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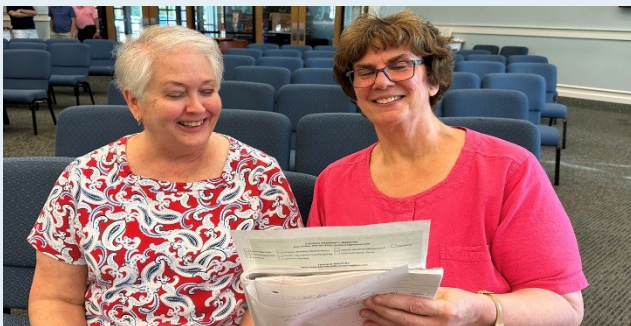
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Did you know?

Church Council members have general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation. Each Council member serve as liaison to each committee their service reports to Council on the Ministry that they have volunteered to represent. This gives Council the big picture of what is happening in the church and records this information in one place. Council meets once a month.



Music and Worship Ministry Team Pictured from left to right: Karen Cullen, Vivian Cunningham, Jerry Long, Dennis Lollis, Judy Moran, Pam Duncan, and Council liaison Mike Himes.



Communication Ministry Team Renee Park and Council liaison Ann Pufpaff—Newsletter and the new website



JUNE 4th— SEPTEMBER 3rd

10:00 am Worship Service

9:00 am Sunday School



Pastor Angela leads the celebration of “Retirement of the Debt” as the full payment of our church’s loan from South Carolina Men in Mission. A special thanks to us all. Look what we can do when we work together.



Why the colors?

You may have noticed the colors of the vestments (clothing worn by the Pastor and worship assistants) and paraments (cloth on the Altar and lectern) change from time to time. You may find yourself asking why. Each color has significance.

In the Christian tradition, colors are used for vestments and paraments, but a unified system of colors developed only gradually and haphazardly until and through the Middle Ages. Today, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America provides a system of colors for use by its congregations; for the most part, the same system is also used by Roman and

Anglican churches, at least in the United States; and by many churches around the world.

Many of the colors associated with the seasons are closely linked with the experience of Christians in the Northern hemisphere. Christians in the Southern hemisphere will experience the church year differently in that context, perhaps calling forth different color associations. It is also helpful to realize that colors have different associations across the globe, just as they have had different associations over the course of the church's history. For example, white is the color North American and European Christians typically associate with Christmas and Easter, the color white signifying the purity of Christ, light or joy. In many Eastern cultures, however, white connotes mourning. Red, associated with energy, blood, or fire among other things in Western culture, is the color associated with purity in India.

The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated.

A brief summary of color usage, according to the church year:

Advent: Blue is associated with Advent, suggesting hope. This association originated in Scandinavia, probably because purple dye was too expensive for churches to use. Some assemblies use purple in Advent, a color associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king. This is a different meaning than when it is used in Lent.

Day of Pentecost: Red as the color usually associated with fire is used on this day when we remember the tongues of fire descended on the crowd in Jerusalem. In contrast to the color of scarlet, Pentecost's red is a bright color.

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Christmas: White, calling to mind the purity of the newborn Christ, and to our light and joy in him. Some also use Gold.

Epiphany of Our Lord: White (see Christmas).

Baptism of Our Lord: White (see Christmas).

Time after Epiphany: Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ. Green, in a sense, is a “neutral color,” used when a more festive or more somber color is not appointed.

Transfiguration of Our Lord: White (see Christmas).

Ash Wednesday: Purple is the preferred color as this is the first day of Lent. Historically, black has also been used on this day, since it is the color of the ashes to which we will all return.

Lent: Purple is typically associated with Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity.

Palm/Passion Sunday: Scarlet is the preferred color of this first day of Holy Week, as it suggests the deep color of blood. (Scarlet is to be distinguished from the brighter color of red, which is appointed for the Day of Pentecost and Reformation Sunday). If a parish does not have scarlet vestments, purple may be used.

Days of Holy Week: Scarlet or purple may be used for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday: For this fourth day of Holy Week, celebrated as the institution of the Lord’s Supper and Jesus’ loving act of washing the disciple’s feet, scarlet or white is used.

Good Friday: No vestments or paraments are used on this day as the altar was stripped the day before during the Maundy Thursday service.

Sundays of Easter: White suggests the joy of the resurrection.



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The Holy Trinity: White is suggested, the expression of joy in the mystery of the Triune God.

Time after Pentecost: Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. Some assemblies use differing shades of green throughout the Sundays after Pentecost, a lighter green in summer and a darker green in fall.

Christ the King: The final day of the church year uses white, a festive color suggesting light, joy, and the celebration of our Lord.



The Community Bible Group, who use our church to gather and study, presented Lord of Life with flowers and a check to express their appreciation for the space provided for their meetings. “We remain deeply grateful for the warm hospitality Lord of Life extends to the women and children of Community Bible Study. You are a beautiful expression of His love in action.” these ladies added.



Weekly Bible Study, Inspiration and Humor



Sunday School Bible Study @ 9:35am
With Dennis Lollis

Tuesday Bible Study @ 10:00 am
With Jim Cuff in the Café
Zoom available as well.

Wednesday Bible Study will resume after Labor Day-
with Pastor Angela in the Café

Thursday Lutheran Men in Mission @ 8:00 am
*Currently meeting by Zoom with Jack Young
*Breakfast in person every Third Thursday at 8:00 am in Luther Hall.



HOLY SPIRIT FIRE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... — ACTS 2:3-4 NIV



Celebrating Mother's Day with Cake



Fountain of Salvation Members Support Lord of Life

Members of Fountain of Salvation can be found helping out around our church during the week. With the help of Pastor Ramos, the spot lights, video projectors, and e-light batteries have been completed with their help. The gutters have been cleaned, and they help pay for the garbage pick up.



Pastor Ramos, in the blue shirt, and another member installed new wooden ties in the PlayCare playground area. Working together the Lord of Life Property Team bought the material, and Fountain of Salvation was kind enough to install it. A big thank you to our Property Team and Fountain of Salvation!

Lord of Life Ministry Highlights

Stewardship Ministry—liaison Jim Cuff: Stewardship has not met formally in a while. The Time and Talents drive and annual estimate of giving plan requests will be done together in the fall. Next meeting is scheduled for July or August.

Worship and Music Ministry—liaison Mike Himes:

Single Worship Service from June 4—September 3 at 10:00 am. This schedule is already noted on the website and Face Book site.

- ◇ Mike Himes and Ann Pufpaff met with Sign DeSign to have the church sign updated for the summer.



Audio Video—Update

- ◇ Thanks to Jim Lewis, Marshall Kurfiss, Bones Leonard, Pastor Ramos and his congregation, Jerry Long, and Dennis Lollis - the projectors are now working! This was a large and rather complicated project.
- ◇ Dennis Lollis continues to schedule and train AV operators.

Property Ministry—liaison Jim Lewis:

Marshall Kurfis has been chairing the property meetings for awhile now and to his credit has asked Pastor Ramos to attend the monthly meetings. This has proved beneficial to us as it allows Pastor Ramos also the opportunity to help out with issues.

- ◇ Garbage Collection—The free (donated) garbage and recycling collection we have enjoyed for years (THANK YOU) is no longer able to continue. Jim Lewis has worked to find a garbage collection alternative. Pastor Ramos has already agreed to cover part of the cost.
- ◇ Irrigation System—Bill Guise and Marshall Kurfis are working to access the ongoing problems with the church irrigation system. Numerous issues have been detected and further investigation is needed to see if the project is cost effective. Jim Lewis will contact the Greenery for their ideas.
- ◇ Sanctuary Video Projectors and Lighting—With the help of Pastor Ramos, the spot lights and video projectors and e-light batteries have been completed. There are still some issues with bulbs burning out and light alignment needing further attention. Marshall will work with Pastor Ramos and possibly outside vender for help.
- ◇ Gutter Cleaning—Pastor Ramos agreed to complete this project at no cost.
- ◇ PlayCare Exit Door — Door was not closing properly and appears to be a frame/hinge issue. Marshall contacted a vender to correct this problem.
- ◇ Emergency Shelter Directives—Bill Guise asked an emergency preparedness person to assess our Sanctuary for best possible safety in case of emergency (tornado, extreme thunder storm alerts, etc.)

Lord of Life Ministry Highlights (continued)

Service Ministry—liaison Bunny Norell:

- ◇ Tonya Neeley advised us that there were two quilts handmade by Caroline Clark, the granddaughter of John and Rose Clark. Pastor Angela has blessed them and Tonya will bring them to Family Promise. Family Promise is in the process of searching for a new director, so information going to Tonya has been spotty.
- ◇ Karen Cullen spoke about Project Linus, which we could implement from mid-August to mid-September, or later in October. She is waiting to hear from the coordinator if there is someplace to drop off the completed blankets besides JoAnn Fabrics in Savannah. Karen said that she could use her Thrivent gift card to buy approximately 25 blanket kits.
- ◇ Linda Roland reminded us that the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits will be put together in late July. Linda and Karen thought they could use their Thrivent gift cards to purchase the towels, which are the most expensive items in the kits. Last year we put together 288 kits.
- ◇ Donations to Camp Kinard came to \$150. Linda will bring the check to the WELCA convention in two weeks.
- ◇ School uniforms for Red Cedar Elementary will be gathered during June and July for delivery by early August. Tonya will find out if they're going to be asking for small sizes of underwear, socks and shoes also.
- ◇ God's Work Our Hands will be the week after Labor Day Bluffton Self Help will advise us the best day for us to be there.

Communication Ministry—liaison Ann Pufpaff:

- ◇ The new Lord of Life website template is up and running. The Google calendar was set up by Renee Park, and the Newsletters can be found there as well. Website: LordofLife-Bluffton.org

Care and Call Ministry – liaison Mitzi Dube:

Contacts made for 4/24—5/11 are as follows:
5 greeting cards and 1 phone calls.

Communion is taken to NHC on a monthly basis to an average of 15—20 residents. Judy Moran and Sue Ellen Johnson provide music, Mitzi Dube does the devotion, and distributions are done by Linc Tumey, Mary Lee Tumey, and Glory Sandrock.

Children Put the Word "Play" in PlayCare





What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Quite a mouthful, we know. Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 4,500 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

HOW DOES WELCA WORK?

There are three expressions of Women of the ELCA, each with its own constitution:

- Congregational, inter-congregational and special units (about 4,500)
- Synodical Women's Organization (in 64 of the ELCA's 65 synods)
- Churchwide Women's Organization

The **congregational, inter-congregational and special units** are the largest expression of the organization and are the heart of the organization. This is where we grow the organization, inviting women to experience the reconciling and transforming love of God through Jesus Christ, encouraging women to act on their baptismal covenant.

The **synodical women's organizations** (SWOs) establish a partnership with units in their geographic areas and with the churchwide women's organization. **SWOs** exist to support women in congregations. Each SWO has a board whose members are elected at an annual or biennial convention by voting members from units. Each SWO establishes clusters or conferences of units within its geographic area.

Conferences and clusters are groupings of congregations within a synodical organization. While they have no legislative responsibilities, conferences and clusters provide learning opportunities through leadership development, community building, stewardship education, networks for communication and opportunities for joint ministry and action with the guidance of the SWO.

The **churchwide women's organization** (CWO) is the entire organization. Within the churchwide expression of Women of the ELCA, the **triennial convention** is the highest legislative authority; voting members to the convention are elected by synodical organizations. Between conventions, the **churchwide executive board** (volunteers elected by the triennial convention) conducts the business of the organization.

The churchwide executive board hires an executive director to oversee the operations of the CWO; the executive director, in turn, hires staff to assist in that endeavor. The only paid **staff** is located within the CWO. In all other expressions of the organization, volunteers carry out the organization's mission and purpose.

WELCA is the women's ministry organization of the **ELCA**. It is separately incorporated and is not an auxiliary of the church. It is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs. Financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts.

OUR PURPOSE

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission (SCLMIM) gave us the loan we just retired.

Thank You SCLMIM



Mission Statement: We will make disciples of men that have a deep and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this by financial support of the Lutheran mission churches in South Carolina along with the Master Builders Bible Program, One Year to Live Retreats, Building Men Through Christ Seminars, and Men In Action young men events.

Vision Statement

For every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry in every congregation.

Our Objectives are:

- To provide financial support for the development of mission congregations in the SC Synod
- To provide opportunities to make disciples of men by sponsoring gatherings, local congregational unit meetings, conference meetings and Bible Studies

To support Lutheran Men in Mission by the giving of time, talents, and money to support a strong church-wide men's ministry.

