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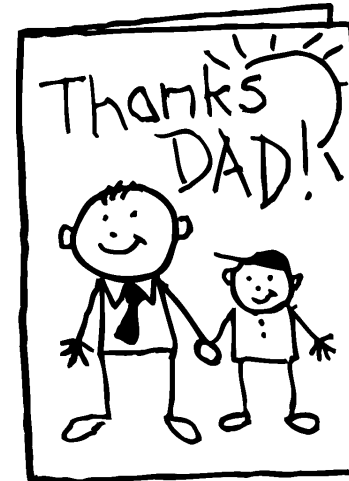
Christus Victor Lutheran Church

# THE VENTURE

June & July 2011

**Mission Statement:** *We are children of God called to be the light for others to know the Grace of God through Jesus Christ.*

## "An Open Letter To Dads"



There are so many things I'd like  
To tell you face to face;  
I either lack the words or fail  
To find the time or place.  
But in this special letter Dad,  
You'll find, at least in part,  
The feelings that the passing years  
Have left within my heart.

The memories of childhood days  
And all that you have done  
To make our home a happy place  
And growing up such fun.  
I still recall the walks we took,  
The games we often played;  
Those confidential chats we had  
While resting in the shade.

This letter comes to Thank you, Dad,  
For needed words of praise;  
The counsel and the guidance, too,  
That shaped my grown up days.  
No words of mine can tell you, Dad,  
The things I really feel;  
But you must know my love for you  
Is lasting, warm and real.

You make my world a better place  
And through the coming years,  
I'll keep these memories of you  
As cherished souvenirs.

*Sunday School 9:15 a.m. .... Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.*

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**Pastor**..... The Rev. James Huffman

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## FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The last of the 50 glorious days of Easter are coming. During these days we have had the joy of experiencing the good news of the resurrection. On the Sundays following Easter we have shared in the stories of the encounters of the apostles with the risen Lord. The smell and beauty of the Easter lilies have begun to fade but still linger to remind us of their beauty. Trees, flowers, and plants have come alive, begun to bloom and the first hints of fruit are beginning to appear. This is truly a time to celebrate the wonder of new life.

Much like the Apostles we may be witnesses to the resurrection and encountered the risen Jesus in different ways in our lives and we have a certain amount of difficulty understanding and allowing the wonder and joy to be an active part of our living. The events of the world cause us to question the personal challenges that confront us and threaten to take the joy and wonder of the Easter experience. We can struggle to comprehend and make sense of the marvelous act of God and look for reason in the tragic and traumatic event of the world to little avail or we can remember the promise of Jesus that he would send to us the "advocate" that would reveal all truth to us.

The day of Pentecost is the day when the "advocate" comes and the Apostles had all truth revealed to them. On that day all people could hear God's word in their own tongue and were perceived to be drunk. Pentecost did not mark an end to all troubles nor an end to the word's assault on the wonder and joy that is God's gift. Here is the help we need the resource to inspire and sanctify us. Here is the day we celebrate the gift that is ours and allows us to know and grow as the children of God's Grace, in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

On June 12, as we celebrate the day of Pentecost let's allow the gift of the Holy Spirit, given in our baptism, affirmed at our confirmation and renewed each week in word and sacrament, to bring to our lives that spirit of wonder, amazement and joy of the risen Lord.

SHALOM

Pastor Huffman

## Ministers in God's House /JULY 2011

### 8:00 am Schedule

#### Acolytes

- 3 A Jordan Dye
- 10 A Betty Lyles
- 17 A Kathy Huffman
- 24 A Malina Scott
- 31 A Laurel Seibert

#### Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 3 LR Lydia Scott  
CA Jeff Scott AM
- 10 LR Kathy Huffman  
CA Lydia Scott AM
- 17 LR Malina Scott  
CA Pat Canada AM Calista Stevens
- 24 LR Jeff Scott  
CA Joan Wilson AM
- 31 LR Lydia Scott  
CA Calista Stevens AM

Altar Guild: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Betty Lyles

Bread Baker for the Month: Judy Meade

#### Ushers & Greeter

- 3 U Calista Stevens G Dominic Silha
- 10 U Jeff Scott G Calista Stevens
- 17 U Mike Green G Joan Wilson
- 24 U Dominic Silha G Pat Canada
- 31 U Joan Wilson G Mike Green

#### Offering Stewards

- 3 Bob Lewis
- 10 Paul Sipe
- 17 Ann Redick
- 24 Ann Redick
- 31 Bob Lewis

#### Hosts After Worship 10:30 Service

- 3 Jane & Kenneth Leese
- 10 The Moens
- 17 The Propsts
- 31 JoAnn Scott, Barbara Hallan

### 10:30 am Schedule

#### Acolytes

- 3 A Thomas Herring
- 10 A Brooklyn Justice
- 17 A Julia Chappell
- 24 A Phillip Moen
- 31 A Alan Webster

#### Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 3 LR Jacob Chappell  
CA Joyce Visconti AM Diana Hicks
- 10 LR Virginia Leese  
CA Bryan Chappell AM Cristen Chappell
- 17 LR Joyce Visconti  
CA Bob Feltey AM Holly Zemke
- 24 LR Bryan Chappell  
CA John Moen, Holly Zemke
- 31 LR Sue Feltey  
CA Judy Meade, Virginia Leese

Altar Guild: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jane Leese,

Sarah Johnson

Bread Baker for the Month: John Redick

#### Nursery

- 3 Kathy Huffman, Alex Moen
- 10 The Websters
- 17 Kathy Hopson, Alex Moen
- 24 Paul & Robyn Sipe
- 31 Laura & Tyler Reid

#### Ushers

- 3 Lauren Baker, Bryan Chappell
- 10 John & Alex Moen
- 17 John Redick, Helen Frederick
- 24 Brigitte Cooke, Jacob Chappell
- 31 Harry & Joleen Propst

#### Greeters

- 3 Kathy Hopson
- 10 John Redick
- 17 Virginia Leese
- 24 Joyce Visconti
- 31 Jane Leese

## Ministers in God's House /JUNE 2011

### 8:00 am Schedule/

#### Acolytes

- 5 A Church In the Park/No Early Service
- 12 A Malina Scott
- 19 A Laurel Seibert
- 26 A Dominic Silha

#### Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 5 Church In the Park/No Early Service
- 12 LR Kathy Huffman  
CA Pat Canada AM
- 19 LR Malina Scott  
CA Joan Wilson AM Calista Stevens
- 26 LR Jeff Scott  
CA Calista Stevens AM

Altar Guild: 12, 19, 26 Pat Canada

Bread Baker for the Month: Pat Canada

#### Ushers & Greeter

- 5 Church In the Park/No Early Service
- 12 U Joan Wilson G Dominic Silha
- 19 U Jordan Dye G Mike Green
- 26 U Pat Canada G Joan Wilson

#### Offering Stewards

- 5 Polly Quinn
- 12 Carrie Butler
- 19 Carrie Butler
- 26 Paul Sipe

**RE: MINISTERS IN GOD'S HOUSE:** If you cannot serve on the date scheduled, please find a substitute and call the church office the *Tuesday before you are to serve* for the change to be published in the Sunday bulletin.

### 10:30 am Schedule

#### Acolytes

- 5 Church In the Park at 10:00 AM
- 12 A Alexes Carroll
- 19 A Riley Sipe
- 26 A Jacob Chappell

#### Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 5 LR John Redick/Church In the Park  
CA Judy Meade/Church In the Park
- 12 LR Barb Trapp-Moen  
CA Virginia Leese AM Cristen Chappell
- 19 LR Kathy Hopson  
CA Barb Trapp-Moen AM Holly Zemke
- 26 LR Bob Feltey  
CA Kathy Hopson, Diana Hicks

Altar Guild: 12, 19, 26 Sue Feltey

Bread Bakers for the Month: The Hopsons

#### Nursery

- 5 Church In the Park at 10:00 AM
- 12 Paul & Robyn Sipe
- 19 Laura & Tyler Reid
- 26 Kathy Hopson, Alex Moen

#### Ushers & Greeters

- 5 Church In the Park at 10:00 AM
- 12 U John Redick, Helen Frederick G Jane Leese
- 19 U Brigitte Cooke, Jacob Chappell  
G Helen Frederick
- 26 U Joleen & Harry Propst G Lauren Baker

#### Hosts After Worship 10:30 Service

- 5 Church In the Park at 10:00 AM
- 12 Pam Herring
- 19 The Hicks
- 26 The Justices

*A GIRLS' NIGHT OUT  
CORDIALLY INVITING*

*All Women including teens and young  
girls (11+)*

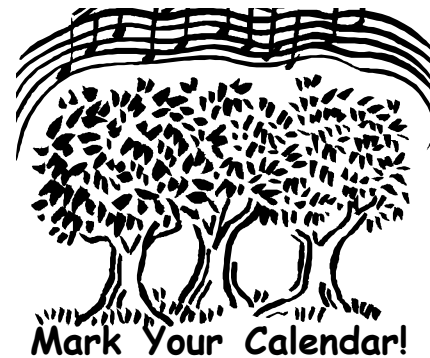
*MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011*

*An evening Dinner at 6:30 PM*

*KEMP'S SEAFOOD HOUSE*

*115 Page Point Circle  
Durham, NC 27703*

*CONTACT JOLEEN PROPST  
(596-7534)*



*Church In The Park  
June 5, 2011  
We will gather at 10:00 AM  
Worship at 10:30 AM  
At Solite Park*

#### **Needed . . .**

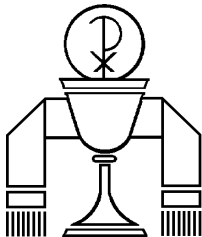
We now have the tools in place to record our wonderful worship and special services at CVLC. We need a few A/V techs to step up and learn how to set up for recording services. No special skills needed, it's easy to learn. Will need to be able to use a step stool to hook up the camera and learn the basics of turning on and off the wireless mics. We will develop a regular schedule and/or add this to the Ministers in God's house scheduling. If interested and for more information, please contact John Redick (810-3016) as soon as possible. We look forward to generating DVD's for visitors, shut-ins and web viewing, so pitch in and help!

**"A Miracle In the Mountains"**

"In 1913 Doctors Eustace and Mary Martin Sloop started a school in the poverty entrenched mountains of western North Carolina, because they believed education is the best way for a child to rise above his circumstances. The Sloops trudged on foot and rode horseback in steep dirt trails in isolated mountain valleys to bring medicine to the people and convinced farmers to let their children go to school. Because of poverty and distance the Sloop school in Crossnore eventually took in boarders then built dormitories to accommodate them. It gained a national reputation for effectiveness in changing lives and in breaking the cycle of poverty, moonshine and child marriages of mountain families."

The Sloops built a school, hospital, Dental Clinic, and eventually a boarding school to give children a basis for an improved life. They rallied an improved life for Avery county, and for children who could no longer live at home. Their school became a full fledged residential childcare facility. They also built the charter school, Crossnore Academy which was the initiative of 100 more innovative schools in the state. Because of their inspiration and great contribution to society we Women of the ELCA contribute to the great work that they are still doing.

Because of their memorable story at Crossnore it has become a popular theatrical production called "Miracle On the Mountain" which is presented annually in the summer months. We will be taking another tour this year, and seeing this production on Friday evening, July 15 at 7 p.m. (Other dates are July 14, and 16, July 16 at 10:00 a.m.) This trip will consist of one overnight, returning home the next day. The accommodations on campus are highly rated, and reasonably affordable at \$50 a night, and \$12 a ticket for the theatrical production. Donations, also, are encouraged. It's a great family affair for there are also camping facilities and other lodging located off the campus which can allow for a really nice vacation on the Blue Ridge Parkway. So, I highly recommend this outing, and encourage you join us for it is quite interesting, and enjoyable. If you are interested please contact Joleen Propst (596-7534) for tickets. There are several sightseeing highlights which include shopping, praying, eating, and just relaxing. You won't be disappointed.



**From the Altar Guild**

The Guild thanks Robyn Sipe for baking the Communion bread for May and thanks Virginia Leese for supplying the Communion wine.

**Around the Parish . . .**



**Change of address . . .**

✉ Ocria Berry, 672 Clear Ave, St. Paul, MN 55106

✉ Brightta Cooke, 79 Green Tree Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

✉ Ashley Parks, 310 N 25th St., #B, Richmond, VA 23223



*Dear Christus Victor Members, Keith and I really appreciate the Love Offering. We are so grateful for such a loving congregation! The funds will definitely help with Keith's medical expenses and therapy.*

*Thanks to everyone,  
Love Emily and Keith Leese*



**From Property Board . . .**

Many hands make light work – Remember that the third Saturday of each month is the regularly scheduled property board work day. There's typically some light cleaning, organizing and yard work to do, as well as basic maintenance tasks. We always have needed and interesting things to do, so come on out one third Saturday this summer and contribute your time and talents to the upkeep of God's house. Contact John Redick for more information.

**Early Harvest For Urban Ministry**



The Outreach Board will sponsor a food drive for Urban Ministry again this year.

Urban Ministry receives most of their food donations during the months of November

and December, BUT the cupboards are bare NOW. We need you to donate canned meat, canned vegetables, juice, dry milk, juices, teas, coffee, staples, condiments, baby foods, disposable diapers, paper products, hygiene items and ESPECIALLY PEANUT BUTTER AND CEREAL. (Please no glass containers.) Boxes are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

Children are not in school these months of summer which means they are not getting free breakfasts and lunches. REMEMBER, this will be our Outreach project for the months of June and July.

We often help Lutheran World Relief. and now we need your help here in Durham. PLEASE donate much and often.



*Ann & John Redick thank all our CVLC family for their prayers and support during our niece's illness and, sadly, upon her death May 12.*





## Women of the ELCA

Hello, Ladies! Hello, June and July! It's that time again when the children are out of school, and just enjoying life at it's fullest. No more school, unless of course, if you live in Wake County. The summer months present a challenge, for everyone is out and about...with a busy time. I highly encourage that no matter how time flies, pray and listen...Christ our Lord flies with you. He is ever present in your heart. Take that special time for Him, for you and renew...in the light of His goodness and Grace.

We are about to take our summer break, and we'll see you in the fall. So, I would like you to all mark your calendars for we have some a goodies for you.

We Women of the ELCA would like to invite you to our Annual June Dinner which takes place this year on Monday, June 13 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at Kemp's Seafood House in Durham, NC - 115 Page Point Circle on the corner of Page Rd. and Rt. 70 (Glenwood Rd) There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All women, young girls, and teens (11+) are invited. Now, if your hubby, son, or boyfriend wishes they could go...bring them. Our only female gender invitation isn't written in stone. The more the merrier. My Bob just might show up. You never know. LOL For more information contact Joleen Propst (596-7534)

On Friday, July 15 we're taking another trip to Crossnore School Campus to see their highly rated production "Miracle On the Mountain." We'll be staying overnight, and leaving on Saturday. The tour starts on Friday at 2:00 PM., and the production is at 7 PM. Lodging is \$50, and tickets are \$12.00 per person. Please check out my Ad here in the Venture regarding this wonderful event. In case you are new, or don't know much about Crossnore, and what they stand for, I have given you a brief run down of their history, work and accomplishments. They are a Miracle on the Mountain. Please feel free to Google them and read all about it. It is heartwarming and inspirational. For more information, tickets, and lodging on campus contact Joleen Propst (596-7534).

A few retreats are happening if you are interested.

\*June 10-12 - Annual NCSWO gathering - at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, NC. This is always a good thing to go to if you are able to do so. There is much joy with our sisters in fellowship.

\*July 14-17 - Eighth Triennial Gathering - Spokane, Washington. We won't be attending this, but we are sending them a \$50 contribution for their service.

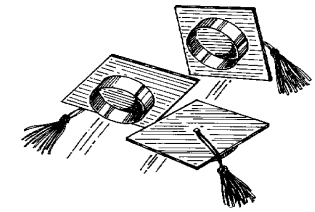
\*October 15 - Saturday - Triangle Fall Gathering - Christus Victor Lutheran Church. We will be hosting this event, and we look forward to working with all those of you who will help us by participating. Mark you calendars.

On May 8 we sang very well known traditional hymns in a sing a long with some of the residents at Seasons of South Point. It was very enjoyable seeing that they still could connect with us through Christ with these very popular cherished hymns. It's a good thing to see the love that is in that room...a wonderful, rewarding gathering.

Continue to remember our charities. Full lists can be found downstairs in the Fellowship Hall on the WELCA Bulletin Board. I've decided to send each member of the congregation a list of all the charity needs in a mass Church e-mail. You can then print it out, and keep it in a place that will remind you before you go shopping. So, be looking for it sometime during the summer.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7 PM. in the large classroom at the church. JoAnn Scott who will lead our Bible Study will continue on in Chapter 13 in the book of Romans. JoAnn will also be our hostess for the evening. We hope to see you there. God Bless and have a great summer.

Joleen Propst/President JoAnn Scott/Vice-President Sue Feltey/Secretary Polly Quinn/Treasurer



## Congratulations Graduates!

### \*Ian Reid

*Camelot Academy - Ian will enter UNC-Ashville*

### \*Kristen Schleich

*Grace Christian School, Raleigh  
Kristen will enter UNC-Greensboro  
Majoring in Architecture, Interior Design  
(granddaughter of Betty Lyles)*

### \*Lydia Scott

*MS Degree from NCCU*

### \*Malina Scott

*NC School of Science and Math  
Malina will enter Howard University*

### \*Dominic Silha

*Dominic was the salutatorian at the  
Southern School of Engineering High  
School - Dominic will enter the Civil  
Engineering program at Minnesota State  
University at Mankato.*

### \*Wayne Wilhelm

*Master of Divinity from Shaw University  
(son of Betty Lyles)*

## A Graduation Prayer

Our Father, grant that the promised day may soon come when culture and learning, education and pity, shall again light all lamps that wars have extinguished; when all wanderers can return to their homes and their little gardens; when men to men the world o'er shall brothers be; when all of us may be united in the high adventure of building a better world. In Thy name, who art the Father of us all, we make this prayer. Amen



### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Roberta Moore
- 3 Will Burger
- 7 Suse Bradshaw
- 11 Virginia Leese
- 20 Whitney Gilbert
- 26 Grace Maddocks
- 26 Jason Seibert
- 27 Sophia Maddocks
- 28 Jeff Scott
- 28 Jennifer Maddocks
- 28 Michael Green II

### **June Anniversaries**

- 7 Harry & Joleen Propst
- 26 Jim & Nancy Pollard
- 26 Ben & Katie Coughenour
- 27 Keith & Emily Leese
- 29 Jeff & Pam Stevens



## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **July Birthdays**

- 3 Larry Santeramo
- 5 Phillip Moen
- 6 Kelsey Bennett
- 9 Elizabeth Webster
- 10 Kenny Butler
- 11 Robyn Sipe
- 17 Kenneth Leese
- 19 Denise Santeramo
- 19 Greg Peeler
- 22 Keith Leese
- 22 Jessica Quinn
- 22 Angela Thoreson
- 23 Michelle Wilson
- 23 Ian Webster
- 25 Nancy Pollard
- 26 Kristin Seibert
- 26 Shannon Green
- 26 Karen Geisler
- 27 Helen Frederick
- 28 Kody Green

### **July Anniversaries**

- 19 Michael & Barbara Green
- 20 James & Kathy Huffman
- 26 George & Shannon Trantas
- 28 Ken & Jane Leese
- 31 Scott & Tammy Justice

*The Venture*

*Deadline is...*



*July 18, 2011*