

THE GRAPEVINE

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

When I was a kid, I LOVED summer. And what wasn't to love? No school. Play all day long. Swimming pools. The list went on and on. I'm not such a fan of summer in my adulthood. The older I get, the less heat tolerant I am. I don't like bitter cold, but for me, what passes for cold here in the South is quite tolerable. For me, summer is no different than most of the year except it is hot. Work in the garage? It's hot. Drive home from work? It's hot.

But also, for life in the church, summer brings—what Brent calls—“summer attendance”. That is to say—“summer (some are) here, summer not”. And it is true. Our college students will be leaving. Classical Conversations has already left for the summer. Some will take vacations. It's a shame. During the green “Sundays after Pentecost” time, some of the best passages from the Gospels are read, but few will come and hear them.

I am not trying to guilt you into giving a pity party for me. Brent and I will be here; it is our jobs. But do some serious rethinking if you are considering skipping a Sunday this summer. This congregation needs you here. And God wants you here.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 2023

- The church is preparing to open an account with Morgan Stanley to enable donations of stock to the church.
- Melodie Capole and her friends and the members of the Cameron and Rebekah Circles were recognized for putting on a successful “Eggstravaganza,” with Pam Hanfland taking many beautiful pictures of the event.
- In light of the many recent weather and environmental disasters, this year’s Lenten offerings have been designated for ELCA Disaster Response,

RAZBERRIES

May Razberries will be hosted by the Lybrands on the 20th. Note the date change since the 13th is Mother’s Day weekend. Details will be emailed, but please mark the date change on your calendar

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

March 26-April 23

WORSHIP—47

DAN HANFLAND APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE SC COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Daniel Hanfland of West Columbia, SC was appointed to serve in the SC Congressional District Two seat of the Executive Board of Commissioners for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind. Mr. Hanfland’s nomination by State Senator Nikki Setzler and subsequent appointment by South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster was confirmed by the South Carolina Senate on March 16, 2023.

Mr. Hanfland retired as the Executive Director of Community Health Charities of South Carolina in 2012. Legally blind since 2013, Mr. Hanfland has been a constituent as well as a volunteer advocate for the blind and low-vision community in South Carolina.

RHYTHM ON THE RIVER

The Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the Spring Rhythm on the River free Concert series for the month of May. These will be held on each of the four Saturday nights in May from 6pm to 9pm.

The last spring concert will be May 27, 2023 and will feature Phil Urban and Elizabeth Urban. Phil will be doing his tribute to Elvis Presley along with popular variety songs. Elizabeth will be singing popular songs along with some country songs. These concerts will be held at the Riverwalk Amphitheater 109 Alexander Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. The Riverwalk Amphitheater is located near the Gervais Street bridge on the West Columbia side.

For more information and the food truck info for each Saturday can be found by visiting their website.

<https://www.cwcchamber.com/rhythm-on-the-river/>

THANK YOU

Anne Moye sends a heartfelt thank-you to Elizabeth and Herman Shealy for the beautiful flowers from their anniversary and to members of the church family for their visits, cards, and prayers--all are very much appreciated!

PALM SUNDAY



MAY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS
May 7	<i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
14	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Horace & Betty Meetze</i>
21	<i>Albert & Sue Drafts</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
28	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS
May 7	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>
14	<i>Charles Nicholson</i>	<i>Charles Nicholson</i>
21	<i>Virginia Morris</i>	<i>Virginia Morris</i>
28	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>

<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
USHERS	
<i>Chief Jim Garner</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Gary Black</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
ALTAR GUILD	
<i>Gail Marcum & Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Wayne & Marie Lybrand</i>
OFFERING PICKUP	
<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
TELLERS	
<i>Beth Cleland & Linda Hill</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland & Melba Murphy</i>
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	
<i>Jim Garner</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.



May 21

**Helena, mother of Constantine
(c. 250-330)**

After the Roman emperor Constantine the First converted to Christianity, Helena, his mother, embraced it, too. Not a convert in name only, Helena devoted the rest of her life to helping the poor. She also traveled to the Holy Land and had churches constructed on sites associated with Jesus' birth, death, and ascension.

May 24

**Nicolaus Copernicus, scientist
(1473-1543)**

Copernicus is best known for his once-controversial claim that Earth revolves around the Sun, not vice versa. He began life as a Polish merchant's son and soon proved to be a voracious learner of many disciplines, including theology. A truly gifted scholar, Copernicus was also humble and compassionate toward others.

May 24

**Leonhard Euler, scientist
(1707-1783)**

Son of a Swiss Calvinist pastor, Leonhard Euler studied to follow his father's vocation. However, he became so fond of geometry that he and his teacher, Johann Bernoulli, convinced the father to let Leonhard change his major. Euler went on to excel in pure mathematics, publishing 866 books and articles, and like Copernicus, making important contributions to astronomy and other fields.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 4/12 ELCA Launches Truth In Healing Movement
- 4/26 ELCA Church Council appoints members to the Commission for a New Lutheran Church

Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to those who came to the Joint Meeting last month. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful meal prepared by Rebekah Circle.

Here's a report from our meeting:

Most of the meeting was spent on talking about the Convention scheduled for June 23-24 at Zion Lutheran/West Columbia.

1. Suggestions were made to ask several of our youth if they would be interested in attending as a young woman guest or a first timer. I have talked with several and they all have plans to attend an out of state wedding. Our Saviour still needs another delegate.
2. Circles will each provide two hygiene kits as outlined on the handout distributed for the global project. They are due at the church by Sunday, June 11.
3. The local project will be a monetary support to Camp Kinard to update linens and other items needed on a day to day basis. This was also in the handout.
4. Linda noted that all future donations to the Newberry College's Nursing Scholarship should be made directly through the College and not sent to the SCWELA Treasurer.
5. Ladies volunteering to help as greeters during the convention are Pam Hanfland, Linda Hill, Sandra Hughes, and Gail Marcum. Details regarding their exact duties and location will be available later.

LYDIA CIRCLE (Action)—is planning a Service Project to involve the community for this fall. We'll hear more as plans develop. Ann and Marie are busy with the duties as Hospitality Chairs. As of this writing, they had not had any requests for meals. Good News! However, I know we have several members in the church with upcoming outpatient surgeries and tests. If you hear of anyone having tests, outpatient surgery, or in the hospital, please let Ann or Marie know. Of course, we all know about their excellent Retreat at the end of March. IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN \$10 FOR HOSPITALITY, PLEASE DO SO.

CAMERON CIRCLE (Growth) - plans to have a date and speaker lined up for our WELCA Sunday by the end of the summer. They updated the children's bags before Easter with new items. We missed Elizabeth who is now doing the Sunshine cards; however, Marie indicated that she and Ann will add that to their duties this month until Elizabeth feels better. Thank you ladies.

REBEKAH CIRCLE (Community) – reported that they are thinking about working with Lydia Circle in perhaps hosting for a planned social event. More from the circles on this later this summer. Linda Hill reported that the *Eggstravaganza* was such a huge success that the Circle is making recommendations for next year. On a motion by Linda Hill and seconded by Pam Hanfland, Melodie Capolie will be reimbursed for her part for the Easter event. Several items have been stored at the church for the event next year — 2 banners and an Easter Bunny costume purchased by the Circle with Thrivent Action Team funds. We are happy to have Cameron Circle meeting with us.

REMAINING 2023 EVENTS

- May 5-7 (Friday-Sunday) SCWELCA Isle of Palms Retreat Center
Leader—Risse Snelgrove
(www.scwelca.org)
business (circle leaders/unit off)
Opening Prayer—Ann Satterwhite
- 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 Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
Devotional/Prayer—Lydia
Refreshments—Cameron
- December 3 (Sunday) After Worship
WELCA Executive Meeting to clear up any unfinished business (circle leaders w/unit officers)

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

May is National Better Sleep month. If you don't have trouble sleeping, thank God. If you do, do what you can to get better sleep. It's important (but you know that). Sleep in the Bible is our topic for the month.

1. In Genesis 2, what does God do once he has caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep?
 - A. Pulls a rib from Adam's side and creates Eve
 - B. Uses Adam's sleep to prevent Adam from seeing the growth of the Tree of Life
 - C. Hides a sleeping Adam from the serpent in the Garden
 - D. Takes a break from Adam's incessant yakking
2. In Genesis 28, Jacob has a dream about a staircase or ladder from Earth to the Heavens. What is Jacob using as a pillow?
 - A. A sheep skin
 - B. A log
 - C. A stone
 - D. A brand new MyPillow TM from Mike
3. In 1 Kings 18, Elijah mocks the prophets of Baal by saying their god must be asleep because he is not doing something. What is Baal not doing?
 - A. Appearing before them in a mighty form
 - B. Lighting a pile of wood atop an altar
 - C. Splitting the waters of the River Jordan
 - D. Getting up and making a pancake breakfast for everyone
4. Where is the curious place Jesus falls asleep in Mark 4?
 - A. The stern of a boat
 - B. The wilderness
 - C. The Garden of Gethsemane
 - D. His couch while watching a ball game

5. In 1 Thessalonians 4, St. Paul uses "sleep" as a metaphor for what?
 - A. Unfaithfulness
 - B. Ignorance
 - C. Death
 - D. Having WAY too much to drink

BONUS. A hymn from the Holy Baptism section of ELW starts with the lyric "_____, _____, Rise from Death". Fill in the blank. What are the words that fill in those three blanks?

EASTER



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.

Kay Black
Krissy Boyd (granddaughter of Inez Black)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Jack Hopkins
Crawford Johnson (newborn son of Parker & Elizabeth Johnson)
Nancy Marsella (friend of Gary & Kay Black)

Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Darienne Strickland (granddaughter of Linda Hill)
Mary Stocker
Barbara Weaver (sister of Bill Aull)

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
Wayne Haltiwanger	5/30
Isaac Havens	5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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 by **Monday, May 22.**

ANSWERS: 1. a. Pulls a rib from Adam's side and creates Eve; 2. c. A stone; 3. Lighting a pile of atop an altar; 4. a. The stem of a boat; 5. c. Death; BO- NUS Awake, O Sleeper

Congratulations, Class of 2023! We are so proud and happy to recognize all of our OSLC young adults and University of South Carolina Graduates.



Aaron Schickler

Major: International Business and Economics

Darla Moore School of Business
Graduating with Highest Honors

“I will be pursuing a master’s degree in the International Business at USC”



Melanie Tieman

Major: Biological Sciences
Minor: Medical Humanities & Culture

College of Arts and Science
Graduating with Highest Honors

“I am planning on attending medical school after graduation”

Robert Demuth

Major: Aerospace Engineering
Minor: Nuclear Engineering

College of Engineering & Computing
Graduating with Honors

“I am pursuing a master’s degree and also enrolling in a Ph.D program for Nuclear Engineering. I hope to work for NASA in the near future.”



Claire Fingerlin

Major: Visual Communications and Mass Communications

College of Information & Communications
Graduating with Honors

“I hope to find a job in the Columbia area as I plan on taking additional classes at USC.”



Adam Fingerlin

Major: Marketing

Darla Moore School of Business
Graduating with Honors

“Upon graduation, I will be working for Lennox International. I plan on being an outside sales representative and I will undergo training in Atlanta, GA for 6 months.”