

Christ Lutheran Tidings

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lord, we know that You love us and that You have great plans for the Virginia Synod. But sometimes we are overwhelmed by the thought of our future. Show us how to walk forward one day at a time. As we explore the various options as we choose a bishop, help us to listen openly, and to pay attention to what is in the depth of our own heart and our synod. In this way, may we hear Your call to a way of life which will allow us to love as only we can, and allow us to serve others with the special gifts You have given us.

We pray for this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

From "Prayer to Discern the Guidance of the Holy Spirit in Electing a New Bishop" by the Virginia Synod Bishop's Transition Team.

On Thursday, May 18, Phyllis Cox and Jamison McCarty met with members of other nearby congregations to discuss the upcoming election for a new Bishop for the Virginia Synod. Christ Lutheran Church hosted the event. As Dean of the Southern Valley Conference, I co-lead the event with Pastor Karen Taylor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Pastor Taylor represents the Southern Valley Conference on the Virginia Synod's Bishop's Transition Team.

At the event, lay representatives attending June's Synod Assembly heard an explanation of the Ecclesiastical Ballot that will oversee the election of a new bishop. The first ballot cast Friday afternoon will serve as a nominating ballot. Each voting delegate can write the name of one rostered pastor in the ELCA to serve as our bishop. Pastors have opportunity to withdraw from the election. A second ballot Saturday morning will narrow the list of names to 7 candidates. Additional ballots, presentations by the candidates, a question and answer session along with prayer will help guide us to selecting a new bishop who will serve for 6 years.

Phyllis and Jamison also participated in discussions around suggested priorities for the next Bishop. Last year, listening sessions were held throughout the synod. These listening sessions generate a list of strengths and concerns in the synod as well as priorities for the use of the bishop's time. Almost half of the people who responded listed

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- Rejoice SS Class on the 95 Theses June 4
- VA Synod Assembly, June 9,10, 11
- VBS June 19-23
- Birthday Bash! June 24

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Important Announcement

The following was mistakenly omitted from the
June 2017 Newsletter

A brief Congregational Meeting will be held
following worship on Sunday, June 18 to approve
the purchase of air-conditioning units for the
church
sanctuary. No other business will be
presented at this meeting.

We apologize for the omission of this
announcement.

care of congregations during times of crisis and transition as the most important role of the Bishop. Another priority was pastoral care of our pastors. By a 20% margin, people in the synod view Youth ministry as our main strength and a continued point of emphasis.

Our current bishop, The Reverend James F. Mauney has served in the office for 18 years. He retires later this summer. A Friday night banquet will honor him and his wife Lynda at the Synod Assembly.

Installation for the new bishop will take place on September 9 at First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro.

Blessings,

Pastor McCarty



Jamison conversing at the recent meeting to discuss the election of a new Virginia Synod Bishop.

Phyllis Cox & Pastor Robert Humphreys at the May 18 meeting here at Christ Lutheran Church.



Congratulations 2017 Graduates!

Randolph Ted Hall, Jr.

Old Dominion University, Norfolk Virginia
Baccalaureate degree in Mechanical
Engineering
Grandson of Judy & Gene Matthews

Karl Protil III

Berry High School, Silver Spring, MD
Plans to attend Emory University in Atlanta to
study Veterinary Medicine

Katherine Protil

Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas
Will continue studying at the University of
Texas, in Austin
Granddaughter of Karl Protil

David Yeago

University of Virginia, Charlottesville
BA in English
Son of Daniel Yeago
Grandson of Ann & Meredith Yeago



Congratulations to all 2017 graduates!



The children of Barbara and Charles Shaner invite you to share in the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday June 10, 2017. We will gather in the church fellowship hall at 5:00 pm for fellowship, followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. We will conclude with cake following the meal. Please RSVP by June 3rd to Keith at (540) 256-8470. Just leave a message. Please join us in celebrating with them!

Christ Lutheran Men in Mission

The Men of Christ Lutheran Church will meet on Monday, June 26, 6:30 P.M. at the home of Gerry Wells. We begin with a light meal followed by Bible Study. We hope you will plan to attend. Please bring a friend!

Lutheran Golf Tournament

When? August 5, 2017

Where? The Club at Ironwood



Sponsored by Pleasant View Lutheran
Church Outreach Ministries

The cost is \$40 per player for the green and cart fee. Breakfast will begin at 7:45 A.M. at Pleasant View. A free-will offering will be received for the Outreach Ministry of Pleasant View Church.

The format will be Captain's Choice with shot gun starting at 9:00 A.M. Players will be welcome to bring their own foursome. If one has not been selected for a team, come to breakfast and we may make changes in order to make sure everyone who is playing will be involved.

So that we can prepare enough food for breakfast and scheduling, please call Kenneth Price at 885-3749 or 290-1999 if you plan to join us. The cost for a hole is a free-will donation, hopefully more than \$50. Checks may be made to Pleasant View Lutheran Church, 2733 Spring Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401.

If you do not plan to attend the breakfast, you will see Karen Fauber at the golf course to pay your green and cart fee in as much as the pro shop is not collecting them. Karen will also accept your donation to the Outreach Ministry.

Please feel free to take a flyer available on the table at the back of our church. We have also posted the flyer on our bulletin board.

We hope you will plan to join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

Quilting Day

A Quilting Day will be held on Tuesday, June 20 beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room. Please come and join us. We welcome anyone to come help us assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing skills required, just helping hands. Thank you for your support!

From Martin Luther's 95 Theses

36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.

37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.

Martin Luther taught throughout his ministry that the blessings of God are for you and for all who are baptized. God not only gives you these blessings, including forgiveness, love, and life, but he allows you to freely share them with others.

We have two weeks left in our emphasis on Martin Luther's 95 Theses. Continue to gather at the door and read them together and talk about them. Consider sponsoring one. And join us for a special Rejoice class on the 95 Theses on June 4 at 9:15 AM in the Church Lounge.

Verona Community Food Pantry

The Verona Community Food Pantry has sent thanks for our recent delivery of 25 pounds of food, 22 pounds of dry goods, one quilt and \$50 in cash—the results of the recent collection here at Christ Church. And thanks, too, from WELCA, for the usual generous support for this outreach that we always receive from the congregation.



The Virginia Synod Assembly takes place at Roanoke College June 9, 10 & 11. Attending from Christ Lutheran Church will be Pastor McCarty, Jamison McCarty, Florence Jowers and Phyllis Cox. Please keep them in your prayers and all in attendance as they gather at Roanoke College.

Let's Play Ball!

Coffman Funeral Home has provided us with tickets for free admission to Church Family Night with the Braves for Sunday, June 4 and Sunday, June 25. The tickets provided for you are on the table at the back of the church. Additional tickets are available from the church office.



Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2017

6:30—8:35 P.M.

Ages 3 through grade 5

www.vbspro.events/p/scobkids

Hi! I'm Decker! I'm a decorator crab who uses all kinds of sea stuff to bling out my shell. It takes time to camouflage myself but God made you just by speaking! I remind you **that God Made you!**



It's me, Abbee!

I'm a rare bee with a crafty side you won't believe! We make special, bee-autiful little pods for our larva. They're not only pretty, but they're practical. We pack them with everything the little baby will need until it's time to hatch. Everything is there for a reason. I can remind you that **God made you for a reason!**

Hi, I'm Tina Termite!

Termites may be tiny, but we make enormous, strong towers that last a long, long time! When you're feeling small or not-so-mighty, I can remind you that **GOD IS FOR YOU!**



**Use the registration form on the following page or visit
www.vbspro.events/p/scobkids to sign up.**



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



June Anniversaries:

10 Barbara & Charles Shaner (50)
 11 Sondra & Raymond Shaner (51)
 12 Linda & Jim Youngblood (46)
 23 Lynell & Gary Firebaugh (28)

Happy June Birthdays to:

3 Diantha McCauley
 5 Matthew Shaner
 6 Esther Seltzer
 7 Jonathan Sanders
 8 Gerald Wells
 12 Beth Rowe
 Andrew Shaner
 13 Aleya Freeman-Whitmore
 Jane Ruch
 15 Carole Fedchock
 17 Neila Luzaich
 18 Raymond Shaner
 20 Kathy Bigelow
 22 Carolyn Haggerty
 29 Vera Blehm
 30 Elizabeth Moore



June 18, 2017

A Note from Staunton City Schools: FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Staunton City School's Food Services department will be providing Free Summer Meals for children 2-18 years old from June 5 to July 28 at several sites throughout the city including Shelburne Middle School. For more information, location and times call [540-332-3920](tel:540-332-3920).

BBQ Beans—Really good picnic food

1 pound of lean ground beef or turkey

2 cans of pork & beans

1 cup of catsup or BBQ sauce

1 tablespoon of mustard

1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar

2 tablespoons of brown sugar

Brown meat in a skillet and drain.

Drain cans of pork and beans, then stir the beans into the meat. Add catsup, mustard, vinegar and brown sugar.

Add extra ingredients if you like your mixture with a bolder flavor such as green and red peppers and onions. I usually just mix up the ingredients to my liking...i.e. extra vinegar and brown sugar. Try it on your hot dogs and hamburgers. Good stuff!

Remember in Your Prayers

Amelia & Alfred Berry
Dorothy Briehl
Lynwood & Beth Craig
Patricia Doyle
Virginia Gregory
June Huff
Sue Obenschain
Mary Lou Parkins
Dell Philpott
Jane Ruch
Lois Ruch
Bobby Schneider
Billie Ann Spitler
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)
Linda & John Vitt
Herb Walge
Bob Wease
Howard Wilhelm
Winston Wine

A handwritten message in blue ink that reads "thank you!". The script is casual and friendly, with a large exclamation mark at the end.

I want to thank all of you wonderful friends at Christ Church for your prayers, cards and concerns during my leg surgery this year. Thanks to my faith, family and friends, I was able to keep my faithful spirit through it all. A special "thank you" to Pastor for his many phone calls. I am now able to see the "light at the end of the tunnel," thanks to my wonderful surgeon and therapists.

My thoughts and prayers stay with all of you. I have so many wonderful memories to cherish!

Peace, Love and Joy,

Mary Lou Parkins

Power in the Spirit—July 13-15

Power in the Spirit is for all ages! "On Our Way Reforming" - Children can attend with parents or guardians, and children ages 3 to 10 have the choice to join in special activities just for them while their grownups attend keynote addresses and workshops. Older kids and teens can help with the younger children, or join in the fun of the rest of Power in the Spirit. Children and their grownups will be together for housing, worship, and meals. There's room for everyone at Power in the Spirit!

Join us **July 13-15** at Roanoke College for a conference with Lutherans for all across the state. Register for Power in the Spirit online today! Visit www.vasynod.org to register and for more information.

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Barbara Shaner

Stacey Wolters

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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.



June 2017

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Worship with us!

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4 Pentecost 5 6 7 8 9 10 Fellowship Hall
9:15-Rejoice Class Reserved

10:30-Worship
6:45-Youth Group

VA SYNOD ASSEMBLY-
ROANOKE COLLEGE
June 9, 10, 11

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Holy Trinity
10:30-Worship

7:00-Council Mtg.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

10:30-Worship
Father's Day

9:30-Quilting Day
Newsletter articles
due

Fellowship Hall
Reserved

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30—8:35 PM each evening. Monday through Friday.

25 26 27 28 29 30

10:30-Worship
6:30-Men's Fellow-
ship at the home
of Gerry Wells

12:00-Pleasant
Memories



June 2017 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
June 4 The Day of Pentecost AM: Melanie Rhodes	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	<i>God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove O Day Full of Grace</i>
June 11 The Holy Trinity AM: Tom Miller	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	<i>Holy God, We Praise Your Name All Glory Be to God on High Holy, Holy, Holy God, Whose Almighty Word</i>
June 18 The Second Sunday after Pentecost AM: Phyllis Cox	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9-23)	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell God Is Here! Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word Christ Called to Baptize</i>
June 25 The Third Sunday after Pentecost AM: Tom Miller	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39	<i>Give to Our God Immortal Praise! We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus Children of the Heavenly Father O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>

Those Serving in June 2017 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Greeters
6-4	Charles Shaner, Jay Shaner, Jim Gibson	Rhiannon Wiseman	Nancy Dahl	Carolyn Haggerty
6-11	The Langston Family	Jackson Kiger	Kathy Bigelow	Judy Rowe & Gerald Wells
6-18	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Amy Kiger	Madi Langston	Debbie Morris	Sarah & Orville Wolters
6-25	Woodie Cason, Karl Protil, Evelyn Young	Kendrick McCarty	Phyllis Cox	Judy Rowe & Gerald Wells

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: Anita Sanders & Beth Rowe

Meals-on-Wheels for June 13: Kathy Bigelow, Miriam Handley & Barbara Puzanskas

