



From the Pastor

Sharing of the Peace

“So, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

- *Matthew 5:23-24*

It happens every Sunday. Just after I do the morning announcements we have the greeting time or to put it another way, the “sharing of the peace.” I always say, “Let us greet one another” and then . . . OFF WE GO! Some kids may go running to give grandma a hug. Others may walk across the entire sanctuary to greet someone they haven’t met in a week. Others may have a different reaction. Some think to themselves, “here it comes the dreaded ‘meet and greet’ where I have to shake all these hands of people in the middle of flu season!” Others may choose to just stand in place, keeping their heads bowed while they wait for these uncomfortable 30 seconds to end.

Does this sound familiar to you in one way or another?

As with all things in worship, it can be easy for us to forget why we do what we do. Take a second and re-read the Bible passage above. Matthew 5 gives a reason WHY people went to greet others BEFORE going to the altar. What reason does Jesus give in Matthew 5?

Before receiving the Lord’s Supper, we are to be reconciled with one another. This means old grudges with one another are to be verbally forgiven by each other. This happens during the “greetings time” or the sharing of the peace. If you have wronged someone in some way in word or deed, you are to go and ask for their forgiveness or give forgiveness before going to the Lord’s Supper. This happens during the sharing of the peace.

Being reconciled with one another does not mean you try and tally up every wrong committed against each other over the decades; that would be painfully impossible for any of us to do! As with the confession of sins though, it would be enough to confess those sins to each other which “we know and feel in our hearts.” Primarily, the “sharing of the peace” is to be a time of reconciliation with one another. If there is no reconciliation needed, then it is proper and appropriate to simply greet one another by saying “Peace be with you” or “the Peace of the Lord be with you” as we remind one another that we all fall under the cross of Christ’s mercy and come to the altar together as forgiven children of God. Truly, there is no greater peace for us to celebrate!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Pastor Tim

Summer Intern

Kira lanetta will be joining us for the summer on June 2. Many of you may have met her this past Sunday. We look forward to having her with us and please take an opportunity to make her feel welcome!



Summer Kick-Off Swim Party and Cookout for Youth and Children

On Sunday, June 2 from noon until 5:00 p.m., there will be a cookout and swim party at the home of Timmy and Linda Clark, 387 Gallion Town Road, Victoria, VA. Please RSVP to Pastor Lipp by May 30 if you are interested in attending.

Wednesday Night Girls/Guys Small Groups

Beginning June 5th through July 17, meet at the parsonage at 6:00 p.m. for ages 6th through 12th grade.

Thrilling Thursdays

Beginning June 6 through July 18, children are invited to attend our Thrilling Thursday activities taking place each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Join us for Bible study, games, crafts and fun! Contact Pastor Lipp for more information.



Summer Concert

On Friday, June 14, Lunenburg County Community Concerts will present an evening of solos and duets from two exceptionally talented friends: Sue Wilkinson Palmer & Theresa Peterson-Way. Pre-concert music by Stacy Branch will begin at 6:40

p.m. In honor of Flag Day, there will be patriotic selections included in the program.

Sue attended Longwood College, (now known as Longwood University) in Farmville, Va. where she obtained her Bachelor Degree in Music Education. She has worked in the public school systems of Prince George, Lunenburg, and Charlotte counties as Elementary General Music Teacher and High School Choir Director. Currently, Sue works at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital in Burkeville, VA as a Music Activity Specialist; using musical interventions, she helps to enable patients to reach their treatment goals. She attends Perseverance Christian Church, and is a member of the Praise Group and Adult Choir.

Theresa has been a professional singer for 30 plus years, singing with the Navy Band, and the dance/show bands The Admirals and Express. She has a new single (co-written by Theresa), "The Way That You Love Me," that was produced for cancercanrock.org. The song, an interview with Theresa, and a performance with The Admirals can be found on youtube (search under Theresa Peterson and The Admirals).

"In the spotlight" at the concert will be a local charity. This time the spotlight shines on the Lunenburg Health Service. Information about the work of that organization will be shared and a love offering will be taken.



Preschool/Children Activity Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Metro Zoo-June 20/Pool Party, Victoria Public Pool
July 18

* Parents/Adults will help chaperone the children's

activity.

* Preschoolers are welcome to attend the "activity" accompanied by their parent or adult.

* Preschool/Children attending the activity need to bring a bag lunch!

* Cost of preschool/children's activity: TBD.

Kingsfest

A group from Victoria Baptist will be going to Kingsfest at Kings Dominion on June 22. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by midnight. Please see Pastor Lipp if you are interested in tickets



or would like more information.

Missions Connection at Eagle Eyrie (July 22-26)

Pack the vans at Noon on Monday, July 22
Return to Victoria on Friday, July 26 at 3:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School July 28 - August 1

Vacation Bible School is currently scheduled for July 28 through August 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., opening at 6:00 p.m., closing at 8:00 p.m. Ages Pre-K through Grade 5. Pre-registration available online at victoriabaptistchurch.com.



Romanian Pastor Visit

Dr. Lipp's friends Ion and Marinela Damian from Arad, Romania, will be visiting Victoria August 7-12, 2019. Pastor Ion will be sharing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on August 11th. Let's make our guests feel welcome as they come to share how God is impacting lives in their country!



Youth Sunday/Summer Intern's Party - Sunday, August 4

More information to come!



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