



Welcome!

NEWS FROM THE HILL

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

**Sharing the Story,
Living the Faith**

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.

**Virginia Synod
ELCA**

Vol. XXXVIII No. 10

October 2018



Call Committee
September 2018 Update

The Call Committee has made significant progress in our efforts to find a new Pastor for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We invited a candidate to visit us and after the initial interview and prayerful consideration of the candidate's profile, we presented the candidate to the Council as our "primary candidate". Council concurred with our recommendation and the candidate was invited back to be interviewed by Council, preach at our Sunday service, and meet with the congregation at a luncheon after the service. As you know, this was scheduled for the weekend of Sept 15-16 but was postponed given the uncertainty of the weather and tropical storm Florence.

Our candidate was able to return on September 22 for the meeting with Council, Our Music Minister, Gigi, and Our Administrative Assistant, Shirley. There was a question and answer session with our candidate. The Council asked questions of the Candidate during this time when the Council and Call Committee were all present. Then the Candidate asked questions of those present. Afterward, we met for a social time and evening meal.

On the first full day of Autumn, September 23, our primary Candidate, Miss Alex Witt, presided during the Sunday Service and delivered the Homily. We then had a meal in the Parish Hall for all members to meet and talk with her.



Candidate Alexis Witt

The Church Council will meet September 30th for their final vote on our Primary Candidate and the compensation package. After this, the Church Members will be notified when Members will meet for a final presentation and vote.

We thank our fellow Our Saviour's members for your patience throughout this process and definitely for your prayers. It has truly been a process led by our Heavenly Father. We remind all that we are not finished in our efforts and that we are not working on "our time" but we are working on "God's Time".

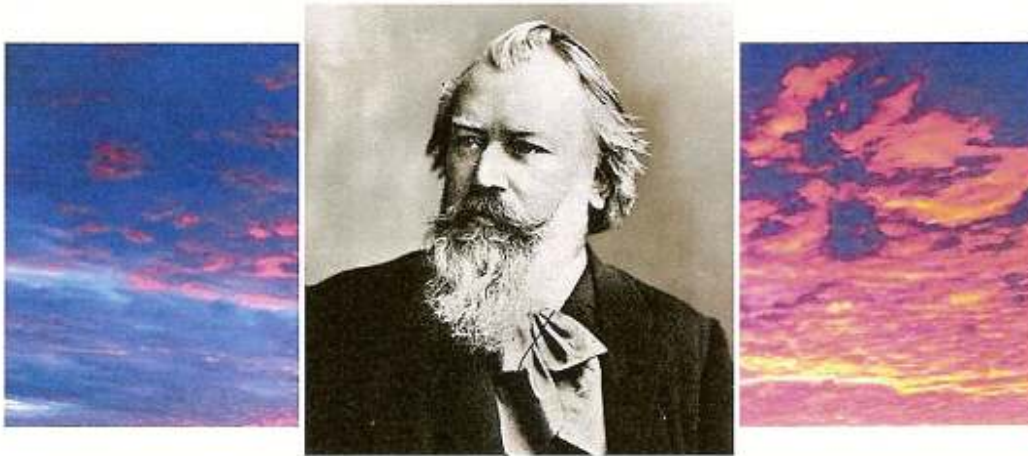
Respectively submitted:

Brandon Tate
Barbara Shaal
Richard Hartman
Evie Braukhoff

Diane Priestley
Bruce Brelsford
Irene Meyer
Bob Zimmerman

OSLC Choir Takes on Brahms' *Requiem*

From Gigi Paddock



Last year Our Saviour's choir was asked to participate in the culmination of the "500th Anniversary of the Reformation" mass-choir performance of the Brahms *Requiem* to take place in the fall of 2018.

Two performances are scheduled:

Thursday, 1 Nov, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4 Nov, at 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News

Christ & St Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk

In 2017 Rob Keene, who directs music at Trinity Lutheran Church, invited Lutheran congregations across Hampton Roads to share in this great work of Romantic literature. Chuck Woodward, Artistic Director of Virginia Chorale, will conduct.

This is a singular opportunity for Our Saviour's choir. We acquired scores in January 2018, and have been rehearsing on weekends through the spring and summer. Yes, the music is challenging, and yes, it's in GERMAN. For us to partner with other Lutheran choirs to journey through Martin Luther's texts, and sing of certain hope in the face of death, is beyond enriching for our choir.

"*Ein Deutsches Requiem*, composed between 1865-1868, exhibits Brahms' own personal desire for comfort and peace over against his sense of longing, a longing intensified by the deaths of his mother and of Robert Schumann, his longtime friend. At the same time that the *Requiem* exhibits Brahms' own desire to bestow peace upon himself, it is a work which strives to share that peace with humanity as a whole. Although colored by the messianic language of the Romantic Era, Brahms' purpose is still deeply Lutheran, in that he recognized that the Word alone could give confident peace, painting it into the music. Grace is permeating the work and through.

"While the texts are drawn from Luther's Bible, they present neither the traditional order of the Requiem Mass in the Roman Catholic Church, nor are they the retelling of the Passion narrative.

"Brahms... is more concerned with bestowing the peace of Christ than by threatening believers with God's wrath. With the words of Martin Luther, and Beatitudes, the *Requiem* invites us to gather our strength and care for one another; we are called not to die in fear and dogma, but to live in grace."*

*Musica Christi: a Lutheran Aesthetic, Marion Lars Hendrickson, American University Studies (Peter Lang Publishing, 2005).



*Chuck Woodward
Conductor*

Epilogue A Love That Will Not Let Me Go

We have been reviewing Bill Kinard's *The Promise of Hope* for over a year now. In conclusion of this book of *Hope*, I will share with you *Love*. Not the love for other people, but of God's love for us, an ever-faithful love that has sustained me in times of great despair, and great need of love and faith; Scott's colon surgery, our daughter Kira and her brain aneurysm and now our grandson Forrest fighting non-Hodgins lymphoma at the age of 7. The hope of Christ has sustained me and kept me going when I literally had no hope. In the Chapels of the hospitals in Denver I have been in, I felt God's presence there. It allowed me to be strong for my loves, my family. I sensed it; I knew God was there. It is a love that cannot be measured by human standards. It transcends us, with prayer and faith, hope blooms with the spring of daffodils and the heat of the summer rose and the charm of the sharp scented chrysanthemums in fall. This love from Christ, and the Father, sets us free and will not let us go.

I have one more thought to share with you from this book. If you can accept it as truth, if you can let it seep into your psyche and inner being, then you too will have hope. It comes from John Claypool, the late Episcopal priest who preached a sermon titled "*Surprise Is God's Other Name*" in 1972. He spoke of Abraham, a man given a promise by God, Abraham was a man who didn't always walk in that promise. The Abraham who ran off to Egypt to find his own food because he didn't trust God to continue providing. The Abraham who thought he knew how to provide, in another way, the heir God had promised, but his wife was too old to have children. In another way of expressing it I have not trusted God sufficiently. My motives have not been unselfish with getting our children to church and serving others. Honestly, I wanted their commitment because of what it would do for me, say about me, not only for them. Every time I have tried to help God along I have muddied the water and probably delayed the fulfillment of God's promises to them, of the discovery of their own faith. You know if I had truly believed I would have taken my hands off and let God fulfill those promises. Sadly, no I would not have. As parents your responsibility is to introduce your children to God and yes, sometimes force them to be with you at church, even though they love it once they are here.

An excerpt from John Claypool, "*Our tendency is to set limits on reality according to our perceptions; to create a set of expectations out of our past experiences and then judge everything by them rather than making room for wonder and surprise. What we need to do is realize that God is the only adequate predicated for words like possible or impossible. Thus, the challenge is to learn to trust and to obey, confident that he will keep his word, but flexible as to when and how and in what form he will do it. About the only thing you safely expect is that what he will do will not be what you expected, rather something bigger and better and vaster than you ever dreamed. The worst sin of all against this kind of God is the sin of despair, to label as Impossible some Nazareth and say, no good can ever come out of here. The truth of the matter is, good did come out of Nazareth and Sarah and thousands of other unlikely places, and if this is so, who are you to give up hope on your life or your circumstances or your future?"*

With hope my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, who knows what this God of surprises can bring out of the day by day events of your life? Let the hope and possibility of those words sink into your mind. We do indeed have a God who acts, a God who loves. We

have seen God's love personified in Jesus of Nazareth. That love is still here for all of us today. I will personally testify to it because I have lived it. That is the reason I have hope.

I hope you found Bill Kinards the Promise of Hope, challenging and thought provoking. I am willing to share the book with you, just ask. This concludes our study of Hope and I have shared this to help you cope when life caves in. Please join me in prayer for the Call Committee, and for the Ministry in our Church and for 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.

Prayer is everything the soul does in God's word.
—Martin Luther

We gather to Pray! Join us, **all are welcome**, on 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 you need Christ, come, when the Spirit calls, come, when you are in need, we offer communal prayer.** We begin with a Prayer of the Day, followed by 15 to 20 minutes of Silent meditative prayer, a reading, Prayers of Intercession, and requests for prayers of healing. You are welcome to come with your specific prayer request and those who have gathered will pray with you, for you and a healing prayer will be offered. We close with prayer. **We leave in silence for spiritual reflection.**

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

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.



Rummage Sale for Senior Living Foundation



The Senior Living Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for caregivers and care-receivers. The foundation operates two adult day programs, a caregiver support group and educational opportunities and resources to support the caregiver. **Thank you for your generosity and kindness.**

When: Saturday, 3 November
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Where: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
7479 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, Virginia 23188
Donations: Will be received on Friday,
2 November from 1 p.m. until
7 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran
Church's Parish Hall.

Beverages and baked goods available for purchase.



Senior Living Foundation
OF GREATER WILLIAMSBURG

Caring for the caregiver. Supporting the care-receiver.

For more information contact James Nickols (mobile phone) 757.561.3093

A member of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance and Guidestar. 501 (c) 3



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lindsay Venable
- 3 Michelle Priestley
- 4 Irene Meyer
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

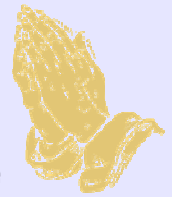
- Monday, Oct. 1, 7:00 pm - Lydia Circle will meet at The Huntsman's Grille @ 5:30 pm for dinner followed by CAP family shopping as our regular meeting. All are welcome!



God's Work, Our Hands T shirts are available for those who missed the opportunity at our Ministry Fair.

Suggested donation \$15 each. Youth and adult sizes. All proceeds go to Spirit Rising Humanitarian Charity in West Point. See Gigi Paddock for more information!

Lifting in Prayer



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

Family and Friends: Joan Beck, Donna Benson, Margaret Blair, Raymond & Catherine Bowles, Forrest Braukhoff, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Carol, Cody, Bill Carpenter, Dave Clark, Ellen Cobb, Nancy Curtis, Pastor John S. Damm, Deborah, Janette DeNezzo, Frank Feeser, Larry Felts, Bonnie Forman, Carl Gaulke, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Kenny Gulden, Matthew Hafer, Norm Harbour, Bunny Haynes, Adam Joseph Hughes, Jr., Susan Hutchens, Helen Hyatt, Allen Jenson, Annie Johnson, Cynthia Jones, K.M., Mike King, Evelyn Kirby, Mary Klaburner, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Lloyd, Michael, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Ray Minor, Randolph Musmann, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Bruce Pierce, Maggie Quinlan, Jack Ramsey, Bill Ridenour, Mary Satchwell, Pastor Tom Shelley, Richard Smith, Danny Snow, Mary T., Pat Tabb, Sheila Thomas, Louis Turnage, Sr., Andrew Villandre, 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.



OCTOBER

OCTOBER IS A FESTIVE MONTH,
A GOLDEN TIME OF YEAR.
THE QUEEN ANNE'S LACE AND GOLDENROD
WATCHED SUMMER DISAPPEAR.
THE HOLLYHOCKS HAVE GONE TO SEED,
BUT MUMS ARE EVERYWHERE
AND THERE'S A SENSE OF CELEBRATION
BLOWING IN THE AUTUMN AIR.

THERE ARE CRAFT SHOWS AND FESTIVALS,
A HAYRIDE HERE AND THERE,
A TIME TO VIEW SOME AUTUMN LEAVES
BEFORE THE TREES ARE BARE.
IT'S A TIME THAT KIDS TRICK-OR-TREAT
BENEATH THE FULL MOON'S KISS,
SWEET MEMORIES TO CHERISH
OF CHILDHOOD'S BYGONE BLISS.

THERE ARE FOOTBALL GAMES ON WEEKENDS
AND A WORLD SERIES TOO,
A TIME WHEN AVID SPORTS FANS
CAN HAVE A DREAM COME TRUE.
EVERY MONTH BRINGS US BLESSINGS,
EACH IN ITS OWN WAY.
IT HELPS KEEP US YOUNG AT HEART
AS THE YEARS SLIP AWAY.

Day Harrison
2018



OCTOBER 2018



LECTORS:
 7 Joyce Moore
 14 Rose Paddock
 21 Joanne Weber
 28 Bruce Brelsford

USHERS:
 7 Barbara Broady and Lynn Edwards
 14 Dick & Janette Kline
 21 Adam & Michelle Priestley
 28 Bob & Terry Zimmerman

ASSISTING MINISTERS:
 7 Brandon Tate
 14 Evie Braukhoff
 21 Richard Hartman
 28 Scott Braukhoff

ACOLYTES: Ashley Venable 10/7 Nya Hubbard 10/14 Rose Paddock 10/21 Ashley Venable 10/28
ANNOUNCERS: Richard Hartman 10/7 Scott Braukhoff 10/14 Joanne Weber 10/21 Evie Braukhoff 10/28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 5 PM SLF Mtg. 7 PM BSA 7 PM Lydia Circle	2 Kitchen in use 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 5 - 9 PM Cubs Plan.Mtg-Conf.Rm 7 PM AA	3 Kitchen in use 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	4 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 10:30 AM Worship & Music Meeting @ Au Bon Pain 6 - 9 PM Cub Scouts	5 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus	6 10 AM Gigi - Rehearsal
7 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	8 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 7 PM BSA Troop Comm. Meeting 7 - 9 PM Play Rehearsal (church)	9 Kitchen in use 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA 7 - 9 PM Play Rehearsal (church)	10 Kitchen in use 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 1:30 - 2:30 PM Care Giver's Supp. Group-Conf. Rm. 5 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Service of the Word 7 PM Choir	11 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 6 - 9 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Finance Meeting in Teller Room	12 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus	13
14 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:30 AM +Holy Communion & Confirmation 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Mtg. 6:30 PM AA	15 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 7 PM BSA 7 - 9 PM Play Rehearsal (church)	16 Kitchen in use 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	17 Kitchen in use 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	18 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 6 - 9 PM Cub Scouts	19 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus	20 10 AM Casserole Caravan 10 AM Gigi - Rehearsal 11 - 5 PM Floral Workshop
21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12 PM Parish Council Mtg 6:30 PM AA	22 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM BSA	23 Kitchen in use 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA 7 - 9 PM Play Rehearsal (church)	24 Kitchen in use 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Choir	25 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 6 - 9 PM Cub Scouts	26 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 6 - 9 PM Jay's Jam	27 6 PM Bingo
28 Reformation Sunday 9 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	29 Kitchen in use 9:30 - 12 PM Family Focus 6 PM BSA Patrol Leaders Conf. 7 PM BSA 7 - 9 PM Play Rehearsal (church)	30 Kitchen in use 3 - 5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	31 Kitchen in use 10 - 2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5 - 9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM Prayer on Wednesday 7 PM Brahms Dress Rehearsal			