



CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

November 2016

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The Election of a New Bishop for the Virginia Synod

¹⁶Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you
not perceive it?
Isaiah 43

In October, pastors and rostered leaders gathered in Virginia Beach with Jim and Linda Mauney to give them thanks for their service to Jesus Christ and the Virginia Synod. Bishop Mauney will have served 18 years as Bishop and about another 10 years before that as an assistant to the Bishop. Jamison still remembers when the Bishop came to our home in January 2010 before leading worship with us to celebrate full communion with the Methodist Church. I know he was also at Christ Lutheran 9 years ago to dedicate the remodeled fellowship hall. Many of our youth and young adults have fond memories of Bishop Mauney singing *Pharaoh Pharaoh* at youth events.

Next June, at Roanoke College, the Virginia Synod will elect a new bishop. And more than likely, the candidate will be someone not currently serving on the Bishop's staff. We anticipate "a new thing" like the prophet wrote in Isaiah Chapter 43.

And you can see this new thing first hand. Attending a Bishop's election is one of the most exciting times to participate in a Synod Assembly. I encourage you to prayerfully consider this. Christ Lutheran Church can send two lay delegates to the synod assembly as well as two youth as non-voting members to the Youth Assembly, held at the same time.

The Virginia Synod has a transition team to facilitate the election. They will hold two meetings in the Southern Valley Conference for congregations before the election. The first meeting takes place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 13 at Grace, Waynesboro. The transition team invites any member of our local churches to join them for this meeting. A spring conference gathering will be held for voting delegates from area Lutheran congregations.

If you would like to be a voting delegate to the Synod Assembly in June, try to attend the November 13 conference gathering. This year it is important for the congregation to select one male and one female delegate to the Virginia Synod Assembly. Often we appoint them through council, but this year we will elect them in the January portion of the congregational meeting. In January, I will nominate as congregational representative for the Synod Assembly from any voting member of Christ Lutheran Church who attends the November 13 conference gathering.

Even if you cannot attend the November 13 gathering, you can still represent the congregation at the Synod assembly. You can self-nominate yourself or ask a member of the council to nominate you at our January council meeting. As I mentioned, the plan of the transition team is to have another gathering in the spring.

Even before this time arrives, now you can begin praying for the pastor who God will raise up to serve the Virginia Synod as bishop.

Blessings, Pastor McCarty

Important Dates

November 13 at 3 PM
Grace Lutheran in
Waynesboro
The Bishop's Transition
team meets with any inter-
ested members from
Southern Valley ELCA
Congregations.
January 2017
Christ Lutheran elects two
members to vote at the
Synod Assembly.
June 9-11, 2017
Roanoke College in
Salem, VA
The Virginia Synod
Assembly to elect a new
bishop.

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

As we begin in a year of celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (begun October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany), we continue to talk about Luther and music.

The statement is often made that Luther just used common bar tunes for his melodies such as *Ein feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress). It is true that Luther was a trained musician and wrote more than 30 hymns, but it is NOT true that he used tunes from his local tavern! Luther's sources for his hymns were older Latin hymns and spiritual songs, earlier German hymns, and melodies he composed himself or asked his trained musical colleagues to write for him. Every Lutheran is familiar with *A Mighty Fortress*. Luther wrote both the text (based on Psalm 46) and the tune for this hymn. It is written in "bar form", which might account for some of the confusion around tunes being lifted out of the local pub. Bar form is a common form for early poems and songs in Germany, in which the first line of the tune is repeated, and then there is another melody for the last part. This is called AAB. If you take *A Mighty Fortress* as an example, you will see that the music for the first line of text (A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious) is repeated exactly for the second line of text (he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.) This is the AA section. Then the B section is: The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. The last line is again a little hint of A: On earth he has no equal. Many German chorales, and indeed, many later hymns, are crafted following this format.

So, I hope that if someone tells you that Luther was not a trained musician and usurped hymn tunes from the bawdry bar melodies, you can correct them. Luther knew that good sacred music was integral to good liturgy, writing often about music, and here is one quote:

"I, too, with the help of others, have brought together some sacred songs, in order to make a good beginning and to give an incentive to those who can better carry on the Gospel and bring it to the people...And these songs were arranged in four parts for no other reason than that I wanted to attract the youth (who should and must be trained in music and other fine arts) away from love songs and carnal pieces and to give them something wholesome to learn instead."

*Florence Jowers,
Director of Music*



Hosted by:
Staunton Church of the Brethren
Covenant Presbyterian
Memorial Baptist
Christ Lutheran
St. John's United Methodist
Cherryvale United Methodist



Let Thankful Hearts Sing

A Joint Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship
With a Community Choir & Musical Guest, *PRASLA*
Wednesday, November 23, 2016, 7:00 P.M. at
Christ Lutheran Church

A goodwill offering will be received to benefit the
Staunton Augusta Churches Relief Association

PRASLA provides excellent, anointed, life-changing music that inspires seekers to know God and impassions believers to reach the world for Christ. Their ministry field includes the United States, Canada and the Philippines.

NOVEMBER THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

The WELCA annual Thankoffering Sunday will be observed on November 13 during worship service. On this day you are invited to join with the Women of the Church in sharing your offering gifts to help show your gratitude for God's blessing and to support WELCA's outreach in ministry. This offering will be used for local ministries such as New Directions, SACRA, Free Clinic and our own Pastor's Discretionary Fund. A portion of this offering will also be given to the National WELCA to support ongoing ministries. The Women of the Church thank you for your continuing support of Thankoffering Sunday.

Please note we will not hold a regular meeting in November.

PS: Come join us on November 13 ! We will also be joined by our talented Blue Grass musicians! **Gerry Wells, lead guitar and vocals, David McCaskey, fiddle; Colin Hester, Bass fiddle; Jeff Hensley, banjo; Phyllis Cox and Stacey Wolters- harmony vocals; and Woody Sanders, rhythm guitar and vocals.**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The frost is on the pumpkins and holiday moods are beginning to come out. The holidays are when we begin to think about our individual families and what to write in our Christmas correspondence to bring each one up to date. It's also the time to remember our neighborhood families, our family of friends and of course our church family.

Lorraine Bosserman is always working to make our bulletin board in the hallway across from Brenda's office show what is happening in our church family and for November she is collecting pictures of the kids who were confirmed and or active in Christ Lutheran Church during the eighties and nineties. She is asking for recent pictures of these young people with a couple of lines telling what they are doing today and where they are living. We think this will be fun and interesting as well as to let these "kids" know we love them and wish them well.

We have already received several pictures and if you would like to add to this collection, please send (or drop off) pictures and short bio to Brenda so we can fill the bulletin board. Any questions, call the church.

Submitted by Dell Philpott

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints Sunday is November 6. During our worship service, we will remember those of our congregation who have died in the past year. Please help us by submitting names of those family members, friends and loved ones who have died (from any year) that you wish to remember. You may use the signup sheet that will be posted in the narthex, or call Brenda in the church office by Wednesday, November 2.



The St. Petersburg (Russia) Men's Ensemble will return to Christ Lutheran for another stunning performance on Tuesday, November 15th, at 7:00 pm. This a cappella men's quartet has made several appearances in Staunton, always to great acclaim. They perform classical music from many periods as well as Russian folk songs. This is a free concert, and you won't want to miss it! Please let all your friends know about it, and come enjoy a wonderful evening of singing!

MARTHA'S MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels of Staunton, Inc., is pleased to announce its new trade name—***Martha's Meals on Wheels***. We are using the same organization, but found that many clients and donors were confused thinking we were VPAS or vice versa. Therefore, the Board of Directors decided we should operate under the name of Martha's Meals on Wheels. Martha Wilkerson has been our coordinator and the face of the Meals on Wheels of Staunton for many years. With that in mind, Martha's Meals on Wheels became our new name!

We continue to serve meals to homebound residents in the Staunton area regardless of age, sex, infirmity, sexual orientation, race religion, creed, or economic status.

Those of us on the Board of Directors are working hard to find new ways to raise the needed funds. Our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner will be Sunday, November 6, 4:00 P.M. at the Moose Lodge in Verona. Because of their sponsorship, we will receive 100% of the income for the evening. We would love for you to join us.

Other ways to support Martha's Meals on Wheels are to make a donation (PO Box 2345, Staunton, VA 24402) or to volunteer to deliver meals, serve on the Board of Directors. (Christ Lutheran Church has several volunteers who deliver meals each month.)

Thank you!

Board of Directors, Martha's Meals on Wheels of Staunton

Orders for our 2016 Christ Poinsettias will be received November 6-27. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete this form, include your check and place it in the offering plate, bring it by or mail it to the church office: The deadline to order is November 28.

Your Name(s): _____

Phone No.: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

_____ Red _____ Marblestar _____ White Cost of each 6" potted plant is \$9.00
(Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church.)

Total enclosed: _____



Quilts of Comfort Quilt Auction Saturday, November 5, 2016 Augusta Expo in Fishersville

Schedule of Events:

Doors Open at 8:00 A.M.

8:00-9:30 A.M.—Breakfast Buffet

10:00 A.M.—Live Auction Begins

Ticket price includes: Admission to the auction and a hot breakfast.

\$15 per person

Ages 6-12 \$10

Ages 5 & under Free



**Don't forget! Turn your clocks back one hour before
going to bed on Saturday, November 5.**

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6!

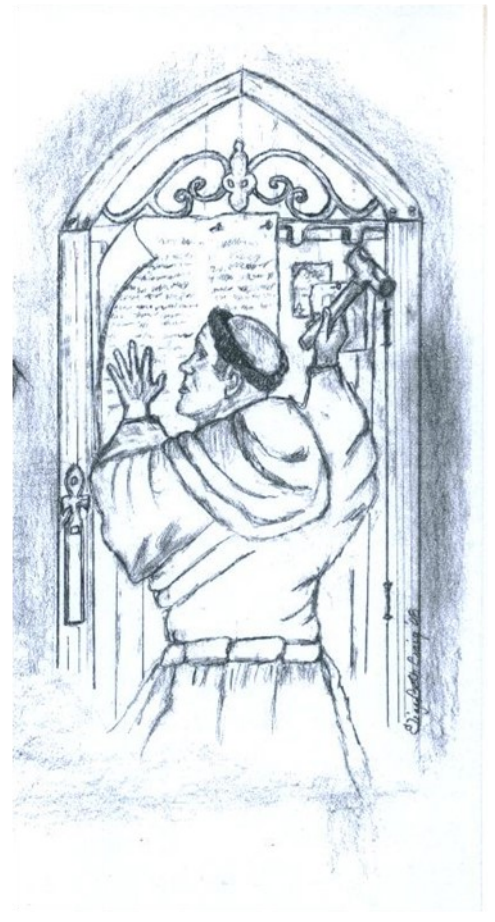
LUTHER: BUST SOME MYTHS

The 95 Theses

Putting aside the issue whether Luther posted them on the door of the Castle Church and whether he intended them to spark the Reformation, the 95 Theses still ask the critical questions of faith that have defined Lutheran theology for a half millennia.

You may want to research the context and meaning of the 95 Theses and cut to the heart of these issues: God's grace, God's forgiveness, God's mercy, the authority of Scripture, the power of Jesus, the work of the Spirit, the role of human church authorities. Look especially for how three bedrock Lutheran concepts emerge from the 95 Theses: Scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone.

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A MORNING PRAYER

From Luther's Small Catechism

*"I am a beloved child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Thank you gracious God, for the gift of this new day,
Awaken me to your abiding presence;
Open my eyes to your creation;
Open my ears to your promises;
Open my heart to the needs of others.
Fill me with your Spirit and guide me this day
In works of kindness, justice and mercy.
I ask this in the name of Jesus
The light and life of the world. Amen"*



Happy November Birthdays

- 1 Lois Ruch
- 2 Woodie Cason
- 4 Lynwood Craig
- 8 Oakley Armstrong
- Scott Langston
- 9 Bill Bigelow
- 11 Virginia Gregory
- 13 Dan McCauley
- 21 Dustin Whitmore
- 23 Bob Lock
- 1



Happy November Anniversary

- 5 Jenn & Kiera Barker (5 years)

Congratulations to Rhiannon Marie Wiseman and Jackson Thomas Kiger who were confirmed on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Christ Lutheran Church. Rhiannon is the daughter of Suzanne Lochner and Stuart Wiseman. Jackson is the son of Amy Kiger and John Kiger.



The Social Ministry Committee is planning for our Christmas giving. During the month of November, a Mitten & Hat tree will be in our narthex. You may knit or purchase hats, gloves and mittens for elementary school age children and bring them to place on our tree.

The items will be given to local elementary schools. Thank you for your interest in promoting this worthwhile effort.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN MEMORIAM:

John Matthew Kiger &
Douglas C. Moore

Remember in Your Prayers

Those Who Grieve:

Fredericka Dillon & family at the death of her mother,
Catherine Marie Keplinger
Fredericka's address is: 24 Village Green Dr., Staunton, VA 24401

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Amelia Berry
Dorothy Briebl (The Legacy)
Beth Craig, Patricia Doyle
Dick Firebaugh
Virginia Gregory (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)
June Huff (21 Woodlee Rd. Apt. 325)
Sue Obenschain (Summit Square, 501 Oak Ave. Waynesboro, VA 22980)
Jane Ruch, Lois Ruch
Billie Ann Spitler, Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)
Herb Walge

Friends & Family of Members:

Patti (friend of Brenda Wollner)
Sherry S. (friend of Lorraine Bosserman)
Margie W. (friend of Debbie Morris)
Makenzie (Niece of Pr. McCarty)
Doris & Clarence M. (parents of Anita Sanders)
Jaime
Brenda K. (friend of Stacey Wolters)
Jessie G. (Jim Gibson's brother), Debbie S. (friend of Rick Whitmore)
Alex & Cindy C. (friends of Rick Whitmore)
Bobby S. (partner of Donald Schneider), Linda Y. (sister of Woody Sanders)
Roy S. (brother of Donald Schneider), Mindy (mother of Kiera Barker)
Joy C. (friend of Jim Gibson), Lorraine J. (sister of Lillian Walge)
The Fries Family

Those Serving in the Military

Chris, Timothy, Becky, Kevin, Derick, Sean, Dusty

Extended Concerns:

Bill Brill, Patricia Garber (Envoy of Staunton) Imogene Kurtz,
Esther Seltzer (Augusta Rehab & Healthcare) Winston Wine

Friends of Congregation with long-term concerns:

Danielle (friend of a friend of Pastor), Sonia L. (mother of Suzanne Lochner)
Mary L. (Kings Daughters – mother of Bonnie Brown)

Please let us know if you would like to add or to remove a name from our prayer list so that we may keep our list current and up-to-date.

With the exception of our Extended Concerns and names of church members, our list will be updated in December. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please call or email the church office by the end of November and let Brenda or Pastor McCarty know.

Thank you! Brenda



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We're on the Web!
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Worship with us!
10:30 A.M.—Worship

CHURCH STAFF:

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Custodian: Debbie McCray

CHURCH COUNCIL:

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Melanie Rhodes, Vice-President
Evelyn Young, Secretary
Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer
Judy Matthews
Sybil McElveen
Donald Schneider
Stacey Wolters



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:
By God's grace, the Holy Spirit leads us to love and serve all.



November 2016


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 11:00-Funeral Service for Douglas Moore (Set you clocks back before going to bed tonight)
6 All Saints Day 10:30-Worship DST Ends	7 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal	8 7:00-Council Meeting	9 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30-12:00-Thursday Morning Music Club ASIST Training/ Fellowship Hall	11 Veterans Day ASIST Training/ Fellowship Hall	12
13 10:30-Worship WELCA Sunday Blue Grass Music	14 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal	15 9:30-Quilting Day 7:00-St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble	16 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	17	18 Lost & Found Event-Nov. 18-20	19
20 Christ the King Sunday 10:30-Worship	21 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal	22	23 Northend Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00—Christ Lutheran Church	24 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 Advent Begins 10:30-Worship	28 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal	29	30 12:00-Pleasant Memories 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3

Special Dates:

All Saints Day—November 6
 Daylight Saving Time Ends—November 6
 WELCA Thankoffering Sunday & Blue Grass Sunday—November 13
 Veteran's Day—November 11
 Christ the King Sunday—November 20
 Thanksgiving Day—November 24
 Advent Begins—November 27

notes

November 2016 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
November 6 All Saints Sunday AM: Suzanne Lochner	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Gospel: Luke 7:20-31	Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand For All Your Saints, O Lord Jerusalem My Happy Home Holy God, We Praise Your Name
November 13 26 th Sunday after Pentecost WELCA & Blue Grass Sunday AM: Tom Miller	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19	On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand Lord of Our Life Angel Band (Distribution Music) O Day of Peace
November 20 Christ the King Sunday AM: Phyllis Cox	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Gospel: Luke 23:33-43	
November 27 First Sunday in Advent AM: TBA	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44	



Those Serving in November 2016 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeter
11/06	Charles Shaner, Jay Shaner, Jim Gibson	***	***	Linda Youngblood	Judy & Gene Matthews
11/13	Scott, Allyson & Madilynn Langston	***	***	Suzanne Lochner	Geneva Wiseman
11/20	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Karl Protil	***	***	Phyllis Cox	Sandra Rollason
11/27	Amy Kiger, Evelyn Young, Suzanne Lochner	Jackson Kiger	***	Nancy Dahl	Sarah & Orville Wolters

Ushers: Please be at the church by 10:00 A.M. for usher duty on Sunday mornings. If you cannot serve as indicated, please contact our head usher Woodie Cason at 886-7907.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR November 8: Betty & Woodie Cason; Carolyn Haggerty

