

THE 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW AT OUR SAVIOUR

January

- Installation of Council, LMM and WELCA officers on January 13.
- Pastor Lance's Ten Year celebration of his Ordination and Installation as Pastor of OSLC was celebrated with a covered dish luncheon on January 13 following the worship service.
- OSLC contributed \$500 to support disaster response efforts in South Carolina associated with Hurricane Florence.
- Pastor and Council President participated in the Farming Church webinar with our Coach.
- Two blue swivel chairs in the narthex were donated to OSLC through Memorials and Gifts.

February

- Valentine Bags were filled and distributed to seven of our sick and shut-ins.
- The Rebekah Circle hosted a Valentines Dinner with entertainment on February 9.
- The Youth Group again prepared delicious soups for purchase on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3. Three different soups were prepared totaling 96 quarts and all were sold. \$1,079 was contributed to God's Helping Hands from the sale of the soups.
- OSLC was the host church for the Farming Church Cluster meeting on February 17. The churches included were St. Thomas (Chapin), Mt. Hermon (Wet Columbia), Nazareth (Lexington) and Good Shepherd (Swansea).
- The Razberries were treated to a delicious Valentine's Dinner by the Nivens on February 17.
- The Elderberries met for Lunch with Pastor and Mrs. Satterwhite at the Lowman Home on February 21.

March

- The congregation shared in the daily reading of "40 Days of Prayer for Lent". This was offered to our members as a paperback book or through daily eVines. The series offered daily scripture, devotions, and prayer during Lent.
- Lenten Worship services were held throughout March and April beginning March 5 with Shrove Tuesday and ending with the Flowering of the Cross and Easter Service, Sunday, April 21. Meals were served on two Wednesday night services and a joint service was held with Faith Lutheran.
- The Council began the Farming Church Session on "Gathering Input: Listening Group". The Pastor held small group sessions with the congregation for their feedback and input. The sessions were held concurrently with the "40 Days of Prayer for Lent" series.

April

- Service of Healing was held on April 17 at Faith Lutheran Church.
- The Saluda Gardens Neighborhood Association began using our Fellowship Hall for their meetings and an Arts and Crafts fair in December. This is part of our community outreach ministry.
- Shred Day was this month—1.5 tons were shredded, 350 pounds of food was collected for God's Helping Hands, and \$650 was raised for our local needy.
- Spring Clean-up Day was held on April 13.
- Eight Easter Lilies were given to our shut-ins.
- A dedication of the exquisite cross and painting created by Bob Graham was held on Sunday, April 28. These one of a kind creations were given by the Mabel Miller family.

May

- May 3-5 the WELCA ladies and guests again visited the Coastal Retreat Center at Isle of Palms for the annual Retreat weekend. The Lydia Circle was in charge this year and the theme for the Retreat was "Finding Joy When Life Gives You Lemons".
- OSLC started early collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. "Accessories" were the collection item for the May Month.
- May 5th Pastor Lance began leading the Farming Church Vision Sessions during Sunday School.
- OSLC members pledged \$6,280 to Lutheran Services Carolinas.

- On May 16, the Elderberries were treated to a special Filipino meal prepared by Melodie Capole who was born in the Phillipines and taught to cook fresh, authentic meals from her grandmother.
- Food gift cards were sent to seven of our college students to let them know they are thought of and prayed for during exam time.

June

- June 2nd we celebrated Adam and Claire Fingerlin's graduation from high school. A Bible was given to each of them and members were asked to bracket their favorite scripture passages and sign their names. This was a very special keepsake for Adam and Claire.
- June 30 was our Fifth Sunday Service held in the Fellowship Hall. The "With One Voice" hymnal was used for the service and hymns in anticipation of the 25th anniversary of the hymnal next year. A hot dog lunch and patriotic music and sing-a-long finished off our casual fifth Sunday service. Also, everyone brought loose change to use as a noisy offering which will be used to help defray shipping costs of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.
- The June collection item for the shoeboxes was toys.
- Pastor Lance participated at Campfirmation at Lutheridge June 23-29.

July

- The Hanfland's planned a fabulous weekend trip July 12-14 for the Razberries to visit several wineries in North Carolina.
- The week of July 21-25 Vacation Bible School was held at Mt. Tabor. Pastor Lance was the instructor for the adult class.
- Four maintenance projects were completed which included: repairing of the roof, lighting in the sanctuary, exterior painting of the building and window repair in the Bell Choir room.
- The WELCA Synodical Convention was held at St. Stephen's Lutheran in Lexington June 7-8. Those attending were Linda Griffith (OSLC WELCA President), and Beverly Nivens, Rebecca Fingerlin, Kay Black and Claire Fingerlin (OSLC and Saxe Gotha young woman guest representative). OSLC donated Free-dom Bags filled with toiletries that were given to Lighthouse for Life, a non-profit organization that provides education and training related to human trafficking.
- Operation Christmas Child collected Craft and School Supplies for the month of July.

August

- Operation Christmas Child collected boys and girls clothing for the month of August.
- Lutheran Men hosted their annual "Ladies Night" at Shealy's Bar-B-Q on August 20.
- OSLC teamed up with Thrivent Financial and Samaritan's Feet for a national Back to School Shoe Drive to help children in need have new shoes to begin their school year.
- The fencing around the playground was completed.

September

- Operation Christmas Child's collection was for paper products such as cups, plates, bowls. The
- The Adult Sunday School class studied the Gospel of Saint Matthew from the "The Book of Faith".
- The Fifth Sunday Service was on September 29 following Chat and Snack refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Melodie Capole and her USC friends performed praise band music during the worship service. A noisy offering was collected to assist in the mailing of the shoeboxes at Christmas.
- Toiletries were collected during the month for Operation Christmas Child.
- On September 24, the Tuesday Bible Study group began reading "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis. It is a classical Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven and an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment.

October

- The Fall Flyer advertising services and events coming up throughout the rest of 2019 was mailed to 2,406 residents in the West Columbia/Cayce area.

- Welcome/Welcome Home Sunday was held on October 6. The Elderberries provided the fried chicken and ham and the congregation added to the delicious meal with their favorite side dishes and desserts.
- WELCA Sunday was on October 20. The Rev. Jackie Utley from Ascension Lutheran presented the sermon. Also, \$300 was presented from WELCA to David Laird, Serve and Connect, along with a \$250 gift card from Thrivent, for a non-profit organization called “Greg’s Groceries”. It is a food assistance program where local law enforcement officers keep grocery boxes in their patrol cars to be given to a family in immediate need of assistance.
- Trunk or Treat was held on October 27th in the OSLC parking lot and was again a big success.
- Reformation Sunday—October 29.
- Pastor Lance and Council President, Marie Lybrand, visited with Classical Conversations Community, a Christian homeschooling group, interested in using the OSLC education wing on Wednesdays beginning January 2020 and ending in April 2020. Currently, they have 40 students ranging from pre-kindergarten through high school. Council approved this partnership for the 2020 year.

November

- An All Saints’ Day Remembrances service was held on November 3. Candles were lit by family members in memory of loved ones.
- November 17 was Stewardship Sunday. Members gathered for a delicious breakfast prepared by the Kitchen & Fellowship Team and signed up for ministry opportunities for the 2020 year.
- The 2020-21 term elected council members are: Charles Nicholson, Rebecca Fingerlin, Beth Cleland, and Isma Boland. Rotating off will be Marie Lybrand, Mark Satterwhite, Bill Hill, and Gail Marcum.
- The Operation Christmas Child Pizza Packing Party was held on Nov 17 at 4:00 pm. 24 helpers participated in sorting and packing the collected items into 100 shoeboxes.
- The Community Thanksgiving Service was held on November 26, 7 PM at Congaree Presbyterian Church.

December

- Joint Advent services with Mt. Tabor and Faith on December 4, 11, and 18.
- The kitchen refurbishment was done December 9-13. New countertops, backsplash, and taller faucets for the sink were installed as well as the cabinets repainted with new hardware. These improvements were done through the Memorial & Gifts fund for Dot Haltiwanger.
- The playground was rebuilt to include new equipment and improved ground surfacing.
- Saluda Gardens Neighborhood Association hosted a craft fair for the community in our Fellowship Hall on December 7.
- The Rebekah Circle hosted an “Ugly Christmas Sweater” brunch and ornament swap for WELCA at the home of Linda Griffith on December 14.
- The Lutheran Men hosted a Christmas Dinner on December 17 in the Fellowship Hall.
- OSLC members contributed to a needy family at Saluda River Academy. A single mom with three girls.
- The Longest Night Service was held at OSLC on December 21.
- The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held at 5:00 pm
- The Fifth Sunday in December was a service of Lessons & Carols in the Fellowship Hall.
- Christmas gift bags were filled and taken to 10 shut-ins by congregation members