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

The transition paperwork from the ELCA is a pretty convincing document. It compares the time between when a congregation and pastor part ways and the start of new pastor to the time when the Israelites wandered into the wilderness.

Israel’s wilderness time shared both times of frustration yet also times when God’s provision was both abundant and clear. I think you will live both of these in the time ahead. You may consider what you may do in this time. My suggestion will be that each and every one of you resist the urge to complain, to be impatient with leadership and the process, and to fill your conversations with needless negativity. Everyone will fare better off if you can devote more time in prayer and be faithful to your leadership and the process. It is easy to complain about the ELCA, but the strength of the ELCA is its systems and processes. Our Bishop oversaw the call process as Assistant to the Bishop for Herman Yoos. Her devotion to that role meant that, on becoming the Bishop of South Carolina, she opted to continue this role as Bishop herself. She is absolutely devoted to helping congregations find compatible and effective leadership.

I hear the chatter. I know many of you imagine this to be a congregation of old folks. Yet during the school year, this congregation has as many attendees under the age of thirty as it ever has in my tenure. Also This congregation has many strengths to offer a candidate. Its staff is excellent. Its facilities are amazing. Its location is ideal. It holds no debt and enjoys

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 2023

- Income for the month of May was good, but a large insurance premium had to be paid.
- Quotes for repair or replacement of one of the AC units for the sanctuary will be requested.
- There will be no regular meeting of the Church Council in July, but a called meeting will be necessary when AC quotes are obtained.
- Our Saviour Lutheran Church will have no official representation at this year's SC Synod Assembly.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JULY 2

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 2, 2023 after worship to vote to reimburse Pastor Lance for money he spent on the air conditioner unit in the sanctuary (exceeding \$2000). This is the only business that will be discussed

FAREWELL LUNCH

Join us as we bid farewell to Pastor Lance Sunday, July 2nd for a covered-dish lunch. Kitchen and Fellowship will provide fried chicken and dessert. Bring your favorite sides to compliment the meal. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that adequate food can be prepared

RAZBERRIES

July Razberries will be hosted by the Hanflands on July 8 at 6:30 pm. More details will be forthcoming via email.

BAPTISM OF

CRAWFORD HALES JOHNSON



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

May 28-June 18

WORSHIP—40

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robust giving as well. Its number one expense (me) is leaving. It is reported that a suitable interim may be close at hand. You congregation has always been supportive to its pastors. Not every congregation can boast of all these things.

Again, I am thankful to God, each and every one of you and to many who are not in the Church Triumphant for my time here. I bid you the peace that passes all understanding.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lance



THANK YOU

Dear OSLC,

David and I are so appreciative of all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and food provided us during May. His hand is healing and my knee is coming along. Our calls of concern have been very comforting. Please know we are very grateful to have such a wonderful church family.

Sincerely,
David & Linda

JULY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS		GREETERS	
July 2	<i>Melba Murphy</i>		<i>Jim & Theresa Garner</i>
9	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
16	<i>Bill Aull</i>		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
23	<i>Frank Yonce</i>		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
30	<i>David & Linda Griffith</i>		<i>Frank Yonce</i>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		LECTORS	
July 2	<i>Melba Murphy</i>		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
9	<i>Virginia Morris</i>		<i>Virginia Morris</i>
16	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>		<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
23	<i>Gail Marcum</i>		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
30	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>		<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>

<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
USHERS			
	<i>Chief Jim Garner</i>		<i>Jim Garner</i>
	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
ALTAR GUILD			
	<i>Kay Black & Rebecca Fingerlin</i>		<i>*Need Volunteers</i>
OFFERING PICKUP			
	<i>Linda Griffith</i>		<i>David Griffith</i>
TELLERS			
	<i>Linda Griffith & Theresa Garner</i>		<i>Linda Griffith & Theresa Garner</i>
PROPERTY COMMITTEE			
	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>		<i>Herman Shealy</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.



July 6
Jan Hus, martyr
(c. 1372 -1415)

Jan Hus began life in a Bohemian peasant family. After studying theology in Prague, he became a Catholic priest. Influenced by the writings of English reformer John Wycliffe, Hus began speaking against abuses in the church of his day, including the selling of indulgences, much as Martin Luther would do a century later. Hus was forbidden to preach and then excommunicated for insubordination toward the Catholic hierarchy. At the Council of Constance, he was found guilty of heresy. On July 6, 1415, Hus was burned at the stake. His followers, called the Czech Brethren, formed the nucleus of the Moravian Church.

July 12
Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala
(1866 -1931)

Student in his native Sweden and later in France, Nathan Söderblom became a Church of Sweden minister and also a university professor. He sought to invigorate the worship life of his church by revising its psalmbook and hymnal. An intellectual himself, he wanted the church to work harder to reach both intellectuals and working-class Swedes who had become alienated from it. Most of all, following World War I, Söderblom was convinced that Christian churches needed to overcome

their differences and work together ecumenically to combat the ills of this world. Conferences he organized led to the establishment of the World Council of Churches. Söderblom was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930.

July 23 Birgitta of Sweden,
Renewer of the church
(c. 1303 -1373)

A woman of privilege, chief lady-in-waiting to the Swedish queen, Birgitta was nevertheless a critic of wickedness among the upper classes. She married and had four daughters. Her husband died when she was thirty-eight. In her widowhood, Birgitta became committed to religious life and gave all she owned to the poor. She founded an order of monks and nuns, the Order of the Holy Savior. Its cloister became an important Swedish religious and cultural center during the Middle Ages. Birgitta died while returning from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Today the Society of St. Birgitta, a laypersons' association, continues her charitable work.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 6/02 Greg Busboom elected bishop of the ELCA Central/Southern Illinois Synod
- 6/13 Phyllis Blair Milton elected bishop of the ELCA Virginia Synod
- 6/14 Pedro Suárez reelected bishop of the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod
- 6/15 ELCA-LIRS World Refugee Day letter

REMAINING 2023 EVENTS

- 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)



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	Mr. Scott McManus	803-518-1784
Heat and AC	Cassell Bros.	803-732-9669
Landscaping	Wes Harper	803-600-6018
Plumbing	Plumb Time	803-359-0312
Ice & Kitchen Equip.	Bryan's Rest. Svc.	803-788-8708
Pest Control	Modern Extermin.	803-765-2315
Trash Pickup	Capital Waste	803-814-0040

GRAPEVINE QUIZ

(answers on page 7)

Summer... camping... tents. Yeah! Let's go with tents.

1. Sometime after the Flood in Genesis 9, Noah and one of his sons had a falling out that started when Noah did this in his tent.

- A. Got drunk and passed out naked
- B. Used an oracle to divide his property unevenly among his sons
- C. Praised himself rather than the Lord
- D. Had a party that disturbed the tent next door

2. When the childless Sarah stood at her tent's entrance and heard three visitors tell Abraham that would bear a child in a year, what did Sarah do (see Genesis 18)?

- A. Praised God
- B. Laughed
- C. Cried with joy
- D. Picked out colors for the baby's tent

3. When Jesus was transfigured before a few of his disciples in Mark 9, Peter offered to build three tents. One would be for Jesus, who were the other two for?

- A. James and John
- B. Mary and Joseph
- C. Elijah and Moses
- D. Abbott and Costello

4. Who in Acts 18 is described as a tentmaker?

- A. The apostle Peter
- B. The apostle Paul
- C. The apostle Luke
- D. The apostle Coleman (get it?)

5. In II Corinthians 5, Paul talks about this being our earthly tent, what's he talking about?

- A. The empire of Roman
- B. Our current bodies
- C. Our deficient faith
- D. Actual tents made of actual dirt

BONUS: In the beginning of the 1800's, a major religious movement occurred along the US frontier. It featured travelling preachers and tent revivals. This period is known as the Second Great _____.



GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for juice, pasta, crackers, oil, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, jello, and Vienna sausages. Please place your donations in the provided box in the Cameron Hallway.

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
Krissy Boyd (granddaughter of Inez Black)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Jack Hopkins
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)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Withrow	7/11
Meridith Cleland	7/14
Bill Aull	7/17
Elizabeth Shealy	7/19
Jim Garner	7/20
Frank Yonce	7/22
Hampton Lybrand	7/24
Rebecca Fingerlin	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Sylvia Ford	7/13
Dan & Pam Hanfland	7/31

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, July 24.**

ANSWERS: 1. A. Got drunk and passed out naked;
2. B. Laughed; 3. C. Elijah and Moses; 4. B. The
apostle Paul; 5. B. Our current bodies; BONUS--
Awakening



'Change of Command' Ceremony
American Legion Post 7
Lexington, SC

***Commander David A. Griffith will be retiring his
command at Post 7 and passing it to
Michael E. Kinzie.***

***David has served as commander since 2011.
Mike has been very active in Post 7 for 10 years.
Please come wish David well and welcome Mike!***

***Post 7 invites you
to the 'Change of Command Ceremony'
American Legion/Lexington***

211 Legion Drive, Lexington 29072
Sunday, July 9, 2023
3 PM

***(No gifts, please – only well wishes.)
Refreshments served immediately after ceremony
by Auxiliary Unit 7.***

RSVP

Adjutant Josie Bradley (586-879-4958)