



# Pastor Schweitzer's 10th Anniversary

*Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

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## **From the Pastor**

October 1 marks the tenth anniversary of my being Pastor of First English Lutheran Church. How did I get here to begin with? It's an interesting story in itself, and I have Carol to thank for it: in 1999 she was finishing up her doctoral studies at Princeton Seminary. Then in February 2000 an email came out of nowhere from Union Presbyterian Seminary here in Richmond, inviting her to come interview for an open position in her field of expertise, pastoral counseling. One thing led to another, and as a result of her accepting the call to teach at Union beginning in January, 2001 (believe us, it was a mutual decision), I started to explore the possibilities of finding a church within reasonable driving distance of this city.

A search on the ELCA website (First English didn't have one yet; this was September 2000) revealed that a congregation at 1603 Monument Avenue was looking for a pastor. Monument Avenue? No, they're probably looking for a "show dog" type candidate, I thought to myself, but nevertheless I decided to meet with Bishop Mauney. That happened on December 1 (at Arlington, VA). Interviews with the call committee here followed: once over the phone (conference call) on March 18, 2001 and then in person in Richmond on March 26. After that there were a few other meetings and phone conversations, and then I was here for a week of preaching, interviews, getting to know everyone, etc. from July 28 – August 3. On August 5, 2001 you voted to call me as your pastor. The rest is history.

Ten years! I can honestly say these have been the best ten years of my ministry. Ten years! Not so long when you consider that Dr. Scherer was here fifty! And 2001 – 2011 represent only one tenth of the time since First English has worshiped in this magnificent building on Monument Avenue. And let's add one bit of interesting trivia: this congregation has only had five pastors during the one hundred years it's been located on Monument Avenue. That's remarkable stability and continuity!

Actually, what I want to say after all the verbiage about how I got here in the first place is "thank you" to every member and friend of our congregation, everyone who has made these ten years so special. Thank you for our mutual ministry as we together proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and strive for faithful living in God's world!

Finally, since I see these past ten years as part of the hundred we're still celebrating as long as it's still 2011, let us in that spirit move forward together. This is such an exciting time in the hundred year long history of First English on Monument Avenue! Every time I walk through the new fellowship space I think, "What a great opportunity for ministry this space will give us!" I feel connected with the past—after all, this is what the area looked like from 1911 through 1955—and at the same time excited about the future. And let's not sell the old chapel short: it served us well. It stood from 1956 till 2011, longer than the original Sunday School hall was there, and I'm sure many of us have very special memories connected with that space. I preached my first sermon at First English not in the main sanctuary but in the chapel, at the 8:15 service on July 29, 2001. And, of course, we still have a chapel: it simply moved down the hall, but is in use every Sunday as before by the Adult Bible Class.

As the old song goes, it's only just begun! Our God is an awesome God. He is a mighty fortress, our rock and our salvation. He led that first band of pilgrims here one hundred years ago; he led this restless wanderer here ten years ago to find renewal of his call to ministry; he will continue to lead and guide us as we together march upward to Zion, the beautiful (pronounce it my way) city of God.

*~Pastor John Schweitzer*

The logo for 'UPcoming EVENTS' features the word 'UP' in large, green, stylized letters with a blue outline, positioned above 'coming' in a smaller green font. Below these is the word 'EVENTS' in a blue, serif font. Three red stars are scattered around the 'UP' text.

**WELCA Evening Group** will meet **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm.

Come let us entertain you with an evening of musical nostalgia. Our guests have sung in opera, musical theatre, and choral productions. They perform throughout the Richmond area and are well known as **The James River Trio**.

They are:

*Bobby Moore*, soprano, is a graduate of James Madison University with a degree in voice and piano.

*John Elsea*, piano, graduated from William & Mary and sings with One Voice Chorus.

*Richard Turochy*, baritone, holds a bachelor of music degree from Westminster Choir College. Unfortunately, he cannot be present.

The evening meal will be served at 6:00 followed by the program and ending with the business meeting.



Please join us in celebrating **Pastor Schweitzer's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at FELC on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be a pot luck lunch and other activities following the 10:30 service.

Come join us in thanking him for 10 years of ministry among us.

Then stay for the Richmond Boys Choir Concert at 2:00.



## Richmond Boys Choir Concert

Performing at FELC

Sunday, October 9, 2011 2:00 pm

Don't miss this special event!

# Paley Festival



## The Alexander Paley Music Festival

The Fourteenth Annual Alexander Paley Music Festival will be held at First English Lutheran Church **October 14 - 16, 2011**. Concerts will be at 8:00 pm on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and at 3:30 pm on October 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit the [Paley Festival website](#).

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There is free parking behind the church. A freewill offering will be taken to defray costs. Mark your calendar and plan to come to these concerts.

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Join your First English family as we celebrate Halloween! The Congregational Life Committee is hosting a party for children (of all ages) on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30-7:30 pm**. Adults are encouraged to come in costume, too!

Mummy dogs will be served, along with other scary snacks and drinks. Our activities will include:

- Mad Scientist
- Story Telling
- Games
- Crafts

The evening will conclude with a Halloween costume parade. Come dressed up to enjoy the fun!



You're invited to a Reformation – Oktoberfest **pot luck lunch**.

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 service.

The Congregational Life Committee will be providing bratwurst, knockwurst and hotdogs. **Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.**

German specialties encouraged.



**LINUS PROJECT** - *Providing security through blankets*

Thank you **Juliane Riley** for another beautifully crocheted blanket. Your blanket will go to a child who is seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of love and security.

For more information or assistance, please call Jackie Rowland 740-5909.

**“Micah Initiative” Update**

Due to Irene’s destruction and power outage, the breakfast that was scheduled to occur at Southampton Elementary School for September 1<sup>st</sup> was canceled. The event is rescheduled to serve lunch to the faculty/ staff at a later date.

The congregation’s response to the request for funds and volunteers was generous. THANK YOU, members of First English, for sharing God’s gifts with the folks at Southampton.





# TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

**Join Pastor Chris Price for a  
TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND  
in April, 2012**

Pastor Chris Price has arranged with the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies an almost two-week Holy Land Trip **April 15-28, 2012**, and would like to include as many area Lutherans as possible! The sites include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, the Dead Sea, and more! Our guide will be Dr. Monte Luker, a professor at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and a Hebrew and archeology scholar. The time of year, spring, is the most beautiful season in Israel! We need a group of 20 to make this a “go!”

To make this an opportunity for as many of us as possible, Pastor Price has declined any “free slot” for himself or anyone else. The Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies has crafted a truly outstanding tour for us. If you’re interested in finding out more, Pastor Schweitzer has some brochures and information sheets. Or you can contact Pastor Price directly at 804-282-6066, or by email at [pastorchris@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:pastorchris@epiphanyelca.org).

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*We are proud to be Lutherans.* In this month of October, the month that we celebrate the Reformation, we are proud to be Lutherans. *Let's Celebrate!*



*We* give thanks to God this Reformation month for causing that sacred truth that we are saved by God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ and not through our good works to be revealed to a humble monk in Germany some 500 years ago. It was that same doctrine handed down to the Church fathers from the apostles. And the apostles received it from none other than the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

**However, it is important to understand that this was not the first or only reformation. Over the fifteen hundred years of church history prior to this, there were several reformations.**

Luther's Reformation was not the only Reformation yet none of these reformations were like Luther's Reformation. Luther also sought to reform various abuses in morals. He also attacked the Pope and the domination of the Roman Church. What made his reformation unique was that it was more concerned with doctrine than life. The heart of the Lutheran Reformation was a recovery of sound New Testament doctrine. *In one of his table talks, Luther remarked: Doctrine and life are to be distinguished. Life is as bad among us as among the papists. Hence we do not fight and damn them because of their bad lives. Wyclif and Hus, who fought over the moral quality of life, failed to understand this . . . When the Word of God remains pure, even if the quality of life fails us, life is placed in a position to be what it ought to be. That is why everything hinges on the purity of the Word. I have succeeded only if I have taught correctly (WA TR 1:624; LW 54:110).*



But very simply, Luther's Reformation was a matter of taking this rediscovered Gospel, showing that it was Scriptural, and then reforming the Church by it. Whatever in the Church was found to contradict this Gospel of salvation

by grace through faith was to be reformed. Anything else (if it edified) could be retained.

Luther's Reformation was concerned with essentials, with the very heart of Christianity. It is for this reason that it swept through Europe and had such amazing results. Without this Reformation many would have despaired of salvation, for the Gospel would have remained largely hidden. When we celebrate the Reformation, we are celebrating this rediscovered Gospel that we believe in; and we are celebrating our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Lutheran holidays are the historic Christian holidays, rooted in the history of the Church. Christmas and Easter are the most commonly known, but we also celebrate many others that are familiar throughout the Christian Church (i.e., Pentecost, Transfiguration, Assumption, Lent, feast days to remember great saints, and so forth.) We also have a couple that are peculiar to our own history, including our celebration of Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>, generally regarded as the day when Martin Luther launched the Reformation (interestingly enough, it coincided with All Saints Day celebrations, where the Church remembers all who have died in Christ with the hope of salvation and redemption by His grace.)

*We* also celebrate this month



German-American Heritage Month  
National Italian-American Heritage Month  
Polish-American Heritage Month  
8 - [Yom Kippur](#)\* (Jewish)

9 - Cirio de Nazare (Brazil)  
13-19 - [Sukkot](#)\* (Jewish)  
19 - [Simchat Torah](#) (Jewish)  
20 - [Shemini Atzeret](#) (Jewish)  
26-30 - [Diwali](#) (Buddhist, Hindu)  
31 - [Reformation Day](#) (Christian)

~ Lydia English

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	<b>October 2 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>October 9 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>October 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>October 23 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>October 30 – Reformation Sunday</b>
<b>8:15 Lector</b>	Nikki Kardouni		Kevin Murphy	Nikki Kardouni	
<b>10:30 Lector</b>	1. Emmett Heltzel 2. Debbie Lane	1. Wayne Griffin 2. Bill Noller	1. Bill Noller 2. Lydia English	1. John Oehler 2. Mary Sue Oehler	1. Jackie Rowland 2. Joe Smith
<b>Crucifer</b>	Stuart Myer	Ed Wiles	Ed Wiles	Ed Wiles	Ed Wiles
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nate Fenerty Ellie Fenerty	Cassidy Hoke Sydney Stricker	Kirk Fenerty Nate Fenerty	Ellie Fenerty Kirk Fenerty	Sydney Stricker Molly McCue
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jenna Hoke Jeff Hoke	Polly Brickman Stuart Myer	Peggy Davis Libby Riggle	Jim Byerly	Peggy Davis Libby Riggle
<b>Greeter</b>	Bill Fenerty	Jason & Jennifer Stanley	Jason & Jennifer Stanley	Bill Fenerty	Jim Johnson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jim Johnson Jackie Rowland Ed Wiles	Mary Elizabeth Ellis Carol McCue Charlie Schumann	Charlie Schumann Polly Brickman	Rob Comet Wayne Griffin Linda Smith	Carol McCue Mary Elizabeth Ellis Charlie Schumann
<b>Head Counter</b>	Sheryl Finucane	Sheryl Finucane	Sheryl Finucane	Sheryl Finucane	Sheryl Finucane
<b>Counters</b>	Lydia English Cheryl Shiembob	Deborah Hubbs Elaine Smith	Suzanne Stricker Kurt Stricker	Debbie Lane John Ritz	Betty Davidson Stuart Myer
<b>Ushers</b>	Roger Riggle Joe Smith Linda Smith Jeff Tehovinik	Bill Davidson	Bill Davidson Reni Gower Deborah Hubbs Jeff Nelson	Bill Davidson Roger Riggle	Reni Gower Jim Byerly Jeff Nelson Lynn Heltzel
<b>Hospitality</b>	The Arnetts and the Emersons	Pot Luck	Brenda and Stuart Myer	Reni Gower and Jeff Nelson	Oktoberfest Pot Luck Lunch
<b>Readings</b>	Isa 5:1-7 Phil 3:4b-14 Matt 21:33-46	Isa 25:1-9 Phil 4:1-9 Matt 22:1-14	Isa 45:1-7 1 Thess 1:1-10 Matt 22:15-22	Lev 19:1-2,15-18 1 Thess 2:1-8 Matt 22:34-46	Jer 31:31-34 Rom 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

**\*\* Please find a replacement when you cannot serve and notify the church office at 355-9185 as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and service.**

## FELC People News



**Beverly Inge Christian**, a life-long member of First English, died on September 1, 2011 at the age of 74 years. A graveside service was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Saturday, September 3, 2011. Her next of kin is husband Wirt Atkinson Christian Jr.

**Gertrude “Trudy” Campbell Davis** died on September 3, 2011 at the age of 94 years. Her funeral was held at our church on Thursday, September 8, 2011 and she was buried at Washington Memorial Park. Her next of kin are husband Carroll K. Davis, daughter Margaret “Peggy” J. Davis, son C. Kemp Davis, Jr., brother Lee Turner Campbell, two grandsons, six great-grandchildren (one deceased) , and numerous nieces and nephews. Born in North Carolina, Trudy was a long-time member of First English.

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### Let's Celebrate October with the Following Members of our Congregation



**Guinevere Marie Stanley**, child of Timothy Jason Stanley and Jennifer Beth (Griffin) Stanley, born on June 17, 2011 in Richmond, VA was baptized at the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 11, 2011.



On Saturday, September 10, **Justin Curry Jacyshyn** and **Claire Logan Arnett** were married at our church at 5 pm.

On Saturday, September 17, **Kevin Allen Flis** and **Erin Elizabeth Moore** were married at our church at 5 pm.



## birthdays

*Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in the month of October!*



*Congratulations to all celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October!*



### Newsletter Deadline

All submissions for the November issue need to be turned in to the church office no later than Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation. Church Office Staff

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<p><b>Sunday Oct. 2 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>                  8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion                  9:15 am: Sunday School                  9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal                  10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion                  12:00 pm: Hospitality –</p>
<p><b>Wed. October 5 – Wednesdays Together</b>                  5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal                  5:30 pm: Richmond Mental Health Group                  6:00 pm: Dinner                  6:30 pm: Book of Faith Bible Study                  6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal                  7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Friday October 7</b>                  6:00 pm: Women of the ELCA Evening Group                  7:30 pm: AA</p>
<p><b>Sun. Oct. 9 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Pastor Schweitzer's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>                  8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion                  9:15 am: Sunday School                  9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal                  10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion                  12:00 pm: Hospitality – Pot Luck Luncheon                  12:00 pm: Congregational Life Committee                  2:00 pm: Richmond Boys Choir</p>
<p><b>Wed. October 12 – Wednesdays Together</b>                  5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal                  6:00 pm: Dinner                  6:30 pm: Book of Faith Bible Study                  6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal                  7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Thursday October 13</b>                  Leisure Group trip</p>
<p><b>Friday October 14</b>                  7:30 pm: AA                  8:00 pm: Paley Music Festival</p>
<p><b>Saturday October 15</b>                  8:00 pm: Paley Music Festival</p>
<p><b>Sun. October 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>                  8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion                  9:15 am: Sunday School                  9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal                  10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion                  12:00 pm: Hospitality –                  3:00 pm: Paley Music Festival</p>



<p><b>Tuesday October 18</b>                  7:00 pm: Congregational Council</p>
<p><b>Wednesday October 19 – Wednesdays Together</b>                  5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal                  6:00 pm: Dinner                  6:30 pm: Book of Faith Bible Study                  6:30 pm: Richmond Mental Health Group                  6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal                  7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Friday October 21</b>                  7:30 pm: AA</p>
<p><b>Sunday October 23 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>                  8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion                  9:15 am: Sunday School                  9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal                  10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion                  12:00 pm: Hospitality –</p>
<p><b>Wednesday October 26 – Wednesdays Together</b>                  5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal                  6:00 pm: Dinner                  6:30 pm: Book of Faith Bible Study                  6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal                  7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Friday October 28</b>                  7:30 pm: AA</p>
<p><b>Saturday October 29</b>                  5:30 pm: Halloween Spooktacular</p>
<p><b>Sunday October 30 – Reformation Sunday</b>                  8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion                  9:15 am: Sunday School                  9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal                  10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion                  12:00 pm: Hospitality – Oktoberfest Pot Luck Lunch</p>

# COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

## What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon




## What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!



# KID'S PAGE

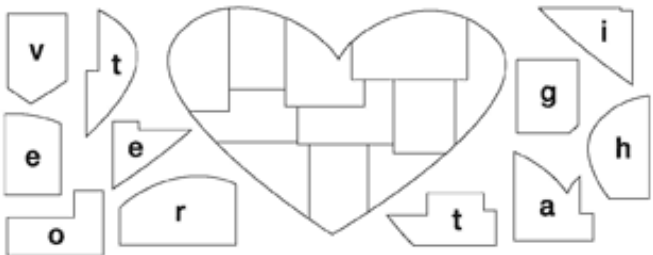


## HOW TO GIVE

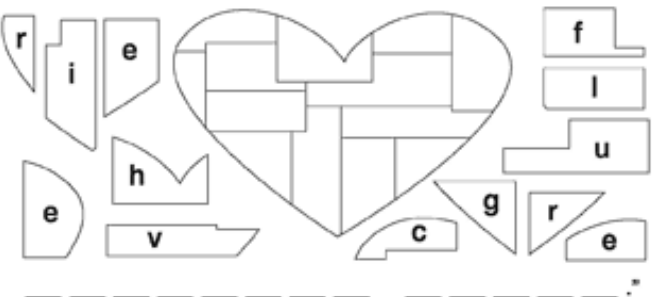
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

