

# ***THE GRAPEVINE***

*THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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It is an exciting time to be at OSLC. We made it through the sixth chapter of John! Schools schedules are cranking up. We may be done with 100+ days, and at least one hurricane has passed. We also have completed and turned in all the proper paperwork for the call process which means the call committee may soon be able to begin the next phase of their call, interviewing potential candidates. While I am not anxious to leave, it is exciting to get to this point in the process.

At the end of the sixth chapter of John, Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

We are those who believe, who know Jesus is the Holy One of God. As such, we are never left to our own devices. As Martin Luther boldly states in his Small Catechism: “I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith...” Likewise, we are not going to find a pastor through our own efforts, but through the work of the Holy Spirit—calling, enlightening, and making our efforts holy. And so, we ask that you continue to pray for the call committee and OSLC during this exciting, but uncertain, time of transition.

During these past months, we at OSLC have experienced many friends and family entering the church triumphant. This has included some beloved four legged family, as well. We know that, over time, the knife in our hearts will ease in pain and these family members and friends will forever be missed and

# OSLC NEWS & NOTES



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 2024

Secretary, Charles Nicholson

- The Ministry Site Profile was completed for submission to Bishop Aebischer. After her approval, it will be time for the Call Committee to begin its work.
- The ductwork for AC and heating under the sanctuary, narthex, and choir rooms flooded during the heavy rains the area received in August. A day of pumping removed an estimated 1000 gallons of water and cost about \$1300. A contractor will determine whether a permanent solution for this problem is feasible. As David Griffith said at that Sunday's service, the Building Maintenance and Property Improvement Fund needs building up. The bucket is getting empty!
- Kitchen and Fellowship Team fed about 43 each night of Vacation Bible School. About 10 children attended. The church is grateful for the efforts of Tyler NN, Melodie Capole, Melanie Tieman, Dr. Mary Havens, and Robert Demuth, and the Kitchen and Fellowship Team.
- The Young Adult group is planning a service and "welcome back" lunch on Sunday, September 29.j
- The council must begin preparing the budget for 2025. Each team needs to review its budget request for next year. The budget will be up for approval at the congregational meeting on November 17.

## CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

The congregation site profile was submitted in August. The bishop will be in communication with the call committee as we continue this journey to obtain a new pastor. As a reminder, the following members have agreed to serve on the call committee:

Pam Hanfland, Chair  
Don Horton  
Linda Hill  
Wayne Lybrand  
Ruth Nicholson  
Steve Nivens

Please pray for our call team through the selection process.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held November 17, 2024. We will be voting on council members as well as the 2025 budget. If you are interested in serving on church council please contact any of the current council members.

Sincerely, Rebecca Fingerlin

## RAZBERRIES

Razberries will meet on Saturday, September 14, at 6:00pm, at Murray's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, Charleston Highway, 2433 Charleston Highway, Cayce, SC 29033 Cayce, SC 29033.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 11, to Sandra and Howard Hughes by texting Sandra at 803-622-6191 or by email to [smhughes@sc.rr.com](mailto:smhughes@sc.rr.com).

## GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for canned tuna, canned chicken, sugar, cooking oil, ramen noodles, and mac & cheese.

remembered. We pray in our funeral services, “Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.” Yes, we do derive comfort from knowing our folks are experiencing resurrection, but also from the support of friends and family, memories, exercise, music, silence, and moments of sitting on the back porch watching the grass grow. When you have a difficult moment in your grief—and those times will happen—be good to yourself. Give yourself time and space, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Christine



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- November 10, 2024
- Veteran's Day Barbecue Celebration
- Immediately following the Worship Service
- Stay tuned for details in the October Grapevine
- Sponsored by the Lydia Circle

## SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

Sep 1 *Gail Marcum*

8 *\*Need Volunteer*

15 *Melba Murphy*

22 *\*Need Volunteer*

29 *Isma Boland*

### GREETERS

*Caroline Raszewski*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Melba Murphy*

*Horace & Betty Meetze*

*\*Need Volunteer*

### WORSHIP

#### ASSISTANTS

Sep 1 *\*Need Volunteer*

8 *Rebecca Fingerlin*

15 *Melba Murphy*

22 *\*Need Volunteer*

29 *Gail Marcum*

#### LECTORS

*Elizabeth Shealy*

*Pam Hanfland*

*Melba Murphy*

*\*Need Volunteer*

*Elizabeth Shealy*

### SEPTEMBER

#### USHERS

*Chief Jim Garner*

*Gary Black*

*Bill Aull*

*Gail Marcum*

#### ALTAR GUILD

*Isma Boland & Melba Murphy*

*Charles & Ruth Nicholson*

#### OFFERING PICKUP

*Steve Nivens*

*Gail Marcum*

#### TELLERS

*Beth Cleland & Linda Hill*

*Pam Hanfland & Gail Marcum*

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Jim Garner*

*Bill Aull*

## 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.



**September 9**  
**Peter Claver, priest, missionary to**  
**Colombia**  
**(1581-1654)**

Born into Spanish nobility, Peter Claver was persuaded to become a Jesuit missionary to the New World. In 1610 he began ministering to Africans brought on slave ships to South America. Not only did Claver give them food, clothing, and medicine as soon as they debarked, but he also helped them after they were taken to plantations or mines. He learned the Africans' languages in order to teach them about Christ. Peter Claver reportedly baptized 300,000 slaves during his thirty-three years as a missionary.

**September 16**  
**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage,**  
**martyr**  
**(c. 200 - c. 258)**

A native of North Africa, Cyprian became a Christian at age forty-six, was ordained a priest, and became the bishop at Carthage soon after that. He had to care for his fellow Christians in covert ways because of persecution by imperial authorities. Cyprian believed strongly in the need for unity in the church, so he urged compassion for those Christians who had compromised their faith under pressure from Rome. When Cyprian was asked to renounce his own Christianity, his refusal led to his beheading.

**September 18**  
**Dag Hammarskjöld,**  
**renewer of society**  
**(1905-1961)**

Swedish statesman and international peace-maker, Dag Hammarskjöld began his career as a teacher before entering civil service. He was an astute financial expert whose influence extended beyond Sweden's borders following World War II.

Two years after joining his country's delegation to the United Nations, he became the UN's second secretary-general. He was instrumental in bringing peaceful ends to conflicts in the Middle East in the 1950s. In 1961, while on a peace mission to the Congo, Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for that year. The depth of his spiritual life and devotion is evident in the book called *Markings*, based on his diaries.



## ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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8/23 Christopher Johnson Appointed  
President and CEO of Portico  
Benefit Services



## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

*August 2024*

**WORSHIP—40**



**OFFICERS**

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

We received the following information from St. Stephen, Suzanne Swaffield, about our Fall Gathering and am asking that at least one from each Circle attend: The **Saxe Gotha Fall Gathering** will be held at St Stephen Lutheran Church on Sunday, **September 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. Please share this information with your members as we look forward to a good turnout. In addition to our important business meeting, we will have a presentation on the amazing results of the state WELCA contribution to the Tanzania "She Shed Project" from Sharon Shealy and Cathy Milejezak. Please encourage your members to come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with other WELCA ladies from our conference. St Stephen is located at 119 N Church Street in Lexington. Parking is available in the church lot on Butler Street across from the church. Parking for those needing additional assistance is adjacent to the church on Butler St. Contact Suzanne Swaffield at [fgs3@windstream.net](mailto:fgs3@windstream.net) or 803-606-5683 for additional information. We look forward to seeing you in September. As summer ends, fall will be here before you know it. Our **Joint Meeting** is scheduled for the middle of October; therefore, several committees are currently working and will make reports:

- (1) **Nominating Committee** consisting of Gail Marcum and Doris Wessinger have been canvassing our membership for officers. Please prayerfully consider serving in a leadership role if asked.
- (2) The **Finance Committee** consisting of Ann Wessinger, Linda Hill, and Pam Hanfland are making plans for our budget. If you have ideas or would like to make recommendations, please express those concerns to one of these ladies. Also, Circle Leaders, please discuss in your respective circles.

**JUST IN**—2025 SC-WELCA Convention will be held at St. Paul/Aiken sometime next summer.

**2024 CALENDAR EVENTS**

- September 15 3 PM Fall Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at Transfiguration/West Columbia ([www.scwelca.org](http://www.scwelca.org))
- October 13 3-5 PM (Sunday)- Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election) **(Risse Snelgrove will be our speaker—President of SC-WELCA.)**  
 Devotional/Prayer - Cameron  
 Refreshments – Rebekah
- December 8 Immediately following Worship Service/WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)  
 Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite

**2025 Calendar Events**

It's not too early to begin our plans for next year!

February 28-March 1, 2025 — SCWELCA Retreat at Camp Kinard (Friday/Saturday at [Camp Kinard | SC Lutheran Retreat Centers](http://Camp Kinard | SC Lutheran Retreat Centers) [clrc.com/camp Kinard](http://clrc.com/camp Kinard))



Camp Kinard sits on 325 acres located just 30 minutes outside of the Columbia area. We proudly offer multiple options for groups of any size when it comes to lodging and meeting spaces. Our newly renovated Lodge Rooms feature two beds, private bathrooms, and are perfect for adult guests on retreat.

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May 16-18, 2025— SCWELCA Retreat  
Isle of Palms (Friday-Sunday)  
Coastal Retreat Center, 2101  
Palm Blvd, Isle Of Palms, SC  
[www.mapquest.com/us/south-carolina/coastal...](http://www.mapquest.com/us/south-carolina/coastal...)



Coastal Retreat Center offers a serene and tranquil environment for individuals and groups seeking relaxation and rejuvenation. Nestled in the picturesque Isle of Palms, SC, the center provides a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

August 2025—SCWELCA Convention  
at St. Paul/Aiken  
Hostess Conference: Western

Perhaps we could incorporate one of these into OSLC-WELCA's Retreat?

# THANK YOU

Dear OSLC family,

Wayne and I are so thankful for all the love, prayers, kindness, meals, and support from our Church family during my Dad's passing and funeral services. It will always be remembered. Being a member of this loving and caring Church family is a blessing and we are so appreciative of each and every one of you. Thanks be to God.

Marie and Wayne

To All Members of Our Saviour,

I would like to express my thanks with the overwhelming acts of sympathies in the loss of my brother Bill Yonce. The cards, phone calls, texts and prayers have been very comforting during this time. It's good to be a member of such a loving and caring church.

Frank Yonce and Family

## 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  
The family of Don Ford  
Anne Moye  
Steve Rucker  
Willette Satterwhite  
Marie Shealy  
DeLeon & Jane Wallace  
Mary Withrow*

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Horace Meetze	9/16
Elizabeth Johnson	9/25
Avery Lybrand	9/26
Garry Monts	9/28

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DeLeon & Jane Wallace 09/09

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, September 23.**





Lutheran Men in Mission Annual Lunch at Shealy's BBQ in Leesville!



Young Adults and Youth Present Some of their VBS Crafts to the Congregation!  
Thank you, Tyler, Melanie, Melodie, and Emilia!