
Christ Lutheran Tidings

Christ Lutheran Church

From Pastor McCarty

Dear Friends,

Growing up as a boy, the story of King David was one of my favorite Bible stories. I had an illustrated children's bible that told the story of Samuel selecting David out from among older brothers who appeared more worthy. Of course my Bible told the story of Goliath, but I can also remember a picture of Saul throwing a spear at the young David as he played his harp. As a teenager, I read about David and his multiple wives, including Saul's daughter Michal, Nabal's widow Abigail, Haggith and, of course, Bathsheba. In seminary, my senior chapel sermon had the story of David and the census as my preaching text. That message still remains one of my favorite sermons.

Whenever I read about David, I hear something new and different. I invite you to join me in a reading of 1 and 2 Samuel and the story of David. Sunday morning's Rejoice Class on February 12 and 19 will focus on the young man David, his friendship with Jonathan, and his rivalry with Saul. A second pair of Sundays in March will focus on David's reign as king of Israel. You can begin now by reading 1 Samuel. The anointing of David takes place in Chapter 16, but you may want to read about the reign and fall of Saul before that.

Blessings on whatever scripture you are reading right now. I hope to see you when we talk about King David.

Pastor McCarty

PS. Be sure to mark your calendar for February 26 at 4 PM. Florence Jowers, our organist, along with her husband, Paul Weber, will present a recital and hymn sing based on the hymns of Martin Luther. More details are in the newsletter. This will be a great time for us to celebrate the light of Christ.



February 2017

Special points of interest:

- *Organ Recital and Hymns of Martin Luther, Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 P.M. with Florence Jowers, organist and Paul Weber, commentator*
- *See the list of our upcoming concerts on Page 2.*

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2017 Spring Concerts at Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 26, 4:00 Organ Recital and Hymns of Martin Luther



The theme of this program, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice", will introduce you to several of Luther's hymns of the church year. Organ pieces will be performed by Bach, Telemann, Lionel Rogg, Bender and others. You will have an opportunity to sing some of these hymns, and Dr. Weber's commentary will provide historical and theological context to the program.

Performers: Florence Jowers (MM, Yale University), organist

The Rev. Dr. Paul Weber (DMA, Univ. of Iowa), commentator

Sunday, March 5, 4:00 The Stonewall Flutes of the Shenandoah

Pam Mason, director of this local ensemble, has planned a program of diverse music for the flute. They will perform classical pieces, sacred music, some Celtic selections, and lighter secular works such as music from *The Little Mermaid*. The offering received at this program will be given as a donation to the Stonewall Jackson Brigade Band.

Performers: Pam Mason, director, and about fifteen of her flautist friends



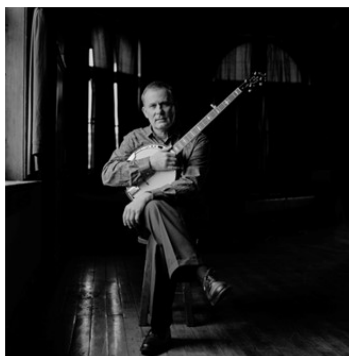
Sunday March 26, 4:00 The Bridgewater College Chorale, Dr. John P. McCarty, director

A special treat is in store for lovers of choral music! This gem of a choir is just up the road from Christ Lutheran, and we are so happy that they have consented to be part of our concert series. The Bridgewater College Chorale is the premiere, auditioned chamber choir from Bridgewater College. They perform repertoire representing many styles and historical eras. This group travels extensively, performing throughout Virginia and surrounding states on their annual regional tours and undertaking international tours to locations including China, Ireland, Canada, and Scotland.

Performers: Dr. John P. McCarty (DMA, James Madison University), Director and undergraduate singers from Bridgewater College.

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 John Bullard, Classical Banjo

This is something you have one of very few performers on this medium which you might expect from a southern music. If you think about it, it's actually classical music on a banjo. One minute tractor, the next he's on his porch playing bluegrass renditions, they're exact classically devotedly drawn to Baroque and Renaissance have asked Mr. Bullard to also include a thing dear to our hearts in the Shenandoah the banjo. John was on the faculty of the along with such luminaries as Pete Seeger currently teaching banjo as an Affiliate



probably never heard, because John Bullard is um. John Bullard plays five-string banjo, er. But there's a gothic twist: he plays classical the perfect southern art—a gentleman playing he's bush-hogging a field on his John Deere a Bach partita. And to be clear: these aren't cal transcriptions done by someone who's been sance music for 30 years. For this concert, we section of bluegrass music, since that is some-ah Valley, and shows a more traditional use of world-renowned Tennessee Banjo Institute ger, Bela Fleck and Tony Trischka. John is Artist at Cairn University.

Performer: John Bullard (BM, Virginia Commonwealth University), Banjo



In the event of snow or icy weather, please watch WHSV Channel 3 for cancellations or postponements, or visit our church website:

www.christlutheranstaunton.org

Thank you for your contributions to Christ Lutheran Church. We are still struggling with expenses. A snow day or bad weather day affects our offerings. Please remember to make up Sundays you miss church, or mail your offering to the church office.

Thank you.

We would like to thank all who have stepped up to the challenge of filling the “catch-up” bottle. We currently have a total of \$4,497.04 dollars either donated or pledged. ***Please continue to prayerfully consider the needs of the church and how we can all come together to reach our goals and reach out to all in need.***

The 2017 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the coat room of the narthex. Please sign your name by the date you would like to give flowers and call Brenda in the church office. Thank you!



Dear Angels,

The outpouring of generous giving and wholehearted support for our preschool families through the holiday season has been truly amazing to witness. Your collective efforts helped provide a hopeful conclusion to, what was for many, a challenging year. We are blessed to be a part of a community with so many caring people and humbled to be the deliverers of your unreserved goodwill.

We sincerely thank you with deepest appreciation for your spirit of sharing.

Sincerely,
Boo Elkins Michelle Carter Trey Lawhorn
 Family Service Coordinators



Happy February Anniversary to:

20 George & Anne Roller (59 years)

Directory Corrections/Changes: Please make the following changes in the church directory from your 2016 Year Book. The corrections are listed below:

Donald & Bobby Schneider: 540-256-3776

On the page including those called in special service, please add Rebecca Rhodes as Trustee. Also, please add Dell Philpott and Allyson Langston to our list of church council members.

- 1 Allyson Langston
- 2 Afton Armstrong
- 3 Gene Matthews
- 4 Mary Lou Parkins
- Sondra Shaner
- 8 Suzi Armstrong
- 8 Anne Roller
- 13 Joseph Ruch
- 16 Ashley Dahl
- Nancy Dahl
- 17 Woody Sanders
- 18 Sue Obenschain
- Victoria Rhodes
- 20 Mildred Johnson
- 21 Herb Walge
- Geneva Wiseman
- 22 Matthew Bigelow
- Dorothy Briebl
- Tyler Whitmore
- 25 Sarah Dahl
- Winston Wine
- 27 Thomas Dahl



Happy Valentine's Day



During the season of Lent (beginning March 1), gifts are received for our Lenten Garden in lieu of altar flowers. Your donations may be given in honor of or in memory of your loved ones and friends. Please complete this form and return it to the church office if you would like to contribute. We will acknowledge gifts by publishing the names of those who contribute, along with the names of those remembered or honored in our Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank You!

Your Name: _____ Amount: _____

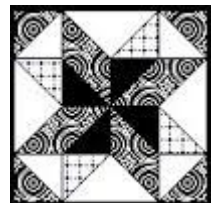
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In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

The Men of Christ Lutheran Church will meet on Monday, February 13, 6:30 P.M. for an evening breakfast meal in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Lutheran Church. WE will study the book “Imagine a New World; Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount” by John D. Hermann.

Quilting Day



A “Quilting Day” will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room.

Please come and join us as we assemble quilts that will be donated to Lutheran World Relief and distributed to those in need around the world. We also donate quilts to the Verona Community Food Pantry for families in our own area.

You don’t even have to know how to sew to help us. We have plenty of need for helping hands for pinning together material, cutting, tying knots, etc. You are welcome to come each month and help, or just whenever you are able. We hope to see you there!

Apricot Oatmeal Cookies

For a special Valentine Treat, try baking up a batch of these yummy Apricot Oatmeal Cookies for your sweetheart.

1 cup of butter (softened)	1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup of brown sugar (packed)	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup of white sugar	3 cups of quick-cooking oats (uncooked)
2 large eggs	1 cup dried, chopped apricots
1 1/2 cups of flour	3/4 cup of dried cranberries
1 tsp. baking soda	3/4 cup of sweetened flaked coconut
1 tsp. of cinnamon	3/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

Preheat your oven to 350 F. Beat butter and sugars until creamy in a large bowl with a medium speed on your mixer, scraping bowl as you mix. On low speed, mix in eggs and vanilla until blended. On a low speed, mix in the flour, baking soda, cinnamon. Then stir in the oats, dried fruits, coconut and almonds.

Drop by rounded measuring tablespoons, 2 inches apart, onto a large ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 14-15 minutes, until tops are a nice golden brown. Transfer to cookie racks to cool.



Gluten Free Chocolate Pots (Nothing says Valentine's Day like chocolate.)

2/3 cup sugar	2 tbs. corn starch
1/8 tsp. kosher salt	3 cups of whole milk
4 large egg yolks	1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract (GF)
6 oz. bittersweet chocolate (chopped)	1/2 tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder

In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Add 1/3 cup of the milk, stirring to form a smooth paste. Whisk in the egg yolks and the remaining milk. Cook the mixture over medium-low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon or spatula until thickened, 12 to 15 minutes (do not allow to boil). Remove from heat. Add the vanilla and chocolate, stirring until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth. Pour into eight 4-ounce ramekins, glasses, or teacups. Refrigerate, covered, until chilled, at least 2 hours and up to 2 days. Sprinkle with the cocoa powder before serving.

Remember in Your Prayers

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

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

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*
Plans to *Prosper* you
and not to harm you
Plans to give you
Hope and a *Future*
-Jeremiah 29:11

Friends & Family of Members:

Bobby C. (friend of the Langstons), Kristen (friend of Brenda W.),
Robert C. (friend of Stacey Wolters), Bennie & Julie (friends of Charlie & Mindy Reynolds)
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. (brother of Jim Gibson)
Debbie S. (friend of Rick Whitmore), Alex & Cindy C. (friends of Rick Whitmore)
Linda Y. (sister of Woody Sanders), Mindy (mother of Kiera Barker)
Joy C. (friend of Jim Gibson), Lorraine J. (sister of Lillian Walge), The Fries Family

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2017 Church Council:

Melanie Rhodes, President

Judy Matthews, Vice-President

Evelyn Young, Secretary

Allyson Langston

Dell Philpott

Donald Schneider, Property

Barbara Shaner, Fellowship

Stacey Wolters

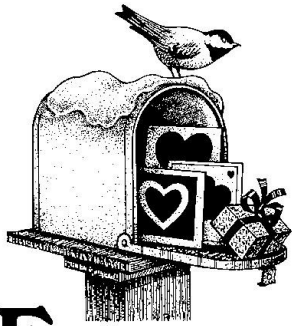
Robbin Youngblood



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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February 2017

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7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

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9:10-Sunday
School
10:30-Worship

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

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10:30-Worship

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6:30-Men's Mtg./
Fellowship Hall
7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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7:00-Church
Council

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7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

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10:30-Worship

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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9:30-Quilting Day

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

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10:30-Worship
4:00-Organ Recital
& Luther Hymns

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

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February 2017 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
February 5 5 th Sunday after Epiphany Cantor: Debbie Morris AM: Melanie Rhodes	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20	<i>Gather Us In</i> <i>O God of Light</i> <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> <i>To Be Your Presence</i>
February 12 6 th Sunday after Epiphany AM: Tom Miller	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37	<i>O God, My Faithful God</i> <i>In All Our Grief</i> <i>Forgive Our Sins</i> <i>Christ Is the King!</i>
February 19 7 th Sunday after Epiphany Cantor: Paul Weber AM: Phyllis Cox	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48	<i>Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</i> <i>O Praise the Gracious Power</i> <i>Great God, Your Love Has Call Us</i> <i>Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace</i>
February 26 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Cantor: Stacey Wolters AM: Melanie Rhodes	Exodus 24:18-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9	<i>How Good, Lord, to Be Here!</i> <i>O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair</i> <i>Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise</i> <i>O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts</i>



Those Serving in February 2017 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
2/5/17	Jay Shaner, Jim Gibson, Charles Shaner	Kendrick McCarty	Madilynn Langston	Stacey Wolters	Jim Gibson
2/12/17	Scott, Allyson & Madilynn Langston	Jackson Kiger	Rhiannon Wiseman	Amy Kiger	Gerald Wells & Judy Rowe
2/19/17	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley Amy Kiger	Kendrick McCarty	Jamison McCarty	Phyllis Cox	Rebecca Rhodes
2/26/17	Woodie Cason, Suzanne Lochner, Karl Protil	Rhiannon Wiseman	Jackson Kiger	Jim Youngblood	Rick Whitmore

Ushers: Please be at the church by 10:00 A.M. for usher duty on Sunday mornings. Head Usher for the month of February is Wayne Huntley (885-3079).

Altar Guild: Phyllis Cox & Anita Sanders
Flower Coordinators: Beth & Sam Rowe



MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR February 14: Kathy Bigelow; Mimi Handley & Barbara Puzanskas

