



NEWS FROM THE HILL

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

Sharing the Story,
Living the Faith

Welcome!

The Mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is...
Making Christ known through worship, education,
and witness, we invite and serve the community and
beyond.

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The Ordination of Nathan J. Huffman at the
Virginia Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 11, 2016.



2016 Virginia Synod Assembly Update A Heart for Worship

Synod Assembly is our annual opportunity for the 150 congregations of the Virginia Synod to come together and be reminded what it means to be a part of the wider church. Our theme during our June 10-12, 2016 gathering was "Ambassadors For Christ: A Heart for Worship".

During the weekend, **The Rev. Kevin L. Strickland**, Director of Worship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, helped explore the theme for the Assembly. He drew us together in song and word, focusing on the ritual of worship, "Rituals gather us together, embody Holy Scripture, and remind us of what's important alongside one another," he said.

The Rev. Kevin Strickland also represented the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, bringing good news from the wider church. He told us of 62 new congregations started in the United States, as well as redevelopment efforts ongoing in 134 congregations.

Bishop Jim Mauney delivered a report for the ongoing \$2.5 million fundraising campaign, ForwardingFaith, that will endow the position for Youth Ministry and Christian Faith Formation in the Virginia Synod. It was announced that to date over \$1.5 million has been given or pledged towards the ForwardingFaith campaign.

Testimonials from prominent adults and youth across the Synod were given in support of the ForwardingFaith campaign, in addition to two short videos showcasing the many ministries this endowment aims to support.

Three resolutions were passed, which included: expressions of gratitude for military personnel through prayer and support, continued commitment to issues of diversity through the Tapestry steering team, and prayers to discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit in electing a new Bishop in 2017.

Elections took place over the weekend with **The Rev. Evan Davis**, pastor of St. Jacob's -Spaders and Trinity Keezletown, in Mount Crawford elected as the Virginia Synod Council Treasurer. This election comes following the conclusion of **George "Skip" Zubrod's** two terms of office.

Both **Barry Proctor** of Redeemer Lutheran in Bristol, and **Jody Smiley** of St. Michael in Blacksburg were reelected to serve as lay members of the Synod Council. **Darrell Short** of St. Paul, Shenandoah, and **Molly Beyer** of Bethel, Winchester are the newly elected lay members on Synod Council.

Rev. Nathan Huffman was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA during Saturday evening liturgy at St. Andrews in Roanoke. He will serve as Associate Pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach.

Four young women were commissioned for Young Adults in Global Mission. **Karen Griffith, Emily Edmonds, Mary Proctor, and Emily Dietrick** have all accepted one-year appointments as YAGMs to Senegal, Australia, and Southern Africa.

Wyatt Gretka of Gloria Dai in Hampton, president of the Lutheran Youth Organization, presented the Youth Assembly report, centered on the Youth Assembly theme of "I Can Sing of Your Love Forever". He presented the immeasurable value of youth events, and

expressed his deep desire for their continued support across the Synod. The next LYO Board president will be **Michaela Loving** of Mt. Zion, New Market.



REMINDER

Our Saviour's is blessed with the support and energy of numerous groups that share these facilities. Please communicate ALL meeting dates, workshops, special events, and seasonal breaks, so the master calendar can stay current. *Planning ahead is vital!*

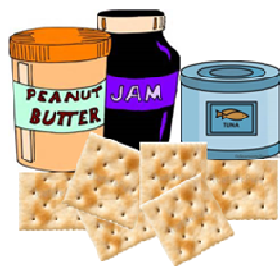
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Seeking individuals to serve as assisting ministers

The Worship and Music Committee is seeking individuals to serve as assisting ministers. An assisting minister assists the presiding minister in worship by reading the Prayers of Intercession, the prayer over the gifts of bread and wine, distributing Holy Communion (baking the bread for the Sunday one serves – a simple recipe), saying the post-communion prayer and the sending. Additionally, the assisting minister assists the presiding minister at baptisms, funerals, and other worship occasions as needed. Currently, three people are trained as assisting ministers. The committee is seeking two to three more individuals. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the left-hand bulletin board in the back of the church. Training will be provided.

Seeking help for altar care

For nearly a decade (or more), Dick Hartman has set up for Holy Communion, cleaned the chalices, decanter, and cruets, washed and pressed the linens, polished the brass, and replaced the candles "in season and out." Worship and Music Committee invites you to join Altar Care. With four or more people serving on Altar Care, a person would only be responsible for one Sunday a month. A sign-up sheet to serve is posted on the bulletin board on the left as you depart. A training session will be announced.



School has ended and children who were getting free or reduced breakfast and lunch during the week may not have that option throughout the summer. Please help WELCA stock FISH's pantry with peanut butter, jam, tuna and boxes of crackers so that we can make sure the children in our community will have something they can fix to eat during the summer months.



Fireworks light up the sky.
Sparklers shimmer and shine.
People gather holding flags
to show how much they care.
Music plays and songs are sung-
Others listen and sing along.

Jennifer Nickols



Genesis Youth Group welcomes summer 2016!

Genesis is a combined youth group of Our Saviour's and Stone House Presbyterian Church. Leadership team includes parents of youth, plus Pastor Alex Creager of Stone House Presbyterian Church, and Pastor James Nickols of Our Saviour's. Middle school and high school youth are invited to participate!



Night Hike @ York River State Park - Saturday, 6 August, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Alex for headcount: acreager@shpchurch.org.

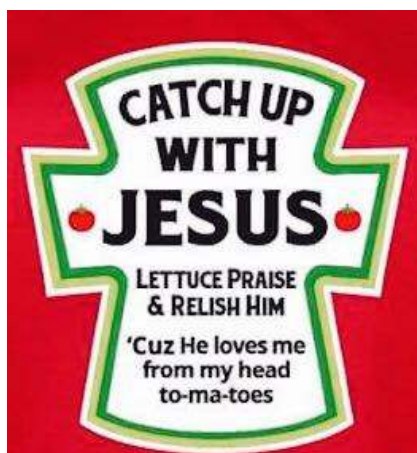


Music Under the Stars @ Ft. Eustis - Thursday, 25 August, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring picnic dinner and lawn chairs for an unforgettable evening with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Band playing the "1812 Overture" (Tchaikovsky). Real cannon are used in this exciting work that commemorates Russian victory over Napoleon's invading army.

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Keeping it over our heads

The header was meant to catch your attention. What do we want to keep over our heads? The roof!

There are two major capital expenditures that are coming in our direction soon: replacing the roof on the church and on the Parish Hall. During the past several wind storms, shingles have been flying off both the church and the Parish Hall. Last year, a leaky roof in the rear of the Parish Hall caused water damage in the Dorcas Room. During the repair, the contractor mentioned the roof is nearing its life expectancy.

In the coming weeks, estimates will be taken for the work on both roofs. In the meantime, the Parish Council will explore the options to pay for the work to be done. The Parish Council will keep you posted via the newsletter, email blasts, and announcements.

In the meantime, please use the Capital Improvement Fund envelope or make a special gift and designate it for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Feeding the hungry

Please remember to bring food for FISH and place it in the baskets in the Parish Hall and the sanctuary. They are really in need.



Church Contributions towards Operating Expenses
2016

	Budgeted Giving	Actual Giving
Year to Date	\$51,515	\$56,071
May	\$10,303	\$11,407

Financial stewardship in support of operating expenses continues to be strong. The current fund is now established. With summer activities coming up, let us all continue to maintain our giving through the season.



A long-standing principle in Scripture is that we're able to comfort others out of the comfort that we've received ourselves. This happens a lot in Stephen Ministry. This month we want to talk about the spiritual growth people experience when they're serving somebody else.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

In the twelve steps, which are really drawn out of classical Christian practices, the final step is that we take what we have learned, how we have healed, and use it to help other people. That notion is crucial—for every individual and for the church—that ultimately there is no healing without helping. The more my focus is only on me, the more self absorbed I become and the less I heal. But when I quit focusing just on myself and help someone else, not only does it help the other person; it also becomes healing for me.

We live in a world that encourages us to focus on ourselves—so much so that people don't even anticipate how healing it will be to focus on another person. So getting people to shift their focus to helping others is really powerful for Christians, for personal growth, for your Care Receiver and the Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry offers an approach to caring ministry that's holistic. It includes great insights and practices from the social sciences and mental health disciplines—but the ultimate goal is conformity to Christ. Stephen Ministry is informed by the best possible sources of wisdom, research, and knowledge, but remains Christ-shaped and Christ-defined. It brings together the best of all possible worlds in that regard.

The Christ-centered nature of Stephen Ministry is reflected in the logo. The broken person behind the cross and the whole person in front of the cross symbolize that we are all broken people and it is only through Jesus that we can be made whole. We invite you to seek a Stephen Minister to walk with you, pray with you, listen and hear you. We are available and ready for you.

We join in prayer for the Ministers in our Church, our Members, our Community, the earth, and all of those who are in need. We will walk with you and let the Holy Spirit be our guide. May you through our Lord Jesus Christ receive what God has promised all of us grace mercy and peace.

Evie Braukhoff
Stephen Minister Leader

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The youth groups of OSLC and Stone House Presbyterian met at the Kingsmill Recreation Center Sunday, June 26th for a pool party and planning meeting. The youth group consists of middle and high school youth and will meet every other Sunday beginning Sept 18th from 12-1:30, alternating between the churches. There are several community service projects planned as well as looking into a mission trip for next summer.





JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Thekla Metcalf
- 3 Ellen Picard
- 8 Nancy Gulden
- 11 Carlyle Ford
- 13 Ann Gautreaux
- 16 Janell Nickols
- 17 Barbara Shaal
- 23 Jason Geisler
- 31 Richard Hartman
Judy Trautman



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 8 | Mr. & Mrs. Tom Noblin |
| 14 | Mr. & Mrs. Roger Picard |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Russ Heidel |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. Larry Daily |

NOTE: If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary listed, and would like it included, please contact the office at 757-564-3745 or email oslcnorge@verizon.net.

Lifting in Prayer



Church family: Phyllis Cody, Janet Forgrave, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Thelma Lee, Janice Leonard, George Marston, Teena Opheim, Dot Ringlesbach, William Rorer, III, Gloria Stratton, Helen Walz, and Bruce Wildenberger.

Family and Friends: Will Barnes, Donna Benson, Kira Braukhoff, Chaplain Roy Bebee, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Betty, Frank Clarkson, Ellen Cobb, Jonathan Cooper, Virginia Crothers, Pastor John S. Damm, Leslie Davis, Carol Duke, Pastor Einarsen, Frank Feeser, Larry Felts, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Betty Gerrington, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Butch Gross, Matthew Hafer, Bunny Haines, Pastor Arthur and Irene Hanson, Andy Hintz, Leah Hoffman, Barbara Jacobson, Allen Jenson, Annette Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Kay Kelly, Evelyn Kirby, June Krollman, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Mike Manley, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Billy Morris, Randolph Musmann, Letha Olson, Gene & Betty Pettingill, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Ann Price, Bill Ridenour, Pastor Tom Shelley, Rosemary Slayton, Grant Sylvestri, Bob & Judy Tubbs, Louis Turnage, Sr., and Cindy Warner.

NOTE: To add or remove a person's name from the Prayer List, please contact the church office at 757-564-3745 or email oslcnorge@verizon.net.



THE AMERICAN DREAM

THIS LAND HAS BEEN MADE HOLY BY SHED BLOOD
OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IN FIELDS OF MUD.
NOW BELLS OF FREEDOM RING THROUGHOUT THE LAND
WHERE HUDDLED MASSES BLEND LIKE GRAINS OF SAND.
WE SHARE THE DREAM THAT OUR FOREFATHERS DREAMED.
WE HAVE SURVIVED FOR WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED.
TIME AND AGAIN WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO WAR
AWARE OF THE FREEDOMS WE WERE FIGHTING FOR.

WE HAVE BUILT BRIDGES AND TORN DOWN SOME WALLS;
WE RENDER AID TO EVERYONE WHO CALLS.

WE'RE STILL THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY
FOR HERE DREAMS CAN BECOME REALITY.

WE CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP AS WE CHOOSE -
ONE NATION UNDER GOD IN SEPARATE PEWS!
BUT TOGETHER WE FORM A MIGHTY TEAM,
EACH A PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.

WE ARE IMMIGRANTS, EACH IN HIS OWN WAY,
STRIVING TO MAKE TOMORROW A BETTER DAY.

WE ARE THE PIONEERS OF THE FUTURE
SOLVING PROBLEMS, ALWAYS SEEKING A CURE.

"WE THE PEOPLE" ARE A NATION RICHLY BLESSED,
BUT WE CANNOT UPON OUR LAURELS REST
FOR THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK WE NEED TO DO
AND DREAMS TO DREAM BEFORE THEY CAN COME TRUE.

Way Harrison
2016



JULY 2016



LECTORS:

- 3 Brandon Tate
- 10 Joyce Moore
- 17 Bruce Brelsford
- 24 Dave Paddock
- 31 Janette Kline

USHERS:

- 3
- 10
- 17
- 24
- 31

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- 3 Richard Hartman
- 10 Richard Hartman
- 17 Evie Braukhoff
- 24 Scott Braukhoff
- 31 Evie Braukhoff

ACOLYTES: Rose Paddock 7/3 Gage Heidel 7/10 Nya Hubbard 7/17 Ashley Youngk 7/24 Gage Heidel 7/31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9 AM - 4 PM Piecemaker Sew Day
3 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:15 AM Hymn Sing 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	4 7 PM BSA	5 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	6 10 AM Worship & Music at OSLC 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir	7 7:30-9:30 PM Gigi Rehearsal	8 Parish Council Retreat @ Richmond Hills	9 Parish Council Retreat @ Richmond Hills
10 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Committee Meeting 6:30 PM AA	11 6 PM BSA Patrol Leaders Conf. 7 PM BSA 7 PM Social Ministry Meeting	12 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA 7 PM BSA Troop Committee Meeting 7-8 PM Cubs Parent Meeting for summer camp	13 10 AM-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir	14 POWER IN THE SPIRIT 6:30-8 PM Cubs Planning Meeting-Conf. Room 7 PM Finance Meeting 7:30-9:30 PM Gigi Rehearsal	15 POWER IN THE SPIRIT	16 POWER IN THE SPIRIT 10 AM Casserole Caravan
17 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting & Shared Meal 6:30 PM AA	18 7 PM BSA	19 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	20 10 AM-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir	21 7:30-9:30 PM Gigi Rehearsal	22 2 PM Motel Ministry	23
24 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	25 7 PM BSA	26 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 4-6 PM CHCF Board Meeting 7 PM AA	27 10 AM-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir	28 7:30-9:30 PM Gigi Rehearsal	29 6-9 PM Jay's Jam	30
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