

CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

June 2018

From Pastor McCarty

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem..."



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made fore humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath." Mark 2:27

Sunday we have one of Jesus' sabbath teachings as our Gospel lesson. Besides a miraculous healing taking place, Jesus' disciples also pluck grains on the sabbath and eat them. I love these sabbath teachings, but they always invite some careful wording, especially during the summer season when many people plan vacations that take them away for a couple of weekends. The Church wants to encourage holy devotion without mandating holy obligation.

Depending on your translation the commandment reads "Remember/Honor/Observe the sabbath and keep it holy." Remember means more than a light-hearted recall, or the reminder not to forget. Remember the sabbath calls on you to accept that the sabbath is part of who you are just like your parents and your grandparents are a part of who you are. God placed sabbath in the same Genesis-created-order that describes the creation of life and humans formed in the image of God. Actually, God separated humans, both male and female, from the sabbath by only one day. Our link to the sabbath is closer than our link to the sky and the stars or the waters and the deep. This ordering of creation leads Jesus to say that God created sabbath for people rather than creating people for the sabbath. The first part of the commandment—the call to remember—has us honor sabbath as part of the human creation story.

The second part of the commandment, "keep the sabbath holy" sets forth the purpose of the sabbath in language that walks the fine line between devotion and obligation. The sabbath commandment challenges pastors, priests and preachers. When we start talking about sabbath, it is too easy for anyone and everyone to wonder if the preacher's comments are directed at them personally. While most commandments tell us what **not to do**, the sabbath commandment tells us what **to do**. Few people like obligation. Many of us have that natural inclination to resist what others tell us to do. Even when it is scripture telling us how God would have us live. My goal, of course, is to teach appropriate devotion.

Keeping sabbath holy is to keep yourself firmly rooted in the kingdom of God. Remember the sabbath is part of who you are and the sabbath is holy time set aside by God for you. From this invitation, we begin interpreting what behaviors most appropriately remember, honor, and keep sabbath holy. I would include gathering with other Christians, reading scripture, praying to God, giving God praise and receiving the gifts of Jesus as appropriate ways to honor the holiness of the sabbath. I know that I am not alone in this description of appropriate behaviors, but I also know that there is not universal agreement in this description.

The sabbath offers us time for holy devotion and the underlying truth is that holy devotion makes us better, even stronger. Holy devotion on one day flows into our behaviors on the following days. This devotion shared with other Christians on Sunday helps strengthen our relationships with all of God's children every other day of the week. Remembering the sabbath on Wednesday looks back as well as forward, helping the kingdom of God you experience on Sunday become part of your every day life.

Have a blessed sabbath, every sabbath.
Pastor McCarty

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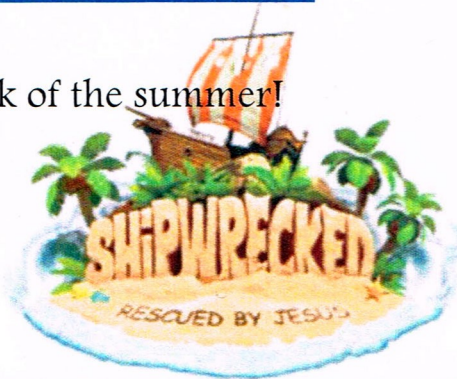
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Congregational Meeting

A brief Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2018 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss capital expense.

Please plan to stay a few minutes following worship on that day.

What is the Church Evangelical Church Endowment Fund

In 1999, members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – who were interested in the long-term financial health of the church – established the CELC Endowment Fund. The endowment was established for the purpose of creating a financial bedrock for the church. The principal is not intended to be spent but is invested in a way that will allow it to grow. The income or earnings on the fund are what can be spent each year. In Christ Lutheran's case, some donors established funds in their family name. And some donors established funds that serve a certain purpose – major maintenance and capital improvements, worship and music, evangelism and social ministry, to name a few. Some donors even established funds that are undesignated to their purpose. That means the donor has allowed for the flexibility necessary to meet a variety of needs as they arise throughout the years.

The CELC Endowment Fund is invested with Davenport and Company, in the Davenport Balanced Income Fund. This investment fund was selected because it is intended to provide a lower volatility investment option that offers a balance between current income and long-term moderate capital appreciation. As of March 31, 2018, the value of the CELC Endowment Fund was \$769,832.16. Of this total, \$654,313.62 is the portion that is considered principal – those funds contributed by our donors to be invested and from which only the earnings can be spent.

Giving to endowment is not intended to replace our annual giving to the church. We know that the money we put into the offering plate each Sunday is needed for our regular and ongoing church operations. But when we give to the Endowment Fund, we are giving a gift for the purpose of perpetuity, and we know that our money will support the church long after we're gone.

This is the first in a series of newsletter articles that will attempt to provide you with additional information about the CELC Endowment Fund. Watch for next month's article about how the endowment fund has grown over the years. You may also direct any questions or comments to the Endowment Fund Committee members: Chair Sam Rowe, Vice Chair Gene Matthews, Secretary Amy Kiger, Treasurer Becky Rhodes, and Jim Gibson.

(Submitted by Amy Kiger for the Endowment Fund.)

Lenten Garden Gifts

We are grateful for all of your gifts during the Lenten season for our Lenten Garden. We have been able to plant geraniums for our spring and summer seasons at Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you again so much for adding beauty to our garden. Rebecca Rhodes and Beth and Sam Rowe have planted beautiful container plants to be enjoyed all summer and through some of the fall!

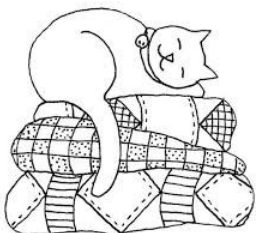
The Virginia Synod Assembly takes place at Roanoke College June 8, 9 and 10. Pastor McCarty will represent Christ Lutheran Church. Please hold Bishop Humphrey and all of the synod staff in your prayers this week.



Southern Valley Women's Conference Summer Outing

The Southern Valley Women's Conference summer outing this year will be held on July 21, 11:00 A.M. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton. Please use the parking lot in the back of the church (due to construction of the downtown parking garage). We will tour Trinity Church, with the focus being on the stained glass windows.

Following the tour, (12-12:30 P.M.) we will go to Rowe's Restaurant for lunch. The cost of the event will be \$20.33 per person. This event is open to everyone, so please bring your spouse, family and/or friends. Please see or call Kathy Rosen (886-0702) to make your reservation by June 30.



Quilting Group Sew Day
June 19, 9:30 A.M.—Downstairs Sewing Room
Come join us to help assemble quilts to be given around
the world through Lutheran World Relief!

Summer is here! Schools are out, vacations are beginning, and the weather is hot! We are in our gardens and pools. This is a more relaxed time of year for many of us. Even in the church, it is 'ordinary time', the season of the church year without major festivals. BUT – that doesn't mean that God takes a vacation, or that we should take time off from church attendance! On the contrary, the summer is a time when extraordinary things can and do happen, and this summer at Christ Lutheran is no exception!

- June 24th is the festival of John the Baptist, where we will celebrate the life of the one who heralded the coming of the Messiah.
- July 15th will again feature a quartet of young string players from the Heifetz Festival, who will provide special music throughout our worship service.
- July 29th will be the time for you to choose your favorite hymns to be sung throughout the service. Be thinking what you would choose, but don't choose "A Mighty Fortress" because we will begin with that! It has to be included!
- August? Still a mystery! What suggestions do you have?

So, don't stay home! Come to worship and raise your voice with other members of our congregation in thanksgiving for all your blessings!



Florence Jowers, Director of Music



Happy Birthday!

Happy June Birthdays to:

- 3 Diantha McCauley
- 5 Matthew Shaner
- 6 Esther Seltzer
- 7 Jon Sanders
- 8 Gerald Wells
- 12 Andrew Shaner
Beth Rowe
- 13 Aleyna Freeman-Whitmore
- 15 Carole Fedchock
- 17 Neila Luzaich
- 18 Raymond Shaner
- 20 Kathy Bigelow
- 22 Carolyn Haggerty
- 28 Annmarie Trost
- 29 Vera Blehm
Neil Lam
- 30 Elizabeth Moore



June Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 Charles & Barbara Shaner (51 years)
- 11 Sondra & Raymond Shaner (52 years)
- 12 Linda & James Youngblood (47 years)
- 23 Lynell & Gary Firebaugh (29 years)

Remember in Your Prayers

Those who Grieve:

Dorothy Briebl at the death of her sister,
Barbara Jane Sweeney

Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

Alfred Berry
Ruth Coho
Harold Craig
Lynwood Craig
Patricia Doyle (King's Daughters Healthcare)
June Huff (AMC)
Laura Luzaich (King's Daughters Healthcare)
Bobby Schneider
Betty VanLear (Brookdale)
Linda Vitt

Friends & family of members:

Sonia L.
James
Jessie G.
Joy C.
Dan R.
Patti

Our Extended-Concerns/Shut-In Members:

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

Serving in the Military:

Timothy, Becky, Derick, Sean

Thank you to my church family for all your prayers over the years for Jane. I would also like to thank Pastor McCarty and all those who were a part of Jane's Celebratory Service at Christ Lutheran Church. I appreciated your cards, visits and prayers during this time.

Sincerely, Virginia Gregory

Thank you from Staunton City Schools & the Verona Food Pantry

We received a letter from the Staunton City School Board thanking our church for the donation of hats and mittens to Bessie Weller Elementary School. We also received a certificate, which is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Brenda's office.

Lorraine Bosserman, who heads up our collection of hats and mittens each winter season, will begin receiving donations of socks, underwear and sweatpants for children ages 5 through 7 attending Bessie Weller. We will begin this collection during the month of July. A basket will be provided in the narthex for your donations. These items of clothing will be used for children who may need them for various reasons.

Our Quilting Group sponsored a food collection for the Verona Community Food Pantry this past spring. We collected 85 pounds of food that will be distributed to qualified families in our community. The collection will be repeated in the fall.

Chicken BBQ at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold their Annual Chicken BBQ Picnic on Saturday, June 16 in lovely McKinley, VA starting at 4:00 P.M. (Drive about 2 miles south of Middlebrook and then turn right on McKinley Road for another 2 miles west, to Redeemer Lutheran in the middle of McKinley Village). Take out will also be available.

Pleasant Memories

Pleasant Memories will not meet during the months of June, July and August. However, Pleasant View Lutheran Church invites you to join them on the third Thursday of the summer months for their Vesper Services. The theme is *How Can I Keep from Singing.* We'll begin at 6:00 P.M. with a light meal. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share, a lawn chair and come join us!

2018 Graduates

High School Graduates:

Ethan Bennett

Nelson County High School
Will attend Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
Grandson/Step-Grandson
of George & Neila Luzaich



Oliver Dahl

Stuart Hall
Will attend Harvey Mudd, Claremont, CA
Major: Robotics Engineering
Son of Cary & Allen Dahl
Grandson of Nancy Dahl

College Graduates:

**Melanie Rhodes*

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA
BA Degree

**Iain Wiseman*

Blue Ridge Community College
Associate of Science Degree in Engineering
Son of Suzanne Lochner & Stuart Wiseman

Beth A. Young

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
PHD in Education
Daughter-in-Law of Evelyn & Ken Young



*Member of Christ Lutheran Church

New Trinity Banner

The new Trinity Banner incorporates several Christian symbols.

-First is the circle which has no beginning and no end. God is eternal and one.

-Second, the fish have many layers of meaning. Fish is “ICTHUS” in Greek: **Ιησους Χριστος Θεου Υιος Σωτηρ** which translates to Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior. The use of three fish in a triangular shape indicates the Trinity. The colors chosen for the fish are gold for God the Father (King), Blue for God the Son (Living Water), and Red-orange for God the Holy Spirit (flames).

-Third is the triquetra, a shape formed by the overlap of three interlocking circles which show that Father, Son and Spirit are all equal, all eternal, and One God.

The banner was created by Phyllis Cox, Allyson Langston, Judy Matthews, Evelyn Young, Robbin Youngblood, and Linda Youngblood.



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Worship 10:30 A.M.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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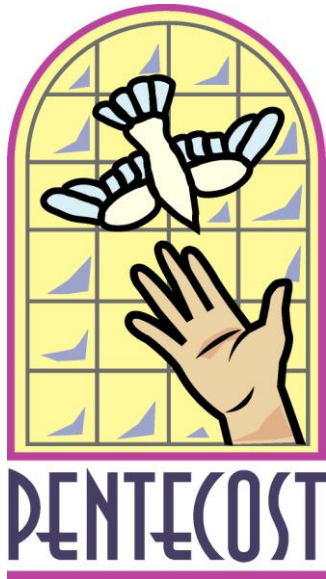
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June 2018 Worship Worksheet



Date	Lessons	Hymns
June 3 The Second Sunday after Pentecost AM: Melanie Rhodes	Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6	<i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i> <i>Dearest Jesus, At Your Word</i> <i>Holy Spirit, Truth Divine</i> <i>The Church of Christ in Every Age</i>
June 10 The Third Sunday after Pentecost AM: Tom Miller	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35	<i>Rise, Shine, You People</i> <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> <i>Now We Join in Celebration</i> <i>You Servants of God</i>
June 17 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost AM: Phyllis Cox	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Cor.5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34	<i>This Is My Father's World</i> <i>Almighty God, Your Word is Cast</i> <i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i> <i>Sent Forth By God's Blessing</i>
June 24 John the Baptist AM: Scott Langston	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 141 Acts 13:13-26 Gospel: Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]	<i>By All Your Saints</i> <i>There's A Voice in the Wilderness</i> <i>Blest Be The God of Israel</i> <i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth</i>

Those Serving in June 2018 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte/Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
6-3	Jim Gibson, Woodie Cason, Gene Matthews	Madilynn Langston	Evelyn Young	Shelda & Jay Shaner
6-10	The Langston Family	Rhiannon Wiseman	Tom Miller	Melanie Rhodes
6-17	Carolyn Haggerty & Wayne Huntley	Blaze Parker	Woody Sanders	The Langston Family
6-24	Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young	Kendrick McCarty	Sam Rowe	Beth & Sam Rowe

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 886-1079..

Altar Guild: Amy Kiger & Suzanne Lochner

Meals-on-Wheels for June 12: Kathy Bigelow, Jim Gibson & Carolyn Haggerty

