

CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 2017

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Special points of interest:

- *Classical Banjo—performed by John Bullard, Sunday April 2 at 4:00 P.M.*
- *Florence Jowers will present a Lenten Concert on Wednesday, April 5, 12:30 P.M. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, VA*

Worship With Us for Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9:

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

Processions with Palms, Congregational Reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to the Gospel of Matthew. We will begin our service outside, weather permitting.

Maundy Thursday, April 13:

Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal: 6:00 P.M.

Worship with Foot Washing

& Stripping of the Altar: 7:00 P.M.



Good Friday, April 14:

The Sanctuary will be open at 8:30 A.M. and remain open throughout the day for prayer.

Worship, Passion according to John, Bidding Prayers at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday, April 15:

Easter Vigil, Service of Light, Service of Readings, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion: 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 16—The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Breakfast: 9:15 A.M.

Egg Hunt for children: 9:30 A.M.

Decorating the Cross on the front lawn: 10:00 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Council has called a congregational meeting for the end of worship on April 2, 2017. Two possible actions will be taken at this meeting.

1. Approval of purchase of a new furnace for the Sanctuary.
2. Election of a new church trustee to replace Richard Firebaugh.

Based on the cost to repair, the council decided to explore quotes to purchase a new furnace system for the sanctuary. Because of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the meeting was called for April 2 while quotes are still being gathered.

Easter at Christ Lutheran Church



9:15 A.M.—Breakfast in our fellowship hall. Served by the Fellowship & Hospitality Committee.

9:30 A.M.—Children in Grade 5 and under! Bring your Easter Baskets on Easter Morning for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!



10:00 A.M.—Bring freshly cut flowers with you to church to decorate the cross in the front yard.

10:30 A.M.—Worship and Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

From the Pastor

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."
Attributed to Benjamin Franklin



Had I been wise, I would have done my taxes before Lent started. So I write this a bit amused by the close proximity between Tax Day and Easter Sunday. Lent will be over soon. Tax Day will be here soon. I will deal with the reality of my taxes so that God can help us deal with the reality of death.

I give thanks for the resurrection to new life that assures us that life happens in the midst of death and taxes. Christ lives in this world and his life is full of abundance. He abundantly feeds those around the world who gather at his table. His abundance and his life sustains and supports those who grieve the death of loved ones. His abundance flows in the waters of baptism that will be used around the world at the Easter Vigil to welcome others into our fellowship. Through us who gather in this fellowship, Christ lives and his abundance is seen by others through us.

I invite you to gather with confidence during the worships of Holy Week. I invite you to gather around water that cleans feet on Maundy Thursday and to share in the breaking of bread. I invite you to gather in the darkness of the shadow of the cross and be assured of the peace that comes from Christ even in waiting for the resurrection to happen. I invite you to the Easter Vigil where our worship moves from space to space and moves from reading to reading and moves from the waters of baptism to the meal of our Lord. These movements are the motions of life and fellowship in Christ. And I invite you to worship with us Sunday, each and every Sunday, as we sustain and support one another in anticipation of Christ with us in this life, and our lives with him in the life that is to come.

Benjamin Franklin talks about what is certain in this world. Our Easter worship and our daily faith celebrates Christ, whose certainty in the heavenly world to come abundantly overflows into our life in this world.

I look forward to seeing you in Holy Week and on Easter.

Pastor McCarty

Florence Jowers to Present Lenten Concert at Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg

Florence Jowers, Director of Music and Organist at Christ Lutheran Church, will present a Lenten Concert on Wednesday, April 5, 12:30 P.M. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 205 South Main Street in Harrisonburg.

Christ Lutheran Church: + Reformation 500 +

Save these dates and help us get the word out about the Augusta 20th Celebration to your family members who were baptized or confirmed here.

August 20 at 10:30 A.M. Pack the Church, Homecoming Worship
September 10 after worship - VA Blood Service Blood Drive
October 19 at 7 P.M. -Roanoke Choirs Reformation Concert
October 29 at 4 P.M.- Reformation Sunday Ecumenical Worship
And a June showing of a movie about Martin Luther

Men's Fellowship April Meeting

Our next meeting of the Men of Christ Lutheran Church will be on Monday, April 17, 6:30 P.M. at the home of Sarah & Orville Wolters on Harper Court. A light meal will be served. Our Bible Study will be centered around the Sermon on the Mount.

All men are welcome to attend and please bring a guest!



Calling all Easter Bunnies! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 16 following the Easter breakfast. Donations of small-sized, wrapped candies that will fit into plastic eggs (we have plenty of plastic eggs) would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave your donations in the church office. Thank you!

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed for Holy Week

Volunteers are needed to help with preparing our altar for worship during Holy Week, including stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday. Carolyn Haggerty and Allyson Langston are scheduled for April, and they could use your help! Please see Linda Youngblood if you can assist, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table at the back of the church. Thank you!

WELCA Meeting & Quilting Day

Our April WELCA Meeting will be held at the home of Evelyn Young. Please bring a light covered-dish to share with lunch and come join us for our fellowship beginning at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 4. Those who would like to carpool can meet at the church.



Our Quilting Group will meet on Tuesday, April 18 beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room. Please come join us and help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for our altar are needed for several Sundays in April, May and June. If you would like to give flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.

Flowers are usually ordered from Honey Bee's Florist in Staunton; however, you are welcome to use flowers from your garden this summer as well. The Flower Committee also suggests that two individuals or families could give one vase of flowers each and still have their dedication posted in the bulletin. This would considerably save costs. Take a look at the flower chart and sign up on a date you would like to contribute flowers, then contact the church office.

Thank you!



*Flowers for the altar
are needed!*

*Please use the sign-
up sheet in the
coatroom or call the
church office.*

This Month's Birthdays



3	Jackson Kiger
4	David Armstrong
	Ken Cox
5	Betty VanLear
8	Nick Walge
12	Connie Damschroder
13	Kathleen Shaner
15	Gary Firebaugh
16	Emily Dahl
19	Alex Rosen
	Jason Shaner
	Lillian Walge
	Michael Erskine
21	Miriam Handley
	Mary Alice Wease
22	Katie Morris
24	Steven Blehm
27	Robert McCarty
	Sandra Rollason

Anniversary Wishes



16	Shelda & Jay Shaner (51 years)
19	Sandy & Brian Rollason (9 years)



Greeting Card Collection



Many of us receive new greeting cards in the mail from organizations soliciting donations--cards we, perhaps, do not want or use. The Southern Valley Women of the ELCA will be collecting greeting cards (Birthday, get-well, thinking of you, sympathy-etc.) for distribution to those currently incarcerated in Virginia's state prison system. The cards will be brought to the Annual WELCA Conference held in Roanoke in August. It's early, but we want to make you aware so you can help. There will be a labeled box in the church lounge to receive any donated cards.

These all-occasion cards that include adult and children's birthdays, thinking of you, congratulations, get well, sympathy, thank you, Mother's Day, Father's Day, holidays, are needed for the Virginia Prison Chaplain Service and card packages are given out every three months to 600 women. Thank you!

Remember in Your Prayers

Amelia & Alfred Berry
Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
Bill Brill
Lynwood & Beth Craig
Patricia Doyle
Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab)
June Huff (21 Woodlee Rd. Apt. 325)
Sue Obenschain (Summit Square)
Mary Lou Parkins
Dell Philpott
Jane Ruch
Lois Ruch
Bobby Schneider
Billie Ann Spitler
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)
Herb Walge
Bob Wease

Friends & Family of Members:

Shirley C.
Bobby C.
Kristen
Robert C.
Bennie & Julie
Doris & Clarence M.
Brenda K.
Jessie G.
Debbie S.
Alex & Cindy C.
Linda Y.
Mindy
Joy C.
Lorraine J.
The Fries Family
Michael & Sharon Huff on the death of Ashley

Those Serving in the Military:

Timothy
Becky
Kevin
Derick
Sean

IN MEMORIAM:

Linda Blehm

June 13, 1952—March 9, 2017

Extended Concerns:

Patricia Garber (Envoy of Staunton)
Esther Seltzer (Augusta Rehab & Healthcare)
Winston Wine

Friends of Congregation with long-term concerns:

Danielle
Sonia L.
Mary L.





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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.



**Classical Banjo:
The Perfect Southern Art
John Bullard**

**Classical & Bluegrass by a world-class
banjo player**

**Sunday, April 2, 2017—4:00 P.M.
Christ Lutheran Church
Admission is free.**



April 2017

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2 10:30-Worship
11:30-Cong. Mtg.
4:00-John Bullard
Classical Banjo
Concert

3
7:00-Choral Society
Rehearsal

4 11:00-WELCA
Meeting at the home of
Evelyn Young
(Covered-dish lunch)
7:00-Choir Rehearsal

5 12:30-Florence Jow-
ers Concert at Asbury
UM Church/H'burg
7:00-Evening Prayer
7:30-Baptism Class

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Palm Sunday
10:30-Worship/
Procession with
Palms

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7:00-Choral Society
Rehearsal

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12
7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

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**Maundy
Thursday**
6:00-Covered-dish meal
7:00-Worship

14
Good Friday
Sanctuary open for
prayer
7:00-Worship

15 **Holy
Saturday**
7:00-Easter Vigil
With Baptism

16 **Easter**
9:15-Breakfast
9:30-Egg Hunt
10:00-Decorate Cross
10:30-Worship

17
7:00-Choral Society
Rehearsal

18
9:30-Quilting Day
7:00-Council Mtg.
Newsletter articles due

19
7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

20
(Visiting organists at
church/all day)

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23
10:30-Worship

24
7:00-Choral Society
Rehearsal

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12:00-Pleasant
Memories
7:00-Choir Rehearsal

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10:30-Worship

April 2017 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
April 2 Fifth Sunday of Lent Cantor: Woody Sanders AM: Suzanne Lochner	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45	<i>Restore in Us, O God</i> <i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i> <i>Abide With Me</i> <i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>
April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday Cantor: Debbie Morris AM: Tom Miller	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Passion Gospel from Matthew	<i>All Glory Laud and Honor</i> <i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i> <i>O Christ, Thou Lamb of God</i> <i>Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!</i>
April 16 Easter Day Cantor: Woody Sanders AM: Phyllis Cox	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10	
April 23 Second Sunday of Easter AM: Melanie Rhodes	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 Gospel: John 20:19-31	
April 30 Third Sunday of Easter AM: TBA	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35	



Those Serving in April 2017 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
04/02	Jay Shaner, Jim Gibson, Charles Shaner	Kendrick McCarty	Madilynn Langston	Linda Youngblood	Sandra Rollason
04/09	The Langston Family	Jackson Kiger	Rhiannon Wiseman	Passion Readers	Judy & Gene Matthews
04/16	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Amy Kiger	Kendrick McCarty	Jamison McCarty	Phyllis Cox	Beth & Sam Rowe
04/23	Woodie Cason, Suzanne Lochner, Karl Protil	Rhiannon Wiseman	Jackson Kiger	Mindy Reynolds	Amy & Jackson Kiger
04/30	Evelyn Young, Amy Kiger, Karl Protil			Amy Kiger	Miriam Handley

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 Jim Gibson at 292-5354.

Altar Guild: April 2, 9, 23, 30 – Carolyn Haggerty & Allyson Langston

Altar Guild for Holy Week: Carolyn Haggerty (volunteers needed!)

Flowers: Beth & Sam Rowe

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR APRIL 11: Nancy Dahl & Howard Wilhelm; Betty & Woodie Cason