



*Welcome!*



*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Lutheran Reformation*

**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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Sunday, 9 July, Pastor Nickols blessed 6 prayer shawls to be delivered to the VCU Medical Center Trauma Unit in Richmond.

OUR SAVIOUR'S AND GENESIS YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO

# Youth 4 Youth Coffeehouse

BENEFIT for  
SPIRIT RISING BACKPACK PROGRAM

**Saturday, 26 August 2017 • 6:00 p.m.**

Williamsburg-area youth present song, dance, fine art, and poetry, to benefit Spirit Rising Backpack Program, a nonprofit charity based in West Point, Va., providing school supplies, calculators, and clothing to low-income families.

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## **Youth 4 Youth Coffeehouse - Saturday, 26 August, 6-8 pm**

All are invited to a youth-performance Coffeehouse with live music and an art exhibit of Williamsburg-area youth. Genesis and Thrivent are sponsoring this event! Freewill offering will benefit the Spirit Rising Backpack program, which provides school supplies to area low-income families! Please bring non-perishables for the food pantry!



### ***Counting the offering***

“Many hands make for light work.” Only four people are counting the offering. The treasurer should not count, people who are related to one another (husband/wife, brother/sister, etc.) should not count together, and the same tellers should not serve consecutive Sundays. Help OSLC abide by sound fiscal practices. Council approved a resolution requiring council members to serve as tellers – nine people. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board at the back of the church.



### ***Capital improvement giving***

There are many on-going capital improvement projects at OSLC. Some are:

- Replace awning at back of church and windows in church and basement
- Install awning over handicap entrance to church and over door to kitchen
- Repair handicap ramp, repair and repaint church steeple and front doors
- Paint door frame and stained-glass window frame
- Gift for Yamaha Upright Piano in Hall with cover (used)



Please consider making a special gift, and if possible, a substantial one, to support these important projects to maintain the appearance and functionality of our facilities not only for our own use, but also for all of those to whom we provide ministry.

### ***You're invited***

Ron Adolphi with Thrivent is hosting a social event at the following locations: 18 Aug. at Brass Cannon Brewery, 5476 Mooretown Rd. and 7 Sept. at The Virginia Beer Co., 401 Second St. All events will be held from 5:30-7:00 pm with light hors d'oeuvres. Bring someone with you who isn't familiar with Thrivent Financial. Please RSVP by 11 August to Susan Cook, 757-790-9461 or email at [susan.cook@thrivent.com](mailto:susan.cook@thrivent.com).

### ***Seeking theme basket donors for Oktoberfest 2017***

There are less than 76 days until the fifth and final Oktoberfest. Individuals, committees, and organizations are invited to donate a themed gift basket for the Silent/Live Auction. The gift basket price range should be from \$50 to \$150. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall hallway. The auction form is below the sign-up sheet.

The completed form (listing the items in the basket) is due on or before Sunday, 17 September and the baskets are due on or before Sunday, 24 September. The listing of auction items and other information about Oktoberfest 2017 is due to go to the printers the first week in October.

This year, we have a new band and Bavarian folk dancers in addition to the standard staples of our premier event: Picasso Facepainters, Custom Culinary Connection's fine food, assorted German beers, and a great wine selection from Saude Creek. All proceeds from this event will be used to fund Our Saviour's Senior Champion Program, a free senior adult day care. Currently, 14 seniors are benefitting from this program.

### ***Feeding the hungry***

Please remember to bring items for FISH. Please check the dates on food items to be sure they are not outdated. They are in need of canned meats, pork'n beans, and peanut butter. Paper grocery bags are always needed.



Chapter 16 Judging. Who has not felt judged? In Bill Kinard's short chapter, he reminds us of how devastating the result the judgments of others can be, warranted or not, once accepted into our psyche. The result can be feelings of guilt and inferiority that can destroy the human spirit. Once again Kinard relies on Paul Tournier's treatise on guilt feelings in *"Guilt and Grace"* who makes a plea for the cessation of harsh and cruel judgments that bind and entrap us, but also analyzes different kinds of guilt, *"guilt of doing"*. This is the remorse we feel for a particular action or failure in life that brings to light a weakness inherent in our nature. If blaming and judgment are the great dividers in man, (and they are), then what is the healing agent that can reconcile people and bring us back together? Christ himself, of course. St Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:16 – 21 *Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.*

Chapter 17 A Change in Attitude. I had a hard time with the content of this chapter. The overall message is directed to judgmental, abrasive, and unloving Christians to think about Jesus' admonition not to throw the first stone - John 8:7. We are quick to judge and condemn others when it is possible, if we were in their shoes, we would act no differently. Kinard, through examples of infidelity, parenting, and homosexuality, illustrates what matters is *the attitude* with which we speak out and challenge those examples of judging the human condition. It is easy to say I would have reacted differently or I would never, but, would we? How do we know unless we've been there ourselves? If we have been there, we can't be arrogant about our ability to master the temptation. Nothing destroys a Christian's witness faster than spiritual pride, an *"I'm better than you"* attitude. Nothing is as unbecoming in the eyes of our Lord, Kinard summarizes. Isn't that what Jesus reacted against while on this earth - the self-righteousness of the Pharisees?

Chapter 18 We Should Be Ashamed. We as Christians often fail to show the world outside of Christ anything they want to have in their own lives. The fighting within our faith, the fighting against others' faith or sect. Non-Christians, I can see why you wouldn't want any part of this! Why do you feel Christians are rejected? In my experience, and Kinard's, many Christians' motives are so Christian they aren't even very friendly anymore. Come to church and we don't share our seat or move to invite

guests in. While Christians claim humility, most non-Christians don't see it because, while it is humility before God, to men it is proud arrogance. Other's want Christians to respect them as people with a point of view. To me, the only way to sincerely express yourself to people, is to show them that, first of all, you care about them as people, regardless of whether they become Christians, and second, you want to add to their lives and give them some insight into finding real joy. We need to be faithful followers of the Christ who commands us to love one another. As 1 John 4:20-21 *"If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both."* I am ashamed, I struggle to not behave as "too Christian" and ask for forgiveness, help, and guidance with every prayer. I am still a work in progress.

I hope you will continue to enjoy the telling of Bill's Walk in Faith and mine! Next month, we'll dive into "The Search for Something Else, Legalism or Lovism", and "What is Power?"

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



Pastors Cheryl Griffin, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Bill Harmon, King of Glory Lutheran Church, and Jim Nickols gathered with several lay people to plan a Reformation service project on **Saturday, 28 October at King of Glory**. The objective is to assemble 10,000 meals in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger (<http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>). To purchase the supplies from Rise Against Hunger, OSLC, for its part, needs to raise \$2,000. Social Ministry Committee is offering a dollar for dollar match up to \$500. Please make **checks payable to OSLC** and in the **memo section** write **Rise Against Hunger**.

On **the bulletin board** in the **Parish Hall** is a **volunteer sign-up sheet**. The service project begins at 1 p.m. with prayer. From 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the meals will be assembled and cards will be made for members of the Armed Forces deployed overseas. At 4 p.m., the program concludes with a Hymn Sing and Prayer Service.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jennie Miller
- 3 Terry Zimmerman
- 4 Cheri Lyons
- 5 Taylor Lyons
- 6 Debra Daily
- 9 Ken Gustafson
- 14 Dot Ringlesbach
- 15 Larry Daily
- 16 Tess Kimmel
- 17 Ruby Lyons  
Andy Priestley
- 22 Janet Forgrave  
David Stratton
- 24 Landes Sheets
- 26 Lynda Lyons



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rorer
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Lew Lautenslager
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Rob Schafer

**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](mailto:oslcnorge@verizon.net).**

We welcome the following new members into the body of Christ here at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church:

- Lew & Eileen Lautenslager
- Irene Hanson
- Luther & Carol Hanson



## Lifting in Prayer



**Church family: Wanita Auer, Carlyle Ford, Janet Forgrave, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Thelma Lee, Janice Leonard, Liesa McGhee, Teena Opheim, William Rorer, III, and Bruce Wildenberger.**

**Family and Friends:** Debra Allen, Joan Beck, Donna Benson, Margaret Blair, Raymond Bowles, Kira Braukhoff, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Carol, Bill Carpenter, Dave Clark, Ellen Cobb, Jon Cuper, Nancy Curtis, Pastor John S. Damm, Janette DeNuzzo, Carol Duke, Pastor Einarsen, Frank Feeser, Larry Felts, Pastor Lou Florio, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Kenny Gulden, Matthew Hafer, Leah Hoffman, Helen Hyatt, Allen Jenson, Annette Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Evelyn Kirby, Mary Klaburner, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Lloyd, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Ray Minor, Randolph Musmann, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Bruce Pierce, Maggie Quinlan, Jack Ramsey, Bill Ridenour, Pastor Tom Shelley, Rosemary Slayton, Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg, Bob & Judy Tubbs, Louis Turnage, Sr., and Shelton Whitehurst.

**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](mailto:oslcnorge@verizon.net).**





# NATURE HAS A SCHEDULE TO KEEP

It's BEEN A LONG, HOT SUMMER  
WITH MORE HEAT ON THE WAY.  
THE TEMPERATURE KEEPS ON RISING

A FEW DEGREES EACH DAY.  
WE NEED SOME RAIN TO COOL THINGS OFF -  
BUT NOT A HURRICANE!  
WHATEVER NATURE THROWS AT US,  
SOMEBODY WILL COMPLAIN.

WE EAT MOUNTAINS OF ICE CREAM  
ON SUMMER DAYS LIKE THESE.  
WE COVET ICED TEA AND LEMONADE  
AND SEARCH FOR A BREEZE.  
SOME VISIT MOUNTAINS, SOME SEASHORES,  
BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS, AGAIN.  
DESPITE THE HEAT, THERE'S LOTS TO DO  
ON SCALES OF ONE TO TEN.

AS AUGUST DAYS FADE AWAY,  
SIGNS OF AUTUMN WILL APPEAR.  
YOU CAN SEE MORE COLOR IN THE TREES  
AS SEPTEMBER DAYS DRAW NEAR.  
NATURE HAS A SCHEDULE TO KEEP -  
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.

IT'S ONE WAY GOD REASSURES US  
HE'S STILL ALIVE TODAY!

Way Harrison  
2017



# AUGUST 2017



## LECTORS:

6 Janette Kline  
13 David Paddock  
20 Bruce Brelsford  
27 Richard Hartman

## USHERS:

6 Chris & Jennifer Wilkins  
13 Joanne Weber & Nya Hubbard  
20 Karen Dutton & Gina Venable  
27 Barbara Broady & Lynn Edwards

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

6 Scott Braukhoff  
13 Richard Hartman  
22 Evie Braukhoff  
27 Brandon Tate

ACOLYTES: Rose Paddock 8/6 Nya Hubbard 8/13 Vol. Needed 8/20 Nya Hubbard 8/27

ANNOUNCERS: Al Glindemann 8/6 Evie Braukhoff 8/13 Scott Braukhoff 8/20 Al Glindemann 8/27

COFFEE: Bruce Brelsford 8/6 Diane Priestley 8/13 Gina Venable 8/20 Lynn Edwards 8/27

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kitchen in use 9-1 PM Flute Frenzy Camp 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	2 Kitchen in use 9-1 PM Flute Frenzy Camp 10-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6:30 PM Oktoberfest Steering Committee	3 Kitchen in use 9-1 PM Flute Frenzy Summer Camp 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7:30-9 PM Gigi Rehearsal	4 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 8:30-4:30 PM Piecemakers Workshop 9-1 PM Flute Frenzy Camp	5 Kitchen in use 8:30-4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers
6 Worship Service in Parish Hall during Construction 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	7 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Boy Scouts	8 Kitchen in use 7 PM AA 7 PM Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting	9 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Senior Program 10:30 AM Worship & Music Meeting @ OSLC	10 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Finance Mtg-Teller Room 7:30-9 PM Gigi Rehearsal	11 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed	12 Kitchen in use
13 Worship Service in Parish Hall during Construction 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Committee Meeting 6:30 PM AA	14 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 6 PM Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Conference 7 PM Boy Scouts	15 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	16 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy	17 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group	18 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed	19 Kitchen in use 10 AM Casserole Caravan
20 Worship Service in Parish Hall during Construction 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM AA	21 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Boy Scouts	22 Kitchen in use 10-12 PM & 6-8 PM Lutheran Family Services-Conference Rm 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	23 kitchen in use 10-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy	24 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group	25 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 6-9 PM Jay's Jam	26 Kitchen in use
27 Worship Service in Parish Hall during Construction 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12 PM Church Picnic at OSLC 6:30 PM AA	28 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Williamsburg Knitting Guild 7 PM Boy Scouts	29 kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 6:30-8 PM Cubs Planning Meeting 7 PM AA	30 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Senior Program 5:30-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	31 kitchen in use		