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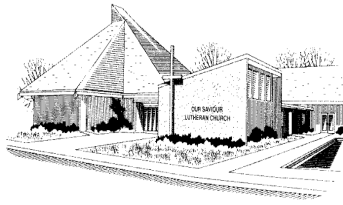
**Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and
our Lord Jesus Christ!**

According to the long term forecasts, our summer is going to be dogger than average. I think June was a good hint at that. The “dog days of summer” are the hot sultry days of summer named so because the star Sirius (“the dog star”) which is “ascending” in that time of the year. I do not put much stock in ancient Greek astrology, but having been raised in Texas and now living in SC for almost two decades, I (like you) have experienced many hot, sultry, summer days.

But things are heating up around here, too. I think, for most churches, there is a new normal being established. COVID restrictions are relaxing, people are participating, and there is an enthusiasm to do SOMETHING. If you saw crowds at the South Carolina Synod Assembly or the the attendance at Heyward Wessinger’s funeral, you know that people do not mind getting close together. People traveling on well earned vacations means that attendance will reflect, as Brent Holcomb calls it, “Summer Attendance—Summer (some are) here, Summer (some are) not.” Usually our social ministries and leadership take some time off in the summer, but not all. We are having our July 3 celebration and other events. And there are some new things going on. Parents affiliated with the *Classical Conversations* group that meets here are having both a music for toddlers meeting on Thursday, and later in July there will be a two week Theater summer camp meeting at OSLC.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Charles Nicolson, Secretary
June 2022

- The church's income is sufficient to meet expenses at this time; however, we have not yet made any payments to the Synod this year.
- The council decided to table the issue of security cameras for further consideration by the Memorials and Gifts Team.
- The church will use memorial funds to buy three brass trays for communion cups and a brass communion bread tray.
- The pastor said he is glad he no longer has to spend time preparing videos of the service and can use that time for visitation. He reported many visits to members in May.
- The pastor is working with Classical Conversations on repairs to the playground with the addition of a gaga ball pit and tetherball. Most of the expense and work for this will be provided by Classical Conversations.
- The council approved the use of the church by people associated with Classical Conversations for a drama camp during two weeks in July and also by Melodie Capole for a handbell camp.
- There has been very little response to the request for opinions about Sunday School and weekday Bible study. The pastor is considering video presentations like "Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance" in the future.

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH NEWS

Summer activities for the young adults are abbreviated due to school being out. However, Melodie and those available are making plans to assist with activities and music for the "Celebrate America" event on July 3rd following the worship service. It will certainly be entertaining for everyone!

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

Thank you,
Young Adult/Youth Ministry Team

RAZBERRIES

The Razberries will be hosted by the Hortons on July 9. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the South Congaree House of Pizza. They have a fairly wide selection of Italian and Greek entrees as well as, of course, pizza. If you like Italian desserts be sure to save room for the Cannelloni. It is awesome. In order to reserve the correct amount of space please respond to Don at 803-606-1514 or donh227@sc.rr.com by Wednesday July 6 so reservations can be made with the restaurant.



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!

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I'm not singing "Happy days are here again". There is still a worrisome war in Europe. The economic picture is shaky or, at the very least, unpredictable. I tend to be distrustful of economic predictions. I don't recall hearing about gas prices heading over \$4.00 per gallon before it happened, but here we are. Maybe someone was talking about it, but I never heard them.

Who am I to declare the COVID? So I won't say it. But it sure is starting to feel that way to me. And just like ancient Israel poured its thanksgiving on the God who brought them through tough times, so we too can shout out "Thanks be to God!"

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

May 29-June 19

WORSHIP—33

JULY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

July 3 *Melba Murphy*

10 **Need Volunteer*

17 *Bill Aull*

24 **Need Volunteer*

31 *Frank Yonce*

GREETERS

Melba Murphy

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

Linda Hill

**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 3 *Melba Murphy*

10 *Gail Marcum*

17 **Need Volunteer*

24 **Need Volunteer*

31 **Need Volunteer*

LECTORS

Melba Murphy

Sylvia Ford

**Need Volunteer*

Wayne Lybrand

**Need Volunteer*

JULY

USHERS

Chief **Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

AUGUST

Isma Boland

Gail Marcum

ALTAR GUILD

*Wayne & Marie
Lybrand*

*Gail Marcum &
Linda Griffith*

OFFERING PICKUP

Meredith Cleland

Isma Boland

TELLERS

*Beth Cleland &
Barney Keitt*

*Linda Griffith &
Gail Marcum*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Gary Black

Herman Shealy

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.



July 17
Bartolomé de Las Casas,
Missionary to the Indies
(1474-1566)

While serving in the Spanish military, Las Casas traveled to the West Indies, where he was awarded an estate complete with native slaves. When he joined the priesthood in 1512, as perhaps the first to be ordained in the New World, Las Casas freed his slaves. From then on, he devoted much of his missionary work to improving the lot of the Indians of the Caribbean and Central America, despite opposition from fellow Spaniards. After his retirement, this “Apostle of the Indies” used the written word to continue fighting for humane treatment of New World natives.

July 29
Olaf, King of Norway,
Martyr
(995-1030)

As a young man, Olaf Haraldsson accompanied his foster father on Viking raids. After being baptized in France at about age nineteen, Olaf returned to his native Norway with an army and made himself the country’s ruler within a year. He supported Christianity over paganism and revised Norwegian law, enforcing it impartially. Danish and Swedish armies then drove him from power into exile. Soon after Olaf returned to Norway, he was killed in battle. He is revered as Norway’s patron saint, and his deeds are often extolled in stories and visual art. A cathedral was built over his burial site in Trondheim, Norway.

July 29

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Lazarus and his sisters offered friendship and hospitality to Jesus. Thanks to the Gospel writers, these three lives have even greater significance. Mary’s anointing of Jesus stands for pure devotion. Her attentiveness to Jesus’ words while Martha busied herself preparing food and drink has rendered these women symbols of two aspects of the Christian life—namely, contemplation and action. Jesus’ raising of Lazarus from death points to believers’ hope for new life in Christ.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God’s work. Our hands.

- 5/26 Response to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas
- 5/27 Sierra Pacific Synod: Bishop’s Report to the Church.
- 5/31 David Nagler elected bishop of the ELCA Pacifica Synod
- 6/01 Release of the Listening Team Report
- 6/06 A message from Presiding Bishop Eaton
- 6/08 Scott Alan Johnson elected bishop of ELCA Nebraska Synod
- 6/10 Daniel Beaudoin reelected bishop of ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod
- 6/14 William Gafkjen reelected bishop of ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod
- 6/14 Bishop Eaton participates in Emanuel Nine commemoration event
- 6/15 World Refugee Day 2022



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

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

Summer is here and boy is it H O T! It's already been a very busy one trying to get back into the church with all our group meeting. It's so nice to finally catch up with everyone and hear about all the good we continue to do. The Retreat was a big success and the Social Event will be within the week of you receiving this newsletter.

Action-Rebekah was unable to go to Laura's Tea Room for their annual outing; however, plans are for a summer luncheon somewhere where it'll be C O O L! Several recommendations for the Retreat profits has been made but no decision has been made. The Hospitality Teams have been active with several restaurant gift cards presented.

Community-Lydia continues to meet with very interesting discussions. They are also looking forward to the big SOCIAL EVENT on July 3rd. If you have not signed up to come, please call the church office! It will be a celebration you won't want to miss!

Growth—Cameron continues to be inactive; however, very busy around the church helping out with the Thursday luncheons and the hospitality teams.

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

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

July-August-September — 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 (2023 officer 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)

Not surprisingly, July is National Grilling Month. So let's toss some food on the grill (or altar, as many a case will be) and do this month's Bible quiz!

1. In Genesis 4, God accepts Abel's offering to Him—the first of his flocks. But rejected Cain's offering. What was it?
 - a. The weakest of his flocks
 - b. Incense
 - c. The first fruits of the ground
 - d. Firecrackers
2. As God is making a covenant with Noah after the flood in Genesis 9, He allows Noah and his descendants to eat something new. What is it?
 - a. Pork! From snout to tail!
 - b. The flesh of animals, but not the blood
 - c. Only foods deemed "kosher"
 - d. Gummi-worms
3. In 1 Kings 18, Elijah calls the prophets of Baal to a contest which may have been called "Whose god can light a fire for a sacrifice?" The prophets of Baal build prepare an bull on the altar and try in vain to have Baal light it. Elijah prepares his bull and altar, but beforehand ups the stakes. What does he do?
 - a. Pours water over it three time
 - b. Declares he will pray silently
 - c. Says God will burn the sacrifice and the prophets
 - d. Says the word that will start the fire is "abracadabra".
4. In Luke 2 when the newborn Jesus is presented in the temple, what does his family bring as the offering to be burned?
 - a. Two turtledoves
 - b. An unblemished lamb
 - c. Frankincense from the Magi
 - d. A crisp fresh \$50 bill

5. In a post-resurrection appearance in John 21, Jesus is grilling on the beach. What's cooking?
 - a. Two turtledoves
 - b. Fish
 - c. Flatbread
 - d. Burgers, of course!

BONUS: What is frankincense made from?



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Men in Mission will not be meeting in 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.

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.

THANK YOU

To Pastor Lance and our Church Family,

Thanks to all of you for remembering Albert and me during my recovery from a fall. Your calls, cards, visits, food, and especially your prayers helped ease the pain of these past weeks.

God's Blessings to you all,
Sue Drafts

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
 Greg Chapman
 Jeannie Chapman
 Linda Crapps
 Katie Doble
 Don Ford
 Dolores Hopkins
 Ann Moye*

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Withrow	7/11
Meredith Cleland	7/14
Bill Aull	7/17
Tori Smith	7/17
Elizabeth Shealy	7/19
Jim Garner	7/20
Sallie Hutto	7/20
Trey Wallace	7/20
Frank Yonce	7/22
Hampton Lybrand	7/24
Rebecca Fingerlin	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Sylvia Ford	7/13
Dan & Pam Hanfland	7/31

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 July 25.**



ANSWERS: 1, c. The first fruits of the ground; 2, b. The flesh of animals, but not the blood; 3, a. Pours water over it three times; 4, a. Two turtledoves; 5, b. Fish; BONUS—
 Frankincense is the aromatic resin or sap from certain trees in the area.

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*living in the light
of our Saviour*



School is just around the corner — literally, the Saluda River Academy for the Arts is just one block behind Our Saviour and the beginning of school is less than 45 days away.

Rather than have donations brought to the church for delivery to the school, the school has requested that we order items

online and have them delivered directly to them. This has worked out quite well as the Elderberries have placed two orders this way.

Donations are welcome and we are asking that checks be made out to OSLC and *SRAA Snacks/Supplies* be written in the Notes Line. Your donations will be recorded and reported on your financial statements.

For more information, please contact Linda Hill or Linda Griffith.