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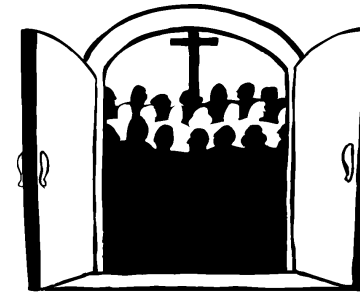
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THE VENTURE

August 2010

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

1 PASTOR . . . 240 MINISTERS



A body has many parts: eyes, ears, lungs, feet, etc. Every part has its own function: sight, hearing, breathing, walking. In a healthy body, every part functions as it is designed to do. So it is with the CHURCH! God has designed the church so all its parts fit together

like a body. He has given each one of us certain talents and abilities to us ministering to one another and to the world. If we are a healthy congregation, each member must discover his or her own unique part of service as part of the "Body of Christ."

Each and every day *you* have the opportunity to share, teach, model, and act on the love of God that has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

That's what it's all about . . .

ALL 240 OF US SERVING CHRIST AND OTHERS TOGETHER!

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

The Venture is published monthly by Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There once was a man that had a heart attack, myocardial infarction, and was rushed to the hospital. He was immediately taken into the “cath lab” where a blood clot was discovered and cleared. Once the patient was stable he was moved to ICU and his family met with the doctor that had just saved the patient’s life. The doctor explained what had been done and recommended a course of treatment. The doctor also warned the patient that this was a serious heart event and not only needed to be taken seriously, as another heart attack was a real possibility, but continuing cardiologist care was indicated. No sooner had the doctor left the room and out of earshot that the patient says to his wife “I don’t like that doctor and want you to find me some others to check out.” What a way to act toward the doctor that had just saved your life. That is real appreciation isn’t it? Back from the edge of death and barely conscious and ready to find fault, criticize, and demean the man that save you. This would be amazing if true wouldn’t it?

This story is a good reminder that we need to appreciate those who care for us, work with us, help us to succeed, and put up with us when we aren’t very easy to deal with. How do we show our appreciation to those who care about us and care for us? We could be patient with them, be kind to them when they need it, or simply say thank you in any of the wide variety of ways at our disposal. At the very least we would not dismiss or belittle their efforts. (By the way I do appreciate the care and prayers of so many of you everyday.) I don’t think any of us would deliberately be as ill mannered or unappreciative as the patient in the story, but do we let others know their efforts are valued?

Suppose I take this one step further. We read in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” What do we do to be appreciative of God saving our lives? Do we look for other gods to fill our needs when we don’t like what God does? Do we ever forget to remember that it is God who gives us life and redeems us in the midst of our sin? I suppose we have some work to do if we intend to realize the gift of life and quality living that is ours by God’s Grace and the loving care of others. I know I do!

SHALOM - Pastor Huffman

Ministers in God's House /AUGUST 2010

8:00 am Schedule

Acolytes

- 1 A Laurel Seibert
- 8 A Vicki Vincenti
- 15 A Dominic Silha
- 22 A Jordan Dye
- 29 A Malina Scott

Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 1 LR Lydia Scott
CA Jeff Scott AM Vicki Vincenti
- 8 LR Jeff Scott
CA Calista Stevens AM
- 15 LR Vicki Vincenti
CA Joan Wilson AM Calista Steven
- 22 LR Malina Scott
CA Betty Lyles AM
- 29 LR Kathy Huffman
CA Vicki Vincenti AM

Altar Guild: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Pat Canada

Greeters & Ushers

- 1 G Pat Canada U Betty Lyles
- 8 G Betty Lyles U Jordan Dye
- 15 G Jeff Scott U Mike Green
- 22 G Joan Wilson U Vicki Vincenti
- 29 G Calista Stevens U Dominic Silha

Offering Stewards

- 1 Polly Quinn
- 8 Polly Quinn
- 15 Carrie Butler
- 22 Carrie Butler
- 29 Paul Sipe

Hosts After Worship 10:30 Service

- 1 The Moens
- 8 The Redicks
- 15 JoAnn Scott & Barbara Hallan
- 22 The Sipes
- 29 Shannon Trantas & Doris Kelly

10:30 am Schedule

Acolytes

- 1 A Riley Sipe
- 8 A Phillip Moen
- 15 A Brooklyn Justice
- 22 A Jacob Chappell
- 29 A Alan Webster

Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 1 LR Kathy Huffman
CA Bob Feltey AM Diana Hicks
- 8 LR Judy Meade
CA Barb Trapp-Moen AM Cristen Chappell
- 15 LR Lisa Lewis
CA John Moen, Kathy Hopson
Cantor: Ben Coughenour
- 22 LR Jane Leese
CA Joyce Visconti AM Holly Zemke
- 29 LR Jacob Chappell
CA Diana Hicks AM

Altar Guild: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Virginia Leese

Nursery

- 1 Alex Moen, Kathy Huffman
- 8 Paul & Robyn Sipe
- 15 The Websters
- 22 Shannon Trantas & Doris Kelly
- 29 Kathy Hopson & Alex Moen

Greeters & Ushers

- 1 G Doris Kelly U Bob & Lisa Lewis
- 8 G Gary Zemke U John Moen & Alex Moen
- 15 G Keith & Emily Leese
U Lauren Baker & Bryan Chappell
- 22 G Kathy Hopson U Harry & Joleen Propst
- 29 G Bob Feltey U Keith & Emily Leese

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.

Help Support the Backpack Program at North Chatham School during the 2010-2011 School Year!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our goal is eliminate hunger of our North Chatham students. Our mission is to continue this program throughout the entire school year.

About the BackPack Program:

- * Backpacks filled with food that children take home
- * Food is child-friendly, nonperishable and easily consumed.
- * Backpacks are discreetly distributed to children on the last day before the weekends or holiday vacations.

What can YOU do? Please donate:

- * Backpacks- used or new (to be used over and over). Any size, shape or design is graciously accepted.
- * Food items: granola/cereal bars, instant hot cereal, dry cereal, energy bars, package noodle soups, macaroni & cheese, pop tarts, dried fruit, raisins, shelf standing milk, juice boxes, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, juice boxes, fruit/applesauce cups, pudding cups, tuna or meats in pouches, easy-open canned soup/ravioli/pasta, fruit snacks and other kid friendly nonperishable foods. No glass please.
- * Grocery gift cards of any denomination
- * Coupons for needed items are also helpful as we can increase our buying power by shopping wisely.

Thank you for helping make the world a better place; one donation, one backpack, one child at a time.

Elizabeth Webster, Teacher and Child Advocate at NCS
An official program of the National Council of Feeding America



Why Lutheran Theology?

"I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways."

PSALM 119:15

In any relationship of depth we must step back from time to time to evaluate how things are going. So it is in our relationship with God. Theology is the word we speak and live in relation to God. Theology is not faith in the sense of trust; it is our attempt to make sense of God so we learn that God is trustworthy. In stepping back we are able to see how God moves through history, through other, and through ourselves.

The primary source for Lutheran theology is the revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ as witnessed in scripture. The message throughout the Bible reveals God's passion overwhelming all creation. Furthermore, in scripture we see that God's desire is to be in a loving relationship with us. By reflecting on the biblical stories and themes we come to know God better.

At the heart of the Bible for Lutherans is the witness to Jesus Christ. Christ is the visible revelation of God to us. As we pay attention to what Jesus teaches and his radical act of love for us in the cross and resurrection, we come to understand God as merciful and trustworthy.

But Lutherans also understand scripture as relevant to the way we live our lives. Only after listening to the scriptures can we discern and reflect on our daily walk. For example, if we learn that Jesus is trustworthy, we must ask ourselves if this is truly the God we trust. Or do we have some other god that takes precedence in our lives, such as money, or even ourselves?

Our theology allows us to see how we must live faithfully, but it must also issue into a trust-filled relationship with God. Beginning to live it, we come back to study and reflect again.

Lutherans believe that participation in theological reflection

- * guides and supports the whole people of God through a lifelong process of faith formation;
- * equips believers to proclaim God's grace for all people;
- * helps individuals live faithfully in relationship with God, one another, and all creation;
- * ensures that the insights from scripture and the confessions that have shaped our faith continue to be passed from one generation to the next.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (or the Story of Noah and the Ark)



How do you measure success? Is it how many attend? Is it how much is learned? Is it the smiles on the children's faces? Yes, it is all those things and more. VBS was held during the Sunday School hour for the month of June. Not only did the children (and adult helpers) learn about the story of Noah saving the animals during the flood, but it was a study of the Bible.

Ask anyone who attended. Where do you find the story of Noah and the flood? - and they will answer - the Bible, Old Testament, Book of Genesis, Chapter 6. Why did God chose Noah to build the ark and save the animals? Because he was obedient to God. Why did Noah's neighbors laugh at him? Because he lived in

the desert and it didn't rain there. Did that stop Noah? NO! How many people were on the Ark? 8 Can you name them? Noah and Mrs. Noah, sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives. How many animals were on the ark? Many, many, two of each kind. How many days and nights did it rain? 40. When the rain stopped, what did Noah do? He sent out a dove to find land. The dove brought back a branch of a tree. When the ark landed, what was the first thing that Noah and his family did? Built an altar and thanked God for saving them and the animals. What was God's promise to Noah? He promised to not flood the world again. What sign did God give of this promise? The rainbow.

So we choose Noah and the Ark as our theme. We decided to help save poor families around the word by sending them animals for food, shelter, clothes, fertilizer for gardens and to share them with their neighbors as the animals multiplied.

We thank the members of the congregation for helping us buy the animals. We collected \$220 and are sending a sheep to Bolivia (\$120), baby chicks to Haiti ((\$20), fish to Thailand (\$20) and rabbits to China (\$60).

We had an overall attendance of 30 - ages 2 to 16, including adult volunteers - Lauren Baker, Cristen Chappell, Diana Hicks, Barb Trapp-Moen, Shannon Trantas and Elizabeth Webster.

Yes, Noah saved the animals and the VBS children chose to save poor families around the world by sending them animals.

As it turned out, it was a good place to be on Sunday mornings - to have fun, to do crafts, to learn stories in the Bible, to sing songs and just be together.

As the words from the children's song goes - If your happy and you know it, say "Amen!" And so we say "Amen!"

Co-directors - Pat Canada and Judy Meade

Around the Parish . . .



Address Change . . .

✚ **Ashely Parks**, 214 Givens Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

✚ **Kelsey Bennett**, 511 Windcrest Road, Durham 27713.

✚ **Henry Miller, Jr.**, 1401 Ravensthorpe Dr., Fuquay-Varina 27526

Congratulations to . . .

✚ **Gary & Lyn Conklin** on the birth of a daughter, **Annabelle Bryn** born on June 2. She weighed in at 6 lbs 5oz. Pastor and Kathy are the proud grandparents of **Bella**.

✚ **Ben Coughenour and Katie Hickey** were married at Christus Victor on June 26.

In Sympathy . . .

✚ **Hildred Davis**, Jeannette Peeler's mother died on July 7.



From the Altar Guild



The Altar Guild thanks Lauren Baker for supplying the Communion bread for the month of June and Doris Kelly for supplying the Communion wine.

Also, we give thanks to Robyn Sipe for baking the Communion bread for the month of July and to Keith and Emily Leese for supplying the Communion Wine.

Council Meetings Highlights

June 21, 2010

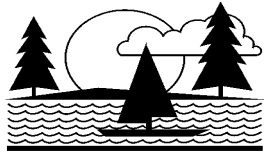


- ✚ Pastor and Pat (church secretary) are looking at replacing the copier in the church office
- ✚ Men's group will host a picnic on Sept. 11.
- ✚ Items needing the attention of property board: Trees near the Boy Scout shed are dead and need to come down, and there is an erosion problem at the wall repair site.
- ✚ Council voted to ask the property board for a proposal for recreational equipment (as in a basketball goal-half court) for the parking lot. We want to offer its use to the community.
- ✚ Lisa asked council to commit time on a Saturday in July for a Summer Council Retreat.
- ✚ Council discussed three proposals regarding evangelism and community outreach.

July 19, 2010

- ✚ The Resource Board is working on next year's budget.
- ✚ It will cost \$500.00 for removal of two pine trees at the boy scout shed - money to come from insurance settlement.
- ✚ The Boy Scout troop asked to hold a yard sale at the church on Saturday, October 2. Council approved request unanimously.
- ✚ Living Nativity Planning group will meet on July 31, from 9:30-11:30 AM, at the Lewis' home.

Agape & Kure Beach Ministries



UP-COMING EVENTS:

* **River of Hope lunch** will be held on **August 7**, at the Woodlands Center at Camp Agapé. Plan to arrive at 11:30 for crafts and activities; lunch will be served at 12:30. River of Hope is a club for donors who have given \$100.00 or more to the ministry.

* **Bag Ladies Retreat September 24-26** at Camp Agapé. Design your own BAG representing how you are "Bless And Gifted." Join Lou Minges and Amy Ramsey retreat leaders for worship, music, laughter, and reflection. Cost \$145.00.

* **Gulf Outing Monday October 4** at Echo Farms in Wilmington. Proceed raised will help the campership fund. This fund is used for campers to attend programs and for the development of new programs.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Lutheran Youth Day for 6-12 grade youth will be held at Lenoir-Rhyne on Sat., Sept. 11. You will take a tour, have a meal with other Lutheran Youth and see the Bears in action in an evening football game. Details and registration form will follow.

From Lutheridge + Lutherock Ministries



**Apple Festival-
October 1 -3.** Take in Lutherock and the Appalachian Mountains at the height of fall color. Pick apples, make apple cider, and enjoy on-site adventures including a

hay ride. Bring all the generations of your family for a wonderful weekend in the outdoors spending time together and sharing faith stories.

Fall Color Weekend - October 22-24
Experience the best of fall's beauty; crisp sunny days and cool starry nights, mountain trails and sparkling waterfalls, surrounded by trees in brilliant color! Enjoy crafts, campfires, hay rides, songs, stories, and a staff-led outing to a local waterfall. Pastors Tim and Mary lead the program, including devotions and worship, For both events registration forms are in the church office or you can register online at www.llmi.net.

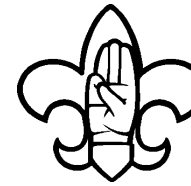


Thank You!

Thank you kindly for my Mother's Day Devotional Booklet. It's a beautiful remembrance that I'll always cherish. I have enjoyed every special message that I have read over many times. Thank you for thinking of me at this very special time.

Much love,
Helen Roll

From Boy Scout Troop 486

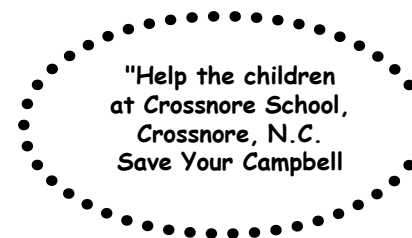


Ever wonder what Boy Scout Troop 486 is up to? We are really busy this year! We just got back from a week at Camp Cherokee in Yanceyville.

There were 23 boys and 5 adults who attended. We earned a lot of merit badges and worked on improving scout skills. It was really hot! At the end of June a dozen of our older scouts and four adults went to the Florida Keys to enjoy Sea Base which is a high venture camp with snorkeling and other water activities. We had so much fun at both of these camps that we are already starting to plan for next year and the year after!

We meet every Monday night at 7:00 PM and are open to all boys over the age of 11 or who have completed 5th grade or earned their Arrow of Light up to age 18. We thank you for your hospitality. We have five boys getting ready to work on their Eagle projects and lots of us working on advancing in rank. We are looking for community service projects, so if you have any, please let us know.

Bryce Peek
Troop 486 Historian



Early Harvest For Urban Ministry



The Outreach Board has been requested to have a food drive for Urban Ministry.

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, stables, condiments 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 July and August.

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

Moving?

Please contact the church office with a change of address. Because it is bulk mail, *The Venture* is not forwarded to the new address, but is returned to us and we are charged for the returned mail.



August Birthdays

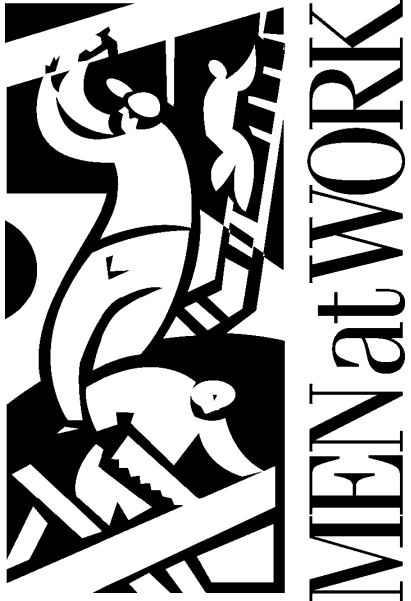
- 1 Riley Sipe
- 5 Al Bradshaw
- 6 Maria McDonald
- 14 David Seibert
- 16 Sue Feltey
- 17 Pastor Huffman
- 19 Eileen Morgan
- 21 Rocky Visconti
- 23 Joyce Visconti
- 27 John Moen
- 28 Julia Chappell
- 31 Judy Meade

August Anniversaries

- 12 Ken & Kathy Hopson
- 12 Niles & Virginia Leese
- 21 Rocky & Joyce Visconti



From CVLC Men . . .



The CVLC men continue to gather each month for fellowship, fun and discipleship. We meet the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM. Our meeting on July 15 at Carmen’s Cuban Café was a great night out. We shared stories and pictures of the OBX deep sea fishing trip. The trip was a great success with each angler bringing home over 25 lbs of fresh tuna! John Redick was lucky enough to reel in a white marlin, which was then released.

We have a handyman request to help install a new mailbox post, so we hope a successful small project like this will generate more requests from our congregation – just contact John Redick or Bob Feltey if you have a handyman request. The men continue to develop other exciting projects at CVLC, so look for an announcement in September. We hope the 1st Sunday breakfasts are enjoyed. If you’d like to help with this stand out service, please contact Jeff Scott.

The Men are leading the organization and launch of what we hope is the 1st annual CVLC Church Picnic. The church picnic will be on Saturday, September 11th, from 11am to 3pm, at the church. The men will be cooking several main dishes and meats, with the WELCA coordinating potluck sides and desserts and Parish Life providing the set-ups (plates, cups, cutlery, etc.) The highlight of the picnic, aside from the great food, will be GAMES and more games. Look soon for sign-up sheets for family games like sack races, 3-legged races, egg toss, and more. Bryan Chappell is the game master, so let him know if you have ideas for a fun family game for us to try. Prizes will be awarded!

The next men’s gathering is Thursday, August 19, 6:30pm, at Sal’s Pizza on Hwy 55 (just south of 54), where we will have a good time and discuss the picnic and our other ‘big project’. We’d like to see more of our men at this meeting as we have multiple opportunities to join in on small and large projects, assist with planning/leading the picnic and, definitely, an opportunity to showcase your BBQ and grilling skills. Plus, we want to arrange a few more fun and fellowship trips, so bring your ideas. Contact Jeff Scott, John Redick or any of the usual suspects for more information.



There was a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, to hammer a nail in the back fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to tame his temper than to drive those nail into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.

He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Friends are a very rare treasure, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us."



Congratulation to Our New Acolytes!

You are joining the ranks of those who have helped with the worship service since the year 250 A.D. The word acolyte means a "compassion" or "one who helps." In accepting this position you will be serving as a companion or helper to your pastor: performing a number of important functions before, during, and at the close of the worship service.

When acolytes first helped with the worship service, they carried candles in religious processions, lighted candles on the altar, and assisted with Holy Communion. The acolyte is an important person in the worship service, and is of great help to the pastor.

It will be your duty to assist the pastor in the conduct of worship of the people of God in its place. It will also be your duty by prayer, instruction and example to provide encouragement to the younger members of this congregation to grow in faith and participation in the life of the church, especially worship. All this is to be done with joy in service and gladness that you have been called to serve your Lord and your church.

- Congratulations to our new acolytes:**
Alexes Carroll
Julia Chappell
Brooklyn Justice
Laurel Seibert (1st service)
Riley Sipe
Alan Webster