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CONGRATULATIONS to all graduates – high school, college, secondary and grad schools. Best wishes to all!

CONGREGATION MEETING

At its last meeting the congregation council acted to call a congregation meeting on **Sunday, June 4** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The agenda for the meeting is as follows

1. Take action on the 2017-2018 Christ Lutheran Preschool Budget. Copies are available on the narthex bridge or by contacting the church office.

2. Take action on the final 2017 budget. (The congregation approved an interim budget last November until a final budget could be completed following the completion of the

staff audit. Copies are available on the narthex bridge or by contacting the church office.

3. The council will make a presentation on its comprehensive planning work including its sense of how the congregation should address the staff audit recommendation for the addition of a second full time pastor, the status of the current mortgage (from our 2004-2005 renovations), current property needs, results from our space audit including kitchen renovations, and recommendations on the use of the \$189,000 undesignated bequests from Harry Snyder Jr. and Mani and Fred Wentz. After the presentation the council invites the congregation to discuss these items and offer its wisdom and input. Please note that no action on these various topics is on the agenda for this meeting.

This is an exciting time for Christ Lutheran Church! We hope you can join us for this important meeting as we discuss our mission and ministry. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. God's blessings be with you and yours.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking to hire, on a part-time basis, an individual who possesses interpersonal communicative skills for the position of Lay Ministry Coordinator. The successful candidate will develop and maintain a volunteer recruitment system that enhances the ways people can be involved in God's work in and through the ministries of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please submit an application (available on our website (www.christgettysburg.org)) along with a resume and cover letter, attention Bill Chantelau, Chair, Personnel Committee.

SERMONS....Pastor Herr's sermons are now available on the church's website www.christgettysburg.org Visit our website for the latest announcements, monthly CRUX and other news. If you would like to be able to access all of the information on our website including financial reports and membership information, you will need to create a login if you have not already done so. Please contact the church office if you need assistance to create one.

PASTOR'S PAGE

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' Acts 2:1-12

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Holy and Most Blessed Trinity.

Amazing. Astonishing. Perplexing. Questioning. These are the disciple's reactions to receiving the power from on high, the promised Holy Spirit. When the Spirit arrived on that first Pentecost Day it came with the sound of a loud rushing wind and flame. The disciples began to speak to one another in their native languages and about God's deeds of power. Ever since the first Pentecost God has been at work in amazing, astonishing, and perplexing ways.

As our congregation gathers on Pentecost Day, June 4, we will hear and experience God's deeds of power. At worship we will hear the Word read in a myriad of languages reminding us of the wonderful diversity of the Church. We share in the sacrament of holy communion experiencing the real presence of Christ uniting us with believers throughout time dating back to those first disciples and with followers of Christ worshipping today in different languages in a multitude of nations. At our congregation meeting on Pentecost we will take action on a final budget for 2017 and a Preschool budget for the upcoming academic year. In these mission plans we see God at work in amazing and astonishing ways.

Our preschool provides early childhood education for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Through the work of the preschool we fulfill our mission of refreshing and renewing both students and their families. Each year the preschool serves our community by educating students from over thirty families. Our 2017 budget recognizes Christ Lutheran's connection with the wider church supporting two missionaries and the many ministries of the ELCA and the Lower Susquehanna Synod. In 2017 the congregation's mission plan includes financial support to refresh and renew members and the community through public worship, music programming, youth ministry and Christian education. It indicates a commitment to host Gettysburg CARES homeless shelter and to participate in feeding programs such as Ruth's Harvest and Franklin Friends. It further provides support to maintain the building and facilities and to upgrade our information technology to better fulfill our mission. It reflects our commitment to continue to be sent out to share the refreshing and renewing love of God.

At the June meeting the congregation council will present an update on the comprehensive planning process and invite congregation members to offer input and feedback. This is an exciting time for Christ Lutheran Church and an opportunity for us to think about how God is calling us to share the refreshing and renewing Word and love of God with each other, our community and the world. I encourage you to get involved and be part of these important discussions around our mission, faith, and life together as the Body of Christ here in Gettysburg.

Yours servant in Christ,

Pastor Stephen Herr

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TRANSPORTING RESIDENTS...Christ Lutheran Church takes a turn on the 3rd Sun. of each month, transporting residents to and from worship at SpiriTrust Lutheran Village. The time involved is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Two or three people are needed for each date. This is an activity that families can do with their pre-teen or teenage children. Please sign up on the bridge or contact June Nyblade (334-0370) for more information.

OPEN HOUSE-SAVE THE DATE...John Zinn, a member of Christ Lutheran Church, will be turning 98 years old on June 20. His family will be holding an open house at John's residence, 201 W. Broadway, Gettysburg from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on June 25, 2017. Everyone is welcome to stop by to wish John a happy 98th birthday!

"NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION" AT LTSG/ULS...At midnight between June 30 and July 1, 2017, Gettysburg Seminary will go out of existence and United Lutheran Seminary (including the Gettysburg Campus) will come in. There will be a celebration of this occasion on the seminary campus from 9 PM until after midnight (including observance of the transition moment). Anyone is welcome to be there for the celebration. Beverages will be provided, but participants are asked to bring snacks to share and stories about Gettysburg Seminary. Contact: Mark Oldenburg (moldenburg@ltsg.edu)

THE RAIN DIDN'T DETER US!...The Property Committee clean-up day provided an opportunity for many tasks to be completed. Roger Steinacker, Bill and Marie Chantelau, Bruce Carbaugh, Steve Herr, Diane Miller, Kathy Gelner, Bill Wellborn, Roger, Martha, Jacob, Harry and Sam Nelson, Mike Miller, Linda Bell, Ken Oelkers, Charlie and Bobbi Lidard, George Gallagher, Jim Wright, Richard and Deb Mortland. Refrigerators were cleaned and empty of expired items and several refrigerators needed defrosting. All First Aid Kits were checked and replenished. Glass globes in the Donley Chapel, Hill room and Nave were washed. Ceiling fans were dusted. All pew cushions were turned and turned. Children's church worship bags were organized. All coverings on the air conditioners were removed. Most of the exterior doors and windows were cleaned and the pinwheels removed from the garden. The tedious job off removing the weeds from between the bricks on one side of the church was completed. The storage room off the kitchen was organized and cleaned-up. New signs were installed in the parking lot area. The major job of cleaning **ALL** the toys in the church nursery was completed.



Buzz and Gail Jones were unable to help on Saturday, but they volunteered to tackle the weeds in the gardens. In addition, Clay and Brenda Black have volunteered to take over the job Kib Roulette has done for years, removing wax from the pew cushions and seeing that the cushions get turned at least once a year.

Thanks everyone who came out to help. See you in November for our Fall Clean-up!

WOMEN of

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

will meet at **12 NOON** on **Monday, June 26th and Monday, July 31st** at
Spiritrust Lutheran the Village at Gettysburg.



"for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." - Galatians 3:26

We began our study of the book of Galatians by doing a character analysis of Paul and trying to determine some of his feelings as he continued ministering to the people in Galatia. The apostle Paul was faced with many challenges during his ministry to the church in Galatia and found himself in competition with the Jewish Christians that tried to undermine his work. At our **June meeting we will study the 3rd and 4th chapters** and conclude our study in **July with chapters 5 and 6**. A study guide is being provided for this Study. Bring your Bible and lunch and plan to join us for fellowship and enjoyable discussion about the Word. **We will gather in the Fellowship Room at SpiriTrust.** Please call Pat Lowin (717-778-2246) with questions.

Lasagna Sign-up for the Soup Kitchen

Without your help we couldn't meet our commitment to feed the guests of the Soup Kitchen once a month. Thank you to all volunteers. **A sign-up list for 2017 is available on the bridge, or send me an email. At this time we have many spaces available in, July, and August please sign up if you can help.**

A big thank you to the May and June providers.

May 18, 2017

Sara Laser \$
Gail Jones \$
Marion Cowdery
Carol Bream \$
Sara Laser \$
Marion Cowdery
Sara Laser \$

June 19, 2017

Sara Laser \$
Elizabeth Meighan
Beth Carmichael
Pat Miller
Marie Chantelau
Marie Chantelau
Marie Chantelau

July 17, 2017

Sara Laser \$
Karen McKay \$
Karen McKay \$

Just a reminder that all meals need to be at the Soup Kitchen by 10:00 a.m. On the third Monday of every month. If this is difficult for you to do please call me,

If you would like to participate but don't have time to cook. You can purchase a Stouffer's family size lasagna for about \$15.00 and bring it to the Soup Kitchen or the church unfrozen.

You can also provide a \$15.00 check to me and I will gladly purchase the needed lasagna.

Marie Chantelau 337-9623 or mchantelau@embarqmail.com and we can work out a pick up schedule.

Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital -- Candlelight at Christ Church

We invite you to attend *Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital*. Created and performed by members of our congregation, *Songs and Stories* presents the authentic history of the Civil War hospital at Christ Lutheran -- a key part of Gettysburg's battle after the Battle of Gettysburg. More than 15,000 people have attended *Songs and Stories*, enthusiastically endorsing this program with comments such as, "... *one of the best experiences on our trip... You have managed to educate, provoke thought, and play on our emotions, all the while entertaining us.*"

Songs and Stories brings to life the true stories of a wounded soldier, a local youth, and the doctors and nurses who worked valiantly to save lives -- both Union and Confederate -- during and after the Battle of Gettysburg. The experiences of the wounded and their caregivers are presented through poignant readings from the journal of a wounded soldier and the diary of a citizen-nurse; through live Civil War-era music, especially the songs of Stephen Foster; through the poetry of Walt Whitman, who served as a Civil War nurse for three years; and through passages from President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address.

Dearest Home, featuring Stephen and Beth Folkemer and family, will perform a variety of vocal and instrumental music from the Civil War era, and lead the audience in sing-alongs. Following performances, the cast

and crew will serve free refreshments for the audience, which presents an excellent mixer for attendees and their friends, musicians, cast, and crew.

Songs and Stories is preceded by a 30-minute musical prelude, with the main program beginning at 8:00 PM. The first performance will be presented on Saturday, June 17, and will continue each Saturday through September 3 (excepting July 8, August 19, and August 26). Additionally, by special request, Christ Lutheran will present a performance on Thursday evening, June 28th.



Bring your family, your neighbors, and your out-of-town guests.

For more information, call 334-5212 or visit the web site. www.songsandstoriesgettysburg.org.

Tom Laser, coordinator, 717-642-8160

A CONCERT OF DUETS FOR VIOLIN & ORGAN

Violinist Kate Goddard and organist John A. Wolfe will present a concert of duets for organ and violin in Gettysburg on Saturday, June 10th at 4:00PM. The venue for the concert will be Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg Street. The program will feature music of J.S. Bach, Naji Hakim, Josef Rheinberger and Louis Vierne. The concert is open to the public, and the performers will collect a freewill offering.

John A. Wolfe is a native of Gettysburg, the son of John Wolfe and Kristin Rice, and is a lifelong member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. He presently lives in New York City and serves as Organist and Music Director at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New Rochelle, NY, in which capacity he leads the youth and semi-professional adult choirs and performs for upwards of 300 Masses per year. He is also the Dean of the American Guild of Organists Brooklyn Chapter and a 2016 recipient of the Organ Historical Society's E. Power Biggs Fellowship. Currently pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Rutgers University, Mr. Wolfe holds a Master's Degree from Queens College and a Bachelor's Degree from Vassar College. His recent performance credits include a solo recital performance at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC and recording work for the classical record label Naxos.

Kate Goddard is a New York City-based multi-instrumentalist who performs on the violin, viola and French horn. Her season highlights have included performances with Early Music New York, Yale Schola, the American Handel Society at Princeton, guest concertmaster engagements with the New Westchester Symphony, and a collaboration with Lincoln Center Education with her woodwind quintet. She keeps an active schedule as a music teacher, maintaining about forty students in her studio. Ms. Goddard has been a frequent collaborator with Mr. Wolfe since they met in 2013 at Queens College, performing together with the Queens College Baroque Ensemble.

The program the duo has prepared will combine masterpieces of the classical repertoire with lesser-known musical gems. The first half will begin with J.S. Bach's incomparable solo violin music and will move on to music of Josef Rheinberger, a nineteenth-century German Romantic who was greatly influenced by Bach. The second half will focus on twentieth-century French literature: Louis Vierne, who was the organist at Notre Dame Cathedral from 1900 to 1937 despite being blind, and Naji Hakim, a living composer from Lebanon who has served in several of France's most prestigious organist positions.



CHRIST LUTHERAN MOVIE SERIES!

Sunday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the social room

The Mission (1986)

All are welcome to join us for the Christ Lutheran's movie/discussion series.

In June we will show *The Mission*: a film about the experiences of a Jesuit missionary in 18th century South America.

All are welcome. Bring a comfortable chair. Popcorn is served.

SOCIAL/GLOBAL MINISTRY

Missionaries Chad Rimmer and his wife, Natalie, completed their service at the end of 2016 after four years serving in Senegal so that Natalie could seek treatment not available there for her recurring cancer. Chad has accepted a new position with the Lutheran World Federation and the Rimmer family will move to Geneva, Switzerland, in August.

To replace our support of the Rimmers, The Social and Global Mission Committee voted for CELC to sponsor Drs. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, who are already serving in Tanzania, to continue our commitment to our companion synod relationship there.

Stephen, who has a B.Sc. in Child Psychology from the University of Minnesota, an M.D. from Harvard, and did a Post-Doctorate in pediatric Infectious diseases at Washington University in St. Louis, is a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician and serves in the care of children at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha. He is active in education and research efforts and mentorships, and helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns, and international residents. He also serves as an intermediary to the international global health community. His wife, Jodi, who has a B.S. in Biology from Wheaton College and a Nursing Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University, participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers.

The Swansons, who call Minnesota, California, and Montana "home," have three children: Hannah, Caedmon, and Indya. The family enjoys nature and the outdoors where they pursue running, hiking, camping, gardening, and photography. Because they are assigned to our companion synod, there is a chance that they will be able to visit us in the future when they are on home leave in the United States.

CELC also continues to support Stephen and Marta Deal, missionaries in Central America.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Electronic Giving

Adam Copeland

Electronic giving is no fad; according to a new study, it is the **preferred method of giving** for a majority of church members. In other settings, people have developed habits of giving that rely on e-giving methods many church members prefer to give by smart phone, recurring contribution on a debit or credit card, and even by text message.

Having electronic giving available is an issue of hospitality. In a culture in which one can give to most non-profits in a minute or less while on my iPhone it is important to consider 'e-giving.' Second, contrary to how many of us speak of "e-giving" in the churchgoers who are most engaged with their congregations have stronger preferences toward electronic giving.

Those church members most likely to give are those people in our pews most Sundays. So why not make electronic giving easier for these active members? As a bonus, recurring giving options like monthly draws from bank accounts can help a congregation's cash flow remain steady, avoiding that dreaded summer lag.

Many people like the physical act of putting something in the offering plate when it is passed. At CELC we have 'disk's that can be put in the offering plate. Please see our usher staff as you enter our sanctuary

What is **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?**

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

- Approximately 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of their income. This means that “broke” has become the new normal in our nation.
- At the end of the month, many individuals simply have nothing left because of debt and expenses.

If this is you, I've got good news. You are not alone.

- You may be sitting there wishing you could get more financial margin in your life. If you'd like to take control of your money, then listen carefully.
- As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to get on a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money.
- Financial Peace University is that plan. This 9-week class taught by money expert Dave Ramsey can change your financial story in a matter of weeks—and your family tree for generations to come.

FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks

What will you learn in *Financial Peace University?*

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-week class on money taught by Dave Ramsey. Dave and his [teaching team](#) will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more!

Cost is \$99.00 per couple – 9 sessions that is \$10.00 per session – for TWO individuals- less than a cup of coffee @ Starbucks!

(Teenage children included in cost of parents)

Need help with tuition? See Pastor Herr

First class is Wednesday the 6th of September @ 6:30 PM. In the Social Hall.

Want more information? Email me @ Nelson@LCV.EDU

Thank you

Stewardship Committee

WE GIVE IN GRACE THROUGH OUR GROWTH IN FAITH

What an exciting time at Christ Lutheran Church, Gettysburg!! We must use this opportunity to move ahead with our goals as a congregation. On October 16, 2017, the Christ Lutheran Church will celebrate "**GOAL SUNDAY.**" This is the day that we, as members serve notice that we are involved, we are committed and we serve the church's missions in the community, the Commonwealth, the nation and international areas. We must first serve our church by setting aside a goal to support our church.

The theme of our 'GOAL SUNDAY' is '**Giving in Grace.**' What does it mean to '**Give in Grace?**'

We give in grace though our growth in faith. We all know that we have many ministries in Christ Lutheran Church. All the ministries focus on the personification of grace through giving.

I recall the deliberations of the property committee the other day. We talked about adding some outlets to our kitchen so that we can plug more than one crock pot in at a time. I started to think about how this simple act of adding an outlet and a new circuit could be considered '**Giving in Grace?**' When I mentioned this proposal to several individuals in the church, they all said "Wow- we will be able to increase our fellowship activities, because it will be easier to prepare meals." The simple act of increasing electrical capacity served to increase the '**Giving in Grace.**'

There are so many other examples of '**Giving in Grace**' in Christ Lutheran. Listen now to some of the member's comments about our ministries and **GRACE.** Below is a short list of examples where we '**Give in Grace:**'

YOUTH

- Watching our confirmation youth happily providing their talents during the Easter breakfast allows us to know that service is part of our heritage as a church.
- Knowing that the youth are the future of our church by investing in the programs provided to them in terms of confirmation camp.
- Hearing the laughter and joy in a child's voice while in church

Caring for the Gettysburg community

- A look around the bridge area shows collection baskets and boxes for the soup kitchen and Ruth's Harvest.
- WELCAS's support of CELC preschool scholarship fund
- Congregational support for Hoss' fundraising nights on behalf of the pre-school program

Welcoming visitors to historic Gettysburg and our Church

- Saturday morning Open House provides a respite from summer heat, clean restrooms and tours of our building.
- CELC participates with the Historic Church Walking tours each summer.
- Our "*Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital*" program provides a welcome to visitors and teaches a bit of the history of our historic building.
- Our New Year's Open House provides a warm respite from winter, as well as, providing music and entertainment.

Gettysburg CARES

- During Gettysburg CARES on the first night, several residents exclaimed to me: "there is carpet on the floor and the room is warm." What a blessing it is to be able to provide shelter in the dark depths of winter.
- Giving of time by the many hosts of Gettysburg CARES was a blessing to them and to our church.

GIVING IN GRACE is what we are about in the Christ Lutheran Church's congregation. As we move forward to 'GOAL' Sunday we hope that you will think back on the many ministries that we support through our church. We hope that you will consider increasing your gifts to our ministries in 2018 by increasing your pledged amount. We hope you will consider increasing your offering of financial gifts, time and talents to Christ Lutheran's ministries in 2018. Prayerfully consider setting a goal and increasing what your commitment to helping Christ Church share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world.

KEEP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 IN YOUR HEARTS AND BE PREPARED TO HELP BY SETTING A GOAL FOR 2018.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD): STRATEGY FOR GIVING

Are you 70 ½ and wondering about your RMD? Here is a possible avenue of help.

This communication is a reminder that you can take advantage of the now-permanent IRA qualified charitable distribution law to help manage both your charitable intent and your tax liabilities.

The law allows you to “count” charitable contributions made from your traditional IRA toward your required minimum distributions beginning the year you turn 70 ½. By directing your distribution from your IRA administrator directly to a charity, it moves without tax consequence to you or the charity. This is a pretty tax-efficient way to support the causes you care about!

There are some governing rules, among them that this charitable distribution be the first you make from your IRA in a calendar year, and that it not be more than \$100,000 in each year. We suggest you talk with your tax adviser to take full advantage of this opportunity.

The two documents that appear below detail the specific information you will need to contribute to CELC using your RMD. *(The information presented is not intended as definitive tax advice, one should always seek the advice of a qualified tax professional)*

Sample of letter to your IRA administrator

Give to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) from your Individual Retirement Account.

Did you know you could make a gift to CELC directly from your IRA without paying tax on the distribution?

It's called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution**, and it's an easy way to support Christ Lutheran and make an important difference to our mission of ministries.

What gift makes up a QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION?

- The donor must be age 70 ½ or older when the gift is made
- The gift must come from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA account.
 - 401(k), 403(b), SEP IRA accounts and other retirement accounts do not qualify
- The gift must come directly from your IRA administrator to CELC. Please contact your administrator, instruct them to complete a transfer to CELC directly from your account, and mail it to the address below. Please be sure they include your name so we can give you proper credit for the gift.

Financial Secretary
Christ Lutheran Church
30 Chambersburg Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
- Total Qualified Charitable Distribution gifts in any one year cannot exceed \$100,00
- The Qualified Charitable Distribution gift can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you have not already taken your RMD for the year in which you make your gift.
- The gift from your IRA will be excluded from your income for the year. Therefore, the gift will not be available as an income tax deduction.

Please contact your IRA Custodian for additional information regarding giving through an IRA or other retirement account. *(The information presented is not intended as definitive tax advice, one should always seek the advice of a qualified tax professional)*



Intention



Reality

WILL YOUR GIFTS GET PASSED ALONG AS YOU INTEND?

Leaving gifts to family and church is an art.

It takes prayerful coordination of one's will and beneficiary forms to make a gift plan that meets your expectations. Moreover, gifts to your favorite ministries and family may require the use of charitable means like charitable gift annuities, memorial endowment funds or trusts.

We offer a free and confidential service for this planning. Call Pastor Liz Polanzke, Central PA Gift Planner, today!

Working with your
financial & legal
teams to create a
unified plan

Utilizing
charitable means
of giving to family
& church

Free &
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Solid planning to
leave a legacy of
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CELC COUNCIL CONCISELY - May 2017

[1] The Council approved the recommendations brought forth by the Executive Committee that were gleaned from the staff audit committee regarding an additional fulltime rostered person, resolution of the mortgage, matters of property maintenance, space audit recommendations, and proposals concerning the Wentz/Snyder bequests. These recommendations will be presented for discussion at the next congregational meeting.

[2] Council approved the recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee concerning the 2017 budget. It will be recommended for adoption at the next congregational meeting.

[3] Council selected June 4th for the next congregational meeting for [a] the approval of the Nursery School 2017 budget, [b] the approval of the proposed CELC 2017 budget, and [3] discussion of the comprehensive plan.

[4] Council denied the request by Bud Wolfe for an exemption to the CELC Open Door policy in order to hold a fundraiser concert on June 10th for the benefit of the American Civil Liberties Union [ACLU] with a suggested donation in the amount of \$20.

[5] Council approved the recommendations of Social and Global Ministry Committee to [a] allocate \$420 [the equivalent of one week for one child to attend camp] to the Lutheran Camping Corporation for campership assistance to children who would otherwise would be unable to attend summer camp due to difficult financial circumstances and [b] fund fully the \$300 request from the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice for funding of two Peacemaker Awards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The following persons are dealing with health concerns and are in need of your prayers... Marty Henderson, Carol Sieck, Sylvia Wiley, Glenna Binkley, Rob Bengé, Josephine Brady, Mary Huffman, Jeanne West, Robert Delthey, Ed Leister, Rev. Terry McCarthy, Natalie Rimmer, John Deeben, Linda Love, Jim Miller, Karen Medcalf, Jeanne Brooks, John Sweeney, Denise Krepley, Jimmy Gibson, Jerry Price, John Bohannon, Onalee Hall, Sherri Townsend, Blair Cruickshank, Jerry Henderson, Bill Hartman, Terry Slattery, Robert Cummins, Scott Badger, John Sweeney, Mary Vogelsong, friends and families at the death of Sirka Stjerna and Marvin Riegel

The following persons are homebound ... Helen Bream, Gladys Zech, Charles and Elinor Aurand, Dorothy Peterman

JUNE and JULY BIRTHDAYS

6/3 – Brooks Schramm

6/6 – Molly Heaton, Mike Hietikko

6/7 – Karl Held

6/8 – Taylor Koontz

6/11 – Sharon Saunders, Nancy Spurkeland

6/12 – Martha Hansen

6/14 – Matias Arcelus

6/16 – George Gallagher

6/18 – Donald Palesky, Haylie Steinacker

6/19 – Kaitlyn Then

6/20 – John Zinn

6/22 – Rose Anderson

6/23 – Whitney Smyth

6/26 – June Nyblade

6/27 – Karen McKay

6/28 – Aaron Laing, Toni Laing

John Wolfe

6/29 – Jacob Folkemer

6/30 – Billy Wellborn, Jr.

7/4 – Elizabeth Dende, Joyce Naugle

7/5 – Katherine Meighan

7/10 – Cameron & Isabel Carmichael

Aimee Remington

7/12 – David Clark, Paul Dende

7/13 – Luke Blaney, Steve Cowdery

7/14 – Marion Cowdery

7/18 – Eric Crump, David Reindollar

7/19 – Christine Wasyluk, Evelyn Wilson

7/21 – David Nelson

7/22 – Jennifer Blaney, Kristina Peterman

7/23 – Jack Bream, Brody Rhoads

7/24 – Sylvia Wiley

7/25 – Peter Vasilenko

7/27 – Kristian Blezard, Barbara Pendley

7/28 – Elinor Aurand

7/30 – Jared Townsend

JUNE AND JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mike and Kathy Bennett	June 4, 1983	Jim and Donna Nicholson	June 21, 1958
Jim and Marty Henderson	June 7, 1962	Peter and Carol Vasilenko	June 25, 1977
Walt and Linda Hess	June 10, 1967	Orville and June Nyblade	June 30, 1951
Jason and Holly Townsend	June 10, 2000	Andy and Kristina Peterman	June 30, 2001
Harry and Judy Buzzerd	June 13, 1964	Dennis and Eileen Hoover	July 6, 1968
Keith and Cat Ballantyne	June 16, 2001	Hans and Renea Schroeder	July 8, 2006
Buzz and Gail Jones	June 16, 1979	Charles and Roberta Lidard	July 16, 1997
Roger and Martha Nelson	June 17, 1967	Victor and Julie Arcelus	July 17, 1999
Robert and Arlene Zellner	June 18, 1955	Brandon and Valerie Stone	July 18, 2003
Rene and Lori Fredette	June 19, 1971		



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS 2017:

HERO CENTRAL!

...and REGISTER TODAY!

Once again, St. James Lutheran Church, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church and Christ Lutheran Church will be joining together to offer our "10th Annual Celebration" of Vacation Bible School! This year, St. James Lutheran will be hosting **Hero Central VBS from Monday, July 24th through Friday, July 28th from 9:00am-11:30am.** The VBS Planning Committee is already hard at work, deciding how to make this year's VBS the best ever. Please mark the dates down now, and register TODAY! We hope all kids - ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade (completed) - can join us...and all others - ages 12 to 99 - can help by volunteering. Contact the following people if you are interested in becoming involved: (St.J) Julie Keyser or Jess Smith or Lori Smyth (CELC) or (PoP). Get your registration in soon - we hope to see you there!

Calling All Super Heroes! Report for action on God's "mission"- right in your church! At VBS hero Central, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

Kids seek out hero codes to "power up" —with God's awesome power. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Hero codes to equip your Heroes for an active life with God. Your heroes will discover a hero first (Bible memory verse) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. Along the way, the heroes will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action! Let's go!

Kids will Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Hero Central VBS brings kids together—kids who are happy, hurting, curious, doubtful, wonderful, wounded, and weak. In five days of mountain adventure, you'll help them discover God's mighty power. Kids will leave as more confident, faith-filled people ready to pursue a lifelong friendship with Jesus—no matter what!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact your congregation's VBS contact (listed above) if you would like to help at VBS. Requirements: You need to be aged 12 to 99.

You need to be kind, happy and helpful. You need to be anxious to worship and celebrate with a great team!

Please plan to join us - VBS is always a week-long celebration! We'd love to have you as a part of the team!



Hero Central

VBS 2017 Registration Form (one per child)



Please deliver to your church office, VBS Committee representative
or return by mail to: Erin Hill, VBS Registrar
St. James Lutheran Church, 109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

VBS 2017 will be held at St. James Lutheran Church (109 York Street, Gettysburg).
"Hero Central" will be our 10th Annual Celebration of VBS partnership between
St. James Lutheran, Christ Lutheran and Prince of Peace Episcopal Churches!

Monday, July 24th – Friday, July 28th – VBS Program 9:00am-11:30am

Child's name: _____ Age (as of 6/22/17): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Completed (by 6/22/17): _____

Street/mailling address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parents (names): _____

Parent/Caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

In case of emergency, contact: (Name, relationship and phone number)

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

**Parents:
We need your help!
Are you able to
volunteer?**

- Yes – Mon-Fri
- Yes – circle: M T W Th F
- No
- Area of interest: _____

Days attending VBS:

- All 5
- Mon. 7/24 Tues. 7/25 Wed. 7/26 Thurs. 7/27
- Fri. 7/28

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used
(their name not listed) in church presentation, church promotional
materials and church social media? Yes No