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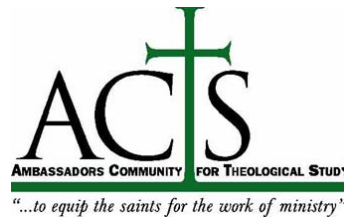
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"Introduction to the Old Testament"

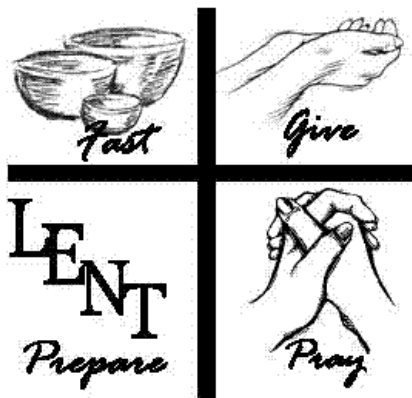
Presenter: Rev. Dr. David Delany

**March 11 & April 1, 9 am-3:30 pm; at Grace
Lutheran, Waynesboro
Small Group Sessions at Christ Church**

Over the years the Virginia Synod has offered ACTS classes for all disciples in congregations across Virginia. Disciples at Christ Church have been a part of those classes for at least the past 15 years, taking courses on the Book of Concord/Confessions, Old Testament and New Testament. This year we have 13 signed up and enthusiastic about going to strengthen their knowledge of the Old Testament, "but also (to explore) what (it) can mean to us today as we continue to pursue the call to proclaim God's blessing to all the families of earth."

The following are registered:

Darren D'Ateno	Kayley Greenday
Laura Greenday	Tinky Keen
Jim Pickels	Diane Ransone
Gerald Ransone	George Springer
The Rev. Donna Ruggles	Jeannine Springer
Jim Schnellenberger	Jim Ingraham
Judy Garnett	



Pray for them this month and on into April in this effort of faith formation. Pastor Eric is leading the small group piece.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES IN MARCH

Three of our young children are preparing to receive their First Communion this spring. Before each class we have an opportunity to eat a meal together with their families prepared by the students. Then while the students are with Pastor Eric, the adults are in another class learning about the same things and more: Baptism and baptismal promises; Holy Communion; Grace; Church; Trinity with Jim Schnellenberger.

Along with class time, the children have the opportunity to prepare the altar with the help of Linda Pickels and bake bread with Jennifer John. Those in the class this year are:

Jack Carlsen
Spencer Carlsen
Aubrey Conway

Do keep them in your prayers in this faith formation opportunity.

2017 Annual Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran was held February 26, 2017 following the 10:30 service. The congregation approved two major pieces of business on the agenda at this meeting. The first item was approval of the 2016 Annual Report presented by the Congregation Council. This year's report contained a comprehensive summary of the many different ministries that exist here at our church.

The second item was the approval of a new Continuing Resolution on long-term planning. This resolution was proposed to compliment the resolutions approved by the congregation at last September's meeting and helps provide a formal frame work from which the Council can continue to plan and build ministries for Christ Lutheran. Both agenda items were approved unanimously by the congregation.

Important Dates	
Mar. 12, 19, 26	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
Mar. 12	Scout Sunday @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
Mar. 13, 20, 27	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
Mar. 13	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Mar. 15, 22, 29	Mid-Week Lenten Dinner (5:45 pm) & Service (6:30 pm) @ Our Lady of Lourdes
Mar. 12, 19	Youth Gathering @ 4:00-7:00 pm Confirmation @ 4:00
Mar. 25, 26	Hunger Rumble @ First Lutheran, Norfolk
Mar. 21, 29	LAMB'S Basket Volunteer Days, 9:30-1:00
Mar. 27	Evangelism @ 7:00
Mar. 12	First Communion Class @ 12:00—1:15 pm
Mar. 19	First Communion Class, either Service, @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
Mar. 16, 23, 30	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
Mar. 12, 19, 26	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm

Please check the online church calendar (www.christlutheran.org) at anytime for information about church meetings, events and activities.

Welcome Back to *Martina Cathey* who returns to her CLC Nursery Duties!!



SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY:

Adult Class in the Central Classroom; led by Harry Heckel & Trenton Hizer.
Each class can stand alone, so don't worry if you miss one! There's always more to learn.

1st & 3rd SUNDAYS:

Preschool - 1st Grade in Educational Wing

Teacher for March 19: Dawn Bahen; teacher for April 2: Suzanne Conway

2nd - 4th grade in Educational Wing; led by Nikki Proffitt & Vanessa Baltor

These opportunities for your children center on the ELCA's SPARK curriculum. Children will learn the basic Bible stories and what they can mean to them in their lives.

5th - Middle School in Ed. Wing; led by David Ingraham. *David again teaches this class again at the request of his students, so you don't want them to miss this one as they delve deeply into the symbols and life of the church and explore how faith can be active in daily life!*

YOUTH GROUP GATHERING NEWS

What a strong Youth Group we have at Christ Church! In February we continued working on our Lenten gifts to the congregation which included a field trip to construct wooden crosses.

Please note the schedule for March has changes.

March 12: 4-7 pm CPR by Nancy Hendrickson (*Basic CPR Training*)
March 19: 4-7 pm Youth Group Gathering
March 25: Hunger Rumble

We thank Jim Schnellenberger and Don Bentz for working with our youth on the crosses.

**2017 Hunger Rumble
March 24-25, 2017
at First Lutheran, Norfolk
Youth—Grades 7-12**

Are you hungry to see God's justice done in world?

...then join us for worship, games, service projects, and to learn about the causes of hunger and how to help in your community and around the world!



LAMB's Basket

Many Thanks to the anonymous person/group who gave the generous food contribution in specially marked boxes! March's schedule is **Tuesday, 7 & 21 and Wednesday, March 29**. Remember, Lamb's Basket is always in need of brown paper bags with handles & plastic bags; as well as egg cartons.

Lakeside Wednesday PLARCUM Lent, 2017 (Presbyterian/Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic/United Methodist) Theme: "Our Need for Reconciliation"

Four Christian faith traditions are gathering together yet another year to observe Lent, the season of Jesus' journey to the cross, and to follow him on that path for the sake of the world. Five congregations in the Lakeside area are sponsoring these Wednesday evenings to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 8200 Woodman Road; Henrico, VA, from 5:45-7:30 pm.

Our communities, nation, and world seem to be torn apart at every turn. Families are divided; politics has become more combative and divisive. People of various races continue to suspect the "other." Nations are at war with other nations and with their own people. It's even to the point that faith traditions can't seem to get along with each other and congregations fail to sense much harmony. These evening events offer the opportunity to come together around a common table to confront many of the issues that divide us and to discuss potential resolution rooted the reconciling factor of the cross of Jesus.

Each evening is open to all and begins at 5:45 pm with a simple meal provided and continues with program and worship starting at 6:30 pm and ending by 7:30 pm. The topics are as follows:

- March 8 – In the Family (Seminarian Dan Molochko)
- March 15 – *In Our Nation and In Our World* (Doug Johnston)
- March 22 – *In and Among the Faith Traditions* (Pastor Janet Winslow,
Bon Air Presbyterian Church)
- March 29 – *Among the Races* (John Taylor)
- April 5 – *In the Congregation* (TBA)

**Sponsored by: Lakeside PLARCUM
Lakeside Presbyterian Church; Overbrook Presbyterian Church;
Christ Lutheran Church; Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal;
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; Lakeside United Methodist Church**

Congratulations to: Gladys Progner who is excited to announce the birth of her first great-granddaughter, Madison Grace Talman. Baby Madison was born on February 15 to Calla & Ricky Talman, in Atlanta, GA. Proud Grandparents are Gladys' daughter/son-in-law Jan and Chuck Franz, in Ohio.

Prayers of Sympathy for Anna L. Dunker's Death – Feb. 2, 2017 & Her Funeral was February 7, 2017 (Wife of Joe Dunker & Mother of Laura Mills).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Faith	Hobson	03/02
Kathleen	Painter	03/03
Kendall	Snyder	03/04
Simron	Richard	03/07
Laurie	Bost	03/08
Daniel	Walther	03/08
Abigail	Bahen	03/08
Michael	Rydel	03/09
John	Jung	03/10
Heather	Painter	03/10
Jack	Bahen	03/10
Roxanne	Melin	03/11
Jeremy	Ott	03/12
KaRahn	Gaymon	03/13
Connie	Lesko	03/14
Katherine	Carlsen	03/14
Don	Jones	03/15
Linda	Mahovtas	03/15
Alexander	Kelley	03/18
Chad	Foltz	03/18
Linda	Keener	03/19
John	Mahovtas	03/22
Trey	Rydel	03/24
Tyler	Rydel	03/24
Cathy	Lantz	03/28
Stephanie	Feaser	03/28
Gertrude	Hill	03/29

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY doesn't appear on the monthly list for the *Parish News*, it's because we don't have a record of it! If yours is missing, give us a call (266-5775) or email Katy at bearskaty@aol.com so we can include you in the newsletter.

Remembering Those in Need of Prayer



An important ministry at Christ Lutheran Church is remembering people in prayer. But so often the person and the name of the one who submitted the person get lost in the months that pass. Though God is not bound by our naming and remembering, it is important that the Church be a good steward of each person's name. Because we want to be intentional about our congregation's prayer life, we offer the following:

*The bulletin now carries the names of persons who have been recently submitted.

*The newsletter contains our homebound members, those family and friends serving our country, and friends and relatives in need of long term prayers.

*And, you may place names of anyone under the stone on the altar at any time. These will be left there for about 1 month.

Please remember: you need to continue to be an intentional steward of the person's name you submit. Keep pastor and the church office "in the loop" as conditions change; make sure we all can celebrate the "prayers answered" by taking that person's name off the prayer lists.

Members, Friends & Relatives in Need of Long Term Prayers:

Greyson Stephans (infant cousin of Frank Greenday), Lillian Partlow (Diane Ransone's mother), Rawud Richard, Sandra Bocclair, Alice Lucan (sister of Carol Grayson), Dawn Mottet, Jean Vizthum, Vonnie Tritt, Joe Dunker, Tricia Fernandez, Mauri Hade, Ted Dean (uncle to Scott & Melissa Luchau), Loren Johnson, Eleanor Hemenway, Karen Dent Haywood (friend of Mitch Roberts), Frank Greenday, Steve Brackmann (friend of Melissa Luchau), Belen Sakdalan-Valladores (friend of Cleo Meece,) Ina Nuckols, Donna Conway.

Family & Friends Serving Our Country:

Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Oliver Clayton, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt & Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, John A. Mitas III, Josh Mullins, and Vincent Salla.

Dear Christ's Disciples,

The record assures us that since Caesarea Philippi when Peter said to him, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus' disciples walked with him all the way to the Upper Room on the first Maundy Thursday. No side trips for them!

Why? From then on Jesus said "that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering...and be killed, and on the third day be raised." If your leader said such things, I am sure you would not let her or him out of your sight, if for no other reason than to see how that all turned out.

We've used the term "disciple" quite a lot these past several years at Christ Church. It makes more sense to use this ancient New Testament word to refer to Jesus' followers than the term "members." We are more than members of a club. My Junior High gym/health teacher spoke of that kind of membership, describing the rolls of the local hose company (local volunteer fire department...but that's another story). "There are three kinds of members: those you rarely see; those who go for the parties; those who fight the fires and rescue the cats."

The idea of discipleship is that we **all** "fight the fires and rescue the cats." We are there getting training to serve; we are there to support each other; we are there on the front lines; and we are there because we cannot do otherwise.

In that Upper Room John's gospel records that Jesus called those disciples "friends" three times. One example is John 15:15: "I have called you friends." In fact, these, and then once more when the risen Jesus called to them from the shore, are the only times that the word "friend" is used in that gospel. Kind of makes you think.

C.S. Lewis said that, "friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You, too? I thought I was the only one.'" When I was in seminary, a professor's son died tragically. There was a wandering go on; the campus was in a daze. No one wanted to admit it. After all we were seminarians and as pastors would deal with death. Some of us found ourselves in a lounge area, each of us thinking the Lewis thought. We will always be best of friends.

All this sums up the disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples...friends...journeying to the cross, not knowing what to expect but knowing who to suspect is with them. Disciples...friends...journey-ing to the cross, afraid to continue and afraid to leave. Disciples... friends...journeying to the cross, knowing that we are not the only ones who feel this way. Disciples...friends...journeying together beyond the empty tomb.

On his death bed Martin Luther wrote this on a piece of paper: "We are all mere beggars showing other beggars where to find the bread." Sums up the disciples of Jesus; describes the friends of Jesus. May this describe us at Christ's church.

In Nomine Jesu,
Pastor Eric

March 2017 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4
5 9:15 Early Ensemble 9:30 Bell Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Bell Choir	6	7	8 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Worship 8:00 Chancel Choir	9 7:30 Chancel Choir	10	11
12 9:40 Women's Ens. 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Bell Choir	13	14	15 7:30 Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 9:15 Early Ensemble 9:30 Bell Choir 10:00 Chancel Choir	20	21	22 7:30 Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26 7:50 Early Ensemble 9:15 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir	27	28	29 7:30 Chancel Choir	30	31	

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

We Reveal God's Love

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Brothers and sister graced with the Cross of Jesus Christ
joyously drawn together by the Good News into a ministry of
seeking, sharing, caring and serving

The People of Christ Lutheran Church, Ministers

The Reverend Eric J. Moehring, Pastor
Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant
Linda Keener, Music Director
Heather Heckel, Web Master
Carol Jones, Newsletter Editor

Congregational Officers and Council Members

James Ingraham, President	Nancy LaVier, Secretary
Jim Schnellenberger, Vice President	Paul Quel, Treasurer
Cindy Williamson, Financial Secretary	
Carol Jones	Darren D'Ateno
Sandra Bocclair	Cathleen Jacobson
Lucas Cochran	Mat Lewis
Bill Mottet	

Sunday Schedule

Worship:	8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
Faith Formation	9:25-10:15 am
	Weekly for: Adults
	1 st & 3 rd Sundays for: Preschool-1 st Grade
	and 2 nd -4 th grade & 5 th -Middle school

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