

THE GRAPEVINE

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

As variants of the COVID virus pop up and drive us back to protective measures, it seems like not much is going on. Not so! This newsletter will fill you on a couple of ongoing projects.

ONLINE GIVING

Our system is working and we are ready to receive your gifts. I've been using the system for my family's personal giving for a few months. It has been problem-free and feels very secure. Our host is one of the industry's leaders in online giving and gets high marks for security. Right now you can give regularly or one-off gifts to the General Fund, the BMPI Fund or God's Helping Hands. Opportunities to give to other funds will be coming soon—Lutheran Disaster Relief, personal Memorial funds, and others.

LITTLE ORANGE FLAGS

If you see the church yard filled with little safety orange flags, do not think that construction is about to begin. The kids of Classical Conversations play HARD in our yard, and we hadn't thought to do something about fire ants this summer. The flags are a way to get on top of the fire ant issue which was eating those poor little kids up!

ONLINE WORSHIP IMPROVEMENTS

Still working on this. It's not easy. New software to learn. It should improve soon because we have all the equipment. Every time I think about giving up, I read that our viewership is larger than Sunday attendance and I recommit.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Linda Griffith, Secretary

Called Council Meeting July 11, 2021

- Approved purchase of new ice maker for kitchen.
- Approved sponsoring Shred Event in August.

Church Council July 2021

- Received confirmation from Pastor that the on-line giving through our website would be finalized by end of month.
- Council strongly recommends church attendees wear a mask upon entering the church and during worship. Worship assistants will be required to wear a mask.
- Approved recommendation by Property Committee to replace Fellowship Hall heating and air conditioning two units pending congregational approval.
- Approved to hold a Congregational Meeting on August 22, 2021, to discuss heating and air conditioning bids.
- Pastor notified council members that *Classical Conversations* will be returning to OSLC on August 11, 2021, for their weekly home school programs.
- The next Council meeting will be held on September 12, 2021, immediately following Worship Service. Lunch will be provided as this will be a long meeting involving preparation of the 2022 Budget.

Called Congregational Meeting August 22, 2021

- Approved purchase of heating/air conditioning units for the Fellowship Hall from Cassell Brothers at a cost of \$14,045.96. Funds to come from the Building and Maintenance Fund

SHRED EVENT



Some twenty members volunteered for the shred event on August 21st. In attendance were: Bill Aull; Isma Boland; Melodie Capole; Adam, Francis, and Rebecca Fingerlin; Sylvia Ford; Jim Garner; David and Linda Griffith; Pam Hanfland; Pastor Henderson; Don Horton; Barney Keitt; Melba Murphy; Charles Nicholson; Beverly Nivens; Mark Satterwhite; Melanie Tieman; and Frank Yonce.

Shawn Suber with *Shred With Us* was very involved with the project which was financially supported by Thrivent. 185 lbs of food and \$155 in cash and checks was collected for *God's Helping Hands*. Thank you to everyone who helped with the project and a big thank you to Dawn Hyatt at the Lexington Thrivent Office for the masks.



RAZBERRIES

Please note the date change to Friday, September 24. Details will be forthcoming.

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AIR CONDITIONER WOES

You approved the fellowship hall is getting its AC units replaced. But given the US supply chain issues, this might be a longer process than you would expect.

DOORWAY TO OFFICE

It has quite an effort to get any door construction companies to even give a quote. They are just SLAMMED. So we will start looking at some of the glass companies to give a quote. Maybe that will do it.

See? Lots going on!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS	GREETERS
Sep 5 *Need Volunteer	Gail Marcum
12 Heyward & Doris Wessinger	Ben Lemons
19 *Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer
26 *Need Volunteer	Sylvia Ford

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	LECTORS
Sep 5 Gail Marcum	Elizabeth Shealy
12 *Need Volunteer	Ben Lemons
19 *Need Volunteer	Isma Boland
26 Marie Lybrand	Sylvia Ford

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
USHERS	
Chief Gary Black	James Garner
*Need Volunteer	Bill Aull
ALTAR GUILD	
Beverly Nivens & Kelly Heid	*Need Volunteers
OFFERING PICKUP	
Mark Satterwhite	Jim Garner
TELLERS	
Linda Griffith & Gail Marcum	Linda Griffith & Theresa Garner
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	
Gary Black	Bill Aull

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.



September 9
Peter Claver, priest,
missionary to Colombia
(1581-1654)

Born into Spanish nobility, Peter Claver was persuaded to become a Jesuit missionary to the New World. In 1610 he began ministering to Africans brought on slave ships to South America. Not only did Claver give them food, clothing, and medicine as soon as they debarked, but he also helped them after they were taken to plantations or mines. He learned the Africans' languages in order to teach them about Christ. Peter Claver reportedly baptized 300,000 slaves during his 33 years as a missionary.

September 17
Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen
(1098-1179)

Born into a noble family in what is now Germany, Hildegard was presented to God as a tithe by her parents. She entered a convent and succeeded her teacher as its abbess. Hildegard had had visions even as a child, and in adulthood she compiled them into books, feeling that God intended this. In addition to her mysticism, Hildegard was famous for the poems and hymns she composed and her knowledge of natural history and medicine. She also advised popes and secular rulers. Even though she lived her entire adult life as a nun, Hildegard influenced the wider world of the Middle Ages and still speaks through her writings today. The words of hymn #399 ("O Holy Spirit, Root of Life") in the ELW are based upon one of her compositions.

September 30
Jerome,
translator, teacher
(ca. 347-420)

Jerome was a priest and scholar of the early church. After his baptism in Rome at age nineteen, he traveled widely on pilgrimages and continued to study, learning Hebrew as one of his endeavors. After admission to the priesthood, he received a papal commission to translate the Bible into Latin. Jerome's translation, known as the Vulgate, served as the standard Latin version for fifteen centuries after its completion.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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God's work. Our hands.

- 7/30 Presiding Bishop issues response to DACA ruling
- 8/17 ELCA mourns death of Vice President Bill Horne

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From August 1--August 22

Sunday Worship—37



2021 OSLC-WELCA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

If you are not receiving a copy of the **SC-WELCA RIPPLE** Newsletter via e-mail, please e-mail the editor, Cindy McManus: cjm.welca@gmail.com. **It is free!**

It always has information about what's going on in the synodical organization as well as upcoming events.

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 was a huge success. If you missed it, you missed an outstanding speaker and wonderful day of sharing.

(Community) Rebekah will be meeting on September 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am for our first meeting this fall. 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

2021 WELCA RETREAT PICTURES



GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 10)

September is back to school time. How about a quiz all about teachers, teaching and students in the Bible?

1. Who told Moses in Exodus 4 that he would be the one to teach Moses what to speak?
 - a. God
 - b. Pharaoh
 - c. Aaron
 - d. Mr. Chips
2. The psalmist in Psalm 119 (somewhere between verse 90 and verse 120) says that he is wiser than any of his teachers because he meditates on these things. What are they?
 - a. God's being
 - b. God's blessings
 - c. God's decrees
 - d. His Magic 8-Ball
3. Never referred to by his proper name, the author of Ecclesiastes in chapter one gives us a hint that he is truly Solomon when he uses this title.
 - a. The teacher
 - b. Israel's wisest
 - c. The Son of David
 - d. Spongebob Smarty Pants
4. In Mark 10, a man will be disappointed by the answer when he asks Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit _____?" What is he looking to inherit?
 - a. His brother's share
 - b. His father's land
 - c. Eternal life
 - d. Grandma's collection of porcelain and ceramic frogs
5. In 2 Timothy 3 famously says that "all _____ is inspired by God and is useful for teaching". What is it?
 - a. Scripture
 - b. Prophecy
 - c. Faith
 - d. Really good money making ideas

BONUS: Early in his career, Luther was asked to come to the University of Wittenberg and teach. What subject did he teach?



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
The family of 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)
Michael Smoak (friend of the Griffiths, deployed to Kabul)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Jane Wallace
Heyward Wessinger

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Cook Graham	9/09
Danny Boland	9/11
Ben Lemons	9/11
Horace Meetze	9/16
Elizabeth Johnson	9/25
Virginia Morris	9/25
Emily Heid	9/27
Shelby Kehrer	9/27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DeLeon & Jane Wallace	9/09
Traywick & Loleta Keitt	9/20

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 September 20.

ANSWERS: 1, a. God; 2, c. God's decrees; 3, c. The Son of David; 4, c. Eternal Life; 5, a. Scripture; BONUS Theology (surprised?)

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General Fund

The General Fund is the chief operating and ministry fund of OSLC. Benevolence to salaries to utilities--this fund carries the load as we do the Holy Spirit's work in the world.

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The BMPI covers our big ticket physical expenses.

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God's Helping Hands

God's Helping Hands is a local crisis ministry that Our Saviour supports to share God's love with "the least of these".

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