

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!

On Ash Wednesday, you were invited—

“As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.”

How’s it going?

I think many times we imagine Lent to be FORTY SOLID DAYS of these disciplines. I’m not so sure. No one I know is going to practice 40 days of sacrificial giving. No one I know is going to go 40 days without food. No. Of course not. We always modify these disciplines. And the point, I believe, is not that we make these disciplines into 40 day endeavors, but that in the 40 days of Lent, we include these disciplines somewhere along the way.

I write this to encourage you. Maybe you had grand ambitions of your Lenten disciplines that have yet to come to fruition. Maybe you imagined a more rigorous prayer life, and it just hasn’t really started. How about you start now? Give a prayer to God right now. Worry about tomorrow’s prayer tomorrow.

Blessings on your Lenten season,
PL

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 2023

- Income for December 2022 and January 2023 was good.
- A suggestion was made that there be a council meeting, to which the members of the congregation would be invited, to discuss general issues regarding the church's future, as well as a time to bring concerns and offer solutions.
- Some repairs are needed at the entrance to the parking lot. About \$600 will be spent to clean the sanctuary windows, inside and outside.. Some plumbing issues might be taken care of "in house."
- Pastor Lance is preparing a series of online Lenten devotionals.
- The Memorials and Gifts Team needs ideas for use of memorial monies.
- Over \$1000 was received from soup sales on Souper Bowl Sunday, which will go to God's Helping Hands.

RAZBERRIES

Gail Marcum will be hosting the March Razberries. The date will be Match 11th.

More details will follow later so stay tuned.



ENTRANCE LANDSCAPING

In February of 2023 we were presented with landscaping from the John Satterwhite and David Satterwhite Memorial Funds. Together, and with the consent of our congregational council and the Satterwhite family, we dedicate this gift with thanks giving to the glory of God and in memory of John and David Satterwhite.

THANK YOU

Dear Our Savior Congregation,

Thank you so much for the sweet cards that you set me during my stay at the Lexington Rehab facility. It was such a nice surprise getting mail during my stay.

I would also like to thank so many of you who have called to check on me and brought me delicious food. I really appreciate your kindness. It means a lot to me being a part of such a wonderful church family.

Sincerely,
Jack Hopkins

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

January 29—February 19

WORSHIP—42



SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you Melodie for a fun event!

MARCH MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Mar 5 *Need Volunteer

12 Francis & Rebecca Fingerlin

19 Gail Marcum

26 Herman & Elizabeth Shealy

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Mar 5 *Need Volunteer

12 *Need Volunteer

19 *Need Volunteer

26 Marie Lybrand

GREETERS

Linda Hill

Gary & Kay Black

Gail Marcum

Gail Marcum

LECTORS

Pam Hanfland

Linda Hill

Beverly Nivens

Bill Aull

MARCH

USHERS

Chief Gail Marcum

Bill Aull

ALTAR GUILD

Isma Boland & Melba Murphy

OFFERING PICKUP

Wayne Lybrand

TELLERS

Wayne Lybrand & Beth Cleland

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Linda Griffith

APRIL

Linda Griffith

Isma Boland

*Need Volunteers

David Griffith

Linda Griffith & Gail Marcum

*Need Volunteer

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.



March 10 Harriet Tubman, Renewer of society (1821-1913)

Born into slavery in Maryland, Harriet Tubman fled north, using the stars to guide her, around 1849. During the 1850s she repeatedly ventured back into slave territory to lead hundreds of slaves, including her parents, to freedom, as the “Moses” of her people. Tubman was part of the Underground Railroad, a network of safe houses and assistance for slaves desiring to escape. During the Civil War she served the Union army as cook, nurse, and spy. For the rest of her life, Harriet Tubman was in charge of a home for poor and elderly African-Americans in Auburn, New York.

March 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome (540-604)

Gregory I (to distinguish him from 15 later popes named Gregory) began his working life as a well-to-do civil official in Rome. He had used his own money to construct seven Benedictine monasteries; in his mid-thirties, he renounced worldly success and entered one of them as a monk. He was appointed to several positions in the church before being elected pope in 590, the first monk to attain such high office. As pope, Gregory sought to be “servant of the servants of God,” in his words.

March 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge Renewer of the church (1771-1824)

After an intense mystical experience at age twenty-five, Hans Hauge, a farmer’s son, was convinced that he should rouse his fellow Norwegians to a new awareness of God’s salvation. At that time in Norway, itinerant preaching was illegal, but Hauge, a layperson, took his message all across the country from 1797 to 1804. He was frequently arrested, jailed, and fined, but he gathered quite a following. After a lengthy prison term and considerable personal hardship, Hauge stopped his travels and settled on a farm near Oslo to write. In later life, he gained the respect of many church leaders. One of Hauge’s central ideas is the very Lutheran belief in vocation as a form of service to God. And, although he often disputed with the official church of Norway, Hauge never advocated separation from it.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



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- 1/27 A Statement on the Killing of Tyre Nichols
- 2/06 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Hosts Youth Ministry “Extravaganza” in Anaheim

NO QUIZ THIS MONTH

There is no quiz in this month’s *Grapevine*. We ran out of room!

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**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)**

We did not have an executive committee meeting; however, reports from the committees and the treasurer were provided as information. With Lent, Easter and Retreat soon we decided to give the specific reports regarding the treasury at the Joint meeting on April 18th. An update from the circles follows:

Action-Lydia reports that they are excited about the upcoming Retreat with Dawn Smith Jordan on March 11th. As of this writing they had some 35 registered so if you have not signed up, please talk to Ann Satterwhite or Marie Lybrand soon. You won't want to miss this special event. Also, if you have not given Ann your \$10 donation for the Hospitality Team, she would very much appreciate it soon. They have received about \$155 from the ladies of the church. Also, be sure to let them know if you want to remain on the list of contacts for meals.

Community-Rebekah reports that thirteen meals were provided last year for hospitality and that they set up for two funerals through January 31st. Big plans by the circle are underway for the *Eggstravaganza* set for Saturday, April 1 from 10-11:30 am. Please see the sign-up board in the Narthex or call the church office to pre-register. The event is free to all children ages 2-10. As in the past, the circle is requesting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the kids.

Growth—Cameron reports they will continue meeting with the Rebekah Circle for the time being and will be assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt. They are currently making plans for WELCA Sunday and checking the cleanliness of the nursery frequently since the homeschool mothers use it weekly.

Linda Griffith will be attending the SCWELCA Board meeting as the Triennial Coordinator and the Retreat February 24--25 at Camp Kinard.

- 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 1 10-11:30 AM Easter 'Eggstravaganza' by Rebekah Circle in Fellowship Hall
- April OSLC-Newberry College Women's League Sunday (Cameron Circle) TBA
- April 18 6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-ELCA Devotional/Prayer—Cameron Refreshments—Rebekah
- May 5-7 (Friday-Sunday) SCWELCA Isle of Palms Retreat Center/leader—Risse Snelgrove(www.scwelca.org)
- June 23-24 (Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the ELCA Convention at Zion Lutheran Church "Just Love One Another" (www.scwelca.org)
- September Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Mtg. TBA (www.scwelca.org)
- 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 Refreshments—Cameron
- December 3 (Sunday) Immediately following Worship WELCA Executive Meeting to clear up any unfinished business (circle leaders w/unit officers) Opening Prayer—Ann Satterwhite

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Griffith Chairman

DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$16,960.16	\$14,557.78
BM & PI	\$935.00	\$525.00
Loose	\$129.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00
Poinsettias	\$217.50	\$499.91
Lutheran Services	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$430.00
Bucket Fund	\$5.78	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$1,625.00	\$0.00
Young Adults/Youth	\$1,640.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gods Helping Hands	\$100.00	\$100.00
Other	\$0.00	\$500.28
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$21,612.44	\$18,612.97

JANUARY 2023

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$15,448.30	\$13,859.67
BM & PI	\$1,170.00	\$1,014.37
Loose	\$110.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Power Church	\$0.00	\$455.00
SRAA	\$0.00	\$74.41
Choir Fund	\$100.00	\$0.00
Bucket Fund	\$2.57	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$1,900.00	\$0.00
Young Adults/Youth	\$135.00	\$0.00
Hand Bell Fund	\$100.00	\$0.00
Gods Helping Hands	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other	\$0.00	\$446.20
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$19,015.87	\$15,899.65

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
Harry Mears (brother of Joyce Rucker)

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Raszewski	3/03
Mary Stocker	3/03
Mackenzie Erb	3/04
Ann Satterwhite	3/06
Susan Smith	3/06
Anne Moye	3/16
Karen Doble	3/17
Adam Fingerlin	3/17
Claire Fingerlin	3/17
Lydia Henderson	3/18
Evan Dawkins	3/22
Madison Dawkins	3/22
Michael Collins	3/23
DeLeon Wallace	3/23
Jeanne Chapman	3/27
Beth Cleland	3/30
Michael Urban	3/30
Gary Black	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher & Jennifer Gossett	3/18
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy	3/29

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, March 20.**





EASTER 'EGGSTRAVAGANZA'

All are Welcome

Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends—ages 2-10

Saturday, April 1, 2023 10-11:30 am

Sign-up in Narthex or pre-register by calling the Church Office

803-794-8180

EASTER LILIES

The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a lily for our Easter Service at a cost of **\$15.00 each (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for *EASTER LILY*. Please indicate in the space below the information you desire printed in the Easter bulletin. **Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, March 19th.**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ lily(ies).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given _____ IN MEMORY OF or _____ IN HONOR OF or _____ OTHER

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY