

THE GRAPEVINE

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October 2019

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A Message from the Pastor

I want to thank you all who have given prayers, advice and concern this past month. Many readers do not know, but we are moving my mother to an assisted living facility near my father’s home. It’s obviously a very emotional and stressful time, but also very busy. Even in this difficult time, we are pleased to see God’s hand at work, the need is obvious, the option to a wonderful facility is there, and my parents have been blessed with the means.

So if you will indulge me and my inability to be creative at a time like this, I’d like to re-run an article from the October 2014 Newsletter Article and the Quiz will be from October 2013. I had to pick out a more “timeless” newsletter article, so despite being the middle of a series, I hope it still provides some enlightenment.

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

The Lord’s Prayer (Part II)

Last month we started a series on the Lord’s Prayer and how to pray it in a more contemplative fashion. The great thing about contemplative prayer is that it can be done most anywhere. Sure, the name sounds like you need to be sitting on a floor mat with lit candles around; however, you can pray contemplatively in your car heading down the interstate at 65 mph. Although, you might want to turn off the radio.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

I heard a speaker talk about “God having a dream for you.” I’m not a fan of that language, but mostly because dreams can be so

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



REMINDER FOR SEPTEMBER 29TH FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Our Fifth Sunday September Service will include special music from our own Melanie Capole and friends. They will be sharing their talents and performing "praise band" music.

Dress casual and join everyone in the Fellowship Hall for this special service. A noisy offering will be taken up for Operation Christmas Child shipping costs.

Join us for Chat and Snack at 10:00 am prior to the beginning of the service for food and fellowship.

The next Fifth Sunday Service will be held on December 29th with lessons and carols.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2019

All Saints' Day will be observed on November 3, 2019. If you had a loved one pass into the Church Triumphant after November 4, 2018 and would like them remembered during this year's All Saints' Day worship please notify the Church office.



When: Sunday, October 27, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Where: Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Parking Lot
Who: Open to the community

Join us for another spooktacular evening of fun and fellowship while reaching out to our local community. We are asking for: volunteers to decorate their vehicle trunks for Halloween and dress in costume for their theme; donations from the congregation of candy and goodies for the trunk or treaters; and, volunteers to assist with games and a welcome table. The Saluda Gardens Neighborhood Association has graciously volunteered to provide 10-12 decorated vehicles to make our event even bigger and better! Be sure to spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and family. There will be a sign-up board and a donation box in the Narthex. Hosted by the Service and Charitable Works Team. For further information, please contact Gail Marcum at 803-397-9272.

CAMERON CIRCLE

The Cameron Circle will meet on Monday, October 14 at 10:00 am at the church.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our Community Lunch program has started up again. Our next lunch will be served on Wednesday, October 30 at noon. Please join us and bring friends and neighbors.

intangible and are always changing. I like the language of “will”. God’s will includes what God advises, desires, instructs, and demonstrates.

But how do we know the will of God? How do you determine what God’s will is for you this day? What about your life? Contemplation often means taking a hard look at one’s self. How often do we claim God’s will when underneath it is really just our own will? (Hint: Saying “I think God just wants me to be happy” is often a giveaway. Modern ideas of happiness and the joy of the Christian life are sometimes at odds. But that is NOT to say that when presented with two options that God wants us to choose the more misery-inducing one.)

Thomas Aquinas defined the gift of making our will in accord with God’s as the definition of “hope”? What does it mean for you to hope?

Give us today our daily bread...

Perhaps my personal favorite part of the Lord’s Prayer—six words and so very profound. What do we have that God has not given us? A variation of contemplative prayer may be to consider what is not said—what does it matter that we are praying for today’s bread and not tomorrow’s? What about gratitude? There is no outward thanksgiving in this petition—rather Jesus has us simply pray to God “give”? Does it change the nature of giving and receiving and gratitude when we remind ourselves that this prayer is to our “Father”?

The notion of contemplative prayer includes thinking about every word. Slowly. Considering what it means to you and to God. These are the words that Jesus instructed us to pray. So we do well to consider why he chose particular words, and consider how it unites us with him. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

OCTOBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

- Oct 6 *Wayne & Marie Lybrand*
- 13 *Ben Lemons*
- 20 **Need Volunteer*
- 27 *Steve & Beverly Nivens*

GREETERS

- Heyward & Doris Wessinger*
- DeLeon & Jane Wallace*
- Robin Henderson*
- Isma Boland*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Oct 6 *Bill Aull*
- 13 *Isma Boland*
- 20 *Elizabeth Shealy*
- 27 **Need Volunteer*

LAY READERS

- Wayne Lybrand*
- Loleta Keitt*
- Elizabeth Shealy*
- Pam Hanfland*

OCTOBER

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

**Need Volunteer*

NOVEMBER

Barney Keitt

NURSERY MONITOR

Doris Wessinger

Isma Boland

USHERS

- Chief Barney Keitt*
- Loleta Keitt*
- Gail Marcum*

- Howard Hughes*
- Horace Meetze*
- Steve Nivens*

ALTAR GUILD

Jane Wallace & Linda Hill

Gail Marcum

ACOLYTE

**Need Volunteer*

Jason Powell

OFFERING PICKUP

Barney Keitt

Howard Hughes

TELLERS

Horace Meetze & Doris Wessinger

Howard Hughes & Pam Hanfland

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Barney Keitt

Howard Hughes

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*Ann Satterwhite, Council Secretary
September 2019*

- The Palmetto and Health and Mission Church (worship group that has been using our facility on Saturdays) will no longer be meeting at our church.
- Council approved a mail out flyer advertising our upcoming events through the end of the year. The flyer will be mailed prior to the October 6th Service/Luncheon and will be expanded to include a larger community area.
- Trunk or Treat—October 27 @ 5:00 PM. The Saluda Gardens Neighborhood Association has volunteered to add 10-12 cars for us this year. The Association meets at our facility and has offered to assist with some of our projects to show their appreciation. Sign-up sheets and goodie donation boxes will be in the Narthex shortly.
- The Property Team has been busy with several projects around the church for repairs and maintenance. The repair of the playground fence and the HVAC is complete.
- The Stewardship Team discussed the upcoming 2020 budget request noting that several Teams had not submitted information. The Team was to meet that evening to finalize the 2020 Budget to recommend to the congregation at the annual meeting in November.
- Pastor Lance will be taking vacation time October 7-13 and November 6-10.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

*David Griffith, Chairman
August 2019*

NO REPORT



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 18, 2020

OSLC-WELCA One-Day Retreat will be held at Our Saviour in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church and guests are welcome. More details to follow.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From September 1-September 22

Sunday School—21

Sunday Worship—60

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Sandra Hughes and Linda Griffith attended the Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at Faith on September 15th. Some 33 ladies representing eight congregations, the SWO Board and a guest were present. Dallas Shealy from the Lutheran Retreat Centers spoke on 'Grace and Gratitude'. The leaders for our Conference are: Coordinator Jessica Walker (Transfiguration) who will serve out the remaining term vacated by Denise Warren who was elected at Convention to serve on the SWO Board; Secretary Karen Freeman (Sandy Run) and Financial Secretary Betty Enlow (St. David). The Nominating Committee for our 2020 Fall Conference meeting will be Linda Griffith (Our Saviour), JoAnn Ricard (Faith), and Ann Spainhour (Mt. Tabor). The theme for the day was JUST LOVE from I Corinthians 13:4-7 and the 2020 Triennial and SC WELCA Convention themes. The SCWELCA Convention will be June 12-13 at St. Phillips in Newberry and the local project will be in support of the SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (SCNAC) with the global project focus on support of our sister Synod in Bogota, Colombia. (A handout will be provided at our Joint Meeting with details.) The group voted to send \$100 to the Churchwide Disaster Relief Fund to support all victims from hurricanes and another \$100 to begin the fundraising for a new water tank at Camp Kinard. This leaves \$124.08 in the treasury. After the meeting we all gathered in the Fellowship Hall to share ideas and renew friendships. A delightful spread of refreshments was enjoyed by all.

Our Saviour's Nominating Committee for next year's officers is still seeking persons to serve as your officers for 2020. Please serve when asked. We outlined some of the duties in last month's Grapevine. Please contact Caroline Raszewski (chair/Lydia); Elizabeth Shealy (Cameron); or Jean Hopkins (Rebekah) for details.

Action—Lydia with the Hospitality Groups continues to be busy. They are working on the Service Project with plans to be introduced at the Joint Meeting for discussion.

Community — Rebekah is in the final stages for planning the 2020 one day Retreat. SAVE THE DATE has been published in the Bulletin and a flyer was distributed at the Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting. The date of April 18, 2020 has been reserved! Hope everyone will join us. Watch for specifics a to registration and cost soon.

Growth — Cameron has scheduled Sunday, October 20th for OSLC-WELCA Sunday. They cleaned the nursery in September in lieu of our upcoming Homecoming on October 6th.

2019 OSLC-WELCA CALENDAR



- October 8 6:30 PM Joint Circle Meeting
 *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.



October 6
William Tyndale,
Translator, martyr
(ca. 1494-1536)

Born in Gloucestershire, England, William Tyndale was educated at Oxford and Cambridge. He devoted himself to biblical studies and developed expertise in Greek and Hebrew. Unable to find support at home for translating the Bible into English, Tyndale moved to Germany, where he completed his New Testament translation and had it published in 1525. Influenced by Martin Luther, Tyndale joined the Protestant movement and authored tracts for it while translating other parts of the Bible. He moved to Belgium to refine his New Testament. It was there that he was arrested as a heretic, imprisoned and executed. His revised New Testament served as the basis for subsequent English translations, including the King James and Revised Standard versions.

October 17
Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch,
Martyr
(died ca. 115)

Ignatius was one of Christianity's early martyrs. Little is known about his life. Thought to be a Syrian by birth, Ignatius served as the second or third bishop of the church at Antioch. Condemned to death by the Roman

authorities, he wrote letters to Christian communities in Ephesus, Smyrna, Rome and several other locales. In these writings he urged unity in love within the church and faithfulness to the Eucharist. His letters are important for insights into the early church's faith and practice. Finally, Ignatius did not ask Rome's Christians to attempt his rescue; he wrote that it was an honor for him to imitate Christ's suffering and death. He was thrown to wild beasts and killed, probably in the Colosseum.

October 23
James of Jerusalem,
Martyr
(died ca. 62)

James may or may not have been the brother of Jesus, since the Aramaic word for "brother" can also mean "cousin." In any case, James does not seem to have been a disciple until after the resurrected Christ appeared to him. Both St. Paul's writings and the Book of Acts tell of James' leadership position in the church at Jerusalem; he may have been its first bishop. The writings mention that James encouraged Jews to adhere to their law but not to impose it on Gentile converts. According to Jewish historian Josephus, James was stoned to death in the year 62 AD.



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

You think October, you think Halloween. So let's quiz about some Biblical scary stories from the October 2013 issue!

1. In 1 Samuel 28, Saul seeks out the Witch of Endor to do what?

- A. Make a potion to kill David
- B. Call up spirits to fight against the Philistines
- C. Conjure the soul of dead Samuel for advice
- D. Sort out a problem down at the advertising agency of McMann & Tate because someone thinks they saw Saul's wife Samantha cast a spell.

2. Job 41 describes this horrific sea creature.

- A. The Leviathan
- B. The Gargantuan
- C. The Kraken
- D. SpongeBob

3. In Daniel 5, a detached and ghostly body part gives a message to King Nebuchadnezzar. What and how?

- A. A mouth whispering in the King's ear
- B. A hand writing on the wall
- C. A set of ghostly arms presenting a scroll
- D. Two fabulous legs stepping out an interpretive dance

4. In Matthew 14, the disciples see Jesus walking on the water at night and scream out thinking he is a ghost. What is Jesus' response?

- A. Jesus lights the night sky so that they may see him clearly.
- B. Commands them shouting, "Believe in me!"
- C. Says, "Take courage! It is I. Do not fear."
- D. Laughs at them saying, "You knuckle heads, there is no such things as ghosts!"

5. Acts 12 tells of the grisly end of murderous Herod. What is it?

- A. He is struck down by the Lord, consumed by worms and dies.
- B. An assassin named Ehud cuts his gut open and his entrails fall on the floor.
- C. He falls into the street from a balcony and set upon by rabid dogs.
- D. He is besieged by a horde of orcs and thrown into Pits of Mordor.

BONUS: In classic iconography, martyrs are often shown with the instruments of their martyrdom. What does icon of John the Baptist show him holding in his hands?



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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God's work. Our hands.

- 9/13 ECLA presiding bishop issues pastoral message on racism and white supremacy
- 9/19 Interfaith coalition galvanizes action on climate emergency

THANK YOU

Our Saviour Church Family,

Our family would like to thank you all for your love, prayers, and words of comfort. To all who helped Pastor Lance prepare the church for Troy's service we are grateful. Continue to keep us in your prayers during this overwhelming difficult time.

Our Love,
Marilyn & Don

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the delicious meal prepared for me by Our Saviour friends during my surgery.

Words cannot express my appreciation for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls I received. Each one of them helped to brighten my day.

A special thank you to Pastor Lance for all his visits and prayers.

I am so proud to be a member of such a caring and loving church family!

God Bless,
Dolores Hopkins

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The time is NOW! For the last few months we have been collecting various items for the shoeboxes that we pack for Operation Christmas Child.

In October we are collecting personal care items. Examples are toothbrushes (no toothpaste), combs, brushes, washcloths, bar soap, band aids, emory boards, non-liquid lip balm. 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

The Lybrand's will be hosts, and in keeping with Razberries tradition, we will again celebrate Oktoberfest with a great german meal. The date has been changed to Thursday evening at 6:00 PM on October 10 , at Julia's German Stammtisch. Julia has moved her location to 120 Sparkleberry Crossing Road, Columbia SC 29229.

Due to the large crowds on weekends, they will not accept reservations and they are a CASH ONLY restaurant so be sure to have cash with you.. I know its a "trip" there, but the food and fellowship will be worth the effort. Please let Marie know by October 8 if you will be joining us.

THIRD QUARTER FINACIAL STATEMETS

Third Quarter Financial Statements will be available on Sunday, October 13. Please pick up your statement from the table in the Cameron Hallway.

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.

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

December (2 needed)

Ushers

December (1 needed)
January 2020 (1 needed)

Flowers

October 20
November 24
December 1
December 8

Lay Readers

December 29

Worship Assistants

October 27
December 24
December 29
January 5, 2020
January 26, 2020

Greeters

November 24
December 24
December 29

Acolyte

October
December
January 2020

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)
The family of Fred Hallet Carter, Jr.
(brother-in-law of Sue Drafts & Kay Black)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Margaret Chapman
(sister of DeLeon Wallace)
Theresa Garner
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
John Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Jerry Turnipseed

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|-------|
| William Gregory | 10/03 |
| Francis Fingerlin | 10/04 |
| Bobby Heid | 10/05 |
| Bobby Manos | 10/11 |
| Pam Hanfland | 10/15 |
| Charles Nicholson | 10/20 |
| Chris Boland | 10/22 |
| Sylvia Ford | 10/22 |
| Beverly Nivens | 10/27 |
| 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 Wednesday, October 23.**



ANSWERS: 1. C. Conjure the soul of dead Samuel for advice; 2. A. The Levathan; 3. B. A hand writing on the wall; 4. C. Says, "Take courage! It is I. Do not fear."; 5. A. He is struck down by the Lord, consumed by worms and dies.; BONUS John holds his own head since he died by being beheaded.



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO
HOMECOMING
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019**

**WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM
FOLLOWED
BY COVER DISH LUNCH
(FRIED CHICKEN AND HAM TO BE PROVIDED)**

**Please bring your favorite dishes to share
and invite all your family and friends.**

**In order to have an accurate number before
we order the chicken, please call the church
office (794-8180) with a name
and number for your family.**

(Sponsored by the Elderberries and Razberries)

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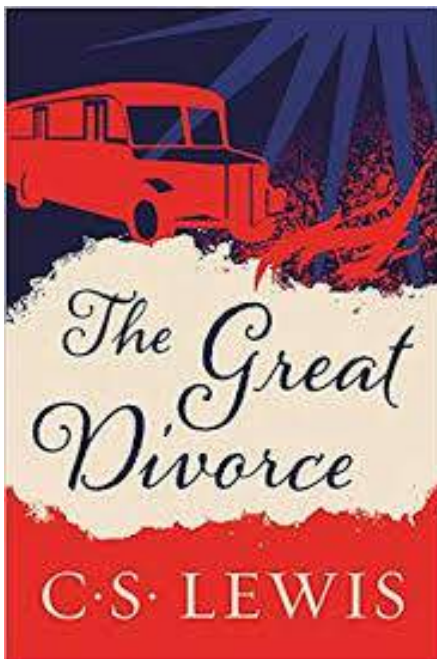


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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

On September 24, we started a new book, *The Great Divorce*. We are only short way in, so feel free to join us to study this Christian Classic.

C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's revolutionary idea in the *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis' *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil.