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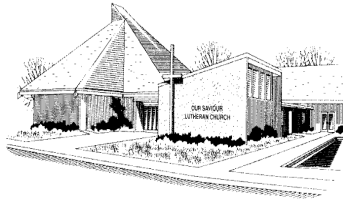
A few weeks ago, Jim and I spent a few day on a farm in Bluffton, GA. While that may sound unusual, it wasn't just any farm. From their website:

White Oak Pastures is a six generation, 156-year-old family farm in Bluffton, Georgia. We take pride in farming practices that focus on regenerative land management, humane animal husbandry, and revitalizing our rural community. We know radically traditional farming creates products that are better for our land, our livestock and our village. We are fiercely proud of our zero-waste production system that utilizes each part of the animals we pasture-raise and hand-butcher on our farm.

A couple decades ago, Will Harris owner of White Oak Pastures, had an epiphany and realized that industrial commodity livestock production was bad for the animals and people and land. He took a huge risk and reoriented his farm to regenerative farming. It took time with fits and starts, but he now has 5,000 acres where animals can engage in natural instinctive behaviors—cows can roam and graze, hogs can root and wallow, chickens can scratch and peck—and the animals live in harmony with the land—even down to the microorganisms in the soil. I encourage you to look at their website to learn more about the farm [whiteoakpastures.com]

White Oak Pastures is open to the public (except for the abattoir), the only rule being that if you open a gate and go through, close it behind you. They have cabins and houses to rent—including a cabin on land jutting out into a 15 acre pond, with barn swallows feasting on bugs, and cows bellowing in the distance. There is something very peaceful, seeing and being in nature like that.

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 2024

Secretary, Charles Nicholson

- Melodie Capole will be working with Tyler Cox to have an evening Vacation Bible School at our church from Sunday, July 21, through Wednesday, July 24. There will be classes for children and adults.
- There has been some response to the appeal to replenish the Building Maintenance and Property Improvement Fund, but more encouragement is needed.
- Linda Hill will get estimates for blinds in the education wing and shades in the chapel and fellowship hall. Lutheran Men in Mission will contribute to this.

JOIN US AUGUST 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, we will have lunch and the Bishop 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.

THANK YOU



Dear Our Saviour Lutheran Church,
On Behalf of Student Affairs and Career Advising, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous donation to the Cocky Cupboard. It is not only our goal to serve all students academically, but also in many other forms as well.

Many thanks,
Student Affairs & Career Advising
University of South Carolina,
Columbia, School of Medicine

FROM PASTOR CHRISTINE...

On these hot summer days, we wisely spend more time in our homes, going out only when necessary. While this is definitely safer, it can also lead to isolation. I encourage you all to continue to reach out to each other to stay connected. Remembering always, that you are never truly alone.

Romans 8:38-39 *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.*



I was so struck by Will Harris' work at making right what he knew was wrong, and the respect exhibited for natural nature and the many cycles in life. And I wondered, what can we could learn from his approach.

What if we, too, took the risk and changed wrongs we see and do, both around us and in our own lives. Is there a habit you have developed that has transformed over time and no longer seems right to do? Do you 'go along' with sexist or racist comments or slurs against the LGBTIA+ community? Do you see your neighbors as those to whom we give mercy or as competition? And how can our lives better reflect the cycles of God's kingdom? More than not eating fruit out of season, can we conform our lives to live in God's time, living in harmony with the world around us.

Industrial commodity livestock production costs less than regenerative farming. Yet these savings come at the expense of the land and animals and communities. Pesticides, hormones, steroids, and antibiotics work—but at what cost to the soil and animals. What practices do we engage in that work, but can have devastating consequences? More than WWJD—Jesus already showed us what he would do—what do we do as we live in the abundance and grace God bestows on us daily.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

JUNE 2024

WORSHIP—44

JULY MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

- July 7 *Wayne & Marie Lybrand*
- 14 **Need Volunteer*
- 21 *Frank Yonce*
- 28 *Linda Hill*

GREETERS

- Gail Marcum*
- Jim & Theresa Garner*
- Gail Marcum*
- Gail Marcum*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- July 7 **Need Volunteer*
- 14 *Rebecca Fingerlin*
- 21 *Isma Boland*
- 28 *Pam Hanfland*

LECTORS

- Marie Lybrand*
- Rebecca Fingerlin*
- Isma Boland*
- *Need Volunteer*

JULY

USHERS

- Chief Isma Boland*
- Gail Marcum*

AUGUST

- Wayne Lybrand*
- *Need Volunteer*

ALTAR GUILD

- Kay Black & Rebecca Fingerlin*
- Gail Marcum & Marie Lybrand*

OFFERING PICKUP

- Gary Black*
- Pam Hanfland*

TELLERS

- Linda Griffith & Linda Hill*
- Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- *Need Volunteer*
- Herman Shealy*

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.



July 28

**Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750),
Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672),
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759),
Musicians**

The Christian church owes much to these composers of German descent whose lives are commemorated on July 28. The earliest of them, Heinrich Schütz, has been called the greatest German composer of his century. In biblical texts set to music for choirs, he composed so as to underscore the meaning of important words. Heinrich Schütz is represented in our hymnal by #573 (“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”), whose melody has been paired by a 20th-century writer with the Magnificat, Mary’s words upon hearing the angel’s announcement to her, which appear in the Gospel of Luke.

Bach and Handel were contemporaries, but they never met. While Bach performed and composed in Weimar and Leipzig, creating cantatas (about two hundred) and other compositions which proclaim the Gospel through music, Handel worked in Italy and England and never returned to his German homeland. In our ELW, the eight hymns related to Bach are among his many arrangements of earlier chorale melodies, whose composers include Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517) and Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

Only one of ELW’s hymns, #376, contains music composed by Handel. It is the familiar Easter hymn, “Thine is The Glory,” and its tune is from the oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus*. Handel’s compositions are not church music in the strictest sense, but *Messiah* and other oratorios of his are scriptural retellings on a grand scale.



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God’s work. Our hands.

- 6/05 Bishop Eaton Issues Message on the War in Gaza
- 6/11 Nathan Pipho Elected Bishop of the ELCA New England Synod
- 6/11 ELCA Youth Gathering to bring thousands to New Orleans
- 6/12 Vivian Davila Elected Bishop of the ELCA Caribbean Synod
- 6/12 Martin Halom Elected Bishop of the ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- 6/12 Timothy Graham Elected Bishop of the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod
- 6/18 Deborah Hutterer Reelected Bishop of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod



Sallie Hutto, Marie Lybrand, Risse Snelgrove, (SC WELCA President), Caroline Raszewski at the Convention.



OFFICERS

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

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 SC
WOMEN OF THE ELCA
CONVENTION**



The theme for this year’s convention was “*Just Love One Another*” derived from 1 John 4:19. “We love because He first loved us”. Caroline Raszewski and Marie Lybrand were the delegates from OSLC. There were 103 total in attendance. Of those, 60 were Church Unit Voting members (delegates), 4 officers, and 8 board members for a total voting strength of 72. Also in attendance were 15 visitors, 1 young woman guest, and 15 first time guests. The convention was held at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Summerville, SC.

In addition to the presentation of Convention Reports and necessary voting items (see below for details), there were several guest speakers. Bishop Ginny Aebischer provided greetings from the Synod; Pastor Rebecca Wicker, Summer Memorial Lutheran Church in Newberry, was the Convention Chaplain; Pastor Greg Van Dyke of Lutheran Church by the Lake in McCormick, SC was the keynote speaker and spoke on *Teen Suicide Prevention*; Dr. Cathy Milejczak, Companion Synod of Tanzania; and Tim Lowry, a Christian Comedian was our Friday night dinner entertainment.

Our two days were packed full with meetings, elections, resolution considerations, voting, speakers, worship, prayer, music, workshop sessions, committee reports, and delicious meals. It was especially enlightening to meet so many other women from all over the state. From South Carolina’s largest congregations to the smallest, we are all a community of women, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ. Our former OSLC member and current Lydia member, Sallie Hutto, represented St. Philip’s in Newberry. Caroline and I were able to share fellowship and discipleship with Sallie!

Elections for 2024-2025

Officers:
President: Risse Snelgrove
V. President: Christie Gardner
Secretary: Shari Donley
Treasurer: Ann Rachel Quesada

Synodical Board Members:
Newly elected - Brianna Harris,
Sarah Cheesman, Lisa Petty, Christina Guillermo
Term ending 2025 – Joy Derrick, Sallie Folk,
Merri Lewis, LaTynia Taylor

Approvals and Resolutions:

- 1) Minutes of 2023: Approved
- 2) Budget:
Current Budget is for 2/2024 to 1/2025
\$52,500.00
Approved Budget for 2/2025 to 1/2026
\$55,500.00

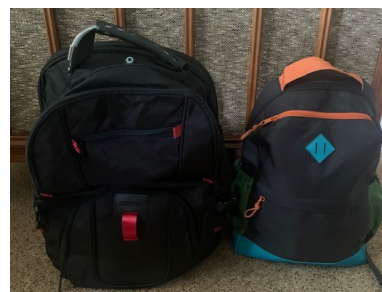
Report of Convention Projects:

Tanzania She Shed *	\$37,800.25
The Fifth Gospel Foundation*\$	875.00
Newberry Nursing Endowment*	\$ 4,219.09
Neighbors Together	\$ 975.00
plus 172 book bags	
793 bars of soap	
9,769 washcloths	
492 Wet wipes	
523 Miscellaneous items	

Joy Offering \$ 671.60
Convention Offering \$ 1,684.00

A final tally will be announced in Convention publication of The Ripple.

*OSLC presented two book bags full of supplies and a \$200 check for the first three projects and also Katie’s Fund.



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OSLC-WELCA Convention Report continued
Resolution submitted:

Janine Wagner of St. John's in Spartanburg presented the following resolution for the 2026 Triennial Convention pertaining to a change in the Churchwide Constitution and By-Laws. More information will be given to Circles for their upcoming meeting discussions.

WHEREAS, the WELCA Approved Model Constitution and Bylaws contains very prescriptive language and leaves little flexibility for Congregational Units;

WHEREAS, Congregation Units must fulfill the criteria noted in the WELCA Model Constitution in order to fulfill the criteria for membership in Women of the ELCA; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that SC WELCA submit a resolution at the next scheduled triennial convention for the Churchwide WELCA to revise the Model Constitution and Bylaws to be less prescriptive and more flexible with the intent to allow congregational units to create an organization that fits the needs of its members and allows them to both participate in and benefit from being part of the state and national organization.

Delegates Takeaway from the meeting:

Caroline and I want to thank our WELCA for the opportunity to attend the statewide convention. It is a lot of parliamentary procedure, sitting, and information overload; but, it is also enlightening to share our faith and ideas with other fellow Lutheran women. One concept we all three learned is that our world is changing rapidly, especially with our young women. Our thoughts were that we need to discuss and pray for guidance on how our congregational unit wants to proceed in this changing world.



OSLC-WELCA square was added to the heart representing our fellow churches across the state and symbolizes our love for Christ and each other.

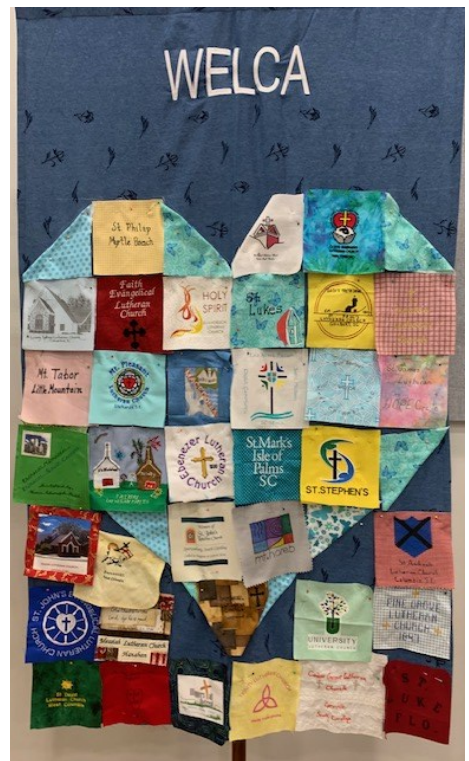


This student, built our box as a class project. His name is Shiloh.

“A Blessing Box”

Our Saviour's Rebekah and Camron Circles contacted the LEX2 Innovation Center to have the carpenter shop build us a Blessing Box. You've probably seen them around town and was wondering

what this is. Ours is currently located in th Fellowship Hall awaiting paint, legs, and installation. We are in the process of getting it painted, legs mounted on it, and placed on the property. Council will decide the location. We are in need of small canned items with pull tabs so that homeless can take and eat easily. We are also accepting the flatware packets with napkin and salt/pepper inside. If you are interested in helping us keep the box stocked, please place items in the clear crate in the Cameron Hallway next to the God's Helping Hands Box. Please bring items for both boxes so we can share our 'blessings' with those less fortunate. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to a member of Rebekah or Cameron Circles.



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 Moye*

*Steve Rucker
Willette Satterwhite
Marie Shealy
DeLeon & Jane Wallace
Mary Withrow*

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Withrow	07/11
Meredith Cleland	07/14
Bill Aull	07/17
Elizabeth Shealy	07/19
Jim Garner	07/20
Frank Yonce	07/22
Hampton Lybrand	07/24
Rebecca Fingerlin	07/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Sylvia Ford	07/13
Dan & Pam Hanfland	07/31



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.

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.

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, JULY 24.**



On June 16, 2024, we celebrated the baptisms of Carlee Rae Williams and Ella Mae Williams.



You are invited! Come join us for VBS

Sunday, July 21, 2024 to Wednesday, July 24, 2024

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

1500 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169

It's FREE and there's something for everyone. Bring your friends and neighbors for crafts, games, snacks, music, and endless fun! We're also hosting an Adult Bible study for parents, grandparents, etc. Let us know if you are interested.

Feel free to contact the church for more information at 803-794-8180 or email at oslc1957@sc.rr.com

Use the link to register your child
<https://vbsmate.com/events/OSLCWestColumbiaSC/29664>