

THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yes, we are still celebrating the season of Easter! The wonderous season of Christ's resurrection. We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 19th, Holy Trinity Sunday on May 28th, and then enter into the long green time of the season after Pentecost. It is a joyful time to be the church.

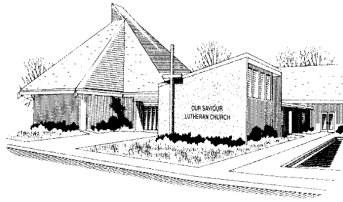
And it is an exciting time to be Our Savior Lutheran Church. We entered the season of Easter with a joy-filled celebration. As we navigate the transition of calling a full-time pastor, we have members who have graciously and prayerfully agreed to serve as the call committee. Council and the call committee are working on the Site Profile, the final major project to complete. Please remember to hold the members of the call committee in prayer as they serve OSLC.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued concern and support as my family goes through the process of living with my father's passing. My two sisters and I (yes, I am a middle child!) met in Pennsylvania to go through my dad's house. It was difficult and exhausting, but was also a good time to be together. As my younger sister lives in California and my older lives in New Zealand, my daughter and I will be making one more trip to Pennsylvania to collect a few items with which we just could not part, and to see to a few legal details. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

As the temperature gets warmer and schools stop for the year and schedules change, please remember to continue to support Helping Hands with prayers and gifts of food. Often families rely on school meals to eat, which may not be available during the summer. God will never abandon us, let us continue to love our neighbor.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary, Charles Nicholson
2024

- Financially March was an exceptionally good month for the church.
- Twenty-seven children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. The young adults were a tremendous help in preparing for this event.
- The council was grateful for all the help given for services during Holy Week and Easter. Eighty-five people attended the Easter service.
- The church received a \$1000 grant from Lutheran Services Carolinas for the security cameras recently installed.
- Council is awaiting results of the congregational survey. The call committee will be seeking input for preparing a Ministry Site Profile

THANK YOU

To members of Our Saviour,

My heart has been filled with so much love, faithfulness, and appreciation for the many memorials made to Our Saviour Lutheran Church in memory of Barney. He loved his Lord and Savior, brothers and sisters in Christ. He never met a stranger. I know he is smiling at the memorial in his memory. Also to the many cards and other acts of love you showed to me.

Again, thanks to each of you! "To know Barney, you had to love him—even with his slow walk and head hanging down!

With love & appreciation,
Loleta and Family

THANK YOU

Dear OSLC Hospitality Group,

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch you prepared in my Dad's honor. It meant the world to me and my family. My Dad loved Our Saviour and loved each one of you. You all made the day so much brighter. The flowers you gave my family were beautiful! I appreciate everything. I will always consider Our Saviour my home too!

Love, Susan Steele

To the congregation,

On behalf of the Lemons family, a belated thank you for everyone's thoughts, prayers, memorial contributions, and most of all, kind words about Dad. While his passing was sudden, Dad's health had continued to decline and he really missed being at church every Sunday. Our Saviour was home for Mom and Dad and a huge part of their life, and we appreciate everyone who looked after them through good times and bad times. The church is certainly part of our lives as well, and we have nothing but good memories of being raised at Our Saviour. We rejoice that Dad is home now and reunited with Mom, and that we will all be together again someday. May God continue to bless Our Saviour and each of you.

All our best,
Patrick Lemons

RAZBERRIES

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18 for an afternoon road trip to the lake! To be hosted by the Nivens', stay tuned for details via email. Thanks!

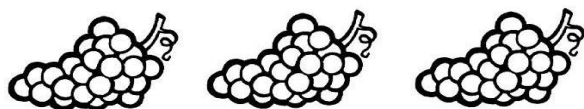
TRANSITION PERIOD UPDATE

The church council continues to work on safety initiatives and updates of our equipment, building and overall safety for our members. This has been a tremendous undertaking led by Steve Nivens and Jim Garner. Thank you to these two and all who have assisted in this effort. We would like to send a big thank you and express our appreciation to Linda Griffith who was instrumental in obtaining a \$1000 grant from Lutheran Services. This grant will be used in conjunction with memorials & gifts (from Linda Yonce) to pay for our security cameras recently installed around the church.

We are excited to announce that the following have agreed to serve on our Call Committee/Team: Pam Hanfland, Linda Hill, Don Horton, Wayne Lybrand, Ruth Nicholson, and Steve Nivens. The church council will be working with the call team to create our Ministry Site Profile. We will update the congregation on our Congregational Vitality survey once we get the results back.

Thank you for your patience and continued prayers during this journey.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Fingerlin
Council President



MAY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

May 5 <i>Don & Patsy Horton</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
12 <i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
19 <i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Doris Wessinger</i>
26 <i>Albert & Sue Drafts</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>

GREETERS

WORSHIP

ASSITANTS

May 5 <i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>
12 <i>Isma Boland</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
19 <i>Charles Nicholson</i>	<i>Charles Nicholson</i>
26 <i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>

LECTORS

MAY

USHERS

Chief <i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Mark Satterwhite</i>

JUNE

ALTAR GUILD

<i>Wayne & Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Linda Griffith & Linda Hill</i>
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OFFERING PICKUP

<i>Pam Hanfland</i>	<i>Mark Satterwhite</i>
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TELLERS

<i>Beth Cleland & Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Linda Griffith</i>
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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Mark Satterwhite</i>
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INTERIOR DOORS

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

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.



May 2

**Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria
(295-373)**

The Athanasian Creed is named for this church official of 4th-century Egypt. Athanasius defended the divine nature of Christ against a heresy called Arianism, whose proponents argued that Christ was God-like but not truly God. Athanasius held firmly to the belief that Jesus was both true God and true man.

May 9

**Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
Renewer of the church, Hymnwriter
(1700-1760)**

A German count who studied law and theology in Lutheran schools, Zinzendorf became convinced that Lutheranism needed more emphasis on inner devotion and right living and less on formal dogma. After a group of Moravian exiles founded a religious community on his property, Zinzendorf became a leader among them. As a result of his missionary trips, the Moravian Church took hold in America, and the Lutheran Church became better established there. Zinzendorf founded congregations in England and Holland, too. He preached effectively and also wrote many liturgies and hymn texts (e.g., ELW 624, “Jesus, Still Lead On”). Although most closely associated now with Moravianism, Zinzendorf always considered himself a follower of Martin Luther.

May 27

**John Calvin,
Renewer of the church
(1509-1564)**

Trained in theology, law, and the classics in his native France, Calvin broke with the Roman Catholic Church after he felt called to change it. His writings and teachings spread to French-speaking areas much as Luther’s influenced German populations. He became most powerful in Geneva, where he and his supporters governed the city by strict religious rules. Doctrines he favored have their legacy in today’s United Church of Christ and Presbyterian churches. Calvin’s worldview is imbued with the idea that all of life should glorify God.



DONATING STOCK AND OTHER INVESTMENT PROCEEDS

Donating stock and other investment proceeds like a required minimum distribution (RMD) from an individual retirement account (IRA) is a great way to support Our Saviour. You will maximize your tax deduction and the church will receive the maximum benefit from your donation.

Our Saviour has established a brokerage account at Morgan Stanley in Columbia. Our lead contact there is Ruth Levesque (Senior Registered Associate). Virginia McMaster (Senior VP and Financial Advisor) can offer financial advice if needed.

Please contact Ruth or Virginia at:

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OFFICERS

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

We had our Joint Circle Meeting on April 24th with the following information provided:

Donations to-date received for the Hospitality Fund total \$150. If you'd like to make a donation, please give your check marked "Hospitality" in the message line to Ann Satterwhite.

Marie Lybrand and Caroline Razewski will attend the Synodical Convention in June as delegates for OSLC.

Volunteers for the nominating committee are Gail Marcum and Doris Wessinger.

Volunteers to work with Ann Satterwhite on the 2025 Budget are Linda Hill and Pam Hanfland.

**2024 SCWELCA CONVENTION
"JUST LOVE"
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JUNE 21 & 22, 2024
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
206 CENTRAL AVENUE
SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483**

Convention Projects this year include the Quilt Banner Project—need quilt squares — one from each church — 6 inch square made of 100% cotton, calico, gingham or solid colors. Church name should be written on the square or a symbol that represents our church. Another project for local disbursement is to provide gifts that are needed by the Neighbors Together within the Low Country. Mission is to 'bring a better quality of life to our neighbors through sharing resources, developing relationships and building a sustainable future.' Items requested for this project include backpacks (all sizes) bars of soap, wash cloths, and wet wipes. Marie and Caroline will be collecting these items to take with them to convention.

Circle Reports

Cameron and Rebekah Circles are ready for May 4th Retreat at OSLC with Deaconess D'Etta Price Broom. We have some 33 signed up as of this writing. Plans are for 50. Elizabeth Shealy and Linda Griffith are still waiting to hear back from Lexington 2's Innovation Center on our Blessing Box construction as this year's WELCA Service Project. Hospitality has had three meals, one gift card, and one funeral since February 1st. Plans for WELCA Sunday are underway. Newberry College Sunday will be publicized in the bulletin soon to collect donations for Newberry College's School of Nursing.

Lydia had 28 kids for the Easter Eggstravaganza and have made some suggestions for next year. The social/entertainment event is planned for sometime this fall with honoring our veterans.

2024 CALENDAR EVENTS

- May 4 OSLC-WELCA Retreat with Deaconess D'Etta Price Broom \$20 per person. Contact any member of Rebekah Circle.
- 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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

David Griffith, Chair

March 2024

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Current	\$49,350.31	\$0.00
BM & PI	\$2,445.00	\$140.00
Sunday School	\$27.50	\$126.17
Bucket	\$2.23	\$0.00
Youth	\$350.00	\$0.00
Memorials	\$605.00	\$6,293.94
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$191.41
Synod Apport	\$0.00	\$0.00
SRAA	\$0.00	\$65.18
Power Church	\$0.00	\$455.00
Lent	\$372.00	\$0.00
Souper Bowl	\$50.00	\$0.00
Lunch	\$20.00	\$0.00
utilities	\$0.00	\$1,066.45
landscaping	\$0.00	\$396.48
telephone	\$0.00	\$194.96
office supplies	\$0.00	\$662.47
custodian	\$0.00	\$700.00
Worship supplies	\$0.00	\$319.93
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$138.23
Kitchen/ Fellowship	\$0.00	\$109.35
Easter Lilies	\$150.00	\$444.29
Staff & Pastor benefits	\$0.00	\$1,456.65
Staff an Pastor salary	\$0.00	\$5,404.08
Youth Director	\$0.00	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$298.32
	\$53,372.04	\$18,862.91

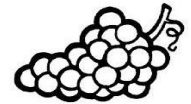
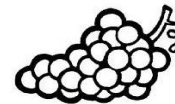


ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

4/11 Episcopal, Lutheran partnership focuses on asylum-seeker sponsor training



4/17 ELCA Church Council Holds Spring Meeting

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
Anne Moya
Steve Rucker*

*Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy ()
DeLeon & Jane Wallace
Mary Withrow*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Brent Holcomb	5/04
Patsy Horton	5/05
Steve Nivens	5/08
Doris Wessinger	5/14
Kaitlyn Sawyer	5/18
Finley Lybrand	5/20
Wayne Haltiwanger	5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

David & Sallie Hutto	5/02
Wayne & Marie Lybrand	5/03
Albert & Sue Drafts	5/21
Susan Smith	5/26

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, May 21.**

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for canned tuna, all purpose flour, spaghetti noodles, grits, oatmeal, cream soups, macaroni & cheese, and canned pasta. Please place donations in the container in the hallway.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

April 7-April 21

WORSHIP—37

Did you know—

Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 (except for May 7th.) We are currently moseying through the Gospel of Mark. We read the text and then discuss it, bringing in differences in our biblical translations, our experiences, and our thoughts. It is an interesting time of discovery. Please feel free to join anytime. We will be meeting May 14th with Mark chapter 6: 53.

