

THE GRAPEVINE

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Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! And Happy New Year!

It finally got here—AD* 2021—perhaps the world’s most eagerly anticipated year that I have seen in my lifetime.

I am as excited as anyone to leave 2020 behind. But not so much that I can’t see that God was richly giving us countless blessings throughout the year. Besides, the most irksome matters—masks, runs on toilet paper, weird (and often pointless to me) policies of commerce and government—are going to be hanging around for a while.

All that opinion-giving aside, it is the new year, and tradition holds that NOW is the time we make New Year’s resolutions. I have a mixed history with personal resolutions. So let’s set those aside for this newsletter’s sake and talk about resolutions you can make that will help out OSLC.

This year, your giving has remained solid. Simultaneously we have had lots of costs drop. So financially we are doing well. Keep it up.

But I want to talk about volunteerism. That’s the giving of your time and your non-monetary talents. It is there that we need help. You can see it on the ministries that are listed monthly in *The Grapevine* and weekly in the bulletin. We have all noticed that over the past year, there is a lot more gaps than there has been in years past. **AND I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHY!** Why sign up for a month of responsibilities when any Sunday you might not come because you have a scratchy throat, and you know that people will stare at you like you have a cxxxcxcxc

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS December 2020

Linda Griffith, Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2020

- Elected four council members – Bill Aull, David Griffith, Beverly Nivens, and Elizabeth Shealy.
- Approved 2021 Budget with a \$750 line item increase under “Guests Musicians” as distributed.
- Approved the 2020 ELCA Constitution and Bylaws changes for OSLC.
- Approved \$2,086.51 be taken from the Building, Maintenance, and Improvements Account for the audio upgrade. (\$3,000 was donated leaving a balance.)

REMINDER

There will be a brief training session for all volunteers for offering pick-up and tellers on THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH AT 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please RSVP Beth Cleland or Linda Griffith. Those involved include the following: **Offering Pick Up Volunteers:** Horace Meetze, Beth Cleland, David Griffith, Gail Marcum, Meredith Cleland, Isma Boland, Mark Satterwhite, Jim Garner, Barney Keitt, Wayne Lybrand, Bill Aull **Tellers:** Linda Griffith, Bill Aull, Horace Meetze, Pam Hanfland, Beth Cleland, Barney Keitt, Melodie Capole, Sylvia Ford, Theresa Garner, Gail Marcum.



TREASURER REPORT November 2020

	GEN. FUND	BLD. FUND	OTHER
Received	17,539.00	4,165.00	3,729.00
Disbursed	15,878.16	582.00	1,162.26

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS XMAS PARTY



Classical Conversations made our fellowship hall come alive with its Christmas Party. Singing, cocoa and LOTS of cookies.



PL seemed to treat it like it was a contest. It wasn't. Classical Conversations meets back at OSLC on January 6, 2021.

scarlet “COVID” around your neck if you just clear your throat. Some just don’t want to be around more than 10 people. I get that. All of us are older and haven’t as much energy. The reasons go on and on.

But there are lots of things that still need to be done here. Sure, as much as anyone, I would like to have a robed youth serving as an acolyte every Sunday. The reality is we don’t have those around, but it is okay. The candles will get lit. But tellers, ushers, altar guild, property are all things that we still need.

I’m asking you to resolve to use some creativity to get the things done that we need to have done. Do NOT assume that there is a list of rules to be followed to the letter to get these things done. Got a better idea? Let’s hear it! Can’t do a whole month? Partner up with someone or three other people. Do two things if you can on a Sunday. Not coming because of the virus? Sign up for property and show up after everyone is gone. Be a teller and work masked with another in the fellowship hall 12 feet away from one another.

If we were having financial difficulties, I would be writing about that. We aren’t. THANKS BE TO GOD! But every week we are scrambling to get the assigned tasks complete. If we can let the stewardship attitudes that we have inform other areas, such as time and non-monetary talents. We’ll be fine.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

*fun fact—“AD” does not mean “After [Jesus’] Death”. Rather, it is the abbreviation of the Latin phrase “Anno Domini” which means “the year of Our Lord”. We started counting our years from what was initially calculated to be Jesus’ birth, not his death.

JANUARY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Jan 3 *Charles & Ruth
Nicholson*
10 *Dan & Pam
Hanfland*
17 **Need Volunteer*
24 **Need Volunteer*
31 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

*Steve & Beverly
Nivens*
**Need Volunteer*
**Need Volunteer*
Isma Boland
Gail Marcum

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Jan 3 **Need Volunteer*
10 *Isma Boland*
17 **Need Volunteer*
24 **Need Volunteer*
31 *Gail Marcum*

LECTORS

**Need Volunteer*
**Need Volunteer*
Ruth Nicholson
Isma Boland
Caroline Raszewski

JANUARY

USHERS

Chief Linda Griffith
**Need Volunteer*

Mark Satterwhite
Gary Black

ALTAR GUILD

*Beverly Nivens &
Kelly Heid*

*Wayne & Marie
Lybrand*

OFFERING PICKUP

Linda Griffith

Horace Meetze

TELLERS

*Linda Griffith &
Bill Aull*

*Bill Aull &
Pam Hanfland*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**Need Volunteer Gary Black*



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.



January 17
Antony of Egypt
Renewer of the church
(c. 251- c. 356)

Antony was born into a Christian family living in Qemen-al-Arous, Upper Egypt. In spite of his wealth, he resolved to give what he had to the poor and become a hermit, living a life of simplicity, self-discipline, and devotion to God. He became associated with other Christian hermits living in the desert, usually in caves or huts. Antony became a leader to some of them, directing their activities of prayer, worship, and manual labor. He and his fellow monks would also counsel anyone who sought them out. Because Antony gathered a group of monks together in this way, he is often considered the father of monasticism.

January 17
Pachomius
Renewer of the church
(292-346)

A contemporary of Antony, Pachomius was, however, a child of a pagan family in Thebes. It was only after he spent time in the Roman army, against his will, that he converted to Christianity and was baptized. Pachomius became a follower and student of a Christian hermit. After a while, however, he became convinced that God intended for solitary hermits to come together in a community under one roof. Pachomius founded his first monastery sometime between 318 and 323. His older brother joined him there, as did about one hundred other monks. Pachomius set definite rules for their communal living. Eventually he helped to establish nine monasteries in Egypt.

January 21
Agnes, martyr
(291- c. 304)

Few facts about Agnes' life can be confirmed. Tradition has it that she was born into a noble Roman family whose members were Christians. During the reign of Emperor Diocletian, it is said, Agnes refused an offer of marriage from a Roman official, knowing full well that she might endanger herself by doing so. At the age of thirteen, Agnes was put to death by Roman authorities. She is considered the patron saint of young women.



HELP WANTED



Here is a picture of Pastor Lance by a giant microphone. He uses that one for recording scripture readings for our ministry “Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance”. He’d like to use YOUR voice for that. You could do that—read scripture, be recorded using that cool microphone, get your voice on a cool YouTube video where you could tell your friends “hey, I’m on YouTube this week”. BONUS! You’ll be sharing God’s Word! Send an email to PL (oslcpastor@sc.rr.com) if you want to help out.



**2021 OSLC-WELCA OFFICERS
& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- President — Linda Griffith (803-920-3975
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- Treasurer — Ann Satterwhite (803-254-9934
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- Secretary — (to be appointed as needed)
- Advisor — Sandra Hughes (803-796-9016
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- Cameron — Isma Boland (Leader), volunteer
(Recorder)
- Lydia—Marie Lybrand (Leader), Beverly Nivens Re-
corder)
- Rebekah — Linda Griffith (Leader/Recorder) & Linda
Hill (Leader/Treasurer)

I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President again. Also, we need to thank Isma for stepping in as Vice President and Ann for being so dedicated to serve probably her 4th or 5th year as treasurer! And, of course, please thank Sandra for her outstanding leadership during 2020! It's been a very strange 2020, to say the least. I am laying out our calendar for the year in hopes that we'll be able to meet again; however, all dates are tentative and will be adjust accordingly.

Of utmost importance is the Executive Committee consisting of all of the above who are scheduled to meet on January 21 in the Fellowship Hall with masks and social distancing. There are several items of business that we need to discuss and then take back to our circles for further discussion and comments — one being the hospitality guidelines. Please make every effort to try and attend this meeting at 6 PM.

COMMITTEES for 2021:

- Action— Lydia
- Community — Rebekah
- Growth — Cameron

Loletta Keitt has graciously agreed to continue sending cards to our shut-ins and others from time to time. This is a very time consuming duty and we appreciate her efforts to continue.

Please make plans for your committee for the year and let me know so we can update our calendar and let the congregation know.

We need volunteers to attend the Convention, if held this year as delegates and young woman guest. Ponder this the next 30+ days! Won't YOU consider attending?

2020 & 2021 SC WELCA Convention Logo

Dates to Remember

(DUE TO COVID 19-CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH LOCATIONS/DETAILS PROVIDED LATER)

- January 10 — Installation of Council members/ officers, LMM & WELCA Officers
- January 21 — 6 PM (Thursday)– WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
*Opening Prayer: Linda Griffith
- February 6-7 — SCWELCA Camp Kinard Retreat (www.scwelca.org)
- March 5 — World Day of Prayer
- March 14 — 3 PM Spring 2021 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting
(Jessica Walker, Conference Coordinator
803-979-1752 jlkwalker@icloud.com)
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- April 4 — Easter Sunday
- April 13 — 3-5 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Meeting
*Devotional/Prayer: Lydia
*Refreshments: Cameron
- April 25 — OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Lydia Circle)
- April 30-May 2 — SCWELCA Camp Kinard Retreat (www.scwelca.org)
- April – SCWELCA Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat Center Bible Study (www.scwelca.org)
- March-April – OSLC-WELCA Retreat (Lydia)
- June 11-12 — SC Women of the ELCA Convention at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer/ Newberry “Just Love” 1 Cor 16-14 (www.scwelca.org) No convention held in 2020 due to COVID.
- August 5-8 — WELCA 11th Triennial Convention & Gathering, Phoenix, AZ
- September 12 — Fall 2021 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting (www.scwelca.org)
- October 3 — 3-5 PM - Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
*Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah
*Refreshments – Lydia
- December 5 — **Immediately following Worship Service** – WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
*Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please take a moment to sign up for the 2021 ministries you would like to serve. Don't forget to check the church directory membership to make sure the information for your family is accurate.

RAZBERRIES

The Razberries will not be meeting in January to continue our safe practice of social distancing. We miss seeing everyone. Stay safe!

The Hanflands

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's helping hands needs are for canned sweet peas, oatmeal, grits, shampoo, and toothpaste. Please place donations in the provided box in the Cameron Hallway.

LUTHERAN MEN

The Lutheran Men of Our Saviour will meet following worship on January 17th., 2021 to discuss plans for the year.

A GENTLE REMINDER

If you can not fulfill your duties that you have signed up for it is your responsibility to find a fellow member to substitute for you. Yes it's great if the church office can be notified for the bulletin, but, emergencies are understood.

THANK YOU

Rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it. I would like to thank all of our church family for all of the kind thoughts, prayers, food, cards, and calls for me at this time.

Love to all,
Melba Murphy

Thanks so much for all of the cards, calls, and prayers during my recovery from surgery. I am thankful for each of you!

Elizabeth Shealy

Thank you so much for your generous gift at Christmas. This year has been quite different, of course, but I would not want to have gone through it without our church family and their support.

Brent Holcomb

Dear OSLC friends,
Thank you very much for the love offering and appreciate your generosity...always! I am sincerely grateful to you all and feel so fortunate to provide supplemental music for worship. My siblings and I enjoy it because of the joy it brings to the congregation.

Peace and blessings,
Melodie

Robin and I want to thank you for your generous Christmas Love Offering. Every year it reminds us that this congregation loves us and our family. We love you, too. (And it sure helps with the Christmas bills!)

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Lance

Dear OSLC Friends,,

I want to add my thanks to the chorus above! Thank you for the Christmas gift. You are always so kind and generous. Here's hoping that 2021 is a better year for all!

Mary Havens

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
Scott Frick
(cousin of Sandra Hughes)
Bill Hill
Dolores Hopkins
Patsy Horton
Elizabeth Davis Loman
(friend of the Keitts)

The family of Merna Long
Anne Moyer
Cheryl Rowe
(friend of Linda Crapps)
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
John Vaughn
(friend of the Keitts & the Nivens)
Jane Wallace

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Boland	1/02
Mark Satterwhite	1/05
Linda Griffith	1/10
Jean Hopkins	1/11
Lance Henderson	1/17
Kelli Powell	1/20
Albert Drafts	1/22
Alivia Havens	1/25
Greg Chapman	1/29
Linda Yonce	1/30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Ruth Nicholson	1/04
Bobby & Wendy Manos, Sr.	1/21

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.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From December 6-27

Sunday Worship—34

ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 11/30 ELCA presiding bishop and ecumenical partners address racism and white supremacy in Advent message
- 12/15 ELCA presiding bishop post-election video message

GRAPEVINE ARTICLES

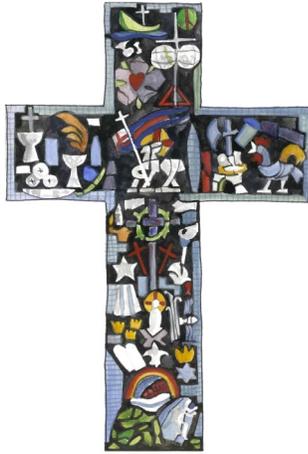
If you have articles, reports and/or pictures that you or your group would like printed in the next Grapevine, please send them to the Church Office before Monday, January 25.

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BREAKING NEWS!

Wise men finally got to do their job on our Nativity Scene in the Narthex. Ever wonder why your nativity scene has wise men of different ethnicities? That is a tradition to teach that Jesus came for all peoples. Wednesday, January 6 is The Feast of the Epiphany

