

# THE MESSENGER

" How can we build community? Join us in February at the Adult Forum:"

February 1, 2019

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## Building Community in the Adult Forum: A chance to get to know each other better focusing on Faith, Life and Work

We are blessed by interesting, creative and neat people in our community of faith! Some of us have known each other for over 30 years. Others have recently joined the community. I, having recently joined, so to speak, would really enjoy getting to know many of you more deeply. I'm interested in what you do, how you live, and why, and I trust that you have this same interest in others.

So, in order to develop deeper connections between us, to grow in faith, to build community and to involve more of us in leadership, we'll use our Adult Forum in February to share and dialogue about faith, life and work.

During 45 minutes, we've invited presenters to spend maybe 15-20 minutes reflecting on some of the following ideas/questions:

Tell us about your faith, life, and work.

What is your vocation/career? Describe what you do.

What you are passionate about in this work?

Where do you see God at work in your family and work life?

Did your faith life guide you in choosing your vocation?

How could faith and work relate more directly, or not?

Following that we plan to spend 25-30 minutes in conversation in response to what our presenter has shared. In all of this, I pray that we grow more deeply into the vision of community and discipleship we have read of recently in Colossians 3: 12-17:

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Join us! We'll have the coffee ready!

Pastor Paul

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany- February 3, 2019**

**Sunday Study for all ages 8:45 a.m. ADULT FORUM  
with John Foster**

**WORSHIP 10 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hour 11:05 a.m.**



### **This Sunday's Gospel is Luke 4:21-30**

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed. (Sunday and Seasons.com)

*Prayer of the Day - Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*FEBRUARY: A MONTH OF LOVE: "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live in him." I John 4:9 Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind..... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22: 37 & 39*

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**ESL Winter 2019 Classes, Teachers and Children**



## **Government from a Lutheran Perspective: A quick thought from Rev. Michael Wilker, Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC**

From Lutheran perspectives, good government protects the freedom, human rights, and dignity of all persons without regard to citizenship. The government doesn't give us these rights--they are given by God. Furthermore, good government helps us "love our neighbors, as ourselves." It is one way we can care for each other--and it is a way to protect us from the prejudices and attacks of others. Biblically, God instructs the governments (kings) to give priority to justice and mercy to the widows, orphans, and other people who were vulnerable. Finally, God entrusts human beings (and therefore our governments) with authority and responsibility to care for creation.

The government is not a business. The President is not our CEO. We are not employees or even shareholders.

There are elements of wise stewardship of resources, improved technologies, and other business practices that can inform and improve government's functions, just like those same practices can help our congregations and households. This does not mean that government should be or can be "run like a business."

## **LEARNING COMMITTEE**

### **Preschool**

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. Christ Lutheran Preschool offers classes for children who are 2 - 5 years old. A before school and after school care option is also available. Do you have children, grandchildren or neighbors who have preschool age children? Share the news about our preschool and invite them to call for a tour. For more information, contact Ginny Trygstad (703) 273-4094 and visit us on the

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

This month the children will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the exchanging of valentines and a party with games and treats. Later in the month the preschoolers will have a visit from a dentist's assistant to learn about oral hygiene. Whether the children play outside or can only play inside, they enjoy being together with their friends and experiencing new adventures and activities!

### Preschool Scholarship

There is a preschool family in need of financial aid. The family is able to pay part of the tuition but in order for the child to remain at the preschool help is needed for the remainder of the tuition. If you are willing and able to offer \$135 or more for a month of tuition your donation would be very much appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Preschool and earmarked scholarship fund. Any extra money will be set aside to be used if other tuition help is needed. Thank you!

### Preschool Indoor Activities January 2019



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

In late January, the Property Committee worked on a project designed to end a chronic condensation leak problem from cold water HVAC pipes. The committee believes the problem arises because the pipes are placed directly below the flat room around the atrium and in the administrative offices. The roof gets very hot, the heat reaches the pipes and, the cold water pipes sweat.

First, the Committee engaged a contractor (for about \$1500) to wrap the pipes in the administrative suite with additional insulation (see photo below).



Then, Committee members inserted insulation into the soffits to eliminate hot air intrusion (and cold air intrusion in the winter).

We also placed additional insulation over the pipes and replaced broken and stained ceiling tile. If this works -- we won't know until July but we are hopeful -- the process will be extended around the atrium using volunteer labor.

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## SERVICE COMMITTEE

### **FACETS / Hypothermia Prevention Program Volunteer Thank You!**

The Service Committee served both breakfast and dinner to FACETS clients.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Hypothermia Prevention Program it

was a great success. We wish to include the following individuals & local community churches: Mizuho Akiba, Dick Alferts, Mark & Karen Barber, June & Eric Bloedorn, Ed Calabria, Julie Christensen, Mila Cobos, Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng, Paul Culler, Judy & Cliff Diehl, Steve Dorner, Catie Dugan Vargas (& Kiwanis friends), Jeff Fine, Katie & John Foster, Bill Gale, Jeff Garrison, Susan Graver, Allen Griffith, Phyllis Herrington, Gary Keck; Joy, Ian, Will & Mark Koeppen, Jeff & Maggie Kohne, Joy Koepper, Susan Lemarie, Diane Lim, Candy & Alton Miihlhouse, Steve & Melissa Moyer, Barbara Page, Jim Pagenkopf, Mark Poyner, Ariane Richaud, Mary Anne & Chris Roszbach, Len Skoglund, Georgi Tomik, Liz & George Townsend, Ginny Trygstad, Albert & David Van Valken, Sean You, Ana Young, Rabiah Yusuf, Church of the Apostles, Vale United Methodist Church, and World Vision Church (our partner Korean Church).

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Christ Commemorative Chimes to play on Sunday, Feb. 17th**

The Worship Committee is pleased to announce that the Christ Commemorative Chimes will play on Sunday, February 17th. Please join us! Thank you to all our bells musicians.

### **Christ House Toddler**

We would love to have your help in providing donations in order that our 2-year old toddler from Christ House can attend our preschool. The family is working hard to maintain a positive family life style with their children. They believe that having her attend our preschool would be a step in the right direction.

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Sanctuary Flowers may be purchased weekly at a cost of \$50.00

Sign-up sheets are available at the Information Center, so sign-up early to commemorate your special occasions. Flowers may be taken home after the Sunday worship service. If the flowers are left at the church after Monday they will be shared with shut-ins.

## **ETERNAL FLAME**

The Eternal Flame is **available** and may be purchased monthly at a cost of \$45.00. Our 2019 sign-up poster has been placed at the Information Center.

**Join Our Monthly Prayer & Bible Study Tuesdays, Feb. 5th & 19th  
at 6:15 pm**



Please join our CELC prayer/Bible Study group every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Pastor's Office or Sanctuary.

## Prayer List

+ We Pray For Good Health and Healing +

Beverly and Robert L. Boulis, Jr., Rita Brice, Elly Burton, Lois Culler, Alison Grohman, Chawky Jabaly (preschool parent), Luba Kakovitch, Sally Kaplan (Sheri Gessert's friend), Alethea McCord (Joanne Clingenpeel's daughter), Ken Pieper & Teresa Lusby (colleagues of Susan Lemarie facing medical issues), Linda Piper, Joan Opiela (Judy Olson's daughter-in-law's mother), Pastor Jimmie Schwartz (former CELC intern), Luanne White (Karen Alfer's sister).

+ We Pray For The Homebound +

Evelyn Dise, Betty Mangler & Alice Marsolais.

Do you have prayer requests? Visit the Information Center and drop a request into the Prayer Box. Please contact the church office to share concerns or email the church office at [admin@fairfaxchristlutheran.org](mailto:admin@fairfaxchristlutheran.org)

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## Prime Timers Meet Monthly on The First Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Prime Timers meet at First Watch Cafe (Fair City Mall) on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. No reservations are necessary.

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## Men meet for Bible Study and Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 16th at 8 a.m.

Our men will meet on Saturday, Feb. 16th at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Allen Griffith at [griffith99@verizon.net](mailto:griffith99@verizon.net) with questions.

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEB. 25th Newsletter Deadline - Email Articles to Connie

The Deadline for articles to be included in the March issue of "The Messenger" is February 25th. If you prefer to receive "The Messenger" by post rather than email please email Connie at [admin@fairfaxchristlutheran.org](mailto:admin@fairfaxchristlutheran.org). Thank you.

### Church Office Closed for Presidents' Day



The church office will be closed on **Monday, February 18th** for the Presidents Day Holiday.

## ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY



February 14th Joyce & Len Skoglund  
February 20th Luba & Thomas Kakovitch

## BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY



Feb 01 Pat Pagenkopf  
Feb 04 Alice Marsolais  
Feb 06 Emerson Worst  
Feb 06 Eowyn Worst  
Feb 08 Linda Spring  
Feb 12 Theron Rupe  
Feb 18 Sandra Adams  
Feb 18 Donna Yee  
Feb 21 Phillip Wilkowske  
Feb 22 Dana Candido  
Feb 22 Courtney Scott  
Feb 23 Peter Green  
Feb 25 Ben Culler

## THOSE SERVING FOR FEBRUARY

### Feb. 3rd 10 a.m. Service (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

Acolyte - **someone needed**;  
Altar Guild - Phyllis Herrington;  
Assisting Minister - Phyllis Herrington;  
Coffee Hour - The Millhouse;  
Communion Assistant - Alton Millhouse;  
Counter - Jeff Kohne;  
Greeter - Ginny Trygstad;

Lector - Katie Ross Foster;  
Ushers - Gary Keck, Barbara Page, Katie & John Foster

### **Feb. 10th 10 a.m. Service (Firth Sunday after Epiphany)**

Acolyte - **someone needed**;  
Altar Guild - Candy Millhlhouse;  
Assisting Minister - Catie Dugan Vargas;  
Coffee Hour - Graves & Skoglund;  
Communion Assistant - Alton Millhlhouse;  
Counter - Gary Keck;  
Greeter - **volunteer needed**;  
Lector - Phyllis Herrington;  
Ushers - Betsy & Peter Green, Candy & Alton Miihlhouse

### **Feb. 17th 10 a.m. Service (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)**

Acolyte - Emerson Worst;  
Altar Guild - Karen Barber;  
Assisting Minister - volunteer needed;  
Coffee Hour - **volunteers needed**;  
Communion Assistant - Phyllis Herrington;  
Counter - Dave Gessert;  
Greeter - **volunteer needed**;  
Lector - Cliff Diehl;  
Ushers - Steve Dorner, Ginny Trygstad, John & Jonathan Munuo

### **Feb. 24th 10 a.m. Service (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)**

Acolyte - Eowyn Worst;  
Altar Guild - Cliff Diehl;  
Assisting Minister - Cliff Diehl;  
Coffee Hour - Diane Lim;  
Communion Assistant - volunteer needed;  
Counter - Cliff Diehl;  
Greeter - **volunteer needed**;  
Lector - **volunteer needed**;  
Ushers - Luis Guillen, Stretch Grohman, **volunteers needed**

**Sign up in the Information Center or email a staff member. Thank you for your service!**

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## **Pastor Collinson-Streng's Office Hours**

Pastor Paul generally works Monday afternoon to Thursday evening at CELC, with Friday as his Sermon Day when he works from home, with Saturdays as his off day. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact him on his cell phone 410-258-7603.

**Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng will be away on vacation from Wednesday, February 20th to Thursday, February 28th. During his absence, Pastor Paul Opsahl will be our Supply Pastor on Sunday, February 24th. Pastor Opsahl will be on-call from February 20th to February 28th.**

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## **CHURCH WEBSITE CALENDAR**

A complete listing of church activities can be found on our church calendar at our

Sun. FEB. 2019	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 8:45am Adult Forum &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship <b>Epiphany 4</b></p> <p>11:15am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4 7:30pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>5 6:15pm Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</p> <p>7pm Evangelism Committee</p>	<p>6 9am Prime Timers</p> <p>5:30pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>7 7pm ESL Class</p>	<p>8 Council &amp; Committee Chair Retreat at Caroline Furnace Camp</p>	<p>9 Council &amp; Committee Chair Retreat at Caroline Furnace Camp</p>
<p>10 8:45am Adult Forum &amp; Sunday School &amp; Confirmation Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship <b>Epiphany 5</b></p> <p>11:15am Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:15 Senior High Sunday School</p>	<p>7:30pm Property Committee</p> <p>7:30pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>12 7pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>13 3:30pm FACETS</p> <p>4:30pm Learning Committee</p> <p>5:30pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>14 (no ESL Class)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 8am Men's Ministry Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</p>
<p>17 8:45am Adult Forum &amp; Sunday School &amp; Confirmation Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship - <b>Epiphany 6 - Christ Commemorative Chimes</b></p> <p>11:15am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>18 Office Closed for Presidents Day Holiday</p> <p>6:30pm Worship Committee</p> <p>7:30pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>19 6:15pm Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</p> <p>7pm Council</p>	<p>20 5:30pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>21 11am WELCA</p> <p>7pm ESL Class</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9am Britepaths Food Sorting</p>
<p>24 8:45am Adult Forum &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship <b>Epiphany 7</b></p> <p>11:15am Coffee Hour / Britepaths Food Deliveries</p>	<p>25 7:30pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>26 7pm Evangelism Committee</p>	<p>27 5:30pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>28 7pm ESL Class</p>		

11:15 Senior High  
Sunday School

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## 2019 PARISH COMMITTEES

*Meeting Dates*

*Chair & Council  
Representative*

### **COUNCIL**

*3rd Tue.*

*at 7:00 pm*

### **Evangelism**

*4th Tues.*

*at 7:00 pm*

### **Fellowship**

*(As Needed)*

### **Finance**

*(As Needed)*

### **Learning**

*2nd Wed.*

*at 6:30 pm*

### **Preschool**

*(meets quarterly)*

### **Property**

*2nd Mon.*

*at 7:30 pm*

### **Service**

*(As Needed)*

### **Worship**

*2nd Mon.*

*at 6:30 pm*

*Chair: Chris Rossbach  
Council:*

*Chair: Melissa Moyer  
Council: John Foster*

*Chair: Monica Garrison  
Council: Jeff Kohne*

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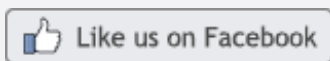
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