

# THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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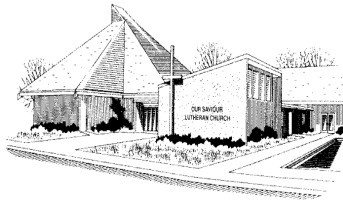
## **Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Without going into a detailed theological essay about God's "active will" and God's "passive will", I ask you to give me the benefit of doubt with this claim—Sometimes God grants our prayer requests and sometimes He doesn't. I can pray to win the lottery. God sits on his throne and hears my prayer—that is certain. I then imagine He rolls His holy eyes, and then responds to my prayer saying, "You know the odds. I invented probability. Good luck, Lance."

All these sorts of things have been rolling about in my head the last week or so. As you know, a young man of this congregation was involved in a serious auto accident. As it is indeed right and salutary, his family are using friends and social media asking for prayers. The response has been enormous. (I will hasten to add—if you don't ACTUALLY offer a prayer when responding on Facebook with the praying hands emoji, you are doing it wrong... say the prayer!) I responded with a message to the family (and hopefully all the readers and posters) with the admonition that we should all be praying for the miraculous to occur. The situation warranted it. And if you are familiar with the case, to date some *bona fide* miracles have been occurring! Thanks be to God.

But it has me thinking, are we playing it too safe in our prayers? And I think maybe we are. Several places in

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## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Charles Nicolson, Secretary  
May 2022

- The outdoor cross that suffered wind damage has been repaired.
- Income for the months of March and April was good.
- Melodie Capole, as director of Young Adult/Youth Ministry, organized help for the Easter egg hunt, offered a handbell class for *Classical Conversations*, and is considering a summer day camp and tutoring for SRAA students. She has contacted the USC Lutheran campus minister and is inviting USC students to our church.
- Gift cards were given to the students for exam time.
- A questionnaire will be sent to the congregation regarding Sunday School.
- The church will no longer be streaming Sunday services on Facebook and YouTube. All members are encouraged to return to in-person worship.
- Memorials and Gifts Team wants suggestions for items the church should add to its list for possible purchase using memorial and gift funds.

## **LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

Lutheran Men in Mission will not be meeting during June and July. Our next get together will be at Shealy's in Leesville at 1 pm on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The women of the congregation are invited to join us.

## **YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH NEWS**

Melodie Capole continues to do an outstanding job with our young adults and having them assist with special events. The Eggstravaganza/Easter Egg Hunt was a tremendous success due largely to their efforts.

We appreciate the congregation's continued prayers and financial support of this Young Adult/Youth Ministry. Designated gifts can be made to Our Saviour and earmarked for this ministry.

Thank you,  
The Young Adult/Youth Ministry Team

## **RAZBERRIES**

Please join Ann and Mark Satterwhite at their home on June 11<sup>th</sup> for a Razberries' gathering. More details to follow!



**Celebrate America!**



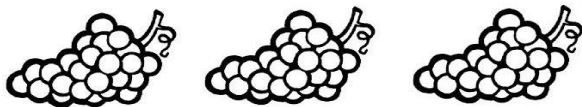
Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 3**. The Lydia Circle will be hosting a BBQ lunch after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall! Please plan to join us, wear your summer attire, and enjoy entertainment featuring patriotic music and activities! Sign up in the Narthex so there is an idea of the headcount. Thank you!

Scripture tell us to pray boldly, but we often seem to hedge our bets with reality, possibility and probability. Our prayers are often neutered by a lack of specificity. I see this in our printed prayers and, frankly, often in my own prayers. I am certainly not advocating some sort of prosperity gospel “name it and claim it” attitude, but I do think we can be bolder in our prayer. If your bolder prayer is not answered, it’s okay. God is wiser than you or me.

We can also widen our understanding of what a miracle is. A miracle simply is a sign that points to the power and presence of God. For example, if the families and people most intimately involved in the aftermath of the senseless shootings in Uvalde come to a sense of healing, that qualifies as a miracle to me.

Keep praying. And pray boldly.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Lance



## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

May 1-May 22

WORSHIP—31

## JUNE MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

June 5 *Gary & Kay Black*

12 *Charles & Ruth  
Nicholson*

19 *\*Need Volunteer*

26 *Linda Hill*

### GREETERS

*\*Need Volunteer*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*\*Need Volunteer*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 5 *Rebecca Fingerlin*

12 *\*Need Volunteer*

19 *Marie Lybrand*

26 *\*Need Volunteer*

### LECTORS

*Rebecca Fingerlin*

*Isma Boland*

*Marie Lybrand*

*Pam Hanfland*

### JUNE

#### USHERS

*Chief Gail Marcum*

*Isma Boland*

### JULY

*\*Need Volunteer*

*\*Need Volunteer*

#### ALTAR GUILD

*Rebecca Fingerlin  
& Kay Black*

*Wayne & Marie  
Lybrand*

#### OFFERING PICKUP

*Gail Marcum*

*Meredith Cleland*

#### TELLERS

*Pam Hanfland &  
Linda Hill*

*Beth Cleland &  
Barney Keitt*

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Bill Aull*

*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.



### **June 1 Justin, martyr at Rome (c.100-c.165)**

Born into a pagan family of Samaria, Justin became a devoted student of philosophy. His search for truth resulted in his conversion to Christianity, after which he taught at Ephesus and Rome and wrote treatises in defense of his religion. He and several of his students were denounced in Rome as Christians. When they refused to make a pagan sacrifice, they were beheaded.

### **June 3 The Martyrs of Uganda (died 1886)**

The martyrs were victims of King Mwanga's persecution of Christians. First to die was Joseph Mkasa Balikuddembe, who was beheaded after accusing the king of both loose living and the murder of an Anglican missionary. Later on, thirty-two Catholic and Protestant men and boys, some of them servants of the king, were burned alive together. A missionary witnessed the horrible event, and the Catholic Church declared the victims saints in 1964.

### **June 5 Boniface, Bishop of Mainz Missionary to Germany Martyr (680-754)**

Born an Englishman, Boniface is remembered best in Germany, for it is there that most of his life's work took place. As a young priest, Boniface went to Rome to ask the pope's permission to be a missionary to the German people. He spent the rest of his life preaching and setting up church organization there. He died at the hands of pagans during a missionary journey among the Frisians.

## ELCA PRESS RELEASES



### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*God's work. Our hands.*

- 4/28 ELCA Observes 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 5/02 An Open Letter to the Muslim Community
- 5/06 Erik Gronberg reelected bishop of ELCA Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod
- 5/11 A message from Presiding Bishop Eaton
- 5/17 A pastoral message on abortion
- 5/19 William Gohl reelected bishop of Delaware-Maryland Synod
- 5/19 ELCA statement on Buffalo mass murders
- 5/20 ELCA bishops urge Congress to support funds for Augusta Victoria Hospital
- 5/24 Paul Erickson reelected bishop of ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod



## MINISTRY NEEDS

If you look at June Ministries list on page 3, you will note there are several spaces marked “\*Need Volunteer”. Please consider volunteering. We are back to full worship.

## LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS

LSC is looking for “Ambassadors.” This volunteer position requires just a few hours a month working from your computer. For more information talk to Pastor Lance.



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

President — Linda Griffith  
(803-920-3975, [lindagriffith2@aol.com](mailto:lindagriffith2@aol.com))  
Vice President—Isma Boland  
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Treasurer — Ann Satterwhite  
(803-254-9934, [annsatterwhite2@gmail.com](mailto:annsatterwhite2@gmail.com))  
Secretary — (to be appointed as needed)  
Advisor — Sandra Hughes  
(803-796-9016, [smhughes@sc.rr.com](mailto: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)

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

**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](http://www.scwelca.org))  
- Mt. Tabor

**October 2** — 3-5 PM (Sunday) Joint OSLC  
WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)  
Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah  
Refreshments – Lydia

**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 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**



**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)

June is here and that means summertime will be too. Let's put the sun and some heat to the Grapevine Quiz. (Rerun from 2012)

1. In Joshua 10, there is the curious story of Joshua commanding the sun to stand still so that Israel might finish its battle against its enemies. How long is the sun stopped in the middle of the sky?
  - A. Forty days and forty nights
  - B. An afternoon
  - C. About a day
  - D. One hour, 23 minutes, 44 seconds
2. In Jonah 4, the prophet Jonah is sitting outside Nineveh waiting to see what will happen. What does the Lord provide to give him some relief from the heat?
  - A. A dark cloud
  - B. A fast growing bush
  - C. A gentle wind from the sea
  - D. A tailgating tent
3. What were the names of Daniel's three friends who were placed in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3?
  - A. Ham, Shem, and Japheth
  - B. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
  - C. Balthazar, Gaspar, and Melchior
  - D. Winken, Blinken, and Nod
4. In the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13), Jesus explains that sun scorching the seed sown on rocky ground is "is the man who hears the word ... receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root ... and when affliction or persecution arises ... he falls away." Which two problems encountered by seed are also used in Jesus' parable?
  - A. Seed sown and taken by birds
  - B. Seed sown among thorns
  - C. Seed sown which receives no rain
  - D. Seed sown where ox and sheep tread

5. Five chapters of Revelation (9, 14, 19, 20, and 21) all mention fire and brimstone. What is brimstone?
  - A. The coals used in a blacksmith's shop
  - B. Lava
  - C. Molten sulfur
  - D. Not known for certain, but likely parts of a recently landed meteorite

BONUS: Which beloved Christmas hymn proclaims "Hail, the Heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!"



**Master Gardeners:**  
**Frank & Charles**

# 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*  
*Doris Brown (mother of Linda Griffith's  
hairdresser)*  
*Greg Chapman*  
*Jeannie Chapman*  
*Linda Crapps*  
*Katie Doble*  
*Sue Drafts*  
*Don Ford*  
*Dolores Hopkins*

*Jack Hopkins*  
*Ann Moyer*  
*Bryson Raszewski*  
*Willette Satterwhite*  
*Kaitlyn Sawyer (granddaughter of Horace &  
Betty Meetze)*  
*Marie Shealy (Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)*  
*Mary Stocker*  
*DeLeon Wallace*  
*Heyward Wessinger*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Melba Murphy	6/02
Lucy Hughes	6/09
Steve Rucker	6/10
Sue Drafts	6/16
Susan Bush	6/17
Ruth Nicholson	6/17
Gerry Wiedemann	6/17
Traywick Keitt, Jr.	6/19
Savannah McRae	6/23
Michael McRae	6/26

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Kay Black	6/01
Heyward & Doris Wessinger	6/05
Meredith & Beth Cleland	6/25

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 June 20**



ANSWERS: 1. C. About a day; 2. B. A fast growing bush;  
3. B. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; 4. A. Seed sown  
and taken by birds & B. Seed sown among thorns; C.  
Molten sulfur; BONUS: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

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of our Saviour***

## SCAMS

This seems to be an increasing problem. Scams that involve the use of someone you know attached to an dubious email address and an appeal for money or gift cards. I ALMOST fell for one of these myself with the bishop's name on it.

Making an appeal for money is part of my job. However, I will only make those in the Sunday morning announcements, the bulletin announcements, the *Grapevine*. Less likely, but possible, I may make an appeal from MY email address, [oslcpastor@sc.rr.com](mailto:oslcpastor@sc.rr.com), or from the e-vine, [evine@oursaviour.net](mailto:evine@oursaviour.net). Any other email address is a scam, regardless if my name or partial use email address (e.g. [oslcpastor22@gmail.com](mailto:oslcpastor22@gmail.com) would be a scam.)

If you get an email that looks fishy, here's what to do:

- Do not respond to that email.
- Block that email address, if you know how.
- Delete that email.

You do not need to tell me that you received it.

As long as you don't respond, no harm will come.