



CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

November 2017

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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. (Genesis 2:1-3)

Dear Friends,

Wow, what a couple of months we have had together! We have installed a bishop, packed 15,000 meals, buried a friend, emphasized stewardship, hosted a college choir, welcomed our new bishop and celebrated the reformation with five neighboring church bodies. All of this happened in the middle of soccer, football, marching band seasons and the start of a new school year and in the midst of fall chores. It makes me give thanks for Sabbath. I am not alone.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has been on the road across the country with churches and synods participating in a variety of celebrations. She shared with one of our members at Bishop Humphrey's installation that she is looking forward to October 31!? I agree. We need an invisible holiday between Reformation Day proper and All Saints.

We often think of Sabbath rest as relaxation for what we have done in the past week. But Sabbath rest is also preparation for what is to come. Congregational Meeting, Thankoffering, Thanksgiving worship at the Brethren Church, Advent, Concerts, Christmas.

In this Sabbath period between what we have done and what we will do, let me offer some thanksgivings. To Judy Matthews and the Stewardship and Finance committees for the Pony Express program. (That thank you goes out as well to Trail Bosses and Route Managers.) To the WELCA Sewing Circle for the quilts and the food drive. To Florence Jowers, the Langston family and all who helped with the Reformation Anniversary. To all who helped feed our choral college students and gave them a place to sleep. To the Roanoke College Choir. To Bishop Humphrey for joining with us for worship. To Brenda for her hard work and multiple bulletins this month. To the Robbin and Linda Youngblood for the beautiful new banners for the Reformation. To Tom Miller and Sam Rowe for replacing a variety of outdoor lightbulbs. (And to Donald who saw that our sanctuary bulb was fixed.). To Debbie who does a great job of cleaning our church.

I have more people to give thanks to than I can list here. It was a great month and as you helped and as you participated in our celebrations, I am ever grateful and thankful to be here among you.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving
Pastor McCarty

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

The first part of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12 following our worship service. We will hold worship in the Fellowship Hall on that Sunday.

Prior to the meeting, our youth will serve a potato bar to help raise funds for their future projects. Plan to stay following worship for this sure-to-be delicious treat prepared by the youth. After the meal, we will settle in for the meeting and the presentation of our proposed 2018 budget.



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Pony Express run has been completed. However, the stewardship campaign will continue until everyone has had a chance to complete the intentional giving card. For those of you who may have been left out, you will receive your information either in the mail or at church.

I have not tallied results or percentage of members contacted. The main focus is for each member to be intentional about their giving and to plan ahead.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to give your feedback about the positives and negatives of this campaign so that we can improve the process.

Judy Matthews
Finance Chair

Hosted by:
Staunton Church of the Brethren
Covenant Presbyterian
Memorial Baptist
Christ Lutheran
St. John's United Methodist
Cherryvale United Methodist



Let Thankful Hearts Sing

A Joint Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship
With a Community Choir

Wednesday, November 22, 2017, 7:00 P.M. at
Staunton Church of the Brethren
1615 N. Coalter Street

A goodwill offering will be received to benefit the
Staunton-Augusta Churches Relief Association

NOVEMBER THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

The WELCA annual Thankoffering Sunday will be observed on November 19 during our worship service. On this day you are invited to join with the Women of the Church in sharing your offering gifts to help show your gratitude for God's blessing and to support WELCA's outreach in ministry. This offering will be used for local ministries such as New Directions, SACRA, Free Clinic and our own Pastor's Discretionary Fund. A portion of this offering will also be given to the National WELCA to support ongoing ministries. The Women of the Church thank you for your continuing support of Thankoffering Sunday.

Please note WELCA will not hold a regular meeting in November.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints Sunday is November 5. During our worship service, we will remember those of our congregation who have died in the past year. Please help us by submitting names of those family members, friends and loved ones who have died (from any year) that you wish to remember. You may use the signup sheet that will be posted in the narthex, or call Brenda in the church office by Wednesday, November 1.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I am in the process of updating our Servant Keeper Membership Program. Please complete the form on the following page and return it to the church office by December 13. All updates will be processed before we print our church directory for our January Congregational Meeting.

Thank you!
Brenda

PS-Anyone interested in joining our congregation, please contact Pastor McCarty.



**Don't forget! Turn your clocks back one hour before
going to bed on Saturday, November 4.
Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5!**

Membership Profile Questionnaire

Head of Household

Spouse

Title (Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other _____

Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other _____

**Name: First-
Middle or Maiden-
Last**

Birthday:
(Year optional)

Address:
City, State, Zip

Home Phone:
(Note if unlisted)

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Marital Status:

Anniversary Date:

Occupation:

Employer:

Member Status:

Baptized:
(Yes, No, Date)

Children:
Name
(first, middle, last)

Birthdate: _____

Birthdate: _____

Birthdate: _____

Birthdate: _____

Thank you! Please complete this information and leave it on Brenda's desk or mail it to the church office. This information will be used to update our records and our church directory. We do not share your information with third parties. Your information is for church purposes only.

Sunday, November 5, at 5:00 P.M.—Concert & Evensong for the Feast of All Saints

As we remember the saints who have gone before us, we celebrate their lives with a program of organ music and Choral Evensong. Trinity's organist, Virginia Bolena will offer a performance of music by J. S. Bach, Helmut Walcha and a lovely prelude on the tune "Eventide" by C.H.H. Parry. Trinity Choir will sing favorites from the Anglican repertoire including music by Richard Ayleward, Herbert Sumson, and C.V. Stanford. A reception will follow in McCracken Hall.



BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Night Bible Study will continue their study of Paul's letter to the church that is in Philippi. We will examine this heart-felt letter of friendship that Paul wrote to his friends while awaiting his trial. The study will meet on November 14, 21 and 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the church lounge.

Please come join us!

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Altar Guild will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 19 immediately following worship. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the time for volunteers.

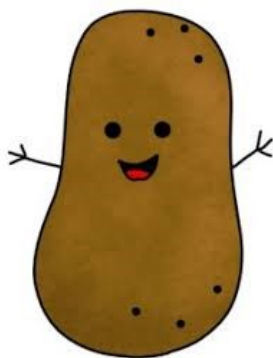
If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild (we need new volunteers), please come and join us!

Linda Youngblood, Altar Guild Chair



Church Women United will meet at Christ Lutheran Church located on Churchville Avenue on Friday, November 10. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. followed by a program at 10:00 A.M.

Do you like
POTATOES?!?



If so...

Come to the potato bar!
It's on November 12
after worship.

All donations go to youth
events.

The Staunton
Choral Society
invites you to
their Winter
Concert at
Christ Lutheran
Church on
Sunday,
December 3
At 7:00

Happy November Birthdays

- 1 Lois Ruch
- 2 Woodie Cason
- 4 Lynwood Craig
- Annie Collins
- 8 Oakley Armstrong
- Scott Langston
- 9 Bill Bigelow
- 11 Virginia Gregory
- 13 Dan McCauley
- 21 Dustin Whitmore
- 23 Bob Lock



Happy November Anniversary

- 5 Jenn & Kiera Barker (6 years)

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Fun for all ages! Saturday, December 16, 2:00 P.M.



Bring a gingerbread house kit (purchase one at Wal-Mart, Target or the grocery) and come join the fun. Families may want to assemble a house together.



Extra candies, icing and special goodies for decorating will be provided, along with some fun decorating ideas. Refreshments, too!

The cost is free, however, you must pre-register in order to participate. Please use this form and register by December 6.

Name(s): _____ Family _____ Individual: _____
 _____ (Children must be accompanied by a parent.)

Phone Number: _____

Bring or mail form to Brenda in the church office by December 6. Or call Brenda (885-4843) to register.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Amelia & Alfred Berry
 Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
 Lynwood & Beth Craig
 Patricia Doyle
 Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing
 & Rehab)
 June Huff (21 Woodlee Rd. Apt. 325)
 Sue Obenschain
 Mary Lou Parkins
 Jane Ruch
 Bobby Schneider
 Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)
 Lillian & Herb Walge (Brookdale)
 Mary Alice & Bob Wease
 Winston Wine

Friends & Family of Members:

Bernice
 Alice
 Linda P.
 Margaret
 Roy
 Roger
 Loretta
 Peter
 Bobby
 Robert
 Doris & Clarence
 Brenda
 Jessie
 Linda
 Mindy
 Joy

Those Serving in the Military

Chris, Timothy, Becky, Kevin, Derick, Sean, Dusty

Extended Concerns:

Patricia Garber (Envoy of Staunton)
 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)

Please let us know if you would like to add or to remove a name from our prayer list so that we may keep our list current and up-to-date.

With the exception of our Extended Concerns and names of church members, our list will be updated in December. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please call or email the church office by the end of November and let Brenda or Pastor McCarty know.

Thank you! Brenda



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We're on the Web!
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Worship with us!
10:30 A.M.—Worship

CHURCH STAFF:

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Brenda L. Wollner, Secretary
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Custodian: Debbie McCray

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Melanie Rhodes, President
Judy Matthews, Vice-President
Evelyn Young, Secretary
Allyson Langston
Donald Schneider
Barbara Shaner
Stacey Wolters
Robbin Youngblood

Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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