



CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

May 2016

From Pastor McCarty

Let me just say WOW! Whether you mean music, theater or drawing, the members of Christ Lutheran are actively engaged in the arts. The calendar in May is loaded with opportunities to support them. And it all starts with four events on Sunday, May 1. That's right **4 events.**

On May 1st at 4:00 P.M., Florence Jowers will perform an organ concert at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. The program will include an eclectic recital of music from the German Baroque (Bach, Buxtehude, Walther and Weckmann), the German Romantic (Herzogenberg), and some contemporary preludes on familiar hymns.

Also on May 1 at 4:00 P.M. closer to home in Staunton, Jamison McCarty and several of his organ classmates will perform evening vespers as their spring recital. The worship service takes place at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Frederick Street and is open to the congregation.

Then Sunday evening at 7:30 P.M., our member Suzanne Lochner will join a cast of staff and volunteers on the Blackfriars stage. They will present a staged reading of "Caesar and Pompey" by George Chapman, another Renaissance playwright. The play is described as a prelude to Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

Finally , at Lee Auditorium at 7:00 P.M., the Shelburne Middle School Concert Band performs with members Jackson Kiger and Rhiannon Wiseman as part of the ensemble.

And don't forget May 15 when the Staunton Choral Society returns to Christ Lutheran for their Spring Concert. The concert begins at 7:00 P.M. Rick Whitmore continues as president of the Choral Society.

Blessings

Pastor McCarty



WELCA Spring Bible Study

All ladies of the church are invited to attend the Annual Spring Bible Study and luncheon at Pleasant View Lutheran Church. We will meet on Tuesday, May 3 beginning at 9:30 A.M. for coffee and sweets. The Bible Study will be held from 10:00-11:30 A.M. and followed by a luncheon. We will meet at the picnic shelter. Please bring a salad to share, a lawn chair and your Bible. Join us!

Church Women United

Church Women United will sponsor their "May Friendship Day" on Friday, May 6 here at Christ Lutheran Church. Registration for the event begins at 10:00 A.M. with a program to follow. Lunch will be served at 11:30 A.M. The cost of the meal is \$8 each person.

All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are planning to attend, please call Brenda in the church office at 885-4843 by Tuesday, May 3 to reserve your meal.

*"May Friendship
Day"*

*Friday, May 6
here at Christ
Lutheran Church
10:00 A.M.*



Summer Family Choir for All

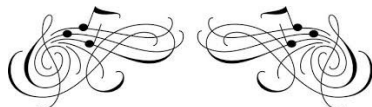
We are entering the period of the church year known as "Ordinary Time", a few months of relative quiet after all the festivals of the last several months. During this time, the liturgy will be simplified, and the music paired down. We will not stop worshipping or singing praises, however! This is an opportunity for any of you who may not wish to commit to the choir for a long period, to come and sing on an occasional basis. Each Sunday, those who wish to sing that morning will gather at 9:45 in the choir room to learn a simple piece for the day. Families can sing together; you can experiment if you have never sung, or you can come lead if you are an experienced singer. You only need to commit to that one Sunday. If you enjoy the experience, come back; if not, thanks for trying!

Summer is also a time for enjoying solos, duets, instrumental music, etc. If you have a talent that you would like to share, please let me know. I can find a piece for you to offer. As my two-year-old grandson says, "Let's do this!"

Soli Deo Gloria!
Florence

Staunton Choral Society

The Staunton Choral Society will perform their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 15, 7:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to come!



Pleasant Memories

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

Our May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 12:00 Noon at Traditions Restaurant in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Our program will be on the Minnick Education Center located in Harrisonburg.

Please join us! For those who are interested, we will meet at 11:00 A.M. in the church parking lot to carpool.

Young Organists Vesper Service

Jamison McCarty will participate in a Young Organists Recital and Vesper Service on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 P.M. The worship takes place at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 300 W. Frederick Street. The five featured organists range in age from 10-14 years old and are studying organ with Sarah Grove-Humphries. A reception will follow. Members of Christ Lutheran are invited to participate in the worship and stay for the fellowship.



Men's Fellowship

All men of Christ Lutheran Church are invited to join our monthly Men's Fellowship meal and Bible Study on Monday, May 16 at 6:30 P.M. We will meet at the home of Bill Bigelow. Hope to see you there!



Collection for New Directions Center

During the month of May, WELCA will sponsor a collection of laundry detergent (any size or brand) for the clients at the New Directions Shelter in Staunton.

A basket will be placed in the Narthex area to leave your items. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Submitted by Evelyn Young for WELCA

CAVE QUEST

Following Jesus the Light of the World

June 19-24 6:00—8:35

Hi, I'm Olivia....and I'm Ray! Can you guess which ones we are? One of us has a heart shaped face to remind you that **God gives us love!** And one of us points out that you have a power source better than a glow worm because **Jesus gives us his power!** You can register NOW for VBS at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stauntonkids



Dear Friends

On Wednesday April 21, the church council met with Jeffrey Spann, Building Consultant with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Together, we walked through the building space to hear his insight and to discuss concerns already identified by the congregation and the council.

The downstairs, of course, stands in great shape. Mr. Spann talked well of our kitchen space, noting “people can work on both sides without bumping into each other.” We discussed the need for storage near the fellowship hall and a handicapped accessible restroom near the classroom space. The downstairs space is clean, crisp and functional.

Naturally because of the importance of the sanctuary, the council and Mr. Spann had a substantial conversation about this space. We identified concerns about sound, lighting, and accessibility. We also expressed a desire for the space to feel less empty on Sunday mornings. Mr. Spann told us that when a visitor sees a worship space at less than 50% capacity, it feels empty to them and they wonder what the problem is. While our average worship attendance of 74 is typical for a congregation, it places us at 23% of our capacity. Moving forward, Mr. Spann suggested one committee who looks at how to enhance the sanctuary space for current and future worship.

Also, he suggested a second committee could look at the rest of the facility. When considering spaces throughout the facility, the committee would identify the primary and secondary purpose of each space and room. The council identified the church lounge as the most used space in the church (other than the sanctuary). Mr. Spann suggested that was because of the furnishings and decor. It was furnished both for board meetings as well as the casual seating arrangement in the second half of the room. Furnishing other rooms for their primary purpose could encourage their use.

The Mission Investment Fund provided this consulting time to us at no cost or obligation. The council will discuss what next steps the congregation might want to take and how to bring other members into the conversation.

Peace and Joy to you.

Pastor McCarty

This Month's Birthdays



1	Anita Sanders		
6	Steven McCauley		
	Lee Tripp		
7	Rose Stoutamyer		
9	Kristen Sanders		
13	Shelda Shaner		
15	Aimee Firebaugh		
16	Jamison McCarty		
17	Kathy Rosen	5	Herb & Lillian Walge (65 years)
18	Autumn Lovegrove	9	Tim & Neil Fitzgerald (1 year)
19	George Luzaich	15	John & Amy Kiger (17 years)
20	Buzz Huntley	18	Jim & Mary Bell Gibson (59 years)
21	Gottfried Pikel	19	Fred & Kathleen Shaner (15 years)
22	Charles Shaner	23	Mike & Susan Erskine (35 years)
27	Evelyn Young	31	Lynwood & Beth Craig (13 years)
29	Phyllis Cox		Charles & Mindy Reynolds (13 years)
31	Alex Price		



“Mother’s Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother’s Day was created by Anna Jarvis (Grafton, West Virginia) in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914....While dates and celebrations vary, Mother’s Day most commonly falls on the second Sunday in May and traditionally involves presenting mothers with flowers, cards and other gifts.” For more facts about Mother’s Day and Anna Jarvis, visit The History Channel www.history.com/topics/holidays/mothers-day



Dustin A. Whitmore and Rachel E. Johnson were united in marriage on Saturday, April 16 at the Frontier Culture Museum.

Dustin is the son and step-son of Rick and Candi Whitmore and the nephew of Debbie Morris. Rachel is the daughter of Lisha and Steve Johnson of Mint Spring.

Dustin and Rachel have two sons, Brantley and Beckett.

Staunton Senior Center Open House

Tuesday, May 24—Friday, May 27
9:00 A.M.—1:30 P.M.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the special events throughout the week—live music on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; Ice Cream social Wednesday and magic on Friday! For more information, call Lori at 886-4634 or check out the Center on Facebook.

Remember in Your Prayers

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Amelia Berry
 Julia Boward (Bright View)
 Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)
 Beth Craig
 Dick Firebaugh
 Virginia Gregory (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)
 June Huff
 Carolyn Riley
 Jane Ruch
 Lois Ruch
 Billie Ann Spitler
 Boyd Thompson
 Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)

Friends & Family of Members:

Faith (friend of Jenn Barker)
 Gene (father of Woody Sanders)
 Libby (friend of Linda Vitt)
 Linda Y. (sister of Woody Sanders)
 Roy S. (brother of Donald Schneider)
 Mindy (mother of Kiera Barker)
 Donnie & Joy C. (friends of Jim Gibson)
 Lorraine J. (sister of Lillian Walge)
 The Fries Family
 Kerry (family of Winston Wine)
 David Y. (nephew of Karen Card)
 Kim M. (friend of Karen Card)
 Donna C. (relative of Karen Card)
 John G., Allen (friend of Stacey Wolters)
 Andrew (friend of Katie Morris)
 Darlene B. (friend of Karen Card)
 Shirley

Those Who Grieve:

Tim & Neil Fitzgerald at the death of Tim's mother, Betty Ann Fitzgerald on April 20.

Those Serving in the Military:

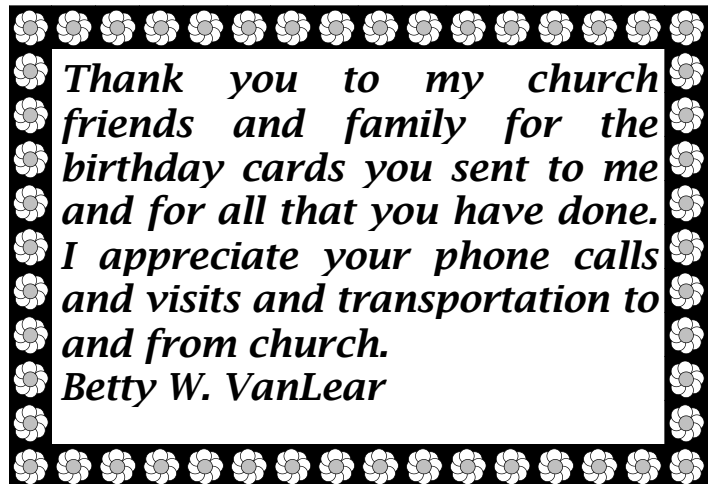
Chris, Timothy, Becky, Kevin, Derick, Sean, Dusty

Extended Concerns:

Bill Brill
 Patricia Garber (Envoy)
 Imogene Kurtz
 Esther Seltzer (Augusta Rehab & Healthcare)
 Winston Wine

Friends of Congregation with Long-Term Illness:

Danielle
 Sonia
 Mary



Music Feeds Us

Concerts to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will be presented at Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, May 15, 3:30 P.M. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. The concerts will feature the Virginia Consort. The concerts are free, however, food or monetary donations gratefully accepted for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

Celebrating their fifth anniversary season, "Music Feeds Us" has provided over 82,000 meals to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The 2016 goal is to exceed a cumulative 100,000 meals. Visit our website at www.musicfeedsus.org.

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Worship 10:30 A.M.

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Kathy Bigelow, Treasurer
Judy Matthews
Sybil McElveen
Donald Schneider
Stacey Wolters

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Our Easter Banners were designed and made by
Linda Youngblood and Robbin Youngblood.

Thank you, Linda & Robbin!

May 2016 Worship Worksheet



Date	Lessons	Hymns
May 1 Ascension of Our Lord AM: Phyllis Cox	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Gospel: Luke 24:44-53	<i>A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!</i> <i>Look, the Sight Is Glorious</i> <i>Beautiful Savior</i> <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>
May 8 7 th Sunday of Easter AM: Tom Miller	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Gospel: John 17:20-26	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> <i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i> <i>Holy God, Holy and Glorious</i> <i>The Head That Once Was Crowned</i>
May 15 Day of Pentecost AM: Suzanne Lochner	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 Gospel: John 14:8-17 (25-27)	<i>O Day Full of Grace</i> <i>Holy Spirit, Enter In</i> <i>Praise and Thanksgiving</i> <i>God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind</i>
May 22 Holy Trinity AM: Amy Kiger	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 Gospel: John 16:12-15	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!</i> <i>Come, Join the Dance of Trinity</i> <i>Like the Murmur & Come, Gracious Spirit</i> <i>Holy God, We Praise Your Name</i>
May 29 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost AM:	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Gospel: Luke 7:1-10	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>Voices Raised to You</i> <i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i> <i>God, Whose Almighty Word</i>

Those Serving in May 2016 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
05/01	Charles Shaner, Jay Shaner, Woodie Cason	Rhiannon Wiseman	Madilynn Langston	Jim Youngblood	Jim Gibson
05/08	The Langston Family	Jackson Kiger	Jamison McCarty	Suzanne Lochner	Sybil McElveen
05/15	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley, Karl Protil	Jacob Card		Karen Card	Rebecca Rhodes
05/22	Karl Protil, Jim Gibson, Evelyn Young	Kendrick McCarty	Suzanne Lochner	Diantha McCauley	Evelyn Young
05/29	Suzanne Lochner, Amy Kiger, Sue Obenschain			Phyllis Cox	Lorraine Bosserman

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 886-7907.

ALTAR & FLOWER COMMITTEE: Rebecca Rhodes & Kathy Bigelow

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR MAY 10: Nancy Dahl & Howard Wilhelm; Miriam Handley & Barbara Puzanskas





**Pentecost
Sunday
May 15**



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:45-Confirmation Class 7:00-Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal	3 9:30-Women's Bible Study & Lunch at Pleasant View	4	5 5:00-Lions Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6 10:00-Church Women United/May Friendship Day at Christ Lutheran Church	7
8 9:15-Sunday School 10:30-Worship	9 6:45-Confirmation Class 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Rehearsal	10 7:00-Church Council Meeting	11 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	12 Mental Health of America Two-Day Seminar Fellowship Hall Reserved	13	14
15 9:15-Sunday School 10:30-Worship 7:00-Staunton Choral Society Concert	16 6:30-Men's Fellowship at the home of Bill Bigelow	17 Newsletter articles due 9:30-Sew Day	18 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 9:15-Sunday School 10:30-Worship	23	24	25 12:00-Pleasant Memories 7:00-Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 9:15-Sunday School 10:30-Worship	30 Memorial Day	31				