

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!

So if you have not heard the news, in-person worship will return as a possibility on Palm Sunday, March 28. Online worship will still be available. And, of course, the following Sunday, April 4th is EASTER SUNDAY! The day of resurrection! We will have details to iron out involving communion distribution. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday. Singing. Masks. Capacity. You know the topics. The only thing I can guarantee is that there will NOT be jack-booted ushers at the door demanding to see your complete vaccination papers before entry. (But it is a tempting idea.) Haven't got your vaccinations complete? Let me tell you about our online options...

It is an enticing notion to consider this a resurrection of sorts. That was the initial plan for this newsletter. But the comparison failed quickly. The first point of the failed comparison is that we were never dead. We have been doing ministry, worshiping, looking after one another, learning and praying. We had to select different methods, but we kept being Christ's church. That's the Holy Spirit working with and through you. Good job.

The second point of the failed comparison is that Jesus' resurrection is that Jesus came back to life and returned to pretty much who he was immediately. Yeah, he seemed to have developed a cool ability to suddenly appear in locked rooms, but remember that story of Jesus eating fish on the beach talking to his disciples? That was something Jesus and his disciples had done hundreds of times. I think the point of that story was to say "yup! Same ol' Jesus!"

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Linda Griffith, Secretary

February 2021

- Due to extremely high costs to repair/replace the lights on the 'big brown sign' out front of the Church, Council voted to remove all lights at this time.
- Council voted to not have Shrove Tuesday service and have Ash Wednesday service virtual at 7 PM.
- Beginning Sunday, February 28, virtual church services will be at 10:30 AM. In-person services will resume on Palm Sunday, March 28th.
- Stewardship Team decided to e-mail training documents in lieu of holding in-house or virtual training. All volunteers should have received the mailing. If not, contact Beth Cleland or Linda Griffith.

VOLUNTEER TELLERS & OFFERING PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS



There will not be a formal training session for volunteer tellers. The Stewardship Team has prepared new documents and they are located in the attaché case for Tellers. The documents have been e-mailed to all volunteers. Please feel free to contact Beth Cleland or Linda Griffith if you have questions/concerns.

Offering Pick Up Volunteers: 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, Pam Hanfland, Beth Cleland, Barney Keitt, Melodie Capole, Sylvia Ford, Theresa Garner, Gail Marcum (Please check the church directory for your assigned month.)

TREASURER REPORT

January 2021

	GEN. FUND	BLD. FUND	OTHER
Received	26,506.00	2,415.00	105.09
Disbursed	18,653.81	383.76	20.00

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen area on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10 AM. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS will be required. Jane Wallace will provide refreshments and Linda Griffith will be responsible for the devotions.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for dreid and canned milk. Please place donations in the provided box in the Cameron Hallway.

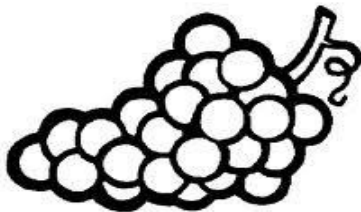
RAZBERRIES

The Razberries will meet virtually on Zoom Saturday, March 13 at 6:30pm.

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We won't be springing back like that. I don't know when will even get to have our first covered dish dinner. We will have to be patient with ourselves and one another. Distractions and differences will abound. But as we move, if we check know and again to make sure we are still heading in the direction of Jesus. We will be fine.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



MARCH & APRIL MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Mar 28 *Herman &
Elizabeth Shealy*

Apr 4 *Easter Lilies*

11 **Need Volunteer*

18 **Need Volunteer*

25 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

**Need Volunteer*

Gail Marcum

**Need Volunteer*

Gary & Kay Black

**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Mar 28 **Need Volunteer*

Apr 4 *David Griffith*

11 **Need Volunteer*

18 **Need Volunteer*

25 **Need Volunteer*

LECTORS

**Need Volunteer*

Bill Aull

**Need Volunteer*

Wayne Lybrand

**Need Volunteer*

MARCH

USHERS

*Chief Wayne Lybrand
Bill Aull*

APRIL

*Gail Marcum
Isma Boland*

ALTAR GUILD

*Isma Boland &
Melba Murphy*

*Gail Marcum &
Marie Lybrand*

OFFERING PICKUP

Beth Cleland

Linda Griffith

TELLERS

*Beth Cleland &
Barney Keitt*

Melodie Capole

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Bill Aull

Barney Keitt

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.



March 7

**Perpetua and Felicity and companions,
Martyrs at Carthage
(died 202 AD)**

In 202, Roman emperor Lucius Septimus Severus forbade conversion to Christianity. Perpetua, a noblewoman, along with Felicity, a slave, and other North African catechumens were placed under house arrest. After the converts were baptized, Roman authorities put them in prison and sentenced them to death. According to written records of the time, their executions in the arena involved attacks by wild animals and then, for Felicity and Perpetua, who survived longer, death by sword.

March 12

**Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome
(540-604)**

Gregory I (to distinguish him from fifteen later popes named Gregory) began his working life as a well-to-do civil official in Rome. He had used his own money to construct seven Benedictine monasteries; in his mid-thirties, he renounced worldly success and entered one of them as a monk. He was appointed to several positions in the church before being elected pope in 590, the first monk to attain such high office. As pope, Gregory sought to be “servant of the servants of God,” in his words. He did much to help people hurt by famine, disease, and war, as well as to reform clergy practices and church liturgy. Gregory also sent missionaries to

convert England to Christianity. The term “Gregorian chant” refers to his influence on church music. The ELW contains one hymn (#558 - “Lord God, We Praise You”) attributed to Gregory the Great.

March 21

**Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury,
Martyr
(1489-1556)**

Ordained a priest after his studies at Cambridge, Thomas Cranmer taught theology and became an advisor to King Henry VIII. While on a trip to Germany for the king, he married the niece of a Lutheran theologian. In 1533 Cranmer was named Archbishop of Canterbury. He immediately agreed to annul Henry VIII’s marriage to Catherine of Aragon. In the years that followed, several more proceedings against Henry’s wives were facilitated by the archbishop. Theologically, though, Cranmer was sympathetic to the Protestant Reformation and opposed Henry’s efforts to reintroduce Catholic doctrines. Cranmer’s crowning achievements for English Christianity were his support for the English Bible translation of



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cancels volunteer placement for 2021-2022

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 6)

It is said March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Yes, we have done the March Quiz Lions and Lambs theme before. But there are no repeats from the 2018 version of the quiz.

1. In 1 Samuel 17, David says that he can fight this foe because he has beaten wild animals like lions. Who is this foe?
 - a. Saul
 - b. Absalom
 - c. Goliath
 - d. Conor McGregor
2. Psalm 7 is a prayer for God's protection. In it, the psalmist David fears that if his enemies catch him, they will be like a lion and do this to him.
 - a. Bite him
 - b. Tear him apart
 - c. Devour him
 - d. Purr and rub against his legs
3. Proverbs 28 says that a wicked _____ over a poor people is like a roaring lion.
 - a. Priest
 - b. Criminal
 - c. Ruler
 - d. Raincloud
4. In Ezekiel's strange chapter 1 vision he sees beings with the face of a lion and more. What were the other faces?
 - a. A man
 - b. A bull
 - c. An eagle
 - d. All the above

5. Daniel 7 has a odd vision of four beasts. One looks like a lion, but with this un-lion like feature. What is it?
 - a. A set of great wings
 - b. Three tusks
 - c. Iron teeth
 - d. A sparkly collar

BONUS: The aforementioned Ezekiel vision was used as the inspiration for the symbols for the four Gospel writers. Which one is the lion?

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor and Our Saviour Family,

Yes, 2020 has been a very difficult and different year. And yes, we miss so much not being able to worship in person with our church family. But even through it all, God has showered us with his blessings. Many of those blessings came from you. Your calls and cards with messages of encouragement, and your many acts of kindness and concern, especially your prayers, have brought us many days of sunshine. For all of this, we can't thank you enough.

As we enter the New Year, 2021, we pray God's peace, comfort and joy abide with us all.

Peace and love,
Bill and Linda Hill

Dear Pastor Lance & OSLC,

Thank you so much for allowing us to have our Valentine basket event. The weather could have been better. LOL! I am grateful and blessed.

Thank you for the extra day that made a big difference. Hope to have your continued support next year.

Donna Branham

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
Bill Hill
Dolores Hopkins
Elizabeth Davis Loman
(friend of the Keitts)

Anne Moye
Mary Riddle
(sister of Jeannie Chapman)
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Jane Wallace
Linda Yonce

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Raszewski	3/03
Mary Stocker	3/03
Mackenzie Erb	3/04
Ann Satterwhite	3/06
Heyward Wessinger	3/15
Shaye McRae	3/16
Anne Moye	3/16
Katie Doble	3/17
Adam Fingerlin	3/17
Claire Fingerlin	3/17
Lydia Henderson	3/18
Evan Dawkins	3/22
Madison Dawkins	3/22
DeLeon Wallace	3/23
Jeannie Chapman	3/27
Anna Diggins	3/29
Beth Cleland	3/30
Michael Urban	3/30
Gary Black	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher & Jennifer Gossett	3/18
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy	3/29

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, March 22.

ANSWERS: 1, c. Goliath; 2, b. Tear him apart; 3, c. Ruler; 4, d. all the above; 5, a. set of great wings; BONUS St. Mark the evangelist.

February Pictures



Greetings from the Handbell Choir

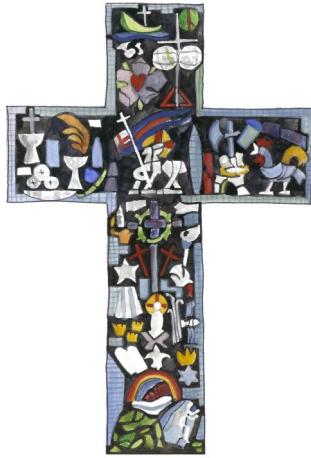


"Zooming" with the Razberries

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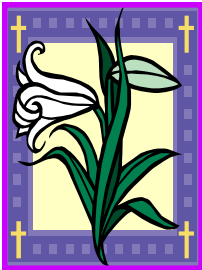


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EASTER LILIES



The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a lily for our Easter Service at a cost of **\$15.00 each (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for **EASTER LILY**. Please indicate in the space below the information you desire printed in the Easter bulletin. **Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check ON OR BEFORE Sunday, March 28, 2021**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ lily(ies).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

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

(Please Print)
