

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!

I don't recall when the last February Newsletter article was where I wasn't talking about Lent. But it's a late Easter in 2022 (April 17) and Lent will not begin until March 2 (!). In addition to no Lenten themed newsletter article in February, it also mean we will be counting on the latest blooming azaleas you got for the Flowering of the Cross!

I was talking to a colleague about the state of "the Church" in the COVID/post-COVID era. As I have mentioned before, I believe the COVID crisis accelerated the trends that were already well established in North American Christianity, but really has not developed any novel ones. My colleague lamented, "what's going to happen to "the Church"?". I keep putting "the Church" in quote marks because I think MUCH of the current discussions regarding "the Church", from the ordained and the laity, are really discussions about "the Church that I know personally and have experienced ... the Church I grew up in... the Church of my particular context". Looking at the history and enormity of "the Church", that is really a small piece of the pie.

I will suggest that sort of perspective may be the sign of a certain level of unfaithfulness. We are wise (and more humbled) to remember that the Church is not the human response to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Rather, the Church is the Holy Spirit's response to the Good News of Jesus Christ. What we might see as the "decline of the Church" simply will not occur unless it is part of God's divine providence.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 2022

- Church income for the month of December 2021 was considerably reduced compared with December 2020.
- Ways for encouraging return of members to participate in the life of the congregation were discussed.
- Current COVID-19 protocols for worship will continue.
- A group will be asked to help clean communion trays.
- The church's Ministry Directory is ready for printing and distribution.
- The council is still looking for a secretary.
- It was recommended that Melodie Capole be asked to serve as Young Adult Director, since she is already doing so much work with this group.

2022 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.



IT'S COMING...

The Souper Bowl of Caring returns Sunday, February 13, 2022, 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.

END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

RAZBERRIES

Please join the Nivens' at their home for Razberries on Saturday, February 12. Enjoy fine dining in celebration of Valentine's Day! Stay tuned for further details via email.

TURN IT ON? TURN IT OFF

We have found a number of air conditioning units in the building that have been left running. This is particularly problematic in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen area as, if two units are turned down and one unit is left on, it is trying to do the work of three. In the winter months, thermostats should be set at 60°F for areas not in use.

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When John Ratzinger became Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, he chose the papal name of Benedict. I recall reading that was a deliberate choice because Ratzinger appreciated a motto of the Benedictine Monastic Order—"Pruned, it grows again". When looking at the future and worrying about the state of "the Church" in America, that's a comforting thought to remember.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

December 26-January 23

WORSHIP—33



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

1/19 ELCA introduces "Now Is the Time" Study Guide

FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Feb 6 Gail Marcum

13 Melba Murphy

20 Caroline
Raszewski

27 *Need Volunteer

GREETERS

David & Linda
Griffith

Horace & Betty
Meetze

Linda Hill

*Need Volunteer

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Feb 6 David Griffith

13 Linda Griffith

20 Rebecca Fingerlin

27 Beverly Nivens

LECTORS

David Griffith

Linda Griffith

Rebecca Fingerlin

Wayne Lybrand

FEBRUARY

USHERS

Chief Gary Black

Wayne Lybrand

MARCH

Jim Garner

Gail Marcum

ALTAR GUILD

Rebecca Fingerlin & Isma Boland &
Kay Black Melba Murphy

OFFERING PICKUP

Steve Nivens

David Griffith

TELLERS

Pam Hanfland &
Theresa Garner

Linda Griffith &
Beverly Nivens

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Gary Black

Jim Garner

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 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 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna martyr (ca. 69-156)

Polycarp, long-lived Christian bishop of western Asia Minor, was a link between the world of the Apostles and the second-century church. It is said that he knew John, the author of Revelation, and we know that Irenaeus and Ignatius, pillars of second-century Christendom, were acquainted with him. At age eighty-six, Polycarp was arrested and ordered to renounce his faith or be killed. Unwilling to do the former, he was burned at the stake.

February 25 Elizabeth Fedde Deaconess (1850-1921)

Born on Christmas Day, 1850, in Norway, Elizabeth Fedde trained to be a deaconess. At age thirty-two, she was called to New York to minister to the poor and to Norwegian seamen. Her first accomplishment there was the establishment of the Norwegian Relief Society. Shortly thereafter, she opened the Deaconess House in Brooklyn and the Deaconess House and Hospital of the Lutheran Free Church in Minneapolis. She returned to Norway in 1895 and died there on February 25, 1921.



WELCA CONVENTION UPDATE:



We still need volunteers to attend the Convention, if held this year, as delegates and a young woman guest. Are YOU still pondering this? **Won't YOU consider attending?**

SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention
Theme: *"He's got the whole world in his hands"*

Location: The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry

Date: Friday, June 24-Saturday, June 25, 2022

Deadline: Need to register by Tuesday, May 14, 2022.



2022 OSLC-WELCA OFFICERS

& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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)

Cameron — Isma Boland (Leader),
volunteer (Recorder)

Lydia—Caroline Raszewski (Leader),
Beverly Nivens (Recorder)

Rebekah — Loleta Keitt (Leader)

Linda Hill (Treasurer)

Linda Griffith (Recorder)

COMMITTEES for 2022:

Action— Rebekah

Community — Lydia

Growth — Cameron

Cameron-Growth: Isma reports that plans are underway for them to begin meeting in person in February. Their Nursery Monitors are listed in the new Church Directory available at the church. As for their report for the year, there was no Newberry College Women's League Sunday to collect funds. They will continue to order 'spiritual gifts' for confirmands and baptisms.

Lydia-Community: Caroline reports that they met on January 10th at Ariana's Restaurant to socialize and discuss their duties for 2022. They will send out information soon regarding the Easter Egg Hunt and a social activity for the church in the coming months. They have already begun working on the 2023 OSLC-WELCA Retreat. They will begin their programs with studying the book *The Rock, The Road and The Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford. Plans are to meet at Rebecca Fingerlin's home in February.

Rebekah-Action: Leta reports that they met in January at Linda Hill's to discuss plans for the 2022 OSLC-WELCA Retreat. Hospitality groups have been re-organized with new group leaders — each from Rebekah Circle — and plans are underway for continuing their Project Friendship as the church service project. Linda Hill and Linda Griffith will serve as the Hospitality Team Leaders as well as Retreat contacts. The registration forms for retreat are located in the Narthex and a copy will be published in the weekly bulletins and Grapevine.



*DID YOU GET YOUR COPY OF the
winter THE RIPPLE NEWSLETTER VIA
EMAIL?*

*Please let Linda Griffith know if not so we
can make sure you get a copy. Email copies are
FREE! This is your way to stay in touch with
what's happening around the state.*

SAVE THE DATE

(DUE TO COVID 19-CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH LOCATIONS/DETAILS TBA)

February 25-26 — (Friday-Saturday) SCWELCA
Camp Kinard Retreat (www.scwelca.org)

March TBA — World Day of Prayer

March 13 — 3 PM Spring 2022 SCWELCA Saxe
Gotha Conference Meeting-
OSLC/CAMERON HOSTESS
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

April TBA — OSLC-Newberry College Women's
League Sunday (Cameron Circle)

April 2 — OSLC-WELCA Retreat (Rebekah Circle)

April 17 — Easter Sunday

April 19 — 6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Mtg.
Devotional/Prayer: Lydia
Refreshments: Cameron

May 5 — National World Day of Prayer ([https://
www. nationaldayofprayer.org/](https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/)
announcing the 2022)

May TBA— SCWELCA Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat
Center Bible Study (www.scwelca.org)

June 24-25 — (Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the
ELCA Convention at Lutheran Church of the
Redeemer/Newberry "He's Got the Whole
World In His Hands" (www.scwelca.org) No
convention held in 2020 due to COVID. 2021
was virtual.

September TBA — Fall 2022 SCWELCA Saxe Gotha
Conference Meeting (www.scwelca.org)-
Mt. Tabor

October 2 — 3-5 PM (Sunday) Joint OSLC WELCA
Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
Devotional/Prayer - Rebekah
Refreshments - Lydia

November 6 — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

December 4 — **Immediately following Worship
Service** — WELCA Executive Meeting
(circle leaders w/unit officers)

Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

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

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Bet you didn't know February is National Embroidery Month! Sewing is the theme for this month's quiz!

1. Adam and Eve were the first to sew in Genesis 3. The made loin clothes out of _____.
a. Fig leaves
b. Palm fronds
c. Grape leaves
d. Snake skin
2. In Exodus 35, Moses says that the Lord has called two artisans by name to lead the work on building a special tent (among other things). Embroidery is listed by name among their skills. What is going in this tent?
a. The apple from Eden
b. The chief priest
c. The Ark of the Covenant
d. A puppet show
3. Ecclesiastes 3 tells that there is a time to sew, but there is also a time to do this. What?
a. Tear
b. Weave
c. Build
d. Iron on silly decals
4. In Mark 2, Jesus implies that it is foolishness to repair a piece of fabric with this. What is it?
a. Old cloth
b. Unshrunk cloth
c. Wineskin
d. A Stapler

5. In Matthew 26, the high priest will need his robes sewn because he rips his own robes at this point in the Passion story. What?

- a. Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss
- b. Jesus in on trial before him
- c. Jesus dies on the cross
- d. It gets really hot and he has to cool down

BONUS: You know many pastors wear albs, but what does "alb" mean?

THANK YOU

Dear OSLC Members,

Thank you for your generous and kind Christmas gift. I hope that 2022 will be a good and healthy year for all!

Mary Havens

Dear OSLC Friends,

Thank you very much for the Christmas gift! I am sincerely grateful to you all and feel so fortunate to be part of the worship group. I appreciate your generosity.... always.

Peace & Blessings,
Melodie

Dear church friends,

Once again I was awed and grateful for your Christmas gift. Your generosity is appreciated.

With love,
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 cam be removed.

Beth Boland
Chris Boland
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Linda Crapps
Katie Doble
Katie Blackwell Feaster (friend of the Hughes family)

Don Ford
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moyer
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (Morningside Ret Ctr., Apt. 131)
Mary Stocker
DeLeon Wallace
Heyward Wessinger

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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.



Notice how clean our sidewalks got last month.? That's was because of Francis Fingerlin, his pressure washer and about four afternoons of work.

Thanks, Francis!



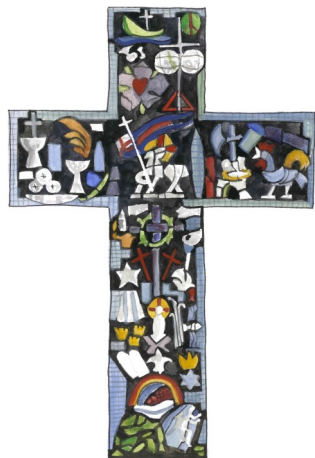
GRAPEVINE ARTICLES

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 21

ANSWERS: 1, a. Fig leaves; 2, c. The Ark of the Covenant; 3, a. Tear (or rend); 4, B. Unshrunk cloth; 5, b. Jesus in on trial before him; BONUS: Alb is derived from "albus", a Latin word for "white".

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Address Service Requested



*living in the light
of our Saviour*



2022 OSLC-WELCA RETREAT
Hosted by Rebekah Circle
Saturday, April 2, 2022, 10:00 am—2 pm
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1500 Sunset Boulevard (Hwy 378)
West Columbia 29169



Featuring Cherie Nettles — Humorist, speaker, and writer! If you want a fun filled day of 'knee-slapping, belly-laughing', and a twist on some of her—Cherie's experiences—then we are sure you won't want to miss this great event.

Registration begins at 9:30—Lunch included

\$25 a person should be given to Linda Hill or Linda Griffith or mailed to:

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
ATTN LINDA HILL
1500 Sunset Boulevard

West Columbia, SC 29169. 803-794-4697

Deadline to register is March 15.

COVID GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE.

Attach the following form to your check payable to OSLC-WELCA and note for 2022 WELCA Retreat

2022 OSLC-WELCA RETREAT REGISTRATION

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Home Church _____

Diet restrictions: If you have any allergies, please indicate here:

Vegetarian