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From Interim Pastor

Jim Kniseley...



Dear St. Jacob's Friends,

These eight months have gone by quickly for me. You have graciously welcomed me and made me feel appreciated. The potluck luncheon after worship on June 25 was wonderful. I really appreciate all your written and verbal expressions of love and appreciation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I won't forget my wonderful experience as your interim pastor.

Pastor Evan Davis made the transition a smooth one as he and I shared information and he passed the baton to me with grace. I am now passing the baton to Pastor Kirk Shipley. He has fine experience as an interim pastor and you will have a good experience with him.

When I first interviewed with the Council in August 2016, we agreed that I would concentrate on some areas during my time with St. Jacob's. To review: I would lead worship, do baptisms, weddings, funerals, and hospital calls. I would lead the transition team and working with the Council in appointing a call committee. I would lead the Reformation 500 Team. Out of this team has come the planning for our July 30 Three-Church Picnic and our October 15 Reformation Worship.

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Some "serendipities" came during my time with you. The first was the wonderful response to our Lenten meals and worship services. Having St. Jacob's join with Trinity and Keezletown UMC turned out to be great experiences.

Perhaps the most amazing serendipity came in the decision by St. Jacob's and Trinity to form a parish for the purpose of calling a pastor. The subject of a parish was not a part of the conversation I had with either St. Jacob's or Trinity Councils last August. I see God's hand working in that decision.

I loved receiving new members during the interim time. Often this does not happen in the time between regularly called pastors. These folks, I believe, are gifts from God and signs of new life for St. Jacob's: Maria Archer, Titus and Ann Bender, Mark Lambert, Eric Hedrick and Shirley Martin.

You are in good hands now with Pastor Kirk Shipley. He has lots of gifts for ministry and has a wealth of experience as an interim pastor. I will keep him and you in my prayers for a wonderful continuing interim experience.

Please accept my invitation to visit me in Fredericksburg. Ride my trolley! If you are in Richmond, please worship with me on Sunday morning at Christ Lutheran Church.

My God continue you to bless you richly!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jim

From Interim Pastor

Kirk Shipley...

I will be serving as your interim pastor as you move through the call process and calling a new pastor. I am married to my wonderful wife Linda. I have served as an intentional interim pastor the last ten years.

I am a graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley California. Professional ministry alternated between the U.S. Navy, institutional and

parish service in California, Washington, Nebraska, Ohio, California, and now Virginia. Since leaving the U.S. Navy in the early 1990's I have been attracted to the interim ministry concept. In 2006 an opportunity was given to serve as an interim pastor. The feeling to serve congregations in transition became a call. The next year was able to take intentional interim ministry training. Intentional Interim Ministry has been the call ever since.

In 2011 my wife Linda and I moved to Harrisonburg. Virginia is a state I have always enjoyed when my family lived here, when I was in the state for military training, and when on vacation. We have enjoyed living here in the Shenandoah Valley.

Since returning to Virginia I have served as a long term interim pastor for the Timberville Lutheran Parish and most recently for a few months at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg. I am looking forward to being with you for a time which should fall somewhere in between. I wish our Lord's Peace to each and all of you.

In Christ Jesus,
Kirk Shipley

Upcoming Events

New Interim Pastor Begins

July 1

Bishop Meets with Both Councils

July 12

Power in the Spirit at Roanoke College

July 13-15

“On Our Way Reforming” is the theme of this year's Power in the Spirit Gathering. This is the synod's annual gathering for spiritual renewal, fellowship and fun. Voices of Praise, the worship band from Our Saviour Lutheran in Warrenton, will lead our worship. World-renowned Reformation scholar, Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, is the keynote speaker. The Rev. Tracie Bartholomew, Bishop of the New Jersey Synod, will lead the Bible Study on Joseph in the Book of Genesis. For information and registration, visit the website at www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/. This would be a good event to attend to scope out good candidates for the next pastor!

Three-Church Worship and Picnic July 30

Mark the date and invite family and friends! Our Three Church Picnic and Worship takes place on Sunday, July 30, at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Folks from St. Jacob's, Trinity and Keezletown United Methodist will be there. We begin with worship at 11:00 am in air-conditioned Stewart Hall. We will be using the Bluegrass Mass as our liturgy and our musicians include The Walnut Ridge Boys.

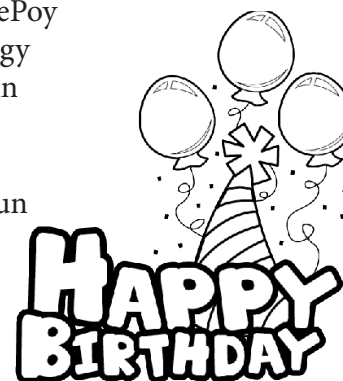
Immediately following worship, we will have our meal together in the pavilion, overlooking the lake. Our meal will be “potluck” with additions of German food to help us remember our German heritage and Reformation 500. More info on food will be shared in the coming weeks.

After our meal there will be lots of fun activities. Bring your canoe or use one of the camp canoes on the lake. The swimming pool with lifeguard will be open. Horseshoes, lawn games, board games in the pavilion, and a playground for children are all available.

This is a great opportunity to invite others to join us for a great day. Please invite family and friends with children. For more information, you may speak with Cherry Tharp and Tracey Reed from Trinity or Eva Coffey and Maria Archer from St. Jacob's.

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

July 5	Ellen Kaylor
July 6	Evan Davis
July 6	Harry Lee DePoy
July 7	Winfred Keagy
July 10	Alvina Martin
July 10	Don Fries
July 22	Jason Coffey
July 23	Hannah Craun
July 28	Glen Eye
July 31	Jackie Fries



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.

Gurkensalat (German Cucumber Salad)

from www.turningclockback.com

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

- 2 large cucumbers
- 1/2 cup Dill
- 1 large yellow onion
- 1 tsp Kosher salt
- 1 tbsp white sugar
- 4 tbsp Olive oil
- 4 tbsp white vinegar

Combine thinly sliced cucumbers, sliced onions, and chopped dill in a bowl. Toss gently. In a small bowl, combine oil, vinegar, sugar and salt. Whisk thoroughly. Drizzle oil and vinegar mix over cucumber mixture and toss to mix completely. Chill for an hour to blend flavors before serving.

Weekly Word from God	
July 2 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 10: 40-42
July 9 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
July 30 - Bluegrass Mass	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Worship Leader Schedule				
Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
July 2	Glen Showalter	Ann Royer	Ann Royer and Carolyn Randolph	Nancy Bradfield and Nancy Driver
July 9	Cindy Lam	Ann Royer	Don Coffey and Tom Lam	Nancy Bradfield and Nancy Driver
July 16	Ann Royer	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	Paul Driver and Cindy Lam	Nancy Bradfield and Nancy Driver
July 23	Nancy Bradfield	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	Glen Showalter and James Eye	Nancy Bradfield and Nancy Driver
July 30	Ian McNeil		Mark Lambert and Glen Eye	Nancy Bradfield and Nancy Driver