

THE GRAPEVINE

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⁶In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-8)

There was a story on the internet recently about a gentleman who was snorkeling around New Zealand, when he noticed a pod of eight orcas off in the distance. Orcas are deadly and beautiful apex predators, interested in more than simply krill. Suddenly, two orcas left their pod and came towards the swimmer. We can imagine the thrill, and panic, of the swimmer as the giant creatures came towards him.

So too, we can imagine Isaiah's thrill, and panic, being in the presence of the powerful and mighty Lord, and the fiery, scary seraphs, and the pivots shaking, the house filling with smoke. No wonder he confessed, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" He must have thought his life was over.

As did our snorkeler. Yet, as they approached, the orcas did not attack. Rather than attacking, they swam around seeming to be more interested in communicating, being in relation with the swimmer.

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OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 2024

Secretary, Charles Nicholson

- This year's \$1260 income from the Souper Bowl of Sharing was given to the USC Medical School for their student food pantry.
- The congregation will be encouraged to replenish the Building Maintenance and Property Improvement Fund after the considerable expenditures for air conditioning and parking lot repairs.

YOGA CLASS

The next Yoga series will meet in the Chapel at OSLC on the following Thursdays, from 4:30-5:15: May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11 and July 18.

RAZBERRIES

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Old Mill Brew Pub in Lexington. Don and Patsy Horton will host this event.

SUMMER VACATION: TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will not meet during the summer.

NO OUTGOING MAIL

Please note that any mail placed in the OSLC mailbox is not picked up by the mail carrier. All mail placed in the box falls into the locked section underneath the box. That mail then

Save the Date! Aug 4, 2024

Bishop Aebischer and Assistant to the Bishop, Rick Carter, will be joining Our Saviour on August 4, 2024, for a Congregational Event. Pastor Ginny and Pastor Rick will join us for worship. Immediately following the worship service, they will present the Congregational Vitality Survey (CVS) and next steps in Call Process. The Congregational Event is that step where Our Saviour moves from "transition" to Call Process. After this meeting, church council and call committee will finalize and submit our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Then our Call Committee will begin work with the Synod Office to begin interviewing prospective candidates. We will most likely conduct this meeting in the fellowship hall and include lunch. We will provide more details closer to the date.

DISPOSAL OF FLAGS

June 14 is FLAG DAY. If you have unused flags that need to be properly disposed, please consider placing them in the box in the room with the mailboxes. David Griffith will take them to Post 7 of the American Legion in Lexington for proper disposal.



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Rather than being obliterated, Isaiah has his guilt deleted and his sin blotted out. He then hears the mighty voice of the Lord saying, “*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*” And he responded, “*Here am I; send me!*”

We do not often think about the might of the Lord. We much prefer the babe in the manger. That babe is much less threatening than an almighty God. And yet, we claim, in the Nicene Creed, to believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. Seems pretty powerful, indeed!

And yet, on Trinity Sunday, this text from Isaiah was paired with a text from John, which included, ¹⁶“*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*” ¹⁷“*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*”

So this mighty, all powerful God, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen, loves us, the world—even those who hate God—so powerfully, so fully, that nothing, neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we enter the summer months, with potentially changed schedules, travel, Sundays away from OSLC, remember that you are, and will always be, a much beloved child of our almighty, awesome God.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

JUNE MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

June 2 Gary & Kay Black
9 *Need Volunteer
16 Mark & Ann
Satterwhite
23 *Need Volunteer
30 Bill Aull

GREETERS

*Need Volunteer
*Need Volunteer
Horace & Betty
Meetze
*Need Volunteer
*Need Volunteer

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 2 Melba Murphy
9 Gail Marcum
16 Marie Lybrand
23 *Need Volunteer
30 Bill Aull

LECTORS

Melba Murphy
Caroline Raszewski
Marie Lybrand
Linda Hill
Bill Aull

JUNE

USHERS

Chief Wayne Lybrand
Mark Satterwhite

JULY

Isma Boland
Gail Marcum

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Griffith &
Linda Hill

Kay Black &
Rebecca Fingerlin

OFFERING PICKUP

Mark Satterwhite

Gary Black

TELLERS

Beth Cleland &
Linda Griffith

Linda Griffith &
Linda Hill

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mark Satterwhite

*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.



June 3 John XXIII, Bishop of Rome (1881-1963)

Born Angelo Roncalli in northern Italy, the future pope came from a farming family with thirteen children. His career in the Catholic Church began with seminary and the priesthood. He was a military chaplain in World War I. During World War II, while an apostolic delegate to Istanbul, he helped a boatload of Jewish refugees to safety. He advanced to higher positions in the church and was elected pope at age seventy-six in 1958. He convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 to bring his church more in tune with the modern world. He was known for his humility and was mourned worldwide after he died. On April 27, 2014, Pope Francis conferred sainthood on John XXIII.

June 9 Columba, Aidan, and Bede Renewers of the church

Columba, Aidan, and Bede kept Christianity and learning alive in the British Isles during the Dark Ages. A nobleman from Donegal, Columba (ca. 521-597) founded churches and monasteries in his native Ireland before establishing a monastery on the island of Iona near Scotland. From that location he and his followers accomplished the conversion of Scotland. Aidan (died 651), also Irish by birth, was sent from Iona to the island of Lindisfarne. From there he made many journeys to do mission work on the English mainland. It is said that he died of grief after the murder of his Christian friend

and patron, King Oswald of Northumbria. Bede (673-735), often referred to as “the Venerable Bede,” was one of the finest English scholars of his time. He wrote on many subjects but is best remembered as the author of *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. Unlike Columba and Aidan, Bede never traveled far from his home monastery. His religious writings include the Latin words of ELW 393 (“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”).

June 27 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (c. 375-444)

A native of Alexandria, Egypt, Cyril served as its bishop from 412 to 444. He was a fervent defender of the combined humanity and divinity of Jesus against those who saw Jesus as two separate identities side by side in one being. Cyril’s term of service was one of turmoil as he argued for his beliefs, closed some churches, drove out Jews, and quarreled with civil authorities in his area. Later in life he became more conciliatory toward others, but his best legacy is his theological writings rather than his actions as bishop. In 1882 Pope Leo XIII named Cyril one of the Doctors of the Church.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 4/30 Meghan Johnston Aelabouni Elected Bishop of ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod
- 5/01 Timothy Oslovich Elected Bishop of the ELCA Alaska Synod
- 5/07 Susan Briner reelected bishop of ELCA Southwestern Texas Synod
- 5/08 Jen Nagel Elected Bishop of the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod
- 5/08 A pastoral letter on the United Methodist Church General Conference
- 5/10 Bryan Penman Elected Bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod



OFFICERS

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

What can we all say? The 2024 OSLC-WELCA Retreat was a success. D’Etta was awesome and we congratulate her on her successes and graduation from the Seminary as a Deaconess! See pictures in this issue from the Retreat. I believe we had a total of 45 in attendance.

A special thank you to all the ladies in Rebekah and Cameron Circles for all their efforts to make the occasion so special — bees everywhere! Sure hope no one got stung! Anyway, also thanks to all the ladies of the church who attended and brought friends and family. It would not have been successful without your support!

As you all know, the SCWELCA Convention is scheduled for June and Marie Lybrand and Caroline Raszewski will be our delegates. They will be responsible for the article for July’s Grapevine telling us all about their experience in Summerville, SC.

Summer is quickly approaching! The Circles will not be meeting this summer and will resume regular schedules in September. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

Thank you all for your continued support and we are all looking forward to the next chapter in Our Saviour’s Book regarding a new pastor.

2024 CALENDAR EVENTS

- 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





The Rebekah and Cameron Circles hosted the 2024 OSLC-WELCA Retreat. Talented D'Etta Price Broam was our speaker. Our Scripture centered around I Corinthians 12:12-27, the body of Christ.

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*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Melba Murphy	06/02
Steve Rucker	06/10
Sue Drafts	06/16
Ruth Nicholson	06/17
Gerry Wiedemann	06/17

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Kay Black	06/01
Meredith & Beth Cleland	06/25

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, June 25.**

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

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

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

May 5-May 26

WORSHIP—44



Installation of OSLC Call Committee

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

