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You are Invited to Share Your Time and Talents!

A Message from The Youth Committee

When I first moved to Chesapeake, I was engaged to be married and sought a church in which to raise my family. My first Sunday at First Lutheran was a Youth Sunday. Six or seven seniors gave their individual sermons to the congregation about what First had meant to them. Some of them discussed Synod events and understanding what it meant to be a part of God's Work in a greater, global mission of Grace. They also talked about the community of First – truly a church home. I prayed that my unborn children could have such a faith family and community.

Ten years later, my two children scamper about First Lutheran with a comfort that I dreamt for them. And this past year's Youth Sunday brought tears to all of our eyes again as the seniors discussed the lessons learned from the family of First and from the precious but all too short life of their classmate and friend. One senior talked about finding father figures in the fathers at the church. One senior talked about receiving newspaper clippings of her athletic achievements from a thoughtful member. Each senior showed how the love of the body of God's Church, the people of First, meaningfully impacted his or her life.

This year, the Youth Committee invites the church to share their time and talents and help the Youth see how God works through small and big, compensated and uncompensated ways in each of our lives. We thank First and God for the continued love, kindness and Grace shown each

day, but we additionally encourage people to volunteer to address the Youth at our monthly meetings or join us at the upcoming Scholarship Dinner, the Grace Car Wash, Christmas Caroling, volunteering at the NEST, or any other activity that interests you.

We are the Church. (ba-dum, bum.)

The body of our Lord. (ba-dum, bum.)

We are all God's children,

And we have been restored.

Thank you,

Elena E. Ilardi
Youth Committee Liaison
to Church Council



**Rally Day 2017
is Sunday,
September 10th**

Forwarding Faith through Lifelong Learning
Please join us to kick off the new Sunday School year!

- Breakfast on the 3rd floor at 9:30 AM
- Intergenerational program at 10:00 AM
 - VBS participants sing
 - Children meet their teachers
- Confirmation and youth classes meet
- Adults hear about upcoming classes

Meet Our Nursery Staff

Please take a moment to stop by the nursery and meet our current staff, (pictured L to R) Nicole Houston, Peichee McNamara, and Emma Yokois. We are so grateful for the care they give our children each week.



Ice Cream Social



Vacation Bible School



September 2017

Worship every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 AM. Nursery available.
 Sunday School at 9:45 AM with classes for children, youth and adults. Nursery available.
 Office Hours: 9 AM—4 PM Monday-Thursday, 9 AM -1 PM Friday
 Weekday Men's Bible Study: 7 AM Wednesdays at 21st Street IHOP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	4 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	5 12:30 PM Adult Ministry 7:00 PM Martha Circle	6 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ Charlie's Cafe 12:00 PM Lunch Ministry	7	8	9
10 Rally Day 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11	12 11 AM Lydia Circle	13 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ Charlie's Cafe 12:00 PM Lunch Ministry	14 10 AM—Quilt Group	15 Contact Deadline	16
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Worship Volunteers for September 2017

DATE	SEPT 3	SEPT 10	SEPT 17	SEPT 24
ASSISTING MINISTERS	(8:30) Karen Siegel (11:00) Betty Meyer	(8:30) Jim Harvey (11:00) Jean Bozeman	(8:30) Gail Plauka (11:00)	(8:30) Jim Harvey (11:00) Kat Kussart
LECTOR OT	(8:30) June Harvey (11:00) Judy Basco	(8:30) Diane Newlon (11:00) Janet Eggen	(8:30) Don Lundquist (11:00) Janet Eggen	(8:30) Simon Scott (11:00) Janet Eggen
LECTOR NT	(8:30) Jim Harvey (11:00) Kat Kussart	(8:30) Diane Newlon (11:00) Jean Bozeman	(8:30) David Perron (11:00) Marion Ingersoll	(8:30) Diane Newlon (11:00) Frank Minschke
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	(8:30) June Harvey (11:00)	(8:30) John Bissey / June Harvey (11:00) Kat Kussart / Rich Whittecar	(8:30) Steve Velotas (11:00) Denise Haag	(8:30) Blythe Ann Scott (11:00)
BREAD		Tammy DiBiaso	Kaye McGinnis	
COFFEE HOUR	Julia Callahan			
COMMUNION SET-UP	(8:30) Jane van Wolken / Schaus Family	(8:30) Chuck & Pam Baynard	(8:30) Ken & Melissa Zaletski	(8:30) Barbara Chapman / Jonathan Miller
COMMUNION CLEAN UP	(8:30) Jane van Wolken / Schaus Family (11:00) Jennifer Moll / Elizabeth Moll	(8:30) Williams Family (11:00) Jennifer Moll / Elizabeth Moll	(8:30) Williams Family (11:00) Jennifer Moll / Elizabeth Moll	(8:30) Barbara Chapman / Jonathan Miller (11:00) Jennifer Moll / Elizabeth Moll
FLOWERS	Joy Kelly	Janine Brown	Julie Moberly	Kirsten New
FLOWER REARRANGING	Emily Davidson / Rebecca Dozier	Emily Davidson / Rebecca Dozier	Emily Davidson / Rebecca Dozier	Emily Davidson / Rebecca Dozier
FLOWER DELIVERY	Ginger Van de Water			
GREETERS	(8:30) David & Linda Perron (11:00)	(8:30) David & Linda Perron (11:00)	(8:30) David & Linda Perron (11:00)	(8:30) (11:00)
USHERS	(8:30) Team One (11:00) Tim Hund, Steve Fox, Barry Halcrow, Joe Leafe, Charles Poston, Bill Robinson, Ginger Van de Water	(8:30) Team One (11:00) William Wattai, David Basco, Linda Braaten, Gregg Clifford, David Redilla, Dick Temple	(8:30) Team One (11:00) Don Strehlow, Mark Utecht, John Wittmann	(8:30) Team One (11:00) Bruce Johnson, Steve Asam, Bob Braaten, Don Buckley, Chris Coffing, Gail Plauka

Connect with Others

Christian Service Committee

Are you hiding your talent under a bushel? If you can cut 11 inch squares out of fabric, sew squares together, tie knots for quilts or stuff items into school bags, the Christian Service Committee can use your help. Squares may be cut or sewn at home at your convenience. Quilts are tied and bags are stuffed at our meetings, held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM in Strickler Hall. Our next meeting is September 26th. Everyone, both men and women, are invited to help. If you want more information, contact Pam Baynard, 757-638-4812, pbaynard65@charter.net.

Stew and Brew

Attention Brewers and Chefs: First Lutheran's annual Stew and Brew is coming up on October 14th at 5:00 PM! It's time to start brewing. Mark your calendars and get ready for competition. We're looking forward to seeing you all there! Contact Jacob Weber with any questions. (jaweber@vt.edu).

Lydia Circle

Meeting Change for Lydia Circle! Lydia Circle will meet the second Tuesday, September 12th, at 11:00 AM in Strickler Hall. We will be helping with a project for Lutheran World Relief to observe the ELCA's Week of Service. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Bring a sandwich if you would like to stay after the meeting to chat. Questions? Contact Pam Baynard, 757-638-4812, pbaynard65@charter.net.

Thank You Note

Dear Pastor Goeres,

Thank you for the recent donation of \$990.00 to the Faraja Fund Foundation. Your generous gift supports the Faraja Primary School in northern Tanzania, where children with physical disabilities receive high quality education, life skills training, and medical care.

On behalf of the Faraja Fund Foundation, I would like to acknowledge and express my personal appreciation for the contribution and for joining in this important mission.

Yours truly,

Donald M. Tolmie
Secretary & Treasurer

FLC Book Discussion Group

If you are looking for great book discussions and fellowship, check out the reading list for the First Lutheran Book Discussion Group for this fall. If one or all of these books are something you have wanted to talk about, please plan to join us. starting Sunday, September 10th at 6:30 PM. We love new perspectives and new friends.

The books for September and October are below. A full list through February 2018 is available on the bulletin board across from the desk in the Welcome Center.

September 10th

America's First Daughter,
by **Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie**, (2016.)

In a compelling, richly researched novel that draws from thousands of letters and original sources, bestselling authors tell the fascinating, untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha (Patsy) Jefferson Randolph--a woman who kept the secrets of our most enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy.

October 1st

The Mother of the Reformation,
by **Ernst Kroker** (2013), 269 pages. *paperback*

This readable, fresh translation of one of the standard biographical works on Katie Luther presents a compelling portrait for those desiring to know more about this quietly influential Reformation character. Mark DeGarmaux brings the warmth of Kroker's writing to a new generation of those interested in the Reformation and especially in Katie.

Council Summary, August

At our August 7th meeting, the Council:

- Opened with prayer
- Was enriched by Samantha DiBiao's presentation on the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission and her upcoming year of service
- Accepted the Compliance Review by Zukerman and Associates that cited no major exceptions of financial transactions for 2016
- Voted to receive an Endowment Distribution of \$77,360.00
- Gave thanks for recent baptisms and marriages
- Shared blessings, prayer concerns and prayer partners

The Council normally meets at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month. The meeting is open to the congregation.

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Lutherans around the World

Wittenberg was a small provincial town on the edge of the empire when professor and pastor Martin Luther lit an evangelical spark that illuminated God's grace and prompted reform in the Western church. Over the next five hundred years the good news spread far beyond Saxony and Europe. Today the family of Lutheran churches includes both the Lutheran World Federation (with 72 million congregants in 145 church bodies in ninety-eight nations) and the International Lutheran Council (with thirty-five member bodies in over thirty nations).

People, printing, and politics—all played a part in this process. Students from across Europe and Scandinavia, such as the Swedish brothers Olaus and Laurentius Petri, were drawn to Wittenberg. They participated in lively theological debates and were influenced by Luther and his colleagues. Returning home, these students carried new gospel insight and the movement for reform. They also carried books and soon were producing more, including translations of the Bible and Luther's works into their own languages. Lutheran ideas and practices were established and endured where those gained support from powerful persons, such as Christian III. Having witnessed Luther's defense at the Diet of Worms, he introduced Lutheran reforms in his duchy in the 1520s and then into the whole of his realm when he became king of Denmark.



Immigrants arrive at Ellis Island

Lutheranism was also spread by migration as Lutherans joined in the global movements of commerce and colonization that followed the so-called age

of discovery. With few, but notable, exceptions, religion was not the motivation for Lutheran migration to North America. Rather, the promise of better "daily bread" drew them from northern Europe and Scandinavia, from pre-Revolutionary time into the early twentieth century. Nonetheless, Lutheran migrants packed their Bibles, catechisms, and hymnbooks in their trunks. Upon arrival, they formed congregations, established institutions of mercy and education, and organized synods. Among the oldest congregations in the Western hemisphere is Frederick Lutheran in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Other Lutherans migrated to Australia, Brazil, Argentina, and southern Africa. In each place they adapted to unfamiliar customs, a new language, and being a minority denomination without government support.

Other Lutheran churches have their origin in missionary work begun in the early eighteenth century. Pietists' concern for holistic, personal faith generated both inner mission work close to home and the impulse to carry the gospel to people who had not heard it. First in south India, then around the world, the Bible and the catechism, translation and schools, were among missionaries' primary evangelical tools. As the churches have matured, local Lutherans take responsibility to articulate the gospel and address their own social concerns. In the twenty-first century, these growing Lutheran churches are providing leadership to and enriching the global communion.



L. DeAne Lagerquist

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September Birthdays

Rita Crusott McKinney	1 Sep	Jackson Edwards	8 Sep	John Hogan	17 Sep	Sarah Stennett	24 Sep
Scott Graham	1 Sep	Elizabeth Hughes	10 Sep	Jennifer Moll	17 Sep	Sheri Zanke	24 Sep
Clara Strehlow	2 Sep	Dorothea Krehft	10 Sep	Orion Posey	17 Sep	Charles Bauman	25 Sep
Roger Fuller	3 Sep	Alana McElligott	10 Sep	Robert Affeldt	18 Sep	India Pougher	25 Sep
William Grimboll	3 Sep	Michelle Peterson	10 Sep	Ginger Van de Water	18 Sep	Huaqiu Williams	25 Sep
Jennifer Horkey	3 Sep	Michelle Vera Cruz	10 Sep	Edward Williams	18 Sep	Jennifer Gilsdorf	27 Sep
Gail Plauka	3 Sep	Emma Graves	11 Sep	Claire Elverum	19 Sep	Johanna Fox	28 Sep
Barbara Ross	3 Sep	Ryan Diduk-Smith	13 Sep	Michael New	20 Sep	Denise Haag	28 Sep
Derrick Stanfield	3 Sep	Nicolas Miller	13 Sep	Margaret Kelly	21 Sep	Paul Horsboll	28 Sep
Cameron Williams	3 Sep	Seth Cummings	14 Sep	Caroline Robinson	21 Sep	Joseph Meads	28 Sep
Carter Ammons	5 Sep	Cheryl Gebler	14 Sep	Kela Harrison	22 Sep	Dirk Wilkins	28 Sep
Ross Echea	5 Sep	Kyle Cummings	16 Sep	Gayle Pougher	22 Sep	Janet Eggen	29 Sep
Andrea Hoover	5 Sep	Frederick Garrett	16 Sep	William Sauter	22 Sep	John Wass	29 Sep
Ray W. Hughes	5 Sep	Stefanie Levensalor	16 Sep	Juliet Larson	23 Sep	Kristin Johns	30 Sep
Elise Riggle	5 Sep	Richard Prendergast	16 Sep	Harrison Moore	23 Sep		
Joseph J. Powers	7 Sep	Tamara Sauter	16 Sep	Sherry Scheib	23 Sep		
Paula Ross	7 Sep	Leslie Trower	16 Sep	Anita Poston	24 Sep		

Prayer Concerns for September

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Give joyful thanksgiving

...for the baptism of Santiago Paul Jersild (son of Aaron and Carmen Gonzales and grandson of Paul and Marilyn Jersild).
...for the healing of cancer in Annika Jersild (granddaughter of Paul and Marilyn Jersild).
...for the birth of Donovan Gonzalez (son of Jorge and Kristen Gonzalez).
...for all the children in our lives.
...that each and every creature is valuable to God.
...that though we cannot keep the faith on our own, faith keeps us and allows us to speak the truths of/from God.
...that in the shaky places of our lives, our faith takes us to the feet of Jesus.
...that by grace through faith God forms us to preach, teach and live God's Word.
...that we are so rooted in the Gospel that our lives overflow in worship, witness, service, learning and support.

Pray that

...we are open to God's call that empowers us to advocate for those on the margins and serve those who are most vulnerable.

Pray for

...peace and comfort for Francine and family upon the death of her son.
...family and friends of **Ryley Cofer**.
...those effected by violence all over the world.
...peace and nonviolence in our country.
...safety for students returning to college and starting classes.
...all those who work overnight.
...the elderly living alone.
...leaders of the world in this time of high tension among so many countries.
...all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
...the homeless, unemployed and underemployed.
...those struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

Becky Baldwin, Marty Bradley, Roger Fuller, Patty Graham, Susan Griffin, Pam Hiner, Carolyn Meakin, Kelley Minschke, Lorna Moss, Betty Phillips, Phil Shore, Nancy Smith, Deb Thompson, Howard Warren, Adele Andrews, Jonathan Balk, Fran Carlson, Carol, Tommy Clifton, Steve Coleman, Gale, Hannah, Nancy Harding, Howard, Devin Hubert, Rocco Kasmak, Cathy Moye, Patty, Rob and Katrina, Annie Stewart, Theo and Patricia

Those dealing with cancer

Romona Denny, Susie Ellis, Jessica, Meg Miller, Joan Sutera, Jeff Zaloom

Military and their families:

Austin Davidson, Erika Flanagan, Mason Fox, Kelly and Eric Keiser, Dan Kelly, Roland Sanchez, Bill Seaman, Beth Silsdorf, Jonathan Goeres, Tim Kelly-deployed, John Marfield-deployed

Pray for all our service men and women throughout the world.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Readings for September

September 3rd

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10th

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

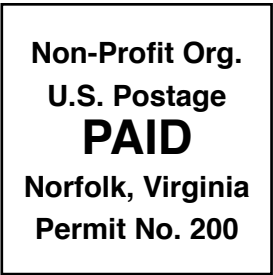
September 17th

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24th

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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