

# CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

*Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

Dear Friends,

Abundant life is about living in the blessing of God in such a way that this blessing is received by others. Abundant life is not about prosperity. If you have abundant life, it does not mean you have more stuff. Abundant life means living with our ears and hearts open to God's will. As we live this way, listening to God, and our actions match what God intends, blessing happens. Sometimes the blessings flows upon us, sometimes blessing flows upon those around us and sometimes blessing comes for people we have never met.

That creates a variety of possibilities for abundant lives. Our quilters participate in a ministry with other women around the United States that bless communities of people we will never meet. Our food gatherings help people we have met in passing who live here in our neighborhoods. Our worship blesses friends and family that we know well and newcomers who wander into our space in hopes of receiving this blessing. We even share the blessing of worship with friends who no longer can worship with us.

Lent offers opportunity for sincere reflection. Sometimes we fear that not enough of this blessing falls in our own lives. Other times we feel that our actions are not enough to get the blessing out to others. We often feel weak, and human, and helpless against the suffering of the world. We have honest words with which to express these feelings. Lent reminds us that despite shortcomings, we do not stand still. Even our simplest actions when they align with the will of God have incredible power to change the world. In this we hope.

We can especially take heart in the power of the blessing when other Christians hear the call to act in ways similar to us. Last year our quilters made 48 quilts. These quilts along with similar sewing circles around the United States distributed 305,000 quilts around the world. Last month we gathered 80 canned goods for the Verona Food Pantry. Similar gatherings around our community contributed to 3 million meals distributed to our neighbors. These gatherings serve as constant reminders that we walk not alone in our faith. That others as well with ears and hearts listen for God's call and align their actions with his will and together abundant life pours forth blessing.

In this I rejoice, especially during the season of Lent.

Blessings,

*Pastor McCarty*

*March 2018*

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## **Special points of interest:**

- *Tuesday Night Ministry*
- *Verona Community Food Pantry Collection*
- *Holy Week & Easter Events*



**“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise!”**

Martin Luther

You may have already heard some whisperings about a Bach Festival to be held at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. It **IS** happening, and we hope **YOU** will be part of it! The festival will include 12 hour-long concerts, beginning at 9:00 A.M. and concluding around 9:00 P.M. The concerts will include four organ recitals, a classical banjo player, an hour of instrumental concertos, solo keyboard, other solo instrumental works, and concludes at 8:00 P.M. with a beautiful choral and orchestral concert of cantatas. Two world-renowned soloists will be singing with the professional choir, so it is one hour you won't want to miss! Check out this website for the entire program: [bacharoundtheclock.org](http://bacharoundtheclock.org) Don't worry – you are not expected to stay for 12 hours, although you may! Coming and going, picking and choosing will be the norm that day.

The event is not ticketed, but it costs quite a bit to bring this kind of quality music to Christ Lutheran. Our concert series patrons are being generous, but we want to give you a chance also to help sponsor the day-long event. You may give a free-will offering the day of the event, or you may choose to become a patron in one of the following categories by contributing in advance and having your name listed on our program:

- Concerto - \$1,000 and above
- Oratorio - \$500 - \$999
- Sonata - \$250 - \$499
- Suite - \$50 - \$249
- Cantata - \$1 - \$49

Please reserve the day and enjoy the magic of Bach in our lovely visual and acoustical space! A “Bach's Lunch” will also be available for purchase over the noon hour, so you can make a day of it!

If you would like to help by ushering for an hour or two, please speak with Florence. Come and bring friends with you! This is evangelism!

## Tuesday Night Ministry with Pastor McCarty

The blessings of our Christian education ministry continues Tuesday nights through March.

Every Tuesday evening during lent begins with a 20 minute devotion on "The Season of Hope." Through these liturgies we engage in relationship with God and his children throughout the world. We also engage hope as inspiration for changing the world.

On March 6 we will have our second lesson on "Vanishing Grace." I have mentioned this book and this study a few times the last couple of months. I encourage those who are curious to come and join us. I have received books for those who ordered them.

March 13 Christ Lutheran will have our monthly congregational meeting.

March 20 and 27 we will gather for Bible Study on the following pieces of Gospel scripture.

Matthew 9: 10-12	Matthew 26: 6-13	Luke 7:37-38	Luke 19: 2-10
Mark 10: 46-52	John 3: 1-9	Mark 6: 17-20	Matthew 19: 16-22
Acts 8: 26-35	Luke 23:39-42		

### Tuesday Night Ministries

<b>During March</b>	<b>Devotions</b>	<b>7:00-7:20</b>
	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>7:20-8:30</b>

We return in April to our Tuesday 7 PM to 8:15 time frame.



## Holy Week & Easter at Christ Lutheran Church

### Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25:

The Gospel According to Mark

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

### Maundy Thursday, March 29:

Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal: 6:00 P.M.

Worship with Foot Washing  
& Stripping of the Altar: 7:00 P.M.

### Good Friday, March 30:

Sanctuary open throughout the day  
for prayer

Worship: 7:00 P.M.

### Easter Vigil, March 31:

Service of Light, Service of Reading  
Holy Communion: 7:00 P.M.

### Easter Morning! April 1

Breakfast: 9:15 A.M.  
Children's Egg Hunt: 9:30 A.M.  
Decorate outside cross: 10:00 A.M.

## WELCA Meeting for March

**WELCA Ladies** will meet on Tuesday, March 6, 11:00 A.M. in the church lounge. Judy Shuey will present our program on *“What We Can Learn About Faith with a Quilt.”* Following our meeting, we will plan to go out to lunch.

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## Rose Society Seminar


**The Colonial District Pre-Spring (Rose Society) Seminar** will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 2 & 3 at Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office for a registration form.

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## Quilting Day

Calling all volunteers! We need your help to sew and assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief! Our next Quilting Day is Tuesday, March 20. We begin at 9:30 A.M. and usually finish up our quilting by Noon.

We need helping hands, even if you cannot sew a stitch! So plan to join us for our time of fellowship and quilting.



*“Quilting Days are  
a time for fellowship  
and helping hands.  
We need you even if  
you can’t sew a  
stitch! Come join us  
on March 20!”*

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## Paper Goods & Food Collection for the Verona Food Pantry

Boxes will be placed in the Narthex from Sunday, March 4 through Sunday, March 18 to receive paper goods and non-perishable foods (or dollars) to benefit the Verona Food Pantry. We appreciate your help for this local organization that aids so many people in our community.

Sponsored by the Quilting Group



**Easter Lily orders will be taken thru  
March 18. The 6.5 inch potted plants  
are \$10.50 each.  
Please print the following information and return this  
form to the church office.**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Plants:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$10.50 each. Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: The final date to place your order is March 18. No orders will be received after that date, so please reserve your Easter lily as soon as possible. Thank you.**



## Lenten Garden 2018

We would like to give a gift to the Lenten Garden for 2018. Please print.

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Gift: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or return this form to the church office.

Please submit your request by Sunday, March 25. Thank you.





## Happy March Birthdays to:

- 2 Ann Yeago
- 4 Carol Jordan
- 5 Ryan McCauley
- 6 Rhiannon Wiseman
- 7 Iain Wiseman
- 9 Karl Protil
- 13 Carrie Holsinger
- 15 Thomas Erskine
- 20 Keith Shaner
- 25 Andrew Dahl
- 26 Sarah Blehm  
Susan Erskine
- 27 Mary Bell Gibson
- 28 Ann Shenk

## Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

March 1—Phyllis & Ken Cox (32 years)

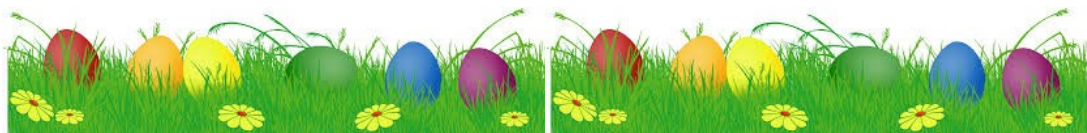


**Daylight Saving  
Time** begins at  
2:00 A.M. on  
Sunday, March



11. Remember to set your clocks  
ahead one hour before going to bed  
on Saturday night, March 10.

**Calling all Easter Bunnies!** Our annual Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 1 following the Easter breakfast. Donations of small-sized, wrapped candies that will fit into plastic eggs would be greatly appreciated. We have plenty of plastic eggs already on hand to fill! Please leave your donations in the church office. Thank you!





# Lunch & Paint

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

**11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall**

**Paint Instructors & Caterers – Brenda Wollner & Jody Opyoke**



We will be painting flower pots you can use as gifts for Mother's or Father's Day, for a special person or yourself. All materials (flower pot, paint & brushes) will be provided, as well as a light lunch. The cost is \$10 per pot and you must pre-register with your payment (so we make sure to have enough supplies and food).

*This is especially fun for children ages 4-12 and adults of all ages as well. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.*

*Use the registration form below.*

***Class size is limited. Register soon!***

***Questions? Call Brenda 885-4843***



**Flower Pot Paint Class & Lunch – April 21, 2018 – 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pots: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

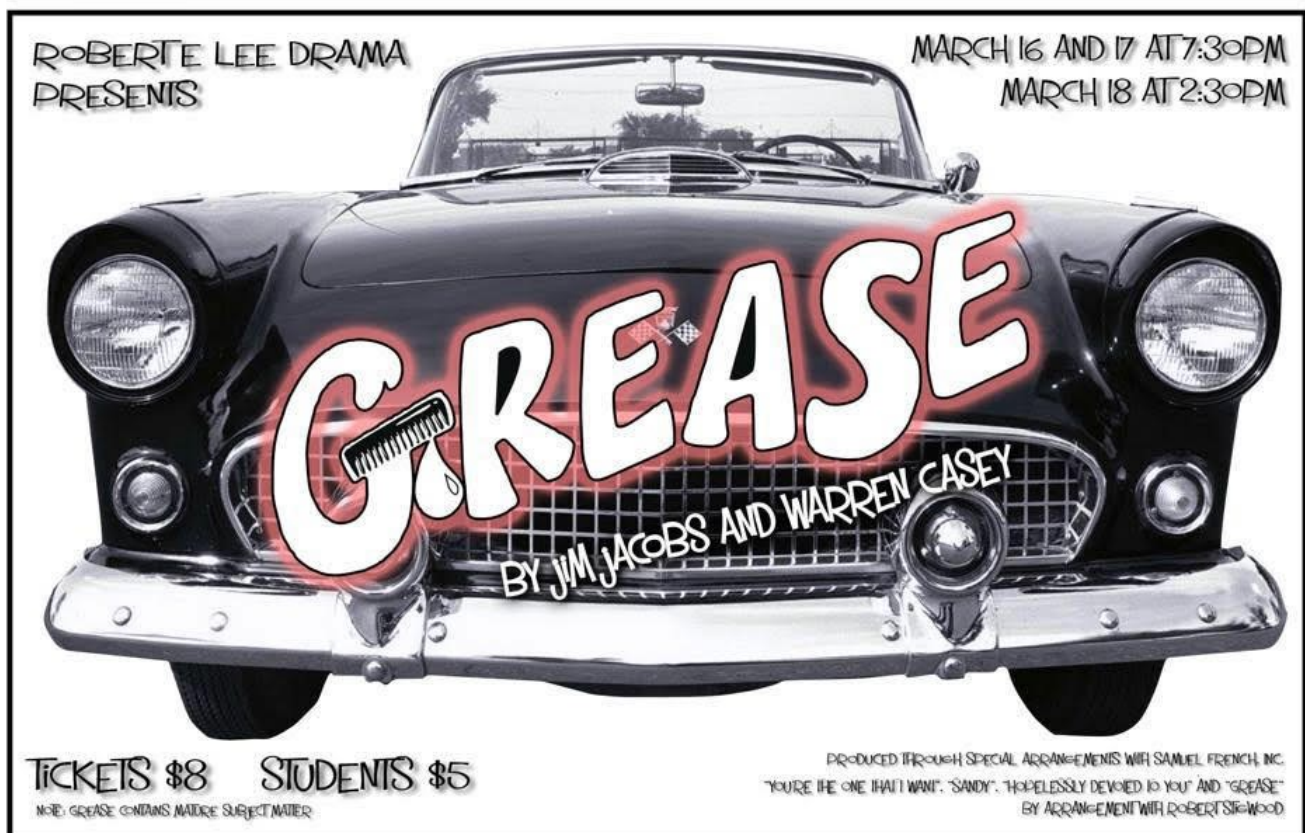
Cost: \$10 per pot      Number of pots: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

# Robert E Lee Drama presents *Grease* in the High School Auditorium.

The production ensemble includes two of Christ Lutheran's members:  
Rhiannon Wiseman and Erin Trost

The production team also includes two more of our youth: Madi Langston and Blaze Parker.

Last fall, Lee Drama won 1st Place in the Commonwealth of Virginia for their one act show *Mackers*. This spring they take on the musical classic *Grease*. ***Come out and support Christ Lutheran youth!***





## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### **Members of Christ Lutheran Church:**

Alfred Berry  
Lynwood Craig  
Patricia Doyle  
Laura Luzaich  
Jane Ruch  
Bobby Schneider  
Winston Wine

### **Friends & Family of Members:**

Bill S. (Debbie McCray's father)  
James (friend of Liz H.)  
Loretta C. (niece of Lorraine Bosserman)  
Peter S. (Florence Jowers' brother-in-law)  
Jessie G. (brother of Jim Gibson)  
Joy C. (friend of Jim Gibson)

### **Members Residing in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Retirement Homes:**

Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)  
Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab)  
June Huff (Baldwin Park)  
Laura Luzaich (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)  
Sue Obenschain (Summit Square)  
Mary Lou Parkins (Whispering Pines, NC)  
Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)  
Lillian & Herb Walge (Brookdale)  
Esther Seltzer (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)



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*Sunday mornings 10:30 A.M.*

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Robbin Youngblood, Youth & Education



**Our Mission Statement:**

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



**March 17, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M.**

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9:15-Breakfast  
9:30-Egg Hunt  
10:00-Decorate Cross  
10:30-Worship



## March 2018 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns
March 4 The Third Sunday in Lent AM: Melanie Rhodes	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Gospel: John 2:13-22	<i>Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord Here, O My Lord, I See Thee In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>
March 11 The Fourth Sunday in Lent AM: Tom Miller	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 Gospel: John 3:14-21	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Salvation unto Us Has Come Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound Lift High the Cross</i>
March 18 The Fifth Sunday in Lent AM: Phyllis Cox	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 Gospel: John 12:20-33	<i>Christ, the Life of All the Living Wide Open Are Your Hands My Faith Looks Up to Thee Praise and Thanks and Adoration</i>
March 25 Palm Sunday AM: TBA	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47	

## Those Serving in Our March Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
03/04	Jim Gibson, Woodie Sanders, Gene Matthews	Madilynn Langston	Kendrick McCarty	Debbie Morris	Wayne Huntley
03/11	The Langston Family	Jamison McCarty	Jackson Kiger	Stacey Wolters	Jeanne & Patrick Webb
03/18	Carolyn Haggerty & Wayne Huntley	Erin Trost	Rhiannon Wiseman	Tom Miller	Nancy Dahl
03/25	Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young	Jamison McCarty	Blaze Parker	Palm Sunday Readers	Amy & Jackson Kiger

**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 Jim Gibson at 292-5354.

**Altar Committee for March: Elizabeth McCarty & Kathy Bigelow**

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR March 13: Kathy Bigelow; Jim Gibson & Carolyn Haggerty**

**Flower Coordinators: Beth & Sam Rowe**

