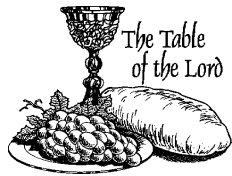


First Communion Class



Four young people, Bryan Miller, Danny Potts, Paul James, and Tyler Reid are enrolled in the First Communion instruction. This class is

designed to prepare the four for communion, at their grade level.

Holy Communion will then be a part of their church life and their total Confirmation experience. They will learn all about Holy Communion as it was instituted by Christ and held by the church as one of the Means of Grace, when they enter Confirmation instruction a few years from now.

The Event of their First Communion will take place on Sunday, November 2.



Inquirer's Class

An Inquirer's Class for those interested in the doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Church, is in the planning stages. This is the class that leads to adult church membership for those who cannot be received by Transfer from another Lutheran church.

Your Help Is Needed!!!



The Live Nativity will be held on December 13 from 6-9:00 p.m. The first planning meeting was held September 9 and since only three people came for the meeting, Holly Zemke made

telephone calls to members of the congregation that night to see if they would participate. Thanks to all who made a commitment to be part of this production. Please contact Holly Zemke (806-0665) or e-mail her at ghzemke@mindspring.com, if you are willing to take part in the Live Nativity.

People are needed to fill character spots. If you can stand still for 15 to 20 minutes in the cold, be sure and contact Holly. Lead people to help with coordination are also needed.

Please mark your calendar for TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 for the next meeting at the church, at 7:00 p.m.



Accompanist/Choir Director Needed



If you know of anyone who would be interested and would want to interview for this position, please contact Betty Lyles or Judy Meade.

Ministers in God's House /October 2003

10:00 am Worship

Acolytes & Crucifers

- 5 A Paul James C Matthew Johnson
- 12 A Alex Moen C Mario Scott
- 19 A Melissa Quinn C Alex Moen
- 26 A Ian Reid C Matthew Johnson

Lay Readers/Communion Assistants & Altar Guild

- 5 LR Eileen Morgan
- CA&AG Scott Justice, John Moen
- 12 LR Nancy-Anne Potts
- CA&AG Betty Lyles, Judy Meade
- 19 LR Polly Quinn
- CA&AG Jackie Reynolds, Holly Zemke
- 26 LR Jackie Reynolds
- CA&AG Joe & Kathleen St. Lawrence

Nursery

- 5 Nancy-Anne Potts, Laura Reid
- 12 Robyn Sipe, Elizabeth Webster
- 19 Gerry & Carrie Butler
- 26 Joyce & Rocky Visconti

Ushers

- 5 Jeff & Pam Stevens
- 12 George & Alexis Thompson
- 19 Joyce & Rocky Visconti
- 26 Joan Wilson, Gary Zemke



*November Venture
Deadline . . .
Monday, October 20*



Greeters

- 5 Lorie Bloomer, Elizabeth Webster
- 12 Ocriea Berry, Tammy Justice
- 19 Mary Bateman, Pat Canada
- 26 Beth Miller, Nancy-Anne Potts

Hosts After Worship

- 5 Stewardship Potluck Luncheon
- 12 Joe & Kathleen St. Lawrence
- 19 Jeff & Lydia Scott
- 26 Paul & Robyn Sipe

Offering Stewards

- 5 Pam Stevens, Ralph Maddocks
- 12 Carrie Butler
- 19 Carrie Butler
- 26 Joe & Kathleen St. Lawrence

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.



*For all of you who served so faithfully
as Ministers In God's House,
we thank you so very much.
You are all so special and you are
appreciated.*



Pastor Huggins,

It was a delight worshipping in Word & Sacraments, with you and the Saints at Christus Victor. Doris and I are impressed with the friendliness of the congregation. Our daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Jim Martin, are fortunate in finding such a friendly and faithful congregation.

THANKS

IN CHRIST

Pastor Dave Hunsberger
Pastor Emeritus
Trinity Lutheran Church
New Holland, PA



Christmas Tree....

Would you like to donate the Christmas Tree this year in memory or in honor of a love one? If you would like to do this,

please contact Betty Lyles 544-7995 or e-mail lylesbem@earthlink.net.

From the Interim Pastor . . .



Suppose I take your picture with my digital camera, transfer the picture into my computer, print one or two copies, and show them to you. Suppose you like the picture, and want more copies. Good, I can make them. On the other hand, you may not like the picture, and may say one or two of a number of things about it.

You may say, "I don't look like that." Maybe not, but for 1/250th of a second, from where I was standing, you looked like that. You may say, "That's awful, you should throw it away." Fine. While the picture may look good to me, it obviously doesn't look good to you.

Some years ago, I took a drawing class at the local community college to settle once and for all, the question of whether or not I could draw or paint. At one point we set up our easels in squares, so that I was looking at the profile of someone else, and she looked at another person, and the fourth person was looking at me. After I drew the profile of the person in front of me, I decided that it was not just bad, it was an insult to the nice lady, so when the class was over I gave away my pads and charcoals. She either didn't think it was so bad, or was just being nice about it when she looked at it and smiled.

That's when it occurred to me that we think of such things in a subjective way. I look at a picture, and if it looks like me, I think it is a mass of hairless wrinkles, and is utterly terrible, while others may think it is a good picture. I may have to admit it looks like me, even though I prefer it looked like Brad Pitt.

So, what happens when God looks directly at you, not at a picture, but at you — and at me? Well, what happens when you look at a picture of your child? Same thing, it's a good picture because of who it is. So, when we look deep down in ourselves, we see the disturbing sinfulness that we hope no one else sees, especially God. But, when God looks at us, through us, deep down inside of us, God sees his child, one whom he dies for, forgives, saves, loves, and cherishes in spite of all evil that we know to be there.

Can you and I remember that? If we can remember what we look like to God, rather than to others, or ourselves then our lives will be filled with joy as we go about his business in his kingdom, in this world.

Love, Pastor Huggins



August Record of Giving

| | August Actual | August YTD | Eight Month Budget |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Monies Given | \$ 10,069 | 85,601 | 103,200 |
| Monies Used for Ministry | <u>\$ 8,242</u> | <u>70,730</u> | 103,200 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 1,827 | 14,871 | |

Around the Parish . . .



From the Parish Register:

☐ **Julia Corinne Rowland**, daughter of Gil and Melissa Rowland was baptized at Christus Victor on August 31, 2003.

☐ **Rebecca Marie Knight**, daughter of Richard and Sharon Knight was baptized at Christus Victor on September 14, 2003.

Address Change:

☐ **Jim & Kate Martin**, 9316 Collins Creek Dr., Chapel Hill 27516, Phone: 932-3749

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**Sunday School
Breakfast**

Volunteers are needed to provide a simple breakfast which is served the first Sunday of each month at 8:15 a.m. prior to Sunday School at

8:45. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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**OCTOBER 26, 2003
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS!!!**

Church Council Highlights

September 9, 2003



✓ Ken will check with CCB and Judy will check with Mission Investment Fund for alternate financing for the parking lot.

✓ Boards are requested to submit their budgets for 2004 before the Council meeting in October.

✓ Nomination of new council members is set for November 23rd.

✓ Election of new council members is set for December 7th.

✓ Articles for the Annual report are due to Pat in November.

✓ Vicki is working with Joyce and Guy to set up an informative meeting about Thrivent.

✓ The building fund was moved from a budgeted to a non-budgeted item.

✓ Helping Hands Guidelines were approved.

✓ Requested Synod Benevolence for 2004 is \$11,160.00. Budget for 2003 was set at 50% of request. Additional monies above budgeted amount have been sent during 2003.



Opportunities at Lutheridge and Lutherock

Storytelling Workshop

Lutheridge November 7-9, 2003

If you have the interest, this workshop will build the skills to become a storyteller in any setting, church, school, nursing home, bed-time. Learn to choose good stories that fit your style and present them in ways that will be long remembered. The weekend includes Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast with the program beginning Friday night and concluding with Sunday worship. Cost includes private room in Kohnjoy Inn, meals and lots of great handouts.

Leader: Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn, Program Director; Cost/person: \$135

Contemporary Worship

Lutheridge November 9-11, 2003

For Pastors, Lay worship and worship planning leaders, "Praise teams," and musicians to introduce and enrich contemporary worship experiences in congregational life. Experience a variety of worship services. Explore liturgies and learn of resources. Discuss introducing contemporary worship into the worship life of the congregation. Practical "how to" information about equipment, space, developing groups, etc. Cost includes lodging, Sunday dinner through Tuesday breakfast, and program cost.

Program Coordinators: Mark Glaeser, Music Director, Christ Lutheran, Charlotte, NC & Spirit Song, Music Group, Christ Lutheran, Charlotte.

Cost/person: \$160/adult in Thornburg for the first two from the same congregation; \$110/adult in Thornburg for each additional from the

same congregation.

Single Again Weekend

Lutheridge December 5-7, 2003

Come to Lutheridge to find support, affirmation, and guidance by trained counselors in some of the life and faith issues that comes with being "single again." One of the hardest transitions to experience is going from being married to being single again. This retreat is beneficial to anyone experiencing separation, divorce or the death of a spouse. (There are separate groups for each situation.) Cost includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and Sunday breakfast, lunch and Sunday breakfast, housing and program material.

Cost/person: \$135 per person in Thornburg Hall.

Lutheridge Volunteer Work Weekend

Calling all volunteers individuals, groups, and youth. A special weekend is scheduled to help improve grounds and facilities at Lutheridge. Prepare the cabins; prepare the grounds or special projects planned by our maintenance and grounds department. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast will be provided along with housing. For further information please call Gary Melton, 828-684-1045. Come alone or get a group together and enjoy a great working weekend at Lutheridge.

You can learn more about programs and even register online by visiting www.LLMI.net or call 828-684-2361 and ask for Jewell.



October Birthdays

- 1 Ken Hopson
- 3 Barb Trapp-Moen
- 4 Jordan Dye
- 9 Ocriea Berry
- 12 Melissa Quinn
- 12 Cory Gebhardt
- 13 Polly Quinn
- 15 Gary Kluttz
- 18 Barbara Hallan
- 20 Darrian Frye
- 23 Tyler Reid
- 26 Dennis Vick
- 27 Gary Zemke
- 27 Calista Stevens
- 28 Helen Roll
- 29 Tom Davidson

October Anniversaries

- 9 Joe & Kathleen St. Lawrence
- 13 John Moen & Barb Trapp-Moen
- 17 Paul & Robyn Sipe
- 18 Hunter & Johnnie McDonald
- 27 Dennis & Anita Vick



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From the Treasurer

We continue to keep our expenditures down and not exceed your contributions. However, I must stress that we are way short of our approved 2003 Budget. As we enter the final quarter of the year and look forward to 2004, the Church Council will have a difficult time setting the financial budget given where we are today. As of Sept 21, 2003 the status of CVLC finances are as follows:

Pledges

The 2003 pledges for the year totaled \$116,419 against our full year budget of \$154,800.

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Pledge Amount thru 9/21/03: | \$87,314 |
| Contributions: | \$76,556 |
| Less Prepayments (*): | \$ 3,892 |
| Adjusted Actual Contributions (*): | \$72,664 |
| Shortage (*): | \$ 14,650 |

As you can see, we are running about 17% short of the pledged contribution amount. When I wrote to you in May, we were about 15% short of the pledges. Let me give you a further breakdown:

Of the 53 total pledges, 15 families are ahead of their pledges for a total of \$3,892. But we also have 29 families who are behind in their pledged contributions for a total of \$14,650. **That is over 50% of the pledges!**

Of the 29 families that are behind, 11 families are behind their pledged contribution by 10%-50%. There are 9 families who are behind their pledges contributions by 50%-100%. Yes, we do have multiple pledges for which there have been no contributions.

I understand that there have been several members of the congregation who have lost or changed jobs and subsequently have not been able to continue to contribute as they planned. Our prayers are with these members. If you have not already done so, please contact me or a member of the council with your planned contributions for the remainder of the year.

As you complete your 2004 Pledge Cards, please pledge what you can contribute. We need a Pastor. We could use a new paved parking lot. We need to grow Christus Victor just as Durham and the Triangle are growing. We need a budget with pledged contributions which we can depend on. Having contributions which exceed our "needs" will allow us to reach out and make

our presence known. The new CVLC Sign is a great start. Let's continue what we started. Let's give CVLC the financial resources to make a difference in the lives of our members and our community.

Below you will find the year-to-date budget information. In the September Church Council Meeting, a motion was passed to move the "Building Fund" contributions from the "Budget" category to the "Non-Budget/Designated" category. This resulted in a reduction in the 'monies given to budget' by the amount given to the Building Fund. There has been \$4,844 given to the Building Fund so far this year.

Budget (As of the end of September 21st)

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Monies Given | \$ 88,668 |
| Monies used for Ministry | \$ 77,381 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 11,287 |

Financial Accounts

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|--------------|--------------|
| Checking | \$ 20,387.41 |
| Savings | \$ 6,907.51 |
| Money Market | \$ 8,531.89 |
| Total | \$ 35,826.81 |

(*)Definitions:

- Prepayments: Amount of excess contributions received by people ahead of their indicated pledge amount
- Adjusted Actual Contributions: Year-to-date contributions amount less prepayment
- Shortage: Shortfall of contributions by people who are behind on their indicated pledge amount

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Scott, Treasurer