

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!

I recently saw a bumper sticker that said something I think is quite profound—“Don’t believe everything you think.” Just because I think a thought does not mean it is correct, true, or even worth much consideration. Just because I think a thought does not mean I should place any faith in the idea. It takes a good dose of humility for me to dismiss a thought I have had. I ought to consider that any of my thoughts might actually be wrong, and therefore in need of my own scrutiny.

I had been recently thinking some thoughts that are quite common around here. And I decided to question if I believed those thoughts. It happened last month.

I met with Emily Savage, the director of *Classical Conversations*, the group of homeschool students that meet at OSLC on Wednesdays in the school year. They will start their fall semester on August 11. This will be the third year they have met at OSLC. They needed space for classrooms, a playground, a commons room. You know, all the stuff you needed when you were going to school. We had an idle education wing. And so a deal was struck. This endeavor was never meant to generate newcomers to OSLC for joining us on Sunday mornings. If you know any homeschooling families, you know they are generally faithful Christians. We simply had what they needed. If you need a lift this autumn, come to the church on a Wednesday and take a look at these kids and parents. Moms are teaching children or having fellowship with other moms. Children are learning, playing, and—yes—running down the hallways. This year is their largest year yet. Mrs. Savage tells me she expects 62 students this year.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



NEW COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Fully vaccinated people who have passed the two-week follow-up period may worship without being masked if they wish.

LUTHERAN MEN

After a one-year hiatus, Lutheran Men in Mission will have their annual meal at Shealy's in Leesville on Tuesday, August 17, at **noon**. Please note that to avoid a drive home in the dark they are not meeting in the evening as in past years. The ladies of the church are all invited to join us.

WELCOME

We welcome Shannon Farber as a sister in Christ to the membership of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Shannon has been with us for several years, and decided to make it "official". Here is her contact information.

Shannon Farber
229 Harmon St
Lexington SC 29072
803-821-8026

Want to see her smile? Ask her about her tiny beloved puppy Munch! Welcome, Shannon!

RAZBERRIES

Watch the Sunday bulletin for further details about the August event.

SHRED EVENT



It's that time again. Our Saviour will be sponsoring a shred day on Saturday, **August 21 from 9 to noon**. Bring your items along with non-perishable food items for *God's Helping Hands* as a donation between 9 am and noon. Folks will be on hand to help get your shredding and donations. Call Linda Griffith at 803-920-3975 if you can help us for an hour or three or sign-up on the volunteer sheet on the bulletin board. Look forward to seeing you all in line that morning! The event is being funded through a Thrivent Action Team donation.

NEEDED

We have a need for 2-3 wagons and/or wheel barrows for shred day to move boxes from Fellowship Hall to the shred truck. Contact Linda Griffith if you have one to loan. We have 2 so only need a few more with some strong backs to lift and pull. Don't forget the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board to sign up!



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Here is another occurrence that made me wonder if should be believing what I think. In late July, a group of nine of those USC students who often attend worship at OSLC and/or play in our handbell choir gathered for a Fajita dinner. They played board games, ate a lot, and had lots and lots of fun. It seemed out of place here at OSLC, but really it was just my stinking thinking getting disrupted.

I get it. I hear the way we talk about ourselves around there. We talk about our age. We talk about our health maladies. Our stinking thinking is when we believe that is all that we are and do. Of course, this congregation looks different than it did twenty years ago. But, in 2001, it looked different than it did in 1981. Do not for a moment think that because the median age of the people that worship on Sunday at OSLC has increased that it means we don't do ministry with children or young adults. I just gave you 72 instances where that idea is wrong.

Don't believe everything you think.

Peace in Christ,



AUGUST MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

- Aug 1 *Jim & Theresa Garner*
- 8 *Dan & Pam Hanfland*
- 15 *David & Linda Griffith*
- 22 **Need Volunteer*
- 29 *Bill & Linda Hill*

GREETERS

- *Need Volunteer*
- David & Linda Griffith*
- *Need Volunteer*
- Melba Murphy*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Aug 1 *Gail Marcum*
- 8 *Linda Griffith*
- 15 *David Griffith*
- 22 **Need Volunteer*
- 29 *Marie Lybrand*

LECTORS

- Bill Aull*
- Pam Hanfland*
- David Griffith*
- Melba Murphy*
- Marie Lybrand*

AUGUST

USHERS

- Chief Isma Boland*
- Gail Marcum*

SEPTEMBER

- Gary Black*
- *Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

- Rebecca & Claire Fingerlin*

- Beverly Nivens & Kelly Heid*

OFFERING PICKUP

- Isma Boland*

- Mark Satterwhite*

TELLERS

- Beth Cleland & Melodie Capole*

- Linda Griffith & Gail Marcum*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- Mark Satterwhite*

- 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.



August 8 **Dominic, founder of the** **Order of Preachers (Dominicans)** **(ca.1171-1221)**

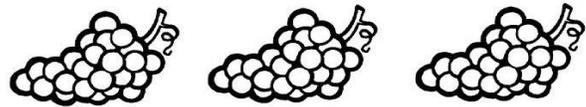
Ordained at age twenty-eight, Spanish priest Dominic accompanied his bishop a few years later on a diplomatic mission to Denmark. While traveling through France, the two men observed harsh measures, military and religious, being taken to suppress heresy among the Albigensian and Waldensian sects. Dominic was convinced that he should preach against unorthodox beliefs but attempt to win over the dissidents by gentle, persuasive means. He chose a lifestyle of poverty and simplicity and traveled widely, preaching wherever he went. After ten years he gathered together a community of individuals who would, like Dominic, be devoted to learning, poverty, and preaching. Thus began the Dominican Order of Christian monks and nuns, now active worldwide.

August 10 **Lawrence, deacon, martyr** **(died 258)**

Lawrence was one of seven deacons serving Rome's congregation during a time of persecution. When Lawrence refused to surrender the church's valuables, the emperor arrested him and ordered him executed, along with the pope. Before his death, Lawrence is said to have converted the jailer and his family to Christianity.

August 11 **Clare, Abbess of San Damiano** **(1194-1253)**

Born into the Italian nobility, Clare rejected two offers of marriage, choosing instead a life of poverty and piety. It was after St. Francis preached in her home town that Clare, at age eighteen, left her family to seek a less worldly life. Francis found a refuge for her with Benedictine nuns, and soon Clare helped to establish a new Franciscan women's community near the church of San Damiano in Assisi. The new order, known as The Order of Poor Ladies, or The Poor Clares, was devoted to prayer and austerity. The pope gave the Clares permission to live entirely on alms given to them, with no property of their own. Clare led them resolutely for forty years and inspired other women of her time to lives of religious devotion.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 6/17 Felix Malpica elected bishop of ELCA La Crosse Area Synod
- 6/17 Dee Pederson elected bishop of ELCA Southwestern Minnesota Synod
- 6/18 Presiding Bishop issues pastoral message on *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From July 4-July 25

Sunday Worship—33



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

President — Linda Griffith
(803-920-3975, lindagriffith2@aol.com)
Vice President—Isma Boland
(803-760-5545, ilbright@bellsouth.net)
Treasurer — Ann Satterwhite
(803-254-9934, annsatterwhite2@gmail.com)
Secretary — (to be appointed as needed)
Advisor — Sandra Hughes
(803-796-9016, smhughes@sc.rr.com)

Cameron — Isma Boland (Leader),
volunteer (Recorder)

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

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



**WE STILL NEED ONE MORE
PERSON TO REGISTER FOR
THE SC-WELCA Convention**

which will be held virtually on
Sunday, September 26th from 1-6 PM.
Contact Linda Griffith if you are willing to
participate.



A **Called Executive Board meeting** is planned for Sunday, August 29th after Worship. Please check with your circles regarding the convention projects below as this will be voted on by your representatives:

1. SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers — It has been suggested that \$15 -25 value general gift cards for clothing and personal needs as well as fast food and gasoline. Perhaps each circle could provide 1-2 gift cards from somewhere like Walgreens and/or Walmart?
2. Lutheran Disaster Response— a donation from Our Saviour WELCA. An amount from our General Fund can be designated to a specific area of concern; i.e., impacted areas due to weather

Also, at this meeting we need volunteers to serve on the Nominating and Budget Committees. It is that time of the year! Nominations and a proposed budget are to be presented at the October Joint WELCA meeting.

If any lady of the churches does not receive the **SC-WELCA RIPPLE** Newsletter via e-mail, e-mail our editor, Cindy McManus: cjm.welca@gmail.com. **It is free!** We need to make sure all our ladies and young women get this so they can keep up with SCWELCA news and updates. Convention information on the projects as well as what other churches are doing are all in **The Ripple**.

CIRCLE UPDATES

(Growth) Cameron Vice President Isma Boland will serve as the coordinator and point of contact for the Spring Saxe Gotha meeting to be hosted by OSLC. A date has not been set for the meeting.

(Action) Lydia The 2021 WELCA Retreat will be Saturday, August 7th from 10 am—2 pm. Hope to see you all there. Contact Ann Satterwhite for details at 803-530-6249. Will begin meeting in homes in September. Just completed the book **The Bible Written as a Novel** lead by Sallie Hutto. The Hospitality Teams have served three meals for funerals and distributed three gift cards..

(Community) Rebekah has lost another member with the passing of Jean Hopkins. Please pray for our Sisters in Christ as we continue to morn the loss of Jean and Linda Yonce. We will be meeting on the second Monday in September (13th) instead of Labor Day at the church at 10 am. Sandra Hughes will provide the program and Loleta Keitt will provide refreshments.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 3 — 3-5 PM - Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/ election)
Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah
Refreshments – Lydia
- Dec 5 —Immediately following worship
WELCA Executive Meeting w/circle leaders
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 10)

July was the Discovery Channel's now-famous Shark Week. No sharks in the Bible, but plenty of other rough beasts. Let's look.

1. In Judges 14, Samson kills a lion with
What weapon?
 - A. The jawbone of an ass
 - B. A slingshot
 - C. His bare hands
 - D. A Smith & Wesson .357
2. In 2 Kings 2, the prophet Elisha has two female bears bound out of the woods and maul 42 boys who were doing this bad deed. What were they doing?
 - A. Taking the Lord's name in vain
 - B. Dishonoring their mothers and fathers
 - C. Teasing Elisha about his bald head
 - D. Just being punks
3. The protagonist of Psalm 22 is obviously in fear as he is surround by these animals "of Bashan". What are they?
 - A. Wolves
 - B. Hyena
 - C. Bulls
 - D. Punks
4. Jeremiah prophesies in chapter 13 wondering if this animal can change this feature particular to it. What is it?
 - A. The Tiger changing its stripes
 - B. The Elephant changing the length of its trunk
 - C. The leopard changing its spots
 - D. The jackalope changing its horns
5. In 1 Peter 5, Peter compares this, our adversary, to a "roaring lion". Who is it?
 - A. The emperor
 - B. Sin
 - C. The Devil
 - D. Personal injury attorneys

BONUS: Tradition hold that the four Gospel writers are represented which four living things.

THANK YOU

The volunteers of God's Helping Hands want to thank you so much for the money to share in rent assistance. Also thanks for the blankets. Our clients will use and enjoy!

The Volunteers of
God's Helping Hands

Dear Members of OSLC,

Thank you all for the delicious meal you provided for my family after my Mom's funeral. It was beautifully done. It was very comforting to see familiar faces and Mom's dear friends serving the meal.

My Mom loved Our Saviour Lutheran Church! The church was a very important part of her life. She loved each and every member and considered the members a part of her extended family.

My Dad and I appreciate your thoughtfulness at this difficult time. It warms my heart that my Dad will continue to have Our Saviour Lutheran Church as a loving place for him to worship.

Love,
Susan Steele and
Jack Hopkins

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.

Andrew Bigony (friend of the Keitts)
Inez Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Bill Hill
Dolores Hopkins
Jonas Miles (neighbor of the Keitts)

Kerry Leigh Morawietz (friend of Pastor Lance)
Anne Moye
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Jane Wallace
Heyward Wessinger

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|------|
| Kelly Heid | 8/06 |
| Jane Wallace | 8/09 |
| Robin Blocker | 8/10 |
| Herman Shealy | 8/17 |
| Gail Marcum | 8/18 |
| Elizabeth Urban | 8/21 |
| David Griffith | 8/23 |
| Marie Shealy | 8/23 |
| Ethan Adkins | 8/26 |
| Loleta Keitt | 8/28 |
| Wendy Manos | 8/29 |
| Brian Norris | 8/30 |
| Dolores Hopkins | 8/31 |

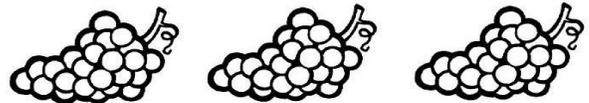
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|------|
| Jim & Theresa Garner | 8/04 |
| Steve & Beverly Nivens | 8/05 |
| Don & Patsy Horton | 8/08 |
| Chris & Beth Boland | 8/10 |
| David & Linda Griffith | 8/11 |
| Howard & Sandra Hughes | 8/13 |
| Bill & Linda Hill | 8/31 |

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

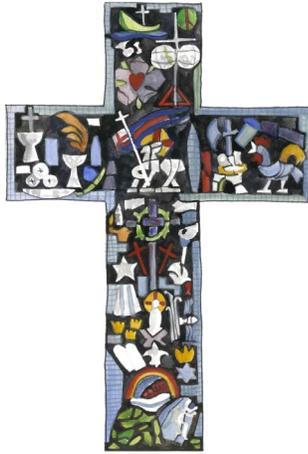
If you have articles, reports and/or pictures that you or your group would like printed in the next Grapevine, please send them to the Church Office by Monday August 23.



ANSWERS: 1, C. His bare hands; 2, C. Teasing Elisha about his bald head; 3, C. Bulls; 4, C. The leopard; C. The Devil; BONUS: Matthew/a man; Mark/a lion; Luke/a bull; John/an eagle

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Thank you.