

THE GRAPEVINE

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On the last Sunday in July, we heard from the sixth chapter of John. John presented Jesus himself feeding over 5,000 people with barley loaves and dried fish. Afterwards, not understanding the mission of the Messiah, folks wanted to make Jesus king. Jesus would have no part of that and fled to the mountain. The disciples, unsure of what to do, got in a boat to cross the sea. During their trip, the sea became rough. But what really got their attention was that they saw Jesus coming to them on the water, and they were terrified. Jesus proclaimed, "I am. Do not be afraid." They wanted to take Jesus into the boat--perhaps to make him theirs, but instead, they were saved and appeared at their destination.

In these episodes, there is a lot to unpack. Folks who put together the lectionary appreciate that and we are going to spend the next month continuing in the sixth chapter of John. We will see further into just who John says Jesus is, what Jesus mission is, how Moses and Jesus align, and where we find the words we sing each week, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." Which is, most certainly, true.

This month, I encourage you to look over John six. It includes a hard saying, with which we can wrestle together.

In peace,
Pr. Christine

OSLC NEWS & NOTES



GOD GUIDES OUR PATH

“You lead humble people to do what is right and to stay on your path.” (Psalm 25:9)

Dear faithful servants of Our Saviour,

It has been almost a year since we began the journey of finding a new pastor. There are many steps in this process. Our next step will be Sunday August 4, 2024. Bishop Aebischer and Assistant to the Bishop, Rick Carter will be joining us for worship and then leading us in discussion regarding our congregational survey, what it means and what action we take next. It is very important for everyone to attend as your input is valuable to our progression. We are not alone. God is guiding us on this path. We hope to see you there!

Lunch will be provided and we ask that participants bring a dessert to share.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Fingerlin

LUTHERAN MEN OUTING SHEALY’S BBQ

The Lutheran Men's annual outing to Shealy's BBQ in Leesville will be on **Tuesday, August 20**. We'll be gathering there at **noon**. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please call Charles Nicholson (803-791-4306) if you need a ride.

ADULT VBS 2024

Many adults experienced a very informative and enlightening VBS led by Mary Havens. The topic, "Stressed Vines Make Fine Wine" was explained. Challenges and stress can lead to growth and improvement, both for vines producing better grapes and for the church in producing stronger faith. Mary also presented many interesting facts and statistics about the church through the ages and presently with related meaningful scriptures. She taught that we are remnants of God--faithful believers who live and thrive in a stressed environment reflecting Christ in our lives.



The adult's time together ended with a fun game of Jeopardy to review the week's study. Who had the funniest face as his/her prize? Thank you, Mary, for a great week!





AUGUST MINISTRIES

FLOWERS

Aug 4 *Jim & Theresa
Garner*

11 *Sandra Hughes*

18 *Dan & Pam Hanfland* *Need Volunteer

25 *Linda Hill*

GREETERS

Sylvia Ford

*Need Volunteer

*Need Volunteer

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Aug 4 *Gail Marcum*

11 *Marie Lybrand*

18 *Need Volunteer

25 *Need Volunteer

LECTORS

Sylvia Ford

Wayne Lybrand

Ruth Nicholson

Marie Lybrand

AUGUST

USHERS

Chief Wayne Lybrand

*Need Volunteer

Jim Garner

Gary Black

ALTAR GUILD

*Gail Marcum &
Marie Lybrand*

*Isma Boland &
Melba Murphy*

OFFERING PICKUP

Pam Hanfland

Steve Nivens

TELLERS

*Linda Griffith &
Sylvia Ford*

*Beth Cleland &
Linda Hill*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Herman Shealy

Jim Garner

SEPTEMBER

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.



August 11
Clare, Abbess of San Damiano
(1194-1253)

Born into the Italian nobility, Clare rejected two offers of marriage, choosing instead a life of poverty and piety. It was after St. Francis preached in her hometown that Clare, at age eighteen, left her family to seek a less worldly life. Francis found a refuge for her with Benedictine nuns, and soon Clare helped to establish a new Franciscan women's community near the church of San Damiano in Assisi. The new order, known as The Order of Poor Ladies, or The Poor Clares, was devoted to prayer and austerity. The pope gave the Clares permission to live entirely on alms given to them, with no property of their own. Clare led them resolutely for forty years and inspired other women of her time to lives of religious devotion.

August 14
Maximilian Kolbe, martyr
(1894-1941)

Son of poor Catholic parents in Russian-occupied Poland, Raymond Kolbe entered a Franciscan seminary at age sixteen and took the name Maximilian. Further studies in Rome led to his ordination as a priest in 1918. Father Kolbe returned to Poland to teach at a seminary, and in 1927 he founded a monastery near Warsaw on land donated by a Polish prince. In the 1930s,

Father Kolbe established another monastery in Nagasaki, Japan, which survived World War II and still serves as a Franciscan center. After the Nazi invasion of Poland, Father Kolbe and his fellow Franciscans sheltered refugees, many of them Jews. The Nazis arrested Father Kolbe in 1941, imprisoned him in Warsaw, and later moved him to Auschwitz. Following a prisoner's escape in July, 1941, the concentration camp authorities ordered ten men to be starved to death in retaliation. When one of those, a married man with children, pleaded for mercy, Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place among the ten. After several weeks of starvation, he was executed by lethal injection. Pope John Paul II's official declaration of Father Kolbe's sainthood was witnessed by the man whose life he had saved at Auschwitz.

August 14
Kaj Munk, martyr
(1898-1944)

Orphaned at age six, Kaj Munk was adopted by Christians who made sure that he got a good education. He became a Danish Lutheran pastor and served a very small parish, but his influence spread throughout Scandinavia. In his plays, sermons, and patriotic writings, Munk predicted the victory of Christian faith over adversity. The Danish resistance movement circulated his writings to encourage opposition to Hitler. The Nazis arrested Munk in 1944, and he was found shot to death soon after. His martyrdom only added to the determination of those resisting German aggression.





OFFICERS

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

2024 CALENDAR EVENTS

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 Satter-
white

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

July 2024

WORSHIP—38



ELCA PRESS RELEASES

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- 6/28 Bishop Eaton Expressed Disappointment in Grants Pass Supreme Court Decision
- 7/16 Bishop Eaton Addresses Political Violence



HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS...

1. How does the vinedresser's adage that "Stressed vines make fine wine" apply to the church today?
2. What is the difference between the corral model of church membership and the remnant model?
3. When we make a distinction between those "in the habit" and those "out of the habit" (thanks Ruth!) what are we referring to in regard to church membership?
4. What is "but first" discipleship?
5. Why did God thin the ranks of Gideon's army in the battle against the pagan Midianites?
6. What did Jesus say about the church and who or what will not prevail against it?

DO YOU HAVE THE ANSWERS?

VBS HIGHLIGHTS

We had a phenomenal time of VBS getting to share Jesus with 14 kids. We are so grateful that we have had the opportunity to minister to these kids, and see their relationships with God, and with one another grow. There was laughter, singing, games, fun, fellowship, arts and crafts, and teaching from the Word of God. It is such a wonderful testament to God and the work of His Spirit, calling us, and speaking to us, and engaging us through His Word. The kids did not want it to end!



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*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Jane Wallace | 08/04 |
| Herman Shealy | 08/17 |
| Gail Marcum | 08/18 |
| David Griffith | 08/23 |
| Marie Shealy | 08/23 |
| Dolores Hopkins | 08/31 |

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Jim & Theresa Garner | 08/04 |
| Steve & Beverly Nivens | 08/05 |
| Don & Patsy Horton | 08/08 |
| Chris & Beth Boland | 08/10 |
| David & Linda Griffith | 08/11 |
| Howard & Sandra Hughes | 08/13 |

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, AUGUST 26.**

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

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



Thank you for all those who prepared and served delicious meals for VBS.

