

Christ Lutheran Tidings

Reformation +500+

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Hebrews 11: 1-3

The Lutheran Church begins celebrating 500 years of the reformation on the 499th anniversary of Reformation Day. Traditionally, the Lutheran Church teaches the Reformation began on October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 Thesis on the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church. What started as a desire to reform practices within the Roman Catholic Church gave birth to the Protestant movement.

Beginning the celebration now is similar to our New Year's Eve parties. On December 31, at the end of every year, people begin celebrating the new year before the old one ends. Roman Catholic leaders, including Pope Francis, will join with Lutheran Leaders, in a worship service on October 31 this month in Lund Sweden. Decades of dialogue between Rome and global Lutheran fellowship has brought closer relations between our leaders and people. This worship service seeks to bring connection where there once was division.

OCTOBER 30, 2016

CONFIRMATION OF

RHIANNON WISEMAN

JACKSON KIGER

Christ Lutheran's Reformation +500+ festivities begin a day earlier on Sunday, October 30 with the confirmation of Rhiannon Wiseman and Jackson Kiger. Many of you have watched Rhiannon and Jackson grow up from newborns to toddlers to the healthy teenagers that they are now. Through their presence and their gifts they have brought much joy into the life of this congregation. We look forward to this opportunity to pray for them and encourage their faith as they approach adulthood.

Other celebrations of the 500th Anniversary will take place at Christ Lutheran over the next 12 months. Madi Langston, Scott Langston, Jamison McCarty and Phyllis Cox are leading a planning team with Florence and myself. We look forward to celebrating this with you in the year ahead.

Blessings and Joy to you,
Pastor McCarty



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CELEBRATING WITH PASTOR KENNETH & JOE PRICE

A wonderful day was celebrated on Sunday, September 25, 2016 to honor Pastor Kenneth A. Price on his 60th Ordination Anniversary. We were so happy to have Kenneth and Joe with us for worship and for our fellowship meal. Thank you Kenneth for your many years as a pastor, and your years as our pastor at Christ Lutheran Church.

Our fellowship hall was filled with members and guests to enjoy a delicious meal while reviewing memories.



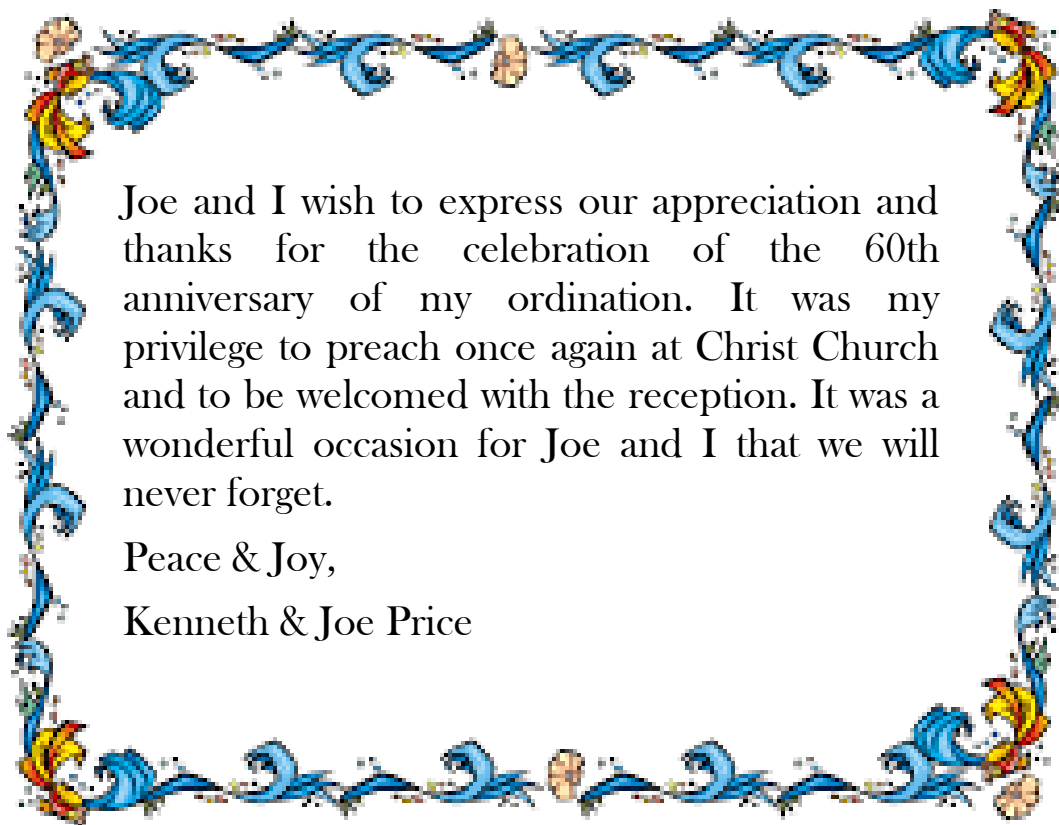
Below:

Mary Alice Wease, Pastor McCarty & Stacey Wolters enjoy a visit together.



Kenneth & Joe enjoying their meal and sampling their cake.





Joe and I wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of my ordination. It was my privilege to preach once again at Christ Church and to be welcomed with the reception. It was a wonderful occasion for Joe and I that we will never forget.

Peace & Joy,

Kenneth & Joe Price

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Annual Congregational Meeting

Notice of Meeting: The first part of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 following the worship service. Worship that Sunday will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share for our light luncheon that will precede the meeting.

A COLLECTION OF FOOD AND PAPER FOR THE VERONA FOOD PANTRY.

There will be boxes in the narthex in the coming weeks for our semi-annual food drive to benefit the Verona Food Pantry! During the weeks of October 9, 16 and 23 please donate paper goods and non-perishable food items or dollars to help this local organization that aids so many people in our community. Sponsored by the Quilting Group. *Thank you!*



PULLING WEEDS

*The seeds I sowed
for weeks, unseen
Have pushed up pigmy
shoots of green.
But as a glimpse is shown
are weeds that
have grown and grown,
Walter deLeMare*



How true, how true. I've watched the plants and flowers in the "Memorial Garden" all summer and no matter how many times Becky Rhodes pulls weeds in the garden, new weeds appear before the end of the day. One Thursday, Becky had spent the morning weeding and when I left the church in the early afternoon, there was not one in sight. Then on Sunday morning there were two humongous weeds, more than three feet tall standing boldly in the midst of the flowers. Becky laughed and said this was a problem for her but was pretty normal. She made the statement, "How helpful it would be if everyone who passed by the garden would pull just one weed".

This declaration caused me to think what a profound statement she had made. When we look at the various irritations in life we could relieve stress and pain if we would help one another, even in the simplest tasks. And most of the time it would not cost us a thing but a little consideration and love.

I received a birthday card this year with a short note from someone I had not expected to send me one. I cannot tell you, nor the sender how much that card and note meant to me. It made my spirits jump to new heights and even gave me energy to attack the tasks I had been avoiding. She did some "weed pulling" for me that brought about flowers.

A phone call to someone you haven't seen in church for awhile lets one know that you are "pulling weeds" and are thinking of the person; that you hope all is well and if not could you be of help. A smile to a distraught mother or father in the store with a pleasant comment could be so comforting. And remember to add children and teenagers to your list of pleasantries. Bend down when speaking to children so they can see the love in your eyes. Give the teenager a pat on the back. This may mean "weed pulling" but will give a soothing calmness, a chance for the flowers to grow.

Try not to add to the production of weeds. When hearing negatives try to add commonsense, positives and productive "weed pulling." Remember the old song from Johnny Mercer (and I mean old) ***Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative.***"

Yes, let us plant the seeds but remember to help pull the weeds.

Dell Philpott



WELCA FALL GATHERING

This year's Fall Gathering will be held at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg, beginning at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 16. The speaker will be Sabrina Norman-Andrew on the subject of human trafficking in the Shenandoah Valley. Ms. Norman-Andrew is the owner of New Creations located on Route 11 in Harrisonburg.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please see Kathy Rosen for more information and possible car pooling for those interested.

*All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly WELCA meetings!
Watch your bulletin for updates on our future endeavors!*

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE TO SERVE FREE CLINIC MEAL

The Social Ministry Committee is planning their yearly dinner meal for the staff of the Free Clinic in Fishersville.

We are asking church members to volunteer to help prepare the food. The menu we are planning is homemade chili and cornbread with a salad and dessert. We need two crock pots of chili and 24 corn bread muffins, two bags of salad mix and two desserts.

If you are able to help, please call Judy Matthews at 540-649-7028 or Sybil McElveen at 540-457-6653. The date we will serve the meal is Thursday, November 10 at 4:30 P.M. Please bring your food to the church lounge no later than 3:30 on November 10.

We thank you for your help!

Submitted by Sybil McElveen for the Social Ministry Committee

We would like to have new pictures for our fall bulletin boards which have recently been decorated by Lorraine Bosserman. If you have pictures of your garden (summer or fall), school or vacation pictures, please email your pictures to the church at celcsta@gmail.com or bring them by the church office.

ACTIVITIES AND PLANS FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP and MUSIC COMMITTEE

Everyone has been inspired with the special music that has added to our worship. Thank you to Florence Jowers and all who have contributed to each Sunday's celebration of praise and thanksgiving. We also give thanks to the ushers, altar guild, readers, pastor's assistants and the young people who serve the altar each Sunday. Along with the sermons of Pastor McCarty and all those who participate we have many blessings and opportunities to experience the grace and glory of our God.

Christ Church will be the host of the community Thanksgiving Service this year. This joint service with neighboring churches is an opportunity to share the love for one another and give thanks as a community and as individuals. Please make plans now to attend.

We are presently looking at music for the holidays and how we can prepare for the Advent Season. Advent and Christmas are always a delight for both the musicians and the congregation.

Remember there are several Sundays where we need altar flowers for the rest of the year. If you plan to give flowers, please sign the FLOWER CHART in the narthex. We welcome volunteers as readers and ushers also. Contact me if you would like to serve.

Debbie Morris, Chair

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who helped make the luncheon for Joe and Pastor Price last Sunday a success. The food was great and the fellowship excellent as we broke bread with new and old friends and those we see each week. We also want to give a special thanks to Orville and Sarah Wolters for their donation to supply the chicken.

Our next meal will be a covered dish for the Congregational meeting after the service on Sunday, October 23rd. We will need all types of covered dishes. Drinks and set-up will be provided by the Committee.

The congregation gives special gratitude to the Property Committee and those who did an excellent in depth cleaning of the kitchen last week. It sparkles!

Barbara Shaner, Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We must acknowledge that we have a large building that is experiencing constant and extensive upkeep and renovations with an aging congregation. This means much of the work must be hired out. BUT, at the present time, our committee with help, has kept up with the maintenance.

Recently, several areas of the outside of our building have been painted. The handicapped ramp and playground equipment were stained. A new drinking fountain has been installed and church signs updated. A thorough cleaning of the kitchen was done last week and I thank Jim and Linda Youngblood, Becky Rhodes, Kiera Barker, and Kathy Rosen for their hard work in completing this job,

I am sure all have enjoyed the work of Becky Rhodes and her helpers in keeping the grounds in good shape and the Memorial Garden has been beautiful all summer. This garden requires much work and attention. Several repairs have been done by Tom Miller and Jim Gibson throughout the spring and summer months.

David Sprouse, our custodian has resigned and we wish him God's blessings in his new job. Fortunately we were able to hire Debbie McCray quickly upon notice of David's resignation. Debbie comes with good recommendations, experience and work ethic and we look forward to working with her.

Donald Schneider, Chair

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We have had a busy summer with our "Bounty Table." We thank all who contributed the many various items from cut flowers, to fresh vegetables, baked goods and crafts. We are happy to say we raised over \$300 for SACRA

Boxes of books have been donated by members of the congregation for donation to those serving in our deployed military, which is a project headed by Melanie Rhodes.

Our next outreach program is to provide a chili supper for the *Free Clinic* on November 10th. We will need some donations of chili in crock pots to complete this service. Please let me know if you can help. Corn bread donations have already been promised

We have contacted Boo Elkins, Family Services Coordinator of Augusta County Schools for our winter service project of a "Hat and Mitten Tree" for elementary school students of our area. This will also include Staunton schools. Lorraine Bosserman will head this undertaking; if you have any questions please contact Lorraine. Boo will also be giving us a name of a family in need for Christmas.

Sybil McElveen, Chair

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

As we enter the month of October, we begin the year-long celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation begun by Martin Luther in 1517 with the nailing of the 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. I have been to that church, and while the original doors are no longer there, the church is a powerful place in which to worship. I have played the organ and have sung around Luther's tomb. I have heard the gospel proclaimed from that place in word and in music. All of you probably know something about Martin Luther and know him primarily as the Father of the Protestant Reformation. But, did you know that Luther was also a musician? He valued good music, and surrounded himself with good musicians to help him give to this new church, hymns and liturgical music in the people's own language. Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

Over the next year, I will be including articles each month on different aspects of Luther as a musician and what his music has meant to the church through the last 500 years, and how it is still meaningful and powerful today. And, not only Luther's music, but the music of all those who have been profoundly influenced by Luther's theology and have continued to proclaim the Word of God through music.

All of the music sung and played in Christ Lutheran Church's worship services, is proclaiming what we believe, whether the music contains text or not. When Bach is played on the organ, we are called to remember that everything he wrote, he inscribed "Soli Deo Gloria!", To God alone be the glory! So, when you hear preludes, offertories, postludes, hymn introductions, instrumental pieces, soloists, etc., know that it is all "Soli Deo Gloria!" You can use the time before and during worship to meditate on scripture, hymn stanzas, or in prayer. We are gathered in a fellowship of believers, and we are one in Christ. Let's celebrate that communion by talking to each other when the service ends, and speaking with God before and during worship.

Florence Jowers, Director of Music



MITTEN & HAT TREE



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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men of Christ Lutheran Church are invited to attend our monthly meetings. This month, we will meet on Monday, October 17, 6:30 P.M. at the home of John & Susan Lasher. Come join us for a light meal followed by Bible Study.



Our young people have met for various activities during the summer which included baseball games to watch the Staunton Braves, Ms. Suzanne Lochner, Iain, Rhiannon and Brittany spent two sessions of Work Days at Camp Caroline Furnace. They helped with drainage flowing under the bridge which was a project of Iain's for his Eagle Scout requirement.

Last Sunday, September 25, we went to the Blackfriars Theater to watch Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. We were fortunate to have seats on the stage.

We are happy to announce Jackson and Rhiannon will be confirmed on October 30.

Submitted by Jamison McCarty

Remember in Your Prayers

Those who Grieve:

Sue Obenschain and family at the death of her daughter, Alice Duke

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Amelia Berry
Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
Beth Craig
Patricia Doyle
Dick Firebaugh
Virginia Gregory (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)
June Huff (21 Woodlee Rd. Apt. 325)
John Kiger
Douglas Moore
Jane Ruch
Lois Ruch
Jay Shaner
Billie Ann Spitler
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)

Friends & Family of Members:

Makenzie (Pr. McCarty's niece)
Doris & Clarence M. (Anita Sanders' parents)
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)
Sanford S. (friend of Stacey Wolters)
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

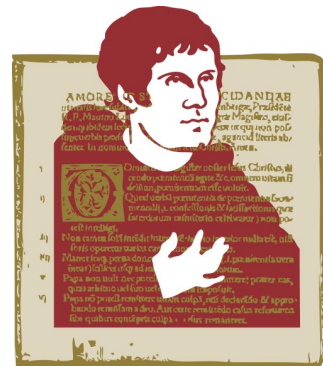
Friends of Congregation with long-term concerns:

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



- 4 Ken & Evelyn Young (57 years)
- 16 Travis & Carrie Holsinger (17 years)

- 5 Tom Miller
- 6 Brian Rhodes
- 11 Lucas Holsinger
- 14 Abby Erskine
- 16 Laura Luzaich
- 17 George Roller
- 26 Orville Wolters
- 27 Bob Blackburn
- 29 Mason Weddle



We have a new custodian at Christ Lutheran Church! We welcome Debbie McCray to our staff. She works at CLC on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Debbie is conscientiously working hard to bring our building up to our expectations. Please remember to clean up, pick up and return things where they belong after your meetings or events. Between our new custodian and members of our church, we can keep our building sparkling!

God receives none but those who are forsaken, restores health to none but those who are sick, gives sight to none but the blind, and life to none but the dead. ... He has mercy on none but the wretched and gives grace to none but those who are in disgrace.

—Martin Luther

WELCA COLLECTION FOR NEW DIRECTIONS THRIFT CENTER

It's approaching that time of the year when the ladies of WELCA will be collecting ***unused/unopened*** trial-size toiletries during the month of October. These much needed items will be donated to the **New Directions Thrift Shop Center** in Staunton and from there will be taken to its shelter.



Simply collect your items and place them in zip lock or plastic bags. ***You do not need to assemble kits.*** Simply place your bags in the basket located in the cloakroom adjacent to the Narthex. Not sure about an item or if you have any other questions, please contact Mindy Reynolds (949-8175). Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

SOCIAL MINISTRY THANKS YOU

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank you for your generous contributions and help with setting up the table and just being there for us this summer. All the deeds, big and small, we give you a special “thank you!”

The final total for SACRA was \$309.50.

Submitted by Sybil McElveen, Social Ministry

AN ON-GOING REQUEST FROM OUR QUILTING

The quilters would like to remind you that we are always in need of bed sheets that you may be replacing. We can use any size, as long as they are in good shape (not stained or worn very thin). Flat twin sheets are ideal but anything can be used and will be much appreciated. Thanks for your help!

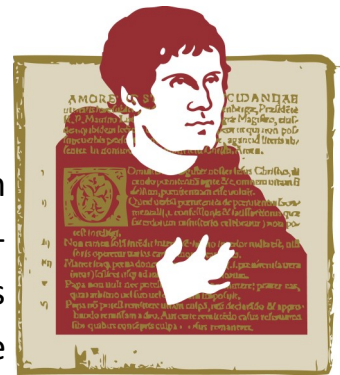
Luther: Let's Bust Some Myths

“Bar song bunk”

Timothy J. Wengert, a well-known theologian, busts the myth that the tune of Luther's best-known hymn is based on a bar-room song, but the truth remains that “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” is an artistic and theological *tour de force* whose message has resonated for 500 years. As a study group, examine the “bar form” structure of the hymn. Then look at the poetry of the hymn as translated in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pages 503-505. Items for discussion:

- What gospel messages of hope can you distill from the poem?
- What theology of Christianity is encapsulated there?
- What are the quintessentially “Lutheran” elements?

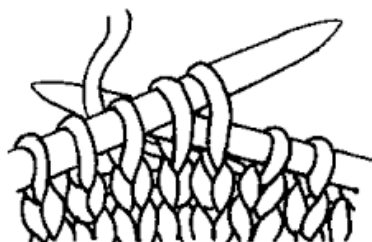
As an extra step, ask these same questions of other hymns for which Luther is credited (there are 19 listed on the index in *ELW*, page 1191).



PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group met on Thursday evening, September 29 to enjoy a light meal together and discuss their ministry at our church. We continue to knit and crochet prayer shawls and lap robes to comfort those who are ill or grieving.

From a generous donation we have received, we were able to purchase several bundles of yarn that we will use to knit our shawls. We thank those of you who have remembered us.



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Worship: 10:30 A.M.

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Custodian: Debbie McCray

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Melanie Rhodes, Vice-President

Evelyn Young, Secretary

Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer

Judy Matthews

Sybil McElveen

Donald Schneider

Stacey Wolters



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

*With God's grace, the Holy Spirit leads
us to love and serve all.*

Congregational Meeting



REMEMBER!


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a light covered-dish luncheon.

Our meeting will begin after our meal. Please plan to be present.



October 2016 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
October 2 20 th Sunday after Pentecost AM: Phyllis Cox	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now</i> <i>O Spirit of Life</i> <i>Now We Join in Celebration</i> <i>Almighty God, Your Word is Cast</i>
October 9 21 st Sunday after Pentecost AM: TBA	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19	<i>Remember and Rejoice</i> <i>The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies</i> <i>O Christ the Healer, We Have Come</i>
October 16 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost AM: Suzanne Lochner	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8	
October 23 AM: TBA	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14	
October 30 Reformation Sunday AM: Tom Miller	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 Gospel: John 8:31-36	

Those Serving in Our October Worship Services:

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
10/2	Jay Shaner, Woodie Cason, Karl Protil	Rhiannon Wiseman	Madilynn Langston	Diantha McCauley	Nancy Dahl & Howard Wilhelm
10/9	Scott, Allyson & Madilynn Langston	Rhiannon Wiseman		Sam Rowe	Carolyn Haggerty
10/16	Charles Shaner, Jim Gibson	Kendrick McCarty	Suzanne Lochner	Stacey Wolters	Jim Gibson
10/23	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Karl Protil	Jackson Kiger		Dell Philpott	Betty & Woodie Cason
10/30	Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young, Rhiannon Wiseman	Madilynn Langston	Jamison McCarty	Debbie Morris	Gerry Wells & Judy Rowe

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 (294-2875).

Altar Guild: Sue Obenschain & Anita Sanders

Meals-on-Wheels for October 11: Nancy Dahl & Howard Wilhelm; Gene Matthews & Jim Gibson





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Christ Lutheran Church Staunton, VA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WELCA will receive donations for the Verona Community Food Pantry on October 9, 16 and 23. We will also receive toiletry items to be given to residents at the New Directions Center. Please see related articles in your newsletter for more information.						1
2 10:30-Worship 11:30-WELCA Mtg.	3 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	4	5 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 10:30-Worship Food Collection for VC Food Pantry	10 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	11 7:00-Church Council Mtg.	12 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15
16 10:30-Worship 2:00-WELCA Fall Gathering Food Collection for VC Food Pantry	17 6:30-Men's Fel- lowship Mtg. 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	18 9:30-Quilting Day Newsletter article deadline	19 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22
23 10:30-Worship 11:30-Cong. Mtg. Food Collection for VC Food Pantry	24 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	25	26 12:00-Pleasant Memories 7:00-Worship Mtg.	27	28	29
30 10:30-Worship Reformation Sunday Confirmation Day	31 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal					

Special Dates:

Food Collection Days for Verona Community Food Pantry—October 9, 16, & 23
Columbus Day—October 10
Congregational Meeting—October 23
Reformation Sunday & Confirmation Day—October 30
All Hallow's Eve—October 31
All Saints Day—November 1

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