



Christ Lutheran Tidings

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*
Isaiah 43:19



September marks Christ Lutheran Church's participation in two events. Our celebration of Reformation +500+ is a global celebration. Our fall stewardship campaign is a more personal and local event with a global reach.

On Sunday evening, Christ Lutheran kicked off the fall portion of our Reformation 500 Commemoration. Twenty-one people gathered in the fellowship hall for dinner and a movie. We ate brats and sauerkraut, with a variety of side dishes. After dinner, we watched *Luther* a 2003 movie starring Joseph Fiennes as Martin Luther. The movie covers the period of time from Luther's ordination up to the presentation of the Augsburg Confession by the princes of Germany to Emperor Charles V.

Inside our newsletter (page 7), you will find a calendar of events marking this year's celebration, culminating with a joint worship service on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 P.M. with Bishop Robert Humphrey. I hope you can find time to participate in a few of the events over the next few months.

At the same time this fall, Christ Lutheran celebrates our Pony Express Fall Stewardship Event. All year our council and finance committee have reflected about and prayed for how we care for the gifts that God has given us. That includes caring for our faith, our church, creation, and our relationships with one another. My thanks goes out to the Stewardship Committee who spent the better part of 6 months preparing for this event. I pray that their enthusiasm for the Pony Express is contagious.

I am so grateful to be with you today and I look forward to celebrating these global and local moments with you.

+Blessings+ Pastor McCarty



PONY EXPRESS FOR OUR CHRIST LUTHERAN MISSION



Hopefully you have heard something about our Pony Express Program, but perhaps you still have some questions. I will try to anticipate some of those questions and give you information to clarify the program.

WHO does the Pony Express involve?

Everyone. No matter who is in the family, each couple and person should complete an Intentional Giving Card. This is a very nice way to involve our children in financial responsibility and management of their resources as well as the total life of the church.

WHAT is Pony Express?

The Pony Express program is designed to help each member of our congregation to think about how much your budget can be designated in 2018 for the work of the church. This is to encourage you to be intentional about your offering each Sunday and being able to plan ahead. This allows you the opportunity to fulfill that responsibility whether you are present every Sunday for service or not.

WHEN is the Pony Express going to run?

We will begin the pony express on September 24 at a lunch after our Sunday Service. We want as many people to join for this “kick-off” as possible and have an exciting send off of our pony express teams. The “run” should be completed in 4-6 weeks and sooner if the members of the team forward the saddlebag as quick as possible.

HOW does it work?

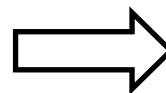
We have our congregation divided into geographical teams. The saddle bag has 2 pouches. The pouch labeled “Christ Lutheran Pony Express” contains envelopes to place your “Intentional Giving Card” after you have given thoughtful prayer to helping fulfill the obligations of our congregation and completed 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 manager 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 manager 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.

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HOW is this different from a traditional Stewardship program?

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.

HOW will the information be used?

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.

WHAT if I can't do what I commit to?

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.

LET THE RACE BEGIN

We will keep track of the order that our relay teams make it to the finish line. Try to get yours to the church first. Maybe we will even have a photo finish! Thank you for involvement and we hope this will be an exciting stewardship campaign for each of you.

Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017

An Ecumenical Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

Preacher: The Reverend Robert Humphrey,
Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA

Through music, scripture reading and prayers, Christian churches in the Shenandoah Valley gather to celebrate how the Spirit has brought us together to this moment of faith and to give witness to our unity in Christ our Savior.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

Our Choir will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 P.M.

Won't you please join us for what promises to be an exciting year in the music life at Christ Lutheran?

The only requirements are a willingness to sing, and a desire for serving the church.

WELCA QUILTING GROUP

The WELCA Quilting Group will **NOT** be meeting in September. Our next meeting will be held on October 17. We work on quilts from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. **We need your help!** Even if you cannot sew, please come as we can use your hands to help us pin, cut, and tie quilts together. Even if you can come for just a short while, you are welcome!

AN ON-GOING REQUEST FROM THE QUILT GROUP - The quilters would like to remind you that we are always in need of bed sheets that you may be replacing. We can use any size, as long as they are in good shape (not stained or worn very thin). Flat twin sheets are ideal but anything can be used and will be much appreciated. Thanks for your help! (Submitted by Evelyn Young)

WELCA SCRAP BOOK

Our WELCA group at Christ Lutheran Church has a long history of service to the church by faithful, ambitious women. Our name has changed over the years but the dedication to the mission of the Church has not.

Our present group of ladies has put together an album which they have titled ***History and memories WELCA at Christ Lutheran Church 1888-20__*** containing photos, old year books, membership lists, etc.

The book is located in the church lounge. We hope you will take a look at our history.

(Submitted by Evelyn Young)

Pleasant Memories

Pleasant Memories will meet on Wednesday, September 27, 12:00 Noon at Pleasant View Lutheran Church. We will enjoy a catered meal by Jim Cox. The cost is \$11 per person. Please call Brenda in the church office by September 20 to make your reservation, or see Lorraine Bosserman. We hope you will join us!



PRAYER SHAWL GROUP—SUBMITTED BY DELL PHILPOTT



(This article was printed in last year's September newsletter. We felt it was worth repeating, as we are still providing prayer shawls for members and friends.)

Needles are clicking and stitches are multiplying as prayer shawls take shape. The various talents from knitting to crocheting to weaving are being shared as many work together making shawls for our Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Christ Lutheran. It's interesting to see the various creative work of the group as they produce shawls to serve others.

For centuries prayer shawls have been made to give warmth, comfort and protection. A prayer shawl is started with a prayer for the recipient and prayers are said throughout the process along with good wishes and blessings. The purpose is to have a spiritual practice that flows from the creator of the shawl that holds blessings from the mind and heart to the handwork that will eventually bless the receiver.

Who will receive these shawls? Of course the knitter or crocheter will have the final decision, but as a group we will want to give shawls to our shut-ins. This is a ministry that requires a commitment, but each person feels the closeness and blessings of God as their shawl is completed.

We would like to thank those of you who have donated to our Prayer Shawl Ministry for the purchase of yarn. If you would like to be part of this ministry or if you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Christ Lutheran Church, ICM Recognition- Sunday September 10, 2017



Industrial and Commercial
Ministries
(A Caring Presence)

Each Labor Day, our Nation recognizes and honors hard working men and women who toil daily in business, industry and the service sectors.

At this time each year, we also recognize and honor the hard working volunteer Chaplains who bring God's love and comfort to working men and women at their places of employment. ICM's motto is ***"to be a caring presence"*** in the workplace. The local ICM-Skyline Chapter, which was chartered in 2004, serves workplaces in Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. Currently, 22 chaplains are bringing God's love to nearly 2,000 employees on a weekly basis. 24 businesses and agencies are being served including Staunton Steam Laundry, Staunton-Augusta YMCA, McKee Foods, Hershey Tire, Waynesboro Police Dept., Waynesboro Fire Dept., Envoy of Staunton, and Augusta Rehab & Nursing Center, among others.

Our congregation is blessed to have many volunteers involved with Industrial and Commercial Ministries (ICM). They are: **Donald Schneider, Former Chaplain; Phyllis Cox- Board Member; Dell Philpott- retired Board Member and chaplain; Gerry Wells, Secretary & Board Member, John Lasher, Skyline Chapter board member, and Woody Sanders, Skyline Chapter Charter Member, Past President & Board Member. Pastor Charles Reynolds is also a member of the local board.**

We ask for your prayers of support and encouragement. New chaplains are needed. If you feel God's call to this important ministry, please call Woody Sanders at 540-292-1410. For more information visit www.icmamerica.org.

Lastly, we encourage your financial support to grow and support this ministry. Envelopes will be included with the church bulletin on September 10, or you may send your donation to the church office marked for "ICM Sunday." Thank you!

Youth Group Parent's Meeting

A youth group organizational meeting with parents takes place September 10 at 6:45 PM. Our youth get together about twice a month for fellowship, service, and activities. We will also have information about synod youth activities in the year ahead. CELC Youth Group includes grades 7 through 12. A few events are specific to high school students. Please let us know if you want information about our youth but cannot be present for the planning meeting.

Our congregation and youth have been invited to participate in the Lutheran Day of Service on **September 16**. We will be packing nutritional meals to be sent to overseas missions. We will meet for breakfast at 8:30 AM in the fellowship hall and drive over to the event together. We will return to the church around 12:30 PM. Please send Pastor McCarty an email if you are interested in participating.

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

<u>Saturday, September 9</u>	<u>Installation Worship Service for Bishop Robert Humphrey</u>
1 PM	At First Presbyterian Church W. 11th St & S. Wayne Ave, Waynesboro, VA

<u>Saturday, September 16</u>	<u>Rise Against Hunger</u>
10 AM to Noon	The Expo Center in Fishersville

Sponsored by Grace Waynesboro. This is a food packing event with an educational component. Congregations who participate will be asked to make a donation for supplies. Please arrive at 10 AM for training and bring a hat to wear.

<u>Saturday, September 23</u>	<u>Banner Making Workshop</u>
9 AM to 4 PM	Bethany Lutheran Church, Lexington

The workshop will make a banner based on the theme "He has done marvelous things" Psalm 98. Call by Sept 10 to pre-register and receive a supply list: 540-463-5516.

<u>Sunday, October 15,</u>	<u>Viewing of Rick Steve's "Luther and the Reformation"</u>
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.

<u>Thursday, October 19, 7 PM</u>	<u>Roanoke College Choir Reformation Concert</u>
	at Christ Lutheran, Staunton

We could use help from members of neighboring congregations overnight housing and feeding dinner to 48 college students from Roanoke College.

<u>Sunday, October 29, 4 PM</u>	<u>Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017</u>
	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.

**DUNKERS' DAY
2017**

**Saturday,
September 9
7:00 AM-1:00 PM
Staunton
Church of the
Brethren**

invites you to join
them for their
annual event that
includes
breakfast, plate
lunches, apple
butter, apple
dumplings, baked
goods, yard sale,
crafts, flowers,
games, silent
auction and
entertainment.

Fun for all ages!

Rain or shine!

Proceeds to support
Augusta Free Clinic,
SACRA, Weekday Reli-
gious Education, Valley
Mission & Capital
Improvement Fund

WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING-OCTOBER 1

The Southern Valley Women's Fall Gathering will be held at Salem Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 1. Registration will begin at 2:30 P.M. A program presented by The Rev. Lynn Litchfield will begin at 3:00 P.M.

All women from Christ Lutheran Church are invited to attend!



Thank you to all those who contributed to our Bounty Table during the summer months. We appreciate those who have brought produce, baked goods and crafts to offer to our congregation. The proceeds of the Bounty Table will benefit SACRA. As of August 20, we have received a total of \$259. The Bounty Table will continue through mid-September.

Judy Matthews, Social Ministry Committee

Banner Workshop: A workshop on simple, economical banner making techniques will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on September 23, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. We will make a banner based on the theme “He has done marvelous things” (Psalm 98) using imagery suggested by the hymn *Earth and All Stars* (558 green book, 731 cranberry book). Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. To pre-register and receive a supply list, contact Linda Youngblood at [540-261-1649](tel:540-261-1649). Registration deadline is September 10.





Happy Anniversary To:

- 4 Elizabeth & Rob McCarty (24 years)
- 6 Suzanne Lochner & Stuart Wiseman (25 years)
- Jeanne & Patrick Webb (33 years)
- 18 Margie & Walter Obenschain (35 years)
- 24 Betty & Woodie Cason (52 years)

Remember in Your Prayers

Those who Grieve:

Mary Bell Gibson & Family at the death of her sister,
Ann (Shuey) Bailey

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
Billie Ann Spitler (Kings Daughters Health Care)
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)
Lillian & Herb Walge (Brookdale)
Bob Wease
Winston Wine

Extended Concerns:

Patricia Garber (Envoy of Staunton)
Esther Seltzer (Augusta Rehab & Healthcare)
Sue Obenschain (Summit Square, Waynesboro)

Address Updates:

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Brookdale
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Staunton, VA 24401

Sue Obenschain
PO Box 2098
Staunton, VA 24402

Katie Morris
314 Gray Avenue
Staunton, VA 24401

Flowers are needed for the church altar. If you would like to donate flowers, please sign up on the chart in the coat room and call the church office to let Brenda know. Thank you!

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship with us!

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

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Florence Jowers, Organist/Director of Music

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Custodian: Debbie McCray

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Melanie Rhodes, President

Judy Matthews, Vice-President

Evelyn Young, Secretary

Allyson Langston

Dell Philpott

Barbara Shaner

Donald Schneider

Stacey Wolters

Robbin Youngblood

Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer



Mark the date: October 19, 7:00 P.M.

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30-Worship	4 Labor Day 7:00-Choral Society rehearsal	5 7:00-Bible Study	6 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9 1:00-Installation Worship Service for Bishop Humphrey at First Presbyterian, Waynesboro
10 10:30-Worship ICM Sunday 6:45-Youth Group Parents' Meeting	11 7:00-Choral Society rehearsal	12 7:00-Church Council Mtg.	13 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 10:00-Rise Against Hunger-Expo, Fishers- ville food packing event
17 10:30-Worship	18 7:00-Choral Society rehearsal	19 Newsletter articles due <u>No</u> Bible Study	20 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	21	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23 9-4:00-Banner making workshop at Bethany Lutheran, Lexington
24 10:30-Worship	25 7:00-Choral Society rehearsal	26 7:00-Bible Study	27 12:00-Pleasant Memories 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 WELCA Trip to Hebron Lutheran in Madison
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Special Dates:

Labor Day—September 4

Youth Group Parents' Meeting—September 10, 6:45 P.M.

Installation for Bishop Robert Humphrey, Saturday, September 9, 1:00 P.M. —First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, VA

First Day of Autumn—September 22

Pleasant Memories—Catered meal at Pleasant View Lutheran Church, September 27, 12:00 Noon

Note: The Church Office will be closed October 9-12.

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September 2017 Worship Worksheet



Date	Lessons	Hymns
September 3 The 13 th Sunday after Pentecost AM: Melanie Rhodes	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28	
September 10 The 14 th Sunday after Pentecost AM: Tom Miller	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20	
September 17 The 15 th Sunday after Pentecost AM: Scott Langston	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35	
September 24: The 16 th Sunday after Pentecost AM: TBA	Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16	

Those Serving in Our September Worship Services:

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
09-03	Charles Shaner, Jim Gibson, Karl Protil	Kendrick McCarty	*****	Phyllis Cox	Jim Gibson
09-10	The Langston Family	Jackson Kiger	Rhiannon Wiseman	Jamison McCarty	Karl Protil
09-17	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Amy Kiger	Kendrick McCarty	Jamison McCarty	Sam Rowe	Carolyn Haggerty
09-24	Jay Shaner, Suzanne Lochner, Karl Protil	Rhiannon Wiseman	*****	Mindy Reynolds	Judy Rowe & Gerry Wells



Ushers: Please be at the church by 10:00 A.M. for usher duty on Sunday mornings. Head Usher for September is Charles Shaner (294-2875).

Altar Guild: Kathy Bigelow & Beth Rowe

Meals-on-Wheels for September 12: Jim Gibson & Gene Matthews; Mimi Handley & Barbara Puzanskas

