

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!**

A year ago I was making episodes of *Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance* for online viewing. I came across the reading for January 1st and discovered it was a well-known and appropriate passage.

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

The passage has long been one of my favorites, and as I get older, the more the passage resonates. Everything moves in

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Linda Griffith, Secretary
December 2021

- Clarification regarding questions raised during the Congregational Meeting in November regarding payments by the Classical Conversations Home Schoolers. A written document indicates that the school agreed to reimburse the church \$1,000 a year for utilities.
- Pastor reports that fifty-seven is a consistent number for electronic evangelism viewing.
- Council approved Pastor's request to be on vacation from December 27-January 2. Seth Gibson will preach on January 2, 2022.
- Council approved offerings received at the Christmas Eve Service to be designated for God's Helping Hands.
- Council thanked Linda Griffith for her three years invaluable service as Council Secretary. Council is seeking a new secretary for 2022.
- Communications is seeking volunteers to serve on the following teams: Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Memorials and Gifts, Property, Service and Charitable Works, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth and College Students. If you are willing to serve, please contact Pam Hanfland.
- Council elected the following to serve as officers for 2022: President – Rebecca Fingerlin, Vice President – Charles Nicholson, and Treasurer – Meredith Cleland. Team liaisons will serve in their respective positions.

- Council members will be installed during the January 9, 2022, Worship Service
- The next council meeting will be held immediately following the Worship Service on January 9, 2022, in the Conference Room.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Worship Team I want to thank all who made this year's Advent and Christmas seasons so beautiful: the ringers and singers, the decorators, and those who contributed all the poinsettias.

Charles Nicholson,
Worship Team Captain

MINISTRY SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up sheets for all the teams and especially the ministries of Property, Flower Offerings, Ushers, Lectors, Worship Assistant, Greeters, Altar Guild, Acolyte, Crucifer, and Sunday School Superintendent, all have available dates. Please take a moment to sign up for the 2022 ministries you would like to serve either after the service or if you are in the neighborhood. Don't forget to check the church directory membership to make sure the information for your family is accurate.

RAZBERRIES

The Razberries will meet at the Hanfland's home Saturday, January 8, 2022 for A Winter Symphony Of Soups. Additional details will be forthcoming via email.

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seasons—careers, families, health, friendships, faith....everything. The past two years certainly have been “seasonal”. Times to wear masks and times to take masks off. Times to gather as a congregation and times to stay home on Sunday. Times to sing aloud together and times to simply listen.

The temptation, as a new year begins for a newsletter writer, is to make some reflective comments about the past year and make a few bold predictive claims about the upcoming year. But that assumes a wisdom that I do not truly have. If you are looking for wisdom, we are better off looking to wise King Solomon.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

November 28—December 19

WORSHIP—39

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A copy of the current Church Membership Directory was sent via eVine. Please check the information for your family and contact the church office if you have any changes or additions for the 2022 Directory.

JANUARY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Jan 2 Charles & Ruth
Nicholson

9 Dan & Pam
Hanfland

16 *Need Volunteer

23 *Need Volunteer

30 Steve & Beverly
Nivens

GREETERS

Gary & Kay Black

*Need Volunteer

Steve & Beverly

*Need Volunteer

Mark & Ann
Satterwhite

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Jan 2 Isma Boland

9 Marie Lybrand

16 *Need Volunteer

23 Gail Marcum

30 Ann Satterwhite

LECTORS

Isma Boland

Pam Hanfland

Caroline Raszewski

Ruth Nicholson

Ann Satterwhite

JANUARY

USHERS

Chief Steve Nivens

Mark Satterwhite

FEBRUARY

Gary Black

Wayne Lybrand

ALTAR GUILD

Beverly Nivens &
Kelly Heid

Rebecca Fingerlin &
Kay Black

OFFERING PICKUP

Bill Aull

Steve Nivens

TELLERS

Linda Griffith &
Sylvia Ford

Pam Hanfland &
Beverly Nivens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Barney Keitt

*Need Volunteer

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.



January 2
Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe,
Renewer of the church
(1808-1872)

Johann Loehe's life and work proved important to Lutheranism in both his native Germany and foreign lands. Though he never attained a post in any German city, remaining all his working life in a village church, Loehe founded a deaconess house and an organization for helping the needy in Germany plus a foreign missions society to spread the Gospel abroad. The latter resulted in pastors being sent to North America, Brazil, and Australia. The Missouri Synod and the Iowa Synod in North America have their roots in Loehe's endeavors.

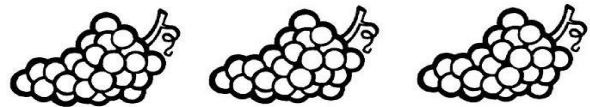
January 27
Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe,
Witnesses to the faith
(First Century A.D.)

Acts 16:11-40 recounts Lydia's story. She came from Thyatira in Asia Minor and was perhaps Jewish rather than Gentile. She was a seller of purple-dyed goods, a business that required considerable capital. Paul baptized Lydia and her household and spent time at her home with his traveling companions. Dorcas (or Tabitha), a Christian in Joppa, was known for her works of charity and her skill as a seamstress. Peter brought her back from

death (Acts 9:36-42). Phoebe was perhaps a widow, since she traveled freely and may have delivered Paul's letter to the church in Rome. She was a helper to the Christian community in Cenchreae, near Corinth, where she looked after many people (Romans 16:1).

January 28
Thomas Aquinas,
Teacher
(1224-1274)

Born into a noble family, Thomas received his early education from Benedictine monks. At the University of Naples, however, he became convinced that he should join the Dominicans, an order of mendicant friars. His family was so opposed to this that they held him prisoner for fifteen months before relenting. Thomas' studies led him to become a philosopher and theologian who believed that Christian revelation and human knowledge come from the same divine source and are therefore not in conflict with each other. Within his short lifetime, Aquinas accomplished much as a teacher and a writer of theological works. In addition, he wrote hymns, one of which is ELW #476 ("Thee We Adore, O Savior"). The church canonized Aquinas in 1323.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 11/24 Pastoral message on the verdicts concerning the murder of Ahmaud Arbery
- 12/07 Bishop Eaton issues message on 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day



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
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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)

2021-22 SC WELCA Officers (*elected September 2022)

*President, Risse Snelgrove
(snelgroverisse@gmail.com)

V-President, Amanda Boatwright
(manda4ever@gmail.com)

Secretary-Linda Roland (lindajroland@gmail.com)

*Treasurer-Virginia Herlong
(term begins Feb 1, 2022)(vherlong@sc.rr.com)

SCWELCA Retreats: Sallie Folk
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Honorary Life/Memorial Recognition Coordinator—
Virginia Herlong (vherlong@sc.rr.com)

Ripple Editor/Circulation Mgr: Cindy J. McManus
(cjm.welca@gmail.com)

Linda Griffith was recently appointed to serve as the 2023 Triennial Coordinator. More on this later.

Here we go again! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Please pray that someone will step forward for our 2023 officers as the current officers have served going on three years now—some more. Thank you to all these ladies for their invaluable continued service to the leadership for Our Saviour.

During our Called Executive Session on Sunday, December 5th, all the above officer nominations were confirmed and the 2022 Budget Proposal was passed. Thank you ladies for your promptness in your willingness to stay and act on matters of interest to WELCA.

COMMITTEES for 2022:

Action—Rebekah
Community — Lydia
Growth — Cameron

Loletta Keitt will continue sending cards to our shut-ins and others from time to time. This is a very time consuming duty and we appreciate her efforts to continue.

Please make plans for your committee for the year and let me know so we can update our calendar and let the congregation know.

We need volunteers to attend the Convention, if held this year, as delegates and a young woman guest. Ponder this the next 60+ days! **Won't YOU consider attending?**

SAVE THE DATE

(DUE TO COVID 19-CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH LOCATIONS/DETAILS TBA)

- January 9** — (Sunday) Installation of Council members/officers, LMM & WELCA Officers
- January 20** — 6 PM (Thursday)— WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Linda Griffith
- February 25-26** — (Friday-Saturday) SCWELCA Camp Kinard Retreat (www.scwelca.org)
- March TBA** — World Day of Prayer
- March 13** — 3 PM Spring 2022 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting-OSLC/CAMERON HOSTESS
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- April TBA** — OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Cameron Circle)
- April 2** — OSLC-WELCA Retreat (Rebekah Circle)
- April 17** — Easter Sunday
- April 19** — 6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Meeting
Devotional/Prayer: Lydia
Refreshments: Cameron
- May TBA**— SCWELCA Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat Center Bible Study (www.scwelca.org)
- June 24-25** — (Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the ELCA Convention at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer/Newberry "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" (www.scwelca.org) No convention held in 2020 due to COVID. 2021 was virtual.
- September TBA** — Fall 2022 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting (www.scwelca.org)-Mt. Tabor
- October 2** — 3-5 PM (Sunday) Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah
Refreshments – Lydia
- November 6 — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- December 4 — **Immediately following Worship Service** – WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite
- September 22-24, 2023**— WELCA Triennial Convention Gathering, Phoenix, AZ

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

No-shave November is a campaign where men refuse to shave supposedly to bring attention to men's health issues. In the past few years, a similar campaign has begun that discourages women from shaving their body hair in the first month of the year for some reason. It is cleverly named "Januhairy". We can't be sure how effective these things are, but they certainly give us good fodder for the Grapevine Quiz. Yep, hair in the Bible is our topic!

1. From Genesis 25, one of the first things we discover about this Bible character is that he was born covered with red hair. Who is it?
 - a. Isaac
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Esau
 - d. Harry
2. In Leviticus 13, the priest is called to look at the wounds of a potential leper. If the hair around the wound has turned _____, it is the sign of leprosy. Fill in the blank.
 - a. White
 - b. Curly
 - c. Black
 - d. Toward the sun
3. Solomon is trying to be complimentary in Song of Solomon 6 when he compares his bride's hair to this, but we aren't so sure. To what?
 - a. A flock of goats
 - b. The tail of a horse
 - c. The mane of a lion
 - d. The dreadlocks of a Rastafarian
4. In Matthew 10, when Jesus is trying to convince the disciples of their Heavenly Father's concern, he tells them that even the hairs on their heads are _____. What?
 - a. Combed
 - b. Straight
 - c. Numbered
 - d. Back to their original color with Just for Men

5. In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul is pretty adamant that a woman should cover her hair when praying. If she does not, what does he suggest should be done to it?
 - a. It should be braided
 - b. It should be adorned with crown of leaves
 - c. It should be cut
 - d. It should put in a big beehive and coated in Aquanet

BONUS: Luther, as monks would do, had his hair shaved on the top to leave a ring of hair around his head. What was this haircut called?

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to the Rebeka Circle for the "goodie" bag! It was full of so an useful items. Thanks also to Loleta Keitt for the visit. I really appreciate al of your efforts toward making me feel missed!

Don Ford

Dear Our Saviour Family,

Thank you so much for the calls, concerns, and prayers after my recent surgery. I have appreciated it all. Your wonderful thoughts and encouraging words were truly felt and meant so much. Thank you for being such wonderful friends and church family

Sandra Hughes

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
Beth Boland
Chris Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Katie Doble
Katie Blackwell Feaster (friend of the Hughes family)
Don Ford
Linda Griffith
Dolores Hopkins

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Boland	1/02
Sara Addy	1/04
Mark Satterwhite	1/05
Linda Griffith	1/10
Isma Boland	1/12
Lance Henderson	1/17
Albert Drafts	1/22
Greg Chapman	1/29

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Ruth Nicholson	1/04
Bobby & Wendy Manos, Sr.	1/21

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 January 24.

ANSWERS: 1., c. Esau; 2., a. White; 3., a. A flock of goats; 4., c. Numbered; 5., c. It should be cut; BONUS, The tonsure

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RESOLUTIONS FOR GETTING YOUR FINANCES IN ORDER?

Is 2021 the year you want to get your financial house in order? Good news! Thrivent will be hosting a series of events right here at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. And not just for members of our congregation but for Thrivent members and potential Thrivent members throughout the area. Maybe you have questions about estate planning. Maybe you are hoping some people in your family need start to plan for retirement. While details are still in development, these workshops will be able to fill in some of the blanks you and others have. Dates for the classes are: Feb. 17th, May 19th, Aug 18th, Nov 17th always at 6pm.



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