

THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Wishing you all a most blessed Easter season filled with hope and renewal and the love of the resurrection. “He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

It can be difficult to keep Easter going for it’s full fifty days. As Mark explains the parable of the sower, Mark 4: ¹³And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²⁰And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

The word is sown, and seventy-five percent of the time, it yields nothing, Satan steals the word. Unrooted, the word falters when trouble comes. The cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. But, for those who endure, those who hang in there, the ones whose hearts are good soil, fruit appears in marvelous yields, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold. May you experience a wonderful Easter season, supporting each other and bearing much good fruit.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary, Charles Nicholson
March 2024

- Monitoring cameras have been placed in the church.
- The problem with static in the sound system in the Sanctuary has been solved.
- A number of large and heavy tables that we no longer use will be sold for \$20 each.
- Because significant sums have recently been paid from the Building Maintenance and Property Improvement Fund for air-conditioning and roof repairs, there will be a campaign to raise about \$35,000 to replenish the fund.
- The next steps in the process for calling a new pastor are preparation of the Ministry Site Profile and selection of six members for the Call Committee.



Easter Worship at OSCL

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Other exciting things will be taking place during the season of Easter. Council is getting a call committee together and filling out the last forms required by the synod. The results of our congregational survey should come back, which will yield helpful insights as we look to call a non-interim pastor.

John 20: ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

May our risen savior turn your weeping into joyous recognition, now and forever.

In peace,
Pr. Christine



APRIL MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Apr 7 *Gail Marcum*

14 **Need Volunteer*

21 *Melba Murphy*

28 *Caroline Raszewski*

GREETERS

Gary & Kay Black

**Need Volunteer*

Melba Murphy

**Need Volunteer*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Apr 7 *Gail Marcum*

14 *Rebecca Fingerlin*

21 *Marie Lybrand*

28 **Need Volunteer*

LECTORS

Bill Aull

Rebecca Fingerlin

Wayne Lybrand

Marie Lybrand

APRIL

USHERS

Chief Wayne Lybrand

Gary Black

Jim Garner

**Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

Gail Marcum &

Rebecca Fingerlin

Wayne & Marie

Lybrand

OFFERING PICKUP

Gail Marcum

Pam Hanfland

TELLERS

*Pam Hanfland &
Gail Marcum*

*Beth Cleland &
Linda Griffith*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Rebecca Fingerlin

Jim Garner

INTERIOR DOORS

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

David Griffith, Chair

January 2024

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$13,138.18	\$0.00
BM & PI	\$16,269.40	\$2,175.35
Sunday School	\$36.00	
Bucket	\$14.10	\$0.00
Youth	\$170.00	
Memorials	\$150.00	\$15,465.18
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$358.33
Synod Apport	\$0.00	\$0.00
SRAA	\$0.00	\$65.18
Power Church	\$0.00	\$455.00
utilities	\$0.00	\$1,801.44
landscaping	\$0.00	\$396.48
telephone	\$0.00	\$187.97
office supplies	\$0.00	\$457.24
custodian	\$0.00	\$700.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$118.45
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$315.50
Kitchen/ Fellowship	\$0.00	\$893.45
Young Adults/Youth	\$170.00	\$0.00
Staff & Pastor benefits	\$0.00	\$1,406.65
Staff an Pastor salary	\$0.00	\$5,358.50
Youth Director	\$0.00	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$298.32
	\$29,947.68	\$30,853.04



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

David Griffith, Chair

February 2024

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$20,455.26	\$0.00
BM & PI	\$1,650.87	\$0.00
Sunday School	\$29.00	\$0.00
Bucket	\$2.25	\$0.00
Youth	\$1,285.00	\$0.00
Memorials	\$150.00	\$0.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$358.33
Synod Apport	\$0.00	\$0.00
SRAA	\$0.00	\$65.18
Power Church	\$0.00	\$455.00
Lent	\$68.00	\$0.00
Souper Bowl	\$1,210.00	\$0.00
GHH	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
utilities	\$0.00	\$1,372.24
landscaping	\$0.00	\$396.48
telephone	\$0.00	\$194.96
office supplies	\$0.00	\$633.12
custodian	\$0.00	\$700.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$109.35
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$227.75
Kitchen/ Fellowship	\$0.00	\$109.35
Easter Lies	\$255.00	\$0.00
Staff & Pastor benefiits	\$0.00	\$1,406.65
Staff an Pastor salary	\$0.00	\$5,267.08
Youth Director	\$0.00	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$298.32
	\$26,105.38	\$12,993.81



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



What a fun-filled Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 30, hosted by the Lydia Circle and assisted by Melodie Capole and the young adults! Many parents and grandparents brought their kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids to enjoy activities such as face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, games, story time, and, of course, hunting eggs! However, the highlight of the morning was a visit by Elton and Ginger, two real bunnies!! Many pictures were taken, capturing priceless expressions with one of these soft furry friends! The kids had a great time, leaving with smiles, snacks, and filled baskets!



THANK YOU

For a group of dear ladies, and, I think I will address some helpful gentlemen also,

The Valentine Bag was full of happy memories. It is wonderful seeing each card and remembering good times.

God's love and protection to all,
Sandy Cook Graham.

Dear Shrove Tuesday Event Planners,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you put in the church in my honor.

This is only the second time in my life that I have won something so special to me. I am so sorry that I cannot honor the second prize won of singing a solo in church. I am 86 years old and cannot carry a tune. I have a hard time singing in church because I get short of breath.

Sincerely,
Doris Hopkins

Thank you for the Valentine gift bag and your continued prayers. I truly appreciate your prayers and kindness.

Sincerely,
Marie Shealy



OFFICERS

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

We are a fourth of the way through 2024 and a lot has been going on — Hospitality has been busy and by the time you receive this newsletter, the *Eggstravaganza* by Lydia Circle will have been a big success. Look for lots of photographs in this *Grapevine*! Please mark your calendars now for our April Joint Meeting and plan to attend!

Your OSLC-WELCA President received an email from the Becky Kock, chair of the Nominating Committee for our SCWELCA Board. I have shared that with each Circle and ask that you share with your members and consider serving on the Board. Requirements and responsibilities are outlined in the information. If you have not seen it, please ask your leader for the information. As you all know, I have been on the Board several times and loved my time; however, it is time to ‘*share the wealth*’ with others. There are four Board member positions and a secretary position. OSLC has women who can fill these vacancies and bring new ideas to WELCA!



Circle Reports:

Cameron and **Rebekah** Circle members have finalized plans for our WELCA Retreat this year scheduled for May 4th. Please see a copy of the flyer in this *Grapevine*. Share the invitation. Elizabeth Shealy and Linda Griffith are waiting to hear back from Lexington 2’s Innovation Center on our Blessing Box construction as this year’s WELCA Service Project. Hope to be able to share more on that at our April Joint Meeting.



(Not an exact image—only likeness)

Lydia Circle continues their book "*The Love Stories of the Bible Speak*" written by Shannon Bream. Look inside this edition of the *Grapevine* for photographs of the Easter Egg Hunt. They report that they will begin making plans for WELCA’s entertainment project soon.

ON A SIDE NOTE: Circle members are reminded to contribute \$10 each to the Hospitality Fund for 2024. If you have not already done so, perhaps you can make that contribution on or before our Joint Meeting.

2024 CALENDAR EVENTS

- 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 4 OSLC-WELCA Retreat with Deaconess D’Etta Price Broam \$20 per person
- 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





RECIPES FROM FEBRUARY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Holiday Salad

(name in another church cookbook, but great for fast and quick dessert)

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8 oz Cool Whip | 1 lg can Crushed Pineapple (drained) |
| 1 can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk | 1 cup nuts |
| 1 can Cherry Pie Filling | |
| 8 oz Sour Cream | |

Mix all ingredients together in large bowl. Refrigerate -- will keep for days or can freeze also.

Taco Soup

(in last *Finally Done Again...* OSLC-WELCA Cookbook p. 17)

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| 1 lb. lean ground beef | 1 can tomato soup |
| 1 onion, finely chopped | 1 bell pepper, finely chopped |
| 1 pkt taco mix | 1 pkt dry Ranch dressing |
| 3 cans kidney bean, drained (or other for taste) | 1 can tomatoes and green chilies |
| 2 cans diced tomatoes (or 1 lg one) | (in the Mexican food section; if |
| 1 can corn (undrained) | you can't find this, you can use |
| | a med jar of salsa) |

Sprinkle dry seasonings over ground beef, onion, pepper and cook until meat is done. Put this and all other ingredients into a large pot. Cook at least 20 minutes so flavors blend nicely. (Or use crockpot and cook slowly for several hours.)

Yield: 1 cut equals 2 pints. Also, the size of the kidney bean cans is the size of a all canned vegetables.

COMMEMORATION PROFILES

Ruth Nicholson

April 29

**Catherine of Siena, theologian
(1346-1380)**

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.



April 4

**Benedict the African, confessor
(1526-1589)**

Born to African slave parents on the island of Sicily, Benedict was freed when he was still a young man. His patience and dignified manner in the face of racial taunts won the notice of a group of Franciscan hermits. They invited Benedict to join them, and he stayed with them until that group dispersed in 1564. Benedict then became a lay brother of the Franciscan priory at Palermo, where he worked as a cook. Even though he was illiterate, Benedict was revered for being a sympathetic confessor and counselor. He was eventually named superior of the priory, and he led it effectively. Canonized in 1807, Benedict is considered a patron saint of African Americans.

April 21

**Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury
(ca. 1033-1109)**

Son of an Italian nobleman, Anselm traveled to France at age twenty-three in search of learning. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy and followed its prior, Lanfranc, to Canterbury when the latter became archbishop. In 1093, Anselm became the next archbishop at Canterbury. His time in that post was not easy; he was at odds with several successive kings of England over church-state relations and had to go into exile twice. Anselm penned several important theological and philosophical treatises. In 1720, Pope Clement XI recognized him as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

From girlhood on, Catherine experienced visions of Christ. She spent three years in cloistered living and then emerged to travel and do good works, even attempting to resolve conflicts of church and state through mediation and much letter-writing to Italian dignitaries. Catherine never learned to write; she dictated her letters and treatises. She was admired by the powerful and the poor alike. The Catholic Church canonized Catherine of Siena in 1461. Because she was revered in northern Europe, her feast day stayed on Lutheran calendars after the Reformation.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 3/03 ELCA Conference of Bishops calls for permanent bilateral cease-fire in Gaza
- 3/04 Statement from the ELCA Conference of Bishops in solidarity with migrants in Texas
- 3/07 ELCA Conference of Bishops calls for cease-fire in Gaza/stands in solidarity with migrants.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

February 25-March 31

WORSHIP—46

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 Jack Hopkins
The family of Barney Keitt, Jr.*

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Hughes 4/21

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Phil & Sonya Urban 4/17

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 **Tuesday, April 23.**



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN AMERICA**

(1500 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169)

Presents

D'Etta Price Broom

(M. ED, MLIS, MACM, ERYT-200, RCYT)

 Come hear
what all the BUZZ is
about!
**Bring a brush with
you—(any size,
any style) JUST BE
CREATIVE!**




 Contact:
Linda Griffith
803-920-3975
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OR

Call the Church Office
Leave message
803-794-8180
for Linda Griffith

For more than 30 years, D'Etta was an elementary school educator—teacher, librarian, and counselor. After retiring, she graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia in 2023 with a Master of Arts In Christian Ministry and will complete her Yoga Therapist certification in December. She attends Pisgah Lutheran in Lexington and is a mother of four—two boys, two girls. She loves stories, songs, yoga/movement and play! She likes to wear colorful shoes and CRAZY hats.

She's all about making the world a better place . . .
one thought, one smile, one act of kindness at a time! "zipaDeeBee, LLC" is about encouraging others to be their best selves, discovering balance in mind, body, heart and light.
"SHINE ON!"

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Registration/Coffee 9:30 AM
Welcome/Introductions/Speaker 10:00 AM
Lunch 12:00 PM
Closing 2:00 PM



Cost: \$20 per person
(Fee includes all materials, snacks, and lunch.)
A Thrivent Action Card will assist with expenses.

Our Scripture is centered around I Corinthians 12:12-27, the body of Christ.)

REGISTRATION FORM — PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER PERSON — \$20 PER PERSON

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CHURCH: _____

FOOD ALLERGIES: _____ Vegetarian: Yes No

Give form **AND** cash/ check (made out to OSLC-WELCA) to Linda Griffith OR
Mail to Church at 1500 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169