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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed the few beautiful days we have had in the past couple of weeks. The weather seems to be teasing us, giving us just a taste of spring in between the showers. At times, however, I have wondered if we should begin building an ark, but then I remember that God has promised to never flood the whole world again. Hopefully, we will see the sunshine on a regular basis soon! Regardless, Psalm 113.3 tells us that "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

As we ease into summer, I hope you will take the time to slow down and enjoy the good weather and being with friends and family. I am busy planning the fall months at the church already. Over the summer I will be announcing upcoming fall events in the newsletter so that you too can plan ahead and put them on your calendar.

Summer Blessing to each of you!  
May the sun's rays feel warm against your skin, may your feet leave footprints upon the sand, and may God keep you safely in His hand.

Pastor Linda

## MARTIN LUTHER SAYS:

"Pray and let God worry!"  
- Martin Luther



## "FIRST WEDNESDAY" IS BACK!

As most of you know, the restaurant on the square has reopened under new ownership. We are again meeting to have coffee and fellowship on the first Wednesday of each month at **9:30 a.m.** I hope to see all of you on Wednesday, **June 5th.** All are welcome!



### “SECOND SUNDAY SWEETS”

Don't miss this chance for fellowship right after the Sunday Service on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be honoring our graduates this day so we'll be sharing in the Parish House after worship!

Congratulations to Kara Delancey, Ava Mullen, Isaac Nulton and Katie Thomas.



### “MORNING GLORIES” TO MEET!

The “Morning Glories” will meet on Monday, **June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** at the Church. We are continuing our knitting and crocheting. Even if you have never knit or crocheted before, come, and learn. Many prayer shawls and prayer squares are underway. Quilted items and baby blankets have been added to the list of needed items the Ladies are working on. You are also welcome if you just want to drop by and share in the fellowship.

## HOLY HUMOR: BLOOPERS IN CHURCH BULLETINS

A worm welcome to all who have come today.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.



### “BOOKS AND BEYOND” NEEDS YOU!

**Please mark your calendars** and plan to join us this fall. The book group is sponsored and led by Christ Lutheran members, and meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the library. The books we choose are usually a “good read,” and the discussion lively and fun, with a lot of laughter. The selections and dates for fall are listed below.

#### Fall Selection:

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| Sept 18 | <i>Little Fires</i><br><i>Everywhere</i> by Celeste Ng |
| Oct. 16 | <i>Miss Julie Hits the Road</i> by Ann B, Ross         |
| Nov. 20 | <i>Winter Sisters</i> by Robin Oliveira                |



Our church website has been updated, not only does it include current photos, but you can find the Pastor's sermons, newsletters as well as current news articles posted there. You can easily reach the site by googling Christ Lutheran Church in New Bloomfield or <http://www.clcnewbloomfield.org>. Check it often to keep up with the latest happenings at Christ Lutheran!

### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:**

Please offer congratulations to Emma and Molly Eicher, and Walker Delancey for successfully completing their first year of confirmation classes. The second year of classes will begin in the fall, and the students will be confirmed in the spring of 2020.



### **R3 Team Report –**

Sue Adams has formed a Greeting Card Team along with Evelyn Spotts and Diane Grindle. Greeting cards have been donated and cards are made during the Morning Glories meetings. During Morning Glories, the first Monday of each month, cards for the month will be chosen and addressed. The

cards are then placed in the Sunday School room for members to sign and write notes in during the month. Many positive comments have been received so far about the cards. Many thanks to Sue and her team for organizing this!!

Another idea from the R3 discussions was making our church location better known. A new sign has been ordered to be placed on the south side of town ( across the road from the Sandersons ) that gives the address of the church and worship time. Make sure and watch for its arrival. Thanks to Team members that worked on this project.

### **“REVELATIONS & THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT”**

Okay! I know we are just starting summer, but I do most of my planning and preparation work over the summer months. I would like to offer the evening Bible Study listed below, but need to know that there are enough people who are interested before putting in the time preparing it. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you think you are interested, please sign the sheet or let me know of your interest.

#### *Bible Study Description:*

Why not get your “scary” on in the month of October? This will be a 4-session series. The tape, “*Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelations,*” will be used with discussion afterwards.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8: 15 p.m. Please note that we do not meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> as the Church Council meets that evening.

**Dates for the Study are: October 1, October 15, October 22, October 29<sup>th</sup>**



**George & Dot Berrier**  
**The Woods at Cedar Run**  
**824 Lisburn Road**  
**Camp Hill, PA 17011**  
**George Room #230 and Dot Room #235**  
**(rooms across the hall from each other)**



## Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 4 – Christ Lutheran hosting the Grief Sharing meeting.**

**June 5 – First Wednesday, 9:30 am at the County Seat Restaurant**

**June 6, 7, 8 – Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Messiah College**

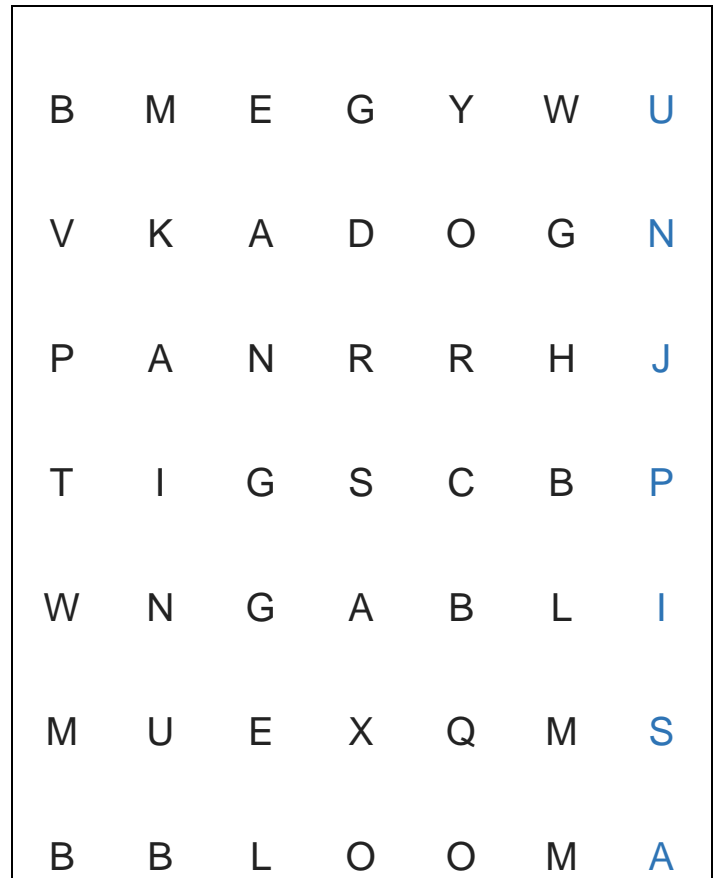
**June 9 - Second Sunday Sweets and reception for Graduates**

**June 10 – Morning Glories 9 a.m.**

**June 11- 16 –Pastor Linda at Continuing Education at Southern Seminary**

**June 19 – Pastor’s meeting on “Addiction in the Community”**

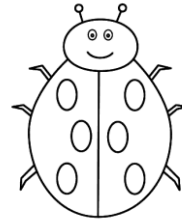
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### Word List

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## *Stewardship of community*

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. –Leviticus 19:18b*  
*And who is my neighbor? –Luke 10:29b*

Think of all the homes, apartments and condos within walking (or easy driving) distance of our congregation. Now ask, how do we interact with these neighbors? Does our congregation understand their issues, joys, opportunities and challenges? How can we love them as ourselves?

Though God has filled the world with neighbors for us to love, we have a special opportunity and responsibility with neighbors who are nearby us. They form our immediate community. Many congregations narrowly define “community” as people who are already part of church, but God calls us to broaden our vision.

Congregations across our denomination are finding renewed energy and purpose by connecting (or reconnecting) with their community neighbors. It takes work and a willingness to go outside our comfort zone, but worth the effort pays off for them and us.

“It’s within our power to become good neighbors, to care for the people around us and to be cared for by the people around us,” write Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon in *The Art of Neighboring* (2012, Baker Books, p. 22), a handy guide for a church to start a neighboring movement. “There really is a different way to live, and we are finding that it is actually the best way to live.”

Loving our neighbors we naturally gather together as community that is blessed by God. It holds true in our personal lives as well as our congregations. As spring and summer unfolds, let’s commit to finding ways to be better stewards of our community, engaging our neighbors, especially those who live closest to our congregation.

--Rob Blezard

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