

THE GRAPEVINE

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Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

This is September and it feels like everything is ramping back up. And this newsletter article will reflect that. Lots of little loose ends to tie up, rather than one long theme.

THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY AND “SANCTUARY CHURCH”...

I have some more coherent thoughts over on my weblog at

<https://gointhismightofyours.blogspot.com> but basically the churchwide expression of our church, once again, could not gather together without making some pretty dumb decisions. The best I can tell, a lot of them were steeped in identity politics (a loathsome perspective when taken too far to the left or right) and a sort of strange philosophy that sees the world compromised of three groups of people—the oppressed, the oppressors, and those who champion the oppressed. The ELCA wants clearly to be seen as the last one. It’s not helpful.

FARMING CHURCH...

We’ve been on hiatus over the summer, but your leadership will begin again working on this soon. In the spring, we had approached you and gotten some of your ideas about this congregation and its role in the ever unfolding Kingdom of God. We have to sift through those ideas to build a vision for this congregation, but I can tell you we all seem to be in a lot of



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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

On September 29th, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for Fifth Sunday worship. Things are still in the works, but we will have a noisy offering for Operation Christmas Child shipping costs, maybe guest musicians, maybe a guest speaker and love offering for her work. You'll just have to stay tuned.

BACK TO BUSINESS

Wednesday night Bible Study resumes September 4th at 6pm. Followed by Choir Practice at 7 pm and Handbell Choir Practice at 7:45 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Welcome/Welcome Home Sunday will be October 6, 2019. You all know what a great time this celebration is—great worship, wonderful fellowship, and long tables full of delicious food. Please make sure you have this date on your calendar as we gather together to give thanks to God for the history, life, and future of this congregation.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

When: Sunday, October 27, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Where: Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Parking Lot

Who: Open to the community

Look for more spooktacular info in the October Grapevine!

ELDERBERRIES

DATE CHANGE... September 12th



We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch at noon and discuss all the plans for Homecoming on October 6th. Please bring a cover dish to go with fried chicken! Linda Griffith will provide the chicken. Tea and water will be available to drink. Please bring a little extra cash for our expenses for the meat for Homecoming.

agreement on quite a bit. Namely, we are still an active congregation, blessed with many gifts, yet need to be more visible in the community.

SPEAKING OF...

With the start of the school year at USC, we have a few college friends returning and they are bringing more friends with them. It's been a while since we've had this many coming to worship with us. We'll be trying to organize with them for a few fellowship/service ideas, so keep them all in your prayers and keep your famous OSLC hospitality going.

EVANGELISM...

We'll be working on our autumn Evangelism flyer. And on that will be the announcement of our second Trunk or Treat on October 27. Start thinking about your costumes and how you'll decorate your vehicle. I have a good feeling this will be WAY bigger than last year.

We've got lots going on, so keep up-to-date. And we'll see you on Sunday!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Sep 1 *Bill & Linda Hill*

8 *David & Mel Amick*

15 *Horace & Betty Meetze*

22 *Barney & Loleta Keitt*

29 **Available*

GREETERS

Bill Aull

Ben Lemons

Gail Marcum

Melba Murphy

*Herman &
Elizabeth Shealy*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sep 1 **Need Volunteer*

8 *Rebecca Fingerlin*

15 *Howard Hughes*

22 **Need Volunteer*

29 **Need Volunteer*

LAY READERS

Bill Aull

Rebecca Fingerlin

Howard Hughes

Melba Murphy

Isma Boland

SEPTEMBER

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Isma Boland

NURSERY MONITOR

Kay Black

USHERS

*Chief *Need Volunteer*

Jason Powell

Wayne Lybrand

ALTAR GUILD

*Isma Boland &
Melba Murphy*

ACOLYTE

Bill Aull

OFFERING PICKUP

Loleta Keitt

TELLERS

*Beth Cleland &
Need Volunteer

OCTOBER

**Need Volunteer*

Doris Wessinger

Barney Keitt

Loleta Keitt

Gail Marcum

*Jane Wallace &
Linda Hill*

**Need Volunteer*

Barney Keitt

*Horace Meetze &
Doris Wessinger*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Frank Yonce

Barney Keitt

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*Ann Satterwhite, Council Secretary
August 2019*

- VBS was held at Mt. Tabor, July 21-25. Pastor Lance taught the Adult Class and plans to present these lessons during Sunday school in Advent.
- BIPM Report: Sanctuary lighting repair/replacement is complete as well as the fencing around the playground. Council approved maintenance repairs for the AC unit.
- Welcome/Welcome Home Sunday will be held October 6 with a luncheon following the service.
- Trunk or Treat will be held on October 27 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
- Budget requests from all committees need to be in to David Griffith by September 1st.
- The next Fifth Sunday service will be on September 29th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

*David Griffith, Chairman
July 2019*

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$14,914.00	\$14,700.69
BM & PI	\$2,315.00	\$3,409.22
Loose	\$31.49	
Sunday School	\$47.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00
Christmas Boxes	\$241.88	\$0.00
Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Fund	\$50.00	\$0.00
Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bucket Fund	\$6.78	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$2,195.00	\$0.00
Thrivent	\$0.00	\$0.00
Handbell Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gods Helping Hands	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$545.52
Synodical Apport	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$19,801.15	\$18,655.43

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From August 4-August 25

Sunday School—22

Sunday Worship—61

2019 Officers w/contact info:

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The Nominating Committee for next year's officers is busy asking YOU to serve. Our unit has decreased in number and we need everyone to help us out. We only meet jointly twice a year -- April and October. Primarily you'll be responsible for keeping the unit aware of other activities going on during the year; i.e., World Day of Prayer, a Spring and Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting, and Convention. The circles will be responsible for their regular duties as outlined for each Group -- Action, Community, and Growth. Executive Board meetings are really at the discretion of the officers and recommended for January and December. If you would like to serve, please let one of the members on the committee know -- Caroline Raszewski (chair/Lydia); Elizabeth Shealy (Cameron); and Jean Hopkins (Rebekah).

As the Circles begin to get 'back in the grove of meeting', please let me know when I might be able to attend one of your meetings before I go out of office.

Action—Lydia with the Hospitality Groups has been quite busy this year. Now that the Retreat is over, they only have one more item on their agenda -- the Service Project. Hopefully we'll get an update on that soon.

Community — Rebekah has also completed two of its tasks -- Social Event and Easter Project. They are busy getting ideas for the upcoming 2020 Retreat. I am sure details are forthcoming.

Growth — Cameron has scheduled Sunday, October 20th for OSLC-WELCA Sunday. The guest pastor that Sunday will be announced soon. Their other duties of the Newberry College Women's League Sunday and the Nursery and Spiritual Gifts is almost complete. Bibles were presented to our two high school graduates--Claire and Adam this summer.

2019 OSLC-WELCA Calendar



October 8: **NOTE....Change due to HOMECOMING ON SUNDAY**
6:30 PM Joint Circle Meeting
(Officers Elected)
Devotion/Prayer-Lydia
Refreshments-Cameron

October 20: OSLC-WELCA Sunday

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.



September 17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen (1098-1179)

Born into a noble family in what is now Germany, Hildegard was presented to God as a tithe by her parents. She entered a convent and succeeded her teacher as its abbess. Hildegard had had visions even as a child, and in adulthood she compiled them into books, feeling that God intended this. In addition to her mysticism, Hildegard was famous for the poems and hymns she composed and her knowledge of natural history and medicine. She also advised popes and secular rulers. Even though she lived her entire adult life as a nun, Hildegard influenced the wider world of the Middle Ages and still speaks through her writings today. The words of hymn #399 (“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”) in the ELW are based upon one of her compositions.

September 18 Dag Hammarskjöld, Renewer of society (1905-1961)

Swedish statesman and international peacemaker, Dag Hammarskjöld began his career as a teacher before entering civil service. He was an astute financial expert whose influence extended beyond

Sweden’s borders following WWII. Two years after joining his country’s delegation to the United Nations, he became the UN’s second secretary-general. He was instrumental in bringing peaceful ends to conflicts in the Middle East in the 1950’s. In 1961, while on a peace mission to the Congo, Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for that year. The depth of his spiritual life and devotion is evident in the book called *Markings*, based on his diaries.

September 30 Jerome, translator, teacher (c. 347-420)

Jerome was a priest and scholar of the early church. After his baptism in Rome at age nineteen, he traveled widely on pilgrimages and continued to study, learning Hebrew as one of his endeavors. After admission to the priesthood, he received a papal commission to translate the Bible into Latin. Jerome’s translation, known as the Vulgate, served as the standard Latin version for fifteen centuries after its completion.



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

September 29th is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Angels it is!

1. In Genesis 3, God dispels Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden and blocks the entry back with one of these angels.

- A. Archangel
- B. Cherubim
- C. Seraphim
- D. An angel food cake

2. In Isaiah 6, these sorts of angels are in attendance around God's throne.

- A. Archangel
- B. Cherubim
- C. Seraphim
- D. Those cute chubby angels

3. In Ezekiel 1, Ezekiel sees a vision of angelic beings—each with four faces. Which of those below is NOT one of the faces seen?

- A. A bear
- B. An ox
- C. A lion
- D. An eagle

4. Matthew, Mark and Luke all give an account of time when angels attended to Jesus. When was it?

- A. At his birth
- B. At his baptism in the River Jordan
- C. After the temptation in the wilderness
- D. When he bumped his knee.

5. In the epistle Jude, we hear reference to a story of a named Archangel contending with the devil for the body of Moses. Which Archangel is it?

- A. Gabriel
- B. Michael
- C. Raphael
- D. Again, one of those cute chubby angels

BONUS: Who said, "From the beginning of my Reformation I have asked God to send me neither dreams, nor visions, nor angels, but to give me the right understanding of His Word, the Holy Scriptures; for as long as I have God's Word, I know that I am walking in His way and that I shall not fall into any error or delusion"?



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 8/06 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly begins
- 8/06 Elizabeth Eaton re-elected presiding bishop of the ELCA
- 8/07 Key moments for day two of 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly
- 8/07 ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares ELCA sanctuary church
- 8/09 ELCA Churchwide Assembly elects new secretary
- 8/09 ELCA Churchwide Assembly receives presiding bishop report and takes key actions
- 8/14 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares the ELCA a sanctuary church
- 8/14 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions

MINISTRIES TO FILL

We are more than halfway through the year. It is a good time now that you have a better understanding of the rest of your 2019 to see if you can meet your congregation's needs.

Sunday School Superintendent

October
January 2020

Tellers

November (1 needed)
December (2 needed)

Ushers

September (chief needed)
December (1 needed)
January 2020 (1 needed)

Flowers

September 29
October 6
October 20
November 24
December 1
December 8

Lay Readers

October 27
December 29

Worship Assistants

September 1
September 22
September 29
October 27
December 24
December 29
January 5, 2020
January 26, 2020

Greeters

November 24
December 24
December 29

Acolyte

October
December
January 2020

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We are starting off early this year collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will be highlighting different types of items each month, between now and November.

In September we are collecting "WOW items. Examples are: drinking cups, water bottles, plates (sectioned), bowls, blunt edge utensils. Remember these have to fit in a "shoebox" size container, along with many other items. A collection box will be in the Cameron Hallway.

Many of these items can be purchased at Dollar Stores and at Walmart. Look for bargains!

We will do a noisy offering again on September 29 and again on December 1 to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes. So start saving your change now!

Our 2019 goal is to pack 100 shoeboxes. If you need a personal shopper, see Loleta Keitt.



MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



RAZBERRIES

Change of Date: September 21

Caroline Raszewski will be hosting Razberries on September 21. More information will be provided.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands has a need for flour, vegetable oil, jelly, and boxed Mac & Cheese. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the boxes which are located in the Cameron Hallway.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Community Lunch will resume on Wednesday, September 25 at noon. Please join us for lunch and bring friends and neighbors.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Change of Date: September 16

Lydia circle meeting is changed to September 16 at 6:00. Restaurant to be determined. Mark your calendar for this change.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Below is an updated list of the needs/wishes of the Church to assist families with memorial/gift donations in memory/honor of loved ones.

- Commercial stainless steel sink for kitchen
- Digital, programmable outdoor sign
- Better storage for superfrontal paraments
- Parlor furniture
- Artwork above the upholstered chairs in the narthex
- Hallway lighting fixtures
- Playground expansion and soccer goals
- Shower facilities installed for OSLC to qualify for an emergency shelter site
- Fontanini nativity scene wise men figurines
- Additional stools for the kitchen

Additional suggestions are welcome and should be given to Elizabeth Shealy to share with the M&G Team.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Change of Date: September 9

The Rebekah Circle will meet on Monday, September 9, at 10 a.m. at the home of Loleta Keitt. **Please note change in date and location.**

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
Lorene Cannon
(aunt of Gail Marcum)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Margaret Chapman
(sister of DeLeon Wallace)
Lewis Hampton
(friend of Rebecca Kleckley)
Dolores Hopkins
Merna Long

Gwen Matthias
(sister-in-law of Jane Wallace)
Jimmy Moore
(brother of Linda Griffith)
Anne Moye
Shaun Porter
(friend of Pastor Henderson)
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Jerry Turnipseed
(friend of Steve Rucker)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alan Hunter	9/07
Danny Boland	9/11
Ben Lemons	9/11
Horace Meetze	9/16
Shirley Hanna	9/22
Virginia Morris	9/25
Elizabeth Satterwhite	9/25
Emily Heid	9/27
Shelby Kehrer	9/27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DeLeon & Jane Wallace	9/09
Traywick & Loleta Keitt	9/20

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 September 23.



ANSWERS: 1., B. Cherubim; 2., C. Seraphim; 3., A. A bear; 4., C. After the temptation in the wilderness; 5., B. Michael; BONUS: Martin Luther!

AUGUST PICTURES



Lutheran Men “Ladies Night” at Shealy’s Bar-B-Que

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!

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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

Starting on September 1, the Adult Sunday School class will begin looking at the Gospel of Saint Matthew from the Book of Faith series by Augsburg Fortress Press. The Book of Faith Method approaches a biblical text from a historical context, a literary context, a Lutheran/theological context and a devotional context. This will be an 8 week series lead by Pastor Lance. We hope you can join us.

