

# THE GRAPEVINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Stopped by a Walgreens the other day and Halloween candy was on sale and Christmas candy was being put on the shelves. Figured it was November. And what a November this will be. We will go to the polls to vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>. And regardless of who wins, about half the country will be disappointed. Let us pray for peace and unity as we go forward.

November, beginning with All Saints Sunday and ending with Christ the King Sunday can be busy for the altar guild. While the stores transition from Halloween products to Christmas displays, we hear about Lazarus being raised, a rich feast the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, widows, Jesus urging all to not be alarmed, and just what kind of King Jesus will be. Pretty exciting month, I must say.

On All Saints Day, we will have the opportunity to remember those who died this year and all whom we mourn. We have experienced much death this year-within and without the congregation. As we remember, in joy and sorrow, those who are no longer on earth with us, let us also recall all God's promises to us and those who have died and find comfort in the promise and joys of eternal life with our God who loves us beyond all measure.

Also in November, we will have the opportunity to honor our veterans and take part in a very important congregational meeting and vote.

We experience Thanksgiving in November. This can be a time of fun and families gathering, and a time of great sorry and loneliness and conflict as families gather. Please remember, there are no 'shoulds' for how to celebrate this holiday (this



# OSLC NEWS & NOTES



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 2024

Secretary, Charles Nicholson

- Pastor Christine has been unable to access her church email (OSLC Pastor) and is trying to have that corrected. Members should use another means to contact her.
- We are notifying Terratec and Krantz to accept their proposals for mitigation of the water problem under the church.
- The Property Team wants contributions of pine straw for use in the beds around the church.
- There will be no Trunk or Treat this year. Too many other places are offering this. We may have a fall festival next year.
- Tyler and Melodie are leading a Sunday School class for children from 9:45 to 10:30 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
- Members should make sure their information in the Church Directory is correct and that phone numbers are correct for Calling Post messages.

## 2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY

As we approach the coming new year keep an eye out in the Narthex for the sign-up sheets for the teams and the ministries at OSLC. Please take a moment to sign up for all those you are interested in. Don't forget to check the church directory membership to make sure the information for your family is accurate

## RAZBERRIES

Please join us at our home on Friday, November 8th (note date change) at 6:00 for a meal of Shrimp Curry and Chicken Curry. Bring your favorite beverage. Please rsvp to Ann by Tuesday, November 5th via text at 803-530-6249. We hope you can join us!

Ann and Mark Satterwhite

## CALLING POST UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our *Calling Post* phone numbers. We are aware that several members have chosen to discontinue their landlines and are using cell phones. Please email [evineoursaviour@gmail.com](mailto:evineoursaviour@gmail.com) or let Pam Hanfland know your decision.

1. If you would like to be included in calling post calls
2. If yes, what phone number would you like us to use
3. If you have any changes to any of your phone numbers (removed your landline or have changed your cell phone number) we will correct in the calling post and or directory.

## OSLC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas party organized by WELCA and Lutheran Men in Mission will take place this year on Monday, December 9, at 6 PM. Tim's Catering will again provide a delicious holiday meal, and Phil Urban has been invited to present a program of Christmas music with some audience participation. A love offering will be collected for his performance.

The cost this year will be \$15 per person. Please see Gary Black, Charles Nicholson, Linda Griffith, or Linda Hill to buy your tickets by Sunday, December 1, so that we can give a number to the caterer.

Please remember that although the event is sponsored by LMM and WELCA, all members and friends of the congregation are invited. Please join us!

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can somewhat apply to Christmas, as well, but that's next month's newsletter!) If you like turkey, have turkey. If burgers sound better, go for it. If you'd rather have someone else cook, go on out. If it all just sounds like too much, redesign it to make it doable. It's not about the food. It's about being thankful. And for us, that means thanking God for all the blessings, the grace upon grace, so freely bestowed upon us.

November is a time when days get shorter and darker, the temperature might go lower. One needs to get home earlier to feed the chickens. Worship committees and choirs prepare for Christmas. There are days off from school and work and life has the potential to get crazy as we can get caught in the headlong race to Christmas. I pray that during this time you can find moments of peace and remember God's outrageous love for you.

In peace,  
Pr. Christine

## OSLC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday November 17, 2024. We will be voting on our pastoral candidate, Pastor Joanna Gragg, the pastor's salary, electing new council members and seeking approval of the 2025 budget.

**Nominees** for the 2-year terms on church council beginning 2025 are Linda Griffith, Wayne Lybrand, Gail Marcum, Steve Nivens and Mark Satterwhite. Additional nominations can be submitted from the floor during the congregational meeting, please make sure you have the candidate's approval prior to nominating.

## NOVEMBER MINISTRIES

### FLOWERS

Nov 3 *Charles & Ruth  
Nicholson*  
10 *\*Need Volunteer*  
17 *\*Need Volunteer*  
24 *Horace & Betty  
Meetze*

### GREETERS

*\*Need Volunteer*  
*\*Need Volunteer*  
*Doris Wessinger*  
*\*Need Volunteer*

### WORSHIP

#### ASSISTANTS

Nov 3 *Charles Nicholson*  
10 *Ann Satterwhite*  
17 *Marie Lybrand*  
24 *Caroline Raszewski*

#### LECTORS

*Charles Nicholson*  
*Pam Hanfland*  
*Wayne Lybrand*  
*Linda Griffith*

### NOVEMBER

#### USHERS

*Chief Wayne Lybrand*  
*Mark Satterwhite*

### DECEMBER

*Isma Boland*  
*\*Need Volunteer*

#### ALTAR GUILD

*Wayne & Marie  
Lybrand*

*David & Linda  
Griffith*

#### OFFERING PICKUP

*Wayne Lybrand*

*Linda Griffith*

#### TELLERS

*Linda Griffith &  
Sylvia Ford*

*Linda Griffith &  
Beth Cleland*

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*\*Need Volunteer*

*\*Need Volunteer*

## GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands current needs are for Jiffy Mix, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, juice, crackers, cookies, flour, jelly, jello, pudding cups, dry milk, sugar, mixed vegetables, and ramen noodles.

# OSLC PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET 2024   INCREASE/DECREASE   BUDGET 2025

## CHARITABLE & SERVICE WORKS TEAM

Social Ministry (Supplies)	\$200		\$200
Community Lunch	\$500		\$500
Camp Kinard	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
God's Helping Hands	\$1,500		\$1,500
Lutheran Services Carolina	\$1,000	-\$500	\$500
Disaster Relief	\$1,000		\$1,000
Synodical Apportionment	\$15,000	-\$10,000	\$5,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$19,700</b>	<b>-\$10,000</b>	<b>\$9,700</b>

## EDUCATION TEAM

### Christian Education

Bible Study	\$200		\$200
College Students	\$200	\$100	\$300
Sunday School	\$1,200	-\$600	\$600
Vacation Bible School	\$0	\$400	\$400
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>-\$100</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

## EVANGELISM TEAM

### Communication

Calling Post	\$100		\$100
Website	\$45		\$45
Evangelism	\$500		\$500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$645</b>		<b>\$645</b>

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM

### Kitchen and Fellowship

Hospitality Groups	\$200		\$200
Meals	\$1,300		\$1,300
Youth/Souper Bowl	\$300		\$300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>		<b>\$1,800</b>

## STEWARDSHIP TEAM

### Administration

Maintenance/Agreements			
<u>Power Church Yearly Fee</u>	\$445		\$445
Copier Agreement	\$2,400		\$2,400
Custodial Agreement	\$8,800		\$8,800
Grounds/Landscaping	\$5,000		\$5,000
Insurance	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
Utilities			
Elec/Gas/Water	\$13,000	\$2,000	\$15,000
Garbage/Waste Service	\$700		\$700
Telephone/Internet Service	\$1,100		\$1,100
Office Supplies	\$5,045	\$955	\$6,000
Offering Envelopes/Stewardship	\$500		\$500
Off-Site Record Storage	\$100		\$100
Postage	\$1,800	-\$1,300	\$500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$46,890</b>	<b>\$3,655</b>	<b>\$50,545</b>

**SALARIES/BENEFITS**Staff Salaries/Benefits

Handbell Choir Director	\$5,000		\$5,000
Organist/Choirmaster	\$11,670		\$11,670
Pastor Supply	\$800		\$800
Social Security (Staff)	\$821		\$821
Secretary	\$13,728		\$13,728
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$32,019</b>		<b>\$32,019</b>

Pastor Salary/Benefits

Pastor	\$47,844	-\$1,806	\$46,038
Housing (Pastor)	\$21,000	-\$7,188	\$13,812
Pension & Insurance (Pastor)	\$10,000	\$22,063	\$32,063
Professional Expense	\$2,000	-\$1,000	\$1,000
Social Security (Pastor)	\$4,000	\$5,851	\$9,851
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$84,844</b>	<b>\$17,920</b>	<b>\$102,764</b>

Car/Travel Mileage Allowance	\$4,000	-\$2,500	\$1,500
Synod Convention Expense	\$500	-\$500	\$0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>-\$3,000</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Handbell Music Supplies	\$200	-\$100	\$100
Choir Music Supplies	\$200	-\$100	\$100
Guest Musicians	\$200	\$1,000	\$1,200
Devotional/Publication Materials	\$1,500	-\$1,100	\$400

Altar Guild

Communion/Paraments/Flowers (Supplies)	\$2,000	\$500	\$2,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$4,100</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$3,000
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<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	\$198,098		\$207,773
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<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	\$30,000		\$30,000
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<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$228,098</b>	<b>\$9,675</b>	<b>\$237,773</b>
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## 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.



**November 3**

**Martin de Porres, renewer of society  
(1579-1639)**

Son of a Spanish knight and a freed slave from Panama, Martin apprenticed himself to a barber-surgeon in his hometown of Lima, Peru. While still a young man, Martin was accepted as a laybrother at Dominican friary, where he continued to use his knowledge as a healer of the sick. Martin helped the poor, regardless of their race, and he had a deep love for animals. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for dogs and cats. For Catholics in the United States, Martin de Porres is considered the patron saint of work for interracial understanding and justice. On Hampton Street in Columbia there is a Catholic church/school complex which bears his name.

**November 17**

**Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society  
(1207-1231)**

Daughter of Hungary's King Andrew II, Elizabeth married Landgrave Louis IV of Thuringia at age fourteen, as part of a political alliance. She was happily married, as it turned out, so that when her husband died of the plague in 1227, she was heartbroken. She provided for her three children and then renounced the world on Good Friday, 1228, joining the third order of St. Francis. Her confessor, Conrad of Marburg, forced her to live a very harsh existence from then on, and she died at age twenty-four. She is remembered for the hospitals she founded with her husband and for her lifelong devotion to the poor. Elizabeth is one of Germany's most beloved saints.

**November 24**

**Justus Falckner, pastor in North America  
(1672-1723)**

Son of a German Lutheran pastor, Justus Falckner did not intend to follow his father's vocation. He did, however, study theology at the University of Halle. His older brother Daniel took Justus to America to be part of a real estate business. There, in Pennsylvania, Justus met several Swedish Lutheran pastors. In 1703 he became the first Lutheran pastor ordained in North America. Pastor Falckner served congregations in New York and New Jersey, authored the first Lutheran book on theology published in America, and wrote a number of hymns.

**November 24**

**Jehu Jones, pastor in North America  
(died 1852)**

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, Jehu Jones was ordained by the New York Ministerium in 1832 after receiving a recommendation from John Bachman. Jones was a free black, and when he tried to return to South Carolina to join a mission delegation bound for Liberia, he was arrested. The law of the time prohibited free blacks from returning to the state after they had left it. Instead of Liberia, Pennsylvania became Jones' place of ministry. And so, the first African-American Lutheran pastor helped to found the first African-American congregation, St. Paul's, in Philadelphia.

**November 24**

**William Passavant, pastor in North  
America (1821-1894)**

A man of many accomplishments, Passavant received his formal training at Gettysburg Seminary in his home state of Pennsylvania. Upon his ordination in 1842, he became a pastor in Baltimore and joined the editorial staff of "Lutheran Observer." During a subsequent pastorate in Pittsburgh, he edited "The Missionary," which later became "The Lutheran." Passavant was instrumental in bringing deaconess work to the United States. He founded a number of hospitals and orphanages and raised funds effectively for their support. Passavant is also remembered as a founder of both Thiel College in Greenville, PA, and Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago.

### OFFICERS

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

We held our final joint meeting for the circles on October 13<sup>th</sup> with SC-WELCA President, Risse Snelgrove as our guest. Risse was also our speaker for WELCA Sunday. During the Joint Meeting Risse talked about SCWELCA August 2025 Convention to be held in Aiken. She shared information about the Board and their plans for the coming year with two planned Retreats as well as announcing that she would not be eligible to run for President as her term of service will be complete after Convention. She brought fabric for our Circles to share to prepare the Global Project Sewing Kits. She requested that the \$135 OSLC was going to give her as her honorarium be sent to SCWELCA designated for the Region 9 (SC-NC) Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief. We took her to lunch at Grecian Gardens and enjoyed fun, food, and renewing friendships.

#### Reports from Circles

Action-Rebekah (Linda Hill) Reported that the WELCA Retreat with D’Etta Price Broam was a success. Linda and Kay Black attended D’Etta’s Ordination at Pisgah in September. Hospitality reported 4 meals, 1 gift card, 2 funerals, and 1 memorial. The Blessing Box has been installed; however, we are waiting on some additional decorative painting to be done and the Box Blessed prior to the Congregational Meeting. Thank you to all who brought items and placed them at the altar in the Blessing Box Collection Crate.

Community-Lydia (Marie Lybrand) Reported their planned entertainment is scheduled for November 10 with a Veterans BBQ. No plans for a 2025 Retreat have been discussed. A copy of the Grapevine with the Convention Report was shared with all.

Growth/Sunshine-Cameron (Isma Boland) Reported that they were happy with the way the WELCA Sunday event came off. She thanked Risse for her wonderful sermon and how it all incorporated the women. The choir was awesome.

Cameron has no plans at present for Newberry College Sunday this year; however, will incorporate the Nursing Scholarships next year. No additional information provided for Spiritual gifts/Confirmants. Elizabeth Shealy was not available for a Sunshine report.

#### Other:

Officers for 2005 will remain the same and Linda Griffith has forwarded the information to both the Synodical Secretary and the Conference Coordinator. The proposed budget was approved as presented by Pam Hanfland. Linda Griffith provided a copy of the September Grapevine with the Conference Report.

## 2024 Calendar Events

- November 10** Lydia’s Veterans Day BBQ with Worship and Lunch in Fellowship Hall.
- December 8 Immediately following Worship Service/WELCA Executive Meeting (circle leaders w/unit officers)  
Opening Prayer: Ann Satterwhite
- December 9 WELCA & LMM Joint Christmas Dinner and Entertainment

## 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.

## YOUNG ADULTS



On Sunday, September 29, a very special worship service was conducted by the young adults. They inspired the congregation with meaningful liturgy, beautiful music, and an eloquent message, delivered by Tyler Cox.



After the service, everyone enjoyed a delicious Filipino lunch prepared by Chief Chef Melodie Capole and her staff. The congregation had a much better understanding of Filipino dishes after this authentic meal!



Our young adults play such a vital role in the life of our congregation, and we appreciate so much all that they contribute!



**CHOIR AND HANDBELLS  
ENHANCE OUR REFORMATION  
WORSHIP**





**DAVID GRIFFITH AND JIM GARNER SPREAD THE NEW BARK OVER THE PLAYGROUND**







**WELCA SUNDAY**

## 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 Moye  
Anita Murphy (sorority sister of Linda Griffith)  
Steve Rucker  
Marie Shealy  
DeLeon & Jane Wallace*

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Garner	11/03
Linda Crapps	11/16
Padget Satterwhite	11/19
Sharon Doble-Done	11/23
Phyllis Calamas	11/24
Dan Hanfland	11/29
Sharon Assey	11/30

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Horace & Betty Meetze 11/22

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.

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

*October 2024*

*WORSHIP—40*

### 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, November 25.**

### ELCA PRESS RELEASES



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

- 10/01 ELCA Conference of Bishops Emphasizes the Need to Speak the Truth
- 10/08 ELCA Conference of Bishops Analyzes Churchgoing Trends in Planning for Future
- 10/08 ELCA World Hunger Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with World Food Day Event



## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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."

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship and Music Committee would like to request your assistance this year by asking you to lend a poinsettia for our Christmas Services at a cost of \$14.00 (includes tax). Your check should be made payable to the church and marked "POINSETTIA". Please indicate in the space below the information you want printed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place in the

offering plate or mail to the church with your check **BEFORE December 1, 2024.**

I desire to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s).

I desire the following information printed in the bulletin: G

Given \_\_\_ IN MEMORY OF or \_\_\_ IN HONOR OF or \_\_\_ OTHER

(list designation) \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print legibly)