

THE GRAPEVINE

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

The Luther tradition is quite ambulatory compared to others. Watch visitors and they will often be constantly looking for cues from regular worshippers as when to sit, when to stand, when to kneel. This is rooted in our theology which is rooted to physical things. For us, baptism is not just a matter of our hearts “being right” with Jesus. It is a public act among many witnesses with real water (and, as you know me... lots of it!) This brings us to a conversation I had recently regarding the making the sign of the cross.

What is it?

The sign of the cross is when a Christian uses one’s own right hand to touch first one’s own forehead first, then torso, then left shoulder, then the right shoulder, then (optionally) one’s heart.

When does one make the sign of the cross?

The sign of the cross is made generally when the Triune name is said explicitly. That is when the pastor says “the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. So the sign of the cross is made at the invocation at the beginning of the service, and at the benediction at worship’s end. Also the sign of the cross is made during the Apostle’s Creed at the phrase “... the resurrection of the dead”. But there are other times too (read on).

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 2023

- The South Carolina Synod of the ELCA will hold its 2023 assembly in Columbia in June. Pastor Lance will attend, and 2 members of the congregation may attend as delegates.
- College students were given Moe's gift cards for exam time. This year's college graduates were also given a stained glass cross on behalf of the congregation.
- A special committee has been formed to write guidelines for church use, to include fees, supplies, rooms, the kitchen, etc., by outside groups such as *Classical Conversations*. There would also be a review of agreements or contracts with the custodian, lawn care service, and copier service.
- We are investigating what is required to bring our defibrillator up to date. A refresher pack could cost up to \$300. Some members may be asked to take a training course for using the equipment.
- On June 4, following the regular council meeting, the council will have a special meeting to discuss the congregation's future.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

April 30-May 21

WORSHIP—41

RAZBERRIES

The June Razberries will be hosted by Don and Patsy Horton on June 17. We will gather at 6 p.m. in the Mediterranean Cafe located on Main Street in Lexington next to the Comfort Inn, 337 West Main Street. Check out the menu on google.

If you like Mediterranean food you will love this place! Please let us know if you can attend by Monday, June 5th.



NEED VOLUNTEERS

During the summer months there are several ministries that "need volunteer"! If you are willing to serve as a lector, worship assistant, greeter, and/or usher, please let the office know.

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Why?

The sign of the cross is a physical reminder of our baptism. When we hear the Triune name, when we acknowledge our resurrection, when we enter into the sanctuary and touch the water in the font, or when receive Holy Communion, we are acknowledging that the privilege to do these things is by virtue of what we have become in baptism—children of God.

“I’ve never done this, can I just start?”
Yes.

“Do I have to?”

No. And certainly don’t do it if you are trying to look holy in the eyes of others. But as a physical remembrance of your baptism, it can be certainly appropriate.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



JUNE MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS	
June 4	<i>Gary & Kay Black</i>	<i>Gary & Kay Black</i>	
11	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	
18	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>	<i>Doris Wessinger</i>	
25	<i>Linda Hill</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS	
June 4	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Melba Murphy</i>	
11	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>	
18	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>	
25	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>	
USHERS			
	<i>Chief Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>	
	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	
ALTAR GUILD			
	<i>Wayne & Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Kay Black & Rebecca Fingerlin</i>	
OFFERING PICKUP			
	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Linda Griffith</i>	
TELLERS			
	<i>Pam Hanfland & Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Linda Griffith & Theresa Garner</i>	
PROPERTY COMMITTEE			
	<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</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.



June 21
Onesimos Nesib,
translator, evangelist
(1855-1931)

Born in the Galla homeland of Ethiopia, Onesimos Nesib was captured by slave traders and taken to Eritrea. He was bought and freed by Swedish missionaries who then educated and baptized him. Nesib became an evangelist, translated the Bible into his native Galla, and returned to his homeland to preach the gospel. He died on his way to preach at what is now Mekane Yesus Church in Nekemte. On Nesib's tombstone are the words of Jeremiah 22:29, "O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!"

June 25
Philipp Melanchthon
renewer of the church
(1497-1560)

Philipp Melanchthon was educated in his native Germany, where he focused on Greek classics and Hebrew scriptures. As a professor, he taught that history and archaeology are vital for understanding the Bible. Luther's influence brought him to the forefront of the Reformation as a compiler of Lutheran teachings and defender of the Augsburg Confession, of which he was the chief author. It was on June 25, 1530, that the Augsburg Confession was presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. Melanchthon led the reform movement after Luther's death.

June 28
Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons
(c. 130 - c. 202)

Despite his stature as an important second-century theologian, Irenaeus's personal biography is a virtual blank. He was probably born in Smyrna and educated in Rome. Later, he was appointed bishop at Lyons in Gaul (now France). Irenaeus opposed Gnosticism's emphasis on closely-held knowledge, affirming instead that the truth handed down from the Apostles is for all people in a church that is catholic in its scope and not defined by national boundaries.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 5/02 Meggan Manlove elected bishop of the ELCA Northwest Intermountain Synod
- 5/11 Rebecca Middeke-Conlin elected bishop of the ELCA Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod
- 5/19 Donald Kreiss reelected bishop of the ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod
- 5/19 Katherine Finegan reelected bishop of the ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday's Bible Study will be on hiatus for the months of June, July, and August. We will resume in September.

REMAINING 2023 EVENTS

- 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

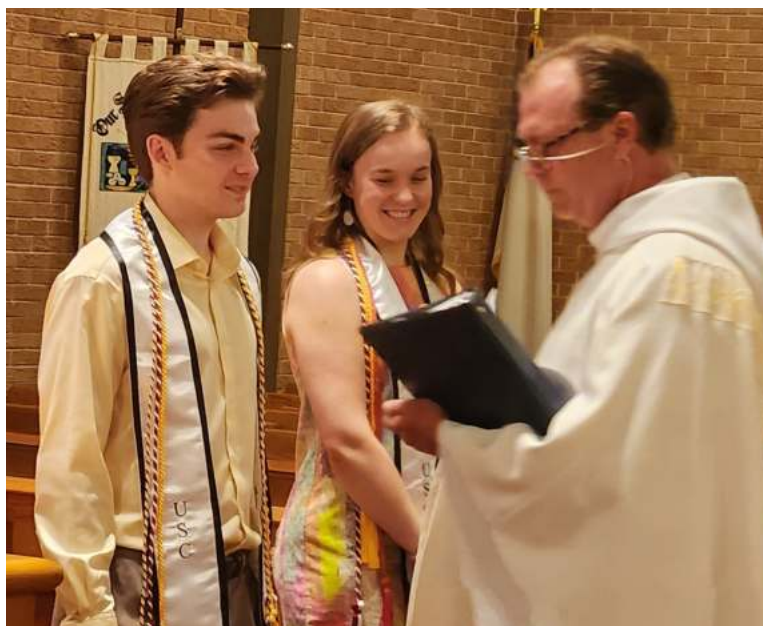
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Appropriately June is National Sun Safety Month. Let's look at the sun in this month's quiz!

1. In Genesis 37, a young Joseph has a dream that the Sun, the Moon and eleven stars were bowing before him. What was believed this represented?
 - a. This was Pharaoh and his court bowing before Joseph
 - b. This was Joseph's family bowing before him
 - c. This was all creation bowing before God
 - d. That young Joseph was a weird kid.
2. In Joshua 10, to help Joshua defeat the Amorites, God does something strange to the Sun. What is it?
 - a. Stops it from setting
 - b. Makes it burn twice as hot
 - c. Makes it go not shine for a day
 - d. Puls a big happy face on it
3. Ecclesiastes 1 tells us that there is nothing ____ under the Sun. Fill in the blank.
 - a. But Evil
 - b. Holy
 - c. New
 - d. Icy
4. Matthew 17 tells us that Jesus "was _____" before a few disciples and that his face "shone like the sun". What is in the blank?
 - a. Angered
 - b. Transfigured
 - c. Laughing
 - d. Playing a trick

5. Revelation 6 tells of an angel breaking the sixth seal. What color does the Sun become at that point?
 - a. Blood red
 - b. Brilliant white
 - c. Black
 - d. Rainbow plaid

BONUS: Which famous Christmas hymn proclaims "Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!"



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.

Bill Aull
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)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Melba Murphy	6/02
Lucy Hughes	6.09
Steve Rucker	6/10
Sue Drafts	6/16
Ruth Nicholson	6/17
Barney Keitt	6/19

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Kay Black	6/01
Meredith & Beth Cleland	6/25



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, June 19.**

ANSWERS: 1, b. This was Joseph's family bowing before him; 2, a. Stops it from setting; 3, c. New; 4, b. Transfig-ured; 5, c. Black; BONUS Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2023! We are so proud and happy to recognize all of our OSLC young adults and University of South Carolina Graduates. Adam Fingerlin, Aaron Schickler, Robert Demuth, Melanie Tieman, and Claire Fingerlin.

OUR VENDORS



Maybe you notice something leaking or a rat's nest or whatever around our facility. Can you just call it in? If it's a small job, sure!

Here are our some of our usual vendors:

Cleaning Service
Heat and AC
Landscaping
Plumbing
Ice & Kitchen Equip.
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