



THE GRAPEVINE

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CHURCH

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

This is a tough one. I have for days been wondering what to write for this newsletter article, and have been stymied. My mind is all over the place these days, and this article will reflect that.

Many readers will remember that late last September , my mother had to be moved to assisted living. It's been a rough six months and—as of the writing of this article, she in hospice and unable to swallow solids or liquids. I have been buoyed by your prayers and know that this has been less difficult than I would have imagined because of them. Thank you.

But, of course, the COVID-19 crisis is the thing we are all going through. Everything at the church has been canceled. And everything in April will be as well as far as I can tell, including all Holy Week Services and Easter itself. A colleague posted the reminder that Easter is actually a 50 day season and we will likely be able to get together and celebrate our Lord's resurrection at some point. That was good to read.

In the meantime, Monday through Friday I am putting brief videos following the daily lectionary up on YouTube. Each video has a reading, about a minute's worth of my comment, a prayer from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, and concludes with the Lord's prayer. So these are brief—3 to 5 minutes. I saw a colleague of mine doing a live stream on Facebook. When I saw it, it was on the 23rd minute! YIKE! Links to these things can be found on our website, www.oursaviour.net.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 26. A special covered dish is being planned as a summer "send-off" for our college students. The meat will be furnished, and we are requesting that you bring a side dish or a dessert. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Narthex

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for April 4th, has been canceled.

RAZBERRIES

April Razberries will be postponed to a later date.

CAMERON CIRCLE

Cameron Circle will not meet in March.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle will not meet in April.

LUTHERAN MEN

Lutheran Men in Mission will not meet in April. The May meeting is scheduled for May 18.



HELP US GET THE WORD OUT

The Shred Event sponsored by the Elderberries has been postponed until this coronavirus panic settles down. More Later!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Short Meeting due to viewing of last segment of Farming Church Session.
- Approved date for April 19, 2020, for called Congregational Meeting after Worship Service.
- Approved agenda items for Congregational Meeting: Constitutional Changes/Updates, Parking Lot Paving, and Electronic Sign.
- Received information on new lock box style mailbox which will soon be installed in place of the old mailbox.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From March 1-March 15

Sunday School—15

Sunday Worship—53

Also, I am continuing to upload my sermons that they can be heard audibly. We've also have Brent coming in and playing a prelude, and a hymn afterward; because I sorely miss the music of worship. Links to all these things can also be found at my weblog:
<https://gointhismightofyours.blogspot.com>

I realize these things are all technology driven and many in the congregation are not so tech savvy. Well, if your taking a meal to one of our older folks, take your tablet and let them listen if they want.

Of course, the economy is, and will continue to, take a beating. We had planned to have a congregational meeting in April to approve both spending on a parking lot and on an electronic sign. Those things need to be done and we would be putting some cash into our economy. Leadership will be working on a way to get this approved. Look, likely in your mailbox, for a paper ballot, maybe?

Lastly, I want to remind you all that—in general—when the Scriptures speak of the opposite of faith, it is generally not disbelief. Biblically speaking, the opposite of faith is fear. For each of us, this is all new. We've not experienced it. There, however, have been similar times. This reminds me a bit of the two weeks after 9/11. Or maybe you, like my father, grew up at a time when pools and theaters would close under the threat of a polio outbreak. But this time will have its own unique challenges. Do what you can do. Reach out by phone. Be a good neighbor. Pray more. Give more. Spend locally when you can. Stay home. Practice social distancing. Wash hands. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Lance+

APRIL MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Apr 5 **Need Volunteer*
 12 *Wayne & Marie Lybrand*
 19 *DeLeon & Jane Wallace*
 26 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

Sylvia Ford
Barney & Loleta Keitt
**Need Volunteer*
Melba Murphy

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Apr 5 *Caroline Raszewski*
 12 **Need Volunteer*
 19 *Gail Marcum*
 26 *Rebecca Fingerlin*

LAY READERS

Bill Aull
Loleta Keitt
**Need Volunteer*
Pam Hanfland

APRIL

S.S. SUPERINTENDENT

Barney Keitt

MAY

Bill Hill

NURSERY MONITOR

Isma Boland

Elizabeth Shealy

USHERS

Chief Barney Keitt

Wayne Lybrand

Bill Aull

Gail Marcum

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

**Need Volunteers*

**Need Volunteers*

ACOLYTE

Adam Fingerlin

Henry Henderson

OFFERING PICKUP

James Garner

Barney Keitt

TELLERS

Beth Cleland & Melodie Capole

Beth Cleland & Barney Keitt

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Barney Keitt

**Need Volunteer*



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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

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER (SEE MORE INFORMATION ON THESE DATES BELOW)

Saturday, April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt --
CANCELED

Sunday, April 5 – Joint Circle Meeting –
POSTPONED (Date TBA)

Saturday, April 18 – OSLC-WELCA Retreat –
POSTPONED (Tentative New Date
August 22)

Fri.-Sun., April 24-26 – SC-WELCA Spring
Retreat at Isle of Palms

Sunday, April 26 – OSLC-Newberry College
Women's League Sunday (Cameron
Circle)

UPDATE ON APRIL DATES/EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of all things related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and for the safety of all, several events for April have been either cancelled or postponed to a later date.

- The Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 4, has been CANCELED
- The Joint Circle Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 5, is being postponed for a later date to be determined. We will let the Circles know as soon as that date is set (hopefully in May or June)
- The OSLC-WELCA Retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 18, is tentatively being postponed and rescheduled to Saturday, August 22. If you have purchased a ticket and cannot attend that date, your check will either be returned to you (if it has not yet been deposited) or refunded (if your check already has been deposited); you are asked to return your ticket to either Linda Griffith or Linda Hill. If you plan to attend the Retreat on Saturday, August 22, and do not wish to receive your check/refund, please let us know and your ticket will remain valid for August 22. Tickets will continue to be sold until the end of July/first of August (exact date TBD).
- The SC-WELCA Spring Retreat at Isle of Palms scheduled for April 24-26 is currently still scheduled as planned. Any updated information received on this event will be passed along to you as soon as it is known.
- The status of the OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday, scheduled for April 26, is also unknown at this time. Again, information will be provided as soon as a determination is made about whether it will be held that Sunday or postponed to another Sunday later.

Our prayers are with everyone during this time of anxiety and uneasiness in our community, state, and world. Please be safe and take heed of all the information being provided.

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.



April 9

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian
(1906-1945)**

German Lutheran Dietrich Bonhoeffer became a pastor and teacher during the Nazi Party's rise to power. Pastor Bonhoeffer joined the Confessing Church, which opposed Hitler's policies, and he directed its seminary at Finkenwalde until the government closed it down. In 1939, Bonhoeffer spent time in the US and considered staying on but returned to Germany because he felt duty-bound to share the tribulations his countrymen were enduring. He was ultimately arrested for participating in rescues of Jews and a plot against Hitler's life. In prison Bonhoeffer was a pastor to fellow inmates and his guards. He was hanged just before Hitler's downfall. See ELW hymn 626 ("By Gracious Powers") for words he wrote shortly before his death. Bonhoeffer's legacy inspires Christians to guard against "cheap grace" and to understand, to use the title of one of his books, the "cost of discipleship."

April 19

**Olavus Petri, priest
(1493-1552)**

and

**Laurentius Petri,
Bishop of Uppsala
(1499-1573),
Renewers of the church**

These two brothers from Sweden came under the influence of Martin Luther when they studied at Wittenberg. Olavus, in fact, was very likely present at Wittenberg when

Luther posted his 95 theses. Olavus, the elder brother, became a deacon and teacher and later, senior pastor at the cathedral in Stockholm. Like Luther, he brought worship to the people in their own language as he preached, translated the Bible (with his brother's help), and published hymnbooks. Laurentius was a teacher, priest, and later, archbishop at Uppsala—the first Lutheran archbishop of the Church of Sweden. He had great influence on the spiritual life of his country and the way in which the Reformation took hold there. Writings by Laurentius, like those of Olavus, contributed much to the liturgical and educational resources of the emerging Lutheran church in Sweden.

April 23

**Toyohiko Kagawa,
Renewer of society
(died 1960)**

Born into a wealthy Japanese family, Toyohiko Kagawa was disowned when he became a Christian. He attended the Presbyterian Seminary in Kobe and became convinced of Christians' duty to combat social ills. He worked for several years in Japanese slums. Later, he went to America for additional study and returned to Japan even more determined to work for social change. Kagawa's pacifist stance during World War II led to his imprisonment. After the war he became a leader in promoting democracy within his country.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards, and for caring about me during my bout with the flu.

Betty Meetze

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

Under quarantine? Let's see what the Bible says about people being alone or in solitude.

1. In Genesis 2, God sees that it is not good for is created man to be alone. Before He creates woman from the man's side, who does God see if they would make good companions for the man?

- A. The animals of the earth
- B. The birds of the air
- C. Both A & B
- D. Some dude named "Bubba"

2. In Exodus 24, Moses goes up the mountain to talk to God. He takes with him one other person, but leaves that person alone as he goes to the mountaintop. Who is that?

- A. Aaron
- B. Joshua
- C. Zipporah
- D. Some dude named "Bubba"

3. The book of Job is mostly Job arguing with three friends about his troubles. But in Job 3, we are told Job and his three friends did something before the arguing. What was it?

- A. Shared a meal
- B. Built an altar
- C. Sat in silence for 7 days
- D. Cruised the town in a Thunderbird

4. Ecclesiastes 4 says doing this alone is difficult, but it can be done easily with 2 people. What is it?

- A. Stay warm
- B. Build a home
- C. Build a house
- D. Play checkers

5. After the Transfiguration in Matthew 17, Jesus is seen standing alone by his disciples. Who had been there previously with him?

- A. Moses
- B. Elijah
- C. Both A and B
- D. That dude named "Bubba" again!

BONUS: In early Christianity, living life alone in the desert was a common way for some people to practice their faith. Persons would live alone and gather together for worship. Eventually, monks began to live together in places called _____.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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- 3/06 ELCA presiding bishop addresses concern about COVID-19
- 3/08 ELCA Church Council votes to remove "Visions and Expectations"
- 3/12 ELCA presiding bishop issues pastoral message in response to COVID-19 pandemic
- 3/13 ELCA Church Council and ELCA Conference of Bishops hold first-ever multiday joint meeting

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
Ian Greene
(friend of Herman & Elizabeth Shealy)
Gretchen Greiner
(cousin of Ruth Nicholson)
Hazel Henderson
Gail Hickman & her husband, Art
(friends of Elizabeth Shealy)
Dolores Hopkins

James Hudson
(friend of Chris & Beth Boland)
Merna Long
Anne Moyer
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
Heyward Wessinger

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Cal Raszewski	4/08
Russell Dawkins	4/15
Sandra Hughes	4/21
Henry Henderson	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Kelly Heid	4/10
Trey & Amy Wallace	4/16
Phil & Sonya Urban	4/17

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, April 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.



ANSWERS: 1, C. Both A & B; 2, B. Josh-ua; 3, C. Sat in silence for 7 days; 4, A. Stay warm; 5, C. Both A and B; BONUS Monasteries

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YOUR GIVING IS SAFE!

We had some issues with a couple of checks stolen out our mailbox back in November. Worry no more. Property Team Leader Jim Garner installed this great locking mailbox. Thanks, Jim!

Please remember, your giving is still needed. Despite the curious times, this congregation is still doing ministry. So drop it off or mail it in, it will be secure and used.

