

THE GRAPEVINE

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Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers upon the death of my father. He enjoyed a good 95 years and will be missed, but it is comforting to know he is well and whole and resting in God's warm embrace. Jim and I also appreciated the generous gift card, it made our trip to PA go much more smoothly.

As a pastor, I have the opportunity to have people share their faith stories with me. What a joy it has been over these months to not only hear your faith stories—especially on youth Sundays—but to see your faith in action in so many ways. It speaks very well for the future of OSLC.

We find ourselves this month in the middle of Lent. Lent is more than a season to give something up or consistently remember to purchase food for the food bank. It is also a time to reflect on our journey of faith and what in our journey has brought us closer to God and what can we do to continue to walk with God in our lives. Lent is an awesome time to revel in all God has done, is doing, and will do for us.

May you enjoy a meaningful Lent as we journey to the three days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary, Charles Nicholson
February 2024

- The church's blueprints from 1960, 1973, and 1993 have been copied onto a flash drive for uploading to the Cloud.
- Repairs to the roof are underway.
- The church will install a security system with 6 cameras inside the building at a cost of \$6500.
- There was good response from the congregation in preparing Valentines bags for shut-in members.
- During Lent the Adult Sunday School class is using "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.
- Young Adult Ministry is planning Vacation Bible School this summer.
- After sending in the completed Congregation Survey forms, the next item in the call process is preparation of a Ministry Site Profile showing the history, mission, and ministry priorities of this church.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE DURING LENT



Feb 20, 27; March 5,2,&19: **Lenten Services**
at 12:00 noon

March 24: **Palm Sunday**—with Palm
Procession at 10:30 am

March 28: **Maundy Thursday**—Holy
Communion and Stripping of the Altar at
5:30 pm

March 29—**Good Friday**—Worship at 5:30 pm

March 31—**Easter Sunday**
10:00: Flowering of the Cross
10:30: Holy Communion



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lydia Circle will be hosting the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt on March 30 and we are asking the congregation to donate plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign up your little bunnies and their ages. A drop off container for candy and eggs will also be with the sign up sheet. We would appreciate donations by March 10 in order to stuff eggs at our March 11 meeting, or not later than Sunday, March 24. Bring your children, grandchildren, and friends' children. As always, thank you all very much for your generous support of WELCA's annual Easter Egg-stravaganza.



Clothing collected for SRAA

RAZBERRIES



Razberries will meet at Caroline's house for the biennial St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 9

TIME: 6:30

DRESS: WEAR GREEN, B.Y.O.B

WHERE: 109 ROYAL CREEK DRIVE LEXINGTON-(off 378 HW, turn by Aldi's, 1/2 mile down to Royal Creek Subdivision)

Please bring an Irish or green dish. The leprechaun has already started bringing some surprises! As before, Elderberries or anyone in the church wanting to party is welcome! Just please let me know if you are going to join us, so I can make more Irish stew.

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday the 6th

Prize for best dress up.

Prize for most observant.

Prize for everyone from the leprechaun!



MARCH MINISTRIES

	FLOWERS	GREETERS
Mar 3	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
10	<i>Doris Wessinger</i>	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>
17	<i>Francis & Rebecca Fingerlin</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
24	<i>Herman & Elizabeth Shealy</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
31	<i>Gary & Kay Black</i>	<i>Gayle Marcum</i>

	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	LECTORS
Mar 3	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
10	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Ann Satterwhite</i>
17	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>
24	<i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
31	<i>David Griffith</i>	<i>David Griffith</i>

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
USHERS	
Chief <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Gary Black</i>

ALTAR GUILD	
<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Gail Marcum & Marie Lybrand</i>

OFFERING PICKUP	
<i>Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>

TELLERS	
<i>Linda Griffith & Caroline Raszewski</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland & Gail Marcum</i>

PROPERTY COMMITTEE	
<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Rebecca Fingerlin</i>

INTERIOR DOORS

Please keep all interior doors closed when not in use. These are fire doors.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS REPORT

Thank you all for your support and continued participation in February's events. We couldn't help but reflect upon our most recent activities as we led a Young Adult and Youth worship service, raised Souper Bowl funds to support UofSC School of Medicine, and organized a fun-filled Shrove Tuesday with family and friends.

We raised \$1,140 in soup sales to donate to *Cocky's Cupboard*, which provides emergency food and toiletry items to support students.



Blessings are not only monetary, but they come in all kinds of packages. They come canned, boxed and, sometimes, they're even collected in church gatherings. This year, we donated 88 lbs. of canned and boxed goods for *God's Helping Hands* that were collected at our Shrove Tuesday event. The staff members are very grateful and appreciate your dedication to their ministry.



The "YAYA" members are grateful for the congregation's support and look forward to more opportunities to share in ministry with all of you.



Respectfully,
Melodie

THANK YOU

Dear Our Saviour Family and WELCA,

Thank you so much for the Valentine bag filled with cards and treats. I read Katie's cards to her. She smiled as I read them. Thanks to all of you for caring and loving Katie. We are blessed to have such a loving church family to be a part of. Thank you for keeping Katie in your prayers.

Love,
Sharon Doble-Bone

Dear WELCA and Church Family,

A special "thank you" for the Valentine bags filled with Valentine cards, candies, and other gifts for Greg and me. We truly felt the love that came with them.

The same is true with the Christmas bags that you gave us—filled with cards and nice gifts.

We're blessed to be part of Our Saviour, a body of believers who are "doers" of the word, and not just hearer's only.

Gratefully,
Jeannie Chapman
Greg Chapman

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the Christmas gift bag, the cards, and everything.

Steve & Joyce Rucker



OFFICERS

President—Linda Griffith (Rebekah)
Vice President—Isma Boland (Cameron)
Treasurer—Ann Satterwhite (Lydia)
Secretary—Caroline Raszewski (Lydia)

2024 CALENDAR EVENTS

- March 1 12 Noon World Day of Prayer at Emmanuel/West Columbia
- March 17 3 PM (Sunday) Spring Saxe Gotha Conference Mtg at St. Stephen/Lex
- April 14 OSLC-Newberry College Nursing Scholarship Donations (Cameron Circle)
- April 16 6 PM (Tuesday) Joint OSLC-WELCA Meeting
Devotional/Prayer: Rebekah
Refreshments: Lydia
- May 17-19 (Friday-Sunday) SCWELCA Isle of Palms Lutheran Retreat Center Bible Study (www.scwelca.org)
- June 21-22 (Friday/Saturday) SC Women of the ELCA Convention at St. Luke/Summerville “Just Love” (www.scwelca.org)
- September 15 3 PM Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at Transfiguration/West Columbia (www.scwelca.org)
- October 13 3-5 PM (Sunday)- Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
Devotional/Prayer - Cameron
Refreshments – Rebekah
- December 8 Immediately following Worship Service/WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite



More pictures from Shrove Tuesday (above) and (on the left) some of our women playing in the nursery...or were they cleaning up and organizing?

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.



March 10

**Harriet Tubman, renewer of society
(1821-1913)**

Born into slavery in Maryland, Harriet Tubman fled north, using the stars to guide her, around 1849. During the 1850s she repeatedly ventured back into slave territory to lead hundreds of slaves, including her parents, to freedom, as the “Moses” of her people. Tubman was part of the Underground Railroad, a network of safe houses and assistance for slaves desiring to escape. During the Civil War she served the Union army as cook, nurse, and spy. For the rest of her life, Harriet Tubman was in charge of a home for poor and elderly African-Americans in Auburn, New York.

March 10

**Sojourner Truth, renewer of society
(ca. 1797-1883)**

Also born into slavery, Isabella Baumfree ran away when her master ignored New York State’s emancipation act of 1827. She joined a religious cult in New York City but rejected its practices in 1843, renaming herself Sojourner Truth. That was the start of her travels as an evangelist, during which she preached against slavery and for the rights of women. After the Civil War, Sojourner Truth continued her work on behalf of women, and she helped former slaves get established in their new lives.

March 17

**Patrick, Bishop, missionary to Ireland
(ca. 389-461)**

Well-known as Ireland’s patron saint, Patrick first came to that country from Roman Britain as a slave. After six years there as a shepherd, he escaped and returned home. He had become devoted to Christianity and decided to study for the priesthood. His return to Ireland in 432 was the beginning of his determined effort to convert more of the populace to Christianity. He founded new religious communities and helped to solidify the hold of the Western church on Ireland. A hymn attributed to Patrick, “I Bind Unto Myself Today,” appears as Hymn 450 in our ELW.

March 24

**Oscar Arnulfo Romero,
Bishop of El Salvador, martyr
(1917-1980)**

Born in the mountains of El Salvador and trained first as a carpenter, Oscar Romero chose the priesthood and studied for it in his country and in Rome. After he became a bishop in El Salvador in 1970, Romero preached against government repression and defended the rights of poor people there. He and like-minded advocates of justice were in danger during a time of political turmoil. After several threats on his life, Bishop Romero was assassinated while he presided at Holy Communion on March 24, 1980.

March 31

**John Donne, poet
(1572-1631)**

Born in London, raised Roman Catholic, John Donne converted to Anglicanism as an adult. He studied at Oxford and Cambridge and seemed destined for a secular career. After military service and life as a courtier, Donne fell on hard times when his father-in-law cut off funds to Donne and his wife. Donne struggled spiritually, as well, and joined the priesthood in 1615. His preaching made him famous, and he was named Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral in 1621. However, he is recognized today more for his poetry than for his piety. Students of literature know him as one of the “metaphysical poets.”

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
Jack Hopkins
Anne Moye*

*Steve Rucker
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
DeLeon & Jane Wallace
Mary Withrow*

MARCH BIRTHDAY

Cindy Moye	3/02
Caroline Raszewski	3/03
Ann Satterwhite	3/06
Susan Smith	3/06
Anne Moye	3/16
Katie Doble	3/17
Adam Fingerlin	3/17
Claire Fingerlin	3/17
Evan Dawkins	3/22
Madison Dawkins	3/22
DeLeon Wallace	3/23
Jeannie Chapman	3/27
Beth Cleland	3/30
Michael Urban	3/30
Gary Black	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher & Jennifer Gossett	3/18
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy	3/29

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.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

January 28-Feb 18

WORSHIP—40

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 **Tuesday, March 26.**





JOIN OUR EGGSTRAVAGANZA



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024
10 - 11:30 AM

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
1500 SUNSET BLVD, WEST COLUMBIA



Have a fun time with us

- Activities will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 10am
- Easter Egg Hunt and activities for children ages 2 - 10
- Games and activities for all other ages
- Light refreshments will be served



TO PREPARE FOR THE CHILDREN

**SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX. CALL
803-794-8180 OR EMAIL OSLC1957@SC.RR.COM**

NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH.

PLEASE INDICATE THE AGES AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN

EASTER LILIES



The *Worship and Music Committee* would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a lily for our Easter Service at a cost of **\$15.00 each (includes tax)**. Your check should be made payable to the church and marked for *EASTER LILY*. Please indicate in the space below the information you desire printed in the Easter bulletin. **Please place in offering plate or mail to the church with your check ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, March 10th.**

I desire the Worship and Music Committee to order _____ lily(ies).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin:

Given _____ IN MEMORY OF _____ or _____ IN HONOR OF _____ or _____ OTHER

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

By _____

Please attach check.