

Christ Lutheran Tidings



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Our 2016 Church Council

Members of our 2016 Church Council will be

- Jim Youngblood, President
- Melanie Rhodes, Vice-President
- Evelyn Young, Secretary
- Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer
- Neil Fitzgerald
- Sybil McElveen/Liaison, Social Ministry
- Judy Matthews
- Donald Schneider, Property Chair
- Stacey Wolters/Liaison, Worship & Music



Please support and pray for our new Church Council as committees are formed and their work for 2016 is put to task.

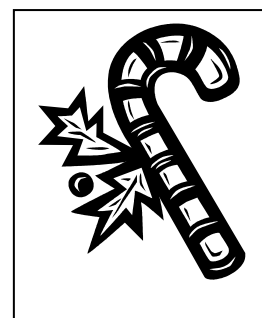
Quilting Day

A Sew Day will be held on Tuesday, January 19 beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room. We invite you to join us to help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We usually finish up around Noon.

WELCA News

There will be no WELCA meeting during the month of January. We wish you a Happy New Year and please have a safe and happy month!

We wish to thank everyone for their generosity at our Thank Offering Sunday in November. The money we received was distributed to local ministries such as New Directions, SACRA and our own Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you so much!



From the Social Ministry Committee

Thank you to everyone who contributed hats and mittens for our collection during the month of December. We received enough hats and mittens to distribute to several elementary schools in Staunton. We appreciate Lorraine Bosserman's help in keeping this project going.

We also thank you so much for helping to make Christmas brighter for those in need. Our committee thanks you for your generous support of this yearly project for our Christmas family! Thank you to Anita Sanders and Boo Elkins for their dedication to this project!

Christ Lutheran Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to our monthly fellowship meeting on Monday, January 25, 6:30 P.M. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church for a light meal followed by Bible Study. Please join us!

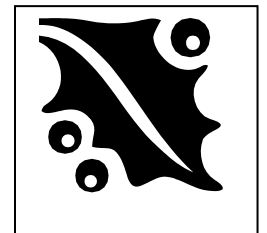
Altar Flowers

A Flower Chart for 2016 has been placed in the coat room of the narthex. Please sign your name by the date you would like to donate flowers for our altar.

You may order your flowers from Honey Bee's Florist (887-1221) if you would like them delivered directly to the church. If you would like to arrange or bring flowers yourself (such as purchasing a bunch from Martin's or another grocery store), that is another choice you have.

We know that flowers can be expensive these days, so the Altar & Flower Committee suggests that you arrange to give flowers together with another member of the church. Your announcements will be printed separately for each arrangement that is given.

We welcome Beth & Sam Rowe as our Flower Coordinators for 2016! Thank you, Beth & Sam!



Staging the Psalms

Pastor McCarty will lead this Adult Sunday School Class during the season of Lent. The five-week course on the Book of Psalms will approach them as an oral tradition of prayer. More details to follow in the February newsletter. The course will begin on February 14 at 9:15 A.M.

New Church Offering Envelopes

Our new envelopes are here! Please pick up your envelopes from the table at the back of the church and help us to save postage.

If you do not find a set of envelopes with your name, please contact Brenda in the church office.

In case of snow or icy weather, please watch for cancellation notices posted on WHSV TV Channel 3. Also, cancellations will be on our church website: www.christlutheranstaunton.org.

Family Film Swap!

Take advantage of this chance to get double the viewing pleasure out of the movies you received as Christmas gifts. Before worship on January 24 and January 31, you can bring in DVD (or Blue Ray Video) that you received for Christmas and exchange it for one month with another member. Please keep videos family friendly, PG or PG-13 ratings. Write your name and phone number on a slip of paper and include it inside the DVD case. Return the movies at worship on February 28, which gives you a month to watch.

Name Badges

Please wear your name tag/badge while you are at church so that our new members and guests will be able to familiarize themselves with you. The tags are located in the hanger right outside of the church office. If you lose or need a new tag, please contact Brenda.



Celebrate the Joy of Christmas

this New year!

A benefit concert for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Network will be presented by the combined choirs of Olivet Presbyterian Church and Staunton Church of the Brethren at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 10, 2016.



A prelude begins at 6:30 P.M. by the Ovation Singers. A free-will offering will be received and a reception will follow the concert. The event will be held at the Staunton Church of the Brethren, 1615 North Coalter Street, Staunton.



Happy January Birthday to:

- 4 Connie Spittler
- 6 Meredith Yeago
- 8 Kendrick McCarty
- 11 Margie Obenschain
Barbara Shaner
- 12 Mindy Reynolds
- 13 Walt Obenschain
Rick Whitmore
- 15 Jay Shaner
Ken Young
- 17 Amy Kiger
- 18 Fred Shaner
- 19 Judy Matthews
- 21 Elizabeth McCarty
- 25 Rebecca Rhodes
- 26 Grace Adams
- 27 Corey Shaner
Chip Shaner
- 28 Bill Brill

Happy January Anniversary to:

- 25 Annette & Bob Blackburn (46 years)



Our Prayer Shawl Group has delivered several gifts of Prayer Shawls and Lap Quilts to several church members during 2015. We will not meet in January, but hope to meet in February. Please watch your bulletin announcements for more information.



Be sure to take a look at our bulletin boards in the narthex and the hallway of the church. The boards in the hallway have articles about our church members, pictures, calendars, events and more. Our bulletin board in the narthex will have information on our worship services and important events at our church.

We welcome pictures from your holiday to post in January. Please give pictures to Lorraine Bosserman or email or bring them to the church office.

We thank Lorraine for decorating and managing all the bulletin board information for us.

Christmas at Christ Lutheran 2015



Our banners designed and sewn by
Linda & Robbin Youngblood



Thank you for all your donations to
our Mitten, Hat & Scarf tree!



Our Chrismon Tree with Chrismons that were
made by members and added this year.

We hope you enjoyed all of
our Christmas adornments
this season. Thank you to
everyone who helped with
everything from decorating,
poinsettia arranging, wreath
hanging and much more!

We wish you a blessed
New Year!

Remember in Your Prayers

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Amelia Berry
Julia Boward (Shenandoah Rehab)
Joan Brill (Augusta Health & Rehab)
Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
Beth Craig
Dick Firebaugh
Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Rehab)
June Huff (21 Woodlee Rd. Apt. 325)
Jane Ruch
Woody Sanders
Boyd Thompson
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)

Friends & family of members:

Lisa W.
Jim P.
Roy S.
George S.
Mindy
Donnie & Joy C.
Lorraine J.
The Fries Family
Kerry
David Y.
Kim M.
Donna C.

Extended Concerns:

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

**Friends of Congregation
with long-term concerns:**

Danielle
Sonia L.
Mary L.

Those Serving in the Military:

Chris
Timothy
Becky
Kevin
Derick
Sean

You are in our
thoughts &
prayers

Our complete prayer list is posted weekly in the narthex. In our bulletin announcements on the first Sunday of the month, we add prayers for those serving in the military. On the second Sunday of the month we add prayers for those who have extended concerns, such as long-term illness and those who are shut-ins. We list only first names of those who are not members of our church. Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date by letting us know when to add a name to our list, or when to remove a name from our list. Thank you!

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Our Mission Statement:

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

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January 2016

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*Happy New
Year*

3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10:30-Worship Reports for the 2015 Yearbook are due 7:00-Choir Rehearsal

10 11 12 13 14 15 16
 10:30-Worship 7:00-Church Council Meeting 7:00-Choir Rehearsal **Youth Encounter
Youth Retreat**

17 18 19 20 21 22 23
 10:30-Worship Newsletter articles due 9:30-Sew Day 7:00-Choir Rehearsal **Reminder: Wor-
ship in Fellowship
Hall on January 24**

24 25 26 27 28 29 30
 10:30-Worship 6:30- Men's Fellowship Mtg. at the church 12:00-Pleasant Memories 7:00-Choir Rehearsal **Reminder: Wor-
ship in Fellowship
Hall on January 31**

31
 10:30-Worship
 12:00-Congregational Meeting (Snow Date)



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January 2016 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
January 3 Second Sunday of Christmas AM: Suzanne Lochner	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> <i>O Word of God Incarnate</i> <i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
January 10 Baptism of Our Lord AM: Tom Miller	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	<i>The First Noel</i> <i>Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized</i> <i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i> <i>Remember and Rejoice</i>
January 17 Second Sunday after Epiphany AM: Phyllis Cox	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11	<i>From God the Father, Virgin Born</i> <i>Jesus Come! For We Invite You</i> <i>Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness</i> <i>Arise, My Soul, Arise!</i>
January 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany AM: Amy Kiger	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Gospel: Luke 4:14-21	<i>O God of Light</i> <i>Let Streams of Living Justice</i> <i>Now the Silence</i> <i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i> <i>Arise, Your Light Has Come</i>
January 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany AM:	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30	<i>Dearest Jesus, At Your Word</i> <i>He Comes to Us As One Unknown</i> <i>Christ Be Our Light</i> <i>Rise, Shine, You People!</i>



Those Serving in January 2016 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
01/03	Charles Shaner, Jay Shaner,	Jackson Kiger	Madilynn Langston	Phyllis Cox	Jim Gibson
01/10	Scott, Allyson & Madilynn Langston	Rhiannon Wiseman	Jamison McCarty	Amy Kiger	Jim Youngblood
01/17	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley	Jacob Card	Iain Wiseman	Debbie Morris	Sybil McElveen
01/24	Suzanne Lochner, Iain Wiseman, Woodie Cason	Kendrick McCarty	Jamison McCarty	Mindy Reynolds	Lorraine Bosserman
01/31	Karl Protil, Evelyn Young		Suzanne Lochner	Diantha McCauley	Linda Youngblood

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 Charles Shaner at 294-2875.

Altar Guild & Flower Committee: Elizabeth McCarty & Betty Cason



The McCarty Sons-Times



A new Christmas tradition: Can you guess whose cookie is whose?

The First Year of High School Paired With the Last Year of Elementary School

The 2015-16 School year marks the first year of 8 consecutive years of high school activities for the McCarty sons. Jamison began 9th grade at Stuart Hall. He has a full course load, including organ lessons across the street during one of his free periods.

Jamison is tall and thin, taller than his mother and maybe half-an-inch shorter than his father. Long legs helped him run cross country for his third year.

While Jamison starts high school, Kendrick finishes elementary school.

He and a group of friends ride their bikes most days to school. He leaves about 30 minutes before the first bell to get to Jake and Gigi's house. Then anywhere from 2 to 6 boys cross Coalter and Augusta Streets before tackling the large hill up to McSwain Elementary School. Kendrick needs to arrive at the first bell because of his responsibilities with Safety Patrol.

Elizabeth continues to work at the local planning district office, and Rob serves Christ Lutheran. Both are just two minutes from McSwain.



The family gathers for Jamison's confirmation in October.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Rev. 22:13

What a Year!

- Jamison plays intergalactic villain in middle school play.
- Kendrick advances to regional 24 tournament.
- Kendrick tours Coca-Cola museum and sees Braves play in Atlanta.
- Jamison tours air traffic control in Chattanooga.
- Jamison expands model airport layout.
- All make survival bracelets at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA.
- Kendrick labels bottle of Eden Sparkling Cider.
- Both sons run Firecracker and Turkey Trot 5k races.



The family stands on the US-Canada border in Derby Line, VT.

McCartys Gather in Vermont for Celebration



The McCartys celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They hold an original Fred Swann painting.

The extended McCarty family gathered in Isle La Motte to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rob's parents. They were married in Burlington, VT, November 20, 1965.

For their gift, their children commissioned a Fred Swann painting of a sugar house in winter. The painting, named Sweet Memories, now hangs in their dining room.

The family timed the celebration so that all four children and their families could participate in the Smith Family Reunion at Fairfield Pond, Vermont, about an hour away from Isle La Motte.

All 18 McCartys enjoyed the time swimming, kayaking, eating and sight seeing together during the week.

The Virginia McCartys spent a few days around Newport and Derby Line, Vermont. They saw *Sound of Music* performed at the Haskell Opera House, sitting on the Canadian side of the theater. At the end of their Vermont vacation, they had dinner at Al's French Frys in Burlington.



All the boys kick it, and one scores on a header!

All three McCarty boys played soccer this year. Jamison and Kendrick played rec league soccer in the spring. Rob played in an adult league over the summer.

Kendrick moved up to his first travel team in the fall and established himself as a team leader. Most games, he switches at half between center midfield and center defender. He had a game every Saturday unless it rained and two tournaments. He scored a couple of nice goals.

Rob played competitive soccer for the first time in 28 years in the SOCA adult summer league which ranged in ages from 20 to 50 something. In the last game of the year, he scored on a header. The cross came from twenty yards away on the right, clearing the keeper at near post. Rob put it in from about 5 yards out at the back half of the net.

Jamison skipped fall soccer and ran varsity cross country, where he earned a second team leadership award.



Happy 2016 from the McCartys!

Cookie Quiz Answer
from L to R: Kendrick, Rob, Elizabeth, Jamison