



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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Stephen Ministry presents OSLC Prayer Bowl.

As followers of Jesus, we know the importance of prayer in our lives. The Apostle Paul urges us to pray without ceasing. We not only seek prayer support for ourselves, but also we are approached by others to remember someone in prayer. At 6 p.m. each Wednesday, people gather in the nave of Our Saviour's to pray for one another and for those who have asked to be remembered in prayer. Our Saviour's Stephen Ministry has placed a Prayer Bowl in the foyer of the Parish Hall so that you may share your prayer request with those who are gathering to pray each Wednesday. Around the Prayer Bowl are cards with different labels such as "God, draw near to (name)"; "God, please wrap you loving arms around (name)"; "Protect (name) from harm"; "May (name) feel your presence"; "Heal (name) of (illness)"; and more. Complete the card, place it in the Prayer Bowl, and your prayer request will be lifted up to Jesus, our Lord and Savior at the Prayer on Wednesday gathering.



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.

Honoring various organizations

On 23 April, Our Saviour's recognized in the Prayers of Intercession the first of nine important organizations in our community - the Williamsburg-James City County School Division. There are more than 11,500 students enrolled in 9 elementary schools, three middle schools, with the fourth under construction, and three high schools. WJCC School Division is the second largest employer in the area with more than 1,500 employees. The other organizations to be recognized by OSLC are JCC Police Department (21 May); Fire Department (18 June); Parks and Recreation (23 July); Social Services (20 August); Community Development (17 September); General Services (15 October); Finance (19 November); Communication (17 December); JCSA (21 January; and , the Board of Supervisors (18 February). These departments of our county government provide important services and resources to sustain and enhance our quality of life. Often times, their work on our behalf goes unrecognized and under-appreciated. This is an opportunity to remember the men and women who work for the country and for the county leadership.

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. They are in need of canned meats, pork'n beans, and peanut butter. Also, they can always use paper grocery bags.

Romans 5:6-8 *For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Chapter 7 "Pure Motives" Bill asks "Do we need pure motives in order to follow God? Must we be totally unselfish in everything we do in our Christian Life?" The verse from Romans would say No. Most of us, myself included, need God in our lives because of our selfishness. It is our own sin and weakness that without God in our lives makes us like Jesus own disciples. **Luke 22:24** - *A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which of them would be considered the greatest. When we are honest with ourselves we are all selfish. Why do we want to get to heaven? Heaven is the best place, right? The alternative is certainly not very appealing! When you think about your faith, you learned along the way, you didn't immediately have the intention of following Christ. Your faith developed along the way, mine is still growing. This is true of most of us and it most certainly is true of my faith. You start out going to church because you are "supposed to", you learn about Christ and your faith as part of your early Christian education, or you come to faith when you are helpless. **John 4:14** - *But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.* The assertion, once we have tasted the water Christ has to offer, no other will fulfill us. No, I too cannot say my motives in following Christ are entirely pure, and I believe he accepts me as I am, repentant, broken and in need of Christ.*

Chapter 8" The right of Destination" Bill quotes C.S. Lewis frequently, whose basic belief, namely we are all children of a King and have a right, as such, to go on a journey to and with him. Eternal life with this King is our destination, our life journey. We all travel different roads. Some of us are burdened with almost unbearable cares and sorrows, trouble finds you, while others waltz thru life. Some of us fulfill our full potential, others waste it and fall short. Lewis, in his books, had a moral to the story. He designed his books to help people toward what he thought was the right destination. As children of God the King, we all have a wonderful birthright, unlimited potential and a glory that is unfathomable. We also are human and carry with it sin, a burden to family, neighbors and the ability to make a mess of things. We are all children of our King. Life is what you choose.

Chapter 9 "I" Never Walk Alone" For someone who loves to sing, this jumps out from Carousel, the lovely Rodgers and Hammerstein song. None of us wants to be alone, whether we're 15 or 86. In Stephen Ministry, we hear most often of the problems of loneliness in the aged, divorced, single parents, military and the widowed. A Stephen Minister is available so you don't have to be any of those things. There is One who has said to us, **Matthew 28:20** - *I will never leave you or forsake you. I will be with you, even until the end of time.* This doesn't mean you will never be lonely or hurt again, but it does mean someone will be there to comfort you.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the telling of Bill's walk in Faith and next month we'll dive into "God Will Keep Me, What Price Beauty?" and "Ministry-Two Sides of the Coin".

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

WELCA Combined Meeting

Monday, 5 June, 7:00 pm - WELCA will hold their combined meeting. Barbara Shaal will be sharing a DVD showing a brief version of her riverboat trip on the Seine River through the Normandy section of France. Some of the tours along the river were Monet's House and Gardens, The American Cemetery, and viewing the Bayeux Tapestry. Everyone is welcome to come and share in this time of fellowship.

Rachel's Day

Sunday, 7 May - WELCA will sponsor Rachel's Day which is observed by Women of the ELCA annually on the first Sunday in May. It is a time set aside to address hardships facing the children of the world. This year's recipient will be **Sole Hope**. Sole Hope's mission is to Offer HOPE, healthier lives, and freedom from foot-related diseases through education, jobs, and medical relief. Our guest speaker will be Pat Bernshausen from Sole Hope. A freewill offering will be collected at church and then WELCA invites EVERYONE over to the Fellowship Hall for a shoe cutting party! We ask that everyone cut out one pair of shoes (supplies provided) in exchange for a FREE luncheon. Please call Diane Priestley or Joanne Weber with any questions.



BENEFIT CONCERT

at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
7479 Richmond Road, Wmbg/Norge • 757.564.3745

FOR



Offering HOPE, healthier lives, and freedom from foot-related disease through education, jobs, and medical relief.

SATURDAY, 10 JUNE • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Featured band ELDER BERRY JAM

Suggested Donation \$10
to accompany the relief packages to Uganda
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500th Anniversary of the Reformation **A Study of Luther, His Times, and Some of His Writings**

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther advocated for needed reforms in the Catholic (universal) Church. In many ways, he was ahead of his time. What started as a local effort by a monk in a small German town, became an international movement. The books written about Luther come in second to those written about Jesus; that's how many books have been written about Luther. He was a force with which to be reckoned. What follows is a syllabus on Luther: His Times, His Life and His Writings. In the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, this course of study will examine Luther's life, the period in which he lived, and a few of his seminal writings that shaped not only the Christian faith, but also society. It is an opportunity to encounter Luther and what he stood for and not from what we have heard about him (tradition) but by reading about his life and his writings first hand.

Syllabus

Textbook

Timothy F. Lull and Derek R. Nelson, Resilient Reformer: The Life and Thought of Martin Luther. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.

Additional Resources

Large Catechism
Augsburg Confession

Sunday, 17 September/Thursday, 21 September

Introduction
Martin Luther (DVD)

Sunday, 24 September/Thursday, 28 September

Introduction
Martin Luther (DVD) – continued
Resilient Reformer, Chapter 1 A Family's Hope (1483-1505)

Sunday, 1 October/Thursday, 5 October

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 2 From Brother Martin to Doctor Luther (1505-1517)

Sunday, 8 October/Thursday, 12 October

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 3 Critic of the Church (1517-1519)
Ninety-Five Theses
Proceedings at Augsburg

Sunday, 15 October/Thursday, 19 October

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 4 Theologian for the Church (1519-1520)
Treatise on Good Works
To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation
The Babylonian Captivity

Sunday, 22 October/Thursday, 26 October

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 4 continued

Sunday, 29 October (Reformation Sunday)/Thursday, 2 November

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 5 The Trial of Martin Luther (1520-1521)

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 6 Luther the Prisoner (1521-1522)
Letters (LW Vol. 48)

Sunday, 5 November (All Saints Day)/Thursday, 9 November

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 7 The Reformation in Wittenberg (1522-1524)

"An Order for Mass and Communion for the Church in Wittenberg" (LW 53:20)

"That Jesus Christ Was Born a Jew" (LW 45:199-229)

Sunday, 12 November/Thursday, 16 November

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 8 Becoming Martin Luther (1525)

"Against the Robbing and Murdering Hordes of Peasants" (LW 46:47-55)

"The Burning of Brother Henry" (LW 32:283-286)

Sunday, 19 November

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 9 The Birth of Lutheranism (1526-1531)

On the War Against the Turk (LW 31:91-92)

Large Catechism

Augustana

Confutation

Admonition Concerning Christ's Supper (LW 38)

Sunday, 26 November/Thursday, 30 November

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 9 Continued

Sunday, 3 December/Thursday, 7 December

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 10 Being Martin Luther (1532-1545)

A Simple Way to Pray (LW 43:189-211)

"On Councils and the Church" (LW 41:154)

Sunday, 10 December/Thursday, 14 December

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 11 Darkness with Shafts of Light (1540-1545)

On Jews and Their Lies (LW 47:137-292)

Sunday, 17 December/Thursday, 21 December

Resilient Reformer, Chapter 12 Death and Vindication (1545-1555)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with sadness but also with great joy in the hope of the resurrection that I share with you that my mother, Helen Marie Walz, died at around 3 a.m., Thursday morning, in the Memory Care Unit of Dominion Village. My family and I are planning a Service of Resurrection on Saturday, 13 May at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The Rev. David Gunderlach, a classmate from Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne and Concordia Seminary (and Seminex) will preach. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to OSLC (in memo line: Senior Champion Program, an adult day care program).

Pastor James P. Nickols



MAY BIRTHDAYS

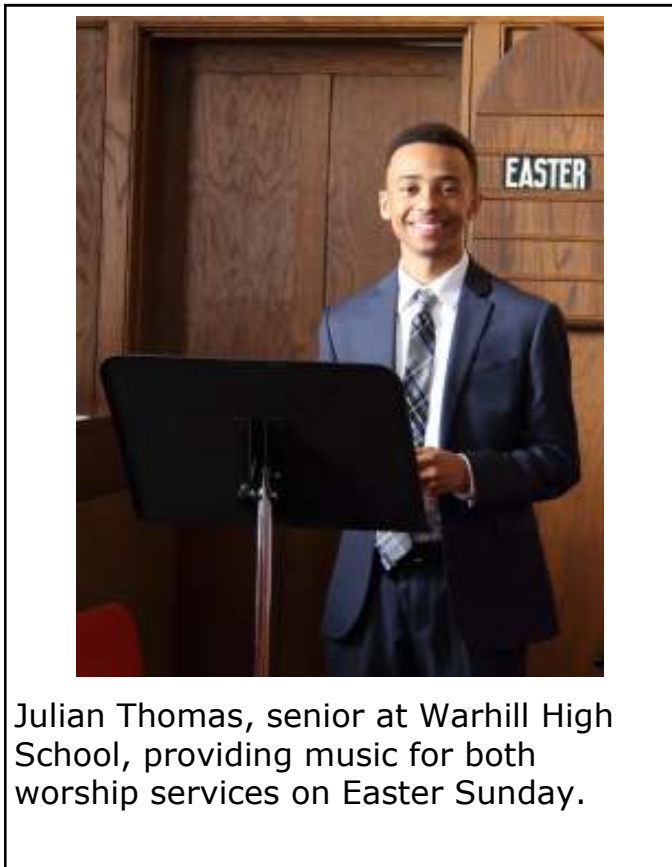
- 10 Henry Schafer
- 11 Tess Schafer
- 12 Susan Perkins
- 14 Lynn Starling
- 18 Kathy Glindemann
- 25 Bruce Weber



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Carlyle Ford
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Geisler
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Leonard III
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hughson

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.



Julian Thomas, senior at Warhill High School, providing music for both worship services on Easter Sunday.

Lifting in Prayer



Church family: Phyllis Cody, Carlyle Ford, Janet Forgrave, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Irene Hanson, 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, Bill Carpenter, Frank Clarkson, Ellen Cobb, Jon Cuper, Nancy Curtis, Pastor John S. Damm, Janette DeNezzo, Carol Duke, Pastor Einarsen, Frank Feeser, Larry Felts, Pastor Lou Florio, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Matthew Hafer, 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, Ray Minor, Randolph Musmann, William New, Letha Olson, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Jack Ramsley, Bill Ridenour, Richard Smith, 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.



GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE THROUGH MOTHERS

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WHO BEAR THE PAINS OF BIRTH
FOR THERE IS NOTHING MORE PRECIOUS
FOUND UPON THIS EARTH.
MOTHER LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL
FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE
FOR WE KNOW THAT SHE STILL LOVES US
EVEN WHEN WE MISBEHAVE.

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS PRICELESS,
MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD;
BENEATH HER WINGS SHE SHELTERS US
WHEN THE WORLD GROWS COLD.
SHE MENDS OUR SOCKS AND BROKEN HEARTS,
SHE KEEPS OUR UNDIES CLEAN,
AND SHE NEVER COMPLAINS ABOUT
THE HARD TIMES SHE HAS BEEN

SHE GOES ABOUT HER DAILY CHORES
WITH DIGNITY AND GRACE,
FOR EVEN WHEN SHE'S FEELING LOW
THERE'S A SMILE ON HER FACE.
THERE'S NO SCALE THAT CAN MEASURE
WHAT MOTHER LOVE IS WORTH.
GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE THROUGH OUR MOTHER,
HIS ANGELS HERE ON EARTH!

Clay Harrison
2011

MAY 2017



LECTORS:

7 Pamela Wildenberger
 14 Bob Zimmerman
 21 Pamela Wildenberger
 28 Joyce Moore

USHERS:

7 Cheri Lyons & Lynn Edwards
 14 Gina & Lindsay Venable
 21 David Stratton & Barbara Broady
 28 Bruce Brelsford & Diane Priestley

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

7 Evie Braukhoff
 14 Brandon Tate
 21 Richard Hartman
 28 Scott Braukhoff

ACOLYTES: Nya Hubbard 5/7 Lindsay Venable 5/14 Ashley Youngk 5/21 Rose Paddock 5/28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 - 4 PM Herb Society Sewing Group 7 PM Boy Scouts	2 10:30 AM Worship & Music Meeting 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	3 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5:30 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 6 PM Intro to New Testament 7 PM Cub Scouts	5 Church Office Closed 8:30 - 4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers Workshop 9:30 - 12:30 PM Family Focus	6 8:30 - 4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers 12 PM - 12 AM Alpha Pitt Smokers using kitchen
7 Fourth Sunday of Easter Rachel's Day 9 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30 PM WELCA Luncheon 6:30 PM AA	8 1 - 4 PM Herb Society Sewing Group 6 PM Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Conference 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Social Ministry & Missions Meeting	9 1 PM Herb Society Meeting 6:30 PM Cubs Planning Meeting 7 PM AA 7 PM BSA Troop Committee Meeting	10 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5:30 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	11 6 PM Intro to New Testament 7 PM Finance Meeting in Teller Room 7 PM Cub Scouts	12 Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12:30 PM Family Focus 7:30 PM Flute Frenzy Concert	13 12 PM - 12 AM Alpha Pitt Smokers using kitchen 4 PM BSA Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner
14 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Committee Meeting 12 PM Youth Group Meeting @ OSLC 6:30 PM AA	15 1 - 4 PM Herb Society Sewing Group 7 PM Boy Scouts	16 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	17 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5:30 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	18 6 PM Intro to New Testament 7 PM Cub Scouts	19 Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12:30 PM Family Focus	20 10 AM Casserole Caravan 4:30 PM Relay for Life @ Warhil High School
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