

THE GRAPEVINE

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

This summer we tried to poll the congregation regarding a renewal of Christian education opportunities here at Our Saviour. We got a smattering of replies, not as many as I had personally hoped. We got the education team together and studied the responses and formulated some response. For the near term future, here is our plan.

1. Sunday School will not be returning soon. Even some avid participants in the previous Sunday School classes admitted that they appreciate the extra time on Sunday mornings. This shouldn't surprise us. When we tried to reboot Chat 'n' Snack at the beginning of this summer, the response was not enough to keep it going. Of course, Sunday School is **NOT RULED OUT** as a future reality, but for the near term, we will not attempt a reboot. There is no law to have Sunday School. In fact there was never Sunday School until the 19th century! So while certainly the Scriptures are intended to be studied, there is nowhere in the Scriptures that say it must happen 60 minutes before worship begins.
2. Evening Bible Study was also examined. We had a lot of success over the years with that ministry begun by Jesse Corbett. But you may not have realized this, but we are all getting older over the past 13 years. Many previous participants are not comfortable driving after dark. So it seems like a non-starter for now.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 2022

- The church's income for June and July did not fully cover expenses. We must consider reducing expenses.
- Classical Conversations has returned for the fall semester. Pastor Lance is working with some of the group's fathers to set up a gaga ball pit and tetherball (both of which the group has purchased).
- There is a marble-topped table in one of the Sunday School rooms that is dangerous. (The marble top is not securely attached to the frame.) Does anyone know where this table came from?
- We will order fewer boxes of stewardship envelopes for 2023, which means that you will have a new envelope number. Contributions will still be credited to the correct people!
- There will be a "Welcome Back" lunch after church on a Sunday in September
- Melodie Capole and Young Adults are planning a Trunk or Treat event on October 30. Melodie also wants to start Sunday School and Children's Church on the first and third of each month beginning in September.
- Weekly Bible Study will resume at 10:30, Tuesday morning, September 6.
- The council is considering placement of indoor security cameras
- New communion trays have arrived.

RAZBERRIES

Many Razberries will be out of town on September 10. Pastor Lance will host Razberries at El Jimador Restaurant of West Columbia on Saturday, September 17 at 7:00pm.

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH NEWS

Wishing all our young adults and youth another exciting and productive school year. In light of the upcoming semester, YAYM hosted a Filipino cuisine themed dinner that welcomed all returning students. We served chicken kabobs, BBQ riblets, garlic fried rice, and lumpia (fried spring rolls). Some members were eager to learn the techniques of rolling lumpia and rolled over 100 for all to share...a group effort!



Later, PL provided a blessing for all students to have a successful and joyous year of learning, making new friends, and having fun. May the local schools be safe havens where all students are free from physical threat, protected against evil doers, and safe from emotional harm. Going back to school is a reason for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future. Best of luck to all!

ELDERBERRIES OR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US

It has been a long time since we have gathered to share in *fellowship*, and we are trying to get back in routine. Plans are to gather on the third Thursday in September (September 15th) at noon for a light lunch. We will discuss the future of our group as well as talk about speakers and dates to meet. Linda Hill and Linda Griffith will prepare the meal. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the Bulletin Board.

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3. Weekday Bible Study—this one we will reboot. Our previous Bible Study was on Tuesday. So no real need to change it. Some commented that it did inconveniently abut against the noon lunch hour, so we will hold it from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. But we also need your help. What shall we study? The first one occurs on Tuesday, September 6. I will give a presentation that I prepared for LMM that looked at some of the artwork that is here at OSLC. It was well-received, and is brief enough to allow time for discussion of how we should direct the course.

PLEASE COME AND LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Men in Mission will return to its normal schedule with breakfast at 9 AM, Monday, September 19, at the Lizard's Thicket on Augusta Road. Pastor Lance will have the program.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS
Sep 4	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
11	<i>Doris Wessinger</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
18	<i>Barney & Loleta Keitt</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
25	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Melba Murphy</i>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS
Sep 4	<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
11	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>
18	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>
25	<i>Virginia Morris</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
USHERS	
Chief <i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
ALTAR GUILD	
<i>Rebecca Fingerlin & Kay Black</i>	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>
OFFERING PICKUP	
<i>Mark Satterwhite</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
TELLERS	
<i>Linda Griffith & Loletta Keitt</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Melba Murphy</i>
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	
<i>Mark Satterwhite</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>

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.



September 13 **John Chrysostom, Bishop of** **Constantinople** **(c. 346-407)**

Raised a Christian in Antioch, John studied law and theology. His service to the church began with ordination as a deacon. In 386 he became a priest and devoted himself to preaching, at which he was very skillful. He earned the name Chrysostom (Greek for “golden mouth”) and attracted a large following. However, during subsequent service as patriarch of Constantinople, John Chrysostom attempted reforms which angered powerful church officials as well as the emperor and his wife. He was ultimately removed from office and forced into exile. He died during an exhausting journey in severe weather. John is revered as one of the key figures of the early church.

September 16 **Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage,** **martyr** **(c. 200 - c. 258)**

A native of North Africa, Cyprian became a Christian at age forty-six, was ordained a priest, and became the bishop at Carthage soon after that. He had to care for his fellow Christians in covert ways because of persecution by imperial authorities. Cyprian believed strongly in the need for unity in the church, so he urged compassion for those Christians who had compromised their faith under pressure from Rome. When Cyprian was asked to renounce his own Christianity, his refusal led to his beheading.

September 18 **Dag Hammarskjöld,** **renewer of society** **(1905-1961)**

Swedish statesman and international peace-maker, Dag Hammarskjöld began his career as a teacher before entering civil service. He as an astute financial expert whose influence extended beyond Sweden’s borders following World War II. Two years after joining his country’s delegation to the United Nations, he became the UN’s second secretary-general. He was instrumental in bringing peaceful ends to conflicts in the Middle East in the 1950s. In 1961, while on a peace mission to the Congo, Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for that year. The depth of his spiritual life and devotion is evident in the book called *Markings*, based on his diaries.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

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- 8/11 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly elects new vice president
- 8/18 ELCA Fund for Leaders awards TEEM scholarships
- 8/19 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

June 31-August 21

WORSHIP—42



As this year draws to an end, We all need to address elections in our circles as well as our Unit WELCA Board. A budget for 2023 needs to be planned. I would like to visit each circle in September so I would appreciate a contact from someone to let me know when it is convenient with a location and time. Plans are to have our Joint Meeting in October.

Action-Rebekah will be meeting on the second Tuesday in September due to Labor Day and scheduling. Plans are to be back on our regular first Monday in October. A continuation of the Service Project is planned. Through August the Hospitality Teams have provided nine meals to those who have been hospitalized or had outpatient surgery and coordinated one funeral meal.

Community-Lydia has completed two of their three objectives—the Easter Egg Hung and the July 4th extravaganza ‘Celebrate America’ which was the social event of the year with some 80 in attendance with BBQ, games, and lots of singing. Check out August’s Grapevine for photographs. They also completed their study on the book, **The Rock The Road and the Rabbi**. Plans will begin soon for the 2023 Retreat.

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

CONVENTION UPDATE—June 23-25

Hope everyone received *The Ripple* via email in August and saw all the wonderful things we did at Convention. Some 121 delegates, speakers, and visitors attended the two-day event which included workshops, ingathering offering, shopping, and business. Elections were held for Vice President, Secretary, and several board members. Amanda Boatwright was re-elected to serve as V-P, Shari Donley as the new Secretary and the following were elected/re-elected to serve on the board: Diane Wicker, Cindy McManus, Linda Roland, and Denise Warren. All of the board members along with speakers are outlined in the *Vice President’s Report* in the SCWELCA newsletter along with contact information. (If you did not receive the newsletter, let me know as it is free to all who want to receive it via email.) Also elected were four delegates to the Triennial — LaTynia Taylor (Living Springs, Columbia/Midlands), Ella Haley-Schumpert (Emmanuel, West Columbia/Saxe Gotha), Sarah Cheesman (Bethel, Leesville/Heartland), and Patricia George (St. Miohaels, Greenville/Foothills). Linda Roland will serve as an alternate.

As part of the Board’s continuing commitment to ‘expand the Circle of SC Women of the ELCA’, check out WELCA.org or the SCWELCA.com websites for devotional and program resources and stay connected with our magazine and other publications. You can always join on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/SCWELCA>.

Our Saviour was not charged for my registration or hotel accommodations during Convention this year as I am the 2023 Triennial Coordinator and considered part of the board.

The most important part of the program was the report on the Newberry College Nursing Scholarship establishment when it was announced that the goal had been far exceeded. During the presentation on July 12th at Newberry College, members of the board presented the college with a check for \$24,795.32. WOW! I am so proud to say Our Saviour donated to this scholarship’s initial funding and look forward to future donations by OSLC. Check **The Ripple** for all the details in Treasurer’s Report by Virginia Herlong.

Please remember to MARK YOUR CALENDARS with the following dates:

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

September — OSLC WELCA President to visit circles

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 nominations for officers’ report/election with a proposed budget)
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 Satterwhiite

September 22-24, 2023— WELCA Triennial Convention & Gathering, Phoenix, AZ

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Labor day 2022 is Monday, September 5. Let's look at occupations in the Bible. (It's not all shepherds!)

- Genesis 9 tells us that Noah was the first one of these.
 - Cattle rancher
 - Stone cutter
 - Vintner
 - Door-to-door salesman
- In 1 Samuel 8, Israel wants a king instead of a judge. God tells Samuel to tell them "okay, but a king will make your daughters become _____". What profession?
 - Perfumers
 - Cooks
 - Bakers
 - All the above
- In Matthew 13 and Mark 6, Joseph, Jesus' earthly father the Greek word tekton is frequently translated to "carpenter". However the Greek word means Joseph could also been skilled working with what?
 - Metal
 - Brick
 - Stone
 - All the above
- When Jesus calls Matthew to be his disciple, Matthew is working his job as a _____.
 - Tax collector
 - Fisherman
 - Roman centurian
 - Taxi driver
- Colossians 4 tells us that, prior to becoming an evangelist, Saint Luke was this profession.
 - Scribe
 - Tax Collector
 - Physician
 - Electrician

BONUS: From a Middle English word that means "seedbed", these institutions are important for training ministers in the life of the church. What are they?



Summer Theater Camp had a production of "The Wizard of Oz"

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.

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

*Willette Satterwhite
 Marie Shealy (Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
 Mary Stocker
 DeLeon Wallace*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Alan Hunter	9/07
Danny Boland	9/11
Ben Lemons	9/11
Horace Meetze	9/16
Elizabeth Johnson	9/25
Virginia Morris	9/25
Avery Lybrand	9/26
Emily Heid	9/27
Shelby Kehrer	9/27
Garry Monts	9/28

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
DeLeon & Jane Wallace	9/09
Barney & Loleta Keitt	9/20

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.



LMM August outing to Shealy'

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, September 19.**

ANSWERS: 1, c. Vintner; 2, d. all the above; 3, d. All of the above; 4, a. Tax collector; 5, c. Physician; BONUS Seminars

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FRIED CHICKEN MEAL

DO YOU KNOW?

DO YOU KNOW THAT SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHICKEN MONTH? IN RECOGNITION OF THIS, PLAN TO JOIN US FOR CHURCH AND CHICKEN ON SUNDAY, **SEPTEMBER 25TH!** LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SIGN UP! DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH MINISTRY.