



# The Christ Messenger

Christ Lutheran Church  
Vienna, West Virginia

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### Our Mission:

As Children of God,  
nourished by the Word,  
Sacrament and Fellowship  
of loving, forgiving, and  
hopeful believers—  
WE are guided by the Holy  
Spirit to WITNESS to Christ's  
saving presence in the  
World!

## Faith

A living, daring confidence in God's grace.

When Lutherans talk about faith, we are talking about the relationship God's Holy Spirit creates with us. It's a relationship where God's promise of steadfast love and mercy in Jesus opens us to a life of bold trust in God and joyful, generous service to everyone we know and meet in daily life.

Martin Luther was exuberant when he described the freedom of "a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times." He once wrote, "Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good things unceasingly."

Faith convictions expressed as statements of belief flow from this confident trust in God. ELCA Lutherans share in the faith expressed in the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, in the Lutheran confessional writings (collected as the Book of Concord), and in the ELCA Confession of Faith.

At the same time faith does not close our minds to the world and our hearts to others. We continue to listen to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We listen to the witness of others and we watch for the ways God is active in the world around us. Faith opens a place for engaging others in conversation, for seeking the truth, for asking questions and speaking love in word and deed.

Faith is a full life, liberated for a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

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## Pastoral Search Update – Mike Knotts, Committee Chair

The call committee has been hard at work looking for a pastor to lead our church.

We had four interviews that were a meet and greet to gather basic information and to ask a few questions. From those initial meetings, we narrowed our search by eliminating two of the candidates and scheduling more intensive interviews with the others.

We are currently waiting on the interview information from the remaining two candidates before we proceed.

After the in depth interviews with the last two candidates, the call committee will make the decision to submit one of the candidates to the council for consideration to be the new pastor, or to dismiss them and begin the search again.

In this important time in the life of Christ Lutheran, we ask you all for prayers.

## May Schedule

Sundays - May 2, 9, 16, 23  
Service at 10am in the Sanctuary

Ascension Day Dinner & Worship with First Lutheran  
Thursday, May 13 at Fort Boreman  
Dinner at 6pm  
Worship at 7pm  
Box dinners can be preordered through  
Das Rookhaus – 304-485-1250

Sunday - May 30  
Communion Service at 1pm in the Sanctuary.  
Pastor Reid Presiding.



### Birthdays

May 5 – Erin Phillips  
May 7 – Delores Steege  
May 10 – Kelley Padgett

## Good Samaritan Center Item of the Month:



### Saltine Crackers

### We keep the following people in our prayers:

Russell Behnke; Jerry John DiNicola; Sally Ebeling; Ron Goben; Pam Goots; Heather; Mary Hennen; Laura Lemley; family of Jim McGuier; Rob Miser; Gary Miller; Gean Secreto; April Sowards, Mildred Stanley; Caren Thomas; Donna Vincent; Terry & Vicki Wilson; Lois (Steege) Wood; police and first responders; our troops; Christians and other minorities in the Middle East; people in the Ukraine and eastern Europe; pray for peace; and for our military, especially for Airman Elijah Modesitt (U.S. Airforce)., for all who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and/or hospitalized for the virus, for all who have died from the virus, for all of our medical personnel and first responders who are treating patients, for all families and loved ones separated by quarantines, for people who do not have access to medical care to be treated, for folks who are unemployed and the underemployed.

For Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Ian Reid at First Lutheran Church. He is reachable on his cell phone at 304-966-6431. He is serving as Christ Lutheran's interim pastor and is available for any spiritual needs you might have. We are very thankful to Pastor Reid for his service to CLC.

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