

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

Mission Initiative: A Book for Every Child at Graham Road Elementary School

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our fall mission initiative is something close to Martin Luther's heart—literacy. He translated the Bible into German so ordinary people could read it, and he advocated for public education for all children, including girls, at a time when girls' education was not considered important. Beginning September 17th through October 29th, our goal is to raise \$1,000 dollars to provide 500 books - a book for every child at Graham Road Elementary School (GRES).



As a Title-1 school, GRES serves students from many low-income homes. At the close of the 2015-2016 academic year, the last year

for which statistics are posted, there were 492 students, 75% of whom were Hispanic. 59% of the students were classified as English learners and 81% received free or reduced price meals.

One of the most important educational goals of the principal, Dr. Lindsay Elliott, the staff and faculty is to put books into the hands of the students - especially those whose parents can't afford to purchase books for their children. Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is the vehicle through which Holy Trinity can provide these books. RIF has been around for 50 years; its mission has been and continues to be providing

books and literacy support to children and families in underserved communities across our country. Through longstanding relationships with the nation's top publishers, RIF has negotiated discounts on thousands of books. Books that normally retail for \$5 - \$25 will cost just \$2 each, making each dollar we raise go further for the students at GRES.

- If you want to include a donation for this initiative in your regular envelope, please designate it as GRES - Books on the memo line.
- Watch for posters in the narthex showing the progress toward our \$1,000 goal.

Reading teachers and the school librarian will select books from RIF's online catalogue suitable for students in Head Start through 6th grade and at all reading levels. Once the

books have been ordered, we'll arrange a book distribution celebration at a convenient date in the school calendar. We hope several members of Holy Trinity will be available to assist at the celebration.

If you would like more information, please contact Judy Baker at <u>judybaker2825@yahoo.com</u> or 703-237-8717. Interested in mentoring? See page 6.

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Pastor's Peace

The Final Countdown: We are now only two months away from the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This is the final countdown to the night when Martin Luther nailed his 95 thesis to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg. On the morning of November 1st, All Saints Day, the town woke up ready to attend church and saw Luther's critiques of current church practice on the sale of indulgences posted for everyone to see. The Church, and life of faith, would never be the same.

For 500 years the Reformation and Luther's theology of God's love and grace as a gift and not earned by works has transformed individuals' and communities' lives. In this early fall season, we are going to look at some of Luther's contemporaries in order to gain a better understanding of the ways their lives were changed. We hope the stories of Luther's contemporaries also help each of you articulate the significance of this anniversary for your life and for generations to come.

While we explore these different voices, we will try to support one of Luther's most important initiatives: the education of young children. During the next few weeks (as noted on the front page) we are going to try to raise \$1,000 in order to buy 500 books for the Graham Road Elementary School library. We are raising money to buy books not only for the students to have a variety of reading options, but also to promote their love of learning.

Below is a the concluding paragraphs of an article titled: Reflections on Martin Luther and Childhood Education by Marilyn J. Harran from the <u>Journal of Lutheran Ethics</u>. The words are incredibly relevant to the current events of today.

Writing in times far different than ours, Luther underscored the importance of a curriculum that truly engages young people and that inspires them to a genuine love of learning in all its many forms. In particular, Luther stressed the study of history which teaches by example. History helps us to find our place in the world, to learn from those who have preceded us — in short, history helps us to find our "own place in the stream of human events."

By this statement, I think, Luther urged us to be cognizant of our values and to have the courage to articulate them in even the most trying of circumstances. In home, school, church, and community, fostering that awareness and understanding is the purpose of education and the responsibility of educators. No challenge is more urgent than empowering young people courageously to step into the stream of human events, refusing to stand upon the shore as bystanders. In my own teaching, I share with my students the example of the White Rose movement in Nazi Germany. In the midst of a nation where the many were silent and obedient bystanders, a few students, empowered by their faith, chose to speak out. They proclaimed: "We must attack evil where it is strongest, and it is strongest in the power of Hitler." They urged their fellow citizens to "cast off the cloak of indifference you have wrapped around you." They challenged the authority of an evil regime not with physical weapons but with spiritual ones, with the power of words. Sentenced to death, they faced execution with remarkable faith and courage, young people who had found their "place in the stream of human events" and who, guided by conscience, refused to be separated from their ideals.

Pastor Mike

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Council News

"And suddenly you know...it's time to start something new, and trust the magic of beginnings." – Meister Eckhart (1260-1328), German theologian and philosopher

Early fall is a time of exciting beginnings at Holy Trinity:

- Work starts on the renovations to our education space to accommodate a child care center tenant, after nearly a year of consideration, planning, and preparation;
- We welcome an energetic, experienced new pastor of youth and family ministry to our church community;
- We resume our Sunday school, Sunday Night Life, and other regular church programming, including returning to two Sunday worship services
- We'll hold our first Holy Trinity Oktoberfest!

First, let me update you on the Church Council's efforts to prepare for our childcare tenant, Building Blocks Day School II.

In mid-August, we signed a 10-year lease with Mabel Espinoza, the owner of Building Blocks Day Care of Falls Church, and on August 23, we closed on a loan from Thrivent -- the terms of which were approved at our Congregational Meeting in June -- to fund renovations to our education space to accommodate our new childcare tenant. After a competitive bidding process involving five construction companies and utilizing an independent consultant to help us compare and analyze the proposals, the Council last month selected and signed a contract with Tall Oaks Construction LLC of Vienna to conduct the renovation work, which is now underway.

In late August, volunteers and hired help cleared out the space at the church that will be used for the child care and reconfigured some of the existing space at the church to create a new youth/community room and conference space. I hope by the time you read this you've already had a chance to check out these new spaces. Furniture that the church no longer needs in now staged in an area of Fellowship Hall and will be sold at a reasonable price or donated.

Taking on a childcare tenant is a big step for Holy Trinity – one that will greatly help our local community and will

create an additional source of funding for church programs beyond the regular financial contributions of our members. Many people were integrally involved in this exciting beginning for us and played critical roles in its success along the way, including: Anne Simmons, Marcia Ihnen, Terry Bathen, Eric Chancellor, Dave Badger, Robin LeMunyon, Lynn McKay, and the members of last year's and our current Church Council and Trustees. I know you join me in extending a warm thank you to these folks.

September 1 marked another great beginning for Holy Trinity, when Pastor Krista Vingelis began work as our new Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry. Pastor Krista holds her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and her Bachelor of Arts with a major in Theater from George Mason University. She's passionate about working with youth; encouraging their faith formation through curriculum as well as the performing arts.

At Holy Trinity, Pastor Krista's responsibilities will include leading all aspects of Sunday Night Life (SNL), developing and organizing youth activities, coordinating our fundraising activities for the 2018 National Youth Gathering, and helping lead worship on Sunday mornings. The Church Council is excited about bringing Pastor Krista on for two key reasons: Her presence at Holy Trinity will help Pastor Mike better manage the responsibilities of a church with two sites – Falls Church and the Mosaic District; and Pastor Krista is also going to help us assess our current youth and family ministry offerings to see if they're effectively meeting the needs of our congregation. So in the coming months, you can expect that she may be asking some of you some questions about our youth and family offerings.

Finally, mark your calendars for October 14 and dig out your lederhosen because Holy Trinity will be hosting its first Oktoberfest, sure to be a fun event for all! As Meister Eckhart, a native of the country that gave us Oktoberfests, entreated us so many centuries ago, let us all "trust the magic of beginnings" as we head into fall!

Pamela Kabati 2017-18 Council President

Council: Pamela Kabati, Eric Chancellor, Terry Bathen, Julie Davis, Scott Sherard, Anne Simmons, Marcia Ihnen, Mark Kerr, Aurelia Khorsand, Mary Minette, Harry Search



EXCITING STAFF NEWS

Over the summer the Church Council and Pastor Mike have been working hard to plan for the different ways we are growing and expanding our congregation and our use of space.

As you may recall, on January 1st of this year we became a church with two locations (Falls Church and Merrifield). Now, almost eight full months into the this new identity as a multisite congregation, we are seeing growth at both locations. In order to manage this growth, we need to allocate more resources toward growing our staff in order to support and reach new members as well as provide even better content and care for our existing members.

Below is a small introduction to some of the new and existing staff members and their various responsibilities.

Pastor Krista Vingelis—On September 1, Pastor Krista was hired as our Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry. Her responsibilities include: leading all aspects of Sunday Night Life (SNL); developing and organizing youth activities, coordinating our fundraising activities for the 2018 National Youth Gathering, and leading worship on Sunday mornings. Pastor Krista returns to the Metro DC area after serving congregations in Porterville (CA), Jamaica (NY) and Hooversville (PA). She holds her Master of Divinity with a concentration in Youth and Family Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and her Bachelor of Arts with a major in Theater from George Mason University. She has worked with teens and children both in the arts and in the church for more than 20 years. Currently, she is also working with the Reston Community Center's "Young Actor's Theatre." Pastor Krista loves to hang out with her dogs, watch movies, read books, be involved in the arts, and spend time with family and friends. She is excited to be here to partner with the people of Holy Trinity in making God's love known to all through Jesus Christ.

Cynthia Espinoza—On August 13, Cynthia joined the Holy Trinity staff as our new nursery attendant. Cynthia is enthusiastic, mature and thoroughly enjoys working with children. She has extensive child care experience and she looks forward to working at Holy Trinity with the families of the children who will be in her care.

Greg D'Addario is now our Communications Administrator. Greg is responsible for maintaining our Google and web accounts and publicizing HT and Mosaic events to local papers.

Kateleigh Hewins Clark is now our Director of Social Media and Brand Management (Falls Church). Kateleigh is responsible for updating and maintaining our <u>holytrinityfallschurch.org</u> website, Facebook and other social media.

Kristin LeMunyon is our Director of Social Media and Brand Management (Mosaic). Mosaic District Church is Holy Trinity's second site. Kristin is responsible for updating and maintaining the <u>mosaicdistrictchurch.org</u> website, as well as overseeing social media posting and advertising.

Youth News

by Pastor Krista, Youth and Family Ministry

Greetings to you, my sisters and brothers in Christ!

As we begin together a season of ministry, mission and service, let me say that I am excited to see what God is up to in our shared Kingdom work. Together we'll evaluate and assess where we are in our ministries to children, youth and families and then plan and build as the Lord directs our next steps. I believe we're in for a good year ahead. I look forward to building relationships with you, alongside you, and with the greater Falls Church community. Pr. Krista

SNL begins on September 17. See future bulletins for exciting new details!

Sunday School Starts on September 17th! We have classes for Pre-K through high school age students including a Confirmation class for 7th and 8th graders. Welcome to new teachers and students and welcome back to those returning.

Thank you for your service to Holy Trinity's youth! Here's to a great year! Below is the list of our Christian Education volunteers:

Andy Paparella Jennifer Rohrer Amy Loar Tim Mellett

Joe Kile Kristin LeMunyon Hao-y Tran Froemling Lynn McKay Seth Clark Kateleigh Hewins Clark

Sunday Supers: Carrie Daniels and Martha Kile





Music Notes 🎝

To the congregation of Holy Trinity,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer! I am looking forward to our many musical adventures this coming year. Our musical groups start their weekly rehearsals — Bells on Wednesday, September 6th (7:30-9 p.m.), and choir on Thursday, September 7th (also 7:30-9 p.m.). I hope to see some new faces this year! These groups focus on more traditional styles of music in order to augment worship at both contemporary and traditional services here at HT. If you are interested in the inter-generational (yet mostly youth driven) contemporary praise band, Reformation, you are also welcome to join us on Sunday, September 24th, from 4-5 p.m. for our first rehearsal of the season. Reformation plays Christian music at our 8:45 a.m. contemporary piano services.

Thank you to all who enhanced our summer worship together by performing alone or with others during our 10 a.m. services. I hope you'll consider continuing your music journey by joining one of our musical groups for the "regular season", so that you may continue blessing us year round with your musical talents!

Be on the lookout for some special music on **September 24**th for both services as we have our annual "**Of Land and Seasons**" worship service with hammer dulcimer, stand up bass, fiddle, and yours truly as cantor. There is also a very special **Reformation organ concert/hymn sing at 4:00 p.m. on October 21**st (see below), featuring a well-known guest organist from the Midwest. There also may be other concerts on the horizons, so keep an eye out!

If you are interested in pursuing more musical opportunities, or are simply interested in chatting about the music program here at church, please do not hesitate to reach out. All the very best,

Joshua Brown, Director of Music josh@holytrinityfallschurch.org

Join us on Saturday, October 21 for a very special

Reformation Organ Concert and Hymn Sing

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church featuring

accomplished organist Dr. Chad Winterfeldt



Dr. Chad Winterfeldt is Cantor of Christ Chapel at Gustavus Adolphus College. In that role, he guides the musical and liturgical aspects of worship in the chapel. He teaches courses in church music, music theory and history, maintains an active organ studio and directs three handbell ensembles. He is the 2015 recipient of the Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

He holds degrees in organ performance from the University of Nebraska, Yale University, and Concordia College in Moorhead.

He serves the organ community as an active recitalist, adjudicator, and leader in the American Guild of Organists and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.





MEET AND GREET

Pastor Krista, our new Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry

Sunday, September 10 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Food will be provided



Serving Our Neighbor

Can You Mentor a Student at Graham Road Elementary School?

This past academic year, the staff at Graham Road (GRES) revived their mentoring program. They would like to double it this year. In order to do that, they will need many more mentors. You might be just who they are looking for.

They describe mentors as caring, responsible people who are interested in giving time to a student, encouraging the child to develop his/her strengths and capabilities. A mentor becomes a role model, a friend, a guide, a listener, a motivator, an advocate.

The mentoring program serves students in grades 1 - 6. Students and their mentors meet once a week sometime during the school day for half an hour in the library to talk, read, make crafts, play board games and take part in other activities. Mentors contribute to their students' development by providing academic encouragement and support, and by helping students see beyond their present circumstances to wider opportunities in the future.

In addition to the mentoring program, volunteer opportunities continue in classrooms and the school library. Talk with any of last year's volunteers to learn more about their experiences—

- Linda Beaty (library)
- Wilma Dublin (kindergarten)
- ♦ Judy Baker (2nd grade)
- ♦ Amy Loar (5th/6th grade)

If you want to know more about the mentoring program and the volunteer application process, contact Judy Baker at <u>judybaker2825@yahoo.com</u> or 703-237-8717.

Thank you to everyone who donated backpacks, books and board games for the Graham Road elementary students. We exceeded our goal! A total of 80 backpacks was collected and delivered to the Graham Road school by Judy and Arnold Baker. The staff and students are most grateful!



Thanks to everyone who attended our congregational potluck earlier this summer and stayed to assemble Personal Care Kits earlier this summer

for Lutheran World Relief!

Thanks to Marcia Ihnen for volunteering to pack and ship our numerous donations to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD.









We invite you to join us in connecting with, growing and serving God's community. Listed below are groups that meet monthly. ALL ARE WELCOME!



ADULT FORUM—Sundays—Rothenberg Hall, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Mike will be our enthusiastic interim coordinator!



OWLS Potluck—First Wednesday—Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m. Fun, Food, Conversation and birthday celebrations! Do you have old greeting cards? OWLS will gather card fronts as a service project, assemble and mail them to St. Jude's Children's Hospital where they will be remade into new cards. Please, no Hallmark, Disney, or American, and no larger than 5 x 7. Bring to HT in a bag and place in black crate in narthex. Questions, call Leona at (703) 573-1708.

Women's Bible Study

omen's Women's Bible Study Group kick-off, Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Featuring a salad supper and an introduction to the new season's study.

Miriam/Lydia Bible Study Group—Third Friday—Youth/Community Room, 1:00 p.m.

Naomi Bible Study Group—Fourth Sunday—Youth/Community room, 5:30 p.m.



Faith Outside the Box—Fourth Monday—Conference Room, 7:00 p.m. [Contact John Bowen]



Needlecrafters/Knitting Ministry—Second & fourth Wednesdays—Rothenberg Hall, 10:00 a.m. September 13 and 27 and October 11 and 25. [Contact Judy Baker or Alfie Rulis]



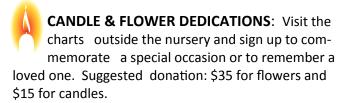
Women's Book Club—First Saturday morning—various locations

Due to the holiday, we will meet on **September 9** at 8:30 a.m. to



discuss 'Last Bus to Wisdom' by Ivan Doig October 7; book to be decided. [Contact Linda Beaty]

SUNDAY MORNING LAY MINISTRY: We need Greeters for both services! There are many available slots to fill this important ministry. Please visit www.SignUp.com.



SUNSHINE SECRETARY

Sandra Lee <u>leeassociates@aol.com</u>
Please contact Sandra if you know of someone who is celebrating a special occasion, having health concerns or mourning the loss of a loved one.

PRAYER CHAIN

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Library News

FALL 2017

Good news! If you missed watching the DVD, "Saving Jesus Redux" during the Faith Outside the Box sessions this past summer, it is now available to borrow! The cover description includes the following: "Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left?" In the DVD are conversations by Diana Butler Bass, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, John Shelby Spong, and many others.

by Mary Bowen, Librarian

Can't make it to Germany for the tour of Reformation sites? Take the tour in your home, with the library's new DVD, "Rick Steves' Luther and The Reformation."

Your library also has two new Luther-related books. First, "Martin Luther: Renegade and Profit" by Linda Roper. A review in The Times said that the author "has an extraordinary talent for making complex theological issues not just clear but entertaining. Luther jumps from these pages with immense vitality, as if his exploits occurred last week." Second, "The Table Talk of Martin Luther" edited by Thomas S. Kepler. This book "consists of excerpts from the great reformer's conversations with his students and colleagues, in which he comments on life, the church, and the Bible."

And, for the younger crowd, we have the following new books:

- 1. "When Lightning Struck!: The story of Martin Luther" by Danika Cooley.
- 2. "Inside the Reformation: The Times that Change the World" by Concordia Publishing House.
- 3. "Spy for the Night Riders: Martin Luther" by Dave Jackson
- 4. "The Chickens Build a Wall" by Jean-Francois Dumont.

The two DVDs and all the new books (including those for the younger crowd) will be on the long table in the library during the month of September. Come check them out!

Watch for a special library table at Rally Day, with fun and surprises!

A Note of Thanks

HT WELCA gratefully acknowledges the recent receipt from the estate of Ray Sparnon's mother of an amazing

assortment of knitted and crocheted items. An incomplete list includes the following: 36 toallitas, 54 granny square blankets, 2 dozen book marks, 9 scarves, 12 head bands, 14 ear warmers, 45 hats and enough granny squares for an additional dozen blankets (to be assembled).

The completed items will be distributed to Graham Road Elementary school (hats and scarves), a West Virginia ministry (granny-square blankets, hats and scarves, ear warmers, headbands), the Welcome Blanket project that is being displayed at the Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago pending distribution to new immigrants and refugees seeking settlement, and the El Salvadoran eye ministry (toallitas). We are exploring strategies for dealing with the granny squares yet to be converted to lap blankets; more on this later.

Many thanks also to Ray and Jane for being the emissaries of this bounty.



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers and wonderful cards while I was in the hospital and recovering. All of your kind thoughts and prayers gave me strength and courage knowing others were thinking of me. I am at home and still in the recovery phase, but feeling better and stronger each day. Thank you again. Alfie Rulis





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2:00 p.m. on the Church porch

All are welcome to join us! Bring your leashed pets for a special blessing.

In case of rain, the blessing will be held in the narthex.



OCTOBERFEST

at HTLC Saturday, October 14 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Food provided

Ticket sale details coming soon (proceeds to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response)

ALL ARE WELCOME



October 13 - 15, 2017



This is a two-night Lutheran women's retreat, open to ALL women, at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House, 2801 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA. (Breakfasts are included as part of the room registration)

The theme will revolve around important Biblical stories as told by Biblical Storytellers throughout the event and retreat sessions led by Pastor Brett Davis

from Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, VA. Pastor Brett's sessions will draw from Dan Erlander's book "Tales of the Pointless People." There will be opportunities for fellowship, prayer, worship, and music. **Registration deadline is September 8.** Visit www.vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ALWR-2017-Retreat-Brochure-FINAL.pdf

You may email alwretreat2015@gmail.com with any questions.



Merrifield Fall Festival is September 23

We have opportunities to serve and need volunteers to staff our booth in 1 or 2 hours shifts — starting at 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The tent and tables will already be set up so very little to do there. We just need you and members of your family to be on hand to talk with our neighbors (not much different than coffee hour in the narthex)!

To find out more, keep an eye out for info in the bulletin, sign up sheets in the narthex and temple talk announcements.



Milestones

Farewell—HT member and former nursery attendant Katherine Stone moved out of the northern Virginia area at the end of July. We wish her the best as she pursues new endeavors in CA.

In Memoriam—At newsletter press time, we learned of the death of Bernd Rothenberg. Bernd passed away on August 7, in Fredericksburg, VA from pancreatic cancer. He was 70. Funeral services were held in early August. Per brother Karsten, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Contact the church office for further details.

Welcome new members—Ashley Beesam and her son Neal were baptized into the Holy Trinity community of faith on August 27.

Congratulations to Heather LeMunyon on her marriage to Joe Bateman on July 22. They reside in Washington, D. C.

Carolyn Lemens was selected for the High School Leaders Program at the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. The primary goal of the Sorensen Institute is to instill the ideals of trust, civility, and respect in politics. Over the course of two weeks, while living in a UVA dorm, the students met with leaders in their field of



politics or civic involvement. Students also visited locations throughout Virginia to learn more about local issues. On a trip to the Cub Run dairy farm, they were lucky enough to see a newborn cow's first step. In addition to meeting influential Virginians, the students worked on policy projects, drafting legislation for possible introduction in the General Assembly. At the end of the program, the students graduated and are now part of the esteemed Sorensen family. Photo at L: Carolyn with Sorensen classmates on the steps of the Rotunda.

While on a family vacation at Myrtle Beach, SC, **Carolyn Lemens** rescued a young woman who was caught in a riptide and struggling to stay afloat. Witnesses called Carolyn a hero for her actions.

September Birthdays: Mary Alice Adelberg, Felicito Arana, Marcus Artman, Leona Badger, Maurice Bakke, Bob Becker, Mary Bowen, Seth Clark, Christopher Engquist, Margaret Gore, Sonny Gore-Guynn, Peter Grutzik,

Ethel Handler, Carole Kitti, Jerry Lemens, Marcy Leverenz, Phil Loar, Nicholas McKay, Patrick Mellett, Don Mikovch, Dick Myhre, Susan Richmond, Laura Rose, Will Sherard, Julia Tedesco, Tim Veltman, Kathleen Wells

September Anniversaries: John & Mary Bowen, Jeff & Laura Daugherty, Vincent & Barbara Galindo, Don & Marcy Leverenz, Patrick & Linda Murphy

October Birthdays: Judy Baker, Terry Bathen, Edwin Bornemann, Erin Chancellor, Jeff Daugherty, Craig Davis, Terri Fleck, Charlene Franke, David Franke, Dick Jones, Oscar Kabati, Pamela Kabati, John Kress, Katherine Kurtz, Don Leverenz, Charles Luoma-Overstreet, Denise Meister, Linda Murphy,

Friends gather at a Happy Birthday lunch for Anne Bang and Ruth Winning

Liselotte Shelton, Scott Sherard, Patrice Shibuya, Katherine Stone, Malcolm Wake, Steve Wake

October Anniversaries: Eric & Denise Chancellor, Oscar & Pamela Kabati, John & Anne Kress, Jerry & Julie Lemens, Doug & Jody Lundell, Leslie & Minnie Tom Meyer, Dick & Helen Myhre, Daniel & Rebecca Schneider, Brent & Linda Stone, Tim & Heidi Veltman

In Thanksgiving—We are grateful that LCDR Joe Stierwalt, USN, returned home safe from his recent deployment.



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2017-2018 AT A GLANCE

September

- 4—Labor Day holiday
- 10—Rally Sunday (service at 10:00 a.m.)
- 17—Begin Two Services 8:45 and 11:15
- 18—WELCA Salad Supper
- 23—Merrifield Fall Festival

October

- 1—Blessing of the Animals
- 9—Columbus Day holiday
- 14-Oktoberfest @ HT
- 21—Organ Concert
- 29—Reformation Sunday

November

- 5—All Saints Day
 Daylight Savings ends
- 12—Knitting Boutique Sale
- 19 —One 10 a.m. service and **Congregational meeting**
- 23—Thanksgiving Day
- 26—Christ the King Sunday

December

- 2—Breakfast with Santa
- 3—Fair Trade Shopping
- 10—Advent Concert/cookies
- 17—Two Services (Christmas Pageant at 8:45)
- 24—Advent 4 Service 10 a.m. Xmas Eve @ 4, 7, 9 p.m.
- 25-Christmas Day
- 31—Lessons/Carols 10 a.m.

January 2018

- 1-Office closed
- 7– Return to two services Resume Sunday School and SNL
- 15-MLK holiday

February

- 3—Jazz Coffeehouse 7 p.m.
- 4—No SNL (Super Bowl)
- 13—Pancake Supper
- 14—Ash Wednesday
- 19—President's Day holiday
- 23-24—30-Hour Famine
- 25-March 3—Hypothermia

March

- 4—Blanket Sunday
- 11—Daylight Savings begins
- 25—Palm Sunday
- 29—Maundy Thursday
- 30—Good Friday

April

- 1—Easter Sunday
- 2—Office closed
- 27-29—WELCA Retreat

May

- 6—HTLC Spring Concert
- 13—Sunday School, SNL end
- 20—Youth Sunday, Pentecost
- 27—Begin 10 a.m. Summer Worship Schedule
- 28—Memorial Day Festival and Parade

June

- 10—Spring Congregational Celebration & Dessert Auction
- 17—Father's Day

July

4—Independence Day holiday

August

5—Sundae Sunday