

THE GRAPEVINE

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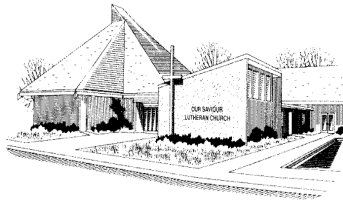
Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Things are going pretty well around here. We have just named Melodie Capole to be serve as our Young Adult & Youth Director. We have made it through the COVID era financially intact. We acquired an fuller online presence over the time. Plans for restarting the monthly lunch ministry are underway. There is also a lot more foot traffic in the building doing the week. Worship attendance has been creeping up. I still wear a mask at stores, but I think I am one of the few remaining. All good signs. As I thought from the beginning however, I doubt anyone is going to declare “the COVID era is over”. Yet, it seems our collective intuition seems to be telling us it is headed that way.

And then, BOOM, Lent is upon us. And frankly, I am not in the mood for the “bummer season of the Church year.” Maybe you feel the same. And usually the newsletter article for the month that Lent begins is generally grim—urges and appeals that you pray more, give more, fast from things. From personal experience, I know those efforts fizzle out quickly. So this year I am going to urge that you observe Lent, but do it in a more creative way. Giving up chocolate or eating fish on Friday does not really matter too much to the Kingdom of God, or as the Church proclaiming God’s presence to the world. So think of ways that would.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 2022

- A number of repairs were required for the church's HVAC system in January. Further repairs have been prioritized so that those most needed will be completed first.
- Pastor Lance reminded everyone, if you turn up a thermostat in winter (or down in summer) while using a part of the church, please return it to its prior setting before you leave.
- Community Lunch to resume Wednesday, March 30. The congregation is invited to help and to participate.
- Council approved a letter to be sent to the congregation regarding the proposed position of Director of Young Adult/Youth Ministry.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

This month Lutheran Men in Mission will hold their meeting at the Lizards's Thicket, 4616 Augusta Highway, at 9 AM on Tuesday, March 22. Please note the change from our normal meeting day and the change in location.

March Razberries



Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 pm at Caroline Raszewski's. Check your email for more details.

SCHEDULE FOR LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday services (communion and imposition of ashes) at 7:30AM and 7:00PM.

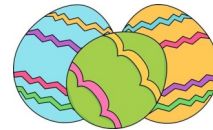
Weekly Lenten Evening Prayer services on Wednesdays from March 6 through April 6 at 7:00PM. Theme: "The Patriarchs."

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday and **Good Friday** services at 7:00 PM.

Also, there will be a weekly on line devotions with Pastor Lance based on questions from young adults about God.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Lydia Circle will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday April 9th from 10:00-11:30. Children ten and under are invited.

Ladies of WELCA we welcome plastic eggs and candy and will be placing a box in the Narthex for this as well as a sign-up sheet.

DIRECTOR OF YOUNG/ADULT/ YOUTH MINISTRY

A letter introducing the Director of Young Adult/Youth Ministry position is available online and a hard copy is in the Narthex. Homebound members have also received a copy. A job description for this position is posted on the bulletin board in the Cameron hallway. Any questions can be directed to the Young Adult/Youth Ministry Team.

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I will not pretend that I have the cleverest ideas. There is an entire internet for that. And, yes, most of the listicles I looked at—after googling “creative ways to observe Lent”—are ultimately variations of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. But look for ones you have never done. The novelty will help you maintain. The more you maintain, the more you will be reminding yourself of both your need for a Savior and the upcoming glory of His resurrection.

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Lance +

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

A special thank you for all that you do for Greg and me as shut-ins for a long time. We appreciate the cards, calls, visits, delicious meals, flowers, and especially your prayers.

Thank you, Beth, for uplifting Greg's spirit. Thanks to Linda Hill for bringing bags filled with so many useful items from the Rebekah Circle for us and Katie. Loleta did a great job getting it all together. Melba is kind enough to bring us the church bulletin after Sunday worship services and keep us informed.

Thanks to Pastor Lance and the church family who helped me after my sister's unexpected death on Dec. 18 2021. I know Mary is in heaven and that helps with the grief and the loss.

My 2022 be a better year for all of us!

With love and God's Peace & Blessings,
Jeannie & Greg Chapman

MARCH MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Mar 6 *Need Volunteer*

13 *Mark & Ann
Satterwhite*

20 *Herman &
Elizabeth Shealy*

27 *Isma Boland*

GREETERS

*Jim & Theresa
Garner*

**Need Volunteer*

Frank Yonce

Sylvia Ford

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Mar 6 *Marie Lybrand*

13 **Need Volunteer*

20 *Charles Nicholson*

27 *Melba Murphy*

LECTORS

Marie Lybrand

Pam Hanfland

Charles Nicholson

Sylvia Ford

MARCH

USHERS

Chief Jim Garner

Gail Marcum

APRIL

Bill Aull

Linda Griffith

ALTAR GUILD

*Isma Boland &
Melba Murphy*

**Need Volunteers*

OFFERING PICKUP

David Griffith

Bill Aull

TELLERS

*Linda Griffith &
Beverly Nivens*

*Linda Griffith &
Sylvia Ford*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Jim Garner

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.



March 1
George Herbert,
Hymn writer
(1593-1633)

A Welshman by birth and an educated young man of many talents, George Herbert seemed destined for a position of influence, perhaps as a diplomat, since he was fluent in six languages. After his patron, King James the First, died, Herbert returned to his original intention of becoming a priest. He earned great respect in his vocation. After his death, his sincere, inventive religious poetry gained him an even broader hearing. Those poems and the hymns fashioned from them, including “Come My Way, My Truth, My Life” (ELW 816), plus several prose writings, still speak his message long after the end of his earthly life.

March 2
John Wesley (1703-1791) and
Charles Wesley (1707-1788),
Renewers of the church

Brothers John and Charles Wesley were ordained clergymen in the Church of England. After a discouraging missionary trip to the colony of Georgia in 1735, they returned home and came under the influence of Moravian pastors. In 1738, both John and Charles felt called to itinerant, evangelizing ministry. They and their followers were dubbed “Methodists,” referring to the rigorous spiritual discipline they promoted. The Wesleys’ movement, like Luther’s effort to reform Catholicism, did not intend to sever ties with the Church

of England. It was not long after the Wesleys’ deaths, however, that a formal separation of Methodism and Anglicanism took place. While John Wesley is best known as a founder of Methodism, Charles Wesley’s reputation stems in large part from his accomplishments as a hymn writer. By 1756, he had left the itinerant preacher’s way of life. He penned a multitude of hymns, many of which are staples of congregational worship today. Examples in our ELW include “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (#270) and “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (#365). Several of Charles’ descendants also became notable musicians and composers.

March 22
Jonathan Edwards,
Teacher, missionary to American Indians
(1703-1758)

A brilliant thinker and powerful preacher, Jonathan Edwards studied for the ministry after graduating from Yale at age seventeen. Although his Puritan-inspired writings about God’s wrath are often cited in textbooks, he also spoke ardently about the grandeur of God’s love and grace. A disagreement with his Massachusetts congregation about who should partake of Holy Communion resulted in Edwards’ dismissal from that pastorate. It was then that he embarked on missionary work among Native Americans in western Massachusetts, coupled with extensive writing projects. In 1757 Edwards was elected president of what is now Princeton University. He died of smallpox a few months later.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God’s work. Our hands.

- 1/28 ELCA presiding bishop issues pastoral message on Ukraine
- 2/01 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering canceled



2022 OSLC-WELCA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President — Linda Griffith
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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—Caroline Raszewski (Leader),
Beverly Nivens (Recorder)

Rebekah — Loleta Keitt (Leader)
Linda Hill (Treasurer)
Linda Griffith (Recorder)

COMMITTEES for 2022:

Action— Rebekah
Community — Lydia
Growth — Cameron

Our Saviour women will be very busy during March and April. We are hosting the *Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting* on March 13 (daylight savings time begins) followed by the WELCA Retreat on April 2. Shrove Tuesday is March 1st with *World Day of Prayer* to be celebrated on Friday, March 4th at Emmanuel Lutheran at noon. They request all to bring a sack lunch and they will furnish one dessert and drink per person. Here's your chance to bring out those exquisite hats as ladies are asked to wear a hat in honor of the program about England. Spring will arrive Saturday, March 20th.

Circles are getting back to meeting with Cameron and Rebekah meeting at the church and Lydia meeting in member homes.

If you have not made your reservation for Retreat, the deadline is March 15th. Contact Linda Hill or Linda Griffith if you have any questions. Registration forms are located on the altar in the Narthex or you can call the church office as well as on the *Our Saviour.net* website.

SCWELCA is in the beginning stages of having a nursing scholarship established at Newberry College. Jenny Lindler, Director of Nursing at Newberry College, is the guest speaker for the Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting. Sure hope all ladies of the church will attend the meeting on March 13th at 3 pm.

Cameron reports that they will be collecting for the Newberry College Women's League on Sunday, April 24th.

SAVE THE DATE

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

- March 4**—12:00 pm— World Day of Prayer at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (bring bag lunch. They will provide drink and dessert)
- March 13** — 3 PM Spring 2022 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting- OSLC/CAMERON HOSTESS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- April 24**— 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 Mtg. Devotional/Prayer: Lydia Refreshments: Cameron
- May 5** — National World Day of Prayer (<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/announcing-the-2022>)
- 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

CONVENTION UPDATE

We still need volunteers to attend the Convention, if held this year, as delegates and a young woman guest. Are YOU still pondering this? Won't YOU consider attending? SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention.

Theme: "He's got the whole world in his hands"
Location: The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer,
Newberry

Date: Friday, June 24-Saturday, June 25, 2022
Deadline: Need to register by Tuesday, May 14, 2022.

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Ash Wednesday is March 2! The ashes for the day are a mixture of ashes from the burnt palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday and some olive oil. Mixing seems like a decent enough topic for the quiz. So let's mix it up.

1. Grain offerings a big part of the Israelite's temple sacrificial system. Leviticus 2 tells that the grain should ground into a fine flour, mixed with _____, and baked into cakes. What fills in the blank?
 - a.Milk
 - b.Oil
 - c.Water from the Jordan
 - d.Bisquick
2. In Ezra 9, reports come to prophet Ezra that while the Israelites were in captivity many of those who remained in the area partook of mixed _____. What was it?
 - a.Property arrangements
 - b.Foods---kosher and non-kosher
 - c.Marriages
 - d.Drinks
3. In Proverbs 9, Wisdom is personified as preparing for a party. She prepares mixed _____ for it. What is it?
 - a.Wine (wine with spices)
 - b.Fruits (like a bowl of fruit salad)
 - c.Poems (for the entertainment)
 - d.A big ol' bowl of Chex Mix (YUM!)
4. In John 9, Jesus heals a blind man with a sort of poultice that he mixed up. What are the two ingredients?
 - a.Bread crumbs and wine
 - b.His own spit and the dust of the ground
 - c.Oil and flour like a grain offering
 - d.Chewing gum and peanut butter
5. In Revelation 8, John sees the first angel blow his horn. Hail and fire, mixed with _____, begin to fall to earth. What is the last component of the precipitation?
 - a.Blood
 - b.Tears
 - c.Frogs
 - d.A big mixing spoon

BONUS: In some Christian traditions, a bishop will annually present oils to be used throughout the year for certain rites (confirmation, healing rites, et al). These are basically olive oil and a small amount of oils for fragrance. What are these fragrant oils?

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your prayers, cards, calls of concern, and gifts of food following my knee surgery. They have meant so much to Charles and me!

Ruth Nicholson

I would like to thank the members of the congregation who sent get well cards and the many Christmas cards. Each one of them helped to brighten my day.

I would also like to thank the Hospitality Team for the delicious meal they provided. A special thanks to Steve and Beverly Nivens for bringing the meal to us all the way to Lexington.

A special thanks to Pastor Lance for his visit on Christmas Eve at the Rice Home and for his Christmas message.

God Bless all of you.

Thanks again,
Dolores Hopkins

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

January 30-February 20

WORSHIP—38

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.

*The family of Barbara Bedenbaugh (sister of
Doris Wessinger)*
Beth Boland
Chris Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Lydia Culp (sister of Don Horton)
Katie Doble

Don Ford
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moyer
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Heyward Wessinger

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Moyer	3/02
Caroline Raszewski	3/03
Mary Stocker	3/03
Mackenzie Erb	3/04
Ann Satterwhite	3/06
Susan Smith	3/06
Heyward Wessinger	3/15
Shaye McRae	3/16
Anne Moyer	3/16
Katie Doble	3/17
Adam Fingerlin	3/17
Claire Fingerlin	3/17
Lydia Henderson	3/18
Evan Dawkins	3/22
Madison Dawkins	3/22
Michael Collins	3/23
DeLeon Wallace	3/23
Jeannie Chapman	3/27
Anna Diggins	3/29
Beth Cleland	3/30
Gary Black	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher & Jennifer Gossett	3/18
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy	3/29

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.



OLD OR UNUSED AMERICAN FLAGS

If you have old or unused flags and want them disposed of properly, please donate them to the American Legion Post 7. David Griffith, Commander, will be happy to take them for you. A box is on the counter in the mailbox room. Remember, Flag Day is June 15 so proudly display your American flags on this day and everyday.

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 March 21

ANSWERS: 1, b. Oil; 2, c. Marriages; 3, a. wine; 4, b. His own spit and the dust of the ground; 5, a. blood; BONUS Essential oils of herbs or spices

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Address Service Requested



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of our Saviour*

EASTER LILIES

The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a lily for our Easter Service at a cost of **\$15.00 each (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for *EASTER LILY*. Please indicate in the space below the information you desire printed in the Easter bulletin. **Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check ON OR BEFORE Sunday, March 27, 2022**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ lily(ies).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given _____ IN MEMORY OF or _____ IN HONOR OF or _____ OTHER
(Please Print)

