



# CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

May, 2018

*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
Psalm 118:24

Dear Friends,

Last Friday, I had the joy of wandering with you on a beautiful spring day and seeing how you engage with the community of Staunton.

I drove out to Middlebrook to visit with Sam and Beth Rowe. You may have seen a picture of their log cabin in the Newspaper. The Garden Club of Staunton featured their home and four others during their annual home and garden tour. I stopped by on Friday to pray with them before an eventful Saturday brought them several hundred visitors. A half a dozen women worked with Beth in the garage preparing numerous flower arrangements that would adorn the property on Saturday for the tour. They even showed me two arrangements on the stone fireplace mantle that would stand behind the altar of our church Sunday morning.

After visiting, praying, checking out their new raised beds, I headed back into Staunton and stopped at Sunspots Pavilion which served as headquarters for the Paint Staunton Art Competition and Pop-Up Show. I remembered that Evelyn Young participated in last year's show. I spoke with Sondra Shaner, one of the event coordinators. Then I began to wander around Staunton. I found Evelyn painting the stone bridge over the Lewis Creek by Mill Street. I found two of our youth, Madi Langston and Blaze Parker, who participated in the events as Students from Lee High School's art department.

The City of Staunton has garnered national recognition for our connection with arts and culture. We hear quite a bit about our music scene and stage theater. I wanted to take this moment to give a shout out for our members who participate in the visual arts community, through painting, drawing and flower arranging. Your gifts seek to capture, describe and share the beauty of God's creation and share it with others.

Blessings,

Pastor McCarty

## “Clutter Conversion” Program

Please consider joining us on Tuesday evening, May 1 at 7:00 P.M. Kathryn McMillan of *Clutter Conversions* will be presenting a program that we are sure many of us could benefit from. Gain insight about how to handle the "stuff" that seems to multiply in our closets and attics and basements~you're sure to feel better when you're in control. Presentation will be about one hour. Refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by WELCA.



### **Youth Sunday** **May 6, 2018 + 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for our Youth Sunday on May 6,  
as our youth lead us in our worship service.



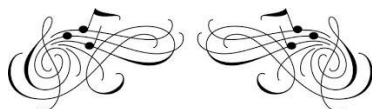
## Outdoor Work Day at Christ Lutheran

There will be an outdoor work day on Saturday, May 12 beginning at 9:00 A.M. We have some painting, sidewalk concrete work, general cleaning up of the yard...and the youth will help us plant some trees! Everyone is invited to come and lend a hand! Your help is appreciated! Submitted by Scott Langston, Property Chair



## Staunton Choral Society

**The Staunton Choral Society** will perform their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 20, 7:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to come!



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## Pleasant Memories

Pleasant Memories is a group of folks who meet each month for a lunch meal and program. The group originated at Pleasant View Lutheran Church, and we have several members of Christ Lutheran who regularly attend. Everyone is welcome!

Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 12:00 Noon at Pleasant View Lutheran Church. The meal will be a covered-dish with meat provided.

A comedy program will be presented for your enjoyment. We hope to see you there!

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## WELCA Spring Bible Study

Our Spring Bible Study will be held at Pleasant View Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 8. Registration with coffee and sweets will begin at 9:30 A.M. Our study begins at 10:00 A.M. followed by lunch at 12:00 Noon. Bring a salad to share and a lawn chair. The theme of the Bible Study is *The Elderly in the Bible*. Our guest speaker is The Rev. Carl Trost, Chaplain of the Legacy of North Augusta.



## Church Women United

**Church Women United** will meet on Friday, May 4 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Staunton. Registration begins at 10:45 A.M., program at 11:00 A.M. and lunch at Noon. Our speaker will be Carrie Covey, Associate Director of the Development of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Reservations are requested by May 1. There is no cost for the luncheon. A collection for CWU will be received.

If you would like to bring gently used sneakers (men's and women's), they would be appreciated by the inmates at the Middle River Regional Jail. Thank you.

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## Open House at Taylor & Boody

An Open House will be held at **Taylor & Boody Organbuilders**, 8 Hewitt Road in Staunton on Saturday, May 12 from 2:00-5:00 P.M. Please join us at our workshop as we celebrate the completion of Opus 74, a new organ for St. Paul University Catholic Center, Madison Wisconsin.

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## Lunch & Paint Event Fun!

Those attending the Lunch & Paint Event on Saturday, April 21 had fun painting their flower pots and enjoying time together. Participating were Shelda Shaner and her grandson, Liam; Caroline, Sam and Eli Wollner, Linda and John Vitt, Rebecca Rhodes, Pastor McCarty, Elizabeth,



Jamison and Kendrick. For more pictures, please see the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office.

Kids and grown-ups let their creativity flow as we painted many flowers, rainbows, birdhouses, kitty cats, buildings and more on our clay pots. We took a break and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared for us by Jo Ellen Opyoke. Thanks to everyone for coming and sharing our Lunch & Paint event.



Register online at: [vbspro.events/p/stauntonkids](http://vbspro.events/p/stauntonkids)



## REGISTRATION FORM

(One per child)  
June 18-22, 2018  
6:00-8:35 P.M.  
Ages: 3 Years to Grade 5

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

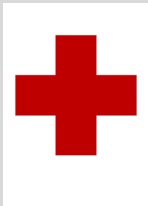
Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## This Month's Birthdays



1	Anita Sanders
6	Steven McCauley
	Lee Tripp
7	Rose Stoutamyer
9	Kristen Sanders
13	Shelda Shaner
16	Jamison McCarty
17	Kathy Rosen
18	Autumn Lovegrove
19	George Luzaich
20	Buzz Huntley
22	Charles Shaner
24	Nate Collins
27	Evelyn Young
29	Phyllis Cox



5	Herb & Lillian Walge (67 years)
9	Tim & Neil Fitzgerald (3 years)
18	Jim & Mary Bell Gibson (61 years)
1	Fred & Kathleen Shaner (17 years)
23	Mike & Susan Erskine (37 years)
31	Charles & Mindy Reynolds (15 years)
	Robbin Youngblood & Jonathan Vaughn (4 years)

thankyou

Betty VanLear would like to thank her friends for their cards, visits and gifts on the occasion of her April 5 birthday!



### *Remember in Your Prayers:*

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

Alfred Berry  
Harold Craig  
Lynwood Craig,  
Patricia Doyle  
Laura Luzaich (King's Daughters Healthcare)  
Jane Ruch (Augusta Health)  
Bobby Schneider  
Betty VanLear (Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab)  
Linda Youngblood

#### **Members Residing in Assisted Living:**

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

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

Faye K.  
James  
Jessie G.  
Joy C.

#### **Congratulations:**

To Kathy Bigelow & her family at the birth of her new granddaughter, Emma Sophia Bigelow on April 3. Emma is the daughter of Rose Marie & Matt Bigelow. Big sister is Kate Bigelow.

Many blessings to Judy & Gene Matthews at the birth of their new grandson Oliver Eugene Matthews, born to Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Matthews on March 24.



# Easter at Christ Lutheran Church



Easter Breakfast



Decorating Cross on our lawn with flowers.



**Worshipping  
Together!**



CHRIST EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Worship with us!*

Worship 10:30 A.M.

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**CHURCH COUNCIL:**

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Judy Matthews, Vice-President  
Allyson Langston, Secretary  
Scott Langston  
Barbara Shaner  
Gerald Wells  
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.*



Spring has sprung!





# May 2018

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

		1 7:00-Clutter Conversion Program	2	3	4	5
6 10:30-Youth Sunday Worship	7 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	8 9:30-Spring WELCA Bible Study at Pleasant View 7:00-Council Mtg.	9 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12 9:00-Property Work Day
13 10:30-Worship	14 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	15 9:30-Quilting Day 12:00-Pleasant Memories	16 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 10:30-Worship 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Concert	21	22	23 6:30-Choir Fellow- ship at the home of Florence & Paul	24	25	26
27 10:30-Worship	28	29	30	31		

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2018 JUNE						
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## May 2018 Worship Worksheet



Date	Lessons	Hymns
May 6 The 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday AM: Melanie Rhodes	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 15:9-17	<i>O Sing to the Lord</i> <i>Hallelujah – Youth Anthem</i> <i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> <i>What Wondrous Love is This</i>
May 13 The 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter AM: Tom Miller	Acts 1:15-17 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 Gospel: John 17:6-19	<i>O Love, How Deep</i> <i>Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed</i> <i>I Come With Joy</i> <i>The Head That Once Was Crowned</i>
May 20 Day of Pentecost AM: Phyllis Cox	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	<i>O Day Full of Grace</i> <i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i> <i>Gracious Spirit, Head Our Pleading</i> <i>God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind</i>
May 27 The Holy Trinity The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost AM: Scott Langston	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 Gospel: John 3:1-17	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now</i> <i>Father Most Holy</i> <i>Come, Join the Dance of Trinity</i> <i>We Praise Your Name</i>

## Those Serving in May 2018 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
5/6	Youth Sunday	Aleyna Whitmore	Jamison McCarty	Youth Sunday	Judy Rowe & Gerald Wells
5/13	The Langston Family	Rhiannon Wiseman	Kendrick McCarty	Kathy Bigelow	Judy Rowe & Gerald Wells
5/20	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley	Jackson Kiger	Erin Trost	Phyllis Cox	Neila & George Luzaich
5/27	Evelyn Young, Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner	Aleyna Whitmore	Jamison McCarty	Debbie Morris	Rebecca Rhodes

**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, Wayne Huntley 885-3079.

**ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Amy Kiger & Suzanne Lochner

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR MAY 8:** Gene Matthews & Sybil McElveen; Miriam Handley & Barbara Puzanskas

