

THE GRAPEVINE

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November, beginning with All Saints Sunday and ending with Christ the King Sunday can be busy for the altar guild. While the stores transition from Halloween products to Christmas displays, Jesus presents reversals, parables about his second coming, and an end-of-time separation of sheep and goats. As with the season of Advent, it can be difficult to settle the juxtaposition of the readings with societal activities. Fortunately, we don't have to. Rather we can live in the tension and grab the best from each world.

November also gives us the opportunity to pause, for a day at least, and remember and think about all the many things for which we are thankful. While this is often done around turkey and football, it can also be done around sandwiches and pizza on the front porch. Probably, while we think about things for which we are thankful, things for which we are not thankful will come up. Sometimes, they may even be the same thing. But rather than go down into a swirl of disappointment, I urge you to take your time and revel in all that God has given us.

November is a time when days get shorter and darker, the temperature goes lower, worship committees and choirs start to prepare for Christmas, and life has the potential to get crazy. I pray that during this time you can find peace, remember God's outrageous love for you, and stop and smell the chrysanthemums.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary, Charles Nicholson
October 2023

- Council agreed to present to the congregation for approval at the next congregational meeting the lowest of three proposals for replacement of the Sanctuary AC unit. The amount for replacement is \$33,472. The cooling coil in the current AC unit has a slow leak, which would require frequent (and expensive) recharging with coolant. Replacing the coil only would cost between \$12,500 and \$15,000 but would not be a good option for a unit as old as ours.
- The pothole in the parking lot has been repaired. The lot does need to be resealed and the stripes repainted, which will cost \$7,800. This will also be on the meeting's agenda.
- In light of these expenditures, the congregation will be encouraged to increase contributions to the Building Maintenance and Property Improvement Fund.
- Before a new pastor can be called, the church needs to have a security check by the police, a security team, and a security game plan.
- At the congregational meeting the congregation will be asked to amend Section C12.05c of the Church Constitution to increase the dollar amount of expenditures the council may approve for a non-budgeted item without obtaining congregational approval to \$10,000. The higher amount is warranted in light of rising prices and considering that another opportunity to update the constitution would not come for several years.

(Council Highlights Cont.)

- Council decided not to allow use of the church facilities for someone's private business.
- Nominees for 2-year terms on church council for 2024 that are to be presented to the congregation at the meeting on November 12 are Beth Cleland, Rebecca Fingerlin, Jim Garner, and Charles Nicholson. Steve Nivens is nominated to fill the remaining one year of Bill Aull's

2024 Church Directory

As we approach the coming new year keep an eye out in the Narthex for the sign-up sheets for the teams and the ministries at OSLC. Please take a moment to sign up for all those you are interested in. Don't forget to check the church directory membership to make sure the information for your family is accurate.

RAZBERRIES

Gail Marcum will be hosting the November Razberries on the 11th. More details to follow shortly so stay tuned.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for juice, canned fruit, crackers, dry milk, evaporated milk, flour, and sugar. They are especially asking for food items in "lift-top" (pop-top) cans to give to the homeless. Please place donations in the designated box in the Cameron Hallway.



Linda Griffith attended the 2023 Triennial, Women of the ELCA Gathering, September 21 - 24, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ



THANK YOU

A GREAT BIG THANKS for all the cards, calls, visits and care packages during my stay at rehab and assisted living. And I'm glad to be back where I belong!

Bill Aull

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Nov 5 **Need Volunteer*

12 **Need Volunteer*

19 *Bill Aull*

26 *Horace & Bety Meetze*

GREETERS

Mark & Ann Satterwhite
**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

Horace & Betty Meetze

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nov 5 *Marie Lybrand*

12 *Charles Nicholson*

19 **Need Volunteer*

26 **Need Volunteer*

LECTORS

Wayne Lybrand

Charles Nicholson

Esperanza Lopez

Beverly Nivens

NOVEMBER

USHERS

Chief Mark Satterwhite

Wayne Lybrand

**Need Volunteer*

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

Gail Marcum & Linda Griffith

**Need Volunteers*

OFFERING PICKUP

Mark Satterwhite

Linda Griffith

TELLERS

Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford

Linda Griffith & Linda Hill

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mark Satterwhite

**Need Volunteer*

Proposed Budget 2024, Page 1

	BUDGET 2023	INCREASE/ DECREASE	BUDGET 2024
CHARITABLE & SERVICE WORKS TEAM			
<u>Social Ministry (Supplies)</u>	\$200		\$200
Community Lunch	\$500		\$500
Camp Kinard	\$500		\$500
God's Helping Hands	\$1,500		\$1,500
Habitat for Humanity	\$0		\$0
Lutheran Services Carolina	\$1,000		\$1,000
Disaster Relief	\$1,000		\$1,000
Missionaries	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$0
<u>Synodical Apportionment</u>	\$15,000		\$15,000
Sub Total	\$20,700		\$19,700
EDUCATION TEAM			
<u>Christian Education</u>			
Bible Study	\$200		\$200
College Students	\$200	\$200	\$400
Campformation/National Youth Gathering	\$500	(\$500)	\$0
Sunday School	\$1,200	\$300	\$1,500
RightNow Media	\$960	(\$960)	\$0
Vacation Bible School	\$0		\$0
Sub Total	\$3,060		\$2,100
EVANGELISM TEAM			
<u>Communication</u>			
Calling Post	\$100		\$100
Printed Publications	\$0		\$0
Web Site	\$45		\$45
<u>Evangelism</u>	\$500		\$500
Sub Total	\$645		\$645
FELLOWSHIP TEAM			
<u>Kitchen and Fellowship</u>			
Hospitality Groups	\$200		\$200
Meals	\$1,300		\$1,300
<u>Youth/Souper Bowl</u>	\$300	\$200	\$500
Sub Total	\$1,800		\$2,000
STEWARDSHIP TEAM			
<u>Administration</u>			
<i>Maintenance/Agreements</i>			
<u>Power Church Yearly Fee</u>	\$445		\$445
Copier Agreement	\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000
Custodial Service	\$8,800	(\$400)	\$8,400
Grounds/Landscaping	\$5,000		\$5,000
Insurance	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000

Proposed Budget 2024, Page 2

	BUDGET 2023	INCREASE/ DECREASE	BUDGET 2024
Utilities			
Elec/Gas/Water	\$13,000		\$13,000
Garbage/Waste Service	\$700		\$700
Telephone/Internet Service	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$2,200
Office supplies	\$5,045		\$5,045
Offering Envelopes/Stewardship	\$500	\$0	\$500
<i>Off-Site Record Storage</i>	\$100		\$100
<i>Postage</i>	\$1,800	(\$600)	\$1,200
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total	\$46,890		\$49,590
Salaries			
Handbell Choir Director	\$5,000		\$5,000
Organist/Choirmaster	\$11,670		\$11,670
Organist Supply	\$250	(\$250)	\$0
Pastor	\$47,844		\$47,844
Pastor Supply	\$800		\$800
Secretary	\$13,728	(\$228)	\$13,500
Sub Total	\$79,292		\$78,814
Staff Benefits			
Housing (Pastor)	\$21,000		\$21,000
Pension & Insurance			
(Pastor)	\$10,000		\$10,000
Professional Expense	\$2,000		\$2,000
Social Security (Pastor)	\$4,000		\$4,000
Social Security (Staff)	\$821		\$821
Sub Total	\$37,821		\$37,821
Travel			
Car Allowance (Pastor)	\$4,000		\$4,000
Synod Convention Ex-			
pense	\$500		\$500
Sub Total	\$4,500		\$4,500
WORSHIP TEAM			
Handbell Music Supplies	\$200		\$200
Choir Music Supplies	\$200		\$200
Guest Musicians	\$200	\$300	\$500
Devotional/Publication Materials	\$1,500		\$1,500
<u>Nursery Keepers/Monitors</u>			
<u>Altar Guild</u>			
Acolytes/Crucifers			
Communion/Paraments/Flowers			
(Supplies)	\$2,000		\$2,000
Banners/Vestments			
Sub Total	\$4,100		\$4,400

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

<u>Executive Committee</u>	\$0	
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	\$0	
<u>Call Committee</u>	\$0	\$500
<u>Financial Review (Audit)</u>	\$0	
<u>Mutual Ministry</u>		
Sub Total	\$0	\$500

MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$200,808	\$202,070
BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$25,000	\$30,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$225,808	\$232,070

Net Difference **\$6,262)**

Budget Percentage **2.77%**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday November 12, 2023 for consideration of the 2024 budget and various constitutional amendments and to elect new council members. In addition to the proposed budget and amendments that were approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, the following will be brought to the congregation for approval:

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“DON’T FALL FOR IT”

SCAM AND IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR

The Lydia Circle hosted the seminar as our community project for 2023. Sergeant Eugene Hammill, with the West Columbia Police Department Community Action Team, gave a very informative and interesting presentation on current scams and identity fraud. Thirty-two church members and guests attended and were educated on how to protect yourself from scammers and fraud. There were many questions, sharing of personal situations, followed by fellowship and refreshments with personal time with Sergeant Hammill.



Thank you to
Sergeant Hammill
and to the
Thrivent Action Team
for their support
of our community
project.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children are invited to come learn about the word of God and how Jesus loves them! Youth Sunday School is led by Ms. Claire Fingerlin. We appreciate the time and dedication she has put into lesson preparation, and the young ones enjoy her! The lessons are planned to relate to their age group which helps them learn and explore their faith. The class is filled with energetic lessons, crafts and activities. We'd love to have your children, grandkids, friends, and neighbors join us! Youth Sunday School will be offered on the first and third Sundays of every month, beginning at 9:45.



ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2024

President—Linda Griffith (Rebekah)
Vice President—Isma Boland (Cameron)
Treasurer—Ann Satterwhite (Lydia)
Secretary—Caroline Raszewski (Lydia)
(Note: Officer sheet has been mailed to
SCWELCA
Secretary, Shari Donely, for record.)

Circle leaders should be elected in respective circles in November.

Looking forward to another great year with committee assignments changing in January:

Action — Rebekah Circle
Community — Lydia Circle
Growth — Cameron Circle

At our Joint Meeting held on October 8th, committees reported that all duties have or are being completed within this calendar year. The following is a short recap of the meeting:

1. To date, Lydia (Action) has provided five meals (Hospitality), completed the Bible Study Retreat, and will have completed their Seminar on Scam Alerts in October. They made revisions to the Hospitality Guidelines which will be published in the new OSLC Policies and Procedures booklet in January.
2. Rebekah Circle (Community) reported that the Welcome Back Sunday event in September was a huge success with feeding some 65 individuals. They will be working on their proposal for the WELCA Retreat in the coming months.
3. Cameron (Growth) will continue meeting with Rebekah in 2024 and their duties are almost complete for the year. Plans are to coordinate the Christmas tree decorating in the Fellowship Hall on December 5th after Bible Study. Two events are planned in the Hall — USC Luncheon on December 6th and LMM Christmas Party on December 11.

The budget proposal will be submitted by our treasurer sometime in November for comments, revisions, and/or approval prior to January 1.

A delightful and meaningful devotion about the 'The Spoon Theory' was presented by Caroline Raszewski (Lydia) and delicious pumpkin cake was served by Cameron's famous cooks! We adjourned with the Purpose Statement.

Remaining 2023 Events

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)
March 17—3 PM at St. Stephen/Lexington
Spring Conference Meeting
(www.scwelca.com)
May 17-19—Isle of Palms Retreat (SCWELCA Board member, Pat George, will be the speaker. www.scwelca.com)
June 21-22—Annual SCWELCA Convention at St. Luke/Summerville. "Just Love" (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.



November 7

John Christian Frederick Heyer
Missionary
(1793-1873)

During the turmoil of the Napoleonic wars, John Heyer, still a teenager, was sent from his native Germany to live with an uncle in Philadelphia. He studied theology there and back in Germany before returning to Pennsylvania to be ordained and licensed as a missionary. He founded churches in the Midwest and assisted at Gettysburg College and Seminary. From 1842 to 1857, Heyer served as a missionary to India; the stations he established there grew into the Lutheran Church in India. From then on, he alternated time in America with time spent in India on behalf of evangelism. His final service was as chaplain of Mt. Airy Seminary in Philadelphia.

November 7

Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg
Missionary
(1682-1719)

Believed to be Protestantism's first missionary, Ziegenbalg studied in Germany and was sent by King Frederick IV of Denmark to the Tamil people of southeast India. Beginning in 1706, he established mission schools, a church, and a seminary for native preachers in spite of his ill health and frequent opposition from colonial authorities and local Hindus. Ziegenbalg learned the Tamil language and translated the catechism and parts of Scripture for the native people. He became an expert on south Indian Hinduism and published scholarly works on that subject. The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church carries on Ziegenbalg's work today.

November 7
Ludwig Nommensen
Missionary
(1834-1918)

A hired hand and teacher's assistant in his native northern Germany, Ludwig Nommensen finally kept a promise in 1857 that he had made early in life. He enrolled in the Barmen mission school. Four years later, he began his lengthy service among the Batak people of Sumatra. Neither Moslem nor Christian missionaries had contacted the Batak prior to Nommensen's arrival.

Nommensen wisely gave his new church in Sumatra a local flavor by incorporating aspects of native culture, by translating Luther's Catechism and much of the Bible into the Batak language, by writing hymns in that language, and by training native teachers and ministers to broaden the evangelizing effort. The ongoing Batak church is testimony to Pastor Nommensen's dedication and skill.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 10/04 ELCA Conference of Bishops elects Bishop Yehiel Curry as conference chair
- 10/13 ELCA presiding bishop issues statement on Israel-Hamas war

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

September 24-October 22

WORSHIP—38

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.

*Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Don Ford
The family of Shirley Hanna
Jack Hopkins
Pat Kaskey (friend of Inez Black)
Anne Moyer
Steve Rucker
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
The family of Mary Stocker
DeLeon & Jane Wallace
Mary Withrow*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Garner	11/03
Linda Crapps	11/16
Padget Satterwhite	11/19
Sharon Doble-Bone	11/23
Phyllis Calamas	11/24
Dan Hanfland	11/29
Sharon Assey	11/30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Horace & Betty Meetze	11/22
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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, November 20.**





POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship and Music Committee would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a poinsettia for our Christmas Services at a cost of \$14.00 (includes tax). Your check should be made payable to the church and marked "POINSETTIA". Please indicate in the space below the information you want printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church with your check **BEFORE Sunday, December 10.**

I desire to order _____ poinsettia(s).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given ____ IN MEMORY OF or ____ IN HONOR OF or ____ OTHER

(Please print legibly)