

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!

It has been two years plus of COVID era living—with all its ups and downs. But it FEELS like things are getting better around here. Groups are meeting in person. Our COVID protocols have relaxed. People are coming up to the church and working on projects during the week. I rarely put on a mask these days. I hear reports out of Lexington Medical Center that the COVID census counts are low. It could make us wonder if this is all over.

Of course, we have all heard the stories about variants popping up. (By now, we are educated as much as anyone who has ever taken Virology 101.) And our culture will be able to more quickly respond to future outbreaks. So some things will return, and other things will not, and other things will return but be forever changed. It is thought that the habit of shaking hands was a way two men demonstrated to one another that they were not holding a weapon. Do we really need to return to handshaking?

And things will be different in the culture of the church. There were a lot of trends occurring in the North American Church. In some ways, COVID only catalyzed those trends. Sure, previously only the televangelists and very large congregations had an audio-visual presence. Now most congregations have some sort of presence. A 100% virtual presence will never be the case for Lutherans—our sacramental theology won't allow for that. Community, real bread, real wine, real water baptism are just the way we do things.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Charles Nicolson, Secretary
March 2022

- February was not a strong giving month, with expenses exceeding income.
- “Souper Bowl Sunday” was a success with over \$1300 received for God’s Helping Hands.
- Repairs are still to be made to the cross outside near the front door, and repairs are needed to the AC unit in the old high school room.
- The pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday was a success with some 50 people participating. Council appreciates the efforts of Melodie Capole, Mary Havens, and their friends in decorating and providing music and games for the evening.
- Council was asked to consider helping a member of the Classical Conversations team who has family in Ukraine. Council is awaiting further information.
- Melodie Capole, Young Adult/Youth Director, is working with the Lydia Circle, Classical Conversations, the chorus at Saluda River Academy for the Arts, and the SRAA principal for possible joint activities.
- Pastor Lance is providing a weekly online devotional during Lent based on questions from young adults.
- Since Charles Nicolson has been serving as secretary since January, Isma Boland was chosen to fill the position of vice president of the congregation for the remainder of the year.



Razberries' St. Patrick's Day

65 YEARS AGO!

65 Years ago, Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation was officially organized on March 24, 1957.

Our history is on the website at :

<http://www.oursaviour.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/OSLCChurchHistory.pdf>

SAXE GOTHA CONFERENCE MARCH MEETING HOSTED BY OSLC-WELCA



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I am not smart enough to speculate how what things will change for us. But I will remind you of the one thing that will not change. Actually I will let the writer of Hebrews do it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) The fact that some translations put an exclamation point at the end of that verse is a translation I heartily endorse.

Peace in Christ and Happy Easter,
Pastor Lance +



SCHEDULE FOR LENTEN SERVICES

Weekly Lenten Evening Prayer services on Wednesdays through April 6 at 7:00 pm.
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.

VIDALIA ONION SALE

The Pineview Ruritan Club is having their annual Vidalia Onion sale during the month of April. All funds from the sale go to projects that support our local community and help individuals in need.

The Onions are delivered to our club house direct from the farms of central Georgia. The onions are packaged in 10 lb bags (\$10.00) and 25 lb bags (\$20.00). To place an order, please contact Frank Yonce by April 28, 2022. The onions will be delivered on May 4th. Frank and Heyward are members of the Pineview Ruritan Club.

APRIL MINISTRIES

FLOWERS	GREETERS
Apr 3 *Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer
10 *Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer
17 David & Linda Griffith	Isma Boland
24 Gail Marcum	*Need Volunteer
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	LECTORS
Apr 3 Bill Aull	Bill Aull
10 *Need Volunteer	Wayne Lybrand
17 Gail Marcum	*Need Volunteer
24 *Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer

APRIL	MAY
USHERS Chief Bill Aull Linda Griffith	*Need Volunteer *Need Volunteer
ALTAR GUILD Isma Boland & Beth Cleland	*Need Volunteers
OFFERING PICKUP Bill Aull	Beth Cleland
TELLERS Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford	Beth Cleland & Barney Keitt
PROPERTY COMMITTEE Mark Satterwhite	Frank Yonce

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.



April 6
Albrecht Dürer, artist
(1471-1528)

Son of a goldsmith, who began the young man’s training, Dürer became a leading artist of the German Renaissance. Though his paintings and drawings are well known, his greatest works are said to be his woodcuts and engravings. Dürer is known for the careful attention to detail in his portrayal of subjects from nature and from the Christian tradition. Though a Catholic to the end, Dürer felt sympathy for the Reformation and was a friend of Luther and Melanchthon.

April 6
Matthias Grünewald, artist
(ca. 1475-1529)

Matthias Grünewald, a contemporary of Dürer, is another great painter of the German Renaissance. He was influenced by Dürer’s style, and his greatest masterpiece, the Isenheim Altarpiece, was thought for a long time to be one of Dürer’s creations. That altarpiece depicts the Annunciation, angels singing for Mary and her child, the crucifixion of Jesus, and Jesus’ resurrection. Historians believe that Grünewald was a Protestant and supporter of Martin Luther.

April 10
Mikael Agricola,
Bishop of Turku
(1510-1557)

Son of a Finnish fisherman, Agricola distinguished himself as a student and ultimately completed a Master of Arts degree at Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon were among his teachers there. Back in Finland after his studies, Agricola served as rector of the cathedral school in Turku and assistant to the Catholic bishop. When the bishop died, Agricola succeeded him. As bishop, Agricola introduced the principles of the Reformation to Finland, masterfully transforming its church structure and traditions along evangelical lines. In addition to translating sections of the Bible into Finnish and writing a catechism, prayer book, and treatises on the sacraments and liturgy, Agricola published a spelling book that was important to the future of Finnish education and literature.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

- 2/24 An Interfaith Call to Peace for Ukraine
- 3/08 A statement from the presiding bishop regarding a listening panel
- 3/21 A statement for International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

February 27—March 20

WORSHIP—34

**2022 OSLC-WELCA OFFICERS
& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President — Linda Griffith
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Secretary — (to be appointed as needed)
Advisor — Sandra Hughes
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Cameron — Isma Boland (Leader),
volunteer (Recorder)

Lydia—Caroline Raszewski (Leader),
Beverly Nivens (Recorder)

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

Our Saviour women were very busy during March — The hospitality teams took care of 4 families with meals/meal cards and we hosted the Saxe Gotha Conference meeting. Circles are busy getting ready for spring with an Easter Egg Hunt and Retreat.

A big thank you to all Our Saviour women for your support and attendance at the **Conference Meeting**. There were almost 40 present. We all enjoyed visiting our fellow Lutherans. Director Jenny Lindler from Newberry College of Nursing gave a very detailed talk about the new program and the endowment being set up by the SCWELCA. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$300 from Saxe Gotha to help with 'seed' money for the project by the Convention Committee this year. Officers were elected: Ella Shumpert/Emmanuel will serve as coordinator and Kristie Marshall/Transfiguration will serve as recording secretary. Betty Enlow will remain as the financial secretary. Some \$90+ was collected in offering and will be part of the donation to Newberry College Scholarship Endowment. SCWELCA Board members present were: President Risse Snelgrove, Vice President Amanda Boatwright, Karen Freeman, and Sarah Cheesman. (see pictures in this issue from the meeting)

Action-Rebekah has been very busy planning for the 2022 OSLC-WELCA Retreat. At this writing, there were 51 signed up. If you have not registered, contact Linda Hill to get on a wait list.

Community-Lydia is busy preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt since COVID prevented us from doing one for the past two years. (See elsewhere in this issue for details.)

Growth—Cameron has still not met in person as the weather has been wet and cold. Perhaps they can begin meeting in April?

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

- April 2**—OSLC-WELCA Retreat (Rebekah Circle)
- April 17** — Easter Sunday
- April 19** — 6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Devotional/Prayer: Lydia
Refreshments: Cameron
- April 22-24**— SCWELCA Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat Center Bible Study
(www.scwelca.org)
- April 24**— OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Cameron Circle)
- May 5** — National World Day of Prayer (https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/announcing_the_2022)
- 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



Linda Griffith will attend the Convention in Newberry and expenses will be paid by the Board as Linda is the Triennial Coordinator and will have dual responsibilities as a non-board member and delegate from Our Saviour.

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

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Lots going on in April--Spring has come, a little more Lent. Holy Week and Easter. Oh, and April is National Lawn and Garden month. We'll quiz on that topic in the Bible.

1. According to Genesis 2, how is the Garden of Eden watered?
 - a. By a river
 - b. Gentle rains
 - c. Dew in the morning
 - d. A very expensive Rainbird® sprinkler system
2. In Genesis 13, Abram and Lot decide to part ways and lets Lot decide who goes where. Lot chooses this area because to him it looks lush and productive like "the Garden of God (Eden)". Where is it?
 - a. Egypt
 - b. The plains of the Jordan
 - c. Canaan
 - d. Augusta National Golf Club
3. In 1 Kings 21, King Ahab desires the garden of his neighbor Naboth. Naboth refuses to sell, but this less-than-honorable queen helps Ahab hatch a plot to get Naboth's garden. Who is it?
 - a. Bathsheba
 - b. Deborah
 - c. Jezebel
 - d. Maleficent
4. Gethsemane is featured in Matthew and Mark as a place Jesus does this activity during the Passion week. What is Jesus doing there?
 - a. Sleeping
 - b. Praying
 - c. Preaching
 - d. Chowing down on as many pomegranates as he can

5. In John 20, Mary Magdalene does not recognize her risen Lord. She believes he is _____.
 - a. A tender of sheep
 - b. A gardener
 - c. A new teacher
 - d. One of those nosy disciples who followed Jesus

BONUS: Luther's wife, Katherina Von Bora or Katy, was an excellent gardener by all reports and had a enormous herb garden. What were these herbs, mostly but not entirely, used for?

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

The past two weeks have been a blur for Wayne and me following my heart attack and two hospital stays in different cities.

We have felt so thankful and blessed from all the support, kindness, visits, delicious meals, and most importantly, your prayers. We have really "felt the love" from all of you. OSLC is the best and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again!

God's Blessings and peace be with you.

Marie and Wayne



Melodie Capole teaches the CC kids a few skills on the hand chimes

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.

Beth Boland
Chris Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Lydia Culp (sister of Don Horton)
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Dolores Hopkins
Marie Lybrand

Anne Moye
Jerry Richardson (friend of Herman & Elizabeth Shealty)
Willette Satterwhite
Kaitlyn Sawyer (granddaughter of Horace & Betty Meetze)
Marie Shealy (Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Heyward Wessinger

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Lybrand	4/01
Cal Raszewski	4/08
Jonathan Adkins	4/11
Hutton Raszewski	4/13
Russell Dawkins	4/15
Bob Graham	4/15
Sandra Hughes	4/21
Henry Henderson	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Kelly Heid	4/10
Trey & Amy Wallace	4/11
Phil & Sondra Urban	4/17
James & Melissa Vagts	4/19

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.



THE END OF THE SEMESTER

Classical Conversations will end the '21-'22 School Year on April 13, 2022. They will have a standardized testing day later, but their Final Assembly & Field Day will be on the 13th. It has been a successful year for them by all counts. Every week, they express enormous gratitude for the arrangement we have developed together. Thank you for your part in this ministry.

**Volunteers get the communion
 ware all shined up for the Holy Days**

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 April 18.

ANSWERS: 1, a. By a river; 2, b. The plains of the Jordan; 3, herbs
 c. Jezebel; 4, b. Praying; 5, b. A gardener; BONUS: Medicinal

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of our Saviour*

EASTER EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA

APRIL 9, 10-11:30 am



**Activities will begin the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt and activities for children ages, 2-10
Games and activities for all other ages
Light refreshments will be served**

To prepare for the children sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call 803-784-8180 or email oslc1957@sc.rr.com no later than Wednesday, April 6th. Please indicate the ages and number of children. Lydia Circle is still taking up wrapped candy and plastic eggs until April 6th. We have placed a box for them in the narthex, as well as a sign-up sheet. If you prefer to give a monetary donation see a Lydia Circle member.