



Welcome!



*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
celebrates the 500th 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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Marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by serving others

Pastor Cheryl Griffin (St. Stephen), Pastor Bill Harmon (King of Glory), and Pastor Nickols have met twice to plan a Reformation service project. The plan is to prepare from 10,000 to 20,000 meals (Feed the Children, www.feedthechildren.org, number of meals are yet to be determined) in King of Glory's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, 28 October 2017. According Bo Wingate, a King of Glory volunteer, 40 to 50 volunteers can package 10,152 meals in approximately 2 hours.

In order to accomplish this task, volunteers will be solicited from the three Lutheran churches. There will be two shifts: one from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the other from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. While the meals are being assembled, other volunteers (especially children) will prepare cards and letters in OSLC's fellowship hall to be sent to deployed members of our Armed Forces.

Additionally, four weeks prior to the Reformation service project, the three congregations will conduct a special food drive for FISH. All three congregations will deliver the food to FISH on Thursday, 26 October at 11:00 a.m. Here's what the schedule looks like at this moment:

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Saturday, 28 October

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9:30 – Noon Session 1 – Feed the Children – assemble meals

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Hymn Sing

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Making Cards and Writing Letters to Deployed Service Members at OSLC (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 – 4:40 p.m. Session 2 – Feed the Children – assemble meals

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this event.

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, or 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** Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. There are no books to read or work to be done except with you and the Lord. Come when the 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.



Sending God's Word

Andy Cronan, a representative from the Gideon's, in a Temple Talk, updates the congregation on the current efforts of the Gideon's. Every fifth Sunday, Our Saviour's takes a second offering for a local non-profit.

Pastor Nickols blesses prayer shawls made by friends and members of Our Saviour's. The prayer shawls are given to individuals and patients receiving medical treatment.



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The value of all stories

By Ken Wheeler(Living Lutheran, 7 Feb 2014)



African American history month grew out of a great absence of the fullness of the contributions of African Americans to this nation and the world.

The great educator, scholar and historian Carter G. Woodson devoted his life to the study of

Black history, and in 1926 began the observance of Negro History Week, which would take place the second week of February. The dates were chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

The week-long observance would eventually grow to include the entire month. This month-long observance is important. It is important for African American people because it is critical in helping our children and our people to know that there has been greatness in our history.

In spite of the burden of slavery and the sordid history of segregation, our people managed to rise above those challenges and produce inventors, scientists, writers, scholars, musicians, journalists, actors, theologians and entrepreneurs.

I often hear the question: Why do we need this observance when we are all Americans? My answer: Because there still is an inadequate representation of the contributions of African Americans to the life of American history. And when we are shown it, it is often as one-dimensional people. Additionally, as an African American child if you never know from whence you came — you will never know who you are.

If you never see people who look like you or never realize that there are people who look like you — who wear your color who have made significant contributions to the life of this great nation and the world, you live your life believing that you can never achieve greatness.

This month is equally important for White people. It provides them with the opportunity to engage the history of Blacks in a much more comprehensive way. Frederick Douglas — who rose from the position of a slave to become a publisher, an ambassador and an advisor to a president — once said that the history of Blacks and Whites is tied together by the circumstance of history.

Our history in America is like that of patches that make a quilt. Every one of those patches has a story behind it. History is a gift. This month of February is a gift not just to African Americans but to all Americans. It is important that we commit ourselves to learning from these great stories, these lives that speak to all of us — not only those voices that are contemporaneous to us, but also those voices that speak from the distance. Every one of us here is a human being. Every story, every history — the good and the bad — is worth sharing. The telling humanizes us. There is promise in the telling, that we can be better than we have been.

Ken Wheeler

Ken Wheeler is a retired pastor. He most recently served at Cross Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation in Milwaukee, where he is now the director of the Bread of Healing Empowerment Ministry. He served 18 years as an assistant to the bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA.



Our Saviour’s marks Black History Month during February

- During the month of February a wall of the Parish Hall will be displaying Black History Month posters and prints celebrating African American historical figures in our country’s history. Please make a point to visit this display (arranged by Barbara Shaal).
- Del Sykes is a professional soprano who has visited Our Saviour’s several times in recent years. She will join us on Sunday, 12 February (Abraham Lincoln’s birthday), for a Black History Month theme during our worship, with songs and readings. Del has traveled extensively in her career and regularly is asked to lead

Gospel tours to military bases in Europe. We are blessed that she will share this special Sunday with us.

OSLC Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 19 February - Congregational Meeting will be held to discuss the following Agenda items:

- Approval of Churchwide Revisions to Constitution
- Annual Reports
- Election of members to attend Virginia Synod Assembly

An opportunity to acquire a pew

The Parish Council approved selling the five pews that are being stored in the church basement (3) and in the choir robing room (2). If you are interested in acquiring one (or more) of the pews, please contact the church office. If the pews are not acquired by the end of February, they will be donated to the Restore.

Dedicating the new kitchen

Our Saviour's commercial kitchen was dedicated on Sunday, 29 January 2017. The kitchen will be used to support Our Saviour's ministry of hospitality and leased to new businesses: Divine Lunches and Alpha Pit Smokers.



New Flower Chart

A new Flower Chart for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up for flowers while you have your choice of dates.

Feeding the hungry

Please remember to bring items for FISH. This is a busy time of the year for them. Please check the dates on food items to be sure they are not outdated.





2017 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

March 1, 2017 – Ash Wednesday: Stone House Presbyterian Church, 9401 Fieldstone Parkway, Toano 757-565-1130 Rev. Alex Creager
Offering-Proclaiming Grace Outreach

Speaker – Rev. Richard Cline, Olive Branch Christian Church

March 8, 2017: Olive Branch Christian Church, 7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg 757-566-8077
Rev. Richard Cline

Offering-Child Development Resources

Speaker – Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Hickory Neck Episcopal Church

March 15, 2017: Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 7801 Church Lane, Toano 757-566-0162
Rev. Ann Tang

Offering-From His Hands

Speaker – Rev. Robert Whitehead, Sr., New Zion Baptist Church

March 22, 2017: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 7479 Richmond Road, Williamsburg 757-564-3745
Rev. James Nickols

Offering-FISH

Speaker – Rev. David Lehman, Williamsburg Mennonite Church

March 29, 2017: New Zion Baptist Church, 3991 Longhill Road, Williamsburg 757-258-0491
Rev. Robert Whitehead, Sr.

Offering-Williamsburg Hospice House

Speaker: Rev. James Nickols, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

April 5, 2017: Williamsburg Mennonite Church, 7800 Croaker Road, Williamsburg 757-566-3026
Rev. David Lehman

Offering-The Harbor

Speaker – Rev. Ann Tang, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

April 12, 2017: Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, 8300 Richmond Road, Toano 757-566-0276
Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

Offering-Angels of Mercy Clinic

Speaker – Rev. Alex Creager, Stone House Presbyterian Church

Our Saviour's to recognize WJCC Schools and JCC's Departments

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will designate one Sunday a month to recognize the following:

WJCC Public Schools
JCC Police Department
JCC Fire Department
JCC Parks and Recreation
JCC Social Services
JCC Community Development
JCC General Services/Public Works
JCC Finance
JCC Communication

Each department and WJCC were invited to seek volunteers within the department or school division who are comfortable in worshiping in a Christian worship service, be willing to read one of the appointed lessons of the day, and give a brief talk about the work of his or her department, or school division. The service will highlight the services the men and women of the department and school division provide to the community, acknowledge representative(s) of the department and school division present and participating in the service, and include the department and school division in the Prayers of Intercession.

Additionally, if the department and the school division have a designated fund to promote public safety, aid citizens in need, students, etc., Our Saviour's will take a second offering to contribute to the designated fund.

The department and school division has been invited to set up a display in a designated area of the parking lot and/or in the Parish Hall to allow worshipers to see the department's and school division's equipment and/or the services that the department or school division provides to the citizens of James City County.

The proposed schedule is:

Sunday, 23 April	WJCC Public Schools
Sunday, 21 May	JCC Police Department
Sunday, 18 June	JCC Fire Department
Sunday, 23 July	Parks and Recreation
Sunday, 20 August	Department of Social Services
Sunday, 17 September	Community Development
Sunday, 15 October	General Services/Public Works
Sunday, 19 November	Finance
Sunday, 17 December	Communication
Sunday, 21 January 2018	JCSA

The point of contact is Pastor James P. Nickols (Email: pastor_oslc@verizon.net or Mobile 757.561.3093).

stephen MINISTRY®

In the coming months of 2017 we want to share with you "*the promise of hope*" written by Bill Kinnaird he is a gifted speaker and teacher who specializes in works by C.S. Lewis, Frederick Buechner and Paul Tournier. A graduate of Washington and Lee University,

Harvard Law School, and Harvard Business School, he has completed courses in counseling and pastoral care at Fuller Theological Seminary. A committed Christian and an inspiring writer, Bill has served several congregations including Hope Presbyterian in Minneapolis and Garden Grove Community Church. He is currently serving as a commissioned Stephen Leader at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Bill's book "*the promise of hope*" is a book that practices the business of caring. In sharing his deepest thoughts and personal experiences, Bill tells and shows how best to care for others. Through the author's eyes, we learn to discern the depth of a person's hurt and what caring in Christ really means. Each day more and more individuals know the pain of severed relationships, terminal illnesses, and other challenges of our modern life. Think of the impact quality Christian caring can have and is having on our broken world.

The book begins with a prologue and a call in the middle of the night. Bill starts his story with telling the reader about a night of deep despair and a call to a suicide help line where the person who was the suicide prevention counselor on duty that night did not believe in God and was not the lifeline Bill was reaching for. Bill started the conversation with a question of "Do you believe in God" and the response was, "No, you are your own god." Bill didn't remember any more of the conversation only that if he had believed what the counselor had said he may very well have died. What Bill had trouble believing was God would, or could, do anything about his situation (a pending unwanted divorce) and fortunately for Bill, he met other people, beautiful Christian people who not only told him there is a God, but who also demonstrated God's great love. What Bill learned was to commit his life to God and ask him to take it over and to trust God would. The Christians Bill had met told Bill with the assurance of ones who had this happen in their lives. What Bill learned, not overnight but through a walk of faith, with healing Christian love walking with him that through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, there is a God who delights in restoring broken people to wholeness. For Bill this is the promise of hope.

We hope you will enjoy the telling of Bill's walk in Faith and next month we'll dive into Embrace the hurt, I've been there too, and You shouldn't feel that way.

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Scott Braukhoff
Ginny Gustafson
- 4 Carol Turner
- 7 Joan Hosfield
Joanne Weber
- 10 Arlene Stuvén
- 14 Dot Webb
- 20 Bruce Brelsford
- 22 Barbara Broady
Dennis Metcalf

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.

Ladies of Our Saviour's

You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jennifer Nickols on Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Refreshments and party games will be provided by Parish Life. Come enjoy an afternoon with Jennifer while we can still think of her as our Miss Nickols. Please RSVP to the church office or to Janette Kline, dick.jan.kline@gmail.com or 757-903-2593. Jennifer and Chris have registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Please bring a recipe card for a tasty dish, easy to prepare for 2 people, doesn't require unusual cookware or ingredients.

Lifting in Prayer



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

Family and Friends: Debra Allen, Joan Beck, Donna Benson, Raymond Bowles, Kira Braukhoff, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Bill Carpenter, Frank Clarkson, Ellen Cobb, Jonathan Cooper, Nancy Curtis, Pastor John S. Damm, Leslie Davis, Janette DeNezzo, Carol Duke, Pastor Einarsen, Frank Feeser, Larry Felts, Pastor Lou Florio, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Matthew Hafer, Jennifer Dutton Henderson, Bill Heyer, Leah Hoffman, Susan Hutchens, Helen Hyatt, Allen Jenson, Annette Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Evelyn Kirby, Mary Klaburner, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Lloyd, David Maddox, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Jerry Miller, Randolph Musmann, Letha Olson, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Bill Ridenour, Janie Shamrock, Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg, Bob & Judy Tubbs, Louis Turnage, Sr., Cindy Warner, 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.



A LOVE AFFAIR WITH LIFE

"THOU SHALL LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

MATTHEW 22:39 KJV

LIFE CAN BE A PERILOUS JOURNEY
WITH ROADBLOCKS HERE AND THERE.

WE SOMETIMES NEED A HELPING HAND
WHEN HEARTS NEED SOME REPAIR.

DESPITE TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS,
WE ARE BLESSED BEYOND COMPARE.

WHEN WE OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS,
IT'S A LIFETIME LOVE AFFAIR.

LIKE STONES SKIPPING ON WATER,
LOVE ALWAYS MULTIPLIES.

LIKE RIPPLES IN A SPRINGTIME STREAM,
WE NEED NO ALIBIS.

EACH UNSELFISH ACT OF KINDNESS
SHOWS OTHERS THAT WE CARE.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS
MAY ANSWER SOMEONES PRAYER!

THE MORE WE GIVE LOVE AWAY
THE MORE WE WILL RECEIVE.

TWO HEARTS RECEIVE A BLESSING WHEN
WE COMFORT THOSE WHO GRIEVE.

LOVE AND LAUGHTER FILL OUR LIVES
WITH MEMORIES TO TREASURE

FOR A LOVE AFFAIR WITH LIFE
BRINGS US JOY BEYOND MEASURE!

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2017

HAPPINESS

Is to love and be loved

FEBRUARY 2017



LECTORS:

5 Boy Scout Troop #414
 12 Janette Kline
 19 Pamela Wildenberger
 26 Joyce Moore

USHERS:

5 David Jenson & Barbara Broady
 12 Roger & Ellen Picard
 19 Joanne Weber & Nya Hubbard
 26 Neal Miller & Karen Dutton

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

5 Scott Braukhoff
 12 Evie Braukhoff
 19 Richard Hartman
 26 Richard Hartman

ACOLYTES: Rose Paddock 2/5 Nya Hubbard 2/12 Gage Heidel 2/19 Lindsay Venable 2/26

COFFEE: Bruce Brelsford 2/5 Lynn Edwards 2/12 Andy & Diane Priestley 2/19 Carol Turner 2/26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10-2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 2 PM Herb Society Board Meeting 5:30 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	2 6 PM Intro to New Test. 7 PM Cub Scouts	3 Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12:30 PM Family Focus	4 8:30 - 4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers
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