



# THE MESSENGER

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## "The Gift of Luther's Small Catechism for Lent in the 500th Anniversary Year."

The Ash Wednesday Biblical texts invite us to:

- **"return to the Lord your God;** for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." (Joel 2: 13)
- **"We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."** 2 Corinthians 5: 20b
- **"store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.....For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."** Mt 6: 20a, 21

In this 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation I invite you to use Luther's Small Catechism in spiritual practice. You remember the Catechism, right?!

Luther changed the order of the catechisms in use at his time by placing the Ten Commandments first, followed by the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. To these 3 elements Luther added Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Why the change?

At Luther's time, the catechism was taught as a set of things that Christians had to do to be faithful. Luther changed the emphasis. by placing the Ten Commandments first he shows us "God's demands and our inability to fulfill them." By moving then to

the Creed, Lord's Prayer and Sacraments, The Small Catechism "focuses our attention on God's gifts to us." The Apostles' Creed "declares what God does for us, and then ... the Lord's Prayer, which teaches us where we may go for help." (Timothy Wengert in the new Study Edition of Luther's Small Catechism.)

Join us on Wednesdays as we study the Catechism! I invite you to also use it in daily prayer. Blessings for LENT!

Pastor Paul

## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1st 12:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.



**Wednesday, March 1st, 2017** is Ash Wednesday. Worship services will be held at 12:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Evening Worship.

**Wednesdays, March 8th to April 5th Lent Midweek** - Worship services will be held at 12:15 p.m. followed by a soup lunch. In the evening we have 6:30 p.m. soup suppers, followed by 7:15 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Spirit of Taize. The Choir will practice at 7:45 p.m.

## LEARNING COMMITTEE

**RETREAT/WORK WEEKEND** - March 31 - April 2.

Help Mar-Lu-Ridge get ready for the summer season and enjoy a great weekend of fellowship. Sign up in the Information Center. Planning meeting - March 19 after church.

# 2016 Mar-Lu-Ridge Retreat



## SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Reminder to our senior high students that Sunday School meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. See you in the conference room after church!

## Sr. High Group Meeting





VBS CAMP - July 31 - August 4.

Now is the time to sign up for this summer's all-day VBS camp led by counselors from Mar-Lu-Ridge! Registration forms are in the Information Center.



### PRESCHOOL MARCH ACTIVITIES

Dentist field trip, Donuts for Dads, St. Patrick's Day activities.  
Register now for the 2017-2018 school year.

Visit us on Facebook at [www.fairfaxchristlutheranpreschool.com](http://www.fairfaxchristlutheranpreschool.com).

**Dan Walker**

### SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Service Committee prepared 59 lunches for school age children, 80 dinners for FACETS clients, and held several ESL meetings and training sessions.

Phyllis Herrington

### UPCOMING EVENTS - MARCH 2017

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

3-01-17 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Ash Wed. Worship Service

3-01-17 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. No Confirmation Class

3-01-17 Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Ash Wed. Worship Service

3-01-17 Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3-05-17 Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum

3-05-17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

3-05-17 Sunday 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

3-06-17 Monday 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

3-08-17 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service

3-08-17 Wednesday 12:45 p.m. Soup Lunch

3-08-17 Wednesday 3:00 p.m. FACETS

3-08-17 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

3-08-17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Learning Committee

3-08-17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper

3-08-17 Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service

3-08-17 Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3-09-17 Thursday 6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

3-11-17 Saturday 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Bible Study Breakfast

3-12-17 Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Adult Forum

3-12-17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

3-12-17 Sunday 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour/ Sr. High SS

3-13-17 Monday 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

3-13-17 Monday 7:30 p.m. Property Committee

3-15-17 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

3-15-17 Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3-15-17 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service

3-15-17 Wednesday 12:45 p.m. Soup Lunch

3-15-17 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

3-15-17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper

3-15-17 Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service

3-15-17 Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3-16-17 Thursday 11:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study, & Prayer

3-19-17 Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Adult Forum

3-19-17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

3-19-17 Sunday 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

3-20-17 Monday 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

3-21-17 Tuesday 6:15 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

3-21-17 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Council

3-22-17 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service

3-22-17 Wednesday 12:45 p.m. Soup Lunch  
3-22-17 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class  
3-22-17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper  
3-22-17 Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service  
3-22-17 Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
March 25th MARCH NEWSLETTER Articles Due

3-26-17 Sunday 8:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Adult Forum  
3-26-17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
3-26-17 Sunday 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour  
3-27-17 Monday 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
3-28-17 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Evangelism  
3-29-17 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service  
3-29-17 Wednesday 12:45 p.m. Soup Lunch  
3-29-17 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class  
3-29-17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper  
3-29-17 Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship Service  
3-29-17 Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## ADULT FORUM - RICK STEVES & TOGETHER BY GRACE

On Sundays March 5 and March 12 the Adult Forum will view and discuss **Rick Steves'** new video on **REFORMATION GERMANY**. The popular TV personality is a member of the ELCA. Later in March we continue the series on being Lutheran using the book, entitled *Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* by Kathryn Kleinhans. Please join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m.

Contact the church office for a copy of the book we will use in class. Suggested donation \$5.00.

## Monthly Bible Studys & Prayer

Please join our CELC prayer/Bible Study group this month on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:15 p.m. in the Pastor's Office or Sanctuary. If you would like to add someone to our monthly prayer card please email the church office at [admin@fairfaxchristlutheran.org](mailto:admin@fairfaxchristlutheran.org)

## Mens' Ministry Bible Study

This group will meet next on **Saturday, March 11th, at 8 a.m.** A sign-up sheet is available at the Information Center.

The topic this month is "stress - stress, what stress?" The discussion will be centered on 2nd Corinthians, chapter 4, so you can read in advance if you are so

inclined.

There are Starbucks breakfast sandwiches in the freezer and the coffee will be hot. Other breakfast donations will be appreciated.

At 9:00, those who are inclined will do a community garden project which involves the assembly of a tool shed and construction of garden plot borders. Bring your hammer, everything, else will be provided.

Please contact ALLEN GRIFFITH 703-628-0734C with questions.

## **WELCA Meeting**

WELCA meeting this month will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 11 a.m. in the conference room. Please contact Pat Nau at 703-281-6288 with questions.

## **APRIL Kick-Off for ESL Thursday Classes at Christ Lutheran**

Phyllis Herrington, Mary Anne Rossbach and Dick Alfors are coordinating our beginning English as a Second Language classes. We plan to hold classes on Thursday evenings 7- 9 p. m. from April 20th (registration) through June 1st. If you haven't already volunteered, we can still use your help.

Please talk with or email one of us: Phyllis [phyllis.herrington@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.herrington@gmail.com)  
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or Pastor Paul [pastor@fairfaxchristlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@fairfaxchristlutheran.org). We are excited to plan getting to know our community better through sharing our skills in English!





**ESL TRAINING, Thursday, Feb. 23rd.**



**CHILDRENS SERMON**





**TRANSFIGURATION CHILDRENS SERMON, SUNDAY, Feb 26th.**

## Prayer List



**PRAYER LIST, +**

**WE PRAY FOR HEALTH AND HEALING+**

Zoey Angelo, Nadia Appel, Beverly and Robert L. Boulis, Jr., Rita Brice, Lois Culler, Alison Grohman, Olivia Immerman, Luba Kakovitch, Sally Kaplan, Rhonda Kelly, Mike March, Paul Martin, Ardis Morton, Carolyn Phillips, Joanne Schaffstall, Lueanne White, and Allison Graves Wilson

**+ For The Homebound + Web Brown, Evelyn Dise, Herb Graul,**

## CREDIT CARD GIVING

Did you know that CELC now accepts Major Credit Cards for donations?

Our Website now has a tab called 'ONLINE GIVING' and it's set up to process one time or recurring Credit Card transactions.

You will immediately receive a receipt for the donation and the church will be notified of your gift.

Why would I want to do this, you ask? There could be several reasons this method would be appropriate.

1. I'm out of town and want to ensure my contribution is posted promptly.
2. Friends or out of town relatives have ask how they might contribute to the church.
3. You need only a few more airline miles' rewards for that special trip.

In any case, check out the website and see how easy it is to navigate.

[www.fairfaxchristlutheran.org](http://www.fairfaxchristlutheran.org)

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



March 1 Karla & Mark Eaton  
March 19 Sabra & Theron Rupe  
March 20 Mila & Craig Young  
March 23 John & Katie Foster  
March 29 Joe & Connie Hepler

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH



March 05 Len Skoglund,  
March 12 Jean Oberdick and J.P. Short  
March 14 Greg Nau  
March 15 Sue Maddamma  
March 16 Peggy Wagner  
March 17 Steve Olson  
March 19 Evan Walker  
March 20 Maggie Kohne & Craig Young  
March 22 Mark Barber & Allison Grohman  
March 26 Stretch Grohman  
March 29 Robert Worst  
March 30 Cassandra Garrison  
March 31 William Eaton

## THOSE SERVING FOR MARCH

### **SERVERS MAR. 5th**

ACOLYTE - one needed,

ALTAR - Elly Burton

LECTOR - Paul Culler

ASSISTING MINISTER - Chris Rossbach

COMMUNION ASSISTANT - Liisa Herweg

COUNTER - Jeff Garrison

GREETER - Dick & Karen Alfes

USHERS - Beth Reece, Joey Graves, Ginny Trygstad, and Barb Hipple

### **SERVERS MAR. 12th:**

ACOLYTE - one needed,

ALTAR - Candy Miihlhouse,

ASSISTING MINISTER - Phyllis Herrington,

COMMUNION ASSISTANT - Alton Miihlhouse,

COUNTER - Len Skoglund,



GREETERS - Pete & Sabra Rupe,  
USHERS - 4 needed.

**SERVERS MAR. 19th:**

ACOLYTE - one needed,  
ALTAR - Cliff Diehl,  
ASSISTING MINISTER - Dave Gessert  
LECTOR - Liisa Herweg,  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT - Beth Reece  
COUNTER - Allen Griffith,  
USHERS - 4 needed.

**SERVERS MAR. 26th:**

ACOLYTE- one needed,  
ALTAR - Karen Barber,  
ASSISTING MINISTER -  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT - Jeff Garrison,  
COUNTER -Phyllis Herrington,  
GREETERS - two needed  
USHERS - Gary Keck, Alton & Candy Miihlhouse & one needed.

**Thank you for your service!**

**Pastor Collinson-Streng's Office Hours / Vacation**

Pastor Paul will be away on March 2nd to 8th for his vacation.  
In his absence Pastor Margrethe Kleiber will be on call for March 2th and March 3rd.  
Pastor Paul Opsahl will preach on Sunday, March 5th, and he will also be on call from  
March 4th to the morning on March 8th. Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng will be  
attending the 7:15 p.m. midweek worship service on the 8th. In case of a pastoral  
emergency please contact Ginny Trygstad and she will contact them.

Office days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The pastor  
usually takes his off day on Saturday.

**The Messenger via E-mail this week?**

If you have e-mail but didn't get this Messenger please call Connie in the Church  
Office. Deadline for articles to be included in the March issue of The Messenger  
is March 25th.

**CHURCH WEBSITE CALENDAR**

Please go to our Christ Lutheran Church Website Google Calendar for updates and  
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Four-Year-Old Teacher  
Judy Olson

Four-Year-Old Teacher  
Lynda Falkenstein

## 2017 PARISH COMMITTEES

### *Meeting Dates*

### *Chair & Council Representative*

#### **COUNCIL**

*3rd Tue.  
at 7:00 pm*

#### **Evangelism**

*4th Tues.  
at 7:00 pm*

*Council: Chris Rossbach  
Council: Ric Fisher & Dick  
Alfers*

#### **Fellowship** (As Needed)

*John Munuo &  
Melssa Moyer*

#### **Learning**

*1st Wed..  
at 7:30 pm*

*Chair:  
Council: June Bloedorn*

#### **Service** (As Needed)

*Chair: Phyllis  
Herrington*

#### **Property** 2nd Mon. at 7:30 pm

*Chair: Allen Griffith  
Council: Karen Barber*

#### **Worship** 2nd Wed. at 7:30 pm

*Chair: Cliff Diehl  
Council: Mark Poyner*

#### **Preschool** meets quarterly

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