

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!

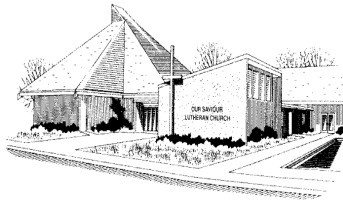
You may have picked up on it, or you may have not, but I have mentioned a few times in this season after Pentecost that God desires his people to strive for wisdom. I'm not sure why this seems so prevalent this year as we go through Luke, but it is. I suppose that is the point of repeating the lectionary—Scripture has a funny way of revealing its purposes after the umpteenth reading rather than just the first time.

We do not always see that God is calling us to be wise. Sadly, most Christians think that an insipid “niceness” is what we are being called toward. And while we are called to be a harmonious community and at be at peace with those outside our faith, we are also instructed to “speak the truth in love” (Eph 4:15). Also we are called to “be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect” (1 Pet 3:15b-16a). There is a tension in those admonitions.

Biblical wisdom is NOT simply having enough smarts to be a Jeopardy! champion—far from it. In fact it has little to do with that. I had a professor teach me that Psalm 46's “Be still and know that I am God” has an unseen inferred clause. A better reading might be “Be still and know that I am God—and you are not!” I think that is quite correct and a better understanding of what Biblical wisdom is.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 2022

- Income in August was \$8,740, while expenses were over \$15,000. Although reduced income can be expected during summer months, we will need to find ways to reduce expenses and be encouraged to give, whether in person, online, or by mail. Teams will be reviewing their budget lines before a proposed budget is prepared.
- There was a back-to-school dinner for the young adults. Students were given gift cards.
- We are still trying to get a new door for the entrance nearest the church office.
- An overflowing refrigerator in the sacristy caused minor damage to a cabinet. The refrigerator is no longer needed and will be removed.
- There was good response to the Tuesday Bible study.
- For those concerned about the use of the church building by *Classical Conversations*, the pastor assured us that the children are well supervised.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Men in Mission will meet for breakfast at the Lizard's Thicket on Augusta Road at 9 AM on Monday, October 17. Ben Lemons will have the program.

ATTENTION ALL ELDERBERRIES

New and Old!

We know there are a lot more of you out there 55 and over — so come join us on October 20 at noon for lunch and to hear our speaker. Bernie Aaron, Social Worker from the SRAA. Elizabeth Shealy, Linda Hill, and Doris Wessinger will be our hostesses.

Our group is open for all to join!

RAZBERRIES OKTOBERFEST

Marie and Wayne are hosts for October. We will be celebrating Oktoberfest at Julia's German Restaurant on Thursday, October 13th, at 6:30 pm. Julia's does not take weekend reservations. Please RSVP to Marie at 803-397-0503 by Monday, October 10th. Hope to see you there!

FREE CONCERT SERIES

The Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the fall Rhythm on the River free Concert series for the month of October. These will be held on each of the four Friday nights in October from 6pm to 9pm. The first concert on October 7th will feature Phil Urban and Elizabeth Urban. Phil will be doing his tribute to Elvis Presley along with popular variety songs. Elizabeth will be singing popular songs along with some country songs. These concerts will be held at the Riverwalk Amphitheater 109 Alexander Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. The Riverwalk Amphitheater is located near the Gervais Street bridge on the West Columbia side. A Food Truck will be there each Friday for food to be purchased during the concert. For more information and the food truck info for each Friday can be found by visiting their website.

<https://www.cwcchamber.com/rhythm-on-the-river/>

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Of course, you might be saying to yourself right now, "I don't think I'm God." But I urge you to reflect on those times when you pray and it sounds like a laundry list to God of the things you think He should be doing. This is nothing new. In our Tuesday Bible Study (the one you have thought about attending, and really should), we were studying the Fall in Genesis 3. "To be like God" is exactly what the serpent used to tempt Eve. In other words, it goes back a ways.

Keeping listening to God's call to His people to be wise. Look back at the person you used to—the one who knew all the answers. Now you know that you don't. Hey look at you, you've gotten a little wiser!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR 2022 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT!!

We need your help to make this a big success and super fun time for the children in our community, so we are asking for candy donations. Please make sure the candy you donate is individually wrapped. Your donations will be a big help in making this celebration a SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!!!!

OCTOBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Oct 2	<i>Albert & Sue Drafts</i>	<i>Jim & Theresa Garner</i>
9	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
16	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Herman & Elizabeth Shealy</i>
23	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>David & Linda Griffith</i>
30	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>

GREETERS

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Oct 2	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Elizabeth Shealy</i>
9	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
16	<i>Virginia Morris</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
23	<i>Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Linda Griffith</i>
30	<i>Virginia Morris</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>

LECTORS

OCTOBER

USHERS

Chief	<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Mark Satterwhite</i>
	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>

NOVEMBER

ALTAR GUILD

<i>*Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Beverly Nivens & Kelly Heid</i>
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OFFERING PICKUP

<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
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TELLERS

<i>Beth Cleland & Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Linda Hill</i>
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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Frank Yonce</i>
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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.



October 23 **James of Jerusalem, martyr** **(died ca. 62 A. D.)**

James may or may not have been the brother of Jesus, since the Aramaic word for “brother” can also mean “cousin.” In any case, James does not seem to have been a disciple until after the resurrected Christ appeared to him. Both St. Paul’s writings and the Book of Acts tell of James’ leadership position in the church at Jerusalem; he may have been its first bishop. The writings mention that James encouraged Jews to adhere to their law but not to impose it on Gentile converts. According to Jewish historian Josephus, James was stoned to death in 62.

October 26 **Philipp Nicolai, hymnwriter** **(1556-1608)**

This pastor, poet, and composer studied theology at Erfurt and Wittenberg and served several congregations with distinction. It was during his time in Unna that the plague killed 1300 of his parishioners. Nicolai wrote a book of meditations for his grieving flock. As an appendix to this volume, he penned “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” (see ELW 436) and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” (see ELW 308), writing both texts and melodies of the hymns. These two chorales are among the most highly regarded and widely sung in Christendom. Their tunes have inspired other authors to write texts for them, extending Nicolai’s contributions even further.

October 26

Johann Heermann, hymnwriter **(1585-1647)**

This Lutheran pastor and hymnwriter was born in Silesia and showed an aptitude for poetry early in life. After completing his studies, Heermann served the church at Koeben from 1611 to 1638, the year that tuberculosis forced him to retire from the ministry. His hymns were frequently intended for family devotions and reflect attitudes of personal prayer and a need for spiritual comfort. Of the three hymns by Heermann in the ELW (#349, 675, 806), the first, “Ah, Holy Jesus,” is perhaps the best example of the heartfelt poetry he wrote about human sin and Jesus’ sacrifice. Johann Heermann has been called the greatest Protestant hymnwriter between Martin Luther and Paul Gerhardt.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

9/09 ELCA congregations observe “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

August 28-September 18

WORSHIP—50



September has already come and gone and circles have been getting back together; however, as your President, I was not able to visit Cameron or Lydia last month. Hopefully, I can visit them early this month so we can have our JOINT MEETING ON OCTOBER 16 — Note date change in order to meet with circles to encourage nominations for elections and prepare a proposed budget for 2023.

Action-Rebekah meets on the first Monday and plans to meet on October 3. Plans are to meet at the church at 10:30. Patsy Horton is scheduled to have the program and Brenda Tisdale and Sandra Hughes will provide light refreshments. Through September, the Hospitality Teams have provided ten meals to those who have been in the hospital or had outpatient surgery and coordinated one funeral meal.

Community-Lydia is currently pondering ideas for their programs in 2023 as well as the 2023 Retreat with details being announced in January. They will be sharing short devotionals from the book **BE JOYFUL** by Joyce Meyer for the remainder of 2022 which is a daily guide based on the teaching of Paul which can help you experience joy-filled living every day. They meet the second Monday of the month. Beverly Nivens will be the hostess for October.

Growth—Cameron continues to be inactive; however, they are continuing their duties as the Mission Growth Team, serving on Hospitality and the Altar Guild.

SAXE GOTHIA CONFERENCE MEETING UPDATE—September 18, 2022

There were 29 present at the meeting including three board members. This included only four of the eleven Saxe Gotha Churches — OSLC, Emmanuel, Transfiguration, and St. David (host). Of course, the refreshments were delicious with fruit, cookies, and brownies — and all homemade! The Spring Meeting is scheduled for Sandy Run on March 19th. The offering collected today totaled \$107 showing a new balance of \$155.08. Only two church had sent in \$10 dues to date. \$100 will

be sent to the Retreat Centers. Dallas Shealy was our speaker and gave an overview of the Retreat Centers — Camp Kinard and the Coastal Retreat Center. They are hosting a number of events and encourage churches to get on their calendar now for 2023.

DID YOU KNOW? Camp Kinard covers 325 beautiful wooded acres and plans are underway to have the new pool ready by summer in a new location with sea salt water. They have a zip line, sponsor music camps, boy scout sleep overs among many other events. They also have RV sites with and without hookups! The Coastal Retreat Center has a new roof and rooms have been somewhat updated. They have hosted the *Holy City Spirits*, *Charleston Lights*, and *Coastal Crafting retreats*.

A 'Fill My Cup' Tea Party was scheduled for September 25 and plans are for a Spring one. This would be an ideal time to work with them for a possible retreat? Some plans for Convention scheduled for June 23-24 at Zion (Lexington) were outlined; however, nothing is final as the Board is scheduled to meet during September.

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

October 16 — NOTE DATE CHANGE 3-5 PM
Sunday) Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting
(2023 nominations for officers report/election
with a proposed budget)
Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah
Refreshments – Lydia

**December 4 — Immediately following Worship
Service** – WELCA Executive Meeting (circle
leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

2023 Events

February 24-25 — Bible Study by Pastor Lisa Eisenhower is scheduled at Camp Kinard. This will be a Bible Study and participants will need their Bible.

May 5-7 — at the Isle of Palms with Risse Snelgrove as the leader.

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

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

It's October and the autumn colors are on their way. Colors in the Bible seem like a good idea to us!

1. Genesis 3 tells the story of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil tempting Eve by its appearance. What color is that fruit?
 - a. Red
 - b. Green
 - c. It's not said
 - d. Like Skittles... it's a rainbow!
2. Exodus 39 instructs the Jews on the colors of priestly garments. What color/s are given?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Purple
 - c. Crimson
 - d. All the above
3. Ezekiel 23 tells of two promiscuous sisters. One sister, Ohalah, is living in Egypt consorting with Assyrian warriors and leaders. The Assyrian warriors wore clothes of what color?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Gold
 - c. White
 - d. Camo
4. Mark 9 tells the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. What color does his robes turn to?
 - a. White
 - b. Gold
 - c. We are not told
 - d. Amazing technicolor
5. What color is the dragon of Revelation 12?
 - a. Green
 - b. Red
 - c. Silver
 - d. Puffy

BONUS: What are the five colors of the paraments throughout the church year?



On September 11, we were presented with new communion vessels from the Bill Hill Memorial Fund. Together, and with the consent of our congregational council and the Hill family, we dedicated these gifts with joyous thanksgiving to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Hill.



On September 21, *Classical Conversations* held a "Makers' Fair". PL and Melodie made sausage balls and sold out.

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
Krissy Boyd (granddaughter of Inez Black)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Dolores Hopkins
Paul & Peggy Mosbacher (friends of Don Horton)

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

William Gregory	10/03
Francis Fingerlin	10/04
Bobby Heid	10/05
Bobby Manos, Sr.	10/11
Pam Hanfland	10/15
Charles Nicholson	10/20
Chris Boland	10/22
Sylvia Ford	10/22
Beverly Nivens	10/27
Marie Lybrand	10/29

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Parker & Elizabeth Johnson	10/26
Mark & Ann Satterwhite	10/29

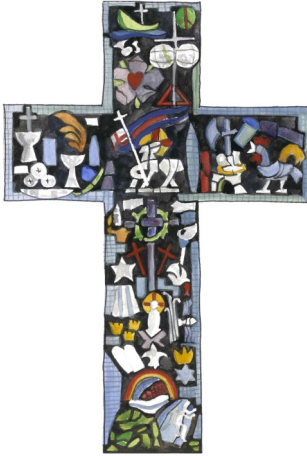
Please Note: if there are any errors or omissions in birthdays or anniversaries, notify the church office. We want to make sure our records are correct.

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, October 24.**

ANSWERS: 1, c. It's not said; 2, d. All of the above; 3, a. Blue; 4, c. We are not told; 5, B. Red; BONUS Blue (Advent, White (Christmas and Easter), Purple (Lent), Red (Pentecost, Reformation Day and others), Green (Ordinary Time))

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of our Saviour*

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
presents

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Games - Food - Prizes - FUN

1500 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169

Free Admission

If you have any questions, please call
803-794-8180 or email oslc1957@sc.rr.com

Car Decorating Contest