attendees is as follows: Mel, Elaine Baxter, Kay, Isma, Hannah, Melodie, June DuBard, Denise Eargle, Rebecca, Linda G., Pam, Robin, Linda H., Kathy Hutto, Marie, Sallie, Melba, Beverly, Caroline, Ann, Elizabeth, and Jane.

Marie Lybrand for
The Lydia Circle

2019 Officers w/contact info:

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Vice President/Advisor Pam Hanfland
 (phanfland@gmail.com)
Treasurer Ann Satterwhite
 (annsatterwhite2@gmail.com)
Secretary Kelly Heid (kheid@sc.rr.com)



Can you believe it is **already APRIL?** Easter is almost here and then schools will be letting out soon after! Summer is on its way.

Again, thanks to you all for keeping abreast of your committee duties. YOU ALL ARE AWESOME!

Your president attended the Saxe Gotha Conference Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 17th, at Mt. Hermon. Some 31 ladies attended from 8 congregations including 2 board members. A moving program on *Grace In Community* was presented by Pastor Gina Metze. Voted to send \$100 to Lighthouse for Life Convention Project and \$100 to Mt. Hermon's Food Pantry. Delightful refreshments with home goodies were served. Faith will host the Fall Conference Meeting on September 15th at 3 PM.

• **Action—Lydia**

Hospitality—Caroline indicates they've done 5 meals already this year. Loleta, again thanks for staying on top with the cards — even while you were out with your recent surgery!

Bible Study/Retreat 2019 — Appears we have some 23 ladies going to Isle of Palms. Looking forward to another great retreat!

Service Project — An idea is still in the planning stages and we'll get the scoop soon.

• **Community — Rebekah**

Social Event — Complete (Valentine Event)

Easter Project — Circle will be doing something different this year — Preparing special age-specific 'goody' bags for intake children at the Dickerson Center.

Bible Study-Retreat 2020 — Tentatively planning a one-day event April 18, 2020. More details to come.

• **Growth — Cameron**

WELCA Sunday — Working to have sometime in the fall.

Newberry College Women's League Sunday — April 28th. Watch for bulletin insert later this month.

Nursery/Spiritual Gifts — Continue to monitor the nursery for cleanliness and update the Children's Worship Bags in Narthex..

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JOINT MEETING TENTATIVE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7 (SUNDAY) FROM 3-5 PM.

Devotions/Prayer-Cameron
Refreshments-Rebekah.

We still need another delegate to Convention!

GRACE IN COMMUNITY

Please consider attending June 7-8 (Friday/Saturday).



Claire Fingerlin's application as of this writing is the only one received by the Conference as a *Young Woman Guest*. Deadline for nominations is April 10.



LIGHTHOUSE FOR LIFE

The two projects for Convention this year are

Freedom

Bags and "Thinking of

You" and "Thank You for Your Service" cards. Also, photographs (copies) of all who served or are serving are being collected for the mural at Convention. (A box is in the Narthex so all can sign and write a special note in the cards and put the photographs in which we take with us to convention.)



If anyone is interested in attending the convention with me, PLEASE GET WITH ME ASAP....2 different people can go—1 each day. Great workshops this year! See *OSLC-WELCA bulletin board for all the details and registration*.

Friday: Reg opens at 8:30; 10:00 Pre-conv. Workshops; 11:00 conv committees meet; 11:30 lunch; 12:30 orientation for all and begin convention; 6:30 Banquet/Entertainment.

Saturday: 8:30 Reg opens; 9:00 Conv Reconvenes; 12:00 lunch; 1:15 reconvene; 3:00 closing

2019 OSLC-WELCA Calendar

- April 28** OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Cameron)
- May 3-5** OSLC-WELCA Retreat/Isle of Palms (Lydia Circle)
- June 7-8** SC-WELCA Synodical Convention St. Stephen (119 N Church Street, Lexington)
- October 6** 3-5 PM Joint Circle Meeting (Officers Elected)
Devotion/Prayer – Lydia
Refreshments – Cameron
- December 1** 11:45 AM Executive Board Meeting Immediately following Worship Service Circle Leaders with Unit Officers)
Opening Prayer: Isma Boland

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.



April 4
Benedict the African,
Confessor
(1526-1589)

Born to African slave parents on the island of Sicily, Benedict was freed when he was still a young man. His patience and dignified manner in the face of racial taunts won the notice of a group of Franciscan hermits. They invited Benedict to join them, and he stayed with them until that group dispersed in 1564. Benedict then became a laybrother of the Franciscan priory at Palermo, where he worked as a cook. Even though he was illiterate, Benedict was revered for being a sympathetic confessor and counselor. He was eventually named superior of the priory, and he led it effectively. Canonized in 1807, Benedict is considered a patron saint of African Americans.

April 10
Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku
(1510-1557)

Son of a Finnish fisherman, Agricola distinguished himself as a student and ultimately completed a Master of Arts degree at Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon were among his teachers there. Back in Finland after his studies, Agricola served as rector of the cathedral school in Turku and assistant to the Catholic bishop. When the bishop died, Agricola succeeded him. As bishop, Agricola introduced the principles of

the Reformation to Finland, masterfully transforming its church structures and traditions along evangelical lines. In addition to translating sections of the Bible into Finnish and writing a catechism, prayer book, and treatises on the sacraments and liturgy, Agricola published a spelling book that was important to the future of Finnish education and literature.

April 21
Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury
(ca. 1033-1109)

Son of an Italian nobleman, Anselm traveled to France at age twenty-three in search of learning. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy and followed its prior, Lanfranc, to Canterbury when the latter became archbishop. In 1093, Anselm became the next archbishop at Canterbury. His time in that post was not easy; he was at odds with several successive kings of England over church-state relations and had to go into exile twice. Anselm penned several important theological and philosophical treatises. In 1720, Pope Clement XI recognized him as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

T.S. Eliot (no South Carolina native) famously said “April is the cruellest month.” We have it good here in SC, but let’s look at some Bible stories where folks didn’t have it so good.

1. It was bad enough that Jacob favored Joseph over his other children and gave him a colorful coat to wear. But what really made Joseph’s brothers mad enough to fake his death and sell him into slavery according to Genesis 37?
 - A. Joseph wouldn’t stop talking about his coat.
 - B. Jacob gave him the blessing instead of giving it to the eldest.
 - C. Joseph kept having dreams where everyone was bowing down to him.
 - D. Joseph was to be played by Donny Osmond in a big Broadway musical.
2. In Judges 11, Jephthah makes a stupid vow of his own will. He swears that if God gives him a victory over the Ammonites, he will offer up the first person he sees coming through his doorway as a sacrifice. Who comes through the door?
 - A. His daughter.
 - B. His father.
 - C. His best general.
 - D. A full length mirror.
3. In 1 Samuel 18, Saul tries to kill David by throwing a spear at him. What is David doing at the time?
 - A. Flirting with Saul’s daughter Michal.
 - B. Talking with Saul’s son Jonathan.
 - C. Playing the lyre for Saul.
 - D. Taunting Saul saying “betcha can’t spear me”.

4. In Mark 6, it is this woman who tells her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Who is she?
 - A. Herodias
 - B. Salome
 - C. Claudia
 - D. That sick chick
5. According to Paul in 2 Corinthians 11, how many times did he receive 39 lashings?
 - A. 7
 - B. 5
 - C. 3
 - D. None! And starting dancing to “Can’t touch this”

BONUS: This Spanish royal couple funded Christopher Columbus’s first expedition and also authorized the Spanish Inquisition. Who are they?



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 2/27 ELCA presiding bishop pastoral letter on UMC decision
- 3/04 ELCA Conference of Bishops issues statement on Venezuela
- 3/06 Pastoral message from ELCA Conference of Bishops
- 3/08 Renewal and transformation undergirds meeting of ELCA Conference of Bishops
- 3/15 ELCA presiding bishop pastoral message on Christchurch mosque shootings

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the bountiful Valentine Bag with goodies and lovely wishes.

Blessings & Love,
Mary Stocker

To my wonderful church family,

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, visits and meals. I also want to thank Pastor Lance for being with me and my family when I first went to the hospital.

Our Saviour is a wonderful church with such caring people that I am so proud to call friends.

Love to all!!!
Isma

Dear Pastor Lance and Church Family,

A heartfelt "thank you" for the lovely Valentine bags filled with Valentine cards, treats, and nice gifts. The love from your hearts touched our hearts, and we are truly blessed. We're still enjoying it.

Also, thank you for the delicious meals you've sent from various functions of the church to Greg and me. We can feel your love and prayers.

We're truly blessed to be part of a caring and giving church. May our Lord's richest blessings of healings, peace, and love be yours.

God's peace and love,
Jeannine Chapman
Greg Chapman

Dear Our Saviour Church Family,

Thank you for the Valentine's bag you sent to Katie. She loved the bag and everything in it that you so generously gave to her. I read all the cards to her and she enjoyed all the treats and gifts.

May God's Blessings be yours for caring for Katie. We're blessed because you care.

Love & God's Blessings,
Sharon Doble-Bone
For Katie Doble



MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet for breakfast on April 15 at 9:00 am. Heyward Wessinger and Herman Shealy will be serving on the Food Committee, and Pastor Lance will have a brief program.

EASTER HOLIDAY

The Office will be closed April 22, the Monday after Easter. There will be no bible studies or choir practices that week either.

HEALING SERVICE

A service of healing will be held the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, at 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran of West Columbia. Mt. Tabor, Mt. Hermon, Faith and OSLC will be participating.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

It's a great witness to the community, but this year our dogwoods and azaleas will be probably past. So greenery dotted with flowers will have to do. But let's make sure we all bring something Easter morning at 10.

THE FOURTH CROSS

THE FOURTH CROSS—a play and dinner hosted by Thrivent Member Network -- Southeast Region. This is a private event for members and guests.

NarrowWay Theatre
3327 Highway 51N
Fort Mill, SC 29715
803-802-2300
Friday, April 5, 6:30-9:30

Four Crosses -- 4 Men
One man is a murderer
Two are thieves
The fourth a carpenter from Nazareth

Pilate shouts to the crowd and the stones echo back: "I will save one man and crucify the other! Whom do you choose?" and though the cry of the crowd that day set only one man free -- it saved us all. This is the story of *The Fourth Cross*.

COST: 17 AND UNDER \$10 ADULTS \$20
Please bring a stuff animal to be donated to the Salvation Army Center of Hope for children entering the shelter.

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.

Inez Black
Isma Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Ben Lemons
Merna Long
Anne Moye

Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Cal Raszewski	4/08
Russell Dawkins	4/15
Sandra Hughes	4/21
Henry Henderson	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Kelly Heid	4/10
Trey & Amy Wallace	4/16
Phil & Sonya Urban	4/17

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 April 22.



ANSWERS 1., C. Joseph kept having dreams where everyone was bowing down to him; 2., A. His daughter; 3., C. Playing the lyre for Saul; 4., A. Herodias; 5., B. 5; BONUS: Ferdinand & Isabella

MARCH PICTURES



Shrove Tuesday

Special music provided today for our worship service on Transfiguration Sunday by trumpeters Bradley Miller and Mickayla Hamilton.



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HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SCHEDULE

- April 14: Palm Sunday Service
10:30 AM
- April 18: Maundy Thursday
Service 7:00 PM
- April 19: Good Friday Service
7:00 PM
- April 21: Easter Day:
*Flowering of the
Cross 10:00 AM
Easter Service 10:30
AM

