Today I am going to speak about religion and its role in our society. I am not speaking about a specific religion such as Christianity or Buddhism, but religion in general. I am grateful for this opportunity to address this group and want to consider the benefits of having people of faith in your constituency.

In the book American Grace, Robert Putnam and David Campbell demonstrate that religious affiliation is closely correlated to being constructive members of society. Using extensive surveys, they provide abundant evidence that religious people far exceed their non-religious counterparts both in terms of time and money that they dedicate in service to others. One might be tempted to conclude that the sole reason for this level of involvement is because they serve within their own church or synagogue. But Putnam and Campbell have done their homework. Though it is true that religious people dedicate a lot of time and money to their own tradition, they are also active participants and contributors to non-religious causes and organizations. In short, religious people are more involved in secular organizations (that is, non-religious) than their secular counterparts, by far.

Now this is a general trend. There are always exceptions because we all know good people who don’t claim a faith tradition. But overall, religious people are more generous in sharing their time and money than non-religious people and it isn’t even close. Religious people donate 80% more to non-religious non-profit organizations than non-religious people do. Furthermore, religious people are more involved in government and are reported as being better neighbors (even when surveyed by non-religious neighbors!) than non-religious people.

Author’s note: On Friday May 12th I had the honor of giving the devotion at the Chatham County Commissioner’s meeting. This is a summation of my words to the commissioners.
Based on this research we can make the following conclusion: Religion is good for democracy.

But there’s more. As our society becomes undeniably less religiously observant, there are voices that decry the lack of tolerance among the religions of the world. What Putnam and Campbell find challenges this observation. Indeed, Chatham County’s history has been a religious stew of converging faiths since the beginning. Religions that were divided in Europe co-exist here in Savannah. Take my tradition, Lutheranism, for example. In Salzburg, Germany in the 1730s, the prince announced all subjects were to convert to his faith, Roman Catholicism, or leave. A group of Lutherans were evicted and went to England seeking refuge. The King of England offered to give them land in Georgia, protection of General Oglethorpe, in what would become Effingham County. Years later Irish Roman Catholics settled in the area. We have co-existed in relative harmony ever since. In fact, as our church observes the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Savannah Diocese will be hosting a joint Roman Catholic/Lutheran worship service at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist on October 23. Our synodical Bishop, the Rev. Julian Gordy has been invited to co-preside. Two traditions that were once at odds in Europe are congenial and supportive of one another in America.

This dynamic is supported by Putnam and Campbell’s American Grace. They researched attitudes among religious people in America and found a great deal of religious tolerance among Americans. The great American experiment of finding unity under the banner of freedom rather than that of royalty or a given faith has proven to be successful and effective. Because almost all Americans have a relative or friend who belongs to a different faith, they are more likely to be tolerant and even supportive of other religions.

Because I believe our Creator does not want fighting or strife between religious groups, and because religious Americans are more tolerant of other religions, I can conclude that not only is religion good for democracy, but also that democracy is good for religion!

Blessings on you as you deliberate on the issues before you as you serve the common good.

Pastor Jason Talsness

6/01 Judy Nord
6/01 Chuck Ortmann
6/07 Amir Polite
6/07 Zion Polite
6/08 Mary Buck
6/08 June Luecke
6/08 Helena Talsness
6/09 Rob Fritz
6/18 Lana Gilster
6/20 Brittany Boyden
6/20 Joshua Sylvester
6/21 Virginia Hylander
6/23 Layne Rabold
6/30 Marcia Stinson

6/14 Susan & Ron Whitaker’s 48th
6/16 Jan & Jim Hazel’s 55th
6/16 Lynn & Ken McLauchlan’s 33rd
6/18 Maggie & Allan Downen’s 6th
6/22 Mary & Ron Maner’s 54th
6/23 June & Carl Luecke’s 55th
6/24 Mary & Dan Meyer’s 39th
6/28 Marcie & Jim Perry’s 43rd
June Announcements

Copies of the June issue of THE LUTHERAN, the official news magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS for the 3rd quarter of 2017, are available on the table in the entrance foyer of the sanctuary. Also, a limited number of LARGE PRINT devotionals are available.

CERTAIN SCHEDULED MEETINGS & EVENTS IN JUNE

- **Birthday Sunday** is June 11. If your birthday is this month, be sure to come to church on the 11th so that we can celebrate your birth!
- **Women’s Monday Morning Bible Study** will resume on Monday, June 12.
- **Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study** will meet each Wednesday in June at 8:00 a.m. in the card room at the Marshwood Club in The Landings.
- **Worship & Music Ministry** will address meetings June through August by an e-mail communication that will go out every second Sunday.
- **Craft 'n Gab** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10.
- **Evangelism Ministry** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13.
- **Church Council** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20.
- **Evangelism’s Caring Card Ministry** will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 24.
- **Staff Support/Mutual Ministry** will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

† Prayers of support for **Bette Lufburrow**, her family, and the friends of Bette’s husband **Albert Lufburrow**, 92, who died on May 31, 2017.
† Prayers of support for **Betty Anderson**, her family, and the friends of Betty’s husband **Swede Anderson**, who died on May 19, 2017.
† Prayers of support for **Steve and Pam Allen**, their family, and the friends of Steve’s sister **Louise Allen Anderson**, 72, who died unexpectedly on May 18, 2017.
† Prayers of support for **Cathie Barefoot**, her family, and the friends of Cathie’s husband **Kirk Barefoot**, who died on March 22, 2017.
† Prayers of healing for our members, friends, and relatives undergoing special care and treatment: **Carr Baldwin, Alinda Borsani** (Babette’s sister), **Cole and Elliot** (twin sons born prematurely in September to Meaghan Andrews (Tim Andrews’ daughter) and her husband Rob Springer), **Sandy Clarke, Anne Dobra** (Pattye & Clarke Field’s sister-in-law), **Levi Ingvalson** (Lana & Eric Gilster’s four year old grandnephew), **Christine Kumagai, Ray Kunsman, Bridget** (Shirley & Phil Nack’s granddaughter), **Cindy Lockwood** (Anne Jeanblanc’s sister-in-law), **Judy Nord, Tom Richardson, Claire Schaet** (Don Schaet’s daughter), **Linda Shadel** (Lynn McLauchlan’s sister-in-law), **Bob Sears, Jan Stinson** (Greg Stinson’s cousin), and **Marguerite Weisemann**.

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In Memoriam
Alan D. Anderson

Our dear brother in Christ, Alan D. “Swede” Anderson, CLU was promoted to glory on May 19, 2017, surrounded by his family in his home after a nine month struggle with cancer. Swede was born in Ottawa, Kansas to Franz Edgar and Helen Sands Anderson. He graduated from Kansas University where he met his future wife Betty. Together, they raised three daughters, Juli, Karin and Holly. He had a rewarding career with Aetna Insurance Company and retired after 35 years as the General Manager of the Employee Benefits Division.

Swede had a lifetime passion for sports and particularly enjoyed the games of golf and tennis for many years. He and Betty traveled the world together, often with family members. He especially enjoyed time with his family. After retiring, he was an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau, served as a CASA volunteer, and tutored in the St. Louis and Savannah public schools.

Swede was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Bob, Delbert and Glen Anderson, his sister Jean Holcomb, and his daughter Karin. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty, daughters Juli Anderson-Bjerke (Kevin Bjerke) and Holly L. Anderson, and five grandchildren Alan, Alex, and Hadley Bjerke and Jesse and Shiloh Anderson and many nieces and nephews.

Swede’s sense of humor, kindness and generosity will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Service will be held on June 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be to the Karin J. Anderson Endowed Memorial Fund at the Washburn Law School Foundation, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66621-1140, Planned Parenthood, or Messiah Lutheran Church.

May God grant Betty and the family and friends blessed memories of Swede and resurrection peace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
In the best of times, our days are numbered anyway. So it would be
a crime against nature for any generation to take the world crisis so
solemnly that it put off enjoying those things for which we were
designed in the first place: the opportunity to do good work, to enjoy
friends, to fall in love, to hit a ball, and to bounce a baby.

~ Alistair Cooke
(1908-2004)

In Memoriam
Albert Bullman Lufburrow

Albert Bullman Lufburrow, 92, husband of Messiah Lutheran
member Bette Sulter Lufburrow, passed away on May 31, 2017 at
home under the care of Hospice. He was born on June 14, 1924,
the son of Florence Duer and Thomas W. Lufburrow. He was a
member of St. John’s Episcopal Church where he served in the
boys’ choir, President of the Men’s Club and served as both Jr.
and Sr. Warden. Albert attended local schools and the University
of Georgia, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Albert served in WW II and the Korean War, then joined his
father’s firm Lufburrow Realty Co. He was a Realtor, Builder and
Land Developer. He developed Oakdale, Habersham Woods,
Kingswood and South Harbor on Skidaway Island. He served as
President of the Savannah Board of Realtors and Chairman of the Savannah-Chatham
Metropolitan Planning Commission. He was a member of the Oglethorpe Club, and a
former member of L’Alliance Francaise and the Savannah Yacht Club. He was Past
President of The Sons of The Revolution, the Jaycees and the Civitan Club.

Albert is survived by Bette, his wife of 69 years, and his three children Deborah L.
Howell (James), Stephen R. Lufburrow (Sally), and Louisa L. Stewart; grandchildren
Keith Howell (Elizabeth) of Richmond, Virginia, Scott Howell, Matthew Lufburrow, Mary
Lufburrow, and Anna Stewart all of Savannah; and two great grandchildren, Alice and
Glenn Howell of Richmond, VA.

A graveside service was held in the Greenwich section of Bonaventure Cemetery on
Saturday, June 3, 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice
Savannah, Inc., P.O. Box 13190 Savannah, GA 31416-0190 or to your favorite charity.

May God grant Bette and the family and friends blessed memories of Albert
and resurrection peace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
The Arts at Messiah

There are three remaining concerts in this year’s summer series. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Although the concerts are Messiah’s gift to the community, donations will be gladly accepted to help defray costs. Please make plans to attend – and invite your friends and neighbors!

Jennifer Zetlan, Soprano • Friday, June 23
See below for details.

Greg Zelek, Organ • Friday, July 14
Greg Zelek is increasingly recognized as one of the most exciting young organists in the American organ scene. He was a prizewinner in the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival; chosen by The Diapason magazine as one of the top “20 Under 30” organists in 2016; and currently is pursuing an Artist Diploma as a student of Paul Jacobs at the Juilliard School.

Reed Tetzloff, Piano • Friday, August 11
~ Joseph Pramberger Memorial Concert ~
Reed Tetzloff has won prizes at several international competitions, including third prize and audience favorite award at the 2014 Cincinnati World Piano Competition; bronze medal and special prize for best recital in the semi-final round at the 2013 Tbilisi International Piano Competition; and first prize in the concerto competition in the 2011 Beijing International Festival and Academy (China). In 2012 he made his Lincoln Center debut with the Mannes Orchestra at Alice Tully Hall and his New York solo recital debut at Merkin Hall.

Internationally Recognized Soprano in Concert

Soprano Jennifer Zetlan appears in concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 23 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Ms. Zetlan will be joined by her husband, pianist David Shimoni, BA, MA, DMA, and Jeana Melilli, Principal Flute of the Savannah Philharmonic.

Internationally recognized for her artistry and captivating stage presence, Ms. Zetlan has been seen and heard on opera and concert stages including the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Seattle Opera, Ash Lawn Opera, New York Philharmonic, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and Carnegie Hall, among others, as well as recital venues and on Broadway. She has performed in the world premieres of operas by composers Matthew Aucoin, Daron Hagen, Nico Muhly, and Ricky Ian Gordon.
PLEASE JOIN US IN PRESENTING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AT MESSIAH!

Your generous tax-deductible contribution supports the continuation of this wonderful series of summer concerts. Over the years, we have developed a reputation for presenting concerts of varied types, featuring a range of outstanding talent – from rising stars to winners of world class competitions. This is made possible by a community of supporters who have stood behind the series’ 16 years of stable growth and who continue to stand behind its mission. We invite you to support The Arts at Messiah. Please make your check payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church” and mark the memo line “The Arts at Messiah.”

To church on Sundays? To Men’s or Women’s Bible Study? To other events at church? Maybe you aren’t driving any more – or not at night – or just don’t feel up to driving. The Parish Life Ministry has the answer for you! It has a Transportation Committee (a subcommittee of the Sonshine Committee) on call to help, even on a limited basis to doctor appointments and for errands. Members of the committee are Pam Allen, Milda Blaney, Mary & Fred Buck, Andrea Felkins, Lynetta & Verne Hartson, Virginia & Ken Hylander, Laura Michael, Diane Munroe, Shirley & Phil Nack, Tammy & Gerry Quirk, David Ridberg, Barb Tinker, and Linda Turk. To book a ride, contact Pam Allen (e-mail allenpr@comcast.net); Home: 598-9746; cell: 663-7235).

Reformation 500: 50 things you may not know about Luther

As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Living Lutheran is exploring 500 of its unique aspects. It has put together a list of 50 Reformation things you may not know about Martin Luther. This list is not meant as an all-encompassing compendium of everything essential to the Reformation and its theology, but rather as a glimpse of the variety of ways the movement that Martin Luther sparked in 1517 would influence the history of the world.

Here are two things from the list that you may not know. To find out the other 48, copy and paste the following link in your web browser:
https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/06/reformation-500-50-things-may-not-know-luther/

#2. Luther was not exactly from peasant stock. His father—whose father was a farmer—ended up a well-to-do mine owner, and his mother’s family, the Lindemanns, included a mayor of Eisenach, Thuringia, in Germany.

#13. Luther was not a monk but a friar. Friars (Dominicans, Franciscans and Augustinians) lived in community in cities and often had responsibilities as university professors of theology or preachers. Monks often lived in isolated areas and focused their lives on work and prayer.
We’re Going to the Movies!

A viewing of Luther, the movie (2003) will be offered in two parts, on Tuesday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 27, both starting at 3:00 p.m. The movie will be divided into segments to allow time for questions and discussion. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the kiosk. This movie is part of the ongoing emphasis on the Reformation as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October.

We’re Reading a Book!

The book club invites you to join in reading Martin Luther: A Life (2004), a biographical narrative on the life of Martin Luther written by Martin E. Marty. It is an interesting, informative and easy read by Marty, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago and winner of the National Book Award for his book Righteous Empire. Please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex if you are interested.

We’re Planning Now for the LSG GOLF CLASSIC!

The 14th annual Lutheran Services of Georgia Golf Classic will be held October 24, 2017 at the Crosswinds Golf Club near the Savannah airport. This year we will have a 9:00 a.m. shotgun followed by lunch. Last year Messiah had 30 golfers and sponsored 14 military players! Great job Messiah! Your golf committee – Frank Liebgott, Pattye & Clarke Field, and Shirley & Phil Nack – will be contacting you in August.

Thank you for your continued support for LSG Savannah.
News from the Christian Education Ministry

Barbara Tinker, Chairman

Sunday Morning Bible Study has been so well received that it will continue during the summer months! And YOU are invited to join us! On June 4 we will begin a five week series entitled “Time of Your Life, Making the Most of It.” We will be viewing a 15–20 minute DVD segment followed by thought-provoking discussion. Please enjoy 20 minutes of fellowship and then join us Sundays at 10:20 a.m. in the conference room. It’s amazing how your faith grows when you share it!

The summer session of the Women’s Bible Study begins on Monday, June 12, with the six-week Beth Moore study entitled “Entrusted,” a study of 2 Timothy. Have you ever been “entrusted” to accomplish a task that proved to be overwhelming? Have you not known whether you were up to the challenge? Is so, this bible study is for you. Join us on Monday mornings at 9:30 in the conference room beginning on June 12. For more information, please talk to Argerie Martin (598-8211; martinw720@aol.com).

The Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study will meet each Wednesday in June at 8:00 a.m. in the card room at the Marshwood Club in The Landings.

NOTE: Please let Pastor Jason know if you plan to attend so that accurate reservations may be made. You don’t need to be a member of The Landings Club to attend and have breakfast. Also, off-island men may contact Pastor Jason for a gate pass.

Youth Sunday School (6th grade – high school) will follow the regular school schedule and not meet during the summer. They will resume in the fall.
News from the Outreach Ministry  
Sandy Schmoll, Chairman

CGCA Teacher Appreciation Event

On May 24, the Outreach Ministry hosted a Teacher Appreciation Continental Breakfast for the teachers and staff of the Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy (CGCA). CGCA is a special education school founded in 1971, and focuses on educating students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Our own Steve Derr has served as principal there for many years.

Seven members of Messiah helped to procure, transport, and serve brunch to approximately 75 staff at CGCA during their post-school year planning days. Among the items served were quiche, assorted breakfast pastries, breakfast breads, fresh fruit, coffee, and orange juice. The staff was extremely gracious and appreciative, and we enjoyed being able to thank them for a job well done!

Taking part in this wonderful morning ~ Back row: Lynn Townsend, Argerie Martin, Sandy Schmoll, Barb Tinker, & Amanda Ridberg; Front row: Jim Dawson & Don Schaet.

Argerie Martin, Barb Tinker, & Jim Dawson

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Lunchtime Shelter

The Outreach Ministry is working with Pastor Jason to provide a Latino ministry in our island community. This will take the form of using our Fellowship Hall to provide an indoor sheltered place for workers on the island at lunchtime. We would like to offer this option to workers one day per week for four weeks. A team of Messiah members would be present each week to facilitate this outreach. Stay tuned for details and how you can become involved!

News from the Parish Life Ministry

Jill Poole, Chairman

If you were born in June we want to celebrate you. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after services on June 11 for Birthday Sunday. Enjoy a slice of Birthday Cake and a Happy Birthday Serenade from your fellow church members.

Love to bake? Sweet Treats are always welcome at the Sunday Morning Coffee Hour and Fellowship Time. Hate to bake? Store bought treats are welcome too. The sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk in the narthex for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour.

The morning is much better when we have coffee together!

This ongoing group of crafty gabbers will get together on Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 – 1:00. They do some crafting, but mostly they enjoy each other’s company. Everyone is welcome! Bring a “project” and come join in the “gabbing.” For more information, talk to Argerie Martin, Connie Squibb, or Joy Olson.

“WILL GIVE YOU rest.”
Matthew 11:28
In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Savannah area Lutherans sponsored a program at Messiah Lutheran on Sunday afternoon, May 7. Dr. Byron Boyd, a thoroughly engaging speaker, provided insights into the political world of Martin Luther’s time, examining the factors outside the church that led to the eruption of the Reformation.

On Tuesday, May 9, 2017 the Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale performed a sophisticated concert of sacred and secular music. Before the concert, the chorale enjoyed dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Our members also housed the chorale overnight.

On Friday evening, May 12, Matthew Griswold opened the first concert in The Arts at Messiah 2017 concert series. Mr. Griswold won first prize at the Arthur Fraser International Piano Competition and first prize in the coveted Arthur Dann Piano Competition. A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory, he currently serves on the piano faculty at the Bronx Conservatory of Music and is completing his Masters of Music at the Mannes College of Music.
Sunday, May 14

On Sunday, May 14, 2017, Megan Boyden and Will Gladden were confirmed. To honor Megan and Will, and also to honor and express sincere appreciation to their Lenten mentors Peggy Pearson and John Duren, who were an invaluable part of this process, their parents hosted a portion of Fellowship after the service.

Birthday Sunday also was on May 14. Pictured at right with Pastor Jason are Birthday Honorees (left to right) Stephanie Williams, Cheryl Liebgott, Milda Blaney, Gerry Quirk, Larry Holst, Faye Holst, Anne Farr, Yona Haug, Ethel Baldwin, Diana Wilson, and Brittany Boyden.
Highlights from Church Council’s Meeting on May 16, 2017

Please note the following highlights have been taken from the draft minutes that will be presented for approval at Council’s June 2017 meeting.

- **Pastor’s Report.** Pastor Jason reported the following:
  - Landlovers. Landlover’s made a donation to Messiah for use of our property for their Flea Market and also offered to cover the cost of sprinkler repairs.
  - Youth Group. Messiah will host a youth group from Hillsboro, ND on June 6. There will be about 65 individuals who will use the church as their overnight lodging on their way to a mission trip in Florida. A volunteer will be at church to greet them and bid them adieu early Wednesday, June 7.
  - National Day of Prayer. This year’s service on May 4 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church was successful. We are grateful for Cheryl Liebgott’s willingness to serve as Messiah’s representative. She will need an additional representative to serve with her next year. They will meet four times during the year before and after the first Thursday in May.
  - Vacation. Pastor Talsness and his family will be on vacation in Bald Head, NC from June 10-14 and a one week trip in July is being planned.
  - Visitation. One hospital visit and seven home visits since last month.

- **Christian Education Ministry Report.** Barb Tinker reported the following:
  - Fall will see the start of a Martin Luther study, “Gospel, Law & Reformation.”
  - On Sunday, May 21, there will be children’s graduation and teacher appreciation announcements before the worship service with very brief acknowledgments of those who help with teaching and nursery.
  - Children’s & Youth Sunday School will end on May 20 and resume on August 20 with Rally Sunday and Blessing of the Back Packs. She and Alexandra are working together to develop a Sunday School program for ages 1 through 5th grade. Steve Derr will continue to teach the Middle School children next year on Lutheran Traditions.
  - Men’s Group will meet through the summer studying Genesis chapters 1 through 11.

- **Worship and Music Ministry Report.** Tom Olson reported that the members of this ministry will be reviewing and hopefully developing Strategic Planning ideas over the summer. Next year, in preparation for several of the special Christian seasons (Advent, Christmas and Lent through Easter), the Ministry will seek to develop ways to present and/or promote the services and activities. Mary Maner and Diane Boyd have planned several Sundays with special music for the summer.

- **Finance Ministry Report.** Parker Pearson, Treasurer, reported the following:
  - An update on the Capital Campaign will be given at the July Quarterly meeting.
  - Council approved the issuance of a credit card with a limit of $2,000 for Messiah in Parker’s name that can be used for incidental purchases.
  - Parker will talk with our bookkeeper about a system for electronic donations and will advise congregation about it.

- **New Business, Lutheranch:** Libby Bedenbaugh, Campaign Chair for the Lutheranch project, gave a history of Lutherock, Lutheridge, Luther Springs and the newest effort, Lutheranch. She would like to make a presentation to the congregation regarding this facility and its programs and offer members the opportunity to financially support the Lutheranch completion. A brochure “Complete the Dream” was provided for all present to review. President Olson suggested that this presentation be done in the fall because several members leave for the summer months.
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