



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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Colonial Heritage Community Foundation Senior Champions Program

There are currently vacancies at both sites (New Zion Baptist Church – Tuesdays 10-2 pm and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – Wednesdays 10-2 pm) for new participants. CHCF Senior Champions Program is a four hour per week social program offering memory support and socialization for seniors in a supervised, safe, stimulating environment. The program serves all localities in the Historic Triangle and is supported by a private, independent foundation that works to improve quality of life for care givers and receivers. In addition to providing opportunities for senior socialization, stimulation, and supervision, it also provides caregivers a much need respite from their demanding responsibilities. Contact **(757) 564-3745** to request a packet and leave your information and a site manager will get back with you.

REMINDER: Oktoberfest reservation are selling so get yours today!

Entire event: \$60

Auctions, German hors d'oeuvres, and

Winetasting: \$30 (1-3 pm)

Biergarten, buffet, and live band: \$40 (4-6 pm)

New this year: The Happy Dutchmen band, with

Hirschjaeger Folk Dancers from Richmond

Proceeds go to the Senior Champions Program

For Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

Make your reservations at Our Saviour's

website: www.oslcnorge.org



Saturday, 14 October 2017

Live & Silent Auction • Wine Tasting • Biergarten



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Bishop Eaton's Leadership Initiative

Dear colleague in ministry,

Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

The harvest is, indeed, plentiful. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) needs more laborers, lay and rostered, to provide the ministry and leadership that will, by grace and in the power of the Spirit, assist the church in moving forward faithfully and energetically into God's unfolding future.

It is not the job of just our seminaries and universities to identify and raise up leaders in the church. The responsibility belongs to all of us.

That's why I've launched Bishop Eaton's Leadership Initiative. And I'm asking for your help.

Here's what you can do:

1. Start identifying, praying for and inspiring potential leaders in your congregation and community. We have [free cards and other tools](#) to help you.
2. Promote the various forms and varieties of leadership opportunities that our church has to offer – from serving as a pastor, to serving overseas. [Learn more and watch testimonials](#) from leaders across our church by visiting our website.
3. Support our leaders with our actions, words and financial resources. Visit the [ELCA and for Leaders](#) for a great opportunity to provide financial assistance to seminarians responding to God's call.

More information and resources can be found at ELCA.org/leaders. Check back often to find new resources and materials as they are available.

I thank God for you and your leadership in this church. Together, we can help inspire the next generation of leaders and ensure that we continue sharing the word of God with the world.

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

St. Stephen, Our Saviour's and King of Glory have teamed up to honor the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by engaging in a service project to address food insecurity in our community, nation and the world.

The first part of the service project is to collect food items for FISH (the food pantry that all three congregations support). Among the food items needed: canned foods, peanut butter, cereals, powdered milk, canned fruit items, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, etc. On Friday, 27 October, the food will be collected and delivered to FISH.

The second part of the service project is to prepare meals on Saturday, 28 October beginning at 1 p.m. with a prayer service at King of Glory. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., volunteers from the three churches will assemble 10,000 meals (the organization is Raise Against Hunger). Additionally, children will be invited to make cards for first responders and members of our Armed Forces. To close the day, there will be a Hymn Sing and Prayer Service from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A link has been established to volunteer. For those who signed up at OSLC, please go to the website at <http://events.stophungernow.org/LRC2017> to volunteer. You will be given an opportunity to select your volunteer activity (to donate, to pack meals, or to help with the set-up and take-down process). In addition to volunteering, there is a "hold harmless" form you need to complete.

For those without internet, you may come to the church office (Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or on Sundays following worship to select your volunteer role and sign the "hold harmless form." The form must be provided to the start of the service project.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jim by phone (757.561.3093) or by email (jx4nick@cox.net).

Peace, in Christ
Pastor J.

29 Oct 2017 Reformation Sunday

Our Saviour's will joyfully celebrate Reformation Sunday during this, the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

The Moravian Trombone Quartet returns bringing their powerful and melodious music to our Reformation celebration.



Chapter 22 A Common Bond Bill writes about the common bond he held with his fraternity brothers from college. The central core of the college fraternity is the fellowship and tradition. We have that as members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We have that as Christians. Christianity has that going for it too, but it has so much more. At its core, the Person of Christ. Jesus is our rallying point, our cause, something we can really get excited about, that is if we know him personally. I'm not a Christian because I'm strong and have it all together. I am a Christian because I'm weak and admit I need a Savior. Early Christians signed their letters with a "Christ one" or a "Christian". I have some Christian friends who never fail to sign their letters to me with "In Christ," "Sisters in Christ", or "Yours in Christ". I do the same with whom I share the common bond of Christ. It makes me think I am missing an opportunity when I don't always sign my letters that way.

Chapter 23 Sensitivity A person's feelings which might be easily offended or hurt; sensibilities. Most of us know someone who is easily offended by another's remarks or actions. It appears society is as well. Fill in the blanks: _____ lives matter! Therefore, the one who is not _____ is offended. Sensitivity is a two-pronged trait. It can be a beautiful and most desirable trait, or is it something we are better off not having? I pray you have known men and women who had this deep sensitivity to others. Those that can understand others' innermost feelings, longings, hurts, and joys. They are there for you when needed, ready and willing to share the tragedies and victories of life on this planet. It is usually the case that people who are so sensitive to others in this good sense are not closed themselves. They are open and willing to tell you about themselves, who they are, where they hurt, where they've failed, and where they hope to gain victories in the future. Their confidence lies not in themselves but in the One who made them and sustains them through all the trials and tribulations of life. Bill quotes Henri Nouwen's phrase that they are "wounded healers"-people who have been deeply hurt themselves. Their teacher has been the One who had perfect sensitivity and promised to give us an Agent (the Father) who would dwell with us and enable us to be sensitive not only to God, but also to others. Who open ourselves up in love to others, but close ourselves to selfish thoughts of inadequacy. I read this chapter often, not because I feel the superiority of being sensitive, but because I still want to get things done. I try through my Ministry and I teach in Stephen Ministry classes, to always be sensitive to my Care Receiver and the kindest, most helpful thing is to be sensitive and listen. Come on Christians, get on board with me! We are still a work in progress. Your sister in Christ.

Chapter 24 We are all Ministers Bill asserts in this chapter "The New Testament has no idea of a Christian who isn't a minister." He states we are all called to be ministers and that the distinction between clergy and laity is a false one. *Laity* means "people of God". The Clergy's' main function is equipping and teaching their flock to be better ministers. Bill tells again of Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest and psychologist in an article appearing in *Sojourner* magazine, he writes: *What more beautiful ministry is there than the ministry by which we make others aware of the love, truth and beauty they reveal to us? How beautiful, then is the ministry by which we can call forth the hidden gifts of people and celebrate with them the love, truth and beauty they give us. For most of us, the greater part of our lives is spent not on the mountaintop, but in the valley. And in this valley, we are called to be ministers.* Where are you in your journey? Where are you in your ministry? We are called people of faith who, saved by grace, are sent out to nurture others through encouragement, love and affirmation. All of us are called to be people of God. Some Laity are ordained ministers, some are not. But, all are ministers.

In Stephen Ministry, we are called to begin the ministry of listening, loving, caring, and supporting. We ask Jesus to grant wisdom to those who will lead this ministry in our congregation. May your Spirit move those whom you have specially gifted to serve in this ministry. Help us to serve one another, reach out to others, and truly care as you taught us to do. We join in prayer for the Ministers in our Church, 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. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Evie Braukhoff, Stephen Minister Leader, Your sister in Christ.



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** Each Wednesday evening, beginning 20 September 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 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.

5th Sunday

Social Ministry and Missions Committee will sponsor a **5th Sunday Ministry** collection, but this time on a 4th Sunday (due to Reformation Sunday)! Our guest speaker will be from the **Hope Pregnancy Care Center**, an organization that offers confidential services free of charge for pregnant women. Come learn about this important outreach service in our community. A freewill offering will be collected following the presentation.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lindsay Venable
- 3 Michelle Priestley
- 4 Irene Meyer
Bruce Wildenberger
- 10 Rachel Youngk
- 11 Robert Gulden
- 12 Tom Noblin
- 13 David Jenson
Liesa McGhee
- 14 Janette Kline
- 17 Les Leonard III
- 20 Terri Geisler



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gulden
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Shaal
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Lyons

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.

We welcome Mary Wynne, who is Mary Cuper's mother, to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church family.



Lifting in Prayer



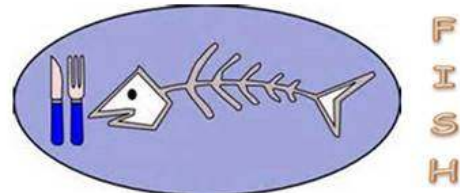
Church family: Carlyle Ford, Janet Forgrave, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Thelma Lee, Janice Leonard, Liesa McGhee, Teena Opheim, William Rorer, III, Warren Stritter, and Bruce Wildenberger.

Family and Friends: Debra Allen, Joan Beck, Donna Benson, Margaret Blair, Raymond Bowles, Kira Braukhoff, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Carol, Cody, Bill Carpenter, Dave Clark, 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, 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, Richard Smith, Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg, Mary T., Bob & Judy Tubbs, Louis Turnage, Sr., Shirley Vallincort, Brandi Ward Wade, 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.

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.



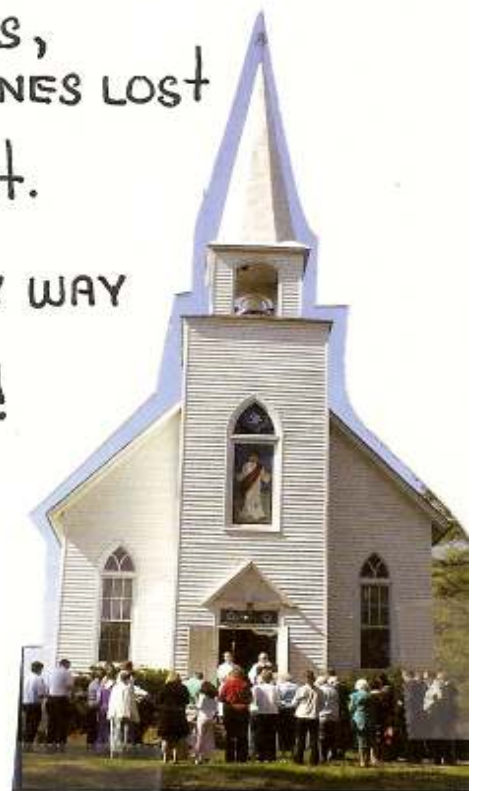
ALL THINGS OLD ARE NEW AGAIN

OUR SAVIOUR'S HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME
SINCE EIGHTEEN NINETY-EIGHT.
COUNTLESS WORSHIPERS FOUND COMFORT HERE
SINCE THAT HISTORIC DATE.
THE LOVE OF GOD ABIDES HERE -
YOU FEEL IT IN THE PEWS
AS WE BREAK THE BREAD, SHARE THE WINE
AND PROCLAIM THE "GOOD NEWS."

NORWEGIAN ROOTS RUN DEEP HERE WHERE
THE PAST AND PRESENT MEET,
WHERE PRAYERS ARE BEING ANSWERED
AND MEMORIES ARE SWEET.
OUR LOVED ONES, PAST AND PRESENT,
HAVE WORSHIPED IN THESE PEWS.
WE'VE PASSED THE PEACE IN THESE AISLES
AND SANG GOD'S PRAISES TOO.

WE'VE REJOICED AT MANY WEDDINGS,
SHED TEARS FOR LOVED ONES LOST
AND GLADLY GAVE OUR OFFERINGS
TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST.
WE'VE HAD A MAJOR RENOVATION -
WE'RE BLESSED IN EVERY WAY
AS WE REDEDICATE OUR SAVIOUR'S
WITH GRATITUDE TODAY!

Way Harrison
SEP 17, 2017



OCTOBER 2017



LECTORS:

- 1 Joyce Moore
- 8 Bob Zimmerman
- 15 Brandon Tate
- 22 Pamela Wildenberger
- 29 Dave Paddock

USHERS:

- 1 Bruce Brelsford & Brandon Tate
- 8 Richard & Janette Kline
- 15 Bob & Terry Zimmerman
- 22 Roger & Ellen Picard
- 29 Cheri Lyons & Joanne Weber

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

- 1 Richard Hartman
- 8 Scott Braukhoff
- 15 Brandon Tate
- 22 Evie Braukhoff
- 29 Chris Wilkins

ACOLYTES: Ashley Venable 10/1 Nya Hubbard 10/8 Ashley Venable 10/15 Nya Hubbard 10/22 Rose Paddock 10/29

ANNOUNCERS: Joanne Weber 10/1 Richard Hartman 10/8 Al Glindemann 10/15 Scott Braukhoff 10/22 Evie Braukhoff 10/29

COFFEE: Joanne Weber 10/1 Barbara Broady 10/8 Irene Meyer & daughters 10/15 & 10/22 Joanne Weber & Barbara Broady 10/29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	2 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 10 AM Rebekah/ Ruth Circle 7 PM Boy Scouts	3 Kitchen in use 10:30 AM Worship & Music @ Au Bon Pain 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	4 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr. Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	5 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 1-3 PM Community Cafe' at St. Martin's Episcopal Church	6 Church Office Closed Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus	7 Kitchen in use 8:30-4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers
8 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Meeting 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Mummings Rehearsal 6:30 PM AA	9 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 6 PM Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Conference 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Lydia Circle	10 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 6:30 PM Cubs Planning Meeting 7 PM AA 7 PM Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting	11 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr. Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	12 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Finance Meeting in Teller Room	13 Church Office Closed Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus	14 Kitchen in use Oktoberfest
15 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM AA	16 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Boy Scouts	17 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	18 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr. Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	19 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Cub Scouts	20 Church Office Closed Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus	21 Kitchen in use 10 AM Casserole Caravan
22 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	23 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 9:30-12 PM Williamsburg Knitting Guild 7 PM Boy Scouts	24 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	25 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr. Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	26 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Cub Scouts	27 Church Office Closed Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 6-9 PM Jay's Jam	28 Kitchen in use 1-4 PM Rise Against Hunger @ King of Glory
29 Reformation Sunday 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	30 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Boy Scouts	31 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA				



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

17 September 2017

WORSHIP:

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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**A member of the Greater
Williamsburg Chamber and
Tourism Alliance.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With what has been going on in the Nickols' household, this passage from the author of the *Letter to the Hebrews* comes to mind: "we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city to come" (Hebrews 13:14). Nothing remains the same; everything changes.

Many changes have come to the Nickols' family this year. Our son Joel got engaged to Bridget Halloran, our daughter Jennifer was married to Chris Wilkins, a little more than two weeks after the wedding, my mother passed away, and shortly after that, Janell and I placed our home for the past 21 years on the market, and Janell retired after 20 years of teaching in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools. Of course, these kinds of transitions happen in every family. For people who believe in Christ Jesus, what bears us up and sustains us is our faith because we believe "that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Well, there is another transition that is about to happen in the Nickols' family and in the family of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. I am preparing to transition into retirement at the end of December 2017. In January 2018, I will be 69 years old! Although this decision comes with a swirl of emotions, I believe the time has arrived to do something different in my personal life and in the life of this community of faith.

We have accomplished much together during these eight plus years. I believe that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is at a better point to seek new

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Janell and I give thanks to God for your welcoming us into Our Saviour's family and for our time among you. We will miss worshiping with you, our ministry together, our fellowship at dinners, fundraisers, and receptions, both sad and joyous.

We will continue to remember you and the church family in our prayers.

Sincerely, in Christ

James P. Nickols
Pastor