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On Our Way Rejoicing Through Worship & Music

Since January, 2019 we have shared the theme “On Our Way Rejoicing,” through four important parts of our congregation’s life. This month I would like to revisit those 4 themes and reflect on how worship & music are integral to each theme.

On Our Way Rejoicing Through Our History took us back to our beginnings in 1894. Through support from the Mission Board of the United Synod of the South, the Virginia Synod and congregations of this synod along with thousands of our own who have shaped this congregation. Each week we remember those shoulders on which we stand, “so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn....”

On our Way Rejoicing Through Our Programs reminds us that it is in our homes, Sunday Church School, Youth Ministry, Bible Studies, Circles, work groups and so many other settings that we have learned the music and scripture that are our touchstones and that shape our worship and life together. We give thanks for our teachers, parents, pastors, and our community that we have the foundation to live out our ministry in daily life.

On our Way Rejoicing Through Serving calls us to take our worship to the places we encounter those in need. We close each worship service not to stay but get out of here.....Go in peace....Serve the Lord in many and various ways.....GO...SERVE. Thanks be to God.

On our Way Rejoicing Through Global Ministry, always reminds me of a favorite hymn, ELW 569, “We thank you that your church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world its watch is keeping and never rests by day or night.”

This month is about taking all of that, and all the parts I didn’t name, and bringing it to the altar in worship. On our Way Rejoicing through worship and music is where we hear the Good News, we baptize, confess, receive forgiveness, receive the body and blood of our Lord, pray.....sing.....praise.....share a word of peace with our neighbor and we never forget the reason for our worship:

*“On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!”*

Rev. Jean Bozeman
(ELW 537)

Connect with Others



Join us June 8th, 11 AM – 2 PM for the church picnic at Lakewood park in Norfolk! We will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, the fixings, and drinks. Bring a side or dessert to share.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, May 7th, at 11:00 A.M. Along with the 125th Anniversary event on May 19, the program will be Celebrating Our Past, Anticipating the Future. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring lunch if you have time to stay after the program to chat. Questions? Contact Pam Baynard, 638-4812, pbaynard65@charter.net.

Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet on May 7th at 7:00 PM at the home of Karen Clifford, 5342 Studeley Avenue, Norfolk. All are welcome! Please join us for fellowship and food. June Harvey will lead our program on Mothers in the Bible.

Questions? Contact Paula Cook at pbcook513@icloud.com or 793-0551.

First Communion

Evelyn Douglas, CJ Fenley, and Tommy Silsdorf, received their First Communion during Holy Week! They and their parents joined Pastor Goeres for two weeks of study and learned that Holy Communion is the gift of Jesus that tells us we are loved and forgiven.

Adult Sunday School Class

May 5th, Adult Sunday School Class - A Peak into First Lutheran's Archives on the Big Screen

This one-time class will look at some of the photos, documents, and writings that are in First Lutheran's Archives. What do they tell us about Sunday School, building plans, the very beginnings of the Lutheran church in the U.S. and our church in Norfolk and Virginia? You will discover mysteries, stories of humor, and tales of courage. Join us on the 3rd floor as Donna Koch offers us a peak into the treasures of our archives and the history of our church.

Teacher Recognition

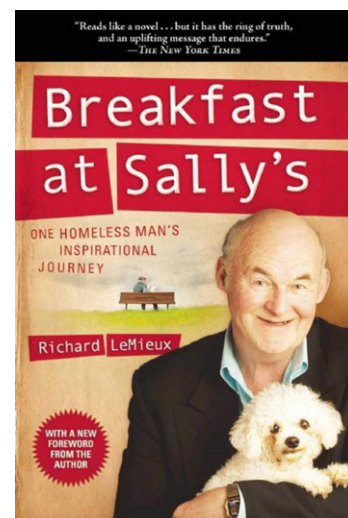
All First Lutheran teachers will be recognized at both services on May 12th. We appreciate all their time and talents that they share with us throughout the year! A donation will be made in their honor to the ELCA Good Gifts Program.

Vacation Bible School

Coming June 17th- 21st, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM Adults and children (pre-school through rising 5th graders) are invited to participate. Dinner will be provided from 5:30 - 6:00 PM for those attending VBS. The nursery will be available for those adults wishing to attend the adult classes. Registration will begin on Sunday April 28th. If anyone (especially older kids) would like to volunteer or has questions may contact Nickie Stewart (614)-208-2935 or Julie Sutera (614) 625-1678 or email Stewtera7@yahoo.com.

FLC Book Discussion Group

Once a happily married businessman, Richard LeMieux saw his fortune change almost overnight. In this heartfelt memoir, he describes his descent into homelessness and his struggle to survive personal and economic disaster. LeMieux describes his odyssey and the quirky, diverse, and endearing homeless people of Bremerton, Washington. *Breakfast at Sally's* is a



rare inside-look at how the other America lives, and how one man was able to reconnect, find good people, and ultimately, with their help, to persevere.

Our selected companion book for this discussion is *Stories From the Shadows* by James O'Connell, a doctor who cared for homeless folks in Boston.

Join the FLC Book Discussion Group to explore this issue which we see in Norfolk every day. We meet June 2nd at 6:30 PM at church. Everyone is welcome. The more voices and views, the richer the discussion.



Sunday, May 19th
10:00 AM

Bishop Robert Humphrey, Preaching
Reception to follow

Congregation Council Summary

At our April meeting, the Congregation Council:

- Opened its meeting with silent and spoken prayers
- Received notes of thanks for our ministry together from Faith, Suffolk and Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services
- Approved Personnel's recommendations related to our Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper position
- Identified Voting Members to the June 7-8, 2019 VA Synod Assembly
- Heard updates on various projects and our Congregational Vitality Process
- 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.



Lutheran Family Services of Virginia is participating in the Give Local 757 online giving campaign on Tuesday, May 14. Consider making a gift by going to www.givelocal757.org and search for Lutheran Family Services of VA. Donations will support our Treatment Foster Care and Developmental Services programs in the Tidewater area.

Questions? Contact Leah Shank at 540-562-8486 or lshank@lfsva.org.

May Birthdays

Johnny Sackel	2 May	Lori Kintsche	12 May	Dylan Holbach	22 May
Katie Sackel	2 May	Lindsay Logan	12 May	Jonathan Hund	22 May
Lynn Broman	3 May	Kelley Minschke	12 May	Erik Kisa	22 May
Margaret Fleet	3 May	Gabe Stachour	12 May	Gail Simos	22 May
Scott Silsdorf	3 May	Paula Cook	13 May	Ben Williams	22 May
Rebecca Dozier	5 May	Mike Haag	13 May	Reagan Heller	23 May
Megan Hurdle	5 May	Kirsten Bagans	14 May	Louise Hill	23 May
Jackie Velotas	5 May	Andy Hilton	14 May	Betty Jean Meyer, PhD	23 May
Meghan Velotas	5 May	Elizabeth Moll	14 May	Kenzie Griffin	24 May
Carol Curran	6 May	Betty Peterson	15 May	Max Kelly	27 May
Joann Klotz	6 May	Cheyenne Dandrea	16 May	John Bissey	28 May
Wil Thompson	6 May	Susan Griffin	16 May	Claudia Burckard	28 May
Holly Weisenbeck	7 May	Angelo Iardi	16 May	Paul Jersild	28 May
Sonja Baker	9 May	Matthew Thompson	16 May	Cathy Mims	28 May
Marty Mitchell	9 May	Max Carver	17 May	John Ridenhour	29 May
Daniel Pirtle	9 May	Eliot Faircloth	20 May	Bruce Johnson	30 May
Julie Coffing	10 May	Angela Hogan	21 May	Rick Brown	31 May
Brett Hogan	12 May	Nick Masters	21 May	Sam Erbig	31 May
Brianna Kelly	12 May	Gregg Clifford	22 May	Sophie Erbig	31 May

May 2019

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 Bible Study: Men at 7 AM Wednesdays at Charlie's Café, 4024 Granby Street, Norfolk, 23517
 Women at 2 PM Wednesdays at the home of Clara Strehlow, 5037 Smith Farm Road, Va. Beach, 23455

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12 PM FLY Lunch 12:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Book Discussion Group	6 7 PM Church Council	7 11 AM Lydia Circle 7 PM Martha Circle	1 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir	2 7 PM Service Committee	3	4
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Teacher Recognition</i> <i>Sunday</i> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	13	14	15 Contact Deadline	16 5:30 PM Laundry Love	17	18
19 <i>125th Celebration</i> 10 AM Worship 11 AM Reception	20	21	22 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir	23 10 AM Quilt Group	24	25
26 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	28 9:30 AM Christian Service Committee	29 7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Lunch Ministry 2 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir	30	31	

*** NA: Sunday 8 PM, Tues 5:30 PM, Fri 12 PM, Sat 5 PM, Sat 5 PM AA: Mon 5:30 PM, Fri 8 PM, Sat 8 PM SAA: Thurs 7:30 PM Women's AA: Tues 6 PM, Thurs 6 PM ***

Prayer Concerns for May

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 God's constant and everlasting love, forgiveness and mercy to everyone.
...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.

Help us

...to dedicate our time and actions to what God is calling us to be about.
...as we focus on opportunities to strengthen our ministry to families with children, ministry into our local community and communication.

Pray for

...comfort and peace for the family and friends of Dee Clare upon her death.
...comfort and peace for the family and friends of Brian Murphy upon his death
(brother of **Shelagh Humphreys**).
...those grieving the fire destruction of Notre Dame Cathedral and those who will work on restoring it.
...all new licensed drivers for awareness, safety and protection.
...people fleeing dire humanitarian situations for a better life.
...persons who are homeless.
...the unemployed and underemployed.
...those struggling with addiction and mental health issues.
...those mourning the death of loved ones.

Sonya Baker, Roger Fuller, Susan Griffin, Ray Hinton, Al Miller, Kelley Minschke, Lorna Moss, Betty Phillips, Howard Simon, Nancy Smith, Amy Spangler, Barb, Rob Burger and the Burger Family, Carl, Vicki Chatel, Dave and Susie, Stan Fox, John,

Jean Joyner, Kathryn, Katrina, Bill Metheney (step-father of **Jeff Humphreys**),

Theresa Smith Milne, Cathy Moye, Angela Nielsen, Mogens Nielsen, Patty, Rachel, Richard, Rob, Sandy, Frances Sizemore, Annie Stewart, Susan, Suzy, Zoë

Those dealing with cancer

Mark Basco, Rob Burger, Dave, Jo, Lydia Powell, Ann Wilson Rose, Andie Seagraves, Jess WineKing

Military and their families:

Austin Davidson, Mason Fox, Dan Kelly, Ted Peterson, Beth Silsdorf, Brian Becker, Jonathan Goeres, Amy Hardbower, Nicolette Huntley, Tim Kelly, Kelly Mackenzie, John Marfield, Nikki Parkman

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Readings for May

May 5th -

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 12th -

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19th

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26th

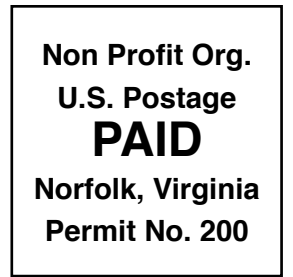
Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10,
22--22:5

John 14:23-29

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