



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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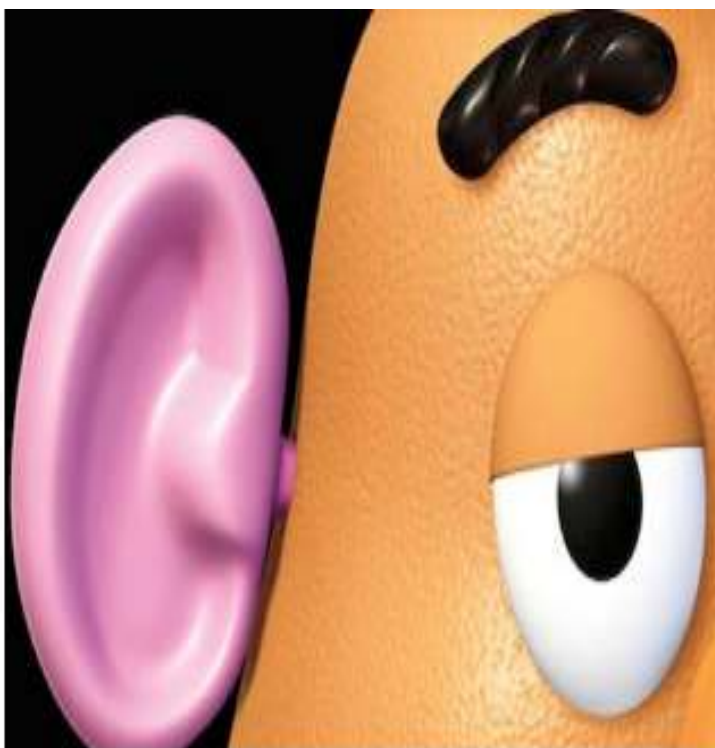
Flute Frenzy had a fabulous Summer Flute Camp this year! 15 youth flutists, from rising 6th graders to 12th graders, met daily the first week of August, traversing the globe from musical port to musical port on the FF Cruise Line. We enjoyed presenting some of our music mid-week to the Senior & Preschool group. The week ended with a concert at the Gazebo in New Town.

Thank you so much to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for sponsoring the camp. The support of the OSLC staff and the encouragement of both staff and parishioners has always been very much appreciated by Flute Frenzy, not only for the Summer Camp, but also throughout the year.



**Friends...
Members of OSLC...
Community...**

LEND ME YOUR EARS!!



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church was given a generous gift to update the sound system in our sanctuary. Based on estimates we have received we still need \$3,370.75 to make this a reality.

A new sound system will enhance the worship experience for all our members, and will especially benefit those who may have difficulty hearing. It will improve the quality of the spoken and sung portions of our worship. With all the special music programs and many guest speakers as well as the messages from the pulpit, this is identified by our church leadership as a definite need.

The Parish Council is asking for donations from members and community groups who use our facility. Your gift will give Mr. Potato Head, as well as anyone sitting in our sanctuary, ears to hear. Please make check out to OSLC (memo: Sound).



Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Ellen Picard, President of the OSLC Parish Council

Hundreds of dollars' worth of school supplies were collected by members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and sorted by the Genesis Youth Group, to aid elementary students at Norge and Stonehouse Schools. Partnering in the collection were several members of Olive Branch Christian Church.



Barb Youngk, one of Genesis' youth leaders, and Ashley, her daughter and a representative of Genesis, delivered supplies to Norge Principal Veronda Matthews (right photo) and Stonehouse Principal Melissa White (left photo) on Monday, 29 August 2016.





The Lydia Circle will be sponsoring the Soup Kitchen in Newport News on the following dates:

September 10

October 29

November 19

Please plan on attending and helping us serve those in need. We will meet at the church at 9am and carpool down. We will be collecting the items below to take with us to stock their pantry. Thank you in advance for your support.

Creamy peanut butter

Grape Jam

Crackers/Nabs

Plastic Sandwich Bags

Gathering for Rally Day

Sunday, 11 September, 9:00 a.m., kick-off for Christian Formation at Our Saviour's. You are invited to a light breakfast and to learn about the exciting things planned for the year. Know the faith. Grow in faith. Serve in faith.

A time for everything under the heavens

Sunday, 11 September, liturgical responses change as we begin a new season of services on "Rally Day." We'll be singing the setting from *With One Voice* and raise our voices together with this familiar liturgy!-Worship and Music Comm.

Special called Congregation Meeting

Sunday, 11 September, a brief meeting following worship, seeking approval of a resolution specifically authorizing the president of the congregation to sign legal papers.

Human Trafficking

Sunday, 11 September, 12:30 p.m. WELCA will sponsor a luncheon and educational program on Human Trafficking as our combined meeting for September. This is open to the everyone in the congregation. Please RSVP to Diane Priestley or Karen Dutton if you plan to attend so we can have a head count estimate.

We remember

Sunday, 11 September, 7:00 p.m., Cub Scout Pack 414 invites the community to a Remembrance Ceremony for 9/11 victims at the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department on Forge Road in Toano.

New members class

Monday, 12 September, 6:30 p.m., Pastor Jim begins a discussion about the history and development of the Lutheran Church and ministries of Our Saviour's with a four session class for anyone interested in learning more about the church of the Reformation or in becoming a member of Our Saviour's. Each session will last 60-90 minutes. For more info, contact Pastor Jim at pastor_oslc@verizon.net or 564-3745.

Prayer on Wednesday

Wednesday, 14 September, at 6 p.m., we will gather to pray in the sanctuary. Please join us, all are welcome.

Date change for meeting

Monday, 19 September, 7:00 p.m., Social Ministry and Missions Committee will meet. This is a date change from our usual meeting time.

Joining in fellowship

Sunday, 25 September, 6:00 p.m., Restaurant Reviewers will meet at the Emerald Thai Cuisine Rest., 264 McLaws Circle, Suite G (near Maurizio's Italian Rest.).

Seeking individuals to serve as assisting ministers

Worship and Music Committee is seeking individuals to serve as assisting ministers to assist the presiding minister in worship by reading prayers, and distributing Holy Communion. The committee is seeking two to three more individuals. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Training will be provided.

Learning about the New Testament's formation

Beginning Sunday, 2 October, at 9 a.m., Pastor Jim will be offering a class on **Introducing the New Testament**. The class will explore the origins of Christianity from approximately 30 to 150 C.E., and examine the history, religion and literature of Christianity and how it emerged from Judaism and spread throughout the Greco-Roman world. Some of the course objectives are to: learn about the content and development of the New Testament, become familiar with the geographical regions, learn significance of important events, learn about archaeological and cultural discoveries illuminating the New Testament texts. Another class, for those who are unable to attend the Sunday session, will begin on **Thursday, 29 September** at 6 p.m. in the classroom in the church's basement. The text for the class is Mark Allen Powell's **Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey** (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2009).

Oktoberfest 2016 is less than 40 days away

Proceeds from this year's Oktoberfest, Saturday, 8 October, 1 pm, will benefit the Senior Champion Program. There are 14 seniors in the program at Our Saviour's and 14 at New Zion Baptist Church. Both are coordinated by Colonial Heritage Community Foundation. Our Saviour's is an inter-generational program funded by a grant from Virginia Tech through the Virginia Cooperative Extension, with children, ages 3 to 5, engaging seniors in various activities. Originally, we planned to add another day at Our Saviour's. However, funding was lacking. With your help as a sponsor, auction item donor, or volunteer, we will be able to expand the senior program and enrich the lives of the children and seniors by adding another day of interaction. **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall hallway for gift baskets for the auction. For more information, please contact Our Saviour's at (757.564.3745 or email oslc norge@verizon.net).**

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.



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!*

Thank you for your efforts!
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Church Contributions towards Operating Expenses **2016**

	Budgeted Giving	Actual Giving
Year to Date	\$72,121	\$84,009
July	\$10,303	\$17,506

Congratulations! Your stewardship is very encouraging. Programs and budgeting will be starting for 2017 soon. Your ideas and priorities are welcome!



Being a **caregiver** is a great responsibility. It's also a wonderful privilege. When you think about the job and responsibilities that are involved with being a **Stephen Minister Care Giver**, you might find a few similarities to a favorite American sport:

football. No, you don't need to be a fan of the sport, but you should have some understanding of the main position on a football team for this analogy to have any bearing on your life as a **Care Giver**. The quarterback is the person on offense who calls the plays, who organizes his teammates, and who generally takes the ball and either hands it off to a running back or throws it to receivers.

It's the quarterback's job to be the leader on the field. There are certainly going to be times when his teammates don't do their job to protect him and he is going to be 'flushed out of the pocket.' The 'pocket' is an imaginary area in which the quarterback is protected, or should be protected by his offensive line. When the defense gets into that pocket, he could be sacked and the play would be over, and yards (or position on the field) would be lost.

Now, when a quarterback is flushed from the pocket, it's called scrambling. The scripted play, or what they determined they were going to do isn't working it and he now has to try and buy himself some time in order to get the ball downfield. When the quarterback is scrambling, when what they planned isn't working, the odds of having a successful play goes down. Sometimes he'll get luck, find an open receiver, and get yards. Most of the time, though, it will lead to a loss of yards, a loss of down, or both.

Being a **caregiver** is similar in that regard. When you don't have a good plan, or play, in mind, when you are scrambling to try and do the best that you can do for the elderly patient, the Mom or Dad who needs help in struggling with an illness or children, the person suffering from ---- fill in the blank and are looking to Christ and **you the caregiver** to help them, to "fix them" then you're essentially letting chance have its say in what happens in the long run. However, when you are a Stephen Minister you are there with a strong basis in faith, grace and training from Stephen Ministry Leaders who meet with you the **caregiver** twice a month to enable the Christ centered healing to happen. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Stephen Ministry training begins for 2017! January 3, 2017 to May 23, 2017. The weekly training will be held at Wellspring United Methodist Church and meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM - 9:30PM. Taught by seasoned and experienced Stephen Leaders who have had Care Receivers and are trained in Stephen Ministry leadership. You will have seasoned care givers and local resources from mental health, hospice and elderly care speak and share resources for Stephen Ministers to utilize. There is role playing, on-site training and we visit different institutions to experience where we may be sending our Care Receivers or where we may be ministering. Contact Evie Braukhoff or Pam Wildenberger for more information.

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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Prayer is everything the soul does in God's word. — Martin Luther

Dear God,

As we gather together, let our hearts be opened to receive and share our innermost thoughts in prayer with you. Draw us into your loving arms, allow us to revel in the assurance that when we speak our heart in prayer, we are whispering in your ear. Let our minds be free of earthly distraction. In our busy days, when our journey seems long or when we feel too tired to come to you in prayer, encourage us, Lord, to find a place of stillness, a place where we can discover anew that you are always with us. In your Son's name, Amen

We gather to Pray! Join us, **all are welcome** September 14, 2016 in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. There are no books to read or work to be done except with you and the Lord. Come when you need Christ, come when the Spirit calls, come when you are in need of shared prayer. After our Prayer of the Day we will have 15 to 20 minutes of silent meditative prayer, a reading, Prayers of Intercession, and requests for prayers of healing. You are welcome to come to the Baptismal Font for your specific prayer request or let the leader know. Those who have gathered will pray with you or another healing prayer will be offered. There will be a reading of the Gospel and a closing prayer. **We leave in silence for spiritual reflection.**

Prayer. What a privilege. What an opportunity. What a duty and responsibility. Jesus is our example. The Spirit is our guide. The Father is eagerly waiting. It could change you, your family, your friends, and the world.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Samantha Worman
- 11 Lane Heidel
- 13 Pamela Wildenberger
- 16 Bill Shaal
- 17 Don Blair
- 18 Warren Stritter
- 25 Duncan Nicely
- 26 Russ Heidel
- 27 Katherine Ford
- 30 Kit Worman



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Perkins
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Don Blair
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Al Glindemann
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Neal Miller
- 25 Pastors James & Janell Nickols
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Youngk
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Venable

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

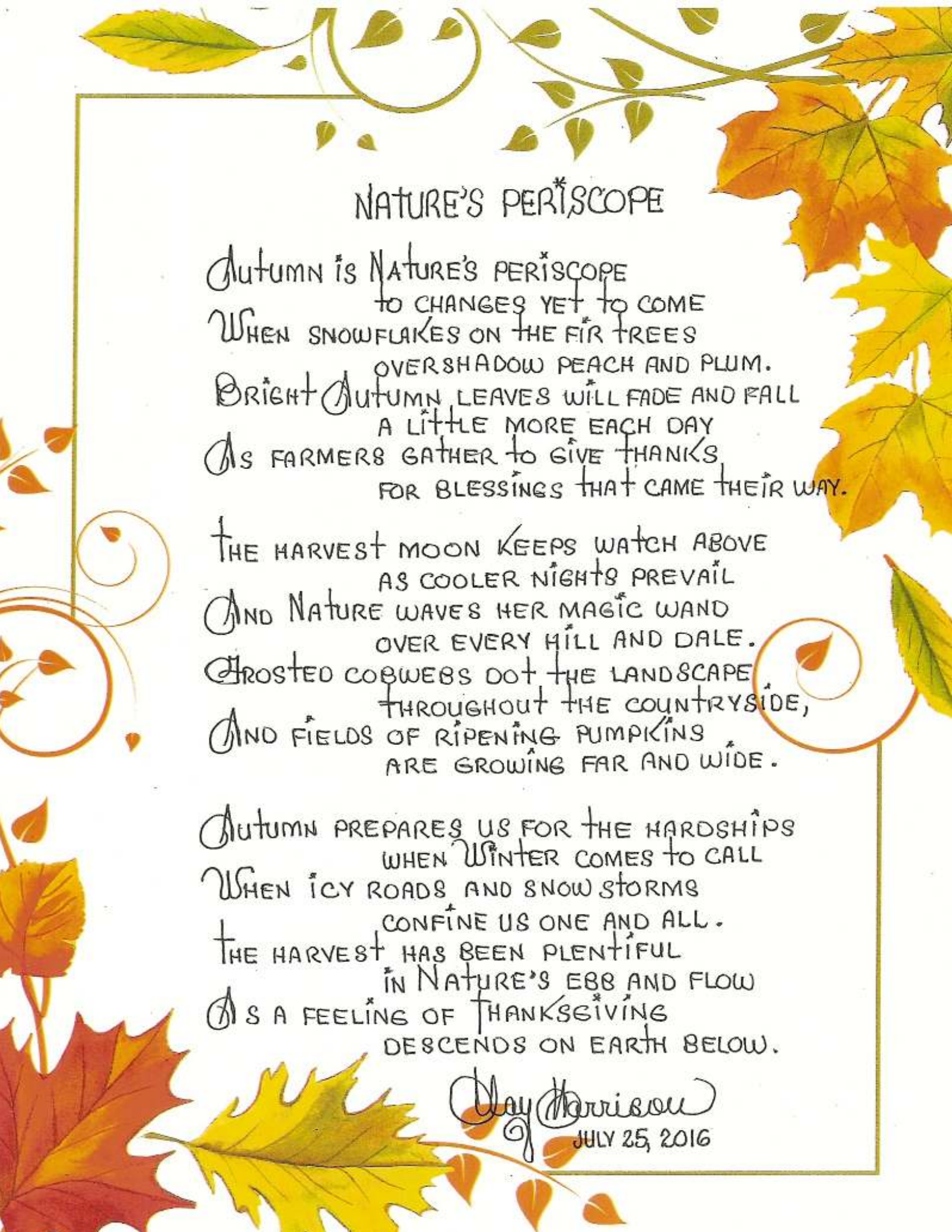


Church family: Phyllis Cody, Janet Forgrave, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Pastor Arthur and Irene Hanson, Thelma Lee, Janice Leonard, Teena Opheim, Dot Ringlesbach, William Rorer, III, Gloria Stratton, Helen Walz, and Bruce Wildenberger.

Family and Friends: Debra Allen, Donna Benson, Kira Braukhoff, Chaplain Roy Bebee, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Betty, Frank Clarkson, Ellen Cobb, Jonathan Cooper, Virginia Crothers, Nancy Curtis, Pastor John S. Damm, Leslie Davis, Carol Duke, Pastor Einarsen, Frank Feaser, Larry Felts, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Butch Gross, Matthew Hafer, Andy Hintz, Leah Hoffman, Susan Hutchens, Barbara Jacobson, Allen Jenson, Annette Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Jason Justice, Evelyn Kirby, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Randolph Musmann, Letha Olson, Gene & Betty Pettingill, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Ann Price, Pastor Henry Rehder, 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.





NATURE'S PERISCOPE

Autumn is NATURE'S PERISCOPE
TO CHANGES YET TO COME
WHEN SNOWFLAKES ON THE FIR TREES
OVERSHADOW PEACH AND PLUM.
BRIGHT AUTUMN LEAVES WILL FADE AND FALL
A LITTLE MORE EACH DAY
AS FARMERS GATHER TO GIVE THANKS
FOR BLESSINGS THAT CAME THEIR WAY.

THE HARVEST MOON KEEPS WATCH ABOVE
AS COOLER NIGHTS PREVAIL
AND NATURE WAVES HER MAGIC WAND
OVER EVERY HILL AND DALE.
FROSTED COBWEBS DOT THE LANDSCAPE
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE,
AND FIELDS OF RIPENING PUMPKINS
ARE GROWING FAR AND WIDE.

AUTUMN PREPARES US FOR THE HARDSHIPS
WHEN WINTER COMES TO CALL
WHEN ICY ROADS AND SNOW STORMS
CONFINE US ONE AND ALL.
THE HARVEST HAS BEEN PLENTIFUL
IN NATURE'S EBB AND FLOW
AS A FEELING OF THANKSGIVING
DESCENDS ON EARTH BELOW.

Way Harrison
JULY 25, 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016



LECTORS:

- 4 Bruce Brelsford
- 11 Janette Kline
- 18 Al Glindemann
- 25 Pamela Wildenberger

USHERS:

- 4 Richard & Janette Kline
- 11 Neal Miller & Karen Dutton
- 18 Richard Hartman & Joyce Moore
- 25 David Jenson & Barbara Broady

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- 4 Evie Braukhoff
- 11 Scott Braukhoff
- 18 Richard Hartman
- 25 Evie Braukhoff

ACOLYTES: Nya Hubbard 9/4 Lindsay Venable 9/11 Ashley Youngk 9/18 Gage Heidel 9/25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers
4 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	5 7 PM BSA	6 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	7 10 - 2 PM Sr. Program/ Family Focus 5:30 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 7 PM Finance Meeting-Teller Room 7 PM Cub Scouts	9	10 9 AM Soup Kitchen @ St. Paul's NN
11 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RALLY DAY 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Meeting 12:30 PM Combined Circle Meeting & Luncheon 6:30 PM AA	12 12 - 4 PM Herb Sewing Group 6 PM Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Conference 7 PM Boy Scouts	13 10 AM Worship & Music-OSLC 1 PM Herb Society Mtg. 7 PM BSA Troop Comm. Meeting 7 PM AA	14 10 - 2 PM Sr. Program/ Family Focus 5:30 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	15 7 PM Cub Scouts	16	17 9 AM Kitchen Work Day 10 AM Casserole Caravan
18 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 AM Sunday school / Intro New Testament 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12 PM Youth Meeting-OSLC 12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting & Shared Meal 6:30 PM AA	19 7 PM Social Ministry Meeting 7 PM Boy Scouts	20 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 4:30 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting 7 PM AA	21 10 - 2 PM Sr. Program/ Family Focus 5:30 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy Fantasia Choir 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	22 7 PM Cub Scouts	23 2 PM Motel Ministry	24
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