



*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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**2018 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

*Upper James City County Ministerium*

6:00 P.M. - FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

7:00 P.M. - WORSHIP

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 FEB 2018:**

Olive Branch Christian Church, 7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg

Offering: Child Development Resources

Speaker: Rev. Lori Beach (Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church)

**WEDNESDAY, 21 FEB 2018:**

Stone House Presbyterian Church, 9401 Fieldstone Parkway, Toano

Offering: Proclaiming Grace Outreach

Speaker: Rev. David Lehman (Williamsburg Mennonite Church)

**WEDNESDAY, 28 FEB 2018:**

New Zion Baptist Church, 3991 Longhill Road, Williamsburg

Offering: Williamsburg Hospice House

Speaker: Rev. Richard Cline (Olive Branch Christian Church)

**WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2018:**

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 7801 Church Lane, Toano

Offering: From His Hands

Speaker: Rev. Alex Creager (Stone House Presbyterian Church)

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018:**

Williamsburg Mennonite Church, 7800 Croaker Road, Williamsburg

Offering: Good News Jail and Prison Ministry

Speaker: Rev. Robert Whitehead, Sr. (New Zion Baptist Church)

**WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018:**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 7479 Richmond Road, Williamsburg

Offering: FISH

Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly (Hickory Neck Episcopal Church)

**WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018:**

Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, 8300 Richmond Road, Toano

Offering: Angels of Mercy Clinic

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



*News  
from  
the  
Call  
Committee*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As some of you know, I am a bit of a movie geek. I love the craft, the stories, the actors (some of them anyway). The other night I had the pleasure to see David Lean's final film *A Passage to India*. What a treat. A scene from the film put me in mind of Our Saviour's and the current situation we face.

The late Dame Peggy Ashcroft plays an elderly Englishwoman who is seeing India in the 1920s for the first time with her future daughter-in-law. She has a childlike fascination with her surroundings. One beautiful moonlit night she sneaks off to a mosque and is looking around when she encounters an Indian doctor named Aziz who tells her she can't be there because she has shoes on.

She is quick to tell him she has taken her shoes off. He apologizes and says that many women walk with shoes in the mosque at night because they think no one is there. Her reply put me in mind of our church. She says simply, "God is here," and begins a friendship with the young Indian.

"God is here" makes me think back to when Bishop Humphrey visited us last month. He was keen to point out that even though we are losing Pastor Nickols we all still have each other and our love of God to unite us. In this time of change and transition, that is an important thing to remember.

The Call Committee has begun the process of filling the pastoral vacancy we will have in April. We sent out a survey as part of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that must be filled out and returned to the Bishop's office in Roanoke. We are grateful that nearly half of the congregation returned the survey. Your thoughts, preferences, and concerns have been noted with the committee's thanks. You will be updated as we progress.

Moving forward, we will work diligently toward our goal of finding our next pastor. We ask for your prayers, patience, and understanding throughout this important task. God is still here and so are we.

As ever in Christ,

Brandon Tate  
Call Committee Chairman

**Chapter 33 For a Reason** Growing up I had an aunt who had polio as a child. Because of this, one leg was much shorter than the other, and she always wore a special shoe with a huge lift (seriously it was 12 inches!) on one foot and a regular shoe on the other. Aunt Marion also walked with a cane, (I will add she often used that cane on children who didn't do what she asked quickly!) she had hip problems, and was a gifted mathematician as a tenured professor at the University of Chicago. Aunt Marion was fond of saying "the good Lord only gave each of us what we could handle. Look at me, I am a cripple, but I am well educated, live well, and God helps them who help themselves. God has a reason for who we are and what we become." Wow, I even thought this was actually in the Bible! Spoiler alert, it's not! The promise in 1 Corinthians 10:13 is not about God not giving us more than we can handle, it is about God not allowing temptation to overwhelm us without Him providing a way of escape so that we can **endure** the temptation and not fall into sin. What Aunt Marion didn't understand, author Andrew Greeley, a Roman Catholic priest and writer whose outpouring of sociological research and contemporary theology, summed up well in an article for the Chicago Tribune. "We humans are meaning-creating animals-suspended in the web of meaning that we ourselves have spun. Faced with senseless and ironic tragedy, we search for meaning with far more confidence in our ability to divine the will of the ultimate powers of God than what we should have". God didn't give Aunt Marion polio because she could handle it. This is a terrible disease that cripples and kills.

I agree with Bill "When it comes to claiming to know the secret providence of God, I draw a blank". I too think I know some of what God is doing and what he demands of me. The written word of God tells me and is my best guide. Claiming to know God's providence for the bad things that happen in our lives leaves me incredulous and indignant. Maybe I have my Pollyanna shades on as I write this, but I'm very content to let God be God and I don't have to know or understand everything. I personally don't believe God caused my Aunt Marion's polio because she was a tough 'ole bird (although she was). I can't explain the deaths of teenagers in their high school, or the death of Scott's cousin at age 12 of leukemia. I can't explain these things. They are mysteries to me. Why can't we just say, "I don't know, I don't understand it, but I still love and trust God"? I know we can stand up for what is right. I know we can call, write, email our leaders for change. I know we can give money for research for cancer, for mental illness and vote our conscience for leaders who will champion change.

Do we have to determine a reason, God's reason, for every horrible thing that happens in our world? No, I don't see much peace in that, or even solace for the afflicted. To think that God brings about such death and destruction can too easily lead to bitterness, fear, and resentment. I do believe, though, that God can bring good out of the worst tragedies, regardless of what or who may have caused them (or allowed them, as some pundits put it). In fact, I think one of the greatest aspects of God's majesty is to bring good out of evil. Jesus' bodily resurrection is evidence enough of that. There are "resurrections" going on all the time-resurrections of hopes and dreams, new life where hope was dead and buried.

What we can be assured of is that when we go through those difficult trials, God will be with us. He will also use those trials to develop perseverance and proven character, see Roman 5:3-4, 15:5, James 1:2-4. He will use our experiences of His

strength showing up in our storm to comfort others who are going through similar trials. We can say to them from experience "you will make it through". Bill concludes his Chapter For a Reason with this: "If we look more to the possibilities that can come out of tragedy than to the cause of it, we will all be more at peace". For me, take a stand, change how you interact with others in our church family, and with all other people. Speak out if something is not right, make a difference, vote, donate your time, energy, money, and efforts to making change happen. I hope you are finding Bill Kinards the Promise of Hope, challenging (I am) and thought provoking. I am sharing this to help cope when life caves in. We join in prayer for the ministers in our church, and all of those who are in need. We Stephen Ministers 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 on Wednesday continues to be on break during the season of lent. We will begin again for our Spring season in prayer April 4, 2018 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 of the Gospel, Prayers of Intercession, and requests for prayers of healing, and a closing prayer. 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. **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.**



### ***Planning for Easter Lilies***

Please make donations for Easter lilies directly to Barbara Shaal this year. A limited number will be purchased for our Easter services, with proceeds going to the Flower Fund. Barbara will accept donations through March 18. Lilies are \$9.00 each, check made to OSLC Flower Fund (memo: Lilies). Donor information and tribute (in memory or honor of) will be taken by Barbara. Forms coming in March. Contact Barbara with questions: [ziggyjwbq@msn.com](mailto:ziggyjwbq@msn.com), 757.565.5168.

### ***Supporting our youth***

OSLC and Stone House youth will host a Spaghetti Dinner at OSLC Sat., 10 March from 6-8pm. Proceeds for youth mission trip to Harrisburg, PA in June. Menu: Salad, Bread, Spaghetti, Dessert & Drinks with animated story telling by Anthony Burcher. \$15 Adults, \$6 children under 10. Please see Rose or Nya for tickets. To-go orders available.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Al Glindemann
- 16 Jerry Hughson
- 18 Debra Daum
- 28 Gina Venable
- 30 Brandon Lyons  
Adam Priestley



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Dr. & Mrs. Richard Hosfield

**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).**



## Lifting in Prayer



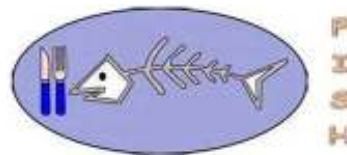
**Church family:** Carlyle Ford, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Thelma Lee, Janice Leonard, Liesa McGhee, Irene Meyer, Teena Opheim, William Rorer, III, and Bruce Wildenberger.

**Family and Friends:** Aaden (4 month old baby), 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, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Kenny Gulden, Matthew Hafer, Leah Hoffman, Susan Hutchens, Helen Hyatt, Allen Jenson, Annette Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Evelyn Kirby, Mary Klaburner, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Lloyd, Michael Manley, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Ray Minor, Randolph Musmann, Richard Newsome, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Bruce Pierce, Maggie Quinlan, Jack Ramsey, Bill Ridenour, Pastor Tom Shelley, Bobby Shirley, Rosemary Slayton, Richard Smith, Dnny Snow, Mary T., Sheila Thomas, Judy Tubbs, Louis Turnage, Sr., Shirley Vallincort, 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).**

### 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.



## A TIME FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

WHEN CROCUS AND DAFFODILS APPEAR  
FROM BEDS OF MELTING SNOW,  
WE KNOW THAT SPRING WILL SOON BE HERE  
WITH ITS JOYFUL MINSTREL SHOW.  
SOON BUDDING TREES WILL BLOSSOM,  
BIRDSONG WILL GREET THE DAWN  
AND BEES WILL FORAGE FOR NECTAR  
FROM CLOVER ON THE LAWN.

SPRING SHOWERS WILL SPAWN RAINBOWS  
IN EVER WARMING SKIES,  
SWEETHEART ROSES IN THE GARDEN  
WILL WELCOME BUTTERFLIES.  
EVERY DAY WILL BE LOVELIER  
THAN THE DAY BEFORE  
WITH SHOWERS OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS  
FALLING AT OUR DOOR.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY HAS BEGUN,  
A TIME FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE,  
A TIME FOR SACRIFICE AND HEALING  
ON THESE MOST HOLY DAYS.  
SPRING IS NATURE'S RESURRECTION  
FROM WINTER'S COLD EMBRACE  
AS CHRIST'S PASSION IS REMEMBERED  
THROUGHOUT THE HUMAN RACE.

Clay Harrison  
2018

# MARCH 2018



## LECTORS:

4 Janette Kline  
 11 Pamela Wildenberger  
 18 Dave Paddock  
 21 Joyce Moore (7 pm)  
 25 Joyce Moore  
 29 Luther Hanson (7 pm)  
 30 Richard Hartman (Noon)

## USHERS:

4 Bruce Brelsford & Joanne Weber  
 11 Richard & Janette Kline  
 18 David Jenson & Barbara Broady  
 21 Roger & Ellen Picard (7 pm)  
 25 Karen Dutton & Gina Venable  
 29 Roger & Ellen Picard (7 pm)  
 30 Barbara Broady (Noon)  
 30 Bob & Terry Zimmerman (7 pm)

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

4 Scott Braukhoff  
 11 Richard Hartman  
 18 Brandon Tate  
 21 Richard Hartman (7 pm)  
 25 Evie Braukhoff  
 29 Richard Hartman (7 pm)  
 30 Brandon Tate (Noon)

**ACOLYTES:** Rose Paddock 3/4 Nya Hubbard 3/11 Ashley Venable 3/18 Rose Paddock 3/21 (7 pm) Ashley Venable 3/25  
 Richard Hartman 3/29 (7 pm) Richard Hartman 3/30 (Noon) Rose Paddock 3/30 (7 pm)

**ANNOUNCERS:** Richard Hartman 3/4 Joanne Weber 3/11 Evie Braukhoff 3/18 Richard Hartman 3/25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Cub Scouts	2 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 8:30-4 PM Piecemakers Workshop 9:30-12 PM Family Focus	3 8:30-4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers
4 3rd Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	5 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 10 AM Rebekah/ Ruth Workday 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Lydia Circle	6 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM Choir 7 PM AA	7 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Lenten Service @ Mt. Vernon UMC	8 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Finance Meeting in Teller Room	9 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30-12 PM Family Focus	10 6-8 PM Youth Spaghetti Dinner
11 4th Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Committee Meeting 6:30 PM AA	12 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 10 AM Rebekah/ Ruth Workday 6 PM Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Conference 7 PM Boy Scouts	13 Kitchen in use 1:30 PM Worship & Music Meeting @ Au Bon Pain 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM Choir 7 PM Boy Scout Troop Comm. Mtg 7 PM AA	14 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Lenten Service @ Williamsburg Mennonite	15 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Cub Scouts	16 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 6:30-8 PM Cubs Planning Meeting	17 10 AM Casserole Caravan 11-4 PM Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
18 5th Sunday of Lent 9 AM Sunday school/Luther's Large Catechism 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM AA	19 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 10 AM Rebekah/ Ruth Workday 7 PM Boy Scouts	20 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM Choir 7 PM AA	21 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Senior Program/Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Lenten Service @ OSLC	22 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Cub Scouts	23 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 2 PM Motel Ministry 6-9 PM Jay's Jam	24
25 Passion/Palm Sunday 9 AM Sunday school/Luther's Large Catechism 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	26 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Williamsburg Knitting Guild 10 AM Rebekah/ Ruth Workday 3 PM Kitchen Comm. Meeting 7 PM Boy Scouts	27 Kitchen in use 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM Choir 7 PM AA	28 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Senior Program 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Lenten Service @ Hickory Neck Episcopal	29 Kitchen in use 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	30 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 12 PM Good Friday Service 7 PM Good Friday Service	31 11 AM Heiner & Linda Schulte - Vow Renewal