

# ***THE GRAPEVINE***

***THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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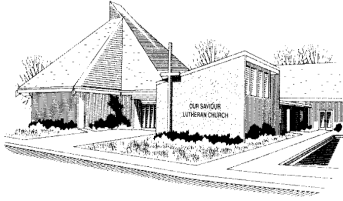
## **Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!**

I was at a lunch for area Lutheran pastors recently. One pastor started talking about an effort to yoke a handful of smaller ELCA congregations. His enthusiasm may have been dampened after hearing the response of his colleagues. Pretty unanimously, all the other pastors expressed that the idea was hopelessly futile. That's not without reason. There has historically been little success in these ideas no matter how sensibly they look on paper. Despite our organization with synods and bishops and so forth, we are still VERY congregational. That is, each congregation really acts like it is its own church. There are some small towns in South Carolina that have multiple ELCA congregations—each worshipping under 50 people—who will never come together.

The tepid response—while expected—also seemed to be tainted with an air of fear. Prior to COVID, the future of the church in America seemed troubled. You know the reasons—declining birth rates, less interest from younger generations, dozens of other ways that humans can feel connected to a community, increasing secularization, and so on. The COVID era seems to have put this all into overdrive and it has many people nervous and scared, especially the ones who depend on the church to put food on the table.

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# OSLC NEWS & NOTES



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Linda Griffith, Secretary

Please note that these Council Highlights were incorrectly listed as the highlights of July 2021 in the last Grapevine. The correct date should have been August 2021

### August 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.

### September 2021

- Pastor indicated that our Fellowship Hall would again be a polling place for the **County Elections** on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is no charge for this community service.

- Indications are that the new distribution for **The Grapevine** is going quite well.
- The **Education Team** reports the youth from USC are very appreciative of OSLC's support.
- **Service and Charitable Works Team** indicates that shut-ins continue to express their appreciation of Our Saviour's weekly contacts.
- A **new ice machine** has been installed and all are reminded to keep the air conditioning no warmer than 78 degrees in order for the machine to function properly.
- **Communications Team** reports that an **Online Giving Button** has been added to the website.
- Preliminary work on the **2022 Budget** is underway. Comments and suggestions can be discussed with Stewardship Chair David Griffith.
- **Four Council members** are up for re-election.
- The **next Council meeting** will be held on October 10, 2021, immediately following Worship Service.

## OCTOBER RAZBERRIES

The Lybrands will be the hosts for German Night at Julia's German Stammtisch on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Note the date is a Thursday night because they do not take weekend reservations, especially during Oktoberfest. Please RSVP to Marie by October 3 to confirm your reservations. Remember that Julia's is cash only. Hope to see all the Razberries there! Address is : 120 Sparkleberry Crossing Rd, Columbia SC 29229. We know it's a "trip" for some, but its worth the effort for great German food and beverages, desserts, and Razberries fellowship!

Marie and Wayne Lybrand  
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It may make some of you fearful, too, wondering about the future—the future of your younger family, your congregation, or whatever. But that is the right time to hold fast to faith. In the scriptures, faith has always been the antidote to fear. And faith is the ability to trust that God has all this in his hands. When David goes out to face Goliath, he eschews wearing Saul's helmet and armor. He knows he will not win fighting on Goliath's terms. David grabs five stones from the river bed and tells Goliath "This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head". Was he scared? Doesn't seem like it; his disposition towards the challenge was faithfulness.

I will be the first to admit that fear in the face of a challenge is the path of least resistance, so we all have to make the effort to be more faithful. That means focusing on the basics. Pray that God's will be done, not yours. Be wise by being humble—none of us know the future, so there is no real reason to justify talking about it with certainty. Avoid participating in negative conversations. The book of Proverbs has quite a few warnings about hanging around "scoffers". Scoffers is the more common translation, but a better translation would be "babblers", people who talk authoritative but really don't know.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Lance



## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From August 29-September 19

Sunday Worship—36

## OCTOBER MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

Oct 3 *Ben Lemons*

10 *\*Need Volunteer*

17 *Sandra Hughes*

24 *Charles & Ruth  
Nicholson*

31 *\*Need Volunteer*

### GREETERS

*Jim & Theresa  
Garner*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Wayne & Marie  
Lybrand*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*\*Need Volunteer*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Oct 3 *Gail Marcum*

10 *Melba Murphy*

17 *Isma Boland*

24 *Elizabeth Shealy*

31 *\*Need Volunteer*

### LECTORS

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Pam Hanfland*

*Wayne Lybrand*

*Elizabeth Shealy*

*Virginia Morris*

### OCTOBER

#### USHERS

*Chief James Garner  
Bill Aull*

### NOVEMBER

*Mark Satterwhite  
Steve Nivens*

#### ALTAR GUILD

*\*Need Volunteers*

*\*Need Volunteers*

#### OFFERING PICKUP

*Jim Garner*

*Barney Keitt*

#### TELLERS

*Linda Griffith &  
Theresa Garner*

*Beth Cleland &  
Barney Keitt*

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Bill Aull*

*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.



**October 7**

**Henry Melchior Muhlenberg,  
Pastor in North America  
(1711-1787)**

Often called the patriarch of Lutheranism in America, Muhlenberg was sent from Germany to America as a missionary to early congregations there. After his arrival in 1742, he spent forty-five years traveling almost constantly to assist fledgling congregations or heal divisions in older ones. He was nominally pastor of a Philadelphia congregation until his death. Muhlenberg established the first Lutheran synod in America, provided a liturgy that would be used for forty years, and wrote a model constitution that was valuable to the churches of his time. Several of his sons became notable clergymen and statesmen in America.

**October 17**

**Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch,  
Martyr (died ca. 115)**

Ignatius was one of Christianity's early martyrs. Little is known about his life. Thought to be a Syrian by birth, Ignatius served as the second or third bishop of the church in Antioch. Condemned to death by the Roman authorities, he wrote letters to Christian communities in Ephesus, Smyrna, Rome and several other locales. In these writings he urged unity in love within the church and faithfulness to the Eucharist. His letters are important for insights into the early church's faith and

practice. Finally, Ignatius did not ask Rome's Christians to attempt his rescue; he wrote that it was an honor for him to imitate Christ's suffering and death. He was thrown to wild beasts and killed, probably in the Colosseum.

**October 26**

**Paul Gerhardt, hymnwriter  
(1607-1676)**

Often called the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, Gerhardt served the church in several positions, losing one post because of theological disagreements with state authorities friendly to Calvinism. Before he regained employment, he was very poor. In addition, his wife and four of his children died. The Thirty Years' War ravaged the world Gerhardt knew, but in the face of all these hardships, he maintained a steadfast trust in God. He took comfort from the wonders of God's creation and from the psalms and used his poetic gift to glorify God. Eight of Paul Gerhardt's 148 hymns appear in our ELW. Of these, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" is perhaps the most familiar.



## ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 8/25 ELCA Executive Committee appoints Carolos Pena as interim vice president
- 9/13 Torrison Medical Scholarship awards announced
- 9/17 2021 Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge announced





## 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)



Linda will be representing Our Saviour at the virtual thirty-third Annual SCWELCA Convention on Sunday, September 26 from noon to 6 PM. They will be voting on a new president, treasurer, and 4 board members. Linda is the chair of the Committee on Reference and Counsel. This is going to be a first for the women; however, the last two Synod Conventions have been virtual and Linda was a delegate in 2020 so she might have a little edge over a lot of the participants. A convention update will be provided for the November *Grapevine*.

### 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** did not meet in September but will resume in October (hopefully in the homes again). Plans are to discuss program(s) for the year. Thanks to everyone that attended the 2021 WELCA Retreat. With the generosity of our speaker, Kelly Coakley, we were able to donate \$218 to the Children's Advocacy Fund through the SCWELCA Convention. For hospitality, this committee provided five gift cards for members having surgery and four meals for funeral.

**Community) Rebekah** will be meeting on October 4th in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. Linda Griffith will provide a devotion with Loleta Keitt providing light refreshments. We will be discussing a possible social event for the congregation and thoughts regarding a Retreat in 2022. We were unable to provide an Easter Egg Hunt for the children due to COVID.

### 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

# THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many cards and phone calls I received during my recent back surgery. Each and every one helped to brighten my day.

Also, I want to thank WELCA for the delicious meal they brought me.

I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church family.

God Bless Each of You,  
Dolores Hopkins

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, and meal that I received during my recent surgery. It is a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a great church family.

Thanks again,  
Linda Crapps

## GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 10)

October is the 10<sup>th</sup> month of the year. How about 10 in the Bible?

1. In Genesis 8, we read that the flood waters continued to recede and in the tenth month, these became visible. What?
  - a. The mountain tops
  - b. The sea creatures
  - c. Trees
  - d. A periscope
2. In Genesis 18, God promises to NOT destroy Sodom if 10 \_\_\_\_\_ can be found there. Ten what?
  - a. Orphans
  - b. Righteous people
  - c. Altars
  - d. Bucks
3. In Exodus 32, who advised to Moses to select officers to govern over “thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens”?
  - a. His assistant Joshua
  - b. The Lord
  - c. His father-in-law Jethro
  - d. Business consultants from IBM
4. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. What is there a scarcity of when the bridegroom finally arrives?
  - a. Lamps
  - b. Oil
  - c. Bridesmaids
  - d. Wedding planners

5. In Luke 17, Jesus heals ten lepers and only one returns to thank him. What was unusual about him?

- a. He was a Samaritan
  - b. He was a Pharisee
  - c. He was tax collector
  - d. He had a funny little mustache

BONUS: As a pivotal event to start the Reformation, Albert of Mainz was trying to buy a second bishop's seat. Although against church canons, the pope decided to sell it to him. Pope Leo's price? 12,000 ducats—a thousand for each of Jesus' disciples. Albert countered with a thousand for each one of the seven deadly sins. They compromised at 10,000 ducats—a thousand for each one of the \_\_\_\_\_.



Frank presents a check to God's Helping Hands from OSLC's Shred Event.

## 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*  
*The family of Dorothy Chapman (sister of Heyward Wessinger)*  
*Greg Chapman*  
*Jeannie Chapman*  
*Linda Crapps*  
*Katie Doble*  
*Don Ford*  
*Dolores Hopkins*

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

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Melissa Vagts     | 10/01 |
| Francis Fingerlin | 10/04 |
| Bobby Heid        | 10/05 |
| Bobby Manos       | 10/11 |
| Pam Hanfland      | 10/15 |
| Charles Nicholson | 10/20 |
| Chris Boland      | 10/22 |
| Sylvia Ford       | 10/22 |
| Deklan Lybrand    | 10/22 |
| Stone Lybrand     | 10/22 |
| Shelby Adkins     | 10/26 |
| Beverly Nivens    | 10/17 |
| Marie Lybrand     | 10/29 |

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 by Monday October 25.

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Parker & Elizabeth Johnson | 10/26 |
| Mark & Ann Satterwhite     | 10/29 |



Declan Martin Erb, son of Matt and Mackenzie Cleland Erb of Lexington, KY, was born on July 3, 2021. Proud grandparents are Meredith and Beth.

ANSWERS: 1, a. The mountain tops; 2, b. Righteous people; 3, c. His father-in-law Jethro; 4, b. oil; 5, a. He was a Samaritan; BONUS Comments

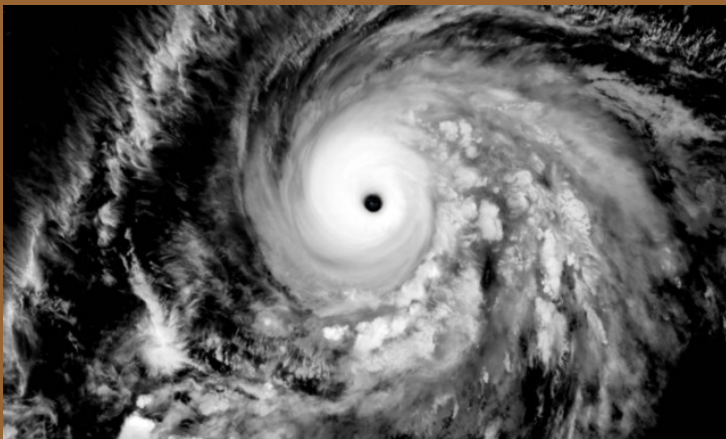
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