

# ***THE GRAPEVINE***

***THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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

One of the things I have really enjoyed about creating the online video devotion *Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance* is using the Daily Lectionary. Daily Lectionaries are created to provide daily Bible readings for personal or group devotion every day. In GENERAL (but not always) the daily devotions at the beginning of the week relate to the previous Sunday's gospel reading and by the time you hit Wednesday or Thursday, the readings start anticipating the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. Personally, when I think of some of these passages' 'elation to the Gospel, I can find myself wondering more about the connection than about the Bible passage itself. So I tend to just deal with the passage as it stands on its own. Sure, if I am reminded of other passages, I might look them up.

Daily devotion books are useful, but, for me, the passage highlighted ends up being an editorial choice. I rather like to read the whole passage and let the Holy Spirit highlight a passage for me. (I trust the Spirit did that for the devotional booklet's editors and authors, but that was a different person on a different day.)

Teaching and preaching are a different task than reading for devotion. Inherent in preaching is the idea that the sermon I GIVE is a message that I, Lance Henderson, NEED to hear. I might start a sermon focusing on one aspect of a Bible passage, change horses midstream and find myself realizing that I was being guided in the new particular direction by the Spirit because it was something my heart needed to hear too. Doing this daily, as the video devotion, exposes me to a LOT of scripture. And really forces me to think "what is going on in this Bible passage?"

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## RAZBERRIES

Regretfully Razberries will be cancelled for the month of September due to social distancing guidelines for the safety (and age) of our group. Please cheer for your favorite team, if they are playing. 🙄🏈👉👎👊

## 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

## 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.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 2020

Approved Treasurer Reports for April, May, June, and July noting that expenditures have been low due to COVID and income has been good.

Agreed to set September 1 as the deadline for all team requests for the 2021 Budget. Stewardship chair will be sending information via e-mail to all chairs with a copy of the 2020 budget.

Praised Property Committee on job well-done for the Parking Lot Project. Grading, asphalt, and paint striping all done. One request to have the handicap incline area painted has been taken care of.

Approved request to look at having Teller Training for 2021 with emphasis on two people sharing those monthly responsibilities.

Agreed to having some handbell music with limited players using a bell tree during Worship Service.



## PHOTOS NEEDED

We know there are not many church events to photograph. But send us photos showing how and your loved ones are doing during Covid-19.

All that to say this. In *Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance* 0817, I focused on Psalm 130.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the  
morning,  
more than those who watch for the  
morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

You might recognize it from its opening phrase, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD” or the repeated phrase “more than those who watch for the morning”. But in looking at the whole passage, I just keep thinking how it is the perfect psalm for our day. Lots of people ask me how long all this COVID-19 stuff is going to last or if we will ever go back to the way it was. Here’s the truth. I don’t know. I know about as much infectious disease as I do about subatomic physics. Like the next fellow, I’ll give my OPINION, but I don’t know. I do know— it means we are having to wait for the LORD. We all know what it feels like to have our souls waiting these days. Waiting behind our closed doors. Waiting for something positive. Waiting for some certainty.

I don’t think that is a small thing. It’s important to admit it. And important to do it together—socially distant, maybe? Via a phone or a computer screen, maybe? But we wait for the Lord together.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Lance

## SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

	FLOWERS	GREETERS
Sep 6	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Ben Lemons</i>
13	<i>David &amp; Melanie Amick</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
20	<i>Barney &amp; Loleta Keitt</i>	<i>Heyward &amp; Doris Wessinger</i>
27	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sep 6	<i>Gayle Marcum</i>
13	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
20	<i>Loleta Keitt</i>
27	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>

### SEPTEMBER

### OCTOBER

#### USHERS

Chief	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Barney Keitt</i>
	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>

#### ALTAR GUILD

<i>Beverly Nivens &amp; Kelly Heid</i>	<i>Jane Wallace &amp; Linda Hill</i>
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#### OFFERING PICKUP

<i>Barney Keitt</i>	<i>Frank Yonce</i>
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#### TELLERS

<i>Beth Cleland &amp; Barney Keitt</i>	<i>Horace Meetze &amp; Theresa Garner</i>
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#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Barney Keitt</i>
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## 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.



**September 2**

**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig,  
Bishop, renewer of the church  
(1783-1872)**

Nikolai Grundtvig, a nineteenth-century Danish theologian, had strong views about returning the church to Lutheran orthodoxy, centering on the Apostles' Creed and the sacraments. He was also an authority on Norse and Anglo-Saxon sagas and wrote poetry, including a Danish version of Beowulf. Lutherans know Grundtvig as the author of hymn texts such as "O Day Full of Grace" and "Built on a Rock."

**September 13**

**John Chrysostom,  
Bishop of Constantinople  
(c. 346-407)**

Raised a Christian in Antioch, John studied law and theology. His service to the church began with ordination as a deacon. In 386 he became a priest and devoted himself to preaching, at which he was very skillful. He earned the name Chrysostom (Greek for "golden mouth") and attracted a large following. However, during subsequent service as patriarch of Constantinople, John Chrysostom attempted reforms which angered powerful church officials as well as the emperor and his wife. He was ultimately removed from office and forced into exile. He died during an exhausting journey in severe weather. John is revered as one of the key figures of the early church.

**September 16**

**Cyprian,  
Bishop of Carthage, martyr  
(c. 200-c. 258)**

A native of North Africa, Cyprian became a Christian at age forty-six, was ordained a priest, and became the bishop at Carthage soon after that. He had to care for his fellow Christians in covert ways because of persecution by imperial authorities. Cyprian believed strongly in the need for unity in the church, so he urged compassion for those Christians who had compromised their faith under pressure from Rome. In 258, when Cyprian was asked to renounce his own Christianity, his refusal led to his beheading.

# THANK YOU

To My Caring Church Family,

My sincere appreciation for the love and support given to me at the passing of both my sisters. Helen's death was a few months ago, and more recently, my sister Patsy. Both were allowed clear minds and good health until the last few days of this earthly life. By God's grace, both are now singing in His Eternal Life's choir.

Thank you for giving me prayers and support.

My Sincere Love,  
Sandy Cook Graham

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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 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.



## GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 7)

September is actually National Honey Month. Who knew? And honey works just fine for a Bible Quiz Topic!

1. When God is speaking to Moses from the burning bush, it is the first time that we read this phrase for the Promised Land. What is it?

A. The land of milk and honey  
B. The honey fields of the Negev  
C. The land of honey and grain  
D. Honey Nut Cheerios

2. In Judges 14, Samson kills one of these animals. Later he comes across it and bees have built a hive in its carcass and it is dripping with honey. What animal is it?

A. A Wild ox  
B. A golden calf  
C. A lion  
D. Ewww! Bees don't build hives in carcasses! That's gross

3. Proverbs 5 (NRSV) tells us that "... the lips of a \_\_\_\_\_ woman drip honey". What sort of woman is that?

A. Wise  
B. Loose  
C. Faithful  
D. Infected

4. God tells Ezekiel to eat this thing not normally eaten in Ezekiel 3. Ezekiel claims it tastes as sweet as honey. What was it?

A. A scroll  
B. A sandal  
C. Dry leaves  
D. Honey Bunches of O's

5. According to Matthew 3, John the Baptist's favorite side dish with honey was \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Wine  
B. Grapeskins  
C. Locusts  
D. Graham crackers

BONUS: True or False? A California church had a ceiling leaking honey in 1989. Some called it "a miracle".



## ELCA PRESS RELEASES



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

- 7/28 Virginia Aebischer elected bishop of ELCA South Carolina Synod
- 8/04 ELCA and Lutheran World Relief partner to fight Covid-19 around the world
- 8/05 ELCA commemorates 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's *The Freedom of a Christian*
- 8/12 Amy Current elected bishop of ELCA Southeastern Iowa Synod
- 8/21 Tessa Moon Leiseth elected bishop of the ELCA Eastern 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*  
*Isma Boland*  
*Greg Chapman*  
*Jeannie Chapman*  
*Linda Crapps*  
*Don Ford*  
*Sydney Griffith*  
*(granddaughter of David & Linda Griffith)*

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alan Hunter	9/07
Sandra Cook Graham	9/09
Danny Boland	9/11
Ben Lemons	9/11
Horace Meetze	9/16
Elizabeth Johnson	9/25
Virginia Morris	9/25
Emily Heid	9/27
Shelby Kehrer	9/27

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DeLeon & Jane Wallace	9/09
Barney & Loleta Keiitt	9/20

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.

## 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 September 21.



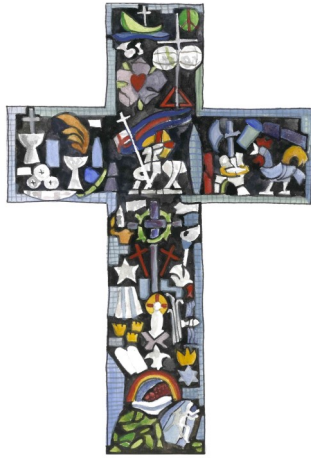
ANSWERS: 1, A. The land of milk and honey; 2, C. A lion; 3, B. Loose; 4, A. A scroll; 5, C. Locusts; BONUS, True



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## **4 WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE ONLINE MINISTRIES OF OSLC**

1. If you are a Facebook member, become a follower of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. All the updates, breaking news, photo and links to other items are generally posted there and will pop up in your Newsfeed.
2. If you watch YouTube, follow our YouTube Channel. Links to that channel can be found on our website [www.oursaviour.com](http://www.oursaviour.com).
3. Share these services—Sunday worship videos, Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance videos, Pastor Lance's sermons on audio with your friends and family on social media.
4. If you have a tablet or other handheld device, take it over to someone you does not have easy access to such technology and show them. Many of our older members and their friends miss worship an awful lot and seeing family faces is an uplifting joy.

We are putting a lot of effort into these ministries, so please share and promote them. The more you reach out, the more we will touch.