



The Shepherd's Horn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • Virginia Beach,



Thankfully Looking Ahead

Since this is my first newsletter article since late June, I want to begin with a HUGE word of THANKS.

Upon returning from our family vacation in mid-July you TOTALLY surprised me with a party celebrating our first 10 years together as pastor and congregation. Yes, the surprise was both awesome and complete. I had no idea! So, **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!** Words cannot convey the depth of my gratitude, both for your outpouring of love and appreciation, and for the opportunity to serve with all of you, as we seek to be Christ's hands and voice in the world. It was an occasion that was, for me, both joyous and humbling. I wish that I could thank each of you personally – both for the magnificent party and for all of your very generous gifts. But since that is not possible, please accept these words as an expression of my deepest appreciation for everything!! I know that I am truly blessed to be a part of this family of faith, and a look forward to beginning our next decade together.

I suppose the question then becomes, "Where do we go from here?" What might the next 10 years together bring? I have been thinking a great deal about such questions lately, in part because of having reached this milestone and in part because

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Sunday School Begins September 17

Our Fall Sunday School kicks off on **September 17 at 11:00 a.m.** Join us for our Opening as we begin a year of faith formation for all ages.

Children's Chapel

This year we are giving something new a try. We are calling it **Children's**

Chapel, an educational-worship experience held during the time of our regular Sunday morning worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children 2 years old through 2nd grade will be invited to spend the "sermon section" of worship experiencing the day's lessons through music, games, interactive storytelling, and crafts. They will then rejoin the main assembly during Holy Communion.

Children Grades 3-5 (11 am)

Each week kids will encounter the worship readings for the day through various activities such as arts and crafts, Biblical storytelling, music, and service projects.

Youth & Adults (11 am)

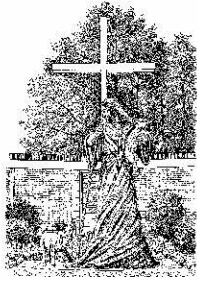
Yes, there are even lively and spirited groups just for middle and high school youth and adults. Join us as we explore a variety of topics through a series of short 3 - 6 week courses led by Pastor Scott and others.

If you would be interested in helping to lead Sunday School, or have an idea for a class of topic, please contact Pastor Scott.

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A Mighty Fortress: Luther in Music

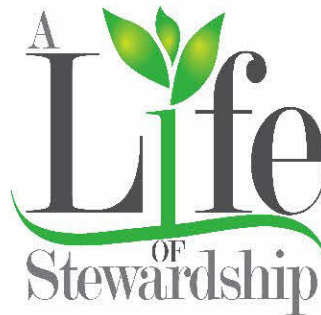
A celebration of music inspired by the Reformation

Monday, Oct 16

7:00 pm

First Lutheran Church

1301 Colley Ave, Norfolk



Living On Through Planned Giving

Do you have a will? It is a basic question, but one that many people prefer to not answer. We don't like to think about our will because we don't like to think about life after we are gone.

The sad reality is that as many as 60% of Americans don't have a valid will. A will is an important final way to tell family and charities what is most important to you.

A will simply directs those we leave behind how to divide up what is left. When instructions aren't given, chaos can ensue. That is when relatives fight with each other and tension enters relationships.

A will can also be a statement of what was important to you. It can be a final way to teach your kids that they were important to you, but so were some ministries that are making a difference in the world.

Contact your attorney to make a will, and when you do, consider including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There are options for how your gift will be used by Good Shepherd. It can go to greatest need, be used for a capital project, or it could even begin an endowment to care for a particular ministry that you are interested in supporting.

Perhaps you can consider tithing to Good Shepherd through your estate, or supporting our ministries in some other way. We would be glad to contact you with additional information. Please let us know of your interest by calling the Office at (757) 428-4052, or by emailing office@goodshepherdvb.org

