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

32 ACROSS, 3 Letters—Clue: “Guinness Book suffix?”
Answer: --EST.

As I write this newsletter article, we are headed into the coldEST Christmas weekend that I can recall in my time here in South Carolina. Over the past three years there have been many seasons around the world that qualify for that superlative suffix of --EST. For the Ukraine, 2022 was the violentEST time in recent history. In June 2022 in SC, it seemed to be the hottEST June. And, of course, some say that trend will continue. Every trip to the grocery store seems to be the costliEST. The COVID and post COVID eras are eligible as perhaps the weirdEST times. It makes one wonder what 2023 has in store.

The trouble with dealing with so many --ESTs is that it makes everyone a bit more fearful. Yet, fearfulness is something Christians have been told to avoid. By Jesus himself! Several times!! Sure we all know that we are told to love our neighbor as we love our selves. But do remember that Jesus says ‘do NOT worry’? It takes a concerted effort. Fearfulness seems to be a natural human response. Courage based in faith, hope, love is something we must work on. Certainly, 2023 will be filled with positive and negative –ESTs for us as individuals and perhaps as Americans, or even world citizens. We are told by our Lord to be courageous in all these times. And I don’t think Jesus was saying that in jEST.

Peace in Christ and Happy New Year,
Pastor Lance

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 2022

- November was an especially good month for giving. The church was able to pay \$5,000 to the SC Synod.
- The pastor will get quotes for cleaning the carpets in the chapel, hallways, narthex, choir room and sanctuary.
- A committee is working to update the church directory and church rolls. People who are no longer active in the life of the congregation and who have not made a recent contribution of record to the church will be notified that their names have been removed from the directory for 2023 and that we intend to remove them from the church rolls but that they have the option for reinstatement. Others who are inactive and have not contributed are relatives of members. Their names will be removed only after discussion with the active relative. Others will be contacted by the pastor or the committee members to see whether they should continue to be in the directory and on the rolls.
- We should consider what we need to be doing to replace the lost membership. People-to-people contact is the best method.
- The retiring members of council, Beverly Nivens and Elizabeth Shealy, were thanked for their work, and the new members, Gail Marcum and Mark Satterwhite, were welcomed.
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- The following were elected council officers for 2023: Rebecca Fingerlin, President; Isma Boland, Vice-President; Charles Nicholson, Secretary; and Meredith Cleland, Treasurer.

RAZBERRIES

The Razberries are invited to attend the regular monthly meeting at the home of Dan and Pam Hanfland on **Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM**. Additional details of the evening will follow as we draw closer to the event date.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Thank you to all who supplied poinsettias for our Christmas worship services. If you ordered one they are in the sanctuary and may be picked up at any time.



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

November 27-December 25

WORSHIP—45

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



The Professor and Chair of the University of South Carolina Department of Political Science and The Voice of The Carolina Band, Kirk Randazzo, performed for the Lutheran Men in Mission at their Christmas Celebration.



JANUARY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS
Jan 1	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
8	<i>Dan & Pam Hanfland</i>	<i>Jim & Theresa Garner</i>
15	<i>Don & Patsy Horton</i>	<i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>
22	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>
29	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS
Jan 1	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>
8	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
15	<i>Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
22	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>
29	<i>Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
USHERS	
<i>Chief Mark Satterwhite</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
ALTAR GUILD	
<i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>
OFFERING PICKUP	
<i>Beth Cleland</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
TELLERS	
<i>Beth Cleland & Sylva Ford</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland & Linda Griffith</i>
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	
<i>Gary Black</i>	<i>Bill Aull</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.



January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Renewer of society, Martyr
(1929-1968)

Son of a Baptist minister in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King, Jr., earned degrees in sociology, religious studies, and philosophy. After a pastorate in Montgomery, Alabama, King became co-pastor with his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He studied and accepted wholeheartedly Mahatma Gandhi's doctrine of nonviolent civil disobedience. It was this idea that Dr. King took with him as he founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and led a multitude of marches and demonstrations on behalf of civil rights and against both social and economic discrimination. He is remembered for those efforts and for his eloquent speeches, such as the "I Have a Dream" speech of 1963. Dr. King was assassinated during a visit to assist striking sanitation workers in Memphis Tennessee. In 1983, his birthday (January 15) was declared a national holiday.

January 17
Antony of Egypt,
Renewer of the church
(c. 251- c. 356)

Antony was born into a Christian family living in Qemen-al-Arous, Upper Egypt. In spite of his wealth, he resolved to give what he had to the poor and become a hermit, living a life of simplicity, self-discipline, and devotion to God. He became associated with other Christian hermits living in the desert, usually in caves or huts. Antony

became a leader to some of them, directing their activities of prayer, worship, and manual labor. He and his fellow monks would also counsel anyone who sought them out. Because Antony gathered a group of monks together in this way, he is often considered the father of monasticism.

January 17
Pachomius,
Renewer of the church
(292-346)

A contemporary of Antony, Pachomius was, however, a child of a pagan family in Thebes. It was only after he spent time in the Roman army, against his will, that he converted to Christianity and was baptized. Pachomius became a follower and student of a Christian hermit. After a while, however, he became convinced that God intended for solitary hermits to come together in a community under one roof. Pachomius founded his first monastery sometime between 318 and 323. His older brother joined him there, as did about one hundred other monks. Pachomius set definite rules for their communal living. Eventually he helped to establish nine monasteries in Egypt.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 12/06 ELCA Receives Lilly Grant to Support Compelling Preaching Initiative
- 12/13 ELCA introduces JOURNI
- 12/19 Lamont Wells named executive director of Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities



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Happy New Year to everyone. 2022 has gone by so quickly. My wish is that you all remain well, safe, and very happy in 2023. *Linda*

Action-Lydia has plans underway for the 2023 OSLC-WELCA Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Our Saviour. Dawn Smith-Jordan will be the guest speaker. Plans are to keep the cost close to what it has been in the past. Caroline Raszweski is the coordinator and indicates more will be out by mid January. The Hospitality Team being coordinated by Ann Satterwhite and Marie Lyband is scheduled to begin their duties February 1st. Two choices were provided in the December Grapevine for all women of the church to consider. *Did you vote?* (1) If you'd like to make the ten dollar donation, please give it to Ann or Marie in the form of a check or cash. (2) If you desire to remain on the contact list in case a meal is needed, please let them know.

Community-Rebekah will meet on January 9th at 10 AM. Linda Griffith will serve as hostess with Cameron Circle providing the program. They will begin plans for their duties which will include an Easter Egg Hunt for children as well as a 'social' event for the congregation next year.

Growth—Cameron will begin meeting with the Rebekah Circle on January 9th. They will provide the program. Isma Boland will continue as their coordinator. They will be scheduling the 'take down' of the Fellowship Hall Christmas Tree and clean up during January.

**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.

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

2023 Events

**(DUE TO THE COVID-19, THE CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITH LOCATIONS/DETAILS PROVIDED LATER)**

- January 8 (Sunday) Installation of Council, LMM & WELCA Officers
- January 19 6 PM (Thursday)– WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Linda Griffith
- February 24-25 (Friday-Saturday) SCWELCA Camp Kinard
Bible Study by Pastor Lisa Eisenhower
This will be a Bible Study and participants will need their BibleRetreat (www.scwelca.org)
- March 3 World Day of Prayer (TBA)
- March 11 (Saturday) OSLC-WELCA Retreat with Dawn Smith-Jordan coordinated by the Lydia Circle.
- March 19 3 PM (Sunday) Spring SCWELCA Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting @ Sandy Run Lutheran
- April TBA OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Cameron Circle)
- April 18 6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Meeting
Devotional/Prayer: Cameron
Refreshments: Rebekah
- May 5-7 (Friday-Sunday) SCWELCA Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat Center with Risse Snelgrove as leader.
(www.scwelca.org)
- June 23-24 (Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the ELCA Conv. at Zion Lutheran Church "Just Love One Another" (www.scwelca.org)
- September TBA Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting—TBA
(www.scwelca.org)
- Sept 22-24 WELCA 12th Triennial Convention & Gathering, Phoenix, AZ
- October 8 3-5 PM (Sunday)- Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
Devotional/Prayer - Lydia
Refreshments – Cameron
- December 3 Immediately following Worship Service
WELCA Executive Meeting to clear up any unfinished business
(circle leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

January 2023! Start of a new year! Let's look at years in the Bible.

1. In Genesis 1, God creates the Sun, the moon and the stars so that his creation might know "for seasons and for days and years". On which "day" of creation did this occur?
 - a. The first
 - b. The third
 - c. The fourth
 - d. It happened before creation because there couldn't be days of creation without them.
2. Genesis 5 records the lifespans of many, many very old men. The longest lived was Methuselah. How old was he upon his death?
 - a. 889 years
 - b. 969 years
 - c. 1008 years
 - d. Ninety something
3. Psalm 90 says that a particular length of time in God's eyes are "like yesterday when it has past." How long is that?
 - a. Forty years
 - b. 100 years
 - c. 1000 years
 - d. I can't do the math
4. In Luke 4, Jesus quotes a passage from Isaiah, saying that part of his mission is to proclaim "year of _____." What is it?
 - a. The Lord's favor
 - b. Plenty followed by a year of want.
 - c. The apocalypse
 - d. Guaranteed free auto maintenance
5. In Acts 18, we read that Paul stayed in one Mediterranean city for a year and a half. Which city was it?
 - a. Thessalonica
 - b. Ephesus
 - c. Corinth
 - d. Monte Carlo

BONUS: Although conditions had been building for decades, it is Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door that is considered the start of the Reformation. What year was that?

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your generous gift at Christmas and for the many Christmas cards which I received, both in person and through the mail.

Happy New Year to everyone in our church family.

Brent Holcomb

Dear OSLC family,

I really appreciate your generosity. I can't adequately express how much you all mean to me. It is a joy to be part of this congregation. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Love,
Melodie

Dear OSLC friends,

You are all so thoughtful, kind, and generous! Thank you for the Christmas gift. May this New Year find you all healthy and happy!

Mary Havens

Once again, I am humbled by the generosity of Christmas Love Offering. It's certainly a useful gift this time of year and we appreciate it greatly. Thank you very much.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Lance

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
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Dolores Hopkins
Jack Hopkins

Ann Moye
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (National Health Care, Rm 225)
Mary Stocker

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Boland	1/02
Mark Satterwhite	1/05
Linda Griffith	1/10
Isma Boland	1/12
Lance Henderson	1/17
Albert Drafts	1/22
Alivia Havens	1/25
Greg Chapman	1/29

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Ruth Nicholson 1/04

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.

NEW ADDRESS

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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, January 23.**

ANSWERS: 1, c. The fourth; 2, b. 969 years; 3, c. 1000 years; 4, a. The Lord's favor; 5, c. Corinth; BONUS A.D. 1517



CHRISTMAS EVE

2022

