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"Virginia's Oldest Church"



National Historic Landmark, National Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop

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## **17th-Century Benefit Concert**

Smithfield, VA- On September 9th, 2017 at 4 p.m., Historic St. Luke's proudly presents a 17th-century benefit concert by the Locrian Consort during the <u>17th Century Isle of Wight County: A Living History Event</u>. Tickets to the concert are \$15 per person and should be purchased in advance. Benefit Concert Tickets include complimentary access to rest of the day's events except for the <u>Silver Hand Meadery Mead Tasting Fundraiser</u> which is a separate, ticketed event. Proceeds from the benefit concert help support the Educational Program at Historic St. Luke's. Reserve your tickets for the benefit concert <u>here</u>.

This 17th-century concert by the Locrian Consort (pictured below in front of Historic St. Luke's) will be a rare blend of presenting ancient music in an educational and entertaining manner. Dru Stowe (pictured right in costume inside of "Virginia's Oldest Church") and his fellow consort members inject humor and instruction to their performance. The Consort will showcase



period instruments including the sackbut, krumhorn, and gemshorn featured in this brief informational video.



Seating and tickets are limited to this benefit concert. Attendees are encouraged to reserve their tickets soon while availability remains. Please contact Rachel Popp, Education Coordinator, at (757) 357-3367 or via email at <u>rpopp@historicstlukes.org</u> for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## About Historic St. Luke's Church

Historic St. Luke's Restoration, established in 1954, is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit is Virginia's Oldest Church built in the 17th-century and remains an enduring symbol of Americans' pursuits of religious freedom as imbued in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Today it

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operates as a National Historic Landmark, National Patriotic Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop. Throughout the year Historic St. Luke's provides daily guided tours to the general public and private groups and hosts educational special events and lectures. The museum displays a number of artifacts from throughout its history including America's Oldest Organ - a 1635 English Chamber Organ. Historic St. Luke's does not receive any funding from the federal, state, or municipal governments - all funding comes from private sources including individuals and foundations.

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