

# The Spader's Speaker

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*From Pastor Jim Kniseley...*



Attitude is everything. You and I are going to have a **Fabulous February!** The **Transition Team** came together for the first time for orientation on January 29. They are charged by the Congregation Councils of St. Jacob's and Trinity to solicit information for the Mission Site Profile that will be forwarded to Bishop Mauney. During February and March all members of both congregations will have an opportunity to share ideas, hopes and concerns with the Transition Team. Members of the Team are: (Trinity) Sandy Levengood, Elizabeth Martin, Brad Reed, George Rohrer and Jim Yancey; (St. Jacob's) Tammy Craun, Paul Craun, Alvina Martin, Ian McNeil and Jenny Meyerhoeffer. The Call Committees of each Congregation will be appointed by the Councils in March.

Our **Reformation 500 Team** is busily planning activities for the year 2017. We are pleased to announce our Lenten Schedule that begins on March 1:

**March 1, Ash Wednesday**  
12:00 noon worship at Trinity  
6:30 pm worship at St. Jacob's

**March 1 – April 5, Wednesdays**

6:30 pm meal and worship at  
Keezletown United Methodist Church

**April 13, Maundy Thursday**

6:30 pm worship at Trinity

**April 14, Good Friday**

6:30 pm worship at St. Jacob's

Members of the Reformation 500 Team are: (St. Jacob's) Eva Coffey and Maria Archer; (Trinity) Cherry Tharp and Tracey Reed; (Keezletown United Methodist) Pastor Joel Robinette; (Muhlenberg Lutheran) Pastor Brett Davis; and Pastor Jim Kniseley.

**Pastor Lance Braun**, chaplain at The Legacy at North Augusta, a Lutheran Retirement Community, will lead worship for both congregations on **February 5 and 12**. Carol and I will be in San Diego with our family. We will help our granddaughters celebrate their birthdays (17 and 14).

I continue to be available to visit. We can have a meal together, or coffee, or just visit. I am in town on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Sundays. Let me know.

Please take the opportunity during February to invite someone to worship with you. We have several excellent fellowship opportunities coming up this year for our congregation members, families and friends to attend. Our next reception of **new members** takes place on Palm Sunday. The date is **April 9**.

May God continue to bless you and your household.

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In the love of Jesus Christ,  
*Pastor Jim*

## Announcements

### Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will not have meetings in January and February.

## Upcoming Events

### Valentine's Day Lunch

The youth invite you to attend a Valentine's Day lunch right after church on Feb. 12. We'll be selling flowers and collecting donations.

Take a moment  
to wish someone  
well on their  
special day!

Feb 5 Ian McNeil  
Feb 5 Barbara Eye  
Feb 18 Ann Bender  
Feb 24 Jeremy Coffey



### Do You Have an Article to Contribute?

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: [wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com](mailto:wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com).

## Day for all People: Speak truth in love

by Joe Shaver

From *The Virginia Lutheran*

Grace and Glory participants and friends at Day for All People were Pastor Sandy Wisco, Pastor Ken Albright, VICPP Director Kim Bobo, JoAnn Fawley, Jean DeMarco, Jan Crowther, Joe Shaver and Helen Ida Moyer.

A small group of us from the Grace and Glory Lutheran Church in Palmyra once again made the

journey to Richmond to be a part of the Day for All People Lobby Day at our General Assembly, sponsored by the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy in January. We were also accompanied by Retired Pastor Sandy Wisco as well as two non-members from our local community.

This year was the first such event for the new director of Virginia Interfaith, Kim Bobo, and just short of 300 people participated in the day. Ms. Bobo came to VICPP early in 2016 from Chicago having been the founder of the Interfaith Worker Justice organization there. Again this year there was a presence of the Jewish and Muslim faiths in addition to a multitude of Christian denominations.

The issues that were selected for the group's lobbying efforts by a survey of the membership of VICPP were Expansion of Health Care, Wage Theft/Fair Wages, Criminal Justice Reform and Welcoming All Virginians (Immigration).

Following the discussions with our various representatives, the group formed together on the sidewalk outside the legislative office building for a prayer vigil. We then returned to the site for the day, the Centenary United Methodist Church for lunch. Our guest speaker was Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring.

All People walking.

We later gathered in the sanctuary to hear of some detailed support for all of the issues of the day. In closing we were asked to greet our neighbor with two phrases; "Don't be afraid to speak truth in love" and "Be bold to speak truth to power".

In a interview with Director Bobo, she indicated that she was pleased with the support for and how the day went. She somewhat laments that here in Virginia the legislative session is so short at just 6 weeks or so. And that requires a great deal of work and preparation ahead of time to be ready for the day.

Ms. Bobo sees the organization moving forward with a primary emphasis upon employment issues (wage theft and fair wage) that can have a strong effect on the overall economy. Finally, she states that her sense is that people of faith find themselves in these troubled times to be urgently feeling a need to get involved in doing something positive to impact how we move forward. So, in summary, we again experienced a very productive day of putting our Faith in Action.

# Jaegerschnitzel

*As part of our 500th Anniversary we will be featuring a German recipe each month!*

4 boneless pork chops	1/2 pound bacon, chopped
2 cups cremini mushrooms, quartered	2 tbsp olive oil, plus more if necessary
1/2 cup flour, for dredging	2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup bread crumbs	4 tbsp Butter
4 tbsp Flour	3 cups beef broth
Salt and Pepper	

To prepare the pork, cut each pork chop in half through the middle to create two thinner pieces out of each chop. Place each pork chop in a ziploc bag, and with a mallet, pound to flatten to about 1/4-inch thick. Season each piece with a bit of salt. Dredge the pork in the flour, dip in the lightly beaten eggs, and coat in the bread crumbs. Set the breaded chops aside.

In a large pan, over medium heat, cook the bacon until it just begins to get crispy, about 5-7 minutes. Remove the bacon, leaving the rendered fat in the pan. Set the bacon aside. Add the mushrooms to the bacon fat and cook for 5-7 minutes over medium heat until the mushrooms are tender and lightly browned. Remove the mushrooms and set aside. Add 1-2 tablespoons of olive oil to the bacon fat remaining in the pan, to form a very thin, even layer of bacon fat and oil. Add the breaded pork cutlets and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side, over medium heat, until they become lightly browned and cooked through. Cook in batches, adding more oil if necessary. Set aside.

Clean the pan before proceeding or use a new pan for the following steps. Add butter and flour to the pan over medium heat. Whisk to combine. Cook for a minute or two. Gradually begin whisking in the beef stock. Bring to a simmer. Simmer for about 5 minutes, whisking frequently. The sauce will thicken. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add the cooked pork cutlets, mushrooms, bacon, and any juices to the sauce. Coat the pork in the sauce. Cook for a minute or two to reheat all components.

Weekly Word from God	
February 5 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 58: 1-9z (9b-12)
February 12 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
February 19 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18
February 26 - Transfiguration	Exodus 24: 12-18

Worship Leader Schedule				
Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
February 5	Ann Royer	Maria Archer	Mark Lambert and Glen Showalter	Carolyn Randolph and Tom Lam
February 12	Cindy Lam	Maria Archer	Ann Royer and Carolyn Randolph	Carolyn Randolph and Tom Lam
February 19	Nancy Bradfield	Ann Royer	Don Coffey and Tom Lam	Carolyn Randolph and Tom Lam
February 26	Glen Showalter	Ann Royer	Paul Driver and Cindy Lam	Carolyn Randolph and Tom Lam