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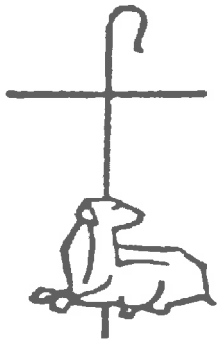
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Greenville SC 29609

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February
2020

**OUR VISION: A
SPIRITUALLY GROWING,
LITURGICALLY CELEBRATING,
MISSION MOTIVATED,
SERVING , FORGIVING,
COMMUNITY**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM—Taize'-Communion
9:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—LSB Setting 2-Communion

WORSHIP SERVICE

EVENING PRAYER— Wednesday Evenings 7:00 PM
(Feb 5 & 12)

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 26-12 Noon & 7:00 PM

MONDAY 7:00 PM-Bible Study—(No Study Feb-24)

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM-Ladies Bible Study
(No Study Feb 26)

CHOIR REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY (Feb 5, 12, 19)
7:30 PM or after Vespers

OTHER EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Saturdays-5-6:30 PM Organ Practice
Feb 4—6:30 PM-Board of Elders Meeting
Feb 8-9:00 AM HOOKS & NEEDLES
Feb 9—9:15 AM —VOTERS' MEETING
Feb 16—9:15 AM-LWML Meeting
Feb 16-QUILL DEADLINE
Feb 25—3:30 PM Haywood Estate Communion

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DAYS

Feb 2-Ground Hog Day
Feb 2-The Purification of Mary & Presentation of Our Lord (White)
Feb 2-Super Bowl (Souper Bowl)
Feb 14-St. Valentine Day
Feb 18-Martin Luther, Reformer
Feb 23: Transfiguration of Our Lord
Feb 24-St Matthias, Apostle (Red)
Feb 29-LEAP YEAR DAY

MARCH QUILL DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Please e-mail your articles to
lcsquill@aol.com or put in Quill Box by
the 16th.



Ash
Wednesday

*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

First day of Lent, a day of Atonement. It is the beginning of a penitential period and time to reflect on the quality of our faith and life.

Imposition of ashes represents God's condemnation of sin, our dependence on God for life, and a reminder of death.



Our [everyday calendar](#)
is an [artificial medium](#)

[that has been juggled with through the centuries](#) in an effort to make it more accurate and more useful. The time it takes for the earth to rotate is 365 ¼ days but the calendar year is 365 days, hence once every four

PREFER DIGITAL TO PAPER: You can read present and past Quill issues on our web site-lcs.org. And it is in color.

LADIES LUNCH: The schedule for February for the Ladies Lunch. All women of LCGS are welcome to join us for lunch. We meet at 11:30 AM every Tuesday. Please call Karen Meyer if you plan on attending so we know how many seats to get.

Feb 4-Crab Du Jour-1209 Woodruff Road-in front of Sam's Club

Feb 11-DellaVentura-337 S Buncombe Road, Greer

Feb 18-Sirin Thai-1540-C Wade Hampton Blvd

Feb 25-Eggs Up Grill—805 W Wade Hampton Blvd—Greer

HOOKS & NEEDLES will meet on Saturday, February 8th, from 9:00-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a very important local ministry and we want every person with an interest in providing warm hats, lap blankets, and chemo caps to be a part of it. BUT, if the weather is bad, please stay home and work on your projects there.



LWML will meet on Sunday, February 16th, at 9:15am in the parlor. All ladies of the congregation are eligible to join LWML.

On Saturday, March 21st, Abiding Savior - Anderson will host the district Joy Event for LWML. More information about registration will be provided when it is received.

The Ladies #1 Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. It is not too late to join the ladies for an interesting study of the book of Ephesians.



The **2020 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Flowers are symbolic of our joy in Christ and are used to adorn the worship space. Flowers are omitted during the season of Lent and Holy Week. To donate an arrangement, pick a date or two and write your name. If it is in memory of someone or honoring an event, please indicate that on the chart also.

We welcome back our intrepid travelers, tired but happy, glad they went, even gladder to be back home. A presentation is being put together to be shown Sunday, January 26, after the late service. If you miss this showing or wish to see it again, it will be presented during the Sunday School hour a couple of Sundays in February. Exact dates will be announced when determined. It should be a very interesting presentation.

Holy Land trip presentation:

Please join us for a slideshow and shared impressions of our Holy Land trip TODAY (January 26, 2020) after the late service, complete with our monthly pot-luck. (To be repeated during Sunday School at a later date.)

A big **thank you** to the whole congregation for your prayers while we were gone - and especially to Linda Nagel for following our itinerary closely while recuperating from a broken hip! Thanks also to those who kept the fires burning during our absence!

Thanks be to God for guiding all our steps along this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land! From the moment I began planning a year and a half ago, I knew I'd need a cooperative group of just the right size - and really good guides to help me pull off [every. single. site](#) on my VERY long bucket list and highly -customized itinerary, and He made it happen! Tears of gratitude were shed along the way.

For the blessings of Nader & Amjad in Israel, Michel & Nasser in Jordan, Essam, Mohamed, & Wael in Egypt, and for 17 wonderful days in the Middle East with new friends and old (Pr Steve & Jan, Marque & Barb, Betty, Louis, Ann, Jane, Ginny, Gail, Linda, Susan, Dotti & Craig, and my family), I praise you, O Lord! For keeping us safe and well on our journeys, for this learning lifestyle with my children on the ultimate "family field trip", for expanding our horizons - religious, political, and historical - in a new part of the world, and for granting us the privilege to walk in your footsteps, I praise you, O Lord! For adding 2 wonders of the world, 4 seas, 2 rivers, 1 mountain, 2 continents, 4 new countries visited and 3 more spotted to our tally, thanks be to God! For getting us home safely in the dark rain of a tornado watch with major fatigue after 23 hours of travel, thanks be to God!

Finally, for drinkable tap water with which to brush our teeth, for bacon and edible salad, for our own beds and free & clean bathrooms with TP, thanks be to God!

In Him, Jennifer Johnson





**30th ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!
SUPER BOWL IS FEBRUARY 2.**

United Ministries Food Pantry is seeking your support to provide for those who may not have any soup for their bowls this year.

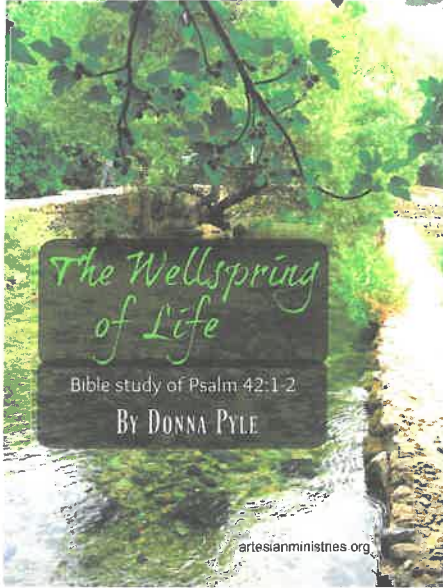
**THEIR GOAL: 3,500 LBS OF CANNED GOODS
TIMELINE: NOW=February 14
\$1 = 1 can = 1/2 a pound of food**

Canned food and monetary donations are being accepted. Check their web site for details.

UNITED MINISTRIES SHOPPING LIST:

- | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Beef Stew | Canned Tuna | Ramen Noodles |
| Canned Corn | Cereal | Rice |
| Canned Fruit | Dried Beans | Saltines |
| Canned Green Beans | Grits | Treet |
| Canned Green Peas | Mac & Cheese | |
| Canned Pasta | Mackerel | |
| Canned Potatoes | Peanut Butter | |
| Canned Soup | Powdered Milk | |

| DATE | OCCASION | TIME | # | TIME | # | Total Attend. | Envelope | Plate | Total Offering |
|--------|----------|---------|----|-------------|-----|---------------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Dec 29 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | 85 | ONE SERVICE | | 85 | 1,777.00 | 106.00 | 1883.00 |
| Jan 5 | Sunday | 8:00 AM | 45 | 10:00 PM | 114 | 159 | 12,673.00 | 429.05 | 13,102.05 |
| Jan 12 | Sunday | 8:00 AM | 50 | 10:30 AM | 97 | 147 | 5,538.00 | 153.00 | 5,691.00 |
| Jan 19 | Sunday | 8:00 AM | | 10:30 AM | | | 3,649.00 | 149.00 | 3,798.00 |
| Jan 26 | Sunday | 8:00 AM | | 10:30 AM | | | | | |



Carolinas District LWML
JOY EVENT
Saturday, March 21, 2020

Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
1905 E. Greenville Street
Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 225-6438

Theme: **The Wellspring of Life**
Psalm 42:1-2

Jesus, our Wellspring of Life, offers the only source of true peace and joy. The beautiful water imagery throughout Scripture gushes forth through this study to quench our thirst and longing to know Jesus like never before. Come thirsty and get refreshed.

Guest Speaker: Donna Snow Pyle



Donna Pyle has a passion for studying and teaching God's Word. She has traveled throughout the United States and internationally to speak and teach where God opens doors. Donna has authored over 30 Bible studies, including four DVD Bible study series for LWML and several books with Concordia Publishing House. Donna volunteers as a Houston team leader for Love 146, which seeks to abolish child trafficking. She serves on the Board of Directors at Camp Lone Star, a Lutheran Outdoors Ministries of Texas camp. Donna attends Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas, where she has been an active LWML member for over 20 years. Donna is a life-long Texan, adventurous traveler, dabbling gardener, and closet chef, but home is always her favorite place to be.

Event Lodging:

Hampton Inn 411 Alliance Business Park, Anderson, SC

Room rate is \$90 plus state/local tax (11%). Block has double queens/ king rooms. Reservations can be made by calling **(864) 760-1000**; use the group name **Carolinas District LWML- JOY** when making reservations.

Block Cut-off Date: The "cut-off date" for reserving rooms in the room block is **11:00pm EST on Wednesday, February 19, 2020**. After the cut-off date, it is at the Hotel's discretion whether to accept additional reservations, which will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. **Guaranteed Reservations:** All reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card at the time of making the reservation. **Reservation Commitment:** Changes to individual reservations within the group block may be made **up to 72 hours to the arrival date**. Any changes made to reservations **within 72 hours** prior to your arrival date, the individual will be charged the amount equal to the room rate and applicable tax originally committed to in this agreement.

Registration

Registration fee: **\$20.00** for registrations postmarked no later than **February 28th**.
Registrations postmarked after February 28th or onsite will be \$25.00.

Send JOY event registrations to our registrar:

Betty Rytter
247 Harmony Road
Ware Shoals, SC 29692
Email: lizrytter@gmail.com
Phone: 864.861.2236

Please note any **food allergies** on your registration form.

Ingathering:

The recipient of our ingathering will be **Homeless Period Project**.

<https://www.homelessperiodproject.org>

The Homeless Period Project was founded in 2015 with a singularly focused mission to provide menstrual hygiene products to homeless living in shelters and on the street. After three years of volunteering in shelters, schools and churches, we recognize the problem of lack of access to menstrual hygiene is both tremendous and global. It is a problem that affects menstruation-age of all ethnicities and in all communities. The obstacle to access exists in schools, workplaces and homes — even requiring some to choose between food and hygiene. In 2018, we expanded our mission to advocate on behalf of all because the need is far greater than we first realized. This cycle must be broken. The Homeless Period Project is headquartered in Greenville, SC. We're changing the world one community at a time by creating awareness and delivering menstrual hygiene products to those in need in the tri-state area. We are part of a worldwide movement of similarly-focused NGOs and are accelerating the momentum by incubating ideas and exchanging mutual aid. We will be collecting **Regular** menstrual pads, tampons, liners and individually wrapped feminine hygiene wipes. Please be sure these are products for menstrual hygiene and NOT incontinence products. We will accept cash/check donations as well. Please make checks payable to Carolinas District LWML- with period project in memo of check. The district treasurer will cut one check to the organization for the contribution.

Tentative Program Schedule

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| 8:00-8:45 | Registration /Refreshments/ LWML store |
| 8:45-9:00 | Group Singing |
| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome |
| 9:15-10:15 | Morning Vespers / Worship |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-11:15 | Bible Study Part 1- Donna Pyle |
| 11:15-11:30 | Group singing |
| 11:30- 11:45 | Gifts from the Heart Speaker / Dedication of gifts |
| 11:45-1:00 | Luncheon/ LWML Store/ Fellowship time |
| 1:00-1:45 | Bible Study Part 2- Donna Pyle |
| 1:45-2:00 | News from the District- Cheryl Wulfert, District President |
| 2:00- 2:30 | Program closing and Sending |

Carolinas District LWML Joy Event

March 21, 2020

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church * 1905 E. Greenville Street * Anderson, SC 29621

The Wellspring of Life

Reservation

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| S | Name _____ |
| T | Street Address _____ |
| E | City _____ State _____ Zip _____ |
| P | Daytime Phone (____) _____ |
| | Email _____ |
| 1 | Society/Zone _____ |

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| S | Registration must be RECEIVED by February 28, 2020. | Cost \$20.00 |
| T | Registration postmarked after February 28th or onsite will be \$25.00. | |
| E | See Ingathering information in the January CCC. | |
| P | | |
| 2 | Please note food allergies: _____ | |

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|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| S | Hotel Reservation | S | Send completed application |
| T | Hampton Inn | T | and a check payable to |
| E | 411 Alliance Business Park | E | Carolinas District LWML |
| P | Anderson, SC | P | earmarked: Joy Event |
| | ph: 864-760-1000 | | |
| 3 | Call hotel and ask for Carolina Dist. LWML-Joy | 4 | mail to: |
| | Cost is \$90 plus tax per night- -two Queen beds. | | Betty Rytter |
| | Complimentary hot breakfast. | | 247 Harmony Road |
| | Deadline for reservations is Wed., Feb 19, 2020 | | Ware Shoals, SC 29692 |
| | | | 864-861-2236 |
| | | | email: lizryttter@gmail.com |

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| S | |
| T | The Hampton Inn is 9 minutes (6.5 miles) from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 1905 E. Greenville |
| E | |
| P | |
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STEP 6

Contact with questions: Donna Kleister, Event Chairman
phone: 864-314-1731 email: dkleister@hotmail.com



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January 12, 2020 LCGS Council Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order**
 - A. Dan Elias called the Council meeting to order at 12:13 PM. 8 people in attendance.
- 2) **Opening Prayer**
 - A. Led by Pastor Steve Saxe
- 3) **Additions/Changes to Agenda**
 - A. Dan Elias added a discussion on FICA payments as part of Pastor's compensation package.
- 4) **Previous Council Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Motion to approve Council meeting minutes dated 12/08/2019:
1st: Molly Skeris, 2nd: Amy Dammers. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes attached.
- 5) **Financial Secretary's Report**
 - A. Frank Meyer's last Financial Report was submitted and presented by Karen Carson
 - B. Karen noted there will be format changes to future financial reports to properly define plate/envelope contributions from designated/memorial gifts.
 - C. A laptop was purchased for the Financial Secretary's use while in office. The total amount came to \$784.76 and included both hardware and software.
 - D. The Council thanked Frank for his eight years of service as the Financial Secretary.
 - E. Motion to approve Financial Secretary's report for period 1/1/19 through 12/29/19 submitted by Frank Meyer:
1st: Al Weirmeir, 2nd: Thomas Greinke. Motion passed unanimously. Report attached.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report**
 - A. Due to changes in tax code, it will be difficult to estimate income and budgeting for two to three years as charitable giving is impacted by rule changes.
 - B. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Statement of Financial Position for period ending 12/31/19 submitted by Amy Dammers:
1st: Jeff Skeris, 2nd: Al Weirmeir. Motion passed unanimously. Report attached.
- 7) **Superintendent of Christian Education Report**
 - A. Jennifer L. Johnson was not in attendance.
 - B. Motion to approve Christian Education Report dated 01/12/20 submitted by Jennifer Johnson:
1st: Amy Dammers, 2nd: Al Weirmeir. Motion passed unanimously. Report attached.
- 8) **Pastor's Report**
 - A. New members class to begin with 9 or 10 members participating.
 - B. Wiehnachtsmarkt to be held on December 6, 2020. Amy Dammers requested a budget requested that a budget for set-up expensed be submitted.
 - C. Pastor would like 2020 to be focused on stewardship and outward community evangelism.



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- D. Lent/Pentecost planning meeting scheduled on January 26, 2020.
- E. Congregational Meal scheduled on February 2, 2020.
- F. Marti Gras party at Pastor's scheduled on February 23, 2020.
- G. Potential Holy Land presentation to be held on March 1, 2020.
- H. Motion to approve Pastor's verbal report submitted by Pastor Steve Saxe:
1st: Amy Dammers, 2nd: Al Weirmeir. Motion passed unanimously.

9) Board of Elders

- A. Gary Meyer was not in attendance with no report submitted.

10) Board of Finance

- A. No report submitted by Amy Dammers.
- B. Board of Finance scheduled to meet 1/18/20 at 8:00 AM.

11) Board of Trustees

- A. Distortion in the speaker continues to be an issue.
- B. Switch in cry room has been fixed.
- C. Council granted authority to Board of Trustees to send legal notice to sub-contractors not honoring repairs on items under warranty.
- D. Other outstanding items remain as noted on past reports and continue to be addressed by trustees.
- E. Motion to approve Trustee Report dated 01/12/20 submitted by Jeff Skeris:
1st: Karen Carson, 2nd: Al Weirmeir. Motion approved unanimously. Report attached.

12) AD Hoc & Standing Committees & Coordination Reports

- A. No reports submitted.

13) Announcements/President's Discussion Topics

- A. Dan presented an update on comments and suggestions made by the Constitutional and By-law study group. Group will meet on 02/01/20 for further discussions and recommendations.
- B. A formal "Thankful Recognition" for all those who serve as volunteers within our congregation was agreed to. How that will be presented to be determined.

14) New Business

- A. Suggestions for nominees for the nominating committee tabled until next council meeting.

15) Next Council Meeting is scheduled on March 8, 2020. Next Voter's meeting is scheduled on February 9, 2020

16) Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:05 PM.
1st: Thomas Greinke, 2nd: Amy Dammers. Approved unanimously.

17) Benediction

- A. Led by Pastor Steve Saxe

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Also, QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Can I make a QCD?

While many IRAs are eligible for QCDs—Traditional, Rollover, Inherited, SEP (inactive plans only), and SIMPLE (inactive plans only)* —there are requirements:

You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.

QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.

The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$100,000.)

For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year's RMD.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, and which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD.

Under certain circumstances, a QCD may be made from a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime, and distributions are generally tax-free. Consult a tax advisor to determine if making a QCD from a Roth is appropriate for your situation.

What kind of charities qualify?

The charity must be a 501(c)(3) organization, eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Some charities do not qualify for QCDs:

Private foundations

Supporting organizations: i.e., charities carrying out exempt purposes by supporting other exempt organizations, usually other public charities

Donor-advised funds, which public charities manage on behalf of organizations, families, or individuals

Feedback

Tax reporting

A QCD is reported as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-Inherited IRAs. For Inherited IRAs or Inherited Roth IRAs, the QCD will be reported as a death distribution. Itemization is not required to make a QCD. While the QCD amount is not taxed, you may not then claim the distribution as a charitable tax deduction.

A QCD is not subject to withholding. State tax rules may vary, so for guidance, consult a tax advisor.

When making a QCD, you must receive the same type of acknowledgement of the donation that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

A tax advisor can help you determine if both your IRA and charity qualify for QCDs.



Make a QCD

Transfer money from your IRA to an eligible charity.



See your estimated RMD

Let us help you take the guesswork out of managing your RMDs.

Proposal To Council:

Please submit to Council President one week in advance of Council meeting and request to be placed on the agenda

Name of Activity

Description of Activity

Is this a Ministry or a Mission or both and why:

Church Members Involved in Carrying out Ministry or Mission:

Amount Needed to Fund Activity:

One Time Outlay \$_____ Future Annual Budgeted Amount if needed \$_____

Any additional resources needed: _____

Other Alternatives Considered:
