



**July 2020**

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**Grace to you and Peace in the Name of Our Lord  
and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

I realize we've only had outdoor worship ONCE as of the writing of this article. But it's never too late or too early to start looking for feedback. Some things are immediately evident. For example, if you had difficulty hearing the sermon, I am looking at preaching with no mask. (I am over 12 feet away from closest people!). Also, the sound was soft for the car sitters, we'll be moving one speaker further out. But, of course, none of these things would be happening if we hadn't gotten feed back. So that's what we are looking for. Feel free to make a copy or just rip off the front page of this issue of *The Grapevine*. Fill it out anonymously (if you like) or sign it. And stick it in my mailbox or drop it into the mailbox outside the church. Thanks for helping us find new and better ways to worship in these challenging times.

Circle your answer.

Did you attend outdoor worship on June 21?

1. I did attend
2. I did not attend

If you answered #2, please circle why you did not attend.

1. I was out of town
2. It was too early
3. It seemed risky too me
4. It was too hot
5. It did not seem like it was going to be a worshipful experience.
6. Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you did attend, will you attend again?

1. I will attend again.
2. I will not attend again

If you will not attend again, why?

1. Technical issues (please be specific)

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2. It was too early
3. It seemed risky too me
4. It was too hot
5. It did not seem like a worshipful experience to me.
6. The service was too long
7. Other

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If you plan on attending again, where are areas to improve?

1. Managing health risks better (please be specific)

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2. Ease in following liturgy and music (please be specific)

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3. Understanding the pastor's message (please be specific)

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4. Following the instructions for Eucharist (please be specific)

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5. Fostering feeling of community (please be specific)

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6. More comfort in the worship area (please be specific)

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Thank you for responding to this questionnaire and providing feedback. Perhaps there was something it missed. Use the blank space below to comment on what the questionnaire missed.

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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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 10 a.m. at the church  
**Lydia** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6 p.m. at member homes  
**Rebekah** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 10 a.m. at the church

## SUMMER CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Cameron and Rebekah Circles will not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August. Meetings MAY start up again in September, but that is yet to be determined.

The Lydia Circle will meet by Zoom on Monday, July 13. They are reading the following book for their programs: "The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel" by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

## UPDATE ON WELCA DATES/ EVENTS:

Due to the uncertainty of all things related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and for the safety of all, the SC WELCA Board and Churchwide WELCA have recommended that all WELCA events be cancelled through the end of 2020. Therefore, all of the following events have been cancelled:

- The Joint Circle Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 5, has been CANCELLED.
- The OSLC-WELCA Retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 18, and rescheduled for Saturday, August 22 has been CANCELLED. If you purchased a ticket and would like a refund, please let Sandra Hughes know as soon as possible. If you do not wish to receive a refund, the money will be transferred to the regular and project offerings unless a Circle requests something different. This will offset offerings that are normally collected at monthly meetings (which is not currently being done since no in-person meetings are being held).
- The OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday has been CANCELLED.
- OSLC-WELCA Sunday scheduled for May has been put on hold but may or may not be held later in the Fall. This will be determined at a later date.
- The SC-WELCA Synodical Convention scheduled for June 12-13 at St. Philips in Newberry and rescheduled for Saturday, August 8 has been CANCELLED.
- The Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting scheduled for September 20 and to be hosted by OSLC WELCA has been CANCELLED.

## 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.



**July 6**  
**Jan Hus, martyr**  
**(c. 1372-1415)**

Jan Hus began life in a Bohemian peasant family. After studying theology in Prague, he became a Catholic priest. Influenced by the writings of English reformer John Wycliffe, Hus began speaking against abuses in the church of his day, including the selling of indulgences, much as Martin Luther would do a century later. Hus was forbidden to preach and then excommunicated for insubordination toward the Catholic hierarchy. At the Council of Constance, he was found guilty of heresy. On July 6, 1415, Hus was burned at the stake. His followers, called the Czech Brethren, formed the nucleus of the Moravian Church.

**July 12**  
**Nathan Söderblom,**  
**Bishop of Uppsala**  
**(1866-1931)**

Student in his native Sweden and later in France, Nathan Söderblom became a Church of Sweden minister and also a university professor. He sought to invigorate the worship life of his church by revising its psalmbook and hymnal. An intellectual himself, he wanted the church to work harder to reach both intellectuals and working-class Swedes who had become alienated from it. Most of all, following World War I, Söderblom was convinced that Christian churches needed to overcome their differences and work

ecumenically to combat the ills of this world. Conferences he organized led to the establishment of the World Council of Churches. Söderblom was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930.

**July 23**  
**Birgitta of Sweden,**  
**renewer of the church**  
**(c. 1303-1373)**

A woman of privilege, chief lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Sweden, Birgitta was nevertheless a critic of wickedness among the upper classes. She married and had four daughters. Her husband died when she was thirty-eight. In her widowhood, Birgitta became committed to religious life and gave all she owned to the poor. She founded an order of monks and nuns, the Order of the Holy Savior. Its cloister became an important Swedish religious and cultural center during the Middle Ages. Birgitta died while returning from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Today the Society of St. Birgitta, a laypersons' association, continues her charitable work.



## RAZBERRIES

Due to continued uneasiness and uncertainty of COVID-19, the Nivens' will not be hosting Razberries in July.

## LUTHERAN MEN

Lutheran Men in Mission will not meet in June, and July.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) we will honor our ladies (dutch treat) at Shealy's BBQ in Leesville. We will meet at 12:00 noon at the restaurant.

## GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 7)

Got any peaches on your trees yet? Let's do a quiz about fruit!

1. In the first few chapters of Genesis (chap. 1-3) fruit is mentioned as the means by which Adam and Eve were tempted. But that is not the first time "fruit" is mentioned. What is?  
  
A. When God is showing Adam what he must grow  
B. When God is showing Adam what is food  
C. When God is creating "fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it."  
D. When God makes the first banana cream pie
2. Numbers 11 recalls the Israelites in the wilderness complaining about the food in Egypt they miss, what are the fruits mentioned?  
  
A. Melons and cucumbers  
B. Leeks and onions  
C. Garlic  
D. Candy apples
3. In Amos 8, God gives Amos a vision by having him look at something. What is it?  
  
A. Pomegranates  
B. Melons and cucumbers  
C. A basket of summer fruit  
D. A box of Fruit Roll-ups
4. According to Jesus in Matthew 7, what happens to trees that bear bad fruit?  
  
A. They are fertilized  
B. They are cut down and thrown in the fire  
C. They are replanted  
D. They get made into a Jenga game

5. According to Hebrews 13, what is the "fruit of lips that confess [Jesus'] name?"

- A. The absolute truth
- B. Love of neighbor
- C. A sacrifice of Praise
- D. A holy zerbert

BONUS: A Christmas tree will often use this to symbolize Galatians nine-fold fruit of the Spirit. What is it?

## ELCA PRESS RELEASES



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

- 5/29 ELCA reaffirms commitment to combat racism and white supremacy
- 5/29 ELCA presiding bishop calls on church to observe national day of mourning
- 6/05 This is the Day
- 6/11 Emanuel Nine Commemoration
- 6/18 ELCA presiding bishop responds to Supreme Court decision on DACA program



## GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's helping hands is in need of all food items, especially canned items and cereal. Please place items in the collection box in the Cameron Hallway.

# THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Lance,

This is Rosie Putnam for the Classical Conversation's community. My children, John Mark (12) Cedar (10), Jesse (8), and Shepherd (6) (along with little Zoe (3) who stayed home with her grandmother) thank you for our generous hospitality towards us this schools semester.

Pastor, your curiosity, courage, flexibility, warm welcome, hospitality and active pursuit of diverse community is the cry of the church's heart in these dark and difficult times, isn't it? God bless you and your congregation as you have blessed us , and continue to grow and beautify His church through us all!

Much love,  
The Putnams

Dear Friends,

What a gift God gave us when He called John to serve at Our Saviour. His ministry there will always bring memories of love, comfort, and Christian fellowship.

The family joins me in expressing our sincere gratitude for your many acts of kindness. Your prayers, calls, cards, and visits were all greatly appreciated. And, as always, the food prepared loving hands was delicious and gave our family strength the day of his funeral. .May God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Willette Satterwhite

Dear Church family,

I want to thank you so very much for the many acts of kindness during and after my surgery. The visits by Pastor Lance, the Valentine bag, the many cards, the phone calls and the great meal were all so appreciated. Thanks for being such a wonderful church family.

Linda M. Crapps

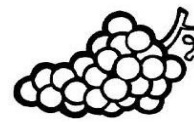
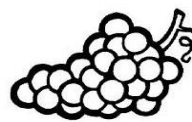
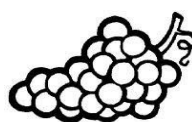
Our Saviour Family & Friends,

Heyward and I have ben so blessed with many acts of kindness, love, ad concern during our recent journey. The cards, calls, food, and, best of all, your prayers have been so appreciated and helpful.

Heyward is better now and can't wait to get back to church and try out his new way of hearing.

Thanks to all and may God bless all of you.

Heyward & Doris



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Withrow	7/11
Meredith Cleland	7/14
Bill Aull	7/17
Tori Smith	7/17
Elizabeth Shealy	7/19
Jim Garner	7/20
Sallie Hutto	7/20
Trey Wallace	7/20
Frank Yonce	7/22
Rebecca Fingerlin	7/31

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Jean Hopkins	7/03
Don & Sylvia Ford	7/13
Frank & Linda Yonce	7/27
Dan & Pam Hanfland	7/31

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.



## 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.

*Carson Ayres*  
*(great nephew of Elizabeth Shealy)*  
*Inez Black*  
*Greg Chapman*  
*Jeannie Chapman*  
*Linda Crapps*  
*Don Ford*  
*Dolores Hopkins*  
*Merna Long*

*Anne Moye*  
*Cheryl Rowe*  
*(friend of Linda Crapps)*  
*Willette Satterwhite*  
*Marie Shealy*  
*(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)*  
*Mary Stocker*  
*Jane Wallace*  
*Heyward Wessinger*



## 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 Monday July 27.

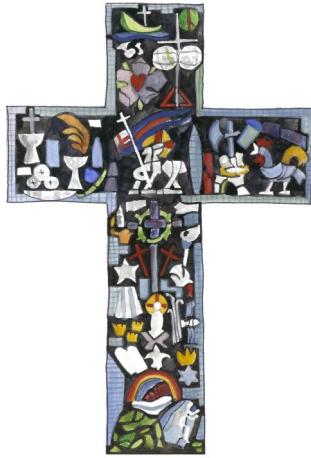


ANSWERS: 1, C. When God is creating "fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it," 2, A. Melons and cucumbers; 3, C. A basket of summer fruit; 4, B. They are cut down and thrown in the fire; 5, C. A sacrifice of Praise; BONUS, A nine pointed star.

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## **IMPORTANT! WORSHIP SERVICE CONTINUES JUNE 28!**

On May 26, OSLC Council met and agreed to restart worship on Sunday, June 21. They have tasked the Worship Team to plan an appropriate and safe worship service. And they did! Keep the worship team in your prayers as they have SIGNIFICANT and multiple things to consider. An official guide to serious considerations will be presented every week, but keep in mind just some of the things that must be considered.

- We remain in the midst of a viral pandemic that has no vaccine and an uncertain cure.
- The bulk of our congregation falls into the defined "high-risk" category.
- Singing without precautions may be as dangerous as coughing.
- The most dangerous place for people to gather is an enclosed room with recirculated air.

Weather and heat can provide different challenges week to week.

That's just a few of the considerations. Needless to say, any thoughts of just gathering in the sanctuary to worship as we have done forever will not be the reality. Already some tough decisions have been made:

- Choir will be on hiatus for at least the next few months.
- PPE and social distancing will be part of the new protocols.
- While music will not be eliminated from the service entirely, it will be lessened.
- We will find a safe way to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

You can see it's a lot to consider. Our worship will be different, but one thing is certain. We are one people baptized in the Triune name, we share one faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather to worship one name—the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When you think of that, as long as those things remain—and they do—our worship can look very very different than how it has looked before.