

THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

As I write this newsletter article, Easter has not yet quite arrived. Nor Good Friday. Nor Maundy Thursday. Not even Palm Sunday. So it runs the danger of being outdated quickly. We will see.

The big news around here is that ON Palm Sunday, we return to in-person worship after over a two month hiatus. It feels like we are moving back towards normalcy, but we are obviously not there yet. Though we will gather and worship together, COVID protocols will still be in place (see back cover). So while we still will not be operating in a way that most of us would consider “normal”, we will perhaps be “normal-er”.

In my opinion, the only thing I can compare the COVID crisis to is 9/11. After 9/11, the expression “9/11 changed everything” was often proclaimed. It was true. But the new norms that came into place post-9/11 have been with us so long that they do not feel new. Nor is it easy to remember what norms left us and never came back. So it will be with a post-COVID world. Things will change—some without our noticing and some will change so greatly and be forever difficult to accept.

I expect online church will be one of those things. Our sacramental theology will not allow us to become 100% online. Baptisms by definition require real water and a real gathering of the community of believers. Bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Christ happens as that community gathers—consecration of the elements does not happen by magic. Miraculous? Yes. Mysterious? Yes. But COMMUNION does not happen among 75 people watching their respective computer springs—each holding some beverage and favorite bread-like product. Just think about the very word itself—**COMMUNION**.

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2021 COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Lydia Circle is responsible for offering a congregational outreach service project for 2021. Due to the devastation that Covid-19 has caused for many in our own community, we have chosen to support God's Helping Hands to offer support for those in dire need of assistance due to lost jobs. Many have been terminated from their employment or had to terminate their employment to remain home with children not going to school. There is especially a need for assistance with rent/housing payments to help prevent possible eviction. Lydia is collecting monetary contributions for "Project Rent" to assist our area families. If you know of someone in particular that needs immediate help, please contact Marie Lybrand at 803-397-0503. We are also reaching out to Thrivent to request their \$250 gift contribution.

God's Helping Hands has also informed us that they are in need of new or gently used blankets. In-person services will begin again on March 28. There will be a box in the Narthex for your blanket donations. A monetary contribution can be made at anytime until April 30th.

If you would like to make a contribution to Project Rent, please make your check payable to OSLC-WELCA and mail or drop it off at the Church drop box. Please mark the envelope for WELCA--Project Rent. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Marie Lybrand or Beverly Nivens.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

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

RAZBERRIES

Gail Marcum will be hosting the Razberries on April 17th. Plans are to gather at an outside restaurant. More details to follow later.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS UPDATE

The Lydia Circle is responsible for the Hospitality Teams for 2021. After much discussion of our previous guidelines and the current Covid-19 pandemic crisis, we feel it is best to offer Gift Cards to a restaurant for our Church families at this time. This is such an uncertain time for all of us, and each family may have different needs. Ann Satterwhite and Marie Lybrand are the Co-Coordinator to be contacted in the event of a hospitalization or death. We are currently in unprecedented times, but we have God's guidance and a caring congregation so we can get through this. Please contact Ann or Marie for any questions/concerns/help.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Linda Griffith, Secretary March 2021

- Approved Pastor Lance's vacation March 15 -19.
- Approved resumption on Palm Sunday of in-person Worship Services with masks, social distancing, and no singing in the Sanctuary.
- Weather permitting, agreed to have Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday *Flowering of Cross* outside with singing before entering the Church.
- Communion will be served during Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services.
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services will be held at 7 PM.
- Next Council meeting will be Sunday, April 18th immediately following Worship with lunch provided.



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But given the nature of online church, some things will have to change. And change forever. For example, I recently got an email from a church member wondering about announcements regarding individuals and their personal health issues. It has always been a sticky wicket. Some people consider some of these things personal and would not want a public announcement about an upcoming or recent surgery made in the chancel, much less broadcast on Facebook or YouTube. The only solution I can think is that I will simply have stop making any announcements regarding individuals of any kind. Creating a system where there are tiers of information among those that participate in the life of a church community whether online or in-person is something that seems like a bad idea.

What's that mean for you? It means that if you—as an individual--want to find something out about a fellow member's health, you will have to ask someone close to that person. It's perfectly fine to be concerned about sister's or brother's well being, but use the phone or have that discussion in the narthex.

That's only thing minor thing that will change. There will be thousands more that we cannot foresee. Some changes won't bother you in the slightest. Some you will become used to. Others will forever irritate you. What can I tell you? I don't know. COVID changed everything.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

TREASURER REPORT
February 2021

	GEN. FUND	BLD. FUND	OTHER
Received	\$10, 70.00	\$1,215.00	\$270.00
Disbursed	\$17, 104.65	\$49.37	\$303.00

APRIL MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Apr 4 *Easter Lilies*

11 **Need Volunteer*

18 **Need Volunteer*

25 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

Gail Marcum

**Need Volunteer*

Gary & Kay Black

**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Apr 4 *David Griffith*

11 **Need Volunteer*

18 **Need Volunteer*

25 **Need Volunteer*

LECTORS

Bill Aull

**Need Volunteer*

Wayne Lybrand

**Need Volunteer*

APRIL

USHERS

Chief Gail Marcum

Isma Boland

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

Gail Marcum & Marie Lybrand

**Need Volunteers*

OFFERING PICKUP

Linda Griffith

David Griffith

TELLERS

Beth Cleland & Melodie Capole

Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Barney Keitt

Mark Satterwhite

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.



April 4

**Benedict the African, confessor
(1526-1589)**

Born to African slave parents on the island of Sicily, Benedict was freed when he was still a young man. His patience and dignified manner in the face of racial taunts won the notice of a group of Franciscan hermits. They invited Benedict to join them, and he stayed with them until that group dispersed in 1564. Benedict then became a lay brother of the Franciscan priory at Palermo, where he worked as a cook. Even though he was illiterate, Benedict was revered for being a sympathetic confessor and counselor. He was eventually named superior of the priory, and he led it effectively. Canonized in 1807, Benedict is considered a patron saint of African Americans.

April 6

**Lucas Cranach the Elder, artist
(1472-1553)**

A great painter of the German Renaissance, Lucas Cranach was called “The Elder” to distinguish him from his son Lucas, also an artist. Cranach the Elder probably learned engraving from his father. At about thirty years of age, he began painting portraits. In 1504 Cranach became court painter to Frederick III in Wittenberg, and he and Martin Luther became close friends there. Cranach painted portraits of Luther and other reformers, and some of his woodcuts were used to illustrate the first New Testament printed in German. Cranach’s work shows the influence of other artists of his time. As a result, parts of his creative output were mistaken for theirs until three or more centuries after his death.

April 29

**Catherine of Siena, theologian
(1346-1380)**

From girlhood on, Catherine experienced visions of Christ. She spent three years in cloistered living and then emerged to travel and do good works, even attempting to resolve conflicts of church and state through mediation and much letter-writing to Italian dignitaries. Catherine never learned to write; she dictated her letters and treatises. She was admired by the powerful and the poor alike. The Catholic Church canonized Catherine of Siena in 1461. Because she was revered in northern Europe, her feast day stayed on Lutheran calendars after the Reformation.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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- 3/05 ELCA leaders call on Congress to pass U.S. Citizenship Act
- 3/11 ELCA Conference of Bishops holds spring meeting
- 3/16 Lutherans participate in U.N. Commission on the Status of Women
- 3/17 Statement for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 3/18 ELCA and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) resume dialogue
- 3/19 Bishop Eaton issues statement addressing anti-Asian racism

**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)

Cameron Circle will be collecting funds for the Newberry College Women’s League which supports scholarships. Condolences to our sisters, Kay Black and Sue Drafts, on the loss of their sister, Frances.



Rebekah Circle continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall with face masks and social distancing. Loleta and Sandra continue to stay in touch with our shut-ins by visiting them, sending cards, and taking ‘goodies’ to them. This month we are saying ‘good bye’ to Jane and DeLeon as they make their new home at the *Somerby Place of Mount Pleasant*. And, we lost our sister, Linda Yonce, last month. She will be missed—a beautiful lady with a beautiful smile.



SC WELCA Board

**votes to host a
Virtual Convention!**



**Details will be
announced at a later date.**

The **Lydia Circle** has been meeting by Zoom and have been studying the "Book of God" by Walter Wangerin, Jr. It is the Bible written as a novel. Sallie Hutto has been our very knowledgeable leader and has done an excellent job in summarizing and leading our discussions. We finish the book for our April meeting.



Lydia is also working on condensing the *Hospitality Guidelines* to separate the difference in the Funeral Meals and Hospitalization/Illness Meals and Memorials.

Dates to Remember
(DUE TO COVID 19 CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- March-April – OSLC-WELCA Retreat (Lydia)
 - 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)
 - Apr. 30-May 2 **RESCHEDULED FOR 4/22-24/2022**— SCWELCA Isle of Palms Retreat
 - June 11-12 — SC Women of the ELCA Convention at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer/Newberry
“Just Love” 1 Cor 16-14
(www.scwelca.com)
 - August 3-5 — WELCA 11th Triennial Convention will be held virtually. *Gathering* (Aug. 5-8) has been cancelled.
 - Sep 12 — Fall 2021 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting
(www.scwelca.com)
 - October 3 — 3-5 PM - Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah
Refreshments – Lydia
 - Dec 5 — Immediately following Worship Service —WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite
- 2023, September 18** —Twelfth Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ .

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

(Quiz originally published in April 2013)

Easter is closely associated with the Jewish Celebration of the Passover. And so, that Exodus story of the Passover will be our theme!

1. Moses' mother placed him in a basket made of this common Egyptian plant. (Exodus 2:3)
 - A. Cattails
 - B. Lily Pads
 - C. Papyrus
 - D. Cotton
2. Moses was exiled from Egypt for killing an Egyptian who was doing what? (Exodus 2:11)
 - A. Beating an Hebrew slave
 - B. Blaspheming God
 - C. Stealing from Pharaoh
 - D. Laying down on the job
3. What was the name of Moses' father-in-law? (Exodus 3:1)
 - A. Joshua
 - B. Jedidiah
 - C. Jethro
 - D. Ellie May
4. When first confronted by Moses, Pharaoh's first response was demand the same quota of bricks from the Hebrews, but now they would have to get their own_____. (Exodus 5:7)
 - A. Straw
 - B. Water
 - C. Pitch
 - D. Lunches

5. The Lord gave instruction that anything remaining in the morning from the roasted lamb from the night of the Passover was to be treated in this way. (Exodus 12:10)
 - A. Carried into the wilderness with them
 - B. Burned
 - C. Left behind for the Egyptians
 - D. Mixed with potatoes for a fine lamb hash

BONUS: How many extras were used in making of the Cecil B. DeMille classic The Ten Commandments--1000, 4000, or 14,000?

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family:

The family of Linda Yonce would like to express their gratitude for the many acts of kindness, support and love shown to us during this time of bereavement for Linda. The calls, cards, visits, food and especially the thoughts and prayers and to those that were able to attend the visitation and funeral have been a comfort to us during this difficult time. We ask that you all continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks ahead as we navigate life without Linda. The church has been such a blessing to us and we are very grateful.

God Bless you all,
Frank, Sonya, David
and Family

Thanks to all for the many cards, calls and expressions of sympathy for our family following the recent death of my brother.

Sylvia Ford

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.

*Inez Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Don Ford
Bill Hill
Dolores Hopkins*

*Anne Moye
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Jane Wallace*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Lybrand	4/01
Cal Raszewski	4/08
Jonathan Adkins	4/11
Hutton Raszewski	4/13
Bob Graham	4/15
Russell Dawkins	4/15
Sandra Hughes	4/21
Henry Henderson	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Kelly Heid	4/10
Trey & Amy Wallace	4/16
Phil & Sonya Urban	4/17
James & Melissa Vagts	4/19

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

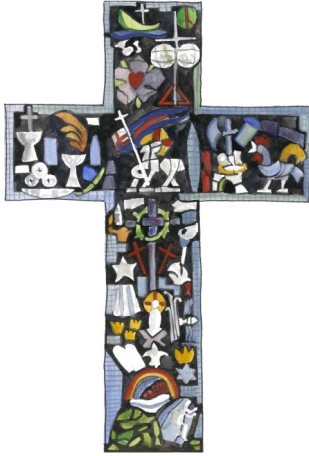
If you have articles, reports and/or pictures that you or your group would like printed in the next Grapevine, please send them to the Church Office before Monday, April 26.



ANSWERS: 1. C. Papyrus; 2. A. Beating a Hebrew slave; 3. C. Jethro; 4. A. Straw; 5. B. Burned; BONUS: In excess of 14,000 according to imdb.com

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PRECAUTIONS

While we are coming back to in-person worship, COVID protocol are still in place for the time being.

- Wear a mask while in the building.
- Maintain a proper social distance in all areas of the building.
- Wash/sanitize your hands frequently
- No singing.
- No physical contact in the sharing of the peace.
- If you do not feel well or have been feverish, please stay home.
- Follow the direction of the ushers at communion.

