

# Christ Lutheran Tidings

## Welcome to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!!!

The 500th Anniversary is a news worthy event and an opportunity for Lutherans to engage the world with our celebration. I have listed events around the area elsewhere in the Newsletter, including a Choral concert here and several movie showings. Florence and I have planned a month full of commemorative and celebratory worship for the congregation. Here is what you can expect

October 1 Our worship this day celebrates the global breadth of our Lutheran Community. Our music for worship today comes from around the world and is blended with German Chorale music that was at the center of our forming denomination.

October 8 Lutherans tie closely together Forgiveness of Sins with our Baptism in Christ. Our special Festival worship on this Sunday includes the Corporate Confession of Sin often practiced on Maundy Thursday along with the Affirmation of Baptism.

October 15 Holy communion has always had a central role in our Lutheran worship service. Holy Communion is the Living Word made flesh and the Body and Blood of Christ for you. Our worship service today places the emphasis on the Lord's Supper.

October 22 I have read quite a bit about "Reformed and Reforming" as people gear up for this celebration. We recognize the power of the Reformation to change lives. We also know that the church continues this reforming pattern as we seek to reach out to new people today. This Sunday is opportunity to look at the powerful activity of the Holy Spirit for the future of the church.

October 29 Our traditional Reformation Worship service at 10:30 AM. Then in the afternoon we bring people together from many churches to celebrate together at 4 PM.

We have too many opportunities this month, but that often happens with anniversaries celebrations. Invite a friend to a concert, a movie and a worship and come celebrate with us.

Blessings,

Pastor McCarty



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## Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Annual Congregational Meeting

**Notice of Meeting:** The first part of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12 following the worship service. The youth will offer a baked potato bar that day as a fund raiser for their events.

### 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 15 and 22, 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!*

### 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.



## ROANOKE COLLEGE CHOIR TO PERFORM AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

As part of our 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, Christ Lutheran is hosting the **Roanoke College Choir in concert on Thursday, October 19th, at 7:30.** Through this concert we are celebrating the heritage we have from Martin Luther, especially in his forward-thinking theology and his music. Roanoke College's fall Reformation tour will only be held a few places in the state, and we are honored to have been chosen as one of the host sites. Their college choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra, organ and piano. A highlight of the concert will be movements from Bach's great Cantata 80, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". Accompanying them also is renowned theologian Dr. Paul Hinlicky, who will narrate the concert with gems from Lutheran theology.

Prior to the concert, there will be a covered dish dinner at 6:15 for all of the musicians and host families. Other church members are certainly welcome to join in this dinner. Just bring a dish to share with several other people (hungry college students!). It will be a great time to visit with students in our Virginia Lutheran college and to hear what is happening on campus now. ***We still have need of a few more host families, so if you can help out, please call the church office.***

***Please plan to come and bring friends with you. This will be our main concert event for the fall season, and what an excellent concert it promises to be!***

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## REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL IN CHARLOTTESVILLE FEATURING FLORENCE JOWERS & PAUL WEBER, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 100 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, will host Florence Jowers and the Rev. Dr. Paul Weber in a Reformation Hymn Festival at 4:00 on Sunday, October 22. All of the Lutheran churches in the Charlottesville area are joining together for this event, with a choir of singers from all the churches. This will be a repeat of the concert done at Christ Lutheran in February, and which Paul and Florence have presented in Florida, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, and several other places in Virginia. It features hymns by Martin Luther, organ works based on those hymns, and narration about Luther and his views on theology and music. All are invited to this free event.

## **Reformation +500+ Events of the Southern Valley Conference Fall 2017**

**Sunday, October 15, Viewing of Rick Steve's "Luther and the Reformation"**

6 to 8 PM doors open at 5 PM Wayne Theater, Waynesboro

A viewing of this Rick Steve's special with a LARCUM panel discussion afterwards.

Free will donations accepted for the Wayne Theater.

**Thursday, October 19, Roanoke College Choir Reformation Concert**

**CHANGED TIME to 7:30 PM** at Christ Lutheran, Staunton

The 30 members of the Roanoke College Choir will perform with an orchestra in congregations around Virginia. This special concert highlights music associated with our Lutheran heritage.

**Friday, October 20 Luther Movie Viewing**

7 PM St. Peter's in Churchville.

A viewing on the 1953 Luther movie begins at 7:00 P.M.

**Saturday, October 21 Lutheran Night** at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

5-8 PM Mt. Sidney

Bring a German dish to share for a potluck meal in Salem's Imagine Center. After the meal they will show the movie "Luther" from 2003 featuring Joseph Fiennes as Luther.

**Sunday, October 29, 4 PM Common Commemoration of the Reformation**

at Christ Lutheran Staunton

This ecumenical worship will celebrate 500 years of reforming worship and ministry and our common belief in Christ Jesus. The Reverend Robert Humphrey, recently installed as Bishop of the Virginia Synod—ELCA will offer the message. All ordained clergy are invited to process.

## PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

When you receive a love letter, you cherish it and read it over again and again. In Paul's letter of Philippians, the church has received a love letter, and we rejoice and never get tired of reading it. Our Tuesday night Bible Study will begin a 5 session 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 letter includes Paul's call to humility, a brief autobiographical description of his life and a call to be true to faith.

Our Tuesday night Bible Study meets October 17 and 24 at 7 P.M. in the Church lounge. Then again on November 7 after a 1 week break for All Hollow's Eve.

**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](mailto:celcsta@gmail.com) or bring them by the church office.



**All men of Christ Lutheran Church** are invited to attend our monthly meetings. This month, we will meet on Monday, October 23, 6:30 P.M. at the home of Orville & Sarah Wolters. Come join us for a light meal followed by Bible Study.



**IN MEMORIAM:**

Billie Ann Spitler  
December 6, 1928 – September 24, 2017

**Members of Christ Lutheran Church:**

Amelia & Alfred Berry  
Dorothy Briebl (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:**

Roger  
Loretta  
Bobby  
Robert  
Doris & Clarence  
Brenda  
Jessie  
Linda  
Mindy  
Joy  
The Fries Family

**Those Serving in the Military**

Timothy, Becky, Derick, Sean, Dusty

**Extended Concerns (Members):**

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

**Friends of Congregation with long-term concerns:**

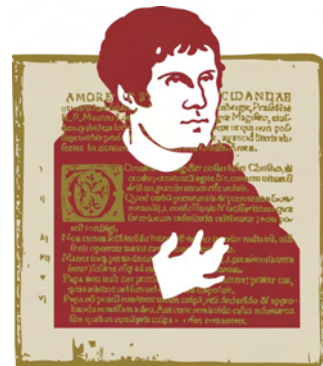
Danielle, Sonia, Mary, Doris





- 4 Ken & Evelyn Young (58 years)
- 16 Travis & Carrie Holsinger (18 years)

- 5 Tom Miller
- 6 Brian Rhodes
- 11 Lucas Holsinger
- 14 Abby Erskine
- 16 Laura Luzaich
- 17 George Roller
- 29 Mason Weddle



## SOCIAL MINISTRY—BOUNTY TABLE—THANK YOU!

*Thank you for your contributions during the summer months for our Bounty Table. We appreciated the goods and crafts you offered, and we appreciate your donations. By doing so, you put food on your table and help others in our community to put food on their table, or to assist on rent and utilities, or medical bills. We received a total of \$426.47 which will be given to SACRA for disbursement. Thank you for your support. (From the Social Ministry Committee, Judy Matthews)*

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

**M**arking a new season of ministry in the life of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), more than 630 people gathered September 9 at First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro Virginia for the installation of **the Rev. Robert F. Humphrey** as the Virginia Synod's bishop, the synod's first new bishop in 18 years.

The installation service had over 100 individuals process, as over 90 Rostered Ministers of the Virginia Synod were present, along with five ELCA Bishops of Region eight and nine, and 12 ecumenical guests. A majority of Virginia Synod mission partners leadership were in attendance as well.

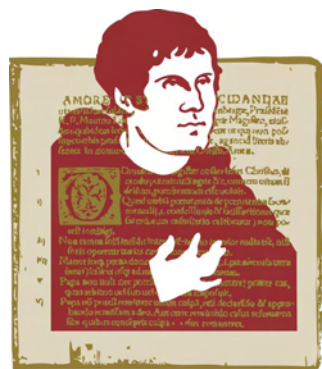
Special music at Bishop Humphrey's installation was offered by a choir made up of members of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, Grace Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, and Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton. **Elizabeth Williams**, the Minister of Music at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg served as the pianist, and **Mike Myers**, the Choir Director and Organist at Grace Lutheran Church in Waynesboro served as Choir Director. **Florence Jowers**, Director of Music at Christ Lutheran in Staunton, served as organist for the worship service. Her husband **Paul Weber**, interim Pastor at Muhlenberg Lutheran, served as cantor.



**Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton** of the ELCA presided over the installation, and preached the sermon. She preached on the text John 21:15-19. In her sermon, Bishop Eaton looked to turning points in scripture, in the church, in the life of the Virginia Synod, and in the world. (Bishop Eaton is pictured with Debbie Morris.)



**Please notice the beautiful new Reformation 500  
Banners in our sanctuary. The banners are the creation  
of Linda and Robbin Youngblood.  
We thank them for their  
talents and gifts to Christ Lutheran.**



## PONY EXPRESS STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Pony Express started its run on September 24. Barbara Shaner organized a great covered dish lunch after church for the kickoff. Many members were able to complete the intentional giving card at the luncheon and pass it on to another member. Has your relay station received the mail pouch yet? If you have, thank you for passing it on right away. If you haven't, it will be coming soon. Please, don't let it stay in your home longer than 48 hours and call your assigned station agent when you do pass it on. Our pony express should have the mailbags back to the church by October 22.

For our many members unable to get out and carry the mailbag to the next home we have a wonderful set of Station Agents assisting each team with the run. Those station agents are: Stacey Wolters, Scott Langston, Jay Shaner, Gene Matthews, George Luzaich, Rick Whitmore, Phyllis Cox, Woodie Cason and Gerry Wells. Rick is also serving as the overall Trailboss keeping up with all the teams.

### **As a reminder of how it works:**

We have our congregation divided into geographical teams. The saddle bag has two pouches. The pouch labeled "Christ Lutheran Pony Express" contains envelopes to place your "Intentional Giving Card" after you have given thoughtful prayer to helping fulfill the obligations of our congregation and completed the information requested on the card.

After completing the card, you will place the Intentional Giving Card in the envelope, seal the envelope and place it in the "Thank You" side of the saddlebag.

On the reverse side of the pouch, there is a list of your team, which will help you decide who to ride the bag to next. The process should take no more than 48 hours-- quicker is better. If you cannot pass it on, call your station agent listed on the roster, and they will get one of the volunteer riders to pick up the bag and move it on to the next person. PLEASE, do not let the mail pouch stop at your station! We do ask that you call your station agent and let them know that it has been passed on.

There will be some individuals who will receive a mailing rather than the mail pouch. This is necessitated for those who may live too far away or those that we haven't seen for a long time and we want to invite to come back to our family.

The Pony Express depends on the involvement of every member of our congregation, but is not a visitation program. Each person will determine their own “Intentional Giving” without the pressure of having someone in your home asking for your pledge. I think it is a fun, low pressure, and total involvement program designed to help each person think about intentional giving to assure the mission of the church will be fulfilled.

The information from the Intentional Giving card will be reviewed by the treasurer and Financial Chair and the data will then be summarized as a total. There will be no individual information published or tracked. Our only intention this year is to know how many families are contacted, what percentage respond and the total amount that people plan to give. These totals will be shared with the congregation, but no individual information will be shared.

Again, to emphasize, this is to help individual members think about intentional giving for 2018. We all know that life changes happen. Sometimes things get better and you might want to give more than you thought you could. Sometimes things get worse and you might not be able to give as much as you thought. And sometimes things stay the same and you can give exactly what you thought! In other words, this is a guideline that you decide and is not a “bill” that you will be held to by any kind of tracking system.

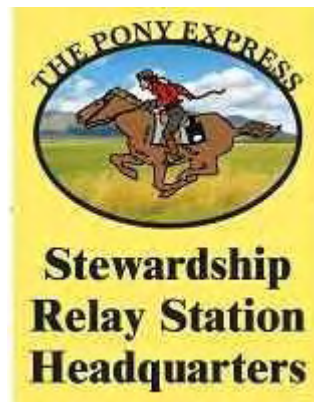
## **THE PONY EXPRESS ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS**

Judy Matthews and Stacey Wolters, Co-chairs

Rick Whitmore

Gene Matthews

Sam Rowe



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Worship with us!

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

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Evelyn Young, Secretary

Allyson Langston

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Stacey Wolters

Robbin Youngblood

Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer



**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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





## October 2017 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
October 1 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost AM: Melanie Rhodes	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32	<i>Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord</i> <i>We Are All One in Christ</i> <i>Lift Every Voice &amp; Sing</i> <i>Send Me, Lord</i>
October 8 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Guest Organist: Christiana Holyer AM: Tom Miller	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> <i>All Who Believe &amp; Are Baptized</i> <i>I Come With Joy</i> <i>Sent Forth By God's Blessing</i>
October 15 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Guest Organist: Laura Douglass AM: Phyllis Cox	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14	<i>Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty</i> <i>O Bread of Life from Heaven</i> <i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i> <i>Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus</i>
October 22 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost AM: Scott Langston	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22	<i>O God of Light</i> <i>Thee We Adore, O Savior</i> <i>O God Beyond All Praising</i>
October 29 Reformation Sunday AM: Tom Miller	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 Gospel: John 8:31-36	<i>Rise, Shine, You People</i> <i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast</i> <i>O Lord, We Praise You</i> <i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>

### Those Serving in Our October Worship Services:

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
10/1	Charles Shaner, Jim Gibson, Karl Protil	Kendrick McCarty	Madilynn Langston	Debbie Morris	Sybil McElveen
10/8	The Langston Family	Rhiannon Wiseman	Jamison McCarty	Tom Miller	Judy Rowe & Gerry Wells
10/15	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Woodie Cason	Jackson Kiger		Nancy Dahl	Geneva Wiseman
10/22	Jim Gibson, Evelyn Young, Charles Shaner	Rhiannon Wiseman	Kendrick McCarty	Evelyn Young	Shelda & Jay Shaner
10/29	Jay Shaner, Amy Kiger, Karl Protil	Jamison McCarty	Jackson Kiger	Mindy Reynolds	Carolyn Haggerty

**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, Jay Shaner at 886-5763.

**Altar Guild:** Betty Cason & Elizabeth McCarty

**Meals-on-Wheels for October 10 :** Nancy Dahl & Howard Wilhelm; Judy & Gene Matthews







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>WELCA will receive donations for the Verona Community Food Pantry on October 15 and 22. We will also receive toiletry items to be given to residents at the New Directions Center each Sunday of October. Please see related articles in your newsletter for more information.</div> </div>				Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30
1 10:30-Worship  2:00-WELCA Fall Gathering at Salem	2   7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	3	4   7:00-Choir Rehearsal	5	6  Fellowship Hall Reserved (ICM)	7  Fellowship Hall Reserved (ICM)
8 10:30-Worship  6:45-Youth Group	9   7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	10   7:00-Church Council Mtg.	11   7:00-Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 10:30-Worship 6:00-Viewing of "Luther..." movie at the Wayne Theatre	16   7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	17  9:30-Quilting Day 7:00-Bible Study Newsletter article deadline	18   7:00-Choir Rehearsal	19   7:30-Roanoke College Choir	20	21  5:00-Lutheran Night at Salem. German Potluck Dinner/Luther Movie
22 10:30-Worship 6:45-Youth Group	23 6:30-Men's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	24   7:00-Bible Study	25  12:00-Pleasant Memories  7:00-Worship Mtg.	26	27	28
29 10:30-Worship Reformation Sunday 4:00-Common Commemoration of the Reformation	30   7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	31	Nov. 1  All Saint's Day	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4
<div> <div>notes</div> <div>           Special Dates:             Food Collection Days for Verona Community Food Pantry—October 15 and 22            Toiletry Item Collection for New Directions (throughout October) sponsored by WELCA            Roanoke College Choir—October 19, 7:30 P.M.            Reformation Sunday—October 29            Common Commemoration of the Reformation Ecumenical Worship at Christ Lutheran—October 29, 4:00 P.M.            All Hallow's Eve—October 31            All Saints Day—November 1—All Saints Sunday, November 5            Congregational Meeting—November 12         </div> </div>						