

THE GRAPEVINE

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

Every year we talk about the three Lenten disciplines of almsgiving, prayer and fasting. And maybe every year you think you will participate in them in some sort of increased manner, and start, then get interrupted, then it doesn't work out, and you feel like a big Lenten loser. Well, let me give you some encouragement. There is nothing that says your Lenten disciplines each need to last the full 40 days. That perspective can lead us astray very quickly because it puts the focus on the discipline and not the benefit of the discipline.

Let's take a look at the three and, perhaps, we can understand them better.

ALMS GIVING

Ok, we do not pay or get paid with Alms. We use the good ol' USA dollar. But we then turn those dollars into stuff. And "stuff" is really what the alms giving discipline is really about. It is about our relationship with the material goods around us. In our baptism, we are asked to renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God. How does stuff do that? Well, let's use an example of a pastor we all know. I don't want to use his real name so we call him "Pastor Hance Lenderson". Pastor Hance took some vacation not too long ago to do some things around the house. It rained all week so he was forced to do inside stuff, like clean out his closet. He's lost some weight in the past years and hanging in his closet were two pairs of flannel lined pants that would fall off him today. He's known they were there, but never really thought about his homeless neighbor who could actually benefit from having warm pants. He's a decent enough fellow and if there had been some national crisis that needed flannel pants he would have gladly given to the cause, and he would have felt like a real hero. But that didn't happen. He just let some of

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



WE THREE KINGS

Last month we received designated gifts from anonymous families for the purchase of three new figurines for our nativity scene. Council has graciously received this and together we give thanks to God and to these families for these figurines.

The tradition holds that the names of the three wisemen were Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar.

SHRED EVENT

March 28, 2020
9:00 am-Noon

A Free Shred Event will be held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 am until noon. The limit is 4 containers. Donations will be accepted of non-perishable food items and money to support the needy in the West Columbia/Cayce are through God's Helping Hands.

LENTEN MEALS

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useless-to-him stuff stay in his possession because he likes holding onto his “stuff”. After all, it is *his*. Is that a sin?! Well, it's not exactly mass murder. But what is it we say every Sunday about “things done and things left undone”?

PRAYER

If alms giving is about our relationship with our stuff, prayer is about our relationship with our mental/emotional self. I hate to use the word “spiritual” because “spiritual” sounds too lofty. And that's not really what we talk about. Remember what Jesus says about the hypocrites praying loudly in the synagogues and street corners. They were not looking for any sort of “spiritual” lift. They wanted their ego stroked. They wanted to feel good about having the admiration of their neighbors. They were looking to satisfy their mental/emotional selves. This purpose of prayer is change the way we think and feel. For example, we might not be in the mood to be grateful. But when we pray and start listing all the things we have that we can be grateful for, it suddenly makes our mind shift into true gratitude. That is one example of how your Father who sees your prayer in secret will reward you. Think of other types of prayers and the changes that God makes in you as you pray them.

FASTING

The idea of fasting scares a lot of people—the immediate thought is 48 hours of only water. But really fasting is about how our bodily needs and desires lead us away from God. So fasting can prevent us from sins of gluttony, but also lust and sloth. You can fast from anything bodily because your body effects your soul.

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Freaking out about the Corona virus? Imagining it is some way the world is going to end and you'll suffer a wretched death from a God who desires to bring calamity on the earth? Fast from the 24 news cycle. Fast from your couch/tablet/phone addiction by going for a walk and getting better sleep. (Yes, God desires that you be healthy and productive for the good of your neighbor. Founder of Methodism John Wesley suggested fasting twice a week. And even then, it was not a total fast. He just ate less those days. Remember when they said you should eat six small meals a day. That turned out to be wrong. Constantly grazing means your insulin is always running. Dieticians now advocate all your calories be taken in during an eight hour window. They call it a 16 hour fast. (Personally, I think it's pretty funny that God would design us so that something we think is going to hurt is actually good for us.)

The overall point is that the Lenten disciplines are means to an end. They cause us to self-reflect on how we conduct ourselves with God, our neighbor, and His creation. I urge you to practice these disciplines. Don't think you need to do each intensely for 40 days. Maybe try each for 10 days and in the last 10 days of Lent, go back to the one that helped you indeed self-reflect. Maybe practice a three day cycle of almsgiving, prayer and fasting.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Haneer, er, Lance

P.S. Look for creative ways to observe Lent throughout this newsletter.

MARCH MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

- Mar 1 **Need Volunteer*
8 *Melba Murphy*
15 **Need Volunteer*
22 *Francis & Rebecca Fingerlin*
29 *Herman & Elizabeth Shealy*

GREETERS

- DeLeon & Jane Wallace*
Charles & Ruth Nicholson
Horace & Betty Meetze
Francis & Rebecca Fingerlin
Bill Aull

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Mar 1 *Bill Aull*
8 *Gail Marcum*
15 *David Grittith*
22 *Linda Griffith*
29 *Melba Murphy*

LAY READERS

- Pam Hanfland*
Ruth Nicholson
David Griffith
Linda Griffith
Kelly Heid

MARCH

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

**Need Volunteer*

Barney Keitt

NURSERY MONITOR

Sue Drafts

Isma Boland

USHERS

Chief Linda Griffith

Barney Keitt

Isma Boland

Bill Aull

Bill Hill

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

Gail Marcum & Caroline Raszewski

**Need Volunteers*

ACOLYTE

Henry Henderson

Adam Fingerlin

OFFERING PICKUP

Horace Meetze

James Garner

TELLERS

Linda Griffith & Linda Hill

*Frank Yonce & *Need Volunteer*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Bill Hill

Barney Keitt

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 2020

- Approved the Beautification Proposal from the City to begin soon along Sunset Boulevard and the sidewalk.
- Approved flyer to be mailed to local West Columbia residents listing all church activities for the spring including the Shred Event.
- Approved vacation time for Pastor for February 16-22.
- Council accepted the proposed Constitution and Bylaw changes/additions/amendments as specified from Churchwide and the committee.
- Approved to schedule Congregational Meeting for April to discuss Constitution, the Parking Lot bids, and the Electronic Sign quotes.
- Finance is still waiting on Power Church solution for entering financial data.
- Approved Kitchen and Fellowship schedule for Shrove Tuesday and Lenten Meals.
- Recommended Pam Hanfland proceed with updating the Policies and Procedures Blue Book along with the Constitution changes.
- Approved purchase of new lock type mailbox for the US Mail delivery.
- Next Council meeting will be immediately following Church Worship on March 8th with lunch

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From February 2-February 23

Sunday School—22

Sunday Worship—63



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

- 1/28 ELCA presiding bishop issues response to President Trump's "Peace to Prosperity" document
- 2/04 ELCA expands efforts to increase inclusivity of outdoor ministry programs
- 2/05 ELCA presiding bishop issues statement on new travel ban
- 2/18 John Weit accepts call as assistant to the bishop, executive for Worship





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March Dates to Remember

Friday, March 6 – World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 15 -- 3 PM, Spring SC-
WELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting
at Mt. Tabor/West Columbia

Sunday, March 15 – Registration/payment
deadline for the OSLC-WELCA Retreat
(April 18) (See more information below)

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 t
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. 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; even if
you do not plan to buy your ticket until the
March 15 deadline, please let Linda Hill or
Linda Griffith know that you plan to attend and
will purchase a ticket by the deadline so the
Circle can work on plans based on the number
who plan to attend. Flyers are available in the
Narthex, or contact a Rebekah Circle member
for copies to share with your family and friends!

THREE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

#1: Give up your daily Starbucks

Do you love to stop by Starbucks (or another
local coffee shop) in the mornings?

What if you gave that up for Lent – and instead
put the money you’d have spent on coffee to-
ward freshwater wells in a developing country?

#2: Give up lunch or breakfast

Not sure you can take on a big fast? Try a mini-
fast. Skip breakfast or lunch once or twice a
week.

Don’t just fill that time with more work, though.
Spend that time in prayer or reading your Bible.

#5: Give up your car radio

Do you spend a lot of your day in the car driv-
ing to and from work, or shuttling kids from one
activity to the next?

Turn off the car radio and spend that time in
prayer or listening to the audio Bible.

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.



March 1
George Herbert
Hymnwriter
(1593-1633)

A Welshman by birth and an educated young man of many talents, George Herbert seemed destined for a position of influence, perhaps as a diplomat, since he was fluent in six languages. After his patron, King James the First, died, Herbert returned to his original intention of becoming a priest. He earned great respect in his vocation. After his death, his sincere, inventive religious poetry gained him an even broader hearing. Those poems and the hymns fashioned from them (see ELW 816, “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”), plus several prose writings, still speak his message long after the end of his earthly life.

March 22
Jonathan Edwards
Teacher, missionary to American
Indians (1703-1758)

A brilliant thinker and powerful preacher, Jonathan Edwards studied for the ministry after graduating from Yale at age seventeen. Although his Puritan-inspired writings about God’s wrath are often cited in textbooks, he also spoke ardently about the grandeur of God’s love and grace. A disagreement with his Massachusetts congregation about who should partake of

Holy Communion resulted in Edwards’ dismissal from that pastorate. It was then that he embarked on missionary work among Native Americans in western Massachusetts, coupled with extensive writing projects. In 1757 Edwards was elected president of what is now Princeton University. He died of smallpox a few months later.

March 29
Hans Nielsen Hauge
Renewer of the church
(1771-1824)

After an intense mystical experience at age twenty-five, Hans Hauge, a farmer’s son, was convinced that he should rouse his fellow Norwegians to a new awareness of God’s salvation. At that time in Norway, itinerant preaching was illegal, but Hauge, a layperson, took his message all across the country from 1797 to 1804. He was frequently arrested, jailed, and fined, but he gathered quite a following. After a lengthy prison term and considerable personal hardship, Hauge stopped his travels and settled on a farm near Oslo to write. In later life, he gained the respect of many church leaders. One of Hauge’s central ideas is the very Lutheran belief in vocation as a form of service to God. And, although he often disputed with the official church of Norway, Hauge never advocated separation from it.



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

The season of Lent is based on the Old English word for the season we call Spring. Lots of you are getting your gardens ready, so let's look at some Biblical gardens.

1. In Genesis 2, there are two trees in the center of the Garden—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and what other tree?
A. The Tree of Life
B. The Tree of Healing
C. The Tree of Power
D. A Bradford Pear
2. In 2 Kings 21, King Ahab wants his neighbor Naboth's vineyard and turn it into his own garden. Naboth refuses, so this evil queen conspires against him. Who is she?
A. Bathsheba
B. Jezebel
C. Michal
D. Malefacent
3. In Esther 1, the story begins with one of these events lasting for 7 days in the garden of the King's Palace. What is it?
A. A wedding
B. A funeral
C. A banquet
D. A taffy pull
4. According to the parable in Luke 13, what is the small thing that is planted in the garden that then grows to an immense size?
A. a kernel of wheat
B. a fig seed
C. a mustard seed
D. a pumpkin

5. According to John 20, who mistakes the risen Jesus as a gardener?

- A. Jesus' own mother Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Martha
- D. Mrs. Magoo

BONUS: Martin Luther's wife, Katie Von Bora, was--among many, many other things—a successful gardener. She, of course, grew vegetables. But she grew something else that she was frequently called upon to use. What was it?



Short Daily Prayers for Lent

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Adoration | 21. Your Husband |
| 2. Physical Blessings | 22. Your Children |
| 3. Spiritual Blessings | 23. Your Parents |
| 4. Repentance | 24. Friends |
| 5. Right Priorities | 25. Acquaintances |
| 6. Relationship with God | 26. Love for Others |
| 7. Increased Faith | 27. Your Country |
| 8. Wisdom and Direction | 28. The World |
| 9. Peace | 29. An End to Suffering |
| 10. Joy | 30. Strength Against Satan |
| 11. Patience | 31. Spiritual Leaders |
| 12. Strength | 32. Political Leaders |
| 13. Endurance | 33. Business Leaders |
| 14. Growth | 34. Cultural Leaders |
| 15. Generosity | 35. More Kingdom Workers |
| 16. Overcoming Temptation | 36. The Sick |
| 17. Passion | 37. Those We Disagree With |
| 18. Courage | 38. Forgiveness for Others |
| 19. Purpose | 39. Our Enemies |
| 20. Transformation | 40. Easter |

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the sweet Valentine's Day bag. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Merna Long

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the parking area for our basket sale. Hope that we will see you again next year.

My sincerest thanks,
Donna Branham

Our Saviour Members,

I would like to thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to me during my recent hospital and rehab stays. Thanks especially to Pastor Lance for his frequent visits.

The food, cards, and visits were such a comfort during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Don Ford

Dear all you wonderful soup eaters!

Thank you for your enthusiasm and generosity for the 2020 Souper Bowl Soup sale. We raised over \$1100—all of it to go to God's Helping Hands. Thank you for your continued support.

The Youth/young adult team

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES



March 1	10:30 AM	1 st Sunday in Lent
March 4	5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Lenten Meal Lenten Vespers 2 nd Sunday in Lent
March 8	10:30 AM	Lent
March 11	6:30 PM	Lenten Vespers 3 rd Sunday in Lent
Mar 15	10:30 AM	Lent
Mar 18	6:30 PM	Lenten Vespers
March 22	10:30 AM	4 th Sunday in Lent
March 25	6:30 PM	Lenten Vespers
March 29	10:30 AM	5 th Sunday in Lent
April 1	5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Lenten Meal Lenten Vespers
April 5	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday
April 9	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
April 10	7:00 PM	Good Friday
April 12	10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Flowering of the Cross Easter Sunday Service

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



LUTHERAN MEN

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on March 16 at 9:00 am in Fellowship hall for breakfast. The food committee will be Barney Keitt & DeLeon Wallace. Program will be given by Bill Hill.

RAZBERRIES

Mark your calendars: Razberries will gather on Saturday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. More details will follow

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CAMERON CIRCLE

Cameron Circle will meet March 9th at 10:00 am at the church.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle will meet at the church on February 2nd at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Linda Griffith is hostess and in charge of the program.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 2020

10:00 - 12:00 PM

Children second grade and younger are invited to join us for an “egg-citing” morning of fun with egg hunting, games, sharing the Easter story of Jesus, and a light snack.

RSVP to the church office at 803-794-8180 or email at oslc1957@sc.rr.com with your children’s ages. Don’t forget your Easter Basket to fill with lots of goodies.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our next lunch will be served on Wednesday, March 25th at 12:00 pm. Please invite friends and family to join us.

MORE LENTEN IDEAS

Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures *before* you go to church. In the same way that reading up on football players, opposing teams, and coaching strategies will help you experience a game more fully, familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time will help you experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.

Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you’ll “fast” from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.

Take something on — 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.

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.

Anne Ballinger
(cousin of Ruth Nicholson)
Inez Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Margaret Chapman
(sister of DeLeon Wallace)
Linda Crapps
Don Ford
Carol Green
(mother of Beth Cleland)
Ian Greene
(friend of Herman & Elizabeth Shealy)
Hazel Henderson
Gail Hickman & her husband, Art
(friends of Elizabeth Shealy)
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
Marise Shumpert
(friend of Howard & Sandra Hughes)
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
Jerry Turnipseed
(friend of Steve Rucker)
Jane Wallace

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Raszewski	3/03
Mary Stocker	3/03
Mackenzie Erb	3/04
Ann Satterwhite	3/06
Heyward Wessinger	3/15
Shaye McRae	3/16
Anne Moye	3/16
Katie Doble	3/17
Adam Fingerlin	3/17
Claire Fingerlin	3/17
Lydia Henderson	3/18
Evan Dawkins	3/22
Madison Dawkins	3/22
DeLeon Wallace	3/23
Jeannie Chapman	3/27
Anna Diggins	3/29
Beth Cleland	3/30
Michael Urban	3/30
Gary Black	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher & Jennifer Gossett	3/18
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy	3/29

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 by Monday, March 23.

ANSWERS: 1, A. The Tree of Life; 2, B. Jezebel; 3, C. A banquet; 4, C. a mustard seed; 5, B. Mary Magdalene; BONUS, Medicinal Herbs. Katie had a reputation as a skilled healer.

FEBRUARY PICTURES



Shrove Tuesday at OSLC

Pancakes, Sausage, King Cake Bingo, Bead Toss, Jazz, "Saints Marching", Burial of the Alleluia, Burning of Palms, & Ringing of the "Shrivring Bell"

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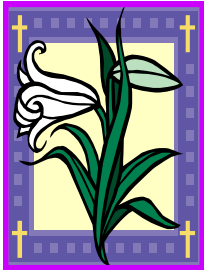
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EASTER LILIES



The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a lily for our Easter Service at a cost of **\$14.70 each (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for **EASTER LILY**. Please indicate in the space below the information you desire printed in the Easter bulletin. **Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check ON OR BEFORE Monday March 23**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ lily(ies).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given _____ IN MEMORY OF _____ or _____ IN HONOR OF _____ or _____ OTHER _____
