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Coming soon... **Vacation Bible School** **August 8th - 12th... 5:30-7:30**

***What You Do Today Can Change
The World Around You***

“Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

John 7:38, NIV

In this wet and wild VBS, kids will learn that what you do today can change the world around you. When you put your trust in Jesus, you can “make waves” because of His Spirit living inside you. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God’s Word, we’ll help kids understand how they can share God’s love with the people around them. They’ll discover that when they put their faith in Jesus, God will give them His Spirit. And like the Bible says, the Spirit is like many streams of living water. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God’s Word, kids will explore what it means to “make waves” in their own lives that will influence the people around them. We think it’s possible for kids and volunteers to create a ripple effect that can impact the world



around them in ways they will never forget. God dropped you onto this planet to do the same thing- to make waves.

You’re designed to make positive change in the world. And the kids who show up in our ministry need to believe that about themselves to.

There will also be adult activities (adult VBS)

To register please go to the FLC website, www.flcnorfolk.org, and follow the link.

To Volunteer or if you have a question please email Nickie Stewart/Julie Sutera at Stewtera7@yahoo.com or call 614-208-2935.



Make Waves! This is the theme of Vacation Bible School this year – and it won’t be only our children who will be making waves!

Adults are invited to come each evening for their own sessions and activity stations. Pastor Scott and Pastor Cathy will lead conversations and activities based on the same readings and themes that the children are exploring, but with a depth and perspective that will engage our minds and hearts to grow in faith.

It won’t, however, be all seriousness and heavy intellectualism – it is Vacation Bible School after all! We will have fun activities, tapping into our creative sides and plenty of opportunity to get to know one another better!

So join us August 8-12 from 5:30 to 7:30 (we’re feeding you too!) to explore how God has created us to make waves of change in the world – by following Jesus, trusting him, loving one another and relying on the Holy Spirit!

Where Have All The Flowers Gone?

Altar flowers are delivered to someone in the FLC community to let them know they are important to us. However, we need volunteers to be a part of this essential ministry.

Facts about altar flowers that you may not know:

- Altar flowers are donated to the church through individual sign-ups. You can sign up to give flowers for the altar. To do so, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Center, via the Sign-Up Genius which can be found in the weekly emails or call the church office at (757) 625-1953.
- Every week, members of the flower ministry use their talents to arrange the flowers for which we are very thankful.
- On Sundays, when we see these flowers given to the Glory of God, we lift in prayer those to whom the flowers are dedicated and to those who give them.
- After worship, the flowers are divided into bouquets and readied to be delivered. Clara Strehlow has been heading up this ministry for years and we want to thank her for her caring and organization.

You are needed for the next step:

- Please consider delivering one of these bouquets to a member who is celebrating a birthday, or someone who is homebound, mourning, or needs to be reminded that Jesus loves them

- There will be a monthly schedule of how many volunteers are needed each week and the general area a recipient lives. Sign up on a list at the desk or email Judy Cobb judithcobb1348@gmail.com.
- After worship the bouquets will be placed on the desk in the Welcome Center along with a card giving the person's name, address, phone number, and reason for this gift (e.g., birthday, anniversary, thank you, etc.)

If you have questions, please call Judy at 443-632-4496 or email judithcobb1348@gmail.com.

Volunteers are currently needed for:

August 7th – Norfolk (23518) & Virginia Beach (23464)

August 14th – Virginia Beach (23464) & Norfolk (23510)

August 21st – Norfolk (23517) & Norfolk (23509)

August 28th – Virginia Beach (23464)

September 4th – Norfolk (23518), Norfolk (23508), & Virginia Beach (23451)

August Birthdays

1 Aug John Kennard	8 Aug H. Lee Addison	17 Aug Carl Biboum	23 Aug Mary Sikorski
1 Aug Jim Melchor	9 Aug Aaron Weeks	19 Aug Jean Bozeman, D.D.	24 Aug James Fordyce
2 Aug Nichole Blaisure	10 Aug Steve Delaney	19 Aug Bill Davis	25 Aug Dan Kelly
2 Aug June Harvey	10 Aug Alex Steckroth	19 Aug Don Lundquist	26 Aug Elizabeth Janik
2 Aug Amy Hood	10 Aug Randall Wiele	19 Aug Yolanda Reavis	26 Aug Jen Thompson
3 Aug Debbie Bauman	11 Aug Elise Williams	20 Aug Linda Kenyon	27 Aug John E. Fischer
3 Aug Christina O'Neill	12 Aug Johanna Bradley	20 Aug Catherine Wass	28 Aug Susan Posey
3 Aug Faith Winstead	12 Aug Jessica Scott	22 Aug Emily Curran	29 Aug Brooke Gates
4 Aug David Griffin	13 Aug Karen Clifford	22 Aug Mimi Ledbetter	30 Aug Pat Davis
5 Aug Kim Granger	13 Aug Dylan Hurdle	22 Aug Diane Newlon	30 Aug Easton Stopa
7 Aug Neal Azar	13 Aug Pam Martin	22 Aug Liz Ritchey	31 Aug Nancy Yokois
7 Aug Leslie Bauer	13 Aug Ted Peterson	23 Aug Alistair Ruggiero	
7 Aug Paige Waitzer	16 Aug Maynard Schaus	23 Aug Dorothy Shaffer	

"Troubling the Waters"

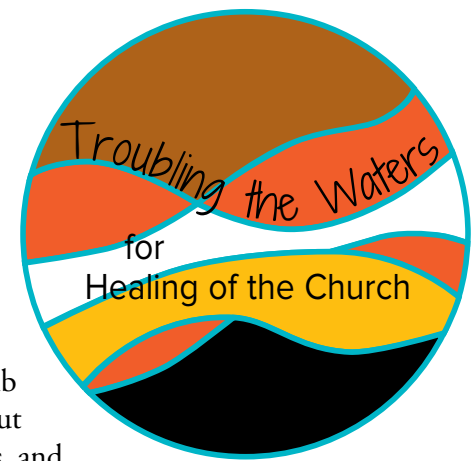
With the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has issued a pastoral message. She reminds us of the ELCA Social Statement on abortion, adopted in 1991. Despite the new legal landscape, we continue to depend on our social teaching for moral guidance.

The Statement recognizes that abortions are "a source of deep concern," but given the complexities surrounding pregnancy and the bearing of new life, the practice should not be illegal. "Laws should be enacted and enforced justly for the preservation and enhancement of life and should avoid unduly encumbering or endangering the lives of women." Unfortunately, that is what the Court's decision does by placing decisions about abortion regulation at the state level, where some will outlaw abortion entirely.

Church members may hold divergent views over "when life begins" (as do church denominations), which will determine their views concerning abortion. Whatever their

views, Bishop Eaton notes with approval the significant majority who recognize the growing seriousness of the issue the closer life in the womb comes to full term. But the conflict continues, and the churches are called to be a peacemaker, "instruments for peace where there is none."

One might add that abortion over the years has often been associated with irresponsible sexual behavior, but it poses a much larger issue. The avid anti-abortionist would absolutize prenatal life, regardless of the circumstances at conception. Obviously, that can result in extremely difficult if not overwhelming consequences, particularly for the woman. Let us hope that our society can reach a just and compassionate outcome to this conflict.



ATTENTION FLC SHOPPERS!



Back to school sales have started and the Virginia tax-free event for school supplies is August 5-7. It's the perfect time to buy school supplies to fill 150 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed are: 150 each child's blunt tip scissors, 2 1/2 inch pink erasers, 30-centimeter rulers or rulers with one side inches and one side metric, crayons (24 per box), pencil sharpeners, 750 blue or black ball point pens (no gel), 750 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, and 600 spiral notebooks, 70-sheets each, either wide or college ruled. There will be a box in the Welcome Center for donations. If you don't have time to shop, cash is always welcome. Make checks payable to FLC and mark your donations- cash, check or online- for Christian Service. Thank you for any support you can give to this worthwhile project. Questions? Contact Pam Baynard, (757) 681-0157, or pbaynard65@charter.net.

Thank You Note

Thank You

I give thanks to all the cards, calls, flowers, food & visits during my recent surgery for a new knee! May you never underestimate the value of all of your kindnesses. They all gave me just the perfect amount of kindness to recuperate & regain my strength! I thank God for such special people.

Linda Turner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	1	2	3	4	5	6
13	8	9	10	11	12	13
20	15	16	17	18	19	20
27	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

Pastors' Day Off

VBS 5:30—7:30 PM

Contact Deadline

Make a Difference

General Deadlines:
 12 PM Tuesdays—Life Together Weekly Edition
 3 PM Tuesdays—Altar Flowers
 4 PM—June 15th—The Contact
 Email kminnick@fclnorfolk.com with your articles & information.

Community Groups (Strickler Hall): Sundays—7 PM Mixed Groups; Mondays—4:30 PM Happy Hour AA; 5 PM Happy Hour AA; 7 PM SAA; Tuesdays—12 PM Just for Today; Thursdays—6 PM Women in Ghent AA; 7:30 PM SAA; Fridays—12 PM Continuing Quest; 8 PM Candlelight; Saturdays—5:30 PM Back to Life

Connect with Word and Body

Prayer Concerns for August

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Give joyful thanksgiving

...For this church who gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing
 ...For those in power who are motivated to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind
 ...For those who work to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples

Help us

...Welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you
 ...Honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures
 ...Reassure all who are worried and distracted, soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit, and sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers

Pray for

...Homeless people and stray animals
 ...The people of Japan and the family of Shinzo Abe
 ...Comfort for the community of Highland Park, all victims and families of gun violence in this country and our community
 ...Our nation in this time of turmoil and crisis
 ...The people of Ukraine and an end to the aggression against them
 ...Inga Schaus' family who reside in the Ukraine
 ...Peace and comfort to the Hogan family
 ...First responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others
 ...Blessing and protection of children, the elderly, and the sick who cannot be vaccinated
 ...Justice for the victims of racial oppression & violence
 ...Those who are dying, that they are secure in knowing that God loves them & will welcome them into everlasting life.
 ...People fleeing dire humanitarian situations for a better life.
 ...The sick, that they are comforted and the despairing, that they receive hope.
 ...Those struggling with addiction and mental health issues.
 ...Those mourning the death of loved ones.
 ...For all who cry out to God in any need.

Margaret & Ronald Ackley, Don Buckley, Olivia Christianson, Barbara Cordrey, Janet Eggen, Bonnie Elverum, Roger Fuller, Joelle Griffith (mother of Paula Barwick), Ed Grogan, Valerie & Jim Harvey, Marion Ingersoll, Sheri Kanipe, Joann Klotz, Kelley Minschke, Lorna Moss, Bill Newlon, Linda & David Perron, Betty Phillips, Grasea Pulliam & Dena, Gail Simos, Shirley Skees, Julia Silsdorf, Nancy & Jack Smith, **Gail Stenberg, Randy Wiele, Melissa & Ken Zaletski,** Betty Lou, Charles, Gert, Givens/Daniels Families, Harriette & Dave Wheatley, Jimmy, **Megan (niece of Melissa & Ken Zaletski),** Mimi, Rema, Renee, Rob, Sue & Jim Webb, Vernon

Those dealing with cancer

Bob, James Collier, Iris Corbin, Harriette Wheatley (friend of the Grogans), Jenn, David Kelly, Chris Jones (nephew of Karen Siegel), Vickie Mack, Mark, Melvin (Jack) Smith, Phil, Randall R. Wiele, Rob, Sandy, Andie Seagraves, Gerald Stover, Dallas Williams, Jess WineKing

Military and their families:

All military personnel around the world.
Fox family, Tom Douglas, Gabriel Dulong, Kyle Hefner, Bobby Masters, Nano Masters, Nick Masters, Ted Peterson, Inga Schaus, Nathaniel Schaus, Brian Becker, Amy Hardbower, Nicolette Huntley, Tim Kelly, Eli Jones, Ian Logan, Kelly Mackenzie, John Marfield, Nikki Parkman

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

— Amen.

Readings for August

August 7th -

Genesis 15:1-6
 Psalm 33:12-22
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

August 14th -

Jeremiah 23:23-29
 Psalm 82
 Hebrews 11:29--12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 21st -

Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 103:1-8
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

August 28th -

Proverbs 25:6-7
 Psalm 112
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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