

Christ Lutheran Tidings



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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1: 14

To me it seems like the Church has been given a secret that the world has forgotten: that Christmas lasts 12 days. We celebrate Christmas not as a day, but as a season. In that season we celebrate God in the world. We celebrate joy and hospitality and generosity. God has given us a gift to help us end the old year as we might start the new year. I watch so many people get excited for one day, and then on the 26th, the Christmas music leaves and life returns to normal. Some people stretch the celebration to New Year's Day, but often without the Christ celebration.

Again, to me it seems like the Church has been given a secret that the world has forgotten: that Christ broke into the world to redeem creation from sin. Christ broke into the world not for a day, but as a daily activity for our redemption. Those 12 days of Christmas become 365 days a year. The gift He brings day after day is life and light and love. Your sins are forgiven. Rise up and be new. And in that newness may joy and hospitality and generosity be daily occurrences.

Once again, it seems to me like the Church has been given a secret that the world has forgotten: that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that all those who believe Him would not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

And God never intended these three secrets to be secrets. He intended them to be universally embraced truths. Each truth holds a gift to be shared with those around you. And as we share these gifts we lift up the world.

Have A Blessed Christmas and A Blessed New Year.

Pastor McCarty

Congregational Meeting, January 21, 2018

The second part of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 following the worship service. Our services will be held in the Fellowship Hall on January 21 and January 28.

The meeting will begin with a covered-dish meal, followed by reports and the approval of the 2018 Budget. Committees are reminded to submit their reports to the church office by January 7 to be printed in our Year Book. Now is also a good time to inform Brenda of address, email or telephone changes for our new directory if you have not already done so. Thank you to everyone who turned in a membership update form.

Your presence is important at our Congregational Meetings. In case of snow or ice, our meeting will be held on January 28.

Rachel Carle from the ELCA's Division of Global

Ministry will visit Christ Lutheran on January 16th. She will visit with conference pastors and drop in on our quilting ladies as well. Rachel spent a year overseas as a missionary of the ELCA. If you are interested in hearing Rachel, please let Pastor McCarty know.

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas this New Year!

A benefit concert for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Network will be presented by the combined choirs of Olivet Presbyterian Church and Staunton Church of the Brethren on Sunday, January 7 at 7:00 P.M. A prelude begins at 6:30 P.M. A free-will offering will be received and a reception will follow the concert. The event will be held at the Staunton Church of the Brethren, directly behind Christ Lutheran Church at 1615 N. Coalter Street.

Quilting Day

A Quilting Day will be held on Tuesday, January 16 beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room. We invite you to join us to help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

New Member Class on January 21

A New Member Class will be on January 21 in the church lounge. (Augusta Street entrance) at 9:15 AM. The time is early because of the potluck dinner and congregational meeting. New Members will be welcomed during worship on the first Sunday of February.



While in NC for some appointments, Mindy Reynolds had the joy-filled opportunity of visiting Mary Lou Parkins on November 10th at her home in Raleigh. She and Mary Lou had dinner together at her community, Whispering Pines, met many of her resident friends, and spent some time talking and catching up in her apartment. Mary Lou is well and enjoying life. She attends Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with her daughter. She misses all the good folks at Christ Lutheran Church and sends her love. She is grateful to receive our monthly newsletter, which keeps her informed about our people, activities, and events. Mindy was very glad she had the chance to spend some time with Mary Lou. Submitted by Mindy Reynolds





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| 4 | Connie Spitler & Cathy Lively |
| 6 | Meredith Yeago |
| 8 | Kendrick McCarty |
| | Elizabeth Hoover |
| 11 | Margie Obenschain |
| | Barbara Shaner |
| 12 | Mindy Reynolds |
| 13 | Walt Obenschain |
| | Rick Whitmore |
| 15 | Jay Shaner |
| | Ken Young |
| 17 | Amy Kiger |
| 18 | Fred Shaner |
| 19 | Judy Matthews |
| 21 | Elizabeth McCarty |
| 25 | Rebecca Rhodes |
| 26 | Grace Adams |
| 27 | Corey Shaner |
| | Chip Shaner |
| 28 | Bill Brill |

I would like to thank the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, Pastor McCarty and Kathy Bigelow for your prayers and concern during the illness and death of Beth. I greatly appreciate all of your loving care and the kindness you have shown us.

Lynwood Craig

December 3, 2017

Dear Pastor,

Thank you again for hosting our Christmas Concert and for the use of the facility during our practices.

Sincerely,

The Staunton Choral Society

Remember in Your Prayers

In Memoriam:

Elizabeth Ann Craig
Samuel Kirkpatrick Obenschain

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Alfred Berry
Dorothy Briebl (The Legacy)
Lynwood Craig
Fredericka Dillon
Patricia Doyle
Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing)
June Huff (Baldwin Park)
Scott Langston
Sue Obenschain (Summit Square)
Karl Protil
Mary Lou Parkins (Whispering Pines, NC)
Jane Ruch
Bobby Schneider
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)
Lillian & Herb Walge (Brookdale)
Winston Wine

Friends & Family of Members:

James (friend of Liz H.)
Bill S. (father of Debbie McCray)
Daniel H. (friend of Florence Jowers)
Bernice (friend of Marty Philpott)
Linda P. (mother of Elizabeth McCarty)
Margaret (sister of Charles Shaner)
Roy (friend of Linda & John Vitt)
Loretta C. (niece of Lorraine Bosserman)
Peter S. (Florence Jowers' brother-in-law)
Bobby C. (friend of the Langston's)
Robert C. (friend of Stacey Wolters)
Doris & Clarence M. (parents of Anita Sanders)
Brenda K. (friend of Stacey Wolters)
Jessie G. (brother of Jim Gibson)
Linda Y. (sister of Woody Sanders)
Mindy (mother of Kiera Barker)
Joy C. (friend of Jim Gibson)

Those Serving in the Military

Timothy, Becky, Kevin, Derick, Sean, Dusty

Extended Concerns:

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

Friends of Congregation

with long-term concerns:

Danielle (friend of a friend of Pastor),
Sonia L. (mother of Suzanne Lochner)

Gingerbread House Workshop

The Gingerbread House Workshop was a super-sweet-fun day! Nineteen adults and 15 children and youth attended to assemble their cookie creations on Saturday afternoon, December 16. Pictures from the event are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from Brenda's office.

Thank you to Dell Philpott for baking our cookie treats for refreshments. Dell also provided us with tiny gingerbread men to use as decorations on our houses (or to eat)! Also, thanks to Kathy Bigelow for her helping hands, and to our surprise guest who visited us, Santa Claus!

It was an afternoon that inspired us to have future events to offer other opportunities of fellowship for young and old alike.



Please be sure to take a look at the pictures posted on the bulletin board in the hallway directly across from Brenda's office. We would like to have baby pictures to post for the New Year. They can be pictures of you as a baby, or pictures of your children or grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. In February, we would like to post "Sweetheart" pics of weddings or anniversaries. If you have any pictures you would like to share, please email them to Brenda or bring them by the church office. Thank you!

Volunteer in the New Year!

Volunteers are needed to usher or read lessons on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Morris or the church office.

Youth Group at Winter

Celebration: Three of our youth along with two adults will attend The Virginia Synod's Winter Celebration Youth Event on January 28. The congregation's support of the youth potato bar helped make this possible. Thank you.

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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.

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January 2018

S U N M O N T U E W E D T H U F R I S A T

Special Events

Sunday: January 21
12:00 Noon—
Covered-Dish Meal
Congregational Meeting
following worship.

Worship will be held in
the Fellowship Hall on
January 21 & 28.

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Happy New Year
2018!!!

Epiphany

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

10:30-Worship

Annual Reports
Due

7:00-Church
Council Mtg.

7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

10:30-Worship

9:30-Sew Day

Visit from Rachel
Carle, ELCA

Newsletter articles
Due

7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

9:15-New Member
Class/Lounge
10:30-Worship
12:00-Congregational
Mtg.

12:00-Pleasant
Memories Luncheon

7:00-Choir
Rehearsal

28 29 30 31

10:30-Worship

Youth Winter
Celebration Event

January 2018 Worship Worksheet



Date	Lessons	Hymns
January 7 The Baptism of Our Lord AM: Melanie Rhodes	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Gospel: Mark 1:4-11	Brightest and Best of the Stars We Three Kings The First Noel Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
January 14 The Second Sunday after Epiphany AM: Tom Miller	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult The Son of God, Our Christ Will You Come and Follow Me Send Me, Lord
January 21 The Third Sunday after Epiphany AM: Phyllis Cox	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20	<div> <p>Make a Joyful <small>noise</small> Unto The Lord!</p> </div>
January 28 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany AM:	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28	



Those Serving in January 2018 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
01/07	Jim Gibson, Woodie Cason, Gene Matthews	Kendrick McCarty	Madilynn Langston	Phyllis Cox	Sybil McElveen
01/14	The Langston Family	Rhiannon Wiseman	Erin Trost	Tom Miller	Shelda & Jay Shaner
01/21	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley	Jamison McCarty	Blaze Douglas	Florence Jowers	Judy Rowe & Gerry Wells
01/28	Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young	Rhiannon Wiseman	Jackson Kiger	Debbie Morris	Judy Rowe & Gerry Wells

Ushers: Please be at the church by 10:00 A.M. for usher duty. *Indicates usher at the door. If you cannot serve as indicated, please contact our head usher, Wayne Huntley [885-3079].

*Note: Acolyte & Crucifer Schedule may be subject to change.

ALTAR COMMITTEE: Phyllis Cox & Beth Rowe

