

THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greetings!

Thought for this newsletter, I would introduce myself. I am Pr. Christine Parham. After a first year of study at Luther Seminary in St Paul, MN (where it is very cold) we transferred to Southern Seminary to complete our degrees. I have been ordained for over two decades. Most of my ministry has been with Lutheran Homes of SC serving The Rice Estate, Lutheran Hospice, and the Heritage at Lowman. When I “retired” from Lutheran Homes, I served as stated supply at Atonement in Laurens and interim at Orangeburg Lutheran Church in Orangeburg and St. James in Sumter. Prior to ordained ministry, I worked in our family advertising business and as an elementary and high school teacher.

My husband, Jim Parham, and I met in college and celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary this past June. We have been blessed with a daughter, Chris Owens, and a son-in-law, James Owens. Chris is in the third year of a doctorate in physical therapy at MUSC and James is working as an IT wizard. They recently moved back to the Columbia area. (Yay!)

Jim currently serves as Associate Minister of Worship and Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville, SC. I stay at our house in Eastover, SC which is on the Sumter side of Columbia. Our house is a log home with some acres which we share with chickens, ducks, potbelly pigs, deer, possums, an overabundance of cats (they keep finding us) and the occasional wild turkey.

I have included my emails and phone number. Texting is probably the quickest way to reach me, though I do check email, as well. I plan to be in the office and visiting folks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, though there will be flexibility depending on needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me, even if it is not an official office day. I look forward to meeting you all and serving as your interim pastor in the coming months

In peace,
Pr. Christine

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary, Charles Nicholson
August 2023

- Mud in the city water coming to the back part of the church has made it necessary to clean out the ice machine twice, at \$600 each time! The city is allowing us to run the sprinklers off the meter in order to clear out the line, but we will complain to the city about the money we have had to spend on this problem.
- *Classical Conversations*, which will be meeting at a different church this school year, will be removing the gaga ball pit soon. They have reimbursed us for all expenses associated with this piece of equipment.
- Because there have been additional volunteers to help with Altar Guild duties, we will continue to have communion every Sunday.
- The Young Adult Ministry Team is planning a “Welcome Back” lunch—welcome back for the students and welcome for Pastor Parham— after the service on Sunday, September 24. (*note: date has been changed to September 17)

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

The Cameron and Rebekah Circles will assist hosting *WELCOME BACK SUNDAY* on September 17th with a lunch following church service. We will welcome our new interim pastor, children, college students, and all who vacationed during the summer. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex to give a count of those who plan to attend.

RAZBERRIES

The September Razberries will be held on Friday September 15th at 6 pm at Nick's House of Pizza located at 1082 Sunset Blvd. please notify Don at 803-606-1514 or Patsy at 893-608-2642 if you can be in attendance, and of course partake, by the end of the day on Sunday September 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Starting Sunday, September 3, we will start back with Sunday School. We will have adult Sunday School class starting at 9:15 in the Chapel. Charles Nicholson will serve as our teacher for September. We will be looking for volunteers to lead Sunday school for the remainder of the year. Please contact Charles or Gail Marcum if you are willing to serve.

OFFERING PLATES

The Church Council has decided to move the offering plates to the entrance to the sanctuary, where they were located during COVID. Please remember they are there if you bring an offering. Please consider giving by means of “OnLine Giving” on the church’s website. Giving this way is convenient and easy to use. Also, the church has set up an equity account with Morgan Stanley for members who would like to donate stock to the church. Donating stock is a great way to support our congregation and has enhanced tax advantages. Please contact Ruth Levesque @ 803.343.8862 for assistance.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES!

Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume beginning September 5 at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. Pastor Parham will be leading this study.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?

The Columbia Bridge Club will have a session ("Learn to Play Bridge") on Saturday, September 9. If interested ask Brent Holcomb for details.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for juice, canned fruit, crackers, jello, dry milk, evaporated milk, flour, sugar, toilet paper, and bath soap. Please place in the designated box in the Cameron Hallway.

COMMUNITY LUNCH RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Now that the school no longer is using the church, we are moving the community lunch back to Wednesday's. The date for the start up is Sept. 27th at 12:00.



Lutheran Men Lunch at Shealy's BBQ in Leesville

SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Sep 3 **Need Volunteer*

10 *Ben Lemons*

17 **Need Volunteer*

24 **Need Volunteer*

GREETERS

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sep 3 **Need Volunteer*

10 *Gail Marcum*

17 **Need Volunteer*

24 *Rebecca Fingerlin*

LECTORS

Ben Lemons

Rebecca Fingerlin

**Need Volunteer*

Isma Boland

SEPTEMBER

USHERS

Chief Wayne Lybrand

Isma Boland

ALTAR GUILD

Charles Nicholson

OFFERING PICKUP

Wayne Lybrand

TELLERS

Beth Cleland & Gail Marcum

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**Need Volunteer*

OCTOBER

Jim Garner

Gary Black

Wayne & Marie Lybrand

Gary Black

Beth Cleland & Linda Hill

David Griffith

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

July 30-August 20

WORSHIP—42

FINANCIAL REPORTS

David Griffith, Secretary

JUNE 2023

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$7,344.41	\$0.00
BM & PI	\$1,113.15	\$247.50
Loose	\$50.00	\$0.00
Utilities		\$1,577.44
landscaping		\$396.48
telephone	\$0.00	\$187.97
office supplies	\$0.00	\$395.76
custodian	\$0.00	\$700.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$242.23
Memorial Fund	\$150.00	\$0.00
Young Adults/Youth	\$90.00	\$400.00
Staff & Pastor benefits	\$0.00	\$4,669.40
Staff & Pastor salary	\$0.00	\$5,480.91
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$8,747.56	\$14,297.69

JULY 2023

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$16,547.99	\$0.00
BM & PI	\$1,408.15	\$828.45
Loose	\$7.00	\$0.00
Memorials	\$340.00	
Synod Apport	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Utilities		\$1,701.56
landscaping		\$396.48
telephone	\$0.00	\$187.97
office supplies	\$0.00	\$819.21
custodian	\$0.00	\$700.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$127.10
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$161.49
Kitchen/ Fellowship	\$0.00	\$350.86
Young Adults/Youth	\$110.00	\$400.00
Staff & Pastor bene- fits	\$0.00	\$2,778.14
Staff & Pastor salary	\$0.00	\$4,154.08
Supply Pastor	\$0.00	\$330.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$21,413.14	\$15,935.34

Sisters in Christ,

It's been a few months since anything has been in the *Grapevine* so here's a summary:

REPORT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL CONVENTION — JUNE 24-25, 2023

1. In June, your President attended the SCWELCA Convention at Zion as your delegate and as the SC Triennial Coordinator.
2. Pam Hanfland, Sandra Hughes, Linda Hill, and Gail Marcum also attended as volunteers for the Saxe Gotha Conference. They did an outstanding job assisting with snacks and the meals. A big thank you to them.
3. A new **Handbook for Churchwide Synodical Board, Conference, and Congregational Units** was approved for distribution to units. Linda had the opportunity to go over the book and make suggestions from a congregational standpoint and found the book was in great order and had good explanations. Each Circle has one and I hope that your president/leader will pass it to the next president/leader. Also the original is located on the shelf in the copy room at the church if you ever need to refer to it.
4. Linda Griffith was appointed to serve out a term of a member of the Board who resigned earlier this year and asked not to be considered for election. Her duties on the board are now complete.
5. Currently Linda is completing plans for voting members to the Triennial—Christie Gardner, Pat George, Sarah Cheesman, LaTynia Taylor, and Cindy McManus as well as two others who will all be attending the *Gathering*. Linda will be in Phoenix, AZ from September 20-24.
6. Synodical Vice President Amanda Boatwright (Leesville) resigned her position on the board due to personal reasons and Christie Gardner (Newberry) was appointed to fill her position until next election. Christie will also serve as the delegation chair to Triennial in the absence of President Risse Snelgrove.

7. Offerings collected during convention were: Joy—\$3,370.82 which will support the ELCA Good Gifts Program; Convention—\$2,048.00. Camp Kinard received \$11,605.46 as our local project and 1,069 hygiene kits were collected for Tanzania plus \$410. The Newberry College Pantry received \$1,000.00.

LYDIA CIRCLE (Action)—has not met since May but will begin their new year in September. Plans are underway for a Fall Community Service Project. More details are forthcoming.

CAMERON CIRCLE (Growth) - continues to meet with the Rebekah Circle and are planning to have a date and speaker soon regarding WELCA Sunday.

REBEKAH CIRCLE (Community) – continues to meet with Cameron Circle. They met in July at Linda Hill's home and enjoyed a *potluck* lunch. They prepared and distributed thirteen bags with fruit to shut ins. They also met Monday, August 28 at 10:30 in the Fellowship hall to begin making plans for the church wide social this fall. Details will be in the bulletin.

OTHER: The LMM has asked WELCA to assist them again this year with their Annual Christmas Party. Date, time, and entertainment information will be provided soon.

REMAINING 2023 EVENTS

- September 17 3 pm. St. Matthew/
Lexington Fall Saxe Gotha
Conf.Mtg. (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: Ann Satterwhite

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.



September 2

**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig,
bishop, renewer of the church
(1783-1872)**

Nikolai Grundtvig, a nineteenth-century Danish theologian, had strong views about returning the church to Lutheran orthodoxy, centering on the Apostles' Creed and the sacraments. He was also an authority on Norse and Anglo-Saxon sagas and wrote poetry, including a Danish version of Beowulf. Lutherans know Grundtvig as the author of hymn texts such as "O Day Full of Grace" and "Built on a Rock."

September 17

**Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen
(1098-1179)**

Born into a noble family in what is now Germany, Hildegard was presented to God as a tithe by her parents. She entered a convent and succeeded her teacher as its abbess. Hildegard had had visions even as a child, and in adulthood she compiled them into books, feeling that God intended this. In addition to her mysticism, Hildegard was famous for the poems and hymns she composed and her knowledge of natural history and medicine. She also advised popes and secular rulers. Even though she lived her entire adult life as a nun, Hildegard influenced the wider world of the Middle Ages and still speaks through her writings today. The words of hymn #399 ("O Holy Spirit, Root of Life") in the ELW are based on one of her compositions.

September 30

**Jerome, translator, teacher
(c. 347-420)**

Jerome was a priest and scholar of the early church. After his baptism in Rome at age nineteen, he traveled widely on pilgrimages and continued to study, learning Hebrew as one of his endeavors. After admission to the priesthood, he received a papal commission to translate the Bible into Latin. Jerome's translation, known as the Vulgate, served as the standard Latin version for fifteen centuries after its completion.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

We wish our young adults and youth another exciting school year. Pastor Christine provided a back to school book bag blessing for all students to have a successful and joyous year of learning. Going back to school is a reason for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future. Please join us for service on September 17th. A Welcome Meal will follow after the service.



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)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Don Ford
Jack Hopkins
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Mary Stocker

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ben Lemons	9/11
Horace Meetze	9/16
Elizabeth Johnson	9/25
Avery Lybrand	9/26
Emily Heid	9/27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DeLeon & Jane Wallace	9/09
Traywick & Loleta Keitt	9/20

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.

ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

8/03 Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief partner to support farmers and families in newly liberated areas of Ukraine.



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, September 18.**



Have you been the victim of a scam, or suspected you were being scammed?

A seminar on Fraud and Identity Theft will be presented by Sergeant Eugene Hammill of the West Columbia Police Department at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM. The community is invited, and encouraged, to attend this very informative session on what scams are currently being used on innocent victims and how to be aware in order to protect yourself and your finances. Light refreshments will be served.

Space is limited, so please sign up in the Narthex no later than October 10th. If you would like further information, please contact Marie Lybrand at mlybran@aol.com.

The seminar is being hosted by The Lydia Circle as our Community Outreach Project for 2023. This is a very serious and real problem in our area so we hope you will join us to become more aware and learn what your options are to protect your current and future personal information.

