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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Way back in 2011, we made the decision to give *The Grapevine* a new look. I wanted it to feel more like a magazine than a newsletter. We set standards for the order of the articles, cleaned up the look with columns, reduced the amount of clip art, and started using our color printer. I got a great deal of help from Barbara Hunter who had been a professional copy editor. I was very pleased with the new look and knew we had done a good job when other area churches started emulating our new look.

It's been a decade, and I am informing you of more changes. Obviously, in the past year, we have reduced the number of pages because there is just less going on at the church. I suspect that will change. But the big change is that we will be printing FAR fewer copies of *The Grapevine* and mailing even fewer than that. The reason is that our subscriber list is just hovering around the 200 mark. And 200 is the minimum for maintaining a bulk mailing account. Mary has been forced to be quite creative in reaching the 200 mark (e.g. every member of her household gets a copy!)

So what to do? We are doing this.

- If you a current member of OSLC and unable to come to church, we will still mail you a copy.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



PROJECT RENT AND BLANKET DONATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 30

Thank you to all that have contributed to the Community Service Project thus far.

The deadline for the 2021 Community Service Project to assist God's Helping Hands, "Project Rent and Blanket Donations," has been extended to **May 30**. The project is for those in our own community that need financial assistance to prevent possible eviction or loss of utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many have lost their employment or were forced to terminate their employment due to taking care of their children not attending school or day care.

If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to OSLC-WELCA and indicate on the check that it is for Project Rent. There is a rack in the Narthex for the collection of gently used or new blankets which are always a need at God's Helping Hands.

Thrivent Financial has donated to our project through their "Thrivent Action Teams" program. Thrivent encourages us to "live generously" and we are very grateful for their support of our community project.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marie Lybrand or Beverly Nivens.

RAZBERRIES

Raspberries will be held on Friday, May 7th at the home of Mark and Ann Satterwhite. An outdoor gathering is being planned. More details to follow. (Note date change)

LUTHERAN MEN

Lutheran Men will have meeting on May 17, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Lance will have the Program, and the food committee will be Charles & Frank. Y'all Come!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Linda Griffith, Secretary April 2021

- Pastor received approval to spend up to \$800 to purchase additional items for use in broadcasting the Sunday Worship Service.
- Daily Prayer with Pastor Lance has been discontinued due to church resuming in-person services.
- The Classical Conversations Home School has just completed its 13 week session and plans to return in August for another 12 week session.
- Some ways to cut down on costs of printing and mailing the Grapevine were discussed with a survey being distributed over the next two months.
- A request for volunteers to be lectors, worship assistants, and ushers will be published in the Grapevine.
- Council is seeking volunteers to serve on an electronic sign committee.
- Singing during Worship will resume with masks on two verses of the hymns. The plexiglas around the Pulpit will be removed.
- Charles Nicholson and Pastor Lance Henderson will serve as delegates to the Synod Convention.
- Next Council meeting will be after Mother's Day on May 16th immediately following Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

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- If you are able to come to church and prefer a paper copy, you will be able to pick one up in the narthex on the last Sunday of the month. One per household, please.
- All others who want a copy will receive an electronic copy.

On the back cover is information that every subscriber needs to get back to the church. Cut it out and mail it to the church. Let us know by email to oslc1957@sc.rr.com (subject line-GV Subscribe). Call up the church office and let us know your decision. **BUT LET US KNOW BY JUNE 25th.** If we haven't heard from you, we will take you off the subscriber list.

The Grapevine is still an important communication tool here at OSLC, and it will continue to be. However, printing and mailing as many we do is not a good use of our resources. The printing, postage and manpower can be reduced, and so we will.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



SPECIAL REQUEST

If you need to use the fabric tablecloths housed in the kitchen closet and they require laundering, please remove the immediately after drying to prevent wrinkles. If you choose to have them professionally cleaned, you will be responsible for the cost.

Thank you,
The Fellowship Committee

MAY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS	
May 2	Wayne & Marie	Gail Marcum	
9	*Need Volunteer	Wayne & Marie Lybrand	
16	Albert & Sue Drafts	*Need Volunteer	
23	*Need Volunteer	Gail Marcum	
30	Gary & Kay Black	Sylvia Ford	
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS	
May 2	Gail Marcum	Linda Griffith	
9	Bill Aull	Ruth Nicholson	
16	*Need Volunteer	Frank Yonce	
23	Marie Lybrand	Marie Lybrand	
30	*Need Volunteer	Sylvia Ford	
<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
USHERS			
Chief	*Need Volunteer	Bill Aull	
	Linda Griffith	Wayne Lybrand	
ALTAR GUILD			
	Isma Boland & Melba Murphy	Kay Black & Rebecca Fingerlin	
OFFERING PICKUP			
	David Griffith	Gail Marcum	
TELLERS			
	Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford	Linda Griffith & Pam Hanfland	
PROPERTY COMMITTEE			
	Mark Satterwhite	Bill Aull	

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.



May 2
Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria
(295-373)

The Athanasian Creed is named for this church official of the 4th century Egyptian church. Athanasius defended the divine nature of Christ against a heresy called Arianism, whose proponents argued that Christ was God-like but not truly God. Athanasius held firmly to the belief that Jesus was both true God and true man.

May 9
Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf,
Renewer of the church, Hymnwriter
(1700-1760)

A German count who studied law and theology in Lutheran schools, Zinzendorf became convinced that Lutheranism needed more emphasis on inner devotion and right living and less on formal dogma. After a group of Moravian exiles founded a religious community on his property, Zinzendorf became a leader among them. As a result of his missionary trips, the Moravian Church took hold in America, and the Lutheran Church became better established there. Zinzendorf founded congregations in England and Holand, too. He preached effectively and also wrote many liturgies and hymn texts (e.g., ELW 624, “Jesus, Still Lead On”). Although most closely associated now with Moravianism, Zinzendorf always considered himself a follower of Martin Luther.

May 27
John Calvin,
Renewer of the church
(1509-1564)

Trained in theology, law, and the classics in his native France, Calvin broke with the Roman Catholic Church after he felt called to change it. His writings and teachings spread to French-speaking areas much as Luther’s influenced German populations. He became most powerful in Geneva, where he and his supporters governed the city by strict religious rules. Doctrines he favored have their legacy in today’s United Church of Christ and Presbyterian churches. Calvin’s worldview is imbued with the idea that all of life should glorify God.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 3/26 Bishop Eaton issues statement on gun violence
- 4/13 Earth Day statement from Bishop Eaton
- 4/16 A statement from Bishop Eaton addressing racial justice
- 4/20 A pastoral word on the verdict of George Floyd’s murder trial

GOD’S HELPING HANDS

God’s Helping Hands current needs are for dried and canned milk. Please place donations in the provided box in the Cameron Hallway.

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 6)

April showers bring May flowers. What do Mayflo—...Nope! Let's not have a quiz about pilgrims, let's keep talking about flowers.

1. According to Job 14, what comes up like a flower and then withers?
 - A. A mortal
 - B. Joy
 - C. Sadness
 - D. Gas prices
2. In 1 Kings 6, we read that wooden carvings of open flowers decorated this structure. What is it?
 - A. The inside of the Ark of the Covenant
 - B. The inside of Solomon's Temple
 - C. The tomb of David
 - D. The Rainforest Café in Orlando
3. In Song of Solomon 2, the bride compares the arrival of her bridegroom with a time of year with vines blooming. When is it?
 - A. the Passover
 - B. the harvest
 - C. the Springtime
 - D. February 14th
4. James 1 uses a wildflower as a metaphor of the impermanence of this sort of person. What sort?
 - A. Sinners
 - B. Rich
 - C. Haughty
 - D. Green Bay Packer fans
5. According to Jesus in Luke 12, the lilies of the field do NOT do this.
 - A. Grow
 - B. Be clothed in beauty
 - C. Work and make clothing
 - D. Serve as an example

BONUS: The fleur de lis as seen in this picture from our stained glass on the right is also the symbol for a biblical character. Who is it?

SUNDAY MINISTRIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. There are still many gaps in the schedules for those volunteering to be ushers, readers, and worship assistants. Now that we're back to in-person worship, it is time to fill in those gaps. Please consider adding your name to the schedules on the old altar in the narthex. Also, the Altar Guild needs volunteers for the months of July, October, November, and December. Please notify Isma Boland if you are willing to help.

2. **When Will Sunday School Resume?** At April's meeting the Congregational Council decided that it would be best for Sunday School to resume after Labor Day. Between now and then, please think about what kind of class you would like and what topics you would like to cover. Most of the classes prior to the pandemic were based on Augsburg Fortress Books of Faith Series with individual lesson groups covering a different book of the Bible. We have used almost every lesson in that series. Check out other adult Sunday School materials available at augsburgfortress.org. In a later issue of the Grapevine there will be a questionnaire asking for your input, including whether you plan to participate and whether you would consider teaching.



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.

*Inez Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Don Ford
Bill Hill
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moye*

*Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
(Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
The family of Danny Stocker
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Jane Wallace*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Brent Holcomb	5/04
Patsy Horton	5/05
Steve Nivens	5/08
Doris Wessinger	5/14
Kaitlyn Sawyer	5/18
Finley Lybrand	5/20
Betty Monts	5/21
Wayne Haltiwanger	5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

David & Sallie Hutto	5/02
Wayne & Marie Lybrand	5/03
Stephen & Susan Bush	5/06
Albert & Sue Drafts	5/21
Jason & Susan Smith	5/26

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 before Monday May ,24.



ANSWERS: 1, A. A mortal; 2, B. The inside of Solomon's Temple; 3, C. the Springtime; 4, B. Rich; 5, C. Work and make clothing; BONUS: The Virgin Mary.



Classical Conversations ended their semester with an awards ceremony in the fellowship hall. This is Mrs. Kreisel and her group of little ones.

**APRIL '21
PIX**

Razberries celebrated their first in-person gathering at WECO Biergarten.



We sent our USC students into finals week well fed with a BBQ dinner & games They also had to serve as judges in a pecan pie contest between PL and Melodie. He won by one vote, but he admitted she had the better pie.



The Flowering of the Cross returned for Easter of 2021. USC trumpeter Luke Demeres led the music as we sang outside!



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YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED

Read all of Pastor's Message. This form is provided if you desire to respond by mail.
Check only ONE.

- A. I am a OSLC member unable to attend often and need a mailed copy of *The Grapevine*.
- B. I will pick up a paper copy of *The Grapevine* on Sundays or during the week.
- C. I need a electronic copy of *The Grapevine* emailed to this address

- D. I no longer wish to be a subscriber to *The Grapevine*

The name to which your current copy of *The Grapevine* is addressed:
