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

In my conversations with other pastors throughout the COVID era, I have been happy to report that stewardship at OSLC has continued to remain strong. I thank God for this. It has made a difficult context in which we are still called to do ministry a bit easier. But I also thank you. The members of this congregation continue to treat giving like it is just something a Christian does. And we want to make it easier, so we have partnered with Vanco, an online giving resource.

We chose Vanco for two reasons. 1) I contacted PowerChurch, our church software provider and spoke to their technical service department. I wanted to know which of the online giving resource companies “plays nicest” with their software. He suggested Vanco immediately and told me about the long history PowerChurch and Vanco share. We want this to be a smooth process and that sounded good to me. 2) All online giving resources charge a small fee for this service and the ELCA has already negotiated a good rate that congregations can take advantage of. That ended my search. I did not have to try and shop for better percentages and transaction fees. It had already been taken care of!

So how will this work? If you can buy a box of tissues from Amazon, you can be an online giver. Our website will—this month—have an online giving button that will link you to the OSLC online giving page hosted by Vanco. There you will see a selection of different funds to which you can give (with all our own photos and descriptions). Initially, you will be able to

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



PROJECT RENT AND BLANKET DONATION



Many thanks to our generous congregation for your contributions to the 2021 Community Service Project to support "Project Rent" and Blanket Donations for God's Helping Hands. Your financial support will go towards assisting families in our own community with help needed on rent and utilities due to the recent Covid-19 crisis.

We would also like to thank Thrivent Financial for their \$250 contribution to assist Our Saviour WELCA with this project. With their help, fourteen blankets and bedspreads were purchased to add to the donations from OSLC members. Twenty-five total blankets will be given to God's Helping Hands. \$1040 has been collected for Project Rent. Blankets and monetary donations are being accepted until May 30th.

Marie Lybrand
Lydia Circle President

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION UPDATE

LMM met for breakfast and a talk by Pastor Lance on works of art at OSLC on Monday, May 17, the first time we had met in over a year! At the meeting we decided not to meet in June and July but resume meetings with a ladies' night at Shealy's Barbecue in Leesville on Tuesday August 17. For the remainder of the year, Charles Nicholson will serve as LMM president, Barney Keitt will serve as vice president, and Bill Aull will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer.

RAZBERRIES

Let's go jump in the Lake and Celebrate this Summer Sun, and Give THANKS that Covid is almost over and Done. We stayed inside all last year. We did our part and got 2 SHOTS! Now it's time to meet with friends and show that Covid didn't WIN!!!

Join us on our dock, Saturday June 19th at 2:00 o'clock at 149 Cherokee Shores Drive Lexington SC for lots of fun enjoying swimming (bring your swimwear) boating, games, plenty of sunshine, and lots of good food.

Kindly RSVP to Don 803 606 1514 or email donh227@sc.rr.com by June 15th. BYOB.

Please bring a dish to share. Don and Patsy hope to see you there. Supper at 6:00 (BBQ chicken provided by the Horton's).

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From May 2—May 23

Sunday Worship—39

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select from giving to the General Fund, the Building Maintenance & Property Improvement Fund and God's Helping Hands. You select the amounts and frequency of your gift. Just as we have given to this congregation for years, Robin and I selected to give to the General Fund and the BMPI weekly. I set up an account at the site and the option to have the money drafted directly from our checking account. Direct draft charges a smaller fee than a credit card. And that's it. No more scrambling around Sunday mornings to find the checkbook. No more doubling up one week because you were not here the previous week.

I also gave a gift to God's Helping Hands using my credit card because I wanted to see how that worked. Very simple.

The goal is to get plenty of buy-in from those of you who like to give but may not make it every week or month. In the near future, we will also be able to feature Memorial Gift giving, Poinsettias at Christmas, and special appeals for things like ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Look for an announcement on the e-vine when the link is live!

In Christ,
Pastor Lance

P.S. If you aren't interested in giving online, sure, we still will take your handwritten checks. Being a teller will still be a ministry opportunity around here. But we are trying to make it a little duty.



JUNE MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS
June 6	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Heyward & Doris Wessinger</i>
13	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
20	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
27	<i>Bill & Linda Hill</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS
June 6	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
13	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
20	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>
27	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Virginia Morris</i>

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>
USHERS		
Chief	<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>James Garner</i>
	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>

ALTAR GUILD	<i>Kay Black & Rebecca Fingerlin</i>	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>
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OFFERING PICKUP	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Meredith Cleland</i>
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TELLERS	<i>Linda Griffith & Pam Hanfland</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Theresa Garner</i>
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PROPERTY COMMITTEE	<i>Bill Aull</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.



June 3 **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome** **(1881-1963)**

Born Angelo Roncalli in northern Italy, the future pope came from a farming family with thirteen children. His career in the Catholic Church began with seminary and the priesthood. He was a military chaplain in World War I. During World War II, while an apostolic delegate to Istanbul, he helped a boatload of Jewish refugees to safety. He advanced to higher positions in the church and was elected pope at age seventy-six in 1958. He convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 to bring his church more in tune with the modern world. Pope John XXIII was known for his humility and was mourned worldwide when he died. In 2014, Pope Francis conferred sainthood on him.

June 25 **Philipp Melanchthon,** **Renewer of the church** **(1497-1560)**

Philipp Melanchthon was educated in his native Germany, where he focused on Greek classics and Hebrew scriptures. As a professor, he taught that history and archaeology are vital for understanding the Bible. Luther's influence brought him to the forefront of the Reformation as a compiler of Lutheran teachings and defender of the Augsburg Confession, of which he was the chief author. It was on June 25, 1530, that

the Augsburg Confession was presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. Melanchthon led the reform movement after Luther's death.

June 27 **Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria** **(c. 375-444)**

A native of Alexandria, Egypt, Cyril served as its bishop from 412 to 444. He was a fervent defender of the combined humanity and divinity of Jesus against those who saw Jesus as two separate identities side by side in one being. Cyril's term of service was one of turmoil as he argued for his beliefs, closed some churches, drove out Jews, and quarreled with civil authorities in his area. Later in life he became more conciliatory toward others, but his best legacy is his theological writings rather than his actions as bishop. In 1882, Pope Leo XIII named Cyril one of the Doctors of the Church.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 4/21 ELCA Church Council approves sanctuary church guidelines
- 5/07 Presiding Bishop issues statement on Mental Health Awareness
- 5/10 Megan Rohrer elected bishop of ELCA Sierra Pacific Synod



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& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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volunteer (Recorder)

Lydia—Marie Lybrand (Leader),
Beverly Nivens Recorder)

Rebekah — Linda Griffith (Leader/Recorder)
Linda Hill (Leader/Treasurer)

Thanks to the nine ladies who showed up for our Joint WELCA meeting in May. Attention to the following is needed:

SC-WELCA Convention will be held virtually on Sunday, September 26th from 1-6 PM. Approximately \$150 will be sent to SC-WELCA for the 2021 convention projects. **Another delegate is needed.** Must have a valid e-mail with access to a computer/iPad to log in.

If anyone would to receive a free e-mail copy of *The Ripple*, please contact the new editor, Cindy McManus: cjm.welca@gmail.com.

Circle Updates

(Growth) Cameron reports that their duties have been completed for the year. Vice President Isma Boland will serve as the coordinator and point of contact for the Spring Saxe Gotha meeting to be hosted by OSLC.

(Action) Lydia reports plans are underway for the August 7th Bible Study Retreat at OSLC. Details forthcoming. Cost will be \$25 pp. Friends welcome. They have completed the new *Guidelines for Hospitality*. A copy is available on the website or a copy may be requested from the church office. The Service Project has been completed with 25 blankets and \$1,040 for rent assistance to God's Helping Hands. Thrivent helped fund the project for the blankets.

(Community) Rebekah reports that plans will be discussed in the fall regarding a social/entertainment event as well as plans for the 2022 WELCA Retreat.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
w/circle leaders

Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

**WELCA RELEASES NEW
HOSPITALITY TEAM
GUIDELINES**

The following page lists the latest guidelines for the Hospitality Teams.

OSLC-WELCA HOSPITALITY GUIDELINES Adopted May 25, 2021

INFORMATION: The Hospitality Teams/Groups have been a part of this congregation for a long time – the only thing that changed has been the name/terminology. The women of the church have always prepared meals in time of need – whether in sickness or death. In addition, get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards are normally sent by WELCA and other groups in the Church. It is the purpose of this document to set forth some *clarity in guidelines* for the Coordinators and the Groups as we now have them set up regarding the meals and/or memorials.

I. SICKNESS/HOSPITALIZATION

The coordinator(s) will be the general contact by the Pastor or another church member to make them aware of the possibility and/or need of some assistance to a church family member and/or active person in the life of Our Saviour's congregation. The coordinator will, if contacted by a church member, notify the Pastor and the OSLC-WELCA President of the request and proceed as follows:

- (1) A meal will be offered to a member family and/or active family in the congregational life of this church when a sickness involves hospitalization overnight.
- (2) If the member family/active family had out-patient surgery.
- (3) This will be done for the immediate family to include spouse, child, mother, or father. A gift card to a local restaurant may be provided in place of a meal. The amount will be determined by the number in the household, but approximately \$10/person.

II. FUNERAL MEALS

Procedures have been put in place by Council for notification to the congregation of deaths via announcements in bulletins and church services/events, E-Vine calling list, and the Grapevine.

In the event the Pastor is the first contact, as in the past, he/she will contact a Coordinator and/or the WELCA President.

The Coordinator will contact the deceased family members to see if they would like to have a meal and the number to plan for. If the family chooses not to receive a meal, a memorial can be made in memory of the deceased (see Section III below).

After the Hospitality Coordinator talks with a family member, she/he will contact a Group Leader(s) to advise of the request if a meal is to be served giving them an estimated number for preparation of the meal. The meat can be reimbursed by the Church Treasurer upon request. (Remember to keep that receipt and follow the reimbursement procedures as outlined for the Stewardship and Finance Committee.)

The funeral meal will be for the family members of the deceased attending the funeral if at OSLC. If the funeral is elsewhere, then the meal may be delivered to the church family/active family at their home or designated site.

The Coordinator(s) will keep a list of each group who serves meals for whom, when, and how many were in attendance, if possible. This will be put in the minutes along with the number of cards sent from WELCA at a Joint Meeting for future reference.

Contacts to Group Leader(s) by the Coordinator(s) will be done by Group rotation.

III. MEMORIALS

It is the desire of the women of the church that a memorial be offered in lieu of a meal if the member family/active family (spouse, child, mother, or father) so desires according to the family's wishes. Generally, this is sent to OSLC Memorial and Gifts Fund in the name of that family; however, the family may desire another organization. The amount is stipulated in the WELCA Budget and/or Minutes and can be changed by the membership by voting rules in parliamentary procedure.

If a death occurs and the Pastor and/or the Coordinator(s)/WELCA President were not contacted in a timely manner, a memorial will be made to Our Saviour upon notification.

**2021 WELCA RETREAT
AUGUST 7 --10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Ladies, mark your calendars to join the Lydia Circle for the 2021 WELCA Retreat. The 2020 Retreat was cancelled due to Covid, so we are looking forward to having us all together again this summer.

We are honored to have Mrs. Kelly Coakley as our guest speaker. Kelly is the wife of Pastor Eddie Coakley of Trinity Baptist Church, was previously a news reporter and TV news anchor in Greenville and Columbia (WIS), and is currently employed as the Director of Strategic Communications at the SC Department of Administration.

Kelly will be speaking on "Lessons from the Holy Land" and will take us to her travels of the Holy Land and will share her knowledge and love of the Word. In addition to experiencing the Holy Land through Kelly's travels, we will also be sharing some of the foods that were eaten in Biblical times and shared by Jesus and his followers. Many of you may have experienced the Holy Land first-hand and will enjoy reliving your experiences, and for those of us who have not, it will be a great opportunity to learn.

Registration is \$25/person and should be given to Ann Satterwhite. Checks should be made payable to: OSLC-WELCA and marked for 2021 Retreat. Deadline to register is July 15. Please invite friends/family to join us; especially those that have been regulars to our Retreats in the past.

Details are still being finalized, but if you have any questions, contact Marie Lybrand or any Lydia Circle member. We are all very excited about this year's Retreat, and hope you will mark your calendars to join us for a fun day filled with many meaningful experiences. Peace be with you.

GRAPEVINE QUIZ
(answers on page 10)

Summer is coming! That means warmer weather and lots of sunshine. Let's do a quiz about the sun in the Bible to celebrate.

1. Although there is light on the first day of creation, the sun is not created until the fourth day in Genesis 1. Even then, it is not called the Sun, but rather _____. What?
 - a. The moon of the day
 - b. The ball of fire
 - c. The greater light
 - d. Ol' sunny boy
2. In Joshua 10, the sun miraculously does something while the Israelites battle their enemies. What is it?
 - a. Stays still in the sky
 - b. Shines only on Israel's hiding enemies
 - c. Speaks
 - d. Shines on solar panels saving South Carolinians millions on their utility bill
3. In Jonah 4, Jonah is in misery as the sun is beating down on him, what had he been using as shade?
 - a. A vine
 - b. A tent
 - c. A cedar of Lebanon
 - d. A pop-up tailgate tent
4. In Matthew 5, Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount that God makes the sun rise on whom?
 - a. Only the righteous
 - b. The evil and the good
 - c. The lilies of the field
 - d. Solar panels--saving South Carolinians millions on their utility bill
5. Paul famously advises in Ephesians 4 that the sun should not go down on what?
 - a. A uncheerful giver
 - b. The Gentiles
 - c. One's anger
 - d. That solar panel joke, one more time

BONUS: After talking about the beauty of the sunshine, moonlight and stars on high, which famous hymn says "Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky"?

THANK YOU

Those little words 'Thank You' doesn't seem enough for all the cards & phone call's I received during my recent hospitalization. Prayers were felt, cards and phone calls appreciated.

Thanks, Love, and Peace,
Barney

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we walk together through the COVID-19 crisis. What is clear is that at times like this, the church continues to be a place where people find meaning care, peace, and comfort for their lives.

St. Paul regularly used his letters as opportunities to thank God for his fellow believers. Being thankful for one another and for our relationship as church together is important right now. The very first thing we share is our faith in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for those with whom we share faith in Jesus Christ and the ways in which God is at work in our lives in these times. Second, we give thanks to God for your congregation and your 2020 Mission Support. Mission Support is undesignated money that your congregation gives without restriction to the work of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. God is changing lives through your Mission Support dollars. Because of your generosity the SC Synod and the ELCA are able to respond to mission and ministry opportunities beyond the congregation for Synodical and Churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

Thank you.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Ozzie Herlong,
Director for Stewardship

Raymond L. Hendrix,
Treasurer
South Carolina Synod ELCA

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



ONE STEP AT A TIME

When we returned to worship at the end of March, we went several weeks without singing hymns. In mid April, we started singing two verses of selected hymns. On Pentecost Sunday, May 25, we began singing our service music (the kyrie, gloria, etc.) It all feels both safe and a move towards right worship. Come and see if you desire.



WE NEED YOUR PICTURES

A new format for The Grapevine gives us the chance to publish more color photographs. But we need to have them! Got any photos to share? Share it!

MORE OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Linda Griffith, Secretary May 2021

- All members of Council were present.
- Plans are to make **online giving** available beginning in June with Vanco, an ELCA participant. Plans are underway to implement the Power Church accounting software this summer.
- The **Grapevine** survey forms are being returned to the church regarding participant delivery method. Plans are to publish the June **Grapevine** as usual.
- Pastor has been working with an **IT** person regarding our video broadcast of the service. All licensing for the services regarding hymns, handbell music, liturgy and scripture has been completed.
- We will return to normal Worship with **singing** of the liturgy. Masks and social distancing are still recommended.
- **Property** is securing bids for replacement of the double doors at the back entrance to the office area. They are also asking for bids on a new ice machine.
- Next **Council meeting** will be on June 13th immediately following Worship Service.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Last month we announced that starting with the July 2021 issue of *The Grapevine* we will not be using bulk mailing. Our preference is that you receive electronic copies or pick up a paper copy in the Narthex. Make sure the church office has received your preference as shown on the back cover of this issue of *The Grapevine*. Response has been great so far, and we thank you.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Pastor Lance and Charles Nicholson will be attending the online SC Synod Assembly on June 26. Please keep them in your prayers, but also keep Bishop Aebischer in your prayers as she leads the assembly for her time as Bishop.



Bishop Virginia "Ginny" Aebischer

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
Jonas Miles
(neighbor of the Keitts)

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Melba Murphy	6/02
Nathan Steele	6/04
Lucy Hughes	6/09
Steve Rucker	6/10
Sue Drafts	6/16
Susan Bush	6/17
Ruth Nicholson	6/17
Gerry Wiedemann	6/17
Barney Keitt	6/19
Savanah McRae	6/23
Michael McRae	6/26
Bill Hill	6/29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Kay Black	6/01
Heyward & Doris Wessinger	6/05
Meredith & Beth Cleland	6/25

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 by Monday June 21.



ANSWERS: 1, c. The greater light; 2. a. Stays still in the sky; 3, a. A vine; 4, b. The evil and the good; 5, c. One's anger; BONUS "Beautiful Savior"



Frank Yonce came across this great photo of the OSLC Council. We are guessing early to mid 80s.



Alpha and Omega Leadership is a new podcast by Pastor Wade Roof of Mt Tabor Lutheran. Pastor Lance was asked to join. That episode will air soon. Listen wherever you get your podcasts.

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YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED

Read all of Pastor's Message. This form is provided if you desire to respond by mail.
Check only ONE.

- A. I am a OSLC member unable to attend often and need a mailed copy of *The Grapevine*.
- B. I will pick up a paper copy of *The Grapevine* on Sundays or during the week.
- C. I need a electronic copy of *The Grapevine* emailed to this address

- D. I no longer wish to be a subscriber to *The Grapevine*

The name to which your current copy of *The Grapevine* is addressed:
