

THE GRAPEVINE

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

November is an odd month. For the calendar world, November marks the start of the end of the year—a process that take all of November and the entirety of December. The year winds to the end with holidays and deep of winter settling in. For the church, however, November IS the end of the year because the new year in church starts with Advent. This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 28.

And, with the start of a new year looming, my pastor mind begins to reflect. It is difficult to fathom that this time two years ago the letters C,O,V,I, and D did not form a word at all. Today, almost everyone of us says “COVID” at least once a day. We all have had a crash course in virology and can talk about Greek lettered variants, global shipping dilemma, and exhalation aerosols with a curious sort of certainty.

I considered making this article a sort of year-in-review article. But those are tough to write in times like these. I do not mean to say that this year has been marked with too much loss or sorrow. It is just that even our accomplishments have a COVID tainted pall over them and that our future is filled with uncertainties. It is just the way it is.

And when that general anxiety gets the better of me, it is good time for me to recall the words of Hebrews 13—“Jesus

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Linda Griffith, Secretary

OCTOBER 2021

- **Treasurer** reports that nothing out of ordinary for September and that our annual insurance has been paid.
- Pastor reported that **online worship** continues to show increased numbers. On-line giving will be incorporated in the online worship services.
- The **Worship Team** will be meeting to discuss Sunday School and choir practice resuming. They will also discuss masks and social distancing practices.
- **Altar Guild** needs volunteers. Please sign-up in November. Discussion regarding intinction versus individual cups. Council recommends we continue individual cups.
- **Memorial and Gifts** continues to monitor and record donations. Family members are being notified about giving.
- Council approved the **Fellowship Team** providing a meal after the Congregational Meeting to include dessert. Rebekah Circle will provide entertainment. Protocols regarding social distancing will be observed. Plans are to have no more than four to a table
- The **Property Committee** reports that pine straw will be placed around the property. The new Fellowship Hall air conditioning/heating units will be installed during October.
- **Communication Team** will have sign-up sheets out on November 1st for the various ministry opportunities for the congregation.

- **Stewardship** reports that the final recommendations for the 2022 Proposed Budget will be emailed/mailed to congregational members by October 21st. Copies should also be available in the Church Narthex for pick-up.
- The **next Council meeting** is scheduled for November 14, 2021, immediately following Worship Service. Council will present the proposed budget to the congregation on November 21st.

CHOIR

The Choir will resume weekly practice at **10 a.m.** on **Sunday**, November 7. Practices will continue at this new time at least for the time being. New singers are most certainly welcome

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated on November 7, 2021. If you had a loved one pass into the Church Triumphant after November 1, 2020 and would like them remembered during this year's All Saints' Day worship, please notify the Church office before Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle will be meeting on Monday, November 15th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to work on Project Friendship. Linda Hill will have a short devotion and Sandra Hughes will provide refreshments.

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Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever". Think about that. Jesus does not change. He has been, is, and always will be the Lord and Savior of all. He has been, is, and always will be the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus is not changed by economic distress, political upheaval or natural disaster. As the second person of the Trinity, all those attributes of God apply to Jesus—so Jesus is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Always has been, always will be, and is now.

It is all too easy forget this as everything else we know seems impermanent and in a state of flux.

Maybe a New Year's resolution is in order. Consider resolving to remember "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever"

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

From September 26-October 24

Sunday Worship—34

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Nov 7 *Steve & Beverly Nivens*
14 **Need Volunteer*
21 **Need Volunteer*
28 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

Steve & Beverly Nivens
**Need Volunteer*
Mark & Ann Satterwhite
**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nov 7 *Charles Nicholson*
14 *Marie Lybrand*
21 *Ann Satterwhite*
28 *Beverly Nivens*

LECTORS

Charles Nicholson
Ruth Nicholson
Ann Satterwhite
Gail Marcum

NOVEMBER

USHERS

Chief Mark Satterwhite
Steve Nivens

DECEMBER

Wayne Lybrand
**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

**Need Volunteers*

**Need Volunteers*

OFFERING PICKUP

Barney Keitt

Wayne Lybrand

TELLERS

Beth Cleland & Barney Keitt

Beth Cleland & Melodie Capole

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.



On November 7, the ELCA commemorates the following missionaries:

John Christian Frederick Heyer (1793-1873)

During the turmoil of the Napoleonic wars, John Heyer, still a teenager, was sent from his native Germany to live with an uncle in Philadelphia. He studied theology there and back in Germany before returning to Pennsylvania to be ordained and licensed as a missionary. He founded churches in the Midwest and assisted at Gettysburg College and Seminary. From 1842 to 1857, Heyer served as a missionary to India; the stations he established there grew into the Lutheran Church in India. From then on, he alternated time in America with time spent in India on behalf of evangelism. His final service was as chaplain of Mt. Airy Seminary in Philadelphia.

Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg (1682-1719)

Believed to be Protestantism's first missionary, Ziegenbalg studied in Germany and was sent by King Frederick IV of Denmark to the Tamil people of southeast India. Beginning in 1706, he established mission schools, a church, and a seminary for native preachers in spite of his ill health and frequent opposition from colonial authorities and local Hindus. Ziegenbalg learned the Tamil language and translated the catechism and parts of Scripture for the native people. He became an expert on south Indian Hinduism and published scholarly works on that subject. The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church carries on Ziegenbalg's work today.

Ludwig Nommensen (1834-1918)

A hired hand and teacher's assistant in his native northern Germany, Ludwig Nommensen finally kept a promise in 1857 that he had made early in life. He enrolled in the Barmen mission school. Four years later, he began his lengthy service among the Batak people of Sumatra. Neither Moslem nor Christian missionaries had contacted the Batak prior to Nommensen's arrival. Nommensen wisely gave his new church in Sumatra a local flavor by incorporating aspects of native culture, by translating Luther's Catechism and much of the Bible into the Batak language, by writing hymns in that language, and by training native teachers and ministers to broaden the evangelizing effort. The ongoing Batak church is testimony to Pastor Nommensen's dedication and skill.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 9/22 Bishop Eaton joins other church leaders at White House meeting on pending economic legislation
- 9/23 Telling and Teaching the Truth: The Church's Obligation to Education about the Ongoing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery.
- 9/24 Presiding Bishop Eaton urges humane treatment of Haitian and other migrants
- 10/11 ELCA issues declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People
- 10/20 A pastoral letter from the ELCA presiding bishop regarding the actions of the Reformed Church in America General Synod 2021



2021 OSLC-WELCA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President — Linda Griffith
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Treasurer — Ann Satterwhite
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Secretary — (to be appointed as needed)

Advisor — Sandra Hughes
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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)



CONVENTION UPDATE: Linda Griffith attended the first virtual SC-WELCA Convention on Sunday, September 26th. *Believe me, it was a real doozy!*

We had our share of transmission and communication problems but all went very well considering. We began at 12:30 and ended at 6:45 PM. It was a very long day for everyone. We have a new SC-WELCA President — Risse Snelgrove from from St. John/Walhalla. Risse grew up here in West Columbia and attended BC High School with several of our church members. I am sure she will bring a lot of new ideas to South Carolina leadership as she served on boards in both Texas and Virginia. She is also a past president in both of these SWOs. We say 'good bye' to Becky Koch who has been an outstanding and very strong leader during this pandemic and prepared us all for the virtual convention along with support from her board. She served some five years. Virginia Herlong was elected to be our Treasurer. Because Risse was currently on the board and her position was to expire in 2022, another board member had to be voted on to replace her.

The five board members elected are: Dee Bostic (St. Matthews/Foothills/Easley); Joy Derrick (St. Luke/Coastal/Summerville); Amanda Sease-Baker (St. Paul/Western/Gilbert); Christie Garnder (St. Luke/Heartland/Prosperity); and La Tynia Taylor (Living Springs/Midlands/Columbia. Linda Griffith served as chair of the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

Circle Updates

(Growth) Cameron Vice President Isma Boland reports that her circle is busy preparing meeting schedules for 2022 for the directory. Her committee will retain their same duties as 2021. Due to scheduling, our traditional WELCA Sunday will not be sponsored during 2021; however, they are looking forward to the event in 2022. As soon as a date is known for the Saxe Gotha Spring meeting, preparations will begin for OSLC to host the event.

(Action) Lydia will have new leaders for 2022 — Caroline Raszewski will serve as the leader and Beverly Nivens will remain recorder. For hospitality, groups served two more meals for surgery during October. They will continue with this duty through January 2022 when Rebekah Circle will take over in February. Currently their circle is also in the process of organizing for their new committee duties for 2022 which will include planning for another retreat.

(Community) Rebekah met and also organized for 2022. New officers will be: President—Loleta Keitt, Treasurer—Linda Hill, and Secretary—Linda Griffith. Our meeting time has changed to 10:30 am. We will be sponsoring a "Holiday Bag" which will be called *Project Friendship* partially funded through Thrivent. Since our circle was unable to provide the Easter Egg Hunt for the children this year, the project will be all inclusive of men, women, and children. Watch for needed items in the Grapevine and bulletins.

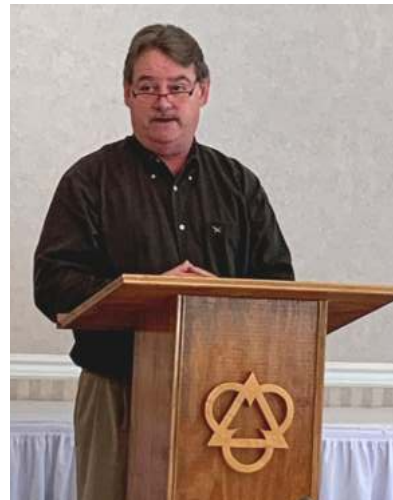
DATES TO REMEMBER:

November/December — A called meeting will be held after church one Sunday. Date and Time will be announced. This will be in lieu of our Joint Meeting which was cancelled in October and take place of our Executive Session for December.



The Lydia Circle at
their
October Meeting in
Ann Satterwhite's
backyard

Lexington County Councilman
for District 8, Glen Conwell,
addressed the Lutheran Men
in Mission in their
breakfast meeting on
Monday, October 18.



Handbell Choir's
Halloween Party

Oct. 20, 2021

Dear Members of Our Saviour,

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 21st. We will be approving the 2022 budget as well as electing council members. According to the constitution C12.02.01 *Members of the Congregational Council shall be eligible to serve no more than three consecutive full terms.* The following members are eligible and have agreed to serve another term if elected.

Isma Boland
Beth Cleland
Rebecca Fingerlin
Charles Nicholson

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Following the service and meeting, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal prepared by the Fellowship Team and entertainment provided by the Rebekah Circle.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Fingerlin
Council President



“Fall Back for Food and Fellowship”



Mark your calendars for Sunday,

November 21st. Not only is it our Congregational Meeting, the Fellowship Committee, along with the Rebekah

Circle are planning a special lunch and entertainment following the worship service. It is time to



"fall back for food and fellowship!"

Hope to see you there!

SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX

or call Church Office.

Proposed Budget 2022

	Budget 2021	Increase/decrease	Budget 2022
CHARITABLE & SERVICE WORKS TEAM			
<u>Social Ministry (Supplies)</u>	\$500	(\$200)	\$300
Community Lunch	\$500	(\$200)	\$300
God's Helping Hands	\$1,800		\$1,800
Lutheran Services Carolina	\$1,000		\$1,000
Disaster Relief	\$1,000		\$1,000
Missionaries	\$0		
<u>Synodical Apportionment</u>	\$15,000		\$15,000
Sub Total	\$19,800		\$19,400
EDUCATION TEAM			
<u>Christian Education</u>			
Bible Study	\$200	(\$100)	\$100
College Students	\$1,000	\$385	\$1,385
Campformation/National Youth Gathering	\$385	(\$385)	\$0
Sunday School	\$1,200	(\$200)	\$1,000
Vacation Bible School	\$0		
Sub Total	\$2,785		\$2,485
EVANGELISM TEAM			
<u>Communication</u>			
Calling Post	\$100		\$100
	\$0		
Web Site	\$40		\$40
<u>Evangelism</u>	\$3,000		\$3,000
Sub Total	\$3,140		\$3,140
FELLOWSHIP TEAM			
<u>Kitchen and Fellowship</u>			
Hospitality Groups	\$500		\$500
Meals	\$1,000		\$1,000
<u>Youth/Souper Bowl</u>	\$0		
Sub Total	\$1,500		\$1,500
STEWARDSHIP TEAM			
<u>Administration</u>			
<i>Maintenance/Agreements</i>			
Power Church Yearly Fee	\$455		\$455
Copier Agreement	\$2,400		\$2,400
Custodial Service	\$8,800	(\$400)	\$8,400
Grounds/Landscaping	\$5,000	\$150	\$5,150
Insurance	\$8,400		\$8,400
HVAC Maintenance agreement	\$1,450	\$2,750	\$4,200
<i>Utilities</i>			
Elec/Gas/Water	\$13,000		\$13,000
Garbage/Waste Service	\$700		\$700
Telephone/Internet Service	\$2,210		\$2,210

	BUDGET 2021		
Office supplies	\$5,500		\$5,500
Offering Envelopes/Stewardship	\$500		\$500
<i>Off-Site Record Storage</i>	\$130		\$130
<i>Postage/Bulk mail Permit</i>	\$1,800		\$1,800
Sub Total	\$50,345		\$51,395
<i>Salaries</i>			
Handbell Choir Director	\$6,300	\$126	\$6,426
Organist/Choirmaster	\$12,866	\$257	\$13,123
Organist Supply	\$250		\$250
Pastor	\$52,748	-\$15,874	\$36,874
Pastor Supply	\$1,000		\$1,000
Secretary	\$15,134	\$302	\$15,436
Sub Total	\$88,298		\$73,109
<i>Staff Benefits</i>			
Housing (Pastor)	\$21,000	\$15,874	\$36,874
Pension & Insurance (Pastor)	\$10,500		\$10,500
Social Security (Pastor)	\$4,500		\$4,500
Social Security (Staff)	\$1,000		\$1,000
Sub Total	\$37,000		\$52,874
<i>Travel</i>			
Car Allowance (Pastor)	\$4,000		\$4,000
Synod Convention Expense	\$0		
Sub Total	\$4,000		\$4,000
WORSHIP TEAM			
Handbell Music Supplies	\$200		\$200
Choir Music Supplies	\$200		\$200
Guest Musicians	\$750	\$750	\$1,500
Devotional/Publication Materials	\$1,200	(\$700)	\$500
Streaming services		\$50	\$50
Music licensing	\$300		\$300
<u>Nursery Keepers/Monitors</u>			
<u>Altar Guild</u>			
Acolytes/Crucifers			
Communion/Paraments/Flowers			
(Supplies)	\$1,000		\$1,000
Banners/Vestments	\$0		
Sub Total	\$3,650		\$3,750
MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,000	(\$500)	\$1,500
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$212,518		\$213,153
	\$0		
TOTAL BUDGET	\$212,518		\$214,603
Net Difference			
Budget Percent increase			

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 10)

Quiz from November 2016

Time for Thanksgiving! When we think of Pilgrims, we think of the folks with buckled shoes and blunderbusses sitting down for a feast with the Native Americans. But a pilgrim is anyone making a trip for religious purposes. Let's look at some biblical pilgrims.

1. In Genesis 12, Abram leaves the land of his family to go where God has promised to make him a nation. So he leaves Haran and heads for
 - A. Assyria
 - B. Philistia
 - C. Canaan
 - D. A corner in Winslow, Arizona
2. In I Samuel 3, we find young Samuel working in the Temple for Eli. Every year his mother Hannah would bring one of these to Samuel. What was it?
 - A. A new robe
 - B. A gift of home-made bread
 - C. A gold shekel
 - D. New tennis shoes
3. In II Kings 5, the Syrian general Naaman, takes a pilgrimage to Israel and was told to bathe in the River Jordan. What would this bath supposedly do?
 - A. Rid Naaman of leprosy
 - B. Rid Naaman of his sins
 - C. Make Naaman a true son of Israel
 - D. Get that funky smell off him
4. Mark 1 tells of people going to see John the Baptist. Where is John when the crowds make a pilgrimage to see him?
 - A. At the temple
 - B. On Mount Hermon
 - C. In the wilderness
 - D. At the Baptist church

5. In Luke 2, Jesus family makes a pilgrimage to the temple and heads back to Nazareth. They realize the boy Jesus is missing. How long is he separated from his family?

- A. Overnight
- B. Three days
- C. A week
- D. Forty days and forty nights, it's always forty in the Bible

BONUS: Thousands of pilgrims visit the village of Lourdes, France every year. In the 1850's, a young girl began seeing visions of the Virgin Mary in a grotto. The young girl discovered a spring nearby and the water of the spring has been the reported source of miraculous cures. This girl was later made a saint. What is her name?



THANK YOU

Dear Pastor and Members,

Thanks for the love and support extended to us during this difficult time. We enjoyed the delicious meal provided after Bill's memorial service. It gave our family a time to be together, relax, reminisce, and cherish our memories. Again thanks for all your acts of kindness.

Much love,
The Bill Hill Family

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
Katie Doble
The family of Milford Drafts (brother of Albert Drafts)
Don Ford
Dolores Hopkins
The family of Linda Karst (mother of Dustin Karst, Sr.)

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Garner	11/03
Tyer Loftis	11/08
Linda Crapps	11/16
Padget Satterwhite	11/19
Grant Karst	11/22
Sharon Doble-Bone	11/23
Michaela McElveen	11/23
Phyllis Calamas	11/24
Dan Hafland	11/29
Sharon Assey	11/30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Horace & Betty Meetze	11/22
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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 November 22.



ANSWERS: 1., C. Canaan; 2., A. A new robe;
 3., A. Rid Naaman of leprosy; 4., C. In the wilderness;
 5., B. Three days; BONUS: Bernadette

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*living in the light
of our Saviour*



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a poinsettia for our Christmas Services at a cost of **\$13.00 (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for POINSETTIA. Please indicate in the space below the information you would want printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check **BEFORE Sunday, DECEMBER 5.**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ poinsettia(s).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given _____ IN MEMORY OF _____ or _____ IN HONOR OF _____ or _____ OTHER

By _____

Please attach check.