

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Our Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

Grace and peace to you...

We are entering the summer months of the year. The Tidewater area offers many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Besides the park and the beach areas (not everybody lives near an ocean), we have festivities available to us such as Harborfest, Bayou Boogaloo (where I can get some of the food I came to love while living in Louisiana), or the Jazz Festival, just to name a few. In June we also celebrate Dads on Father's Day. This July 4th will bring us to the 241st commemoration of our national independence. I hope you make use of the opportunity to take part in some of these events. There is one additional event that happens in June, one that's Lutheran specific.

Throughout this year 2017 we Lutherans are celebrating the 500th year of the Reformation. Working through Martin Luther and other reformers God led His people back to His pure Word. One of the results of that reformation was the presentation of the Augsburg Confession at the Diet of Augsburg on Saturday, June 25, 1530 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This year is the 487th anniversary of that presentation. Why is this important?

As we read in the Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord, at that presentation courageous Lutheran laymen confessed their faith and told the emperor and the Roman Church what they believed, taught, and confessed. They relied on the promise of God's Word, as contained in Psalm 19:46, "I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and will not be put to shame." The Augsburg Confession was presented as a statement of biblical truth and a proposal for true unity in the Christian faith. It has never been withdrawn.

We live in a time when absolute truths are no longer recognized. Over my lifetime we have moved significantly from a world with absolutes to a world that encouraged us to question authority to live and let live to our current state which tells us to resist, insist, persist, enlist. These aren't political statements, they're the evidence of our sinful nature that wants our way all the time and if we don't get it we're going to throw a fit or hold our breath until we turn blue.

We need truth. Jesus tells us I am the way, and the truth, and the life. We need unchanging absolutes. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. We need solid foundations. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. ...for they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

I hope you take time this summer to relax and enjoy this beautiful part of the world we live in. God's creation is wonderful. I also pray that you will make weekly worship a regular activity. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
*Sunday School and
Adult Bible Classes*

10:00 am
Worship Service

*Holy Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th
Sundays*

*Nursery Available
through
Preschool age*

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Doug Sulak

Worship Board Chairman

Janice Gwin

Youth Ministries

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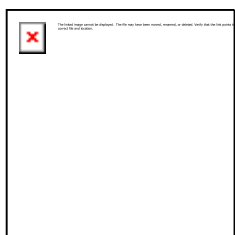
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OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will
proclaim the Gospel,
administer the Sacraments,
and provide Christian
education to children and
adults in a supportive and
nurturing environment.*

Official Acts

Baptisms

Ewan R. Flannigan - March 12, 2017

Members Removed

Christine Chen - March 3, 2017

Travis Geyer - March 3, 2017

Deaths

Arlene Nelson - February 11, 2017

Marilyn Copeland - February 18, 2017

Esther Sontag - March 6, 2017

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good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. It's in worship that God intentionally distributes His gifts. Please come to receive those gifts.

May God bless and keep you all.

Pastor Meraz

From our Pastor

Introduction to the Divine Service

Notes on the Liturgy #5 – Salutation

Before the Collect of the Day and also at the Preface, Pastor and people speak the words The Lord be with you. And also with you. Similar expressions are found in the Bible at several places (Ruth 2:4, Judges 6:12, Luke 1:28, II Thessalonians 3:16). This spoken blessing is still common in the Mideast's use of the Hebrew and Aramaic words shalom or Salaam which both mean 'peace' (with 'of the Lord or be with you understood). Pastor and people bless each other and so it is a sign of the bond of love in Jesus that should reside among God's people. We do not seek to harm each other, but we seek to bless each other.

It is worth noting that the salutation comes before sacramental elements in the service - before the Bible readings and before Communion. This is intentional. Pastor and people bless each other and the blessings are received through the faith-filled hearing of the Word and reception of the Lord's Supper.

Among some pastors there might be hand gestures that accompany the salutation. The pastor may extend his hands when he speaks, and receiving the blessing he may fold them together and slightly bow his head. In reference to this practice it has been said the extending of hands (by pastor) expresses the ardent longing and the earnest desire of the priest that the blessing he invokes may be bestowed; the joining of the hands signifies that the priest humbly mistrusts his own strength and confidently abandons himself to the Lord.

*These notes were originally written in 2001
by Pastor David Oberdieck and have been edited.*

Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

As we worship together during the 13 weeks of the summer months at ten o'clock, your deacons will be adjusting to the new time frame along with each of you. The change will be challenging for some, but welcome for others. It will be refreshing to see more people in the pews – praising God via hymn singing, focused and attentive to the scripture message, communing together and joining in Christian fellowship.

Your Board of Deacons meets monthly with Pastor Meraz. Additionally, telephone calls, e-mails, prayers and card sending on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church in the name of Jesus Christ, our ascended Savior, continue as our mission.

Thank you for your support of our recent confirmands, Jeanette Gilson and Ana Mallie. The Board of Deacons was happy to host the reception for them.

Feel free to contact your deacon with questions or concerns related to TLC.

Prayer Chain

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Our Lord encourages us to pray, not only for ourselves, but for others. The Holy Spirit tells us that the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working (James 5:14-16). Here at Trinity we take that to heart. We have a very active prayer chain and would love to have you included in it, whether as one who prays or as one for whom we are praying.

If you wish to be part of the prayer chain, please contact Sharyn Leiding or the church office. If you have a need for specific intercession (physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, or relational, just to name a few) you can contact the church office, one of our deacons, or Pastor Meraz. Rest assured that this is not a gossip line. Prayer requests will not be publicized in the bulletin. You may provide as much or as little detail as you wish.

Praying for each other is part of having fervent love toward one another as we pray for in the post-communion collect at the end of Divine Service on Sunday. We pray that you find this special ministry to be a blessing for you and for our church family.

Worship Board

Janice Gwin

As a result of the Congregational Survey and Voters' Assembly Meeting, we will be having one service on a trial basis for June, July and August. Sunday School will be at 9:00 am and Worship Service will be at 10:00 am.

Pentecost Sunday is June 4, 2017 and Holy Trinity Sunday is June 11, 2017. We will also celebrate Trinity's Anniversary on Holy Trinity Sunday.

On July 2, 2017 we will celebrate Armed Forces Sunday and our Nation's birthday. We are asking that military members wear their uniforms. After the service, there will be a picnic and games. A sign up sheet for food items will be placed on the Welcome Center Bulletin Board in June.

On July 30, 2017 we will honor Seniors in the Faith (70 and above). There will be a cake and punch reception after the service.

Please sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Welcome Center for Hostess, Ushers and Lectors. Doug Sulak is scheduling the Ushers and Communion Assistants and will gladly train new volunteers. Janice Gwin is scheduling the other positions. We need your help especially in the Summer with vacations.

We will have a hymn survey in the August/September Trinitarian (and available during church services). Be thinking of your favorite hymns!

LWML

Lynn Hubert

Our end of the year get together was held on Saturday May 6, 2017 at Lynnhaven Fish House in Virginia Beach. We welcomed 19 ladies and Pastor for a great afternoon of Christian fellowship.

The slate of officers below will continue thru 2017:

Sharon Knorr – President
 Patty Malone – Vice President
 Jacque Czepinski – Corresponding Secretary
 Cathy George – Treasurer
 Sharyn Leiding – Christian Growth
 Janice Gwin – Networker
 Lynn Hubert – Recording Secretary

The executive board will be meeting this summer to prepare our 2017-2018 calendar. We look forward to seeing everyone when we return to our meetings in September.

Christian Growth

Cathy George

Our Sunday School Mission Project is complete! We have collected enough to purchase 4 lambs, 4 goats and 4 hens and chicks for *Lutheran World Relief*. These animals will help third world farmers feed their families and sell eggs, milk and wool to supplement their family income.

Did you know we have a variety of Christian Education studies that you can take advantage of? Sunday School and Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Lutheran Confessions Study Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (taking a break for the Summer months and will resume in September), Men's Bible Study the second and fourth Thursday's at Richard Ball's home at 7:00 pm, Ladies Bible Study on Thursdays at 11:30 am in the Welcome Center and the third Saturday morning of each month at 10:00 am. Looking for you to join in.

Starting in June, Summer Sunday School will begin. Following the format of Vacation Bible Study with games, crafts, stories and snacks! Plan to attend. Parents and teens you are welcome to come and help the children with activities.

Thank You

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for supporting me through the confirmation process, and for all of the gifts that you gave me.



Love,

Jeanette Gilson

500 YEARS OF REFORMATION AND IT IS STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS

500 Years of Reformation 1517-2017

In celebration of 500 years the Christian Growth Board is preparing a series of articles on the life of Martin Luther. Each article will leave you wanting to read the next. Enjoy!

*Excerpts from "Martin Luther" a Student book for 7th and 8th graders.
By Robert and Marian Baden, Concordia Publishing*



As a new monk in training, Martin Luther was sure that a hardworking priest would go to heaven. In his first Mass, or Holy Communion Service, he became afraid of the responsibility. Martin wanted to do everything perfectly. His father was coming to hear him. After the mass all congratulated Martin including his father. Deep down Martin felt the same doubts he always had. He fasted more and more, so much that he almost starved to death. He wanted to make himself perfect so God would accept him.

Martin Luther was glad for the invitation to work with Staupitz. Staupitz tried to tell Martin that God was more than a judge, that God was loving and that salvation came as a gift of God's love. Luther could not accept this message. He still felt that he had to contribute to his own salvation.

In 1510 Martin was chosen to attend an important meeting in Rome. To get to Rome he walked 850 miles in 40 days. Martin felt that his doubts would be removed once he arrived in Rome, the center of the church. Instead he saw priests living a life of wealth, breaking their vows openly, and selling souvenirs while the people lived in poverty. He returned from Rome shocked by what he had seen. Martin focused more on the Bible and continued his studies receiving the degree of Doctor of Theology.

Martin Luther became one of the most popular preachers in the city of Wittenburg. When Luther's mentor, Staupitz retired from his position at the university, Luther was chosen in his place. Staupitz knew that Luther would have to study the Bible very closely. Staupitz believed that Luther eventually would find the answer for which he had long looked.

Martin enjoyed reading and studying the Bible. Finally, in 1514, Martin read Romans 1:16-17 "I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...the righteous will live by faith." Now he understood what Staupitz was trying to tell him. The Christian believes by faith, something the Holy Spirit brings, not something we create. Martin was quick to share the good news with his students and congregation. Many believed but some of his fellow teachers did not.

In Luther's day, celebrating festive days included theological debates. On October 31, 1517 Martin carefully wrote out his arguments against indulgences and nailed them to the main door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg for other scholars to read and to discuss The 95 Theses! At first, the announcements were mostly ignored. People were used to seeing postings on the church door so it was not unusual. Also the announcements were written in Latin so only a few people could read what was posted. However, within a month The 95 theses had set Germany on fire. The people can go directly to God for forgiveness! What Luther intended was to point out and to discuss a church wrong. Instead, it started a revolution, now known as the Reformation.

Summer Sunday School

Mighty Fortress—In Jesus the Victory is Won! Plan to attend!

Special Ministries

Patty Malone

We want to THANK everyone who contributed items for health kits for *Lutheran World Relief*. The program is called *Lutheran World Relief – Baskets of Promise* and ran during Lent.

The kits will be delivered free of charge thanks to Lynn and Bud Hubert. With them delivering the kits we save a ton of money on postage. A big thank you to the youth group for packaging them up per *Lutheran World Relief* packing instructions.

FEEDING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mark your calendar for preparing/cooking for the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on Saturday, June 3, 2017 starting at 10:00 a.m. until we are finished usually around 12:30 p.m. We will be serving at the JCOC on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. where we need ten people.

We need to be at the JCOC by no later than 2:00 p.m. to heat up the food and get everything ready. We will have time after church to load up the cars, go eat lunch and head to the JCOC to serve.

Please sign-up for cooking or serving or, better yet, BOTH!

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FOODBANK OF SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA



We will need volunteers on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. We will be going to the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia on Tidewater Drive. We are signed up for no less than ten individuals. Please sign-up on the Special Ministry board in the hallway.

For those in high school it does count for service hours.

Remember to wear closed toe shoes for safety and you will be on your feet for the entire time. If you wear a Fitbit you will get a lot of steps in during the morning!

With Summer fast approaching try to take a walk around the church and look at the Community Garden tended lovingly by Bill Sontag. Bill has done such a great job with the garden and he takes the food to the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES along with CHRISTIAN GROWTH

We are joining forces to have Christmas in July! We will be collecting school supplies for *Operation Christmas Child*. Last year shoe boxes were sent home with the Sunday School children and they filled 11 boxes for *Operation Christmas Child*. It was the first year they had ever done these boxes and felt it should be an ongoing project bigger than just the Sunday School, hence the month long collection.

The school supply items allowed are as follows:

Pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, Crayons, markers, notebooks, solar calculator, coloring books, scissors, glue sticks and rulers. There will be a collection box in the Welcome Center for the above items.

To celebrate Christmas in July we will be holding an Ice Cream Social on July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. During the Ice Cream Social we will be making personal notes to enclose in the boxes.

Please note other items will need to be purchased or donated to fill the shoe boxes before delivery, but our Christmas in July will focus on the school supplies. Hoping to get those back to school deals!

In 2016, *Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child* collected 11,485,662 shoe boxes full of goodies. These boxes were sent to over 100 countries around the world.

So, don't forget to mark your calendars for July 25th at 6:00 p.m. for a fun evening of fun, fellowship and ice cream!

If you are headed out of town and will be staying in a hotel please remember to bring your samples back to Trinity and put in the recycling area.

Team members always welcome! If you think this is something you would like to get involved with, please contact Patty Malone.



YOUTH

Patty Malone

Junior/Senior High Youth

Congratulations to Shelby Blaker who is graduating with honors from the IB Program at Granby High School in June. She will begin her undergraduate studies in the Fall at Old Dominion University studying Health and Sciences with the hopes of becoming a doctor. Way to go Shelby, all your hard work has paid off!

We are also trying to pick a Saturday for Top Golf. The date will be coming soon. We have to wait until after prom and graduation to schedule the Saturday we are going.

The youth got all the health kits for Lutheran World Relief packaged up to be taken to their headquarters in Baltimore. Thank you to Lynn and Bud Hubert for delivering them for us. It saves us so much on postage.

The youth will be having a car wash sometime this summer. Please keep an eye out for it in the bulletin and on Facebook.

Preteens

The rainy weather could not keep eight preteens away from their monthly FUN NIGHT! We got to engage in some new games which turned out to be a lot of fun! They played marshmallow wiffle ball and kickball with a ball that refused to go straight. Musical bean bag was a hit with songs from "Sing" thank you Maggie.

For the object lesson, there was a scavenger hunt in Belvedere Hall. They had to find famous men in the Bible and match them to the description of who they were. It was a mad race around the room looking for the correct name to match their clue. A few of the men were Moses, Jonah, Daniel etc...

Our crafts were all focused around Mother's Day. They made fingerprint butterflies on wooden tags along with cards and a silly flower plate.

A big thank you to all the parents for bringing your children and staying to help. This night would not be possible without your participation.

If you have not liked Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook you should give it a try at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/TLCNorfolk>.

The FINAL Preteen Night for the 2016/2017 school year will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are hoping for nice weather so we can get outside. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is now accepting registrations for camp's fun-filled nine week program, beginning June 19th and ending August 18th. Each week will be theme based with exciting in-house field trips including *Abakadoodle Art*, Norfolk SPCA, *Virginia Living Museum*, Creature Comfort's Bird Show, miniature golf, *Bookmobile* and the ever popular sock-hop. The campers will enjoy arts and crafts, water fun, cooking and a Fourth of July picnic, gardening plus much more. Have your children come join in the summer fun. Contact Mrs. Loper in the office for more information or to receive a camp packet. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors.

Summer Camp

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Trinity Lutheran Summer Camp - Norfolk

June**Birthdays**


1 Traver Poston
4 Hannah Harger
6 Floyd Wilcox
6 Christine Leiding
6 Curtis Hayes
6 Brooke Christy
7 Sarah Hayes
9 Bendra Pendry
11 Doris Lass
11 Porter Bayse
14 Sam Gilson
17 Mary Lou scott
19 Finn Flannigan
20 Charlotte Gunther
22 Erika Straddeck
23 James O'Connor
28 Matt Prince

Anniversaries

11 Ken ♥ Sharyn Leiding
15 John ♥ Talma Butcher
21 Jim ♥ Marilyn Vaughan
22 Scott ♥ Natasha Thieman
23 Arthur ♥ Brenda Christy

July**Birthdays**

1 Melissa Hales
3 Judy Sykes
4 Shelby Blaker
6 Flo Ball
6 Sofia Capehart
8 Abigail Roll
8 Benjamin Roll
9 Cathy George
10 Rachel Gillooly
10 Katie Williams
12 Craig Bayse
13 Kenneth Leiding
13 Colette Gilson
16 Antonio Tutt
16 Jared Jones
17 Diane Kaufman
18 Sara Harger
19 Viola Person
22 Catie Roll
26 Ryan Gillooly
Robyn Ocana
26 Henry Keplar
29 Luis Delgado

Anniversaries

5 Bill ♥ Charlotte Gunther
15 Clint ♥ Dana Dalton
21 David ♥ Jo Nell Chadwick

Bowling League

Doug Sulak

The Tidewater Lutheran Bowling League completed it's 42nd season on Monday, May 15th. Teams with Trinity Bowlers were in the mix for second place as the last night was position round. As Doug's team dropped the second game, it was all they could do to take two games to guarantee Dan Paris' team to finish in second place. Of course this cost them ten percent of their winnings. Brenda Gould's team finished in seventh place. Our Banquet was held on Monday, May 22nd at Outback Steak House on Indian River Road. We handed out season ending awards and prizes along with our Annual Railroading of League Officers.

We will resume the league for the next season the last Monday in August, with the Organizational meeting and free bowling the Monday before that. We would love to see more smiling Trinity faces next season either as bowlers or rowdy spectators. We all love to show off.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	2	3 10am Bd. of Spec Min Cooking for JCOC
4 Day of Pentecost 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Study 10am Communion Worship 2pm Bd. of Spec. Min Serving at JCOC	5	6 7pm Church Council Meeting	7	8 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	9 6:30pm PreTeen Night Activites	10
11 Holy Trinity / Trini- ty's Anniversary Sunday 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Worship Ser- vice	12	13	14	15 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	16	17 8am Men's Breakfast 10am Ladies Month- ly Bible Study
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship	19 9am Summer Camp begins	20 3:30pm Board of Deacons	21	22 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	23	24
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Worship Ser- vice	26	27	28	29 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	30	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 4th Sunday after Pentecost / Armed Forces Sunday 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion 11:30 am Worship Picnic and Games following Worship	3	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5	6 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	7	8
9 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Worship Service	10	11	12	13 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	14	15 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Special Ministries at Foodbank 10am Ladies Monthly Bible Study
16 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship	17	18 3:30pm Board of Deacons	19	20 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study	21	22
23 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Worship Service	24	25 6pm Christmas In July Ice Cream Social	26	27 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	28	29
30 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School VBS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Seniors in the Faith Celebration	31					

WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Ushers	Linda Blaker and Jack Carter	Julie Meraz and Doug Sulak	Bill Gregory and John Knickelbein	Linda Blaker and Doug Sulak
Lector	Anna Carter	Ralph Knorr	John Butcher	
Communion Assistant	Jeff Ingmire	Ralph Knorr	Jeff Ingmire	
Acolyte	Janet Gould	Shelby Blaker	Janet Gould	
Children's Sermon	Linda Blaker	David Chadwick	Judy Sykes	Pastor Meraz

*Please help us out by signing up for
Worship Service Participants
on the Volunteer Board in the Welcome Center.*

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
U	Jack Carter and John Knickelbein	Bud Hubert and Doug Sulak	Linda Blaker and Errol Jennings	Jack Carter and Julie Meraz	John Knickelbein and Doug Sulak
L			John Butcher	Anna Carter	
C A	Jeff Ingmire		Jeff Ingmire		
A					
C S	Sharyn Leiding	Linda Blaker	Dave Chadwick	Judy Sykes	Pastor Meraz

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has changed,
PLEASE notify the Church Office.**

FLAT LUTHER – The Reformation 500 years

Dale Hubert first introduced The Flat Stanley Project to his students at *Wilfrid Jury Public School* in 1995. The project's name comes from the eponymous character of the children's book *Flat Stanley*. Written in 1964 by American author Jeff Brown, the book centers around the life of character Stanley Lambchop, a boy who is accidentally flattened.

In an interview with CNN in 2005, Hubert explained: "In the book, by Jeff Brown, Stanley gets squashed flat by a falling bulletin board. Stanley's parents rolled him up, put him in an envelope and mailed him to his friend in California. And that just seemed like a way of communicating that grade-three students might enjoy."

Students involved in The Flat Stanley Project are read the story of Flat Stanley and are subsequently given black-and-white cut-outs of him for them to color. The students are also asked to write a story about him, including details such as where he is from, his daily routine and his interests, then they mail their Stanley to someone, such as a friend or relative in another country, or a student at another school participating in the program. The person receiving the Flat Stanley is asked to take a picture with the cut-out doll and to send a letter back, either via email or regular mail, to the student recounting Flat Stanley's adventures along with the accompanying photo. The student then shares the photo and letter with their class.

Well by now I guess you are wondering why we are talking about The Flat Stanley Project? The Sunday School students will be receiving a Flat Luther very soon in Sunday School class. If any adults would also like to get involved with Flat Luther please let Cathy George or Patty Malone know and we will get you a Flat Luther.

Special Ministries along with Christian Growth thought it would be a GREAT IDEA to send Flat Luther to a friend, relative or just take him on vacation with you and snap a picture. Where would Flat Luther end up? Who would Flat Luther meet? What would Flat Luther see? How is Flat Luther celebrating the Reformation at 500?

It is the 500th year of the Lutheran Reformation let us be in the world with our Flat Luther, take a picture, write a story about what he has seen and where he has been. Share them to our Facebook page, put them on the special Flat Luther bulletin board and be part of the Reformation's 500th year! Celebrate the Reformation with the fellow members of Trinity!