

THE GRAPEVINE

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

I recall someone complaining that listening to their pastor's sermons was like hearing him just list what his past week's Netflix queue had been—little reference to the scriptures and a whole lot of reference to movies. Moreover, movies that have not been seen by many, require a lot of detailed information about the movie to make the overall point. I took that critique to heart and try not to use too many movie references in my preaching. If I do, I try to refer to universally seen movies that don't need a lot of set-up. (N.B. I do make fairly frequent reference to Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments* because it A. has been seen by most every living person and B. gives me a chance to needle Brent Holcomb a bit! He and I have differences regarding the artistic value of the film.)

ALL THAT SAID... I want to commend three movies for your watching. *The Mission*, *Black Robe* and *Silence* are all amazingly well done films dealing with the role of Christian mission on cultural, theological, and deeply personal levels. Two of the films are set in the Age of Exploration in the New World and the other is set in Japan during the 17th century. What the movies share is simply how difficult life was for these missionaries. Their mission fields are places of hard living and their experiences to perform their ministry is little to meet the challenges they encounter. Moreover, they are all very, very human dealing with an enormous complex in a different and often hostile setting.

Maybe I can do a class on these films. Hollywood so often botches Christian topics or makes them saccharin. It's good to see when they get it more fitting to the topic.

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ONLINE WORSHIP

On Wednesday morning, July 22, Crystal Poston (the former Crystal Starnes) of Transfiguration Lutheran Church met with Pastor Lance and members of the Worship and Communication Teams to demonstrate the equipment that congregation is using to record and post their Sunday services. An iPad with microphone mounted on a tripod and facing the the center of the altar can record the service and make it available for download to YouTube. Using the pastor's iPad and newly purchased tripod and microphone, we will begin placing each Sunday's service online beginning August 2. A link to the service will be on the church's website, <http://www.oursaviour.net>. If you feel that worshiping in person is too dangerous for you, please join us online.

LUTHERAN MEN

The LMC of OSLC officers had a phone conference to make a decision for the remainder of the 2020 church year.

When considering safety guidelines, "ALL LMC FUNCTIONS" are canceled. But, we need to continue giving our offerings to Bill Aull, treasurer, so we can meet our obligations needs to the Synod. This decision includes our August and December events.

If you any questions regarding this email, please call me at 791-1144.

Keep safe!

Prayerfully,
Barney, LMC President

RAZBERRIES

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

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOOK OR THIS BELL?



The set of Bible commentaries called "The Interpreter's Bible," which is housed on a bookshelf in the Conference Room, is missing volume 8. It has been absent for some time. The book is large, mostly gray, and hard to miss. The bell in the photo, which used to sit on the old altar in the narthex, has gone missing, too. If you have clues to the whereabouts of either item, please share them with Ruth Nicholson or Pam Hanfland.

ATTENTION ELDERBERRIES

It's been a tough year to try and get-together and not sure when we'll be able to; therefore, please know that we are still planning for the Shred Event and possibly Homecoming. We'll just have to wait and see "if and when"! As you know, we have been BIG SUPPORTERS OF SRAA for a number of years. The guidance counselor says that school opening is planned for September; however, he is not sure at present what all this will entail; therefore, a list of items has not been prepared to-date. He'll let us know as soon as he has a better idea of their needs. Please watch e-vine and bulletin information regarding our collection of items for the kids. Thanks for all your support and if you need any assistance, please contact Linda Griffith or Linda Hill and we'll get you help. Keep praying that our world will become a better place to live in soon and that all stay free of this COVID-19 crisis.

Ok, so what all the wind up?

I want you to consider that our next worship experience is an exercise in mission. We are heading to online live worship. Yes, it seems like every church—large and small—is attempting to make some sort of digital footprint. We are no exception. I record and put my sermon’s online in an audio format. I produce material for our church’s YouTube channel as “Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance”. It is both audio and visual, so it’s given me a lot of experience on the complexities involved. But at the time we began, these efforts were primarily ways to “keep people plugged in”. Missed worship? Listen to the sermon. Bible Study cancelled? Here’s something you can watch. These efforts and our other online efforts, be it FaceBook or what have you, have all a degree of success and shortcomings.

Maybe a paradigm shift is needed. Our technological efforts provide a way that, as people living a “wired world”, we stay connected. Our efforts help that and will continue to accomplish that. HOWEVER, maybe we ought to be considering that our efforts should be doing something more. Maybe we need to think of ourselves as missionaries in a new frontier. Yes, we will meet challenges, we will meet our shortcomings quickly, we will be riddled with doubt in what we are trying to do. Those three movies (OR the Acts of the Apostles, for goodness sake!) tell us that mission work is difficult, but also ordained by God.

Our efforts with streaming live worship will begin modestly—basically a camera set up on our worship being uploaded to YouTube. But changes will come. And patience will be asked of from everyone. But I ask you to prayerfully consider that--while we all know your worship experience is changing—that you remember 2 things. 1) the context of your worship experience has been changing always and 2) we are moving into a mission field.

AUGUST MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Aug 2 *Jim & Theresa
Garner*
9 *Isma Boland*

16 *Dolores Hopkins*
23 *Dan & Pam
Hanfland*
30 *Bill & Linda Hill*

GREETERS

*Wayne & Marie
Lybrand*
*David & Linda
Griffith*
*Jack & Jean
Hopkins*
**Need Volunteer*

Bill & Linda Hill

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Aug 2 *Marie Lybrand*
9 *Isma Boland*
16 **Need Volunteer*
23 *David Griffith*
30 *Isma Boland*

AUGUST

USHERS

Chief **Need Volunteer*
Steve Nivens
Wayne Lybrand

SEPTEMBER

**Need Volunteer*
**Need Volunteer*
**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

*Wayne & Marie
Lybrand* *Beverly Nivens
& Kelly Heid*

OFFERING PICKUP

Horace Meetze *Barney Keitt*

TELLERS

Beth Cleland & Melodie Capole *Beth Cleland & Barney Keitt*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Bill Hill **Need Volunteer*

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

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.



August 13
Florence Nightingale,
renewer of society
(1820-1910)

Florence Nightingale is one of two nurses the church calendar honors during the month of August. Often considered the founder of modern nursing, Nightingale supervised the care of wounded British soldiers during the Crimean War. Her high standards saved many lives. After her return to England, she founded a nursing school that became a model for such training. Florence Nightingale was the first woman to receive the British Order of Merit.

August 13
Clara Maass,
renewer of society
(1876-1901)

Clara Maass lost her life in a quest to find the cause of yellow fever. After studying in her native New Jersey and serving as a nurse in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, Maass volunteered for experiments. She survived one attack of yellow fever but succumbed to a second, at the age of twenty-five. In 1952, Newark German Hospital, where she had studied, was renamed Clara Maass Hospital in her honor.

August 20

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)

Born in France, one of six brilliant sons of a nobleman, Bernard became a Cistercian monk at age twenty-three. Two years later he was made abbot of a new monastery at Clairvaux. It flourished under his leadership and gave rise to sixty-eight other monasteries. Bernard was well-liked as a teacher and preacher, and he wrote extensively. Several hymn texts are attributed to him, including “Jesus, the Very Thought of You” (ELW hymn 754). The church declared him a saint in 1174.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, July 26th after Worship service. There were 34 members present. A quorum was 29.

The November Tabled Motion was voted to be removed.

Discussion on Project Proposal: Repairing or Replacing current asphalt, warranty on labor and material, and payment. Total negotiable price is \$34,000.

Vote was unanimous to move forward with the Parking Lot Project. A project schedule is forthcoming.

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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

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 as determined by the members. 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:

All WELCA events have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020, so there is no news to report except that committees have been set up for nominating the slate of officers for 2021 and for planning the proposed budget for 2021. We will determine later how the vote

will be completed on these two items that would normally be voted on at the October Joint Meeting (that has been cancelled along with all other events). The committees are as follows:

Nominating Committee for 2021 Slate of Officers: Isma Boland (Chair), Loleta Keitt, and Marie Lybrand

Budget Committee for the 2021 Proposed Budget: Ann Satterwhite (Current SC-WELCA

Treasurer and Chair of committee), Kay Black, Linda Hill, and Pam Hanfland

Circles will need to start creating their list of meeting leaders and hostesses for 2021 as well. These will need to be completed by the end of October for inclusion in the 2021 Church Directory.

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.



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.

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 7)

You probably didn't know that August is National Child's Eye Health & Safety month. Not too much in the Scriptures that talk about that specifically, but lots about eyes. So let's take a look (see what I did there?) at this month's quiz.

1. In Genesis 3, the serpent tells Eve that if she eats the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil, her eyes will be _____. What is it?
 - A. Opened
 - B. Closed
 - C. Made to see far
 - D. Turned to a violet color more beautiful than Elizabeth Taylor's.
2. In Genesis 29, we hear of Jacob's two wives—Leah and Rachel. Oddly, the NRSV says that Leah's eyes are "lovely". Most other translations are less flattering and say that Leah's eyes are _____. What?
 - A. Weak
 - B. Crossed
 - C. Clouded
 - D. The color violet which NO ONE had around there.
3. In Psalm 121, the psalmist starts saying he "lifts his eyes to the hills". What is he looking for there?
 - A. Proof of God
 - B. Help
 - C. Armies of his enemy
 - D. The exit sign for the highway to Pasadena
4. In Song of Solomon, the bridegroom compares his bride's eyes to all of these except:
 - A. Doves
 - B. Doves by pools of water
 - C. Pools of water
 - D. A goat's eyes

5. Acts 9 describes Paul's blindness—begun after his Damascus road event—being healed like this:
 - A. A fire rekindled in his pupils
 - B. Something like scales falling off his eyes
 - C. The color of his eyes changes color
 - D. He finally got new glasses

BONUS: This young woman is the patron of eye ailments, eyes and eye problems. You probably know her for her December feast day where young women dress in white robes and wear a crown of holly and candles. Who is she?



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 6/24 ELCA presiding bishop praises SCOTUS decision on LGBTQIA+ rights
- 6/25 Season of Creation devotions offered by four heads of communion
- 7/14 ELCA joins ecumenical interreligious partners in calling on the Turkish government to maintain Hagia Sophia as a unifying heritage site.
- 7/21 ELCA joins faith communities in calling for day of mourning for Hagia Sophia
- 7/22 ELCA unveils new design for future of the church
- 7/23 Craig Schweitzer elected bishop of ELCA Western North Dakota Synod

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)
Anne Ballinger
(cousin of Ruth Nicholson)
Inez Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Don Ford
Bill Hill

Dolores Hopkins
Merna Long
Anne Moyer
Cheryl Rowe
(friend of Linda Crapps)
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
Jane Wallace

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Heid	8/06
Nikki Setzler	8/07
Robin Blocker	8/10
Herman Shealy	8/17
Gail Marcum	8/18
Elizabeth Urban	8/21
David Griffith	8/23
Marie Shealy	8/23
Loleta Keitt	8/28
Wendy Manos	8/29
Dolores Hopkins	8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Theresa Garner	8/04
Steve & Beverly Nivens	8/05
Don & Patsy Horton	8/08
Chris & Beth Boland	8/10
David & Linda Griffith	8/11
Howard & Sandra Hughes	8/13
Bill & Linda Hill	8/31

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.

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 August 24.



ANSWERS:
1. A. Opened; 2. A. Weak; 3. B. Help; 4. D. A goat's eyes;
5. B. Something like scales falling off his eyes; BONUS—
St. Lucy or Lucia

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NEEDS FOR SRAA

Today, July 26th, we received the following list from the school of needed items for the school year. Any help in collecting these items is greatly appreciated. Bring your items and place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. The Elderberries will be responsible for getting the items to the school. Thank you very much for your donations.



Mini water bottles
as our water fountains will be turned off)
(can be purchased in bulk at Costco/Sams)
Hand sanitizer (any size)
Lysol/Clorox wipes, etc.
Lysol spray
Band-aids
Children's masks
Boxes of tissue (any size/any brand)
Gallon and sandwich size bags (any brand)

