

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!

If you have heard me in the pulpit over the past two years, you have heard me say this—“One of the bad things about this entire COVID crisis is that there will be no one to declare when it’s over.” I believe that—no President, no Governor, no one from the CDC, no school district superintendent. To steal a line from poet T. S. Eliot, “This is the way a COVID crisis ends, this is the way a COVID crisis ends, not with a bang but a whimper.”

I recently visited Lexington Medical Center. Just recently, when entry was allowed, temperatures were taken, and multiple questions were asked about symptoms, COVID tests, etcetera. This time, my mask was required, but all that was asked was “have you or member of your household tested positive for COVID in the past 14 days?” I asked the woman, “do you EVER hear a ‘yes?’” She shook her head “no” and kind of rolled her eyes. Maybe that’s the best we are going to get. I’ll take it.

So how do we celebrate? Here is my suggestion—invite someone to church. It is the best way to evangelize. I’ve done the unscientific survey from the pulpit—“how many of you made your first visit to this congregation because you were invited?” The results are always the same, raised hands were the majority. I never ask “have you invited someone to this church in the past ___ years?”

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Charles Nicolson, Secretary
April 2022

- The pastor expressed his disappointment at how few times his Lenten devotions have been shared. He was surprised to learn some on council do not know how to share YouTube material.
- The AC unit in the old high school room has been repaired for only \$364.
- Melodie Capole reported the number of events she and the students helped with during the month of March, including Shrove Tuesday entertainment and preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt. The report also included ideas and upcoming events. Gift cards will be sent to the students during exams., and Melodie is planning a meal for the students prior to exams.
- Pastor Lance may be using other Prayers of Intercession than the ones provided in the *Celebrate* insert, as is his prerogative.
- Council discussed ways to encourage members to come back to in-person worship now that COVID 19 danger is not as great.
- Chat and Snack was scheduled to resume the first Sunday after Easter.
- The congregation was to be asked whether Sunday School and/or weekday Bible study should be resumed.



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David Griffith, part of our leadership team, keeps saying "we need to let people know we are back in business." He's one hundred percent right. Our business is the worship of God Almighty and acts of ministry in His name. Let's get cracking and invite people you know to come along.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

P.S. Shout out to David (again) and to Steve Nivens. These guys used personal connections to save us a LOT of money on the repair of our exterior cross and the ongoing lighting redux in the Cameron Hallway and Narthex. Thank you, Gentlemen



RAZBERRIES

Sallie and David Hutto will be hosting Razberries May 14th. We will plan to meet at WECO Bottle & Biergarten, 626 Meeting Street at 5 pm. Please RSVP to Sallie (803) 414-6009 or email huttosallie@gmail.com. Details regarding food truck will follow at later date.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

May's meeting of Lutheran Men in Mission will again be at the Lizard's Thicket on Augusta Road, at 9 am on the third Monday, May 16.

MAY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS
May 1	Wayne & Marie Lybrand	*Need Volunteer
8	*Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer

15	Albert & Sue Drafts	Sylvia Ford
22	*Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer
29	*Need Volunteer	Isma Boland

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS
May 1	*Need Volunteer	Ruth Nicholson
8	Isma Boland	Pam Hanfland
15	*Need Volunteer	*Need Volunteer
22	*Need Volunteer	Frank Yonce
29	Gail Marcum	*Need Volunteer

<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
USHERS	
Chief *Need Volunteer	Gail Marcum
*Need Volunteer	Isma Boland
ALTAR GUILD	
*Need Volunteers	Rebecca Fingerlin & Kay Black
OFFERING PICKUP	
Beth Cleland	Gail Marcum
TELLERS	
Beth Cleland & Barney Keitt	Pam Hanfland & Linda Hill
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	
Frank Yonce	Bill Aull

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.



May 4
Monica, mother of Augustine
(ca. 331-387)

Widowed at age forty, mother of three, Monica especially hoped that the eldest, Augustine, would convert to her beloved Christianity. Augustine's ways were not her ways; he had, for example, fathered a child out of wedlock. It was only after he and Monica traveled to Italy to be with Christian leaders there that Augustine's conversion and baptism took place. Before they could finish the return trip to North Africa, Monica became sick and died. Augustine wrote at length in his *Confessions* about the pious life his mother had led and the example she had given for others to follow.

May 8
Julian of Norwich,
renewer of the church
(1342- ca. 1416)

History has given us few facts concerning Julian's life. She was one of medieval Christianity's female mystics. Her visions of Christ were collected in a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*. Julian was a nun living alone in a room attached to a church in Norwich, England. Her revelations came to her, she said, during an illness. In them, Julian sees Christ as a mother-figure whose love, like the ideal mother's, lasts forever in spite of children's disobedience and the need for parental discipline from time to time. To Julian, love is central to religious experience.

May 29
Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter
(1592-1637)

Son of a blacksmith in Silesia (now Poland), Tranovský studied at the University of Wittenberg and was ordained in 1616. In addition to teaching and preaching, he published collections of poems, prayers, and hymn texts. (See ELW #602, "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved," whose text he wrote.) Because he helped to advance the Protestant Reformation in central and eastern Europe, Tranovský has been called the "Luther of the Slavs." His influence on Slovak Lutheran worship extends to the present day.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 3/24 A message from the presiding bishop regarding an update on the listening panel
- 3/31 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering location announced
- 4/06 ELCA Church Council considers debt, discipline and a declaration to the Muslim community

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

March 27—April 24

WORSHIP—45



**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 Raszewsi (Leader),
Beverly Nivens (Recorder)

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

Our Saviour women seem to always have something going on. No joint meeting was held in April due to all the church activity around Easter. Please mark your calendars for a possible called meeting for nominations for officers for 2023. Thank you all for your support.

Action-Rebekah hosted the 2022 OSLC-WELCA Retreat at the church with 53 in attendance. A big THANK YOU to those six ladies in Rebekah who worked so hard to make that day outstanding for all who attended. Plans are underway for Rebekah’s annual luncheon outing in May — a trip to Ridgeway to Laura’s Tea Room. Our tentative date is Tuesday, May 24. If you’re interested in joining us, contact Linda Griffith as we will meet at the church and carpool. Watch the Bulletin for more details.

Community-Lydia was very busy with the Easter Egg Hunt in early April. There were 17 children present on that chilly morning. The assistance from our Youth/Young Adult group was superb. The enthusiasm and excitement that morning was so enjoyable to see. Thank you all for making the event a very memorable experience for those children and adults present! Lydia would like to thank all who donated candy, eggs, and money for the event. It was awesome! Now they are looking forward to planning a social event for the church.

Growth—Cameron collected funds for the Newberry College Women’s League and a check will be mailed for around \$125 by the OSLC-WELCA Treasurer. They were also busy cleaning the nursery as part of their annual duties during the spring. Several of their members continue to work with the Community Luncheons which returned in March and now will be held on the last Thursday of the month.

CONVENTION IS ALMOST HERE

Linda Griffith is the only OSLC-WELCA member who will attend the Convention in Newberry, She will be a voting delegate.

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

**Please remember to MARK YOUR CALENDARS
with the following dates:**

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

- May 5** — National World Day of Prayer (https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/announcing_the_2022)
- May 24— Rebekah Circe Annual Lunch Outing
- June 24-25** — (Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the ELCA Convention
- June—Sep.**—watch for date for a called meeting for nominations for officers for 2023
- 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

**Women of the ELCA
Purpose Statement**

As a community of women created
in the image of God,
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves to grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
Support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action,
and promote healing and wholeness
in the church, the society, and the world.

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Don't forget... Mother's Day is May 8! A Grapevine quiz saluting mothers.

1. Eve is the mother of us all. But Eve was the mother of three sons by name—Cain, Abel and a third. In Genesis 5, we discover his name. What is it?
 - a. Seth
 - b. Jared
 - c. Lamech
 - d. Adam, Jr.
2. In Genesis 27, we read of this mother conspiring with her favorite son to deceive his father. Who is she?
 - a. Hagar
 - b. Rebekah
 - c. Rachel
 - d. Debbie Downer
3. In Ruth 1, this mother-in-law treats Ruth like her own daughter after the death of her son.
 - a. Naomi
 - b. Orpah
 - c. Boaza
 - d. Oprah Winfrey
4. There are two miraculous pregnancies in Luke 1. Mary's obviously. Who is the other?
 - a. Anna
 - b. Lydia
 - c. Elizabeth
 - d. The woman who lived in a shoe
5. There is a pregnant mother in Revelation 12. What stands before her hoping to destroy her child when it is born?
 - a. A great red dragon
 - b. A plague of fire and ice
 - c. The four horsemen of the apocalypse
 - d. Planned Parenthood

BONUS: Augustine of Hippo was one of the great minds of the first millennia of Christianity. He credited his coming to the faith to his devout mother. She shares a name with one of the three female lead characters of the tv sitcom *Friends*. Later she made a saint by the church. Who is she?



Easter Egg Hunt

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 Shealy)
Willette Satterwhite
Kaitlyn Sawyer (granddaughter of Horace & Betty Meetze)
Marie Shealy (Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Heyward Wessinger

MAY BIRTHDAYS	
Brent Holcomb	5/04
Patsy Horton	5/05
Steve Nivens	5/08
Doris Wessinger	5/14
Kaitlyn Sawyer	5/18
Finley Lybrand	5/20
Wayne Haltiwanger	5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES	
David & Sallie Hutto	5/01
Wayne & Marie Lybrand	5/03
Stephen & Susan Bush	5/06
Albert & Sue Drafts	5/21
Jason & Susan Smith	5/26

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 May 23**

ANSWERS: 1, a. Seth; 2, b. Rebekah; 3, a. Naomi; 4, c. Elizabeth; 5, a. A great red dragon; BONUS-Monica

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Council is considering the issue of Christian Education (aka Sunday School). There are a number of attitudes that might be floating around the congregation.

“I can’t wait for Sunday School to start!”

“I think we should be having Sunday School, but I won’t probably attend.”

“Doesn’t matter to me.”

“I like the videos that PL does, but I won’t sit in a class.”

“I don’t want to get here early, I like that extra hour on Sunday morning.”

You might have one of these or another idea in mind. If so, let’s hear about your idea! Talk to Pastor Lance or Charles Nicholson.

