



THE GRAPEVINE

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

Thanksgiving is a weird holiday. No other holiday mixes religion and the national interests. Sure Christmas is a national holiday, but Christmas can be celebrated without the mention of the Christ Child. Thanksgiving stands alone because while we all have our favorite traditions, football games and recipes, there is the assumption that thanks will be given. And it is well understood that thanks will be given to God. That’s the thing—gratitude always has a direction.

That is to say if I make a piece of my own art, I really do not have feelings of gratitude. It came about by my own labors. I might say “thanks be to God for giving me such great talent” but that is more braggadocio than gratitude. Now if one comes up to me and says “this is really fine work” I may be urged to say “thank you” because they did not have to take the time to say anything. Gratitude is directed toward another person (s) or to God.

I knew a fellow who had been a believer and then lost his faith in God. He made it through a health scare, and on this side of his ordeal, he said, “I’m just so thankful!” And I thought “to who?! Your lucky stars?” I believe he was truly feeling grateful, but his lack of faith left him without a way to say where his gratitude was directed. Maybe I ought to have called him out, but I just stayed quiet.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 2022

- Income for the month of September was good, but we have still not made any payments toward our apportionment to the SC Synod.
- Improvements to the playground, including a gaga ball pit, are being made, with the expense covered by *Classical Conversations*.
- The Fellowship Team is planning another lunch on the day of the congregational meeting, Sunday, November 20. Participants at the chicken lunch in September contributed \$538 towards Young Adult and Youth Ministry.
- The team making calls to shut-in members during COVID needs a boost. Elizabeth Shealy will be calling current and prospective members for the team.
- The proposed budget for 2023 was being finalized for distribution to the congregation prior to the November meeting.
- The pastor and several council members are reviewing the membership directory to contact inactive members to see whether they wish to be removed from the rolls.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

On Monday, November 21 at 9 am, LMM will meet at Lizards Thicket on Augusta Highway. Pastor Lance will host the program and has invited Emily Savage, the current director of Classical Conversations to be the speaker.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated on November 6, 2022. If you had a loved one pass into the Church Triumphant after November 7, 2021 and would like them remembered during this year's All Saints' Day worship, please notify the Church office before Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

RAZBERRIES

November Razberries will be hosted by Howard and Sandra Hughes at Griffin Chophouse, 924 East Main Street, Lexington, SC, on Saturday, November 12th, at 6pm. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 9th to 803-622-6191 or smhughes@sc.rr.com.

ELDERBERRIES

The Elderberries will not be meeting in November or December due to other church activities scheduled. Plans are underway to meet in January. Details will be published in the Grapevine and bulletin.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting during church on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

2023 MINISTRIES SIGN-UP

As we approach the coming new year keep an eye out in the Narthex for the sign-up sheets for the teams and the ministries at OSLC. Please take a moment to sign up for all those you are interested in. Don't forget to check the church directory membership to make sure the information for your family is accurate.

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I am not sure where I heard it, but I believe it 100% true—It is not that happy people are grateful; it is that grateful people are happy. Enjoy your Thanksgiving. And give thanks to God for all your blessings and for all the blessings He has poured upon this nation.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



VISITORS FROM OUR PAST

Cody & Andrea Patton and their son came for a brief visit in October. They were visiting family and dropped in!

ATTENTION: FRIENDSGIVING

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 20! Not only is it our Congregational Meeting, but we are planning a "Friendsgiving" lunch after the worship service. The menu includes ham, brown rice, string beans, rolls, and dessert.

Invite your family and friends, and enjoy being together to celebrate the Thanksgiving season! There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office at 803-794-8180.

Thank you,
Fellowship Committee

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Nov 6 *Steve & Beverly Nivens*

13 **Need Volunteer*

20 *Horace & Betty Meetze*

27 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

Gary & Kay Black

**Need Volunteer*

Steve & Beverly Nivens

Horace & Betty Meetze

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nov 6 *Marie Lybrand*

13 *Charles Nicholson*

20 *Ann Satterwhite*

27 *Gail Marcum*

LECTORS

Sylvia Ford

Charles Nicholson

Ann Satterwhite

Virginia Morris

NOVEMBER

USHERS

Chief Mark Satterwhite

Steve Nivens

DECEMBER

Gary Black

Wayne Lybrand

ALTAR GUILD

Beverly Nivens & Kelly Heid

Isma Boland & Melba Murphy

OFFERING PICKUP

Wayne Lybrand

David Griffith

TELLERS

Beth Cleland & Linda Hill

Linda Griffith & Theresa Garner

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Frank Yonce

Bill Aull

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

September 15-October 23

WORSHIP—41

COMMEMORATION PROFILES

Ruth Nicholson

November 25

**Isaac Watts,
hymnwriter
(1674-1748)**

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.



**November 11
Martin, Bishop of Tours
(c. 316-397)**

Martin of Tours was born into a pagan family in what is now Hungary. At age ten, he decided to study Christianity. During his time as a soldier of the Roman Empire, he found that he could not reconcile military life with his new religion. Martin left the army and joined a monastic community at Poitiers. He was consecrated Bishop of Tours in 371. He led a very active missionary life, converting many non-believers and founding monasteries. Martin was one of the first non-martyrs to be granted sainthood. Martin Luther was baptized on St. Martin's Day and given the saint's name as his own first name.

**November 11
Søren Aabye Kierkegaard,
teacher
(1813-1855)**

Born into a wealthy Danish Lutheran family, Søren Kierkegaard was free from the necessity of earning a living. He elected to study philosophy and theology but did not seek ordination. He wrote brilliant essays which qualify him, in many scholars' minds, as the father of existentialist philosophy and theology. Kierkegaard loved the church but accused it of being hypocritical and straying from true Christianity. Like Martin Luther, Kierkegaard did not propose a new religious system; rather, he favored correction of the existing one.

Nonconformist minister Isaac Watts is often called the father of English hymnody. He wrote some of his best-known hymns while serving as pastor of a congregation in Mark Lane, London. Most of his hymns are based on psalms and reflect a calm, firm belief. Our ELW contains ten Watts hymns, including "Joy to the World," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Jesus Shall Reign." Isaac Watts also wrote about philosophy, astronomy, and social issues of his day.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 9/28 New resources to support our ministries in a Multi-Religious world
- 10/06 ELCA Conference of Bishops addresses leadership during fall meeting



The Elderberries met on October 20 at noon for a light lunch. Brenis Aaron, Saluda River Academy for the Arts Social Worker spoke and shared information as to how the school has changed since COVID. Brenis was accompanied by Sandy Tanner, North Side Middle School Counselor and Kelly Fail, North Side Middle School Career Specialist



The following were elected on October 16th to serve as the 2023 officers:

- President — Linda Griffith (803-920-3975
lindagriffith2@aol.com)
- Vice President—Isma Boland (803-760-5545
ilbright@bellsouth.net)
- Treasurer — Ann Satterwhite (803-254-9934
annsatterwhite2@gmail.com)
- Secretary — (to be appointed as needed)
- Advisor — Sandra Hughes (803-796-9016
smhughes@sc.rr.com)

The Joint Meeting was held on Sunday, October 16 with thirteen in attendance. This was probably one of the longest meetings we've had since before COVID. Discussed and approved were the approval of the current officers serving another term, a budget with some changes, and wording for different committees to be in the Church Directory for 2023. One change will be that Cameron Circle will now be sending the congregation cards as Loleta has decided to retire. Leta has done an outstanding job for the past 8-10 years since Margaret Jumper's passing. It was noted that five ladies will be needed to serve as greeters during the June 23-24 SCWELCA Convention at Zion. A big thank you to Caroline Raszewski for serving as the recording secretary for the meeting. The minutes from May and December 2021 were approved as submitted. Our December meeting is scheduled for immediately following the Worship Service on December 4 to discuss new committee assignments as well as any changes regarding the circle suggestions made during October's Joint meeting. Thank you Lydia for providing delicious refreshments.

Action-Rebekah will be meeting at the home of Loleta Keitt on Monday, November 7th at 10:30. She will serve as hostess and leader. The circle will be providing fruit bags to shut-ins in November as part of their continuing service project for 2022. There has been no change in the Hospitality Team numbers; however it was suggested during the joint meeting that the teams be reviewed for possible changes. Lydia Circle will handle those phone calls and announce new team contacts in the 2023 Church Directory which will take place in February. Rebekah will serve on the Community Committee for 2023.

Community-Lydia is working on a speaker for the OSLC-WELCA Retreat with a date to be announced soon. This will complete their duties for this committee this year. Caroline Raszewski will host their November meeting at her home. They will serve on the Action Committee for 2023.

Growth—Cameron will possibly meet with the Rebekah Circle in 2023 with a time and date to be determined with a combined program/hostess schedule but keeping their respective committee assignments.

The circle officer/leaders will appear in the 2023 Church Directory. Thank you everyone for your continued support!

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

- November 13—OSLC-WELCA Sunday
- 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 schedule 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)

November! And the bird on our minds is Turkey! No turkeys in the bible, but plenty of other birds. Let's take a look.

- In Genesis 8, Noah sends out two birds to check on how the waters of the flood are receding. What are they?
 - A raven and a sparrow
 - A duck and a dove
 - A raven and a dove
 - Daffy and Donald Duck
- In Job 38, God begins to question Job and wants him to tell who feeds a particular bird when it is hungry? What bird is it?
 - The sparrow
 - The raven
 - The eagle
 - The blue footed boobie
- Jeremiah lists a number of birds. Which one is NOT mentioned?
 - The swift
 - The vulture
 - The stork
 - The thrush
- In Matthew 23, Jesus expresses a desire to be like this bird. What is it?
 - A mother hen
 - A soaring eagle
 - A peaceful dove
 - A quacking duck
- In Luke 12, we all know what Jesus says about the lilies of the field. But Jesus also uses this species of bird to compare to those for whom God provides. What are they?
 - Owls
 - Ravens
 - Sparrows
 - Jabberwockies

BONUS: Early than Luther, Jan Huss was a reformer who was burned at the stake. His last name means "goose". When Luther came, others compared Luther to this graceful bird who was replacing the "goose". What bird was it?

GA-GA BALL PIT



PL, some of our young adults, and parents from *Classical Conversations* constructed this addition to our playground. Come by Wednesdays at noon and watch kids go ga-ga playing this new form of dodgeball. CC Parents made most of the contributions for this.

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.

Krissy Boyd (granddaughter of Inez Black)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Katie Doble
Don Ford
David Griffith

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-------|
| Theresa Garner | 11/03 |
| Tyler Loftis | 11/08 |
| Linda Crapps | 11/16 |
| Padget Satterwhite | 11/19 |
| Sharon Doble-Bone | 11/23 |
| Phyllis Calamas | 11/24 |
| Dan Hanfland | 11/29 |
| Sharon Assey | 11/30 |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Horace & Betty Meetze | 11/22 |
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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, November 21.**



Pictures from our "Chicken Dinner Lunch. Several people were caught doing the "chicken dance".

ANSWERS: 1, c. A raven and a dove; 2, b. The raven; 3, b. The vulture; 4, a. A mother hen; 5, b. Ravens; BONUS The swan



All are welcome to attend this year's Christmas Party on Monday, December 19, at 6 PM, planned by Lutheran Men in Mission with help from the Elderberries. This year we are inviting everyone to come and bring a friend.

Professor and Chair of the University of South Carolina Department of Political Science and *The Voice of The Carolina Band* — Kirk Randazzo is an accomplished musician with a bachelor's degree in music from USC (in addition to graduate degrees from Carolina and Michigan State University). He recently formed a jazz band — *The Carolina Jazz Experience*. His sound system will provide musical accompaniment to his selection of music as he plays the lead. A 'love' offering will be collected.

Get your ticket today from Charles Nicholson or Linda Hill. Cost is \$25 for a couple or \$15 for a single ticket. Tim's Catering is providing a pot roast dinner with sides and dessert.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship and Music Committee would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a poinsettia for our Christmas Services at a cost of \$13.50 (includes tax). Your check should be made payable to the church and marked "POINSETTIA". Please indicate in the space below the information you want printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church with your check **BEFORE Sunday, December 11.**

I desire to order _____ poinsettia(s).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given ___ IN MEMORY OF or ___ IN HONOR OF or ___ OTHER

By _____

Please attach check