

# ***THE GRAPEVINE***

***THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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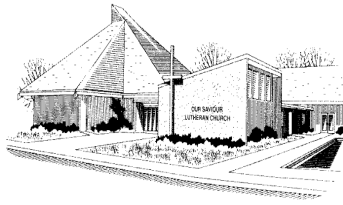
## **Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!**

It is February and the season of Lent will soon be upon us. Originally, the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving were especially for those who were preparing for baptism at Easter. Later they became practice among all Christians in the 40 days before Easter.

As of the writing of this article, we have not yet decided what we will do for Lenten services, but that should not dissuade you from observing Lent on your own. What shall you fast from? It is up to you to decide. Sometimes fasting from something will actually lead to a life-long beneficial change. Sometimes.

With regard to increased prayer, I want to make a suggestion. I know it is difficult to sit down and just start praying more. Even in a reasonably active prayer life, our prayers probably already sound like we are trying to tell God what WE want Him to do. God does not need anything, and He really does not need more of that. So what are we to do? Ask the aid of the Holy Spirit. Well, guess what? The Holy Spirit already has! Working through men and women of faith, we can find dozens of faithful prayers in our ELW Hymnal. I am going to reproduce these in booklets for the season of Lent. I am hoping to start a walking program in Lent, and I plan on praying one or two printed prayers and begin walking. It is my hope that these prayers will guide my thoughts during the walk. Assuming that happens, those thoughts themselves will be turned into prayer.

Blessings on your Lenten observations,  
Pastor Lance



## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

**January 2023**

- At her suggestion, our church administrator, Dr. Mary Havens, will begin working 9 hours each week instead of the current 15 hours. She says that 9 hours is enough time for her to complete her duties. She will be in the office from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Since she is paid by the hour, this will reduce cost to the church.
- There will be a Shrove Tuesday dinner again this year with possible entertainment by the Young Adult Ministry Team. The meal will be pancakes or maybe French toast casserole and sausage! Plans are also being made for "Souperbowl" Sunday.
- The church paid only \$5000 of the \$15,000 budgeted for our SC Synod apportionment in 2022. Citing prospective income and expenses, the church treasurer recommended no further payment at this time. The amount budgeted for 2023 has been reduced to \$10,000.

## **ATTENTION ALL ELDERBERRIES**

**(and those who don't think their "elder")**

Plan for our first quarterly meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope you will join us for lunch and program. See Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall for details and to sign up.

## **RAZBERRIES**

Steve and Beverly Nivens will be hosting the Razberries at their home on **Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm**. More details will follow closer to the date.

## **2023 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The 2022 Ministry Directory may be picked up from the basket on the table in the Cameron Hall. Please take no more than you need.

## **END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

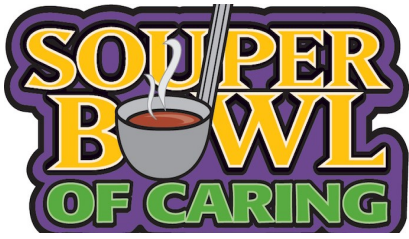
End of year financial statements are available for pick up on the table in the Cameron Hallway.

## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Join us as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, in true Mardi Gras fashion, on February, 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

All ages are welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet located in the narthex. If you are unable to come in and sign up, please contact the church office so we can update the attendance list no later than Thursday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Price of Admission: a food item for God's Helping Hands, and a fun spirit!



## IT'S COMING...

The Souper Bowl of Caring returns Sunday, February 12, 2023, immediately after worship service in the kitchen! Pay only \$5 per pint, \$10 per quart. As always, with 100% of proceeds going to God's Helping Hands, feel free to pay more. Your choice among three soups (to be determined). Sorry, absolutely NO pre-sales.



## FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

Feb 5 *Gail Marcum*

12 *David & Linda  
Griffith*

19 *\*Need Volunteer*

26 *Don & Patsy  
Horton*

### GREETERS

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Horace & Betty  
Meetze*

*Doris Wessinger*

*Steve & Beverly  
Nivens*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Feb 5 *Ann Satterwhite*

12 *Charles Nicolson*

19 *Virginia Morris*

(A. W)22 *Marie Lybrand*

26 *Beverly Nivens*

### LECTORS

*Wayne Lybrand*

*Charles Nicholson*

*Virginia Morris*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Steve Nivens*

### FEBRUARY

#### USHERS

*Chief Wayne Lybrand*

*Steve Nivens*

### MARCH

*Gail Marcum*

*Bill Aull*

#### ALTAR GUILD

*Steve & Beverly  
Nivens*

*Isma Boland &  
Melba Murphy*

#### OFFERING PICKUP

*Steve Nivens*

*Wayne Lybrand*

#### TELLERS

*Pam Hanfland &  
Linda Griffith*

*Wayne Lybrand &  
Beth Cleland*

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Bill Aull*

*Linda Griffith*

## 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.



### **February 3 Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden (801-865)**

Ansgar was born near Amiens, France. After his mother's early death, he was sent to join a monastery. In his subsequent life as a monk, Ansgar became the first Christian missionary to Scandinavia. His appointment as an archbishop gave him much-needed funding and a base of operations for his difficult work. Just before his death, Ansgar asked his friends not to abandon the mission to Nordic countries, but two centuries passed before Christianity was able to gain ground there. Today's Swedish Lutherans, in particular, hold Ansgar in high regard.

### **February 5 The Martyrs of Japan (died 1597)**

Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches have chosen to remember, each February 5, the crucifixion of twenty-six Christians in Nagasaki, Japan. These sixteenth-century men of faith were six Franciscan missionaries sent from Europe, a Japanese Jesuit priest, a Korean layman, fifteen Japanese laymen, and three young boys. Despite the virtual banishment of Christianity from Japan by 1630, missionaries who entered the country in the mid-1800s found a community of Christians there that had survived by hiding its faith and worship.

**February 14  
Cyril, monk (826-869)**

**and**

**Methodius, bishop (c. 815-885),  
Missionaries to the Slavs**

Cyril and Methodius were brothers from a noble family in Greece. In 860, Cyril resigned a job in Constantinople to join his brother on missionary trips to the Khazars and Bulgarians. Two years later, Emperor Michael III sent them to Moravia to preach the Gospel. Instead of using the Latin liturgy, these brothers used the Slavonic vernacular, now called Old Church Slavonic. In addition, they developed a new alphabet in order to translate the Bible into the local language. Cyril's and Methodius's work had a sacred dimension, as they spread Christianity, and a secular one, as their linguistic contributions were valuable for the beginnings of Slavic literature.



## ELCA PRESS RELEASES

### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 1/12 ELCA and Catholic Church meet for 13<sup>th</sup> National Ecumenical Dialogue
- 1/18 Lutheran Services in America and ELCA Expand Partnership to Address Systemic Barriers for Black, Brown and Indigenous Children and Youth
- 1/18 ELCA Receives Lily Endowment Support to Adapt Youth Faith Formation
- 1/19 Bishop Eaton and Abrahamic Leaders Condemn Anti-Christian Hate in the Holy Land
- 1/20 A statement on the ordination of the first female Palestinian pastor in the Holy Land
- 1/20 ELCA Foundation Announces Partnership with Fund Evaluation Group LLC



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A BIG THANK YOU TO SANDRA HUGHES for organizing and placing current information on the WELCA Bulletin Board in the Cameron Hallway. She had assistance from Pam Hanfland and Mary Havens. Thank you all!

An OSLC-WELCA Executive Board meeting is scheduled for 10 AM on Wednesday, February 8th in the Conference Room at the church. Officers and circle leaders should plan to attend and please have your reports hand-written for the minutes.

**Action-Lydia** has announced the Retreat information and I hope everyone can attend. *"How Far Must Forgiveness Go?"* will be presented by Dawn Smith Jordan on Saturday, March 11 in our Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 am. (See elsewhere in this publication for registration and more details.) Lydia also begins their duties as Hospitality Coordinators. If you have not donated or voiced your opinion on the new procedures, please contact Ann Satterwhite or Marie Lybrand. Do you want to remain on the list of contacts for meals as outlined by the committee?

**Community-Rebekah** will meet on February 6th at 10:30 am with Cameron Circle. Patsy Horton will serve as hostess and Cameron will provide the program. The circles will be looking at a couple of Bible Study Books for future programs as an option to members. Plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st. More on the 'Social' event after Easter.

**Growth—Cameron** will meet with Rebekah Circle on February 6th. Elizabeth Shealy will provide the program. The Christmas tree decorations have been taken down. Nursery Monitors have been posted on the WELCA Bulletin Board as well as in the *2023 Ministry Directory*. They will check on the status for cleaning the Nursery and provide information later on WELCA Sunday plans.

Mrs. Mary Stocker, a Charter member of Our Saviour for over 65 years, celebrates her 100th birthday on March 3! During the January Joint Circle meeting of Rebekah and Cameron a request to honor her on this great milestone was made. To help her celebrate, as suggested by her family, you can make a donation to the church in Mary's honor and send birthday wishes to her at: Mrs. Mary Stocker, NHC Healthcare/ Lexington-Room 236, 2993 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169. God has surely blessed us knowing this special lady and her family.

**Please remember to  
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
 with the following dates:  
 2023 Events**

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

February 8	10 AM (Wednesday) 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 Bible) ( <a href="http://www.scwelca.org">www.scwelca.org</a> )
March 3	10:30 AM (Friday) World Day of Prayer @ Mt. Tabor/Little Mountain
March 11	10:30 AM-2:00 PM (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
April	OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Cameron Circle) TBA
April 18	6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Devotional/Prayer—Cameron
May 5-7	Refreshments—Rebekah (Friday-Sunday) SCWELCA Isle of Palms Retreat Center/leader—Risse Snelgrove ( <a href="http://www.scwelca.org">www.scwelca.org</a> )
June 23-24	(Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the ELCA Convention at Zion Lutheran Church <i>"Just Love One Another"</i> ( <a href="http://www.scwelca.org">www.scwelca.org</a> )
September	Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting TBA ( <a href="http://www.scwelca.org">www.scwelca.org</a> )
Sept 22-24	WELCA 12th Triennial Convention & Gathering, Phoenix, AZ
October 8	3-5 PM (Sunday)- Joint OSLC WELCA (Officer nominations/election) Devotional/Prayer—Lydia
December 3	Refreshments—Cameron (Sunday) Immediately following Worship WELCA Executive Meeting to clear up any unfinished business (circle leaders w/unit officers) Opening Prayer—Ann Satterwhite

# GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Lent begins February 22. Let us have a quiz about the three practices of Lent—fasting, prayer, giving alms.

1. In Judges 20, eleven of the twelve tribes of Israel have a collective fast in sorrow? Why?
  - a. They were sorry that Samson had been chosen as judge over Israel.
  - b. They viciously beat the tribe of Benjamin for a gross sin it had committed.
  - c. They took a defeat given to them by the Philistines as God's wrath
  - d. Except for the tribe of Simeon, they had all gotten a little pudgy
2. In 1 Samuel 31, many fast after the death of King Saul. How did he die?
  - a. Badly wounded and facing immanent defeat, his armor bearer slew him at his command.
  - b. Badly wounded and facing immanent defeat, he fell upon his own sword after his armor bearer refused to slay him.
  - c. He was hung in a tree riding his horse under a low branch.
  - d. He died after living to the age of 278.
3. In Matthew 6, Jesus urges his listeners to pray where?
  - a. In the streets
  - b. At the synagogue
  - c. In private
  - d. In a camouflage jacket
4. Mark 14 mentions Jesus in prayer many times? Where is he?
  - a. The upper room
  - b. Gethsemane
  - c. The cross
  - d. In a foxhole

5. Acts 5 talks about a couple who give a gift after selling something, but then hold back some of their receipt secretly. What did they sell?

- a. Spices and incense
- b. A piece of property
- c. Purple cloth
- d. A used car

BONUS: How often did the founder of Methodism John Wesley fast in a week's time?

# THANK YOU

*This "Thank You" note was inadvertently left out of the last Grapevine.*

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent treatments. Hopefully, I am cancer free. Linda and I are very fortunate to have a wonderful church family and our wish is for everyone to have a very blessed New Year.

Thank you.

David

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

*January 1-January 22*

**WORSHIP—33**

## 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*  
*Steve Rucker*  
*Willette Satterwhite*  
*Marie Shealy (National Health Care, Rm 225)*  
*Mary Stocker*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robin Henderson	2/05
Jack Hopkins	2/08
Ashley Meetze	2/13
Betty Meetze	2/13
Karen Dawkins	2/14
Rebecca Kleckey	2/15
Willette Satterwhite	2/17
Bryson Raszewski	2/20
Don Horton	2/27



Installation of Church Council, WELCA, and LMM Officers.

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, February 20.**

ANSWERS: 1, b. They viciously beat the tribe of Benjamin for a gross sin it had committed; 2, b. Badly wounded and facing imminent defeat, he fell upon his own sword after his armor bearer refused to slay him; 3, c. In private; 4, b. Gethsemane; 5, b. A piece of property; BONUS: twice weekly—Wednesdays and Fridays. Fasting was not necessarily complete abstinence from food, it could be just a very small and simple meal.



## 2023 OSLC-WELCA Retreat

Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Hosted by the Lydia Circle

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

1500 Sunset Blvd (Hwy 378), West Columbia, SC 29169

*Featuring Dawn Smith Jordan — a Christ-follower, singer/songwriter, musician, speaker, charting recording artist, and published author.*



Registration begins at 10 am, Program at 10:30—Lunch included

\$25 a person should be given to Ann Satterwhite or mailed to:

Ann Satterwhite, 800 Albion Road, Columbia, SC 29205

803-530-6249

Limited to 50 participants

Deadline to register is March 1

Registration Fees transferable, NOT refundable after March 1.

Attach the following information to your check payable to OSLC-WELCA and note for 2023 WELCA Retreat.

### 2023 OSLC-WELCA RETREAT REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Diet Restrictions: If you have any allergies, please indicate it here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

SHROVE TUESDAY  
2023  
CELEBRATING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:00PM  
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