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

Ash Wednesday is February 26. Granted, that is almost a full month away from the writing of this article, but it will be here eventually. And I do not want to add a month onto Lent, so maybe just put this newsletter article away until the end of February.

The three disciplines of Lent are—prayer, fasting and giving. Jesus gives instruction about these three practices in the Sermon on the Mount. But the church has two lists that can help guide our thoughts on these matters.

The first list is the Seven Corporal (or “bodily”) Acts of Mercy. They are:

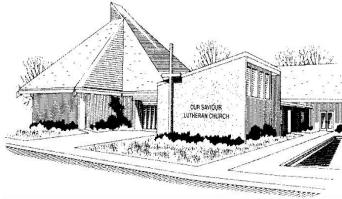
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| To feed the hungry | To give water to the thirsty |
| To clothe the naked | To shelter the homeless. |
| To visit the sick | To visit the imprisoned |
| To bury the dead | |

The second list is the Seven Spiritual Acts of Mercy. They are:

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| To instruct the ignorant | To counsel the doubtful. |
| To admonish the sinners | To bear patiently those who wrong us. |
| To forgive offenses | To pray for the living and the dead |
| To comfort the afflicted | |

I commend these two lists as a way to shape the way we think about those broader categories of prayer, fasting and giving.

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



2020 CHURCH MINISTRY DIRECTORY

The 2020 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 for our shut-ins will be out this Sunday through February 9 for members to put Valentines in. We ask that you add cards only—no candy. You may use the simple cards like we used to get in elementary school if you like. There are eleven bags.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle will meet at the church on February 3rd at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Linda Griffith will be the leader and Linda Yonce has refreshments.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our next lunch will be served on Wednesday, January 29th at 12:00 pm. Please invite friends and family to join us.



ELDERBERRIES

Elderberries will not be meeting in February. Thanks to the large crowd that came in January to hear about Melodie's trips to China and the Philippines. Plans are for a speaker in March.

RECORDS SEARCH



WELCA is in the process of digitizing all our records. In doing so, we have found a lot of information missing — lists of officers, minutes/agenda from old executive board and general meetings, retreat information, etc. since 1957. We are missing a lot of information during the 90s. If anyone has any type of information referencing Our Saviour's Women, please call Linda Griffith (359-1278).

or example, you can walk with a bottle of water, but it is not easy to find a thirsty person wandering West Columbia. But you might give a gift to a non-profit like WaterMission (www.watermission.org) right here in North Charleston, SC who builds water purification systems for remote and poorer parts of the globe. Or maybe you have thought for months about cleaning out your closet. Then maybe looking at it as a way to clothe the naked will be a better motivation.

However, you observe Lent this year, keep in mind, none of these acts help you "get right with God". Jesus already did that for you.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Feb 2 *Need Volunteer
9 Gail Marcum
16 *Need Volunteer
23 David & Linda Griffith

GREETERS

Gary & Kay Black
Mark & Ann Satterwhite
Gail Marcum
Frank & Linda Yonce

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Feb 2 Marie Lybrand
9 Ann Satterwhite
16 Charles Nicholson
23 Isma Boland

LAY READERS

Melba Murphy
Ann Satterwhite
Charles Nicholson
Wayne Lybrand

FEBRUARY

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Gary Black

MARCH

*Need Volunteer

NURSERY MONITOR

Doris Wessinger

Sue Drafts

USHERS

Chief Gary Black
Wayne Lybrand
Gail Marcum

Linda Griffith
Isma Boland
Bill Hill

ALTAR GUILD

Isma Boland &
Melba Murphy

Gail Marcum &
Caroline Raszewski

ACOLYTE

*Need Volunteer

Henry Henderson

OFFERING PICKUP

Linda Griffith

Horace Meetze

TELLERS

Horace Meetze &
Pam Hanfland

Linda Griffith &
Linda Hill

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Need Volunteer

Bill Hill

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 2020

- *Classical Conversations*, a homeschool community, began their classes on Jan 8, 2020. There were approximately 40 students and 20 parents participating. The students were especially appreciative of our refurbished playground. The day runs from 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM. The narthex door will be unlocked from 8:15 to 9:15 and then locked after that. The group left all areas clean and tidy.
- Plans to wrap up Farming Church Program on March 8, 2020 following our next council meeting. We will be meeting after church on this date.
- Church leaders were installed Jan. 12, 2020 during the service.
- We are currently waiting for additional bids for paving the parking lot. Once we have all bids we will be able to proceed with the selection process. Actual paving will not be able to be done until the spring when we have consistent warmer weather.
- We continue to work on obtaining bids for our church sign.
- 2020 Ministry Directory is ready to be printed. (The website is up to date with current 2020 Directory information.
- We will be collecting input regarding the congregation's capital projects, including the parking lot, sign, and possibly a covered sidewalk. The projects need to be prioritized and scheduled.
- 9 Valentine bags will be set put for our shut-ins.
- We are very grateful to have USC students to participate and share their talents during our worship services as well as our community services. Several of the students will be helping with our Souper Bowl preparation on Jan. 23.
- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is Tuesday Feb. 25, entertainment will be provided. Dinner will also be served prior to Lenten services on March 4 and April 1.
- Charles expressed appreciation for all the help in decorating the church for Christmas and then taking down the decorations.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 12/30 ELCA presiding bishop responds to anti-Semitic incidences in New York
- 1/09 ELCA presiding bishop pastoral letter on the United Methodist Church.
- 1/09 ELCA presiding bishop issues pastoral message on Iran conflict
- 1/19 Bishop Eaton issues pastoral message on death of Herbert Chilstrom
- 1/19 Herbert Chilstrom, first presiding ELCA bishop, dies at 88

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Treasurer -- Ann Satterwhite, 254-9934,
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**FEBRUARY DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

- **Friday-Saturday, February 7-8:** SC-WELCA Camp Kinard Bible Study "What's Love Got To Do With It" Pastor Christi Pursey, Spiritual Director/Chaplain at Camp Kinard, will present a Bible study based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 in keeping with the 2020 convention theme "Just Love." The retreat is a time of fellowship and learning.
- **Sunday, March 15:** Registration/payment deadline for the OSLC-WELCA Retreat (April 18)

Circles and Meeting Times:

Any woman of the church who is not currently participating in a circle is invited to join the fellowship at one of the following meeting days/times:

Cameron – 2nd Monday, 10 a.m. at the church

Lydia – 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. at member homes

Rebekah – 1st Monday, 10 a.m. at the church

**2020 RETREAT – “EACH ONE
CAN REACH ONE”**

Rebekah Circle is hosting the 2020 OSLC-WELCA Retreat on Saturday, April 18th at our church. This one-day retreat promises to be a wonderful event. The day will begin with check-in at 9:30 a.m. Our own Rev. Mary Havens will “jumpstart” the morning with an inspirational program. After lunch, our featured speaker will be Cherie Nettles, a well-known Christian humorist, speaker, and writer. Plan now to attend for inspiration, fellowship, and surprises. Family and friends are invited! Tickets are now on sale for \$25 per person (includes lunch) and can be purchased from Linda Hill or Linda Griffith. Deadline for registration and payment is March 15th. Please sign up early so the Rebekah Circle can finalize plans for the event. Flyers are available in the Narthex, or contact a Rebekah Circle member for copies to share with your family and friends!



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From January 5-January 26

Sunday School—21

Sunday Worship—66

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 14
Cyril, monk (826-869) and
Methodius, bishop (c. 815-885),
missionaries to the Slavs

Cyril and Methodius were brothers from a noble family in Greece. In 860, Cyril resigned a job in Constantinople to join his brother on missionary trips to the Khazars and Bulgarians. Two years later, Emperor Michael III sent them to Moravia to preach the Gospel. Instead of using the Latin liturgy, these brothers used the Slavonic vernacular, now called Old Church Slavonic. In addition, they developed a new alphabet in order to translate the Bible into the local language. Cyril's and Methodius's work had a sacred dimension, as they spread Christianity, and also a secular one, as their linguistic contributions were valuable for the beginnings of Slavic literature.

February 23
Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna,
Martyr (c. 69-156)

Polycarp, long-lived Christian bishop of western Asia Minor, was a link between the world of the Apostles and the second-century church. It is said that he knew John, the author of Revelation, and we know that Irenaeus and Ignatius, pillars of second-century Christendom, were

acquainted with him. At age eighty-six, Polycarp was arrested and ordered to renounce his faith or be killed. Unwilling to do the former, he was burned at the stake.

February 25
Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess
1850-1921)

Born on Christmas Day, 1850, in Norway, Elizabeth Fedde trained to be a deaconess. At age thirty-two, she was called to New York to minister to the poor and to Norwegian seamen. Her first accomplishment there was the establishment of the Norwegian Relief Society. Shortly thereafter, she opened the Deaconess House in Brooklyn and the Deaconess House and Hospital of the Lutheran Free Church in Minneapolis. She returned to Norway in 1895 and died there on February 25, 1921.



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

The Grapevine Quiz Team researched all the way back to 2012 and found out there has been no February quiz about hearts. Inconceivable! So here we go!

1. Repeatedly in Exodus 7, God says he will harden this man's heart. Who is it?
 - A. Aaron
 - B. Moses
 - C. Pharaoh
 - D. Bill Belichick
2. In 1 Samuel 1, when this priest finds Hannah weeping in the temple he asks why her heart is said. Who is he?
 - A. Samuel
 - B. Eli
 - C. Nathan
 - D. Father Mulchahy
3. In Song of Solomon 4, the King tells his bride that, just with one of these, his heart was captured. What did she do?
 - A. Give him a glance with her eyes
 - B. Blow him a kiss
 - C. Smile
 - D. Give him an EKG
4. In Matthew 5, Jesus tells that this is the reward for being "pure of heart". What is it?
 - A. They will inherit the earth
 - B. They will see God
 - C. They will be called Children of God
 - D. They will get twice the reward, but only if they act now. Supplies are limited.

5. Jesus famously says in the Matthew 6 that your heart will be in the same place as this.

- A. Your treasure
- B. Away from your enemies
- C. With him
- D. In your chest, duh!

BONUS: According to Wikipedia, St. Valentine was martyred for marrying Christian couples without authorization so that the young men could avoid this. What is it?



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the much appreciated Christmas bag filled with cards, treats, and gifts. It truly brightened my holiday.

Merna Long

Thank you for the generous gift at Christmas and for the many Christmas cards which I received, both at the Our Saviour Post Office and the USPS. Looking forward to another great year at OSLC.

Brent Holcomb

Dear OSLC Family,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. The new year finds the Henderson Family in need of a new dishwasher. Your gift couldn't be more timely and will take the sting out of that cost! Yes, it's a practical gift, but on the other hand, it's a gift we will use each day! Thank you and may God continue to bless in 2020!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

Dear OSLC Friends,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift and for all the kind Christmas cards that were delivered personally to my desk! All of you are such a blessing in my life! Thank you!

Mary Havens

Dear OSLC Friends,

As always, your generosity encourages me to do the best I can. Thank you very much for the Christmas gift! Your thoughtfulness will always be a gift I treasure. I am sincerely grateful to you all.

Sincerely,
Melodie

Dear Our Saviour Lutheran Church Members,

We are very blessed to have such a supportive church family. We wanted to extend our thanks for all the love and generosity shown to us all throughout our lives. The Bibles we received were very special and enduring to us. We will always cherish our blessings.

Our Love,
Adam & Claire Fingerlin

Dear Church Family,

Katie thanks you for the Christmas bag filled with gifts and treats. Even though, she can't thank you personally, she felt your love and has enjoyed every card and gift. May God bless all of you!

Shay Doble-Bone
for Katie Doble

Dear Church Friends,

A special "thank you" for the wonderful Christmas gift bags filled with cards, gifts, and treats for Greg and me. It has been, and still is, being enjoyed. We are very grateful for Pastor Lance and our church family. God is so good and we ask for His blessings of good health and healing for all of us. Have a Happy New Year!

In His Love,
Jeannie Chapman
Greg Chapman

Dear Our Savior

Thank you so much for the "Goodie Bag" that I received at Christmas. Also, thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, and prayers. A big thanks to all! May all of you have a happy and successful New Year!

Thanks to all,
Marie Shealy

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING!

If you would like to recycle your 2019 Christmas cards, please cut off the message part of your card, new or already recycled, and place the decorative cover in the container on the Sunday School hall table. Thank you for making the 2nd Annual "Our Saviour Christmas Post Office" so successful!

RAZBERRIES

February Razberries will be hosted by Sallie & David Hutto on Sat., the 1st, at 6 pm. We will be having dinner at the Old Mill Brew Pub located at 711 E. Main St., Lexington. Please RSVP to Sallie by Friday, Jan. 31st @ (803)414-6009 or e-mail sloftis@sc.rr.com.

LENTEN MEALS

We will be serving Lenten meals on two Wednesdays during the Lenten season. The dates are March 5 and April 1. More details will be given later.

THE MAYBE TRUE STORY OF ST. VALENTINE

St. Valentine, (died 3rd century, Rome; feast day February 14), name of one or two legendary Christian martyrs whose lives seem to be historically based. Although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize St.

Valentine as a saint of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave. Other narratives identify him as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person.

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.

Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.

-from Britannica.com

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
Chris Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Margaret Chapman
(sister of DeLeon Wallace)
Linda Crapps
Don Ford
Carol Green
(mother of Beth Cleland)
Hazel Henderson
Dolores Hopkins
James Hudson
(friend of Chris & Beth Boland)

Ty & Tess Jones
(children of Rebecca Kleckley)
Fran King
(mother of Rebecca Kleckley)
Merna Long
Anne Moye
Pastor John Satterwhite
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
Jerry Turnipseed
(friend of Steve Rucker)
Jane Wallace

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	2/15
Bryson Raszewski	2/20
Don Horton	2/27

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 **before February 21**

ANSWERS: 1., C. Pharaoh; 2., B. Eli; 3., A. Give him a glance with her eyes; 4., B. They will see God; 5., A. Your treasure BONUS, Conspiration

JANUARY PICTURES



Elderberries January Meeting



Installation of 2020 Council, WELCA, and Lutheran Men leaders



February 2nd is Souper Bowl Sunday at OSLC. Quarts and pints of soup will on sale after church in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds goes to God's Helping Hands.

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Call it "Mardi Gras" or "Fat Tuesday" or even "Shrove Tuesday" it is all the same, and all happening at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Tuesday, **February 25, beginning at 6:00 pm**. There will be the traditional pancakes, sausages, and King Cake! In addition, we will have BEADS, BINGO, and, maybe even some, BUFFOONERY!

TIME: 6:00 PM-7:45 PM

BRING: 3 Bingo prizes

1. Food item (candy, beets, \$5.00 gift card (Starbucks) beef jerky)
2. Fun item (joke item, white elephant)
3. Favorite item (something that you would choose for yourself as a bingo prize, book, picture frame, puppy, pens, candle)

Before noon on the 25th, drop off your Bingo prizes to the church office or give to Melodie.

This is seriously fun business! Sign up sheet in the narthex.

