

THE GRAPEVINE

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

Since Advent begins on November 29, that means this month is the last month of the 2020 Church Year. I know year-end recaps are going to be plentiful. COVID-19 has dominated the news cycle. It's a presidential election year with what seems certain to be a contentious outcome (no matter who wins). All our systems—business, education, travel, health care, entertainment and more—have all been rocked to points where the final outcomes cannot be easily predicted. It would be easy to write a gloomy year-end recap. After all, the phrase “this year is a dumpster fire” has been used more than once in my preaching. 2020 is a dumpster fire? I bought the t-shirt and the auto decal—literally.



But frankly, I do not see that we, as a church, have much reason to be gloomy. The foundations of this congregation are firmly in place—Jesus is Lord, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Those aren't small things. In fact, in 2020, there have been some days that those things are the only things I feel I can hang my hat on. You probably know what I mean. We have our share of personal tragedies this year. As we do every year.

However, if you walked into this year wondering if our congregation could withstand a disaster of global proportions, you might have imagined we couldn't. We get stuck in our ways. We don't have the skills. We aren't able to reach out.

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A copy of the current Church Membership Directory was sent via eVine. Please check the information for your family and contact the church office if you have any changes or additions for the 2021 Directory.

OSLC MEMBERS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

When you are at the polls on November 3rd, be sure to thank your county election workers. With the enormous number of early and absentee votes, they have been working long hours for the past several weeks. Below our own Sandra Hughes works on early voting at the Lexington County Election Commission.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 2020

Linda Griffith, Secretary

Approved Communications Committee request to have copies of the Amendments to the Model Constitution by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly and approved by Council in February eVined to members prior to November 22nd Congregational Meeting with copies available at the church for pickup.

Approved publication of the 2021 Proposed Budget and the nominations for Council in the November Grapevine. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available at the church for pickup.

Approved using Layreaders and Pastor in vestments November 29th – First Sunday in Advent.

Approved keeping the Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM thru December changing back to 10:30 AM on January 3, 2021.

2021 TEAMS & MINISTRIES

The sign-up sheets for the 2021 Teams and Ministries will be placed in the Narthex by the 1st of November. Please take a moment to sign up for the 2021 ministries you would like to serve either after the service or if are in the neighborhood.

And, yes, we are getting older. But, of course, if that is where your focus was, I am happy to report you were wrong. In this year, we have accomplished some amazing things. I will list just a few.

1. This congregation's attitude toward stewardship has not diminished. I imagine that lots of congregations may not be able to claim that. But I have, since the day I came here to be your pastor, marveled with awe and thanksgiving to God for the faithfulness of the givers of time and talents in this congregation.

2. We have embraced letting technology help in our mission. Online worship?! Daily devotional videos. What amazes me the most is the people who have come to me privately and want even better production and are willing to chip in for that. (Hey! Me, too!) The learning curve for all this is enormous. But as you saw in last month's *The Grapevine* article, it is reaping real fruit. I think many understand this is the direction the church will need to take to perform its commission.

3. We continue try new ideas. Outdoor worship? Yep. Responsible and safe indoor worship? Yep. Continuing to move forward in ministries that benefit this community. Yep. I realized this the other day: when the children of Classical Conversations have grown and have memories of their school days: they will remember gathering in our Chapel, sitting in our classrooms, and playing on our playground. That's pretty cool.

I think you see where I'm headed with all this. I firmly believe we are being delivered though a time of great trial by our God. This year might be a dumpster fire. But you will remember Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3) were delivered through some toasty ordeals as well!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Nov 1 *Charles & Ruth
Nicholson*

8 **Need Volunteer*

15 **Need Volunteer*

22 **Need Volunteer*

29 *Bill Aull*

GREETERS

*DeLeon & Jane
Wallace*

**Need Volunteers*

*Steve & Beverly
Nivens*

Isma Boland

Bill Aull

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nov 1 *Charles Nicholson*

8 *Bill Aull*

15 *Ann Satterwhite*

22 *Marie Lybrand*

29 *Gail Marcum*

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

USHERS

Chief Mark Satterwhite

Steve Nivens

Wayne Lybrand

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

**Need Volunteers*

*Isma Boland &
Melba Murphy*

OFFERING PICKUP

Horace Meetze

Isma Boland

TELLERS

*Beth Cleland &
Linda Hill*

*Beth Cleland &
Melodie Capole*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Proposed Budget 2021**

	BUDGET 2020	INCREASE/DECREASE	BUDGET 2021
Office supplies	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
Offering Envelopes/Stewardship	\$500	\$0	\$500
<i>Off-Site Record Storage</i>	\$120	\$10	\$130
<i>Postage/Bulk mail Permit</i>	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800
	\$0		
Sub Total	\$49,975		\$50,345
<i>Salaries</i>			
Handbell Choir Director	\$6,000	\$300	\$6,300
Organist/Choirmaster	\$12,254	\$612	\$12,866
Organist Supply	\$250	\$0	\$250
Pastor	\$50,236	\$2,512	\$52,748
Pastor Supply	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Secretary	\$14,414	\$720	\$15,134
Sub Total	\$84,154		\$88,298
<i>Staff Benefits</i>			
Housing (Pastor)	\$21,000		\$21,000
Pension & Insurance (Pastor)	\$10,500	\$0	\$10,500
Professional Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Security (Pastor)	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
Social Security (Staff)	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Sub Total	\$37,000		\$37,000
<i>Travel</i>			
Car Allowance (Pastor)	\$4,000		\$4,000
Synod Convention Expense	\$500	(\$500)	\$0
Sub Total	\$4,500		\$4,000
WORSHIP TEAM			
Handbell Music Supplies	\$200		\$200
Choir Music Supplies	\$200		\$200
Guest Musicians	\$750	\$0	\$750
Devotional/Publication Materials	\$1,500	(\$300)	\$1,200
Music licensing		\$300	\$300
<u>Nursery Keepers/Monitors</u>			
<u>Altar Guild</u>			
Acolytes/Crucifers			
Communion/Paraments/Flowers (Supplies)	\$1,100	(\$100)	\$1,000
Banners/Vestments			\$0
Sub Total	\$3,750		\$3,650
MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,000		\$2,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$208,404		\$212,518
	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL BUDGET	\$208,404	\$4,114	\$212,518
Net Difference		\$4,114	
Budget Percent increase		1.97%	

Proposed Budget 2021

	BUDGET 2020	INCREASE/DECREASE	BUDGET 2021
CHARITABLE & SERVICE WORKS TEAM			
<u>Social Ministry (Supplies)</u>	\$500		\$500
Community Lunch	\$500		\$500
God's Helping Hands	\$1,500	\$300	\$1,800
Lutheran Services Carolina	\$1,000		\$1,000
Disaster Relief	\$1,000		\$1,000
Missionaries	\$0		\$0
<u>Synodical Apportionment</u>	\$15,000		\$15,000
Sub Total	\$19,500		\$19,800
EDUCATION TEAM			
<u>Christian Education</u>			
Bible Study	\$200		\$200
College Students	\$1,000		\$1,000
Campformation/National Youth Gathering	\$385		\$385
Sunday School	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200
Vacation Bible School	\$0		\$0
Sub Total	\$2,585		\$2,785
EVANGELISM TEAM			
<u>Communication</u>			
Calling Post	\$100	\$0	\$100
	\$0		\$0
Web Site	\$40	\$0	\$40
<u>Evangelism</u>	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Sub Total	\$3,140		\$3,140
FELLOWSHIP TEAM			
<u>Kitchen and Fellowship</u>			
Hospitality Groups	\$200	\$300	\$500
Meals	\$1,300	(\$300)	\$1,000
<u>Youth/Souper Bowl</u>	\$300	(\$300)	\$0
Sub Total	\$1,800		\$1,500
STEWARDSHIP TEAM			
<u>Administration</u>			
<i>Maintenance/Agreements</i>			
Power Church Yearly Fee	\$455		\$455
Copier Agreement	\$2,400		\$2,400
Custodial Service	\$8,800		\$8,800
Grounds/Landscaping	\$5,000		\$5,000
Insurance	\$8,400		\$8,400
HVAC Maintenance agreement	\$1,450	\$0	\$1,450
<i>Utilities</i>			
Elec/Gas/Water	\$13,000		\$13,000
Garbage/Waste Service	\$700		\$700
Telephone/Internet Service	\$1,850	\$360	\$2,210

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.



November 23
Clement, Bishop of Rome
(died ca. 100)

Very little is known of Clement's life. He is thought to have been the third successor to St. Peter as leader of the church in Rome. He is known chiefly for the letter he wrote, probably in 96 AD, to the church at Corinth. It is a model of pastoral concern for a church troubled by discord. Clement was held in such high esteem that this letter was considered Scripture by some Christians until the fourth century. It is also responsible for his designation as one of the Apostolic Fathers of the church. Tradition has it that Clement died a martyr's death.

November 23
Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr
(died 1927)

Miguel Pro was a Jesuit priest in Mexico at a time when its government was very oppressive. Those who favored the overthrow of the regime accused the Catholic church of siding with the government, and so priests and parishioners were in constant danger. Pro conducted most of his ministry in private ways, concentrating on the poor and homeless. His martyrdom resulted from a false accusation that he and his two brothers had thrown a bomb at an official's car. Miguel Pro shouted "Viva Cristo Rey!" ("Long live Christ the King!") as he and his brothers faced death by firing squad.

November 25
Isaac Watts, hymnwriter
(1674-1748)

Nonconformist minister Isaac Watts is often called the father of English hymnody. He wrote some of his best-known hymns while serving as pastor of a congregation in Mark Lane, London. Most of his hymns are based on psalms and reflect a calm, firm belief. Our ELW contains ten Watts hymns, including "Joy to the World," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Jesus Shall Reign." Isaac Watts also wrote about philosophy, astronomy, and social issues of his day.



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From October 4-11

Sunday Worship—36

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2020

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22. Elections will be held right before the service. Other business, including general budget approval, will be held after the service.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020

All Saints' Sunday will be observed on November 1, 2020. If you had a loved one pass into the Church Triumphant after November 3, 2019 and would like them remembered during this year's All Saints' Day worship please notify the Church office.

RAZBERRIES

The Razberries will not be meeting in November. We miss seeing everyone and hope we can get back to our "normal" in January. Stay safe!

Mel and David Amick

WELCA SUNDAY

WELCA Sunday will be on Sunday November 8th at 9:30 am. Becky Koch, President of SC WELCA will be the giving the message. Cameron Circle is coordinating the service.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's helping hands needs are for canned sweet peas, corn and fruit. Please place donations in the provided box in the Cameron Hallway.

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Third Quarter Financial Statements are available for pick up on the table in the Cameron Hallway.



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(Answers on page 10)

Thanksgiving, Christmas... the winter holiday season is rapidly approaching. That means travel. Good topic for a Bible Quiz.

1. In Genesis 12, what is the very first thing God says to Abraham?
 - a. I will make you a blessing.
 - b. Beloved and faithful servant, listen to me.
 - c. Go from your country
 - d. Allow me to introduce myself. I'm God.
2. What makes Moses leave Egypt for Midian in Exodus 2?
 - a. Pharaoh wants to kill him.
 - b. There is a famine in Egypt
 - c. The plagues of Egypt force him out
 - d. He always heard Midian was nice that time of year.
3. Ruth and Naomi travel from Moab to Israel in Ruth 1. Why?
 - a. There is a famine in Moab, but not Israel
 - b. Naomi has a dream
 - c. To find Ruth a new husband
 - d. It's Moab! Who wants to live there?!?
4. The young Jesus stays in Jerusalem to teach the teachers after his parents brought him there. Why had they come to Jerusalem?
 - a. The Passover
 - b. To pay taxes
 - c. For the Census
 - d. The amusement parks and musical shows

5. Paul writes to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4 that no one is with him any longer except for ____.

- a. Luke
- b. Mark
- c. Silvanus
- d. A warn-out tape of Chris Ledoux, lonely women and bad booze

BONUS: We get the English word for someone who travels to a religious destination from the Latin word *peregrinus* which simply means 'foreign'. What is that English word?



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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

- 9/30 Anne Edison-Albright elected bishop of ELCA East Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 10/02 A Prayer for the President and First Lady
- 10/06 A Pastoral Message for the People of Armenia and Artsakh
- 10/06 2020 Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge
- 10/12 ELCA Presiding Bishop issues Indigenous Peoples Day statement
- 10/15 ELCA receives grant through Lily Endowment's Thriving Congregations Initiative

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Henderson and Congregation,

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a gift of \$1,000.00 from the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA on September 10, 2020 to support LSC child and family services. Based on the information we received with the check this amount will be applied as a gift from Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Thank you for choosing to support LSC in such a meaningful way. You are playing an important role in helping LSC fulfil its mission.

Today, more than ever, we are grateful for your generous gift! These are trying times as we do all we can to protect those we serve and those who work on our behalf. It is support like yours that will help get us through this crisis.

LSC seeks to not only provide for the immediate needs of the children, adults, and families in its care but to give them experiences that will fill their lives with joy, encouragement, and peace of mind. Seniors thrive in LSC communities thanks to friendships and days filled with activities and excursions; children feel protected and loved because of safe environments where they can grow and plan for the future; and individuals from all walks of life find the help they need to face challenges or embrace self-sufficiency.

This gift will have an immediate impact in the life of someone who will benefit greatly from such generosity. Thank you again for supporting the ministries of LSC and for helping others live abundantly.

Yours in Christ,
Ted. W. Goins, Jr.
President

Dear Friends of Our Saviour,

Our family was comforted by your love and concern during the time of John's illness and death. We are truly grateful for your cards, calls, thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Carol Ann, Beth and Family

Dear People of Our Saviour,

Thank you for your gift given in August through your synod to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

With your generosity you are walking beside families recovering and rebuilding their lives and homes. What a faithful response to God's amazing grace! Thank you.

Yours in Christ,
Robin Brown



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
Scott Frick
(cousin of Sandra Hughes)
Bill Hill

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Garner	11/03
Tyler Loftis	11/08
Linda Crapps	11/16
Padget Satterwhite	11/19
Grant Karst	11/22
Sharon Doble-Bone	11/23
Michaela McElveen	11/23
Phyllis Calamas	11/24
Dan Hanfland	11/29
Sharon Assey	11/30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Horace & Betty Meetze 11/22

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 before Monday, November 23.

ANSWERS: 1. c. Go from your country; 2. a. Pharaoh wants to kill him.; 3. a. There is a famine in Moab, but not Israel; 4. a. The Passover; 5. a. Luke; BONUS, Pilgrim.



2020 Congregational Council Members

Back: Rebecca Fingerlin, Pastor Lance, David Griffith, Beverly Nivens, Charles Nicholson, Jim Garner, Beth Cleland

Front: Elizabeth Shealy, Isma Boland



Classical Conversations

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POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a poinsettia for our Christmas Services at a cost of **\$13.00 (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for POINSETTIA. Please indicate in the space below the information you would want printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check **BEFORE Sunday, NOVEMBER 29.**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ poinsettia(s).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

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

By _____

Please attach check.