



Christ Lutheran Tidings
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October Congregational Meeting

The first part of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018. To accommodate the meeting, our 10:30 A.M. worship service will be held downstairs in our fellowship hall.

We will share a covered-dish fellowship meal before the meeting begins. During the first half of the meeting, the congregation will elect Church Council members to serve in 2019. We hope you will plan to be present!



All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is November 4, 2018. On this day, we remember the blessed dead in prayer. During our worship service, we will remember those of our congregation who have died in the past year. Please help us by submitting names of those family members, friends and loved ones who have died that you wish to remember. You may use the signup sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, or call Brenda in the church office by Thursday, October 25.

Pastor McCarty's 2018 Stewardship Message



Gifts to Share

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and the sake of the gospel, will save it.” Mark 8: 34-35

During the bombing of London of World War II Agatha Christie wanted to make sure that her marquee characters Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple had their swan song. She wrote what she intended as the final Hercule Poirot novel—*Curtain*—and along with it Miss Marple's final case—*Sleeping Murder*. She locked the manuscripts away in a bank vault for publication after her death, and those manuscripts stayed locked in that vault for 30 years. Agatha Christie intended the Hercule Poirot story as a gift for a favored nephew who would receive the royalties. The story would also be a gift to her readers.

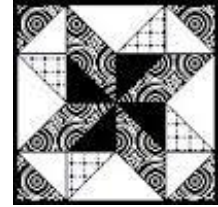
Agatha Christie died in 1976 at the age of 85. The favored nephew for whom she intended the gift of the royalties of *Curtain*, died before she did. He never received his gift, the book or the proceeds. Because of her nephew's death and because she was no longer able to write novels, Christie approved the release of the book in 1975.

As we gear up for our Pony Express stewardship season, I would encourage you to spend some time reflecting on and praying about the gifts you have. God has given you certain gifts. Everyone here today has gifts. Everyone has gifts to give.

I want to emphasize that everyone, no matter what station in life, has gifts to give. One Thursday last month, right before hurricane Florence, I went over to the Verona Government Center on Dick Huff Way. And detainees from Middle River Jail were shoveling sand bags that Augusta County had made available to residents in the area. Some of the workers told me that one person stopped with a truck and took 200 sandbags to protect a double wide he had down by the river. We all have gifts to give. And sometimes those gifts are more valuable to others than they are to us.

Also last month a troupe of 10 actors and 2 tech people performed a silly comedy at Mary Baldwin. We were supposed to be at Oak Grove, but weather precautions moved us inside. I had a couple bit parts, got to wear a kilt and a wig. The cast and crew spent the better part of a month worth of evening rehearsals. First it was three a week, 12 hours, then we had 5 in a week for 20 hours. We wrapped up with eight straight nights of rehearsal or performance, finally closing on the stage at Blackfriars playhouse. By way of our gift we entertained just shy of 100 people in the audience and raised 850 dollars for New Directions Center, which helps care for abused women and families and provides for them safe shelter.

We all have gifts to give. When I shared this message at church on September 16, I paused to acknowledge our choir and our quilters. It has been a while since our choir performed an anthem with as many voices as they had this morning. What a wonderful gift that was. Also, I acknowledge our quilters and how L— goes to yard sales and buys sheets for the quilters to use as back for the rescue quilts they stitch and tie together every month. Lutheran World Relief sent 47,000 quilts to India last year and another 15,000 quilts to Haiti. I would imagine some of our quilts went in those shipments. We all have gifts to give.



We all have gifts to give. Jesus also has a gift to give. Jesus the Lord's Messiah is savior of the world. The gift that he has been given to share means his dying for us. Frankly, I don't know that you can blame Peter for telling Jesus this must not be. We might have done the same. Peter has in his presence the world's most precious gift. So it cannot be surprising that he does not want to give it up. Sometimes we do the same thing with gifts God has given us. Economics of the world get us thinking about our gifts as commodities, skills that we develop to earn money. Jesus call to "take up your cross and follow me" invites you to share your gifts for the sake of the gospel. Basically, Jesus invites you to re-gift your gifts. Jesus encourages us to do what etiquette frowns upon. Take what God has first given you and give it back.

Our Tuesday night Bible Study will spend October exploring prayer, based on a Bible Study by Philip Yancey. I want to share an excerpt from that Bible Study and from Yancey's book on prayer.

"To explore the mystery of prayer" Yancey looks to the cosmos and then quotes from Psalm 8. "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him."

[That vastness] provides a mere sliver of a glimpse of reality as God must see it. Like a flat of lightning, prayer exposes for a nanosecond what I would prefer to ignore: my own true state of fragile dependence. The undone tasks accumulating at home, my family and every other relation, temptations, health plans for the future—all these things bring into that larger reality, God's sphere, where I find them curiously upended.

Prayer helps correct myopia, calling to mind a perspective that I daily forget. I keep reversing roles, thinking of ways in which God should serve me rather than vice versa. Yancey, Prayer, p 21)

"Vice versa," in Yancey's quote points to Jesus call in the gospel to pick up our cross and follow him. We often think of taking up the cross and following Jesus as giving over our life with that all or nothing mentality. Like storm chasers who foolishly

stand in tropical storms by trees blown down so we know how bad the storm is and why we don't want to be outside in it. Taking up your cross and following Jesus means to give over your gifts for the sake of those who have little to give you in return. Through that loss of life, others gain life, gain strength, gain healing.

I visited E—. She is winding down. She slept for my entire visit with her, and she has never done that before. E— was one of many women who made her way through the world, caring for homebound parents and in-laws and friends. When it was parents, in-laws, she did not get paid. She earned zero quarters as far as social security is concerned. Probably when she did it for neighbors, she got paid in cash, no record again going to social security. She had gifts, she gave them away freely. I have a lot of respect for E—. Even as I visit her, she has gifts to share, wisdom about the world that makes me smile. She says things that I wish I could say. She speaks with a bluntness that I cherish. We all have gifts to give for the sake of the gospel. Even E— in her waking moments has gifts to give.

Jesus invitation to ‘pick up your cross, and follow me’ encourages you to follow Jesus with gifts in hand, don't lock them up for safe keeping. Don't build silos for safe keeping. Agatha Christie locked away *Curtain* for thirty years in a bank vault. It was published in 1975, a year before Christie died. Critical response to the book was luke warm, but then 30 years had passed. The book had anachronisms; it referred to hanging as capital punishment even though England banned hanging in 1965. It did not mention that one of the main characters had gotten married 10 years before. People appreciated it for what it was and yet all the same wished for something more.

We all have gifts to share, precious in our hands, and needed by the world. Join with me in prayer as we reflect on these gifts. Join me with the hearts of those who follow Christ and lay our gifts at the foot of the cross.

Amen.



Our 2018 Stewardship Program: THE PONY EXPRESS IS COMING



GOAL: 100% participation

October will be the start of our 2018 Stewardship Program following the Pony Express format that we introduced last year. We will be doing things a bit different this year but will still be focusing on helping all members think about their “intentions for giving” for 2019.

We will have a covered-dish kickoff dinner on **October 7**. We will be asking each of you to begin now to give prayerful consideration to what you would like to consider for giving to the church in 2019 so that it is a simple matter to complete the “intention of giving” or pledge card when you have the opportunity.

We have had the pledge cards available at the back of the church for your completion during September. They will also be available on October 7 at the back of the church as well as during the covered-dish meal. Once everyone has had a chance to complete a pledge card either before the kickoff lunch or during lunch, the Stewardship committee will compile a list of individuals who have not completed a card to be part of the pony express run.

During the run, you will be asked to complete a card and take the pony express saddlebag to the next person until everyone has had contact. Our goal is to have 100% of our membership complete a card, place it in an envelope and either put it in the offering plate, drop it by the church office or place it in the #2 section of the saddlebag. The completion date will be November 11.

How much should you pledge? We would like for you to consider tithing. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America suggests the 80-10-10 guideline for financial management. Use 80% of your income for the things that you need. Save 10% for the future. Donate 10% to help others in need. That being said, we all have our own unique set of circumstances and we all have our own unique gifts to share, so it is important that we each pray for God’s guidance in this process as we decide what an appropriate response is.

We are a family and have a budget to manage. Each of us is critical to that involvement. Please, help us reach our goal of 100% participation in this stewardship drive. Every contribution is important. Every donation of time and talent is significant and appreciated.

Together, every day, let us rejoice on God’s wonderful and abundant gifts. Let us rejoice with grateful hearts.

Judy Matthews
Stewardship Committee

October Food Drive for the Verona Community Food Pantry



On October 14 and 21, we will receive food for the Verona Community Food Pantry. Please remember to bring non-perishable items and leave them in the bins that will be placed in the narthex during this time. Monetary gifts are also welcome so that we can purchase much-needed paper items for the pantry. We will also accept warm, gently used clothing such as sweaters, jackets and coats of any size, and toys.

This ministry is sponsored by the Quilting Group of Christ Lutheran Church. We thank you for your support.

Toiletry Collection for the New Directions Shelter



October is that time of the year when the ladies of WELCA collect **unused/unopened** trial-size toiletries. These much needed items will be donated to the **New Directions Thrift Shop Center** in Staunton and from there will be taken to its shelter.

Simply gather your items and place them in zip lock or plastic bags. **You do not need to assemble kits.** Simply place your bags in the basket located in the cloakroom adjacent to the Narthex. Not sure about an item or if you have any other questions, please contact Mindy Reynolds (949-8175). Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Representatives from New Directions will join us for worship on November 11.



Although it is a month away, here is a reminder that Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 4. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3.

Quilting Day

Our next Quilting Day will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room. We encourage you to come and join us as we assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We also donate baby quilts and regular sized quilts to the Verona Community Food Pantry to be given to families of need in our local community. Even if you cannot sew a stitch, we can use your helping hands. We are finished by 11:30 A.M.



Martha's Meals on Wheels

Come for a spaghetti dinner, salad and dessert on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. for our annual fundraiser meal to help those who are unable to feed themselves. The meal will be served at the Verona Moose Lodge, 1510 Commerce Road (Route 11), Verona/Staunton on the hill behind Eye One Clinic.

Tickets are available at the door. Adults/12 and up \$10; Children \$5; under five are free. We will hold a 50/50 raffle. Additional donations are welcome.

Bulletin Board News



A great BIG THANK YOU to those of you who shared your summer pictures with us for our bulletin board. We had so many that we used both of our hall bulletin boards to post them, and we loved that! Please send us more pictures for our new fall bulletin boards. Thanks again!

Banner Workshop

SKILLS REQUIRED: Ability to use scissors

AGES: 13-103

GOAL:

The goal of the workshop will be to learn techniques that can be used to produce elegant banners for congregational use. A 30" x 60" banner will be created from a pattern provided by the instructor. (Other sizes available if arranged in advance.)

Many options will be presented for banner construction. Sewing skills are NOT required. Sewing options will be discussed, but the entire banner can be completed using no-sew techniques. The banner can be a single person or a group project.



THEME: "He has done marvelous things," Psalm 98:1 with imagery from the hymn "Earth and All Stars" (731 ELW, 558 LBW). An alternate theme can be used by advanced request.

DAY ONE:

How to deal with a home computer printed pattern

Assembling the pattern

Choosing images to use

Image placement

Choosing materials

Explanation of options for supplies

BETWEEN SESSIONS:

Participants will shop and/or raid their stashes for fabrics and supplies needed. Some cutting will be done at home.

DAY TWO

Banners will be assembled

SUPPLIES

Supplies needed for first session: Scotch tape in desk type dispenser, scissors, ruler, pencil & paper.

Supplies for second session to be determined at first session.

Participants or churches will need to provide the materials for the banner background and lettering. Fabrics will be available to choose from for the images on the banner. A complete supply list will be given at the first session.

WHEN AND WHERE:

Saturdays, October 13 and 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. both days. Christ Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 2807 N. Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401. Use entrance at back of church.

TO REGISTER:

Call Christ Lutheran Church, Staunton 540-885-4843. Registration Deadline is October 4.

Class size is limited to 8 banners (more than one person may work on same banner.). (Minimum of 4)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Youngblood at 540-261-1649 or LCYoungblood@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Group Meeting



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group is looking for folks with helping hands who would like to knit or crochet shawls or lap robes given to those who are ill, grieving, shut-in, as well as those who celebrate a marriage or birth of a new child or other special occasions. Please let us know of the need for one of our shawls. Recipients do not have to be members of Christ Lutheran Church.

Our group meets twice a year—in the spring and in the fall—to enjoy a picnic-type meal and discuss our goals and projects. Our next get-together will be on **Thursday, October 11** beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the church lounge. This time, the meal will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself. This is the perfect time for new knitters to come join us to find out more about our small group.

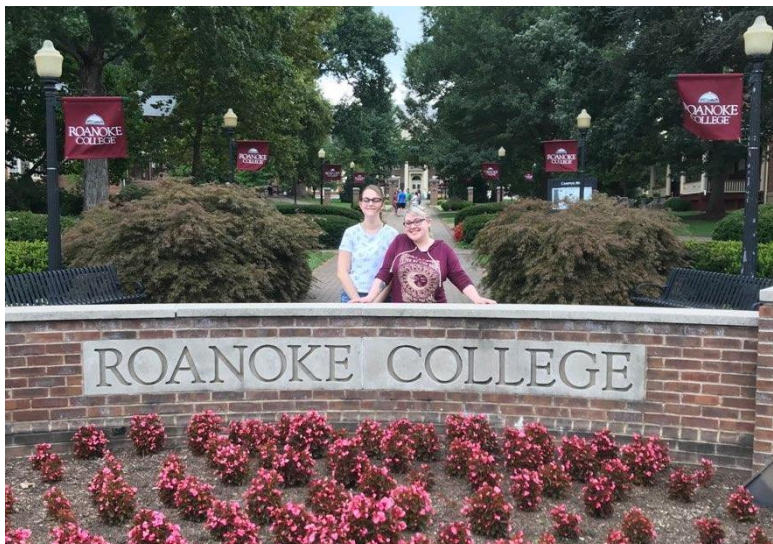
Mark the date on your calendars. See you then!

Dell Philpott & Brenda Wollner

P.S.-Small balls of yarn from leftover projects are needed if you have any available. We will place a basket in the narthex for this purpose. Thanks!

Youth Group Organizational Meeting

An organizational meeting for our youth and their parents will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 P.M.



Erin Trost & Madi Langston at Lutheran Student Visit Day, Roanoke College held on September 1, Labor Day Weekend. Following the visit, Pastor McCarty, Madi and Erin enjoyed dinner at Cracker Barrel.



- 5 Tom Miller
 - 6 Brian Rhodes
 - 11 Celie Collins
 - 14 Abby Erskine
 - 16 Laura Luzaich
 - 17 George Roller
 - 29 Mason Weddle
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October Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Evelyn & Ken Young (59 years)
- 30 Annmarie & Carl Trost (25 years)

Clothing Collection for Children

Thank you for your generous gifts of clothing articles for children at Bessie Weller School. We received the following items:

- 1 lunch bag
- 23 packages of boys' briefs
- 36 packages of girls' underwear
- 10 t-shirts
- 11 pair of sweat pants
- 1 jacket

Also, \$30 cash was received and more clothing will be purchased. We hope to deliver these items to Bessie Weller School on October 3. There are times the younger children need a change of clothes, and many come to school without socks in the winter time.

These items are given in memory of Jane Ruch who was a teacher at Bessie Weller Elementary School for 27 years. Jane retired in June of 2005.

Remember in Your Prayers

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Alfred Berry
Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
Ruth Coho
Lynwood Craig
Patricia Doyle (King's Daughters Healthcare)
June Huff (Baldwin Park)
Laura Luzaich (King's Daughters Healthcare)
Bobby Schneider
Esther Seltzer (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)
Betty VanLear (Brookdale)
Linda Vitt

Friends & Family of Members:

Ashley L. (friend of Lorraine Bosserman)
Millie L. (friend of Lorraine Bosserman)
Dale N. (brother of Judy Matthews)
Scott D. & Family (friend of Debbie Morris)
Joy D. (friend of Lorraine Bosserman)
Tom L. (father of Amy Kiger)
Phyllis S. (aunt of Debbie Morris &
Rick Whitmore)
Gene S. (uncle of Debbie Morris &
Rick Whitmore)
Melia (sister-in-law of Carol Trost)
Monica B. (friend of Bonnie Brown)
Teresa R. (daughter of Wayne Huntley)
Sonia L. (mother of Suzanne Lochner)
Jessie G. (brother of Jim Gibson)
Dan R. (friend of Linda & John Vitt)
Terrell (friend of Phyllis Cox)
John (friend of Brenda)

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

Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing
& Rehab)
Sue Obenschain (Summit Square)
Mary Lou Parkins (Whispering Pines, NC)
Lillian & Herb Walge (Brookdale)

Those Serving in the Military

Timothy, Becky, Derick, Sean

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Worship with us!

Worship: 10:30 A.M.
Children's Church October 14 and 28

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Melanie Rhodes, President
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Scott Langston
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Robbin Youngblood
Treasurer: Kathy Bigelow



Sunday, October 21, 2018
Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall



Our Mission Statement"

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



2018

Christ Lutheran Church Staunton, VA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	2 7:00-Prayer Study	3 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 10:30-Worship	8 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	9 7:00-Church Council Mtg.	10 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00-Prayer Shawl Group Mtg.	12	13 Banner Workshop
14 10:30-Worship Children's Church	15 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	16 9:30-Quilting Day	17	18	19	20 Banner Workshop
21 10:30-Worship in Fellowship Hall followed by Congregational Meeting	22 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	23 7:00-Prayer Study	24 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 10:30-Worship Reformation Day Children's Church	29 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	30 7:00-Prayer Study	31 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	Nov 1	2	3
4 10:30-Worship	5 7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	6	7 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10

Special Dates:

Food Collection Days for Verona Community Food Pantry—October 14 and October 21
 Toiletry Item Collection for New Directions (throughout October) sponsored by WELCA
 Reformation Sunday—October 28
 All Hallow's Eve—October 31
 All Saints Day—November 1—All Saints Sunday, November 4

notes

October 2018 Worship Worksheet



Date	Lessons	Hymns
October 7 20 th Sunday after Pentecost AM: Melanie Rhodes	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> <i>Our Father, by Whose Name</i> <i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>
October 14 21 st Sunday after Pentecost AM: Tom Miller	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Gospel: Mark 10:17-31	<i>We Are Called</i> <i>Gather Us In</i> <i>Shout to the Lord</i> <i>Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus</i>
October 21 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost AM: Phyllis Cox	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45	<i>You Servants of God</i> <i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i> <i>O Master, Let Me Walk With You</i> <i>The Church of Christ in Every Age</i>
October 28 Reformation Sunday AM: Scott Langston	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 Gospel: John 8:31-36	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i> <i>God's Only Son, The Word Alone</i> <i>Listen, God Is Calling</i> <i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>

Those Serving in Our October Worship Services:

Date	Ushers	Reader	Greeters
10/7	Jim Gibson, Woodie Cason, Harold Craig	Nancy Dahl	Wayne Huntley
10/14	The Langston Family	Woody Sanders	Beth & Sam Rowe
10/21	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Jay Shaner	Stacey Wolters	Sandra Rollason
10/28	Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young	Amy Kiger	Woodie Cason



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 Guild: Betty Cason & Carolyn Haggerty

Meals-on-Wheels for October 9: Nancy Dahl & Howard Wilhelm; Betty & Woodie Cason

