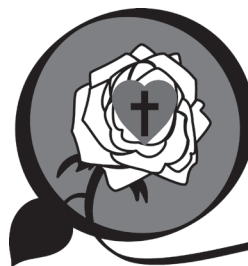

CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is much in society that is winding down: college, local schools, civic organizations. But we here at Christ, Newburgh are still experiencing quite a lot of activity: baptisms, weddings, confirmations, fellowship events, outreach activities, worship and music. My newsletter message each month highlights our activities and intertwines them with Biblical understandings of who we are as the church. This month is no different, but I do want us to consider what we do and why we do it.

At each church council meeting, we begin with Bible study and prayer. At our May meeting, I had us consider the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10) and how Martha was busy preparing for a meal while Mary sat and listened to Jesus. Understandably, this annoyed Martha, and she asked Jesus why he let Mary sit and be idle while she, Martha, had to do all the work. Jesus replied that Martha was distracted by many things but that Mary had chosen the better option to sit and listen. I then asked the council if this account comforted them or confused them. We engaged in honest discussion, for everyone drew different meaning from the story. One person was comforted by the passage, others truthfully were baffled, while some saw it as not altogether fair, and another learned about balancing faith and work. We've had great church councils in these years I've been here and I thank God for all of you who serve and have served.

I selected the Luke 10 account of Martha and Mary because I want us to consider why we do what we do. Why do we organize fellowship events, participate in activities at the conference, quadrant and synod level, or reach out to the neighbor? Why do we feed the hungry, work on altar guild, sing, or help with the baby pantry or mow the lawn? Because it's not busy work. It's not without substance. What we do gives glory to Christ. Yes there are times we must slow down and listen. But there are times for action too.

Once we find ourselves going through the motions, not sensing mission, then we need to stop and listen to Jesus as Mary did. But when we hear Christ's voice, we are to rise and go, we are to bring hope and the good news to this city of Newburgh.

Summer is seen as a time to rest, and I do want that for you. But every day is a day for mission, prayer, and connection. We as church will also wind down in some ways, but we won't coast through the summer without continuing to connect with one another and serve others. It's who we are. It's our work. It's the glory of Christ.

Yours in the Holy Spirit,
Pastor Moss



To Our Congregation... from your Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We started this month of May with a wonderful concert put on by our Choir Director, Jimrae Lenser, our church choir and church musicians. It was a lovely afternoon, followed by a reception of coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall.

On May 7th, we hosted "Climate Change, Race and Food: Forging a Just Future. What People of Faith Need to Know about Environmental Injustice and Racism in the Food System." It was a workshop put on by the Quadrant 1 Deans of the Metro N Synod, and gave us quite an interesting look into the world of food production, climate and its effects, and poverty. We also shared communion during our luncheon put on by Fyha's Carribean Restaurant of Newburgh.

We are continuing to get ready for the 140th anniversary of our church and Pastor's 10th ordination celebration on September 25th. Bishop Rimbo will be joining us to celebrate the occasion and we are hoping to provide a wonderful day for all. Please remember to get your pictures to Ashley Poulin for a slide show she is putting together. It will be fun to see how many faces we can recognize through the years.

As you know by now, we are no longer mailing out the bulk of our newsletters. If you are not able to get to church or do not have access to a computer however, please call the church office and we will mail you a copy.

Baby wipes, diapers, and lotion will be needed to keep our Baby Steps Baby Pantry supplied once it starts June 11th. If you are willing to offer time or can send out flyers for donations to friends or at your place of employment, please contact Diana Donovan.

Thanks to all those whose time, talents, and faith continue to make Christ Newburgh a wonderful family in Christ.

Blessings to All,
Laura Kohlmann

Help us Celebrate!

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS!

The committee for the Church's 140th anniversary celebration is still compiling a slide show of Church members and events. If you'd like to see someone in the slideshow *besides* Ashley Poulin, e-mail your photos to her at **ash21600@yahoo.com**, or hand her your photos in church, (in an envelope with your name and phone number on it) and she will scan and return the photos.

GIFT DONATIONS NOW BEING COLLECTED

If you would like to contribute towards an anniversary gift for the church, please mail any donations to Laura Kohlman at **18 Wintergreen Avenue, Newburgh, NY.**



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Principles of Stewardship – Part 3

The third principle of stewardship is accountability.

A steward is one who manages what belongs to another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities given to us by God. One day, each one of us will be asked to account for what we have done with those things.

In review of the parable of the Talents from Matthew 25:14-30, we are told that the master holds his servants accountable for their actions with the Talents they were each given.

“After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ “

This steward made a choice regarding the Talent given to him, which was to do nothing.

We are called as God’s stewards to manage that which belongs to God. We are accountable to manage the resources, abilities and opportunities in line with God’s purpose. The directions for this are not clear but require prayerful discernment by each of us.

During the coming months of summer, when many people are away, it is possible to overlook what is normally set aside for the Church and mission. Take the opportunity to make your offering in advance if you will be away. The church needs sustaining financial support through this time as much as any other.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Can you ride a riding mower? Can you guide a vacuum cleaner? Then you are a perfect candidate to assist in mowing the grass and cleaning the Church. Many hands makes it go fast. Do you have a week night other than Thursday you could drop by for a spell?

Reach out at kerry@christnewburgh.com.

Pending activities include new tile floors for the Narthex and South Street Entrance and painting the non-brick parts of the building exterior and some railing work for the kitchen entrance.

BOOK CLUB

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

by Paula Hawkins

June 1

*at the home of Eva-Marie Wolf
97 Keats Drive, New Windsor*

THE SOUND OF GRAVEL

by Ruth Wariner

July 6

*At the home of Janice Errichetti
150 Otter Rd., Campbell Hall*





The Children's Mission

Quito, Ecuador

As we all know, our Pastor Mossi and his wife, Theresa, will be traveling to Ecuador this Fall on sabbatical. They are working through an organization entitled International Volunteer Headquarter. If you visit IVHQ.org, you will see the numerous categories of volunteerism that is available. Pastor and Theresa will be working with Children of Street Vendors.

We thank Pastor for bringing this experience into our lives, another "mission beyond our walls" for Christ Newburgh. We each know how richly blessed we are as a congregation in so many ways. I still marvel at last year's roof and boiler purchase and completion, fully paid for in many and marvelous blessed ways. We sit now, so ready to move forward, reaching out to others as God asks of us.

The Children's Mission is a fund I ask you to consider contributing to in the next few months. This fund would be used at Pastor's discretion as he and Theresa are serving the Children of Street Vendors. These children do not go to school due to their parent's employment and perhaps status in life (Pastor will provide us with more details). It would be wonderful to send our Pastor off with money to have available to use at his discretion for the children and needs seen. Given this fund, we, as a congregation, would be serving these children as well.

Please place your contributions in a pew envelope in church OR ANY plain envelope marked: *The Children's Mission*. This mission is accepting your donations through the upcoming months until Pastor leaves, so any donations at any time are gratefully accepted.

Blessings to each of you,

Grateful to be a member of the congregation at Christ Lutheran,

Carol Giangrasso

For Women Only!

by Theresa Ruth



On April 22nd Irma Madrid, Laura Kohlmann, Shirley Ruth (my mother) and I headed off to Camp Koinonia in Sullivan County for the annual women's retreat. As usual, we had an amazing time that was relaxing, spiritual and fun! In fact, the only thing that was missing was YOU! We would love to have a larger group from Christ Lutheran Church attend so we can share the experience. In early 2017 we will speak about our weekend but for now I will simply write a highlight from each of us.

Laura's favorite part of the weekend was "Walking and praying in the woods by myself and feeling totally safe. It was wonderful. I have never had that experience before."

Shirley enjoyed evening prayer and song by the bonfire the most. I love the feeling of being totally relaxed and living in community. My favorite moment is in the morning when, coffee in hand, I sink into a comfortable chair in the common room and chat with the other women.

I did not hear from Irma yet, so I can only surmise. Was it her Karaoke debut? Was it the smoothness of her skin after the Mary Kay makeover?

I hope you will save room in your calendar for the retreat in 2017! See koinonianany.org for more information.



Digital Ministry Update

Working closely with Pastor Moss, our Digital Ministry outreach continues to engage people near and far. From Americorp Volunteers stationed in Newburgh who found us on Facebook and came to Worship, to a West Coast inquiry about bringing their wedding to Christ Lutheran, Digital Ministry connects. After all, it's how the world connects and communicates in 2016.

In the past month 1,454 different people clicked on Posts on our Facebook page.

Examples: Pastor Moss's Sermon on Revelation reached 200 people on Facebook and more importantly 15 people clicked to read more on our website.

The Confirmation Facebook Posts on May 22nd reached nearly 1,000 people and 45 clicked on the content. A fun Post about Lutheran Pot Lucks reached over 600.

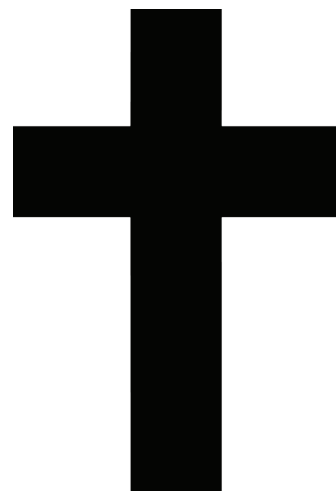
A few of you may recall a 2014 meeting held at Christ Lutheran with a representative from Rubenstein Associates, a New York City Public Relations firm working for the ELCA Synod. Their guidance to counter declining Church participation had two parts:

Part one: Spread the Gospel through activities out in the community, such as Shepherd's Kitchen, and with activities at our Church that welcomed the community in, such as our Spring Concert or the new Baby Pantry.

Part two: Rubenstein's Ed Lewi told us to let the community know what we are doing via our website and Social Media. We Spread the Gospel through our Good Works and by communicating those efforts using Social Media.

Coming soon, more activity on our Instagram Page, *Christ Lutheran on Instagram*.

Kerry Donovan



Digital Ministry:

WEBSITE: www.christnewburgh.com

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/christnewburgh

INSTAGRAM: instagram.com/christlutherannewburgh



In Our Prayers

The following friends and members are held in our prayers during worship every Sunday. Please pray for them at home as well.

To add or remove a name on the list, please call the church office at 562-0824.

Carol Boisvert
Robert Borawski
Christopher Cote
Roger Deyo
Jeff Eason
Orvin Eckert
Robert Farlow
John Forman
Paul Gouin, Sr.
Michelle Heroux
Pat Julius
Rev. Mabel Lewis
George McGrath, Jr.
Micki McMillan
Lorraine Miller
Valerie Mosiurachak
Ira Nebrasky
Bernadine Nora
Dean Rasmusson
Rachel Riley
Louise Risio
Ruth Ruelke
Lynette Scherer

Pat Smith
Deacon William Stafford
Emma Studtmann
Gwendolyn Swinson
Rosie Terpening
Howard Trentch
Barbara Trouwborst
Nick Tolve
Barbara Vestea
Doreen Yankee

**All military
troops, including:**
Birgitta Anderson
Chris Caulder
Eric Doss
Eric Haugland
Matt Meade



In Nursing Homes & Homebound:

Katherine Belitza
Shirley Delmonica
Maria Mersinger
Robert Trentch

All those bereaved:
The family
& friends of
Brittany DiDonato

**We pray for those
working for the Wider
Church:** Presiding
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton;
Synod Bishop Robert
Rimbo; Our Dean,
Pastor Mossel, and
our missionaries
in Tanzania.

JUNE

Birthdays

2 Sylvester (Pete) Taliaferro
4 Ira Nebrasky
11 Carole Pillius
16 Richard G. Ostner Jr.
19 Dorothy Kasello
20 Regina Cino
& Jennifer Eckert
21 Carol Schorno
22 Domenic Ceconie
& Laura Donovan
25 Richard G. Ostner
30 Scott Haugland

Anniversaries

9 Alfred &
Dorothy Schorno
11 Beth & Ira Nebrasky

JULY

Birthdays

1 Chris Ostner
3 Aidon Hulsey &
Theresa Ruth
7 Robert DeWitt
8 Carol Hall
9 Rebecca Rose
12 Devon Hulsey
& Beth Nebrasky
14 Stephen Bittner
16 Judy Truhn
25 Deborah Nicole
(Nicki) Fatherly
25 Julie Rose

Anniversaries

8 Richard & Linda Ostner
24 Jack & Regina Cino
28 William
& Trudy Patrick
31 Theresa
& Pastor Mossel

PLEASE NOTE

Unless specifically requested as a **LONG-TERM** addition, names will be removed from the prayer list after four weeks. If you do not hear a name mentioned during services, please feel free to say it aloud during the "Additional Intercession" break in the Prayers of the Church. To renew or add names, please contact Jackie Kunda: Jskunda228@verizon.net or 845-569-7237.

Address Changes

If your home address, phone number, or email address changes, please contact the church office at (845) 562-0824 with your new information. It is very important that we keep this information current, in order to keep the church from having to pay the postage on items that are then returned to the church. Thank you!



AUGUST

Birthdays

5 Nya Pagan
 12 Shirley Clenney
 13 Pastor Ernst Moss
 15 Gus Courtsunis &
 Matthew Pillius
 17 Jenna Starkey
 18 Samuel Schorno
 19 Warren Childs
 22 Scott Kunda
 27 Timothy Poulin
 & Sarah Rose

Anniversaries

4 William & Carole
 Pillius
 6 Donald & JoMarie
 DuBois
 9 Robert & Joyce
 DeWitt
 10 Dale & Kimberly
 Eckert
 18 Kerry & Diana
 Donovan
 22 Michael & Donna
 Brangaccio
 23 Warren & Linda
 Childs
 30 Dan & MaryAnn
 Ceconie

Save the Dates:

June 12th, following the service
Sunday School Live: Presentation by
 Carol Giangrasso and Clara Stockhofer

June 26, 2:00 pm
 Congregational Bike Ride
Wallkill Valley Rail Trail

September 25
 140th Anniversary Luncheon
 following worship
Time, place and pricing
to be dertermined



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June

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm Emotions Anonymous 6:30- 7:30 pm	3	4
5 Worship 10:00 am	6 Bible Study 3:00 pm	7	8 Book Club 7:00 pm	9 Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm Emotions Anonymous 6:30- 7:30 pm	10	11
12 Gospel Meditation 9:20 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Live Presentation	13 Bible Study 3:00 pm	14 Evangelism/ Outreach 5:30 pm	15 Church council 7:00 pm	16 Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm Emotions Anonymous 6:30- 7:30 pm	17	18 Yard Sale 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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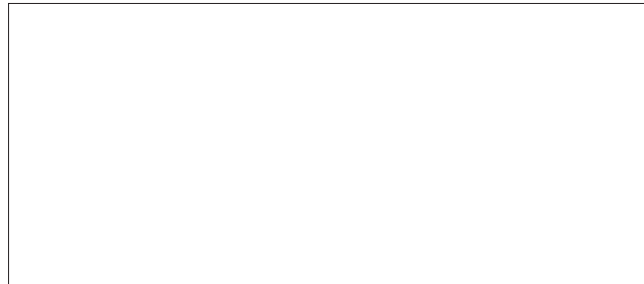
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17 Worship 10:00 am	18 Bible Study 3:00 pm	19	20	21 Emotions Anonymous 6:30- 7:30 pm	22	23 Shepherd's Kitchen 10:00 am
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