

THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October is an interesting month. It is officially fall, but we are still in the 90s. We may enjoy beautiful sunshine, or get battered by remnants of hurricanes. And we have some familiar and powerful scripture presented to us. We hear from one of the creation stories where God brought the animals and birds to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living thing, that was its name. Thus, humanity assisted in creation. Psalm 8 is presented and we get to revel in how majestic is our God. We hear some Pharisees coming to Jesus to test him, asking if it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife. And again, Jesus lifts up little children. We hear Jesus' response when a man asks him, "...what must I do to inherit eternal life?" We receive one of the "servant songs" from Isaiah, and see again the disciples misunderstanding as they ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Then we end the month with the celebration of Reformation Sunday. It will be a good month to gather together and wrestle with some scripture.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 2024

Secretary, Charles Nicholson

- High humidity in the church sanctuary is causing problems with the organ. It has gotten badly out of tune. The humidity is resulting from rainwater getting under the sanctuary, apparently from the area where the old part of the building joins the newer part (sanctuary and choir rooms). A solution to the problem will involve sump pumps to collect the water and move it to a drain field away from the church building and also the installation of dehumidifiers with the AC unit. We will have to put up with the "calliope" sound of the organ until the humidity problem is solved. Needless to say, this work will be expensive and a further drain on our Building Maintenance and Property Improvement Fund. The bucket is already getting empty!
- We are contacting the city of West Columbia about muddy water from faucets in the Sunday School and kitchen areas.
- Trees along the church's property line are overhanging the playground area causing deterioration of ground cover. A congregational work day is going to be scheduled to address grounds and landscaping issues beyond routine maintenance.
- A recent problem of ants in the kitchen is a reminder that groups using the kitchen and Fellowship Hall need to make sure the areas are clean after use.
- The Stewardship Team is preparing the budget for 2025. Each team needs to submit its budget request for next year no later than September 29.
- The Young Adult Ministry Team wants to know whether we should have Trunk or Treat again this year or try something different.

WELCA SUNDAY "FLOWERS" FOR THE BLESSING BOX



In lieu of flowers on the alter for Sunday, October 13, we are asking that everyone attending church bring an item or two for the Blessing Box. Small pull tab cans are preferred; however, the larger cans with pull tab are also welcome. The box from the Cameron Hall will be placed on the alter for your donations. Place them there as you enter for worship. Thank you. WELCA

RAZBERRIES...OKTOBERFEST



The Lybrand's will be hosting Razberries at our home on October 12 at 6:00 pm. We're bringing back Oktoberfest so join us for German Brats with the Fixings and, as always, great Razberries Fellowship.

Please RSVP to Marie or Wayne by October 8. We are looking to seeing everyone!

Marie: 803-397-0503

Wayne: 803-791-1835

VETERAN'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION



Veterans Day
Worship Service and BBQ
Celebration
Sunday, November 10
10:30 am

Entertainment and a special
tribute to our
service men and women.

A sign up sheet will be in the
narthex in October.

Hosted by the Lydia Circle

In honor of our military service men and women, the Lydia Circle will be hosting a special Veteran's Day Celebration on Sunday, November 10th. The Worship Service will be held in the Fellowship Hall and a delicious barbecue lunch will follow. Join us to show your patriotism and honor our congregation's military veterans.

We are requesting that if you are a military veteran, or have family members that were, and have photos and memorabilia you would like to share, please get them to Marie Lybrand by October 13. Be sure you have them identified with name and service branch. We will have a display table, a video of all photos sent to us, patriotic music, and a special tribute to our country and a special thanks to God our Father "for the land of the free and the home of the brave."

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

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

OCTOBER MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Oct 6 *Wayne & Marie
Lybrand*
13 *Blessing Box "Flowers"*
20 *Melba Murphy*

GREETERS
Gail Marcum

Gail Marcum
Sylvia Ford

27 *Steve & Beverly
Nivens*

Gail Marcum

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Oct 6 *Bill Aull*
13 *Gail Marcum*
20 *Isma Boland*
27 *Marie Lybrand*

LECTORS

Ruth Nicholson
Bill Aull
Sylvia Ford
Caroline Raszewski

OCTOBER

USHERS

Chief Bill Aull
Gail Marcum

Wayne Lybrand
Mark Satterwhite

ALTAR GUILD

*Charles & Ruth
Nicholson*

*Wayne & Marie
Lybrand*

OFFERING PICKUP

Gail Marcum

Wayne Lybrand

TELLERS

*Pam Hanfland &
Gail Marcum*

*Linda Griffith &
Sylvia Ford*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Bill Aull

**Need Volunteer*

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.



October 6
William Tyndale,
Translator, Martyr
(ca. 1494-1536)

Born in Gloucestershire, England, William Tyndale was educated at Oxford and Cambridge. He devoted himself to biblical studies and developed expertise in Greek and Hebrew. Unable to find support at home for translating the Bible into English, Tyndale moved to Germany, where he completed his New Testament translation and had it published in 1525. Influenced by Martin Luther, Tyndale joined the Protestant movement and authored tracts for it while translating other parts of the Bible. He moved to Belgium to refine his New Testament. It was there that he was arrested as a heretic, imprisoned and executed. His revised New Testament served as the basis for subsequent English translations, including the King James and Revised Standard versions.

October 7
Henry Melchior Muhlenberg,
Pastor in North America
(1711-1787)

Often called the patriarch of Lutheranism in America, Muhlenberg was sent from Germany to America as a missionary to early congregations there. After his arrival in 1742, he spent forty-five years traveling almost constantly to assist fledgling congregations or heal divisions in older ones. He was nominally pastor of a Philadelphia congregation until his death. Muhlenberg established the first Lutheran

synod in America, provided a liturgy that would be used for forty years, and wrote a model constitution that was valuable to the churches of his time. Several of his sons became notable clergymen and statesmen in America.

October 17
Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch,
Martyr
(died ca. 115)

Ignatius was one of Christianity's early martyrs. Little is known about his life. Thought to be a Syrian by birth, Ignatius served as the second or third bishop of the church at Antioch. Condemned to death by the Roman authorities, he wrote letters to Christian communities in Ephesus, Smyrna, Rome, and several other locales. In these writings he urged unity in love within the church and faithfulness to the Eucharist. His letters are important for insights into the early church's faith and practice. Finally, Ignatius did not ask Rome's Christians to attempt his rescue; he wrote that it was an honor for him to imitate Christ's suffering and death. He was thrown to wild beasts and killed, probably in the Colosseum.

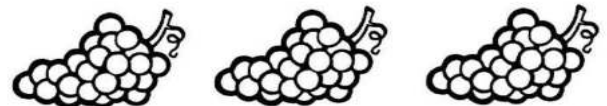


ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 8/23 Christopher Johnson Appointed President and CEO of Portico Benefit Services
- 9/20 Bishop Eaton Statement on Haitian community in Ohio



OFFICERS

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

Linda G attended the Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting at St. Stephen/Lexington on Sunday, September 15th. Pastor Ralph Hill welcomed all and noted that our mission—as all mission projects — brought ‘comfort to his heart’! He was amazed at what the women are doing in Tanzania. Sharon Shealy and Cathy Milejezak spoke about the ‘*She Shed Helping Uwanji Women*’ Global Project in Tanzania and about the South Carolina women and how with help through the SC Synod provided funds totaling some \$100,000 to help purchase the supplies needed to build the shed and a tractor with sixteen attachments. What a blessing this is for these women. Women do all the planting and harvesting of the crops in this country and this tractor will be used by others in the region. Good News—the Clinic is also up and running as of September 15th and is already performing surgeries and has delivered two babies as of this writing. There were 28 present today from eight congregations. Three board members were present — Sarah Cheesman from Leesville (Bethel/White Rock), Lisa Petty from Lexington (Living Springs/Columbia), and Shari Donley from Florence/Cross & Crown. Sarah shared information about the 2025 Convention projects — (Local) The Lighthouse for Life (sex trafficking/victim rescue) and (Global) World Relief for sewing and cloth kits. She expressed concern about having more 18-35 year old young women attend conventions as well as first timers. The Spring Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting is scheduled for March 16th at Transfiguration. Officers will remain the same — Coordinator, Ella Shumpert/Emmanuel; Secretary, Kristie Morris/Transfiguration; and Financial Secretary, Betty Enlow/St. David. A big THANK YOU to the ladies of St. Stephen as the refreshments were delicious!

ONE MORE THING—THE BLESSING BOX should be up soon as we are waiting on it to be painted and posts attached. Donations are being accepted. Small cans with pull-tab tops is preferred; however, larger cans with pull-tabs are also acceptable. See clear bin in hallway next to God’s Helping Hands’ tubs.

REMINDER ABOUT OUR JOINT MEETING OCTOBER 13TH AT 3 PM

Two very important committees — nominating and finance — will provide reports! Need everyone to attend. Your OPINIONS AND VOTE count!

2024 CALENDAR EVENTS

- October 13 10:30 AM **WELCA Sunday/ Cameron Risse Snelgrove— President of SC-WELCA— will be our speaker**
 3-5 PM (Sunday)- Joint OSLC WELCA Meeting (Officer nominations/election)
 Risse will be here to speak to our group.
 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

- February 28 - March 1, 2025—SCWELCA CAMP KINARD RETREAT
 Pegi Roberts will be back as the guest speaker. Details coming soon!
- May 16 - 18, 2025—SCWELCA ISLE OF PALMS RETREAT Details coming soon!
- August 15-16, 2020—SCWELCA CONVENTION
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken, SC 29803.



OSLC-WELCA SUNDAY



OSLC-WELCA SUNDAY will be on October 13th. Ms. Risse Snelgrove, SC WELCA President (St. John/Wahalla), will be our speaker. Please plan to attend and welcome her to Our Saviour. The women of the church will serve as ushers, and other worship assistants. All women of the church are invited to participate in the choir. Choir rehearsal will be at 10:00 am in the Choir Room. Anyone desiring to go to lunch with us after the service is invited; however, please let Linda Griffith know so she can make sure we have space at Grecian Gardens.



Youth Sunday School on the First and Third Sundays!

THANK YOU

My family and I are touched by your thoughtfulness during the time of Don's illness and his death. The many visits, gifts of food, cards, and prayers are greatly appreciated. I am grateful to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Ford

Thank you so much to everyone who has continuously supported the Young Adult and Youth Group. We truly love you and deeply appreciate your love and hospitality, as well as your unwavering support and constant encouragement throughout our daily lives. We were honored to lead the worship service on September 29, 2024, and hope you enjoyed the meal prepared especially for you!

Young Adult & Youth

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

September 2024

WORSHIP—37

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
Wayne & Jane Garrison (friends of David & Linda Griffith)
Anne Moyer
Anita Murphy (sorority sister of Linda Griffith)
Steve Rucker
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
DeLeon & Jane Wallace*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Rhett Chapman	10/02
Francis Fingerlin	10/04
Pam Hanfland	10/15
Charles Nicholson	10/20
Chris Boland	10/22
Sylvia Ford	10/22
Dekan Lybrand	10/22
Stone Lybrand	10/22
Beverly Nivens	10/27
Marie Lybrand	10/29

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Parker & Elizabeth Johnson	10/26
Mark & Ann Satterwhite	10/29

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.



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, October 28.**



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

**ELECTION DAY
NOV 5, 2024!**

**CAN'T MAKE IT ON
ELECTION DAY?**

VOTE EARLY!



**Oct 21, 2024-Nov 2, 2024
8:30AM-6PM
Monday-Saturday
CLOSED SUNDAY**

LOCATIONS:

- **Voter Reg. Office- 605 W Main St. Lexington, SC 29072**
- **Midlands Tech-Irmo- 7300 College St. Irmo, SC 29063**
- **West Cola Comm. Center- 754 B Ave, W. Cola, SC 29169**
- **Vorhees College- 423 College St. Batesburg, SC 29070**
- **Gaston Town Hall- 131 North Carlisle St. Gaston, SC 29053**
- **Chapin Town Hall-157 Columbia Ave Chapin, SC 29036**

REGISTER TO VOTE BY 10.04.2024