
Christ Lutheran Tidings

Christ Lutheran Church

From Pastor McCarty

*and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us,
an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*

Ephesians 5:2



Dear friends,

I will admit it. I am amused by calendar trivia. For the last 6 months I have enjoyed pointing out to people that Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14, which is also Valentine's Day. That poses a challenge to people who give up chocolate for Lent. The last year that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coincided was 1945. Adding to the amusement, Easter occurs on April Fool's Day. The last year that Easter lined up on April 1 was 1956, a leap year. While it has been 73 years since the last Valentine's Day/April 1 bookends to this holy season, we only have to wait 11 years for it to happen again.

Our Lenten Calendar will look different this year. Midweek devotions will take place on Tuesday rather than Wednesday. That aligns with our focus on Tuesday night ministries. Devotions will last about 20 minutes followed by that night's activity. I have selected a devotion series from Lutheran World Relief called *Season of Hope* for our Mid-week devotions. They based the series on Matthew 25: 34-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats. The devotion will help guide our inner reflections of Lent out beyond ourselves.

You will also find in this newsletter a flyer about KYN: Know Your Neighbor. This joint ministry of conversation and fellowship has taken place a number of years between our Episcopal neighbors, Allen Chapel A.M.E., Temple House of Israel and the Islamic Center of the Shenandoah Valley. We have been invited to join them on February 25 and I plan on being there. Please let me know if you want to travel with me.

Blessings on your walk this season of Lent and on your journey of faith all of your days.

Peace Be With You,

Pastor McCarty

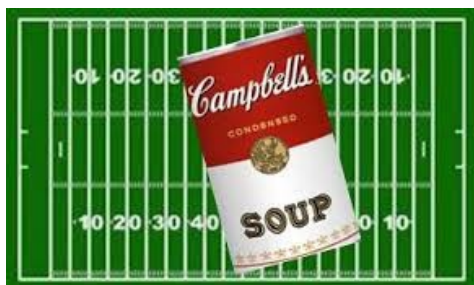
February 2018

Special points of interest:

- *A pot-luck dinner will be held on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 P.M.*
- *Ash Wednesday Worship will be held on February 14, 7:00 P.M. in the chapel.*

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Thank you for supporting our 2018 **Souper Bowl Project!** A table is provided for you in the Narthex to place your soup donations designated with the team you think will win the February 4, 2018 Super Bowl. This year's teams are the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles.

The team that receives the most cans of soup will be the winner of our SOUPER Bowl regardless if they win the SUPER Bowl! Thanks for your contributions! All the soup will be donated to the Verona Community Food Pantry to help those in our community.

Tuesdays in February at Christ Lutheran Church

January 30, 7:00 P.M.—Pot-Luck Dinner! Bring your favorite dish and come join our fellowship.

A First-Tuesday of the month book study group will begin meeting on February 6 at 7:00 P.M. We will meet to discuss *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancy. A copy of the book is not necessary. This group is intended for those who are looking for a monthly Christ Education Gathering.

Tuesday, February 20: 7:00 P.M. Lenten Devotions followed by Bible Study

Tuesday, February 27: 7:00 P.M. Lenten Devotions followed by Bible Study



February 14, 2018

7:00 P.M.—Worship in the Chapel



In the event of snow or icy weather, please watch WHSV Channel 3 for cancellations or postponements, or visit our church website:

www.christlutheranstaunton.org

Church Women United World Day of Prayer—March 2, 2018

Augusta Street United Methodist Church

325 N. Augusta Street, Staunton

Everyone is invited. Registration & refreshments begin at 9:30 A.M. The Program begins at 10:00 A.M.

Please join Church Women United as we celebrate with women around the world with a program and prayers composed by our sisters across the sea.

The 2018 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the coat room of the narthex. Please sign your name by the date you would like to give flowers and call Brenda in the church office. Thank you!

Know Your Neighbor presents:

"I'm Your Neighbor Now: Stories from recent immigrants to the Shenandoah Valley."



Sunday, February 25, 1:30-3:30 P.M. (Snow date—Sunday, March 4)

Islamic Center of the Shenandoah Valley

1330 Country Club Road, Harrisonburg, VA

Please bring a potluck to share (no pork, please)

Know Your Neighbor (KYN) is a gathering of congregants from Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Temple House of Israel, Islamic Center of the Shenandoah Valley & Trinity Episcopal Church

Let Pastor McCarty know if you would like to carpool up to Harrisonburg with him.

Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting and Seminars

March 2 & 3, 2018

Staunton, VA



Warm Up With Roses

The Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting and Seminars will be held March 3 & 4 at Christ Lutheran Church. There will not be a formal CR recertification program due to the fact the seminars you have at your local societies may now count toward the process. There will be a Chemical and Garden safety seminar for those who do need recertification.

We have two special speakers. Diane Sommers, candidate for ARS VP will be giving a seminar on Saturday and Jon Corkern, ARS Membership and Development Director will be our banquet speaker. The rest of the seminars will be: Chemical and Garden safety by Debbie Brown, Pruning Roses in The Spring by Ray Shipley, Rose Trends for Today's Gardener by Diane Sommers and Rustling and Propagating Roses by Connie Hilker.

Friday night will be a BBQ; other activities are still being planned.

Meals will be catered as has been done in the past when we had the meetings at Christ Lutheran Church. Your caterers are:

Barbara Shaner - (If you have attended in the past you know her meals.)

Kay Shaner - Nutritionist for Augusta County

Jessica Shaner - Manager Ruby Tuesdays

Vickie Stevens - Preschool School Teacher

Plan to join us March 2 & 3 to Warm Up With Roses

Submitted by Charles Shaner

Registration forms are available on our church website, or you may request one from the church office.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

SEASON OF HOPE

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE

Lent is a season for deepening our relationship with Christ. In Matthew 25:34-46, where we are called to ask,

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Through your five mid-week Lenten services, journey around the world with your congregation as you explore how your gifts to Lutheran World Relief bring you into a relationship with the hungry, thirsty and naked.

Join us at Christ Lutheran on Tuesday evenings beginning February 20 for our mid-week Lenten Devotions at 7:00 P.M.

Rachel Carle from the ELCA's Division of Global Ministry visited Christ Lutheran on January 16th with a presentation for our SVA conference pastors. Ladies from our Quilting Group also joined in on the event. Rachel spent a year overseas as a missionary of the ELCA.





Happy February Anniversary to:

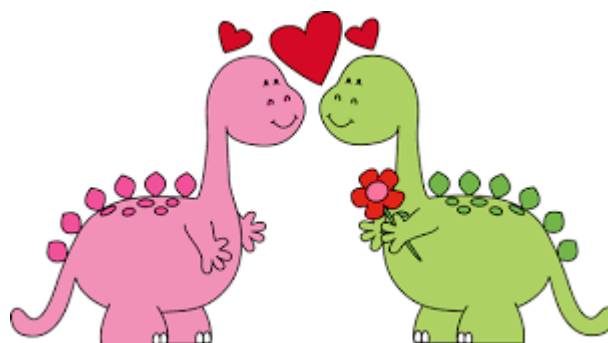
20 George & Anne Roller (60 years)

Pleasant Memories

Pleasant Memories will not meet during Lent, February and March. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 12:00 Noon at Pleasant View Lutheran Church. Please note the change in date.

Hope to see you in April!

- 1 Allyson Langston
- 2 Afton Armstrong
- 3 Gene Matthews
- 4 Mary Lou Parkins
Sondra Shaner
- 8 Suzi Armstrong
Anne Roller
- 13 Joseph Ruch
- 16 Ashley Dahl
Nancy Dahl
- 17 Woody Sanders
- 18 Sue Obenschain
Victoria Rhodes
- 21 Herb Walge
Geneva Wiseman
- 22 Matthew Bigelow
Dorothy Briebl
Tyler Whitmore
- 25 Sarah Dahl
Winston Wine
- 27 Thomas Dahl



Happy Valentine's Day

February 14, 2018



During the season of Lent (beginning February 18), gifts are received for our Lenten Garden in lieu of altar flowers. Your donations may be given in honor of or in memory of your loved ones and friends. Please complete this form and return it to the church office if you would like to contribute. We will

acknowledge gifts by publishing the names of those who contribute, along with the names of those remembered or honored in our Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank You!

Your Name: _____ Amount: _____

Phone Number: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

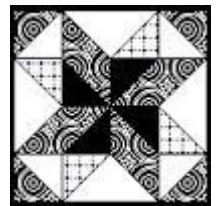


Volunteer! We are in need of volunteers to usher on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving, please contact Debbie Morris.

Also needed are additional money counters. Please contact Judy Matthews or the church office if you can help us in this capacity.

Thank you!

Quilting Day—February 21



A “Quilting Day” will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room.

Please come and join us as we assemble quilts that will be donated to Lutheran World Relief and distributed to those in need around the world. We also donate quilts to the Verona Community Food Pantry for families in our own area.

You don’t even have to know how to sew to help us. We have plenty of need for helping hands for pinning together material, cutting, tying knots, etc. You are welcome to come each month and help, or just whenever you are able. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date! - Saturday, March 17

Bach Around the Clock!

Yes, this is St. Patrick's Day, but it is also the Saturday closest to Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday (March 21st). Christ Lutheran is hosting a Bach-Around-the-Clock Festival that day that will last from 9:00am – 9:00pm. Each hour there will be a different performance of Bach's music. There will be four organ recitals, solo cello, classical banjo, brass, strings, and ending with a grand choral and orchestral finale. This festival is the brain child of Benjamin Roe, Administrative Director of the Heifetz Institute. He had the idea several months ago when he first encountered Christ Lutheran's organ and marvelous acoustics. He, my husband Paul Weber, and I have been working on this project for the past several months, and we are pleased to see things start coming together. The highlight for me will, of course, be the organ recitals. I am playing one; a former student of mine who is now a professor at University of the South in Seawannee, TN, will play another; and the headliner is Staunton native Christopher Jacobson, who is the Chapel Organist at Duke University in Durham, NC. Kit (as he is called) will play two of the organ recitals.

Bach's music has been played and studied for over 300 years now, and is some of the most beautiful and intricate music ever written. Good performers will bring it to life! Choose certain hours to attend, or come and go, or stay all day! Box lunches will be for sale in our fellowship hall, and the concerts will be free, but we ask you to be generous with a free-will offering. Don't let your friends and neighbors go without hearing about this – spread the word! We would like to fill the church for every concert during the day! And, there is still time afterwards to go drink a green beer for St. Paddy's Day!

Florence Jowers, Director of Music

Remember in Your Prayers

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Alfred Berry
Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
Fredericka Dillon
Lynwood Craig
Patricia Doyle
Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab)
June Huff (Baldwin Park)
Scott Langston
Laura Luzaich
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)

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*
Plans to *Prosper* you
and not to harm you
Plans to give you
Hope and a Future
-Jeremiah 29:11

*Blessings and congratulations to
Joseph & Chrissie Ruch at the
birth of their twin babies on
Monday, January 15, 2018.*

*Welcome to Charles Alexander
(Alex) and Charlie Alexis
(Charlie). Proud grandparents are
Mike & Jane Ruch and great-
grandmothers, Virginia Gregory
and Lois Ruch.*



Christ Lutheran Church

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Worship with us!

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

We're on the Web!
www.christlutheranstaunton.org

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Florence Jowers, Director of Music/Organist

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Debbie McCray, Custodian

2018 Church Council:

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Judy Matthews, Vice-President

Allyson Langston, Secretary

Scott Langston, Property Chair

Barbara Shaner, Fellowship Chair

Gerry Wells

Stacey Wolters, Worship Liaison

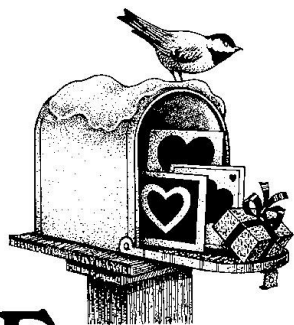
Robbin Youngblood, Education & Youth Liaison

Our Mission Statement:

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:

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





FEBRUARY

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship with us!

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February 2018

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10:30-Worship

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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7:00-Book Study
Vanishing Grace

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10:30-Worship
6:45-Youth
Group

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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7:00-Church
Council Mtg.

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(Fellowship Hall
Reserved)
7:00-Ash Wed
Worship

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10:30-Worship

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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9:30-Sew Day
7:00-Devotions &
Bible Study

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7:00-Chor
Rehearsal

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10-11:00 A.M.-
Fellowship Hall
Reserved

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10:30-Worship
1:30-KYN Event
6:45-Youth
Group

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7:00-Choral
Society Rehearsal

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7:00-Devotions &
Bible Study

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7:00-Chor
Rehearsal

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Rose Society/
Fellowship Hall

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Rose Society/
Fellowship Hall

February 2018 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany AM: Amy Kiger	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	
February 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord AM: Tom Miller	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Gospel: Mark 9:2-9	
February 18 First Sunday in Lent AM: Phyllis Cox	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:9-15	<i>The Glory of These Forty Days</i> <i>Lord of Our Life</i> <i>Thy Holy Wings</i> <i>Jesus, Still Lead On</i>
February 25 Second Sunday in Lent AM: Scott Langston	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Gospel: Mark 8:31-38	<i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i> <i>Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart</i> <i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i> <i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>



Those Serving in February 2018 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
02/04	Jim Gibson, Woodie Cason, Jay Shaner	Madilynn Langston	Kendrick McCarty	Sam Rowe	Jim Gibson
02/11	The Langston Family	Erin Trost	Blaze Douglas	Phyllis Cox	Beth & Sam Rowe
02/18	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Gene Matthews		Rhiannon Wiseman	Woody Sanders	Lorraine Bosserman
02/25	Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young	Erin Trost	Blaze Douglas	Amy Kiger	Anita & Woody Sanders

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 Woodie Cason at 886-7907.

Altar Guild & Flower Committee: Phyllis Cox & Beth Rowe
(No flowers on the altar during Lent)

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR February 13: Gene Matthews & Sybil McElveen; Miriam Handley & Barbara Puzanskas



Colonial District Pre-Spring Meeting & Seminars
March 2 and 3, 2018
“Warm Up with Roses”

Registration

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Home Rose Society: _____

Full Registration **\$70.00** (includes all meals and seminars)

Attending _____ Amount \$ _____

Saturday only **\$35.00** (Seminars, continental breakfast and lunch) **NO BANQUET**

Attending _____ Amount \$ _____

All Saturday activities including banquet **\$50.00**

Attending _____ Amount \$ _____

Total # Attending _____ **Total Amount** \$ _____

Friday night meal will be BBQ. Saturday Breakfast - continental; Lunch - baked potato & salad; Banquet - pork and chicken buffet.

Please send your registration to Debbie Brown, 201 N. Waverly St., Staunton, VA 24401
Have your registration in by February 16, 2018

For more information call Charles Shaner 540-294-2875 or e-mail clshaner@yahoo.com or clshaner@mindspring.com.

Recommended hotel accommodations. We have used the Best Western before and most are familiar with it. It is about five miles from the Church.

Best Western Staunton Inn

92 Rowe Road, Staunton, VA 24401

For reservations call 540-885-1112 by February 16, 2018

Rooms have been blocked and are \$79. Mention Rose Society.