

THE GRAPEVINE

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

We are now in the transition process. The church council has voted to accept the synod- appointed interim, Pastor Christine Parham. Church council will be meeting with her on Monday, July 24, to create a covenant. We are anticipating her start date to be Aug 6. This is a part-time position, and Pastor Parham will lead us in worship and help guide us through this transition.

What's next? Our July 30 worship service will take place in the Fellowship Hall. We did not request a supply pastor, so we will not be having communion. We will have a service with hymns. Council will update the congregation regarding our financial obligations and allow the congregation to ask questions, make comments and express any concerns about the road ahead. We will serve lunch following the service. Please feel free to dress casually.

If any of you are interested in reviewing the transition packet, it can be found on the SC Synod website: Scsynod.com. Once on the website, select "congregation" at the top, then "Call Process & Compensation"; download "Congregational transition packet resources." .

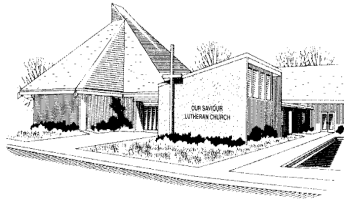
Moving forward, we will need to complete several congregational assessments, to include a sustainability evaluation, a vitality process, and development of a congregational ministry site profile. These will need to be completed prior to forming a call committee. Our constitution allows for six members to serve on the call committee.

While searching for a new pastor is not a speedy process, it will be important for the congregation to respond in a timely fashion when input is requested. It is also important for all of us to participate in keeping our church operating. We are the church, together.

Isaiah 41:13 "I am the Lord your God, I am holding your hand, so don't be afraid, I am here to help you."

Rebecca Fingerlin

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Secretary Charles Nicholson July 2023

There was no regular church council meeting in July, but the council did meet with Pastor Rick Carter, Assistant to the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, to discuss the transition to a new pastor. Pastor Carter explained the call process, which could take up to a year. He recommended that we call as interim pastor the Reverend Christine Parham, who has recently served as interim at St. James, Sumter. Pastor Parham will guide the congregation through the several stages of the call process.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Men in Mission will have their annual Ladies' Day at Shealy's BBQ in Leesville on Tuesday, August 22nd at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Please let Gary Black or Charles Nicholson know if you plan to attend.

RAZBERRIES

The Huttos are scheduled to host Razberries, on August 12.

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.

AUGUST MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Aug 6 *Dan & Pam Hanfland*

13 *Steve & Beverly Nivens*

20 *Jim & Theresa Garner*

27 *Linda Hill*

GREETERS

**Need Volunteer*

David & Linda Griffith

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Aug 6 **Need Volunteer*

13 *David Griffith*

20 *Linda Griffith*

27 *Marie Lybrand*

LECTORS

Pam Hanfland

David Griffith

Linda Griffith

Melba Murphy

AUGUST

USHERS

Chief Jim Garner

**Need Volunteer*

Jim Garner

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

**Need Volunteers*

*Rebecca Fingerlin & *Need Volunteer*

OFFERING PICKUP

David Griffith

Wayne Lybrand

TELLERS

Linda Griffith &

Theresa Garner

Beth Cleland &

Gail Marcum

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Herman Shealy

**Need Volunteer*

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

July 2-July 23

WORSHIP—43

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.



August 13
Florence Nightingale
Renewer of society
(1820-1910)

Florence Nightingale is one of two nurses the church calendar honors during the month of August. Often considered the founder of modern nursing, Nightingale supervised the care of wounded British soldiers during the Crimean War. Her high standards saved many lives. After her return to England, she founded a nursing school that became a model for such training. Florence Nightingale was the first woman to receive the British Order of Merit.

August 13
Clara Maass
Renewer of society
(1876-1901)

Clara Maass lost her life in a quest to find the cause of yellow fever. After studying in her native New Jersey and serving as a nurse in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, Maass volunteered for experiments. She survived one attack of yellow fever but succumbed to a second, at the age of twenty-five. In 1952, Newark German Hospital, where she had studied, was renamed Clara Maass Memorial Hospital in her honor.

August 20
Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)

Born in France, one of six brilliant sons of a nobleman, Bernard became a Cistercian monk at age twenty-three. Two years later he was made abbot of a new monastery at Clairvaux. It flourished under his leadership and gave rise to sixty-eight other monasteries. Bernard was well-liked as a teacher and preacher, and he wrote extensively. Several hymn texts are attributed to him, including *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* (ELW hymn 754). The church declared him a saint in 1174.



Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

REMAINING 2023 EVENTS

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|------------|---|
| 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) |

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 (Harbison Shores)
Krissy Boyd (granddaughter of Inez Black)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Jack Hopkins
Nancy Marsella (friend of Gary & Kay Black)
Anne Moyer
Steve Rucker

Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Darrienne Strickland (granddaughter of Linda Hill)
Mary Stocker
Barbara Weaver (sister of Bill Aull)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Heid	8/06
Herman Shealy	8/17
Gail Marcum	8/18
Elizabeth Urban	8/21
David Griffith	8/23
Marie Shealy	8/23
Loleta Keitt	8/28
Dolores Hopkins	8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Theresa Garner	8/04
Steve & Beverly Nivens	8/05
Don & Patsy Horton	8/08
Chris & Beth Boland	8/10
David & Linda Griffith	8/11
Howard & Sandra Hughes	8/13

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, August 21.**



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

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7/05 Bishop Eaton statement concerning Jenin incursions