

# THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—*

As we heard from our young adults and youth it is good to bless our God and reflect on all God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives.

In baptism, God claims us as God's own beloved child and we pray, "We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain [us all] with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen." (ELW p.231) And God does! We are sustained with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we do have joy in God's presence.

The psalmist continues:

*who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;  
who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.*

We are forgiven. We are healed. We are redeemed. We live confident in God's steadfast love and mercy. Does this mean life is easy? Of course not. Living can be difficult. We experience bullying, sorrow, pain, loneliness, fear, and grief. We ask, "How long, O God?" But none of that changes the fact that we are claimed by God, loved by God, forgiven by God.

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# OSLC NEWS & NOTES



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary, Charles Nicholson  
September 2023

- Melodie Capole is considering having a Sunday School class for young children on the first and third Sundays of each month. Claire Fingerlin has volunteered to teach the young children. Charles Nicholson has resumed the adult Sunday School class. Both classes will need additional teachers.
- Gail Marcum would like to resume having volunteers make periodic calls to shut-in members.
- The outside church doors (and many inside doors) have been re-keyed. See Steve Nivens if you need to have a key.
- A new AC unit may be needed for the sanctuary; however, the unit is working at this time.
- Ideas are needed for use of memorial and gifts funds.
- The annual congregational meeting to consider the 2024 budget and various constitutional amendments and to elect new council members will be on Sunday, November 12.

## CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Candy donations are needed for our 2023 Halloween Trunk or Treat!! We need your help to make this a big success and super fun experience for the children in our community, so we are asking for candy donations. Please make sure the candy is individually wrapped. Your donations will be a HUGE HELP in making this a celebration for all!

## RAZBERRIES

Please join us at our home for Octoberfest on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Bring your favorite October beverage. Looking forward to seeing you all! RSVP via text/call to 803-530-6249 by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ann and Mark

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



- Sunday School is from 9:45am to 10:30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.
- Classes are for all ages, and the nursery is available during Sunday School. Claire Fingerlin will be teaching the class.

Lessons are age appropriate, with hands-on opportunities for kids to learn God's word and to know that they are loved! Please share and extend the invite to family and friends!

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Worship Team in the Choir Room immediately following the service on Sunday October 1. Please join us with your ideas.

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Times of transition can be especially unsettling for us. Patterns can change. Things can seem different. There can be uncertainty about just where everything will settle. But times of transition can be opportunities for experiencing joy in God's presence, for reveling in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

OSLC is in a time of transition. A lot of work is going on 'behind the scenes' as council reviews safety aspects around the church and completes assessments, while also seeing to the ongoing work of the church. Festive worship is continuing. Adult Sunday school has commenced with options for children being examined. Bible study is meeting every Tuesday yielding conversation on many topics. Fellowship events are ongoing. Opportunities for service abound. Folks are checking on each other. The church is being the church. I urge you to plug in wherever you are comfortable. Let us continue to Bless the Lord and with all that is within us, bless God's holy name.

In peace,  
Pr. Christine



Council President, Rebecca Fingerlin welcomes OSLC's Interim Pastor

## OCTOBER MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

- Oct 1 \*Need Volunteer
- 8 Charles & Ruth Nicholson
- 15 \*Need Volunteer
- 22 Wayne & Marie Lybrand
- 29 Steve & Beverly Nivens

### GREETERS

- Linda Hill
- \*Need Volunteer
- Doris Wessinger
- Sylvia Ford
- Melba Murphy

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Oct 1 \*Need Volunteer
- 8 Isma Boland
- 15 \*Need Volunteer
- 22 Marie Lybrand
- 29 Gail Marcum

### LECTORS

- \*Need Volunteer
- Pam Hanfland
- Elizabeth Shealy
- Sylvia Ford
- Ruth Nicholson

### OCTOBER

#### USHERS

- Chief Jim Garner
- Gary Black

### NOVEMBER

- Mark Satterwhite
- Wayne Lybrand

#### ALTAR GUILD

- Wayne & Marie Lybrand

- Gail Marcum & Linda Griffith

#### OFFERING PICKUP

- Gary Black

- Mark Satterwhite

#### TELLERS

- Beth Cleland & Linda Hill

- Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- David Griffith

- Mark Satterwhite

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## David Griffith, Finance Chair

August 2023

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
<b>Current</b>	\$16,428.98	\$0.00
<b>BM &amp; PI</b>	\$1,053.78	\$1,830.38
<b>Bucket</b>	\$15.79	\$0.00
<b>Memorials</b>	\$95.00	
<b>Synod Apport</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SRAA</b>	\$50.00	\$149.60
<b>utilities</b>	\$0.00	\$1,364.56
landscaping	\$0.00	\$396.48
telephone	\$0.00	\$187.97
office supplies	\$0.00	\$388.45
custodian	\$0.00	\$700.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$42.19
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$297.50
Kitchen/ Fellowship	\$0.00	\$96.28
Young Adults/Youth	\$170.00	\$400.00
staff & Pastor benefits	\$0.00	\$1,144.30
Staff an Pastor salary	\$0.00	\$5,161.08
Synod expense	\$0.00	\$205.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$124.74
	<b>\$17,813.55</b>	<b>\$12,488.53</b>



Elderberry Project for SRAA



Linda Hill and Linda Griffith presented social worker Katie Ball clothing as part of OSLC project

Fall is approaching fast and before you know it, Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is one of busiest times of the year too, for OSLC-WELCA.

1. I'd like to request that each Circle Leader/President serve as our nominating committee. Oh, yes, it is that time again to start thinking about some new leadership. We need to elect a new President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. So Caroline, Linda Hill, and Isma (chair), please get together soon and discuss possibilities. Our Fall meeting is scheduled for October 8th when that report is due. And, treasurers of units, you too are being asked to prepare a budget for next year and present at the Joint Meeting. Ann Satterwhite will chair.
2. *Don't FALL For It!* Scam Alert Seminar. Lydia has put a lot of time and effort in getting this community-wide project publicized and are hoping for a big turnout on October 15th. See the flyer elsewhere in this publication for sign-up and other specifics.
3. Cameron and Rebekah Circles want to thank all who participated and came to the *Welcome Back Sunday* event held on September 17th. There were some 61 in attendance and the BBQ, slaw, mac and cheese and rolls were all from Hudson's Classic Catering paid for in part by Thrivent funds. Baked beans and apple cake were treats from the two circles. If you were not there, you missed a good social event as Melodie Capole and the youth and young adults were awesome with the Worship Service. We heard from several of them about their summer activities as well as some background from our Interim Pastor, Christine Parham.
4. Linda Griffith leaves on the September 20th for Phoenix, AZ, to attend the *Twelfth Triennial Gathering of WELCA* with eight other ladies from South Carolina. Hopefully, I can provide some pictures before this publication is sent out; otherwise, I'll have them in the November publication.

5. Linda Griffith attended the Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting on September 17th where a local author, Mary Ritter, spoke about her children's publications and about 'Love'. There were 19 in attendance from eight churches plus one board member. Conference members were thanked for all they did to make the SCWELCA Convention a success this summer held at Zion. Offering collected totaled \$114 plus amount on hand totaled 245.08. \$50 was given to our speaker as an honorarium and \$50 will be sent to *LaVie*, a pregnancy program located in St. Matthew's parsonage which services the surrounding community.
6. The women will also be assisting the Lutheran Men with their Annual Christmas Party in December. Plans are forthcoming.

So you see, we have a busy next four months!

#### Remaining 2023 Events

- September 19-24 WELCA 12th Triennial Convention & Gathering in Phoenix, AZ
- October 8 3-5 PM (Sunday)- Joint Meeting (Officer nominations/election) Devotional/Prayer—Lydia Refreshments—Cameron
- November 19 OSLC-WELCA Sunday (Cameron)
- December 3 (Sunday) After Worship WELCA Executive Meeting to clear up any unfinished business (circle leaders w/unit officers Prayer—Ann Satterwhite

#### 2024 Calendar Events

- February 16-17—Spring WELCA Retreat at Camp Kinard ([www.scwelca.com](http://www.scwelca.com))
- March 17—3 PM at St. Stephen/Lexington Spring Conference Meeting ([www.scwelca.com](http://www.scwelca.com))
- May 17-19—Isle of Palms Retreat (SCWELCA Board member, Pat George, will be the speaker. [www.scwelca.com](http://www.scwelca.com))
- June 21-22—Annual SCWELCA Convention at St. Luke/Summerville. "Just Love" ([www.scwelca.com](http://www.scwelca.com)) Is there a young woman who would like to go and have her expenses paid? Let us know.

## 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.



**October 4**  
**Francis of Assisi,**  
**Renewer of the church**  
**(1182-1226)**

One of the best-known and best-loved saints, Francis was born into wealth and privilege. It was only after wartime imprisonment and subsequent illness that he grew dissatisfied with worldly ways. Francis turned to a simple life of prayer and charitable service. He attracted a group of followers who joined him in extensive travel and preaching. The pope made Francis a deacon to formally approve his ministry. The order of friars founded by Francis (Franciscans) established a branch for women, called the Poor Clares, in 1212. In 1221, these were joined by a society for laypeople, known as The Third Order.

**October 4**  
**Theodor Fliedner,**  
**Renewer of society**  
**(1800-1864)**

Fliedner was a German pastor who revived the deaconess system there and caused it to flourish and spread to other countries, including the United States. In addition to ministry among the German congregations, deaconesses were called as nurses in public hospitals. Training schools for women teachers were an outgrowth of the deaconess movement. Schools for parish workers, a home for unwed mothers, and the first German nursery school were also products of Fliedner's devoted service in his homeland. His efforts did much to meet society's needs while also providing women with opportunities for significant service.

**October 15**  
**Teresa of Avila,**  
**Teacher, Renewer of the church**  
**(1515-1582)**

Daughter of an old Spanish family, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent at about age twenty. She was not enthusiastic about her life there until a mystical conversion experience changed her mind. Teresa resolved to return her order to a more disciplined observance of its rules. She founded St. Joseph's Convent near Avila and then sixteen more across Spain. Her reforms spread to Carmelite monks, chiefly through the leadership of John of the Cross. Like John, Teresa left behind writings that show an interest in mystical thought, and additionally, several volumes of practical instruction and autobiography.



## ELCA PRESS RELEASES



### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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- 9/12 Thiemann announces retirement as Portico's CEO effective Sept. 30
- 9/17 Jeff Johnson elected bishop of the ELCA Sierra Pacific Synod

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

*August 27-September 17*

*WORSHIP—43*

# 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 (Lexington Extended Care)*  
*Katie Doble*  
*Don Ford*  
*Jack Hopkins*  
*Pat Kaskey (friend of Inez Black)*  
*Anne Moye*  
*Steve Rucker*  
*Willette Satterwhite*  
*Marie Shealy (National Health Care)*  
*Mary Stocker*  
*Mary Withrow*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Rhett Chapman	10/02
Francis Fingerlin	10/04
Pam Hanfland	10/15
Charles Nicholson	10/20
Chris Boland	10/22
Sylvia Ford	10/22
Deklan Lybrand	10/22
Stone Lybrand	10/22
Beverly Nivens	10/27
Marie Lybrand	10/29

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Parker & Elizabeth Johnson	10/26
Mark & Ann Satterwhite	10/29

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, October 23.**



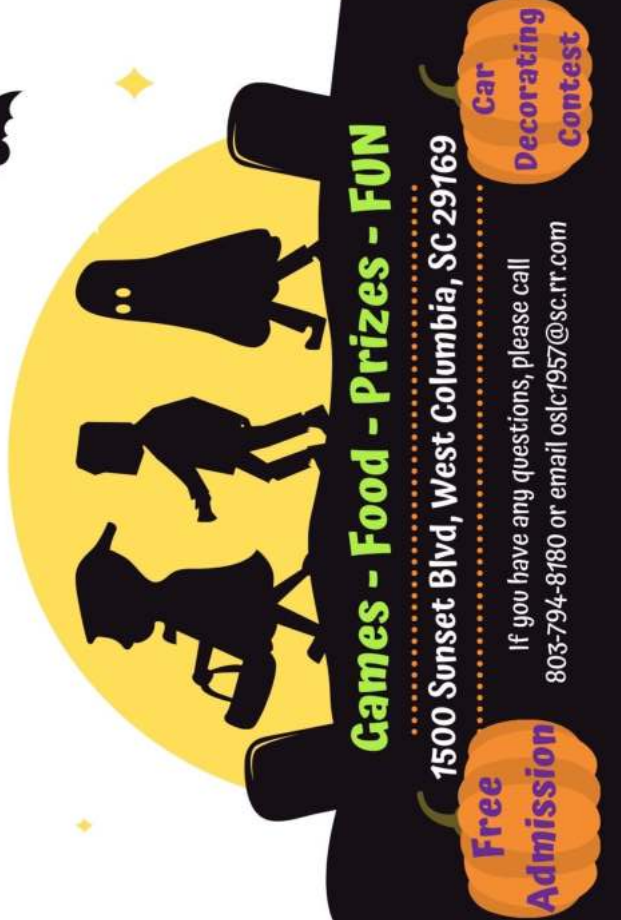
Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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# Trunk Treat

Sunday, October 29

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM



**Free Admission**

**Games - Food - Prizes - FUN**

1500 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169

**Car Decorating Contest**

If you have any questions, please call  
803-794-8180 or email [oslc1957@sc.rr.com](mailto:oslc1957@sc.rr.com)

## Don't **FALL** For It!



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 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like further information, please contact Marie Lybrand at [mlybran@aol.com](mailto: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.