

College Lutheran Church Forum



April 2018

I am elated that the Rev. David Drebes is coming in May to serve as College Church's pastor. His arrival May 1 means the office will have been vacant for a year. (By that I mean the office of called, full-time pastor; how much more challenging the past year would have been without Pastor Westermann's steady presence.)

The Call Committee is an interesting creation. Appointed by Congregation Council, it functions independently, and by necessity it functions guardedly. Its accountability comes at the end of the process when council and congregation ratify (or not) the committee's choice of candidate. (Had you not elected Pastor Drebes, the Call Committee would have had to go to work looking for another candidate; heaven forbid!)

I had a clear and encouraging experience of the Holy Spirit from the very creation of the group. The obvious giftedness of the members aside, there was a trust level that allowed us to work together seriously and honestly from the start. Focus was never a problem; no one was shy, and everyone jumped right on board (so eager were they that the chairman was elected while he was in Africa). And we agreed on the importance and urgency of prayer. Perhaps it was because we had but one job: Find a pastor. That helped. Our concerns were few but important: Pray, trust God and one another, trust the process, keep candidates' confidences while still communicating with the congregation -- and find a pastor.

In the year that we worked as a committee, we shared a lot of phone calls and emails, met perhaps a dozen times, reviewed a half-dozen resumes and conducted three -- yep, only three -- interviews -- two with the man who will become our pastor, and one from a pastor from outside the synod. In the in-between times there was a lot of hurry-up-and-wait, and a lot of phone calls from the chairman to the synod, begging for candidates. There was much prayer for patience. And there was some impatience, because for the kind of pastor we sought, it took time for candidates to present themselves. And there was a large pool of congregations praying over the same small pool of pastors. All the more reason to be thankful that Pastor Drebes realized that his call is with College Church.

The synod's Call Process Manual says the Call Committee has one more task: to be a welcoming committee for the new pastor. Before I happily fade back into the woodwork, that's a task in which I'll happily participate. I hope many members of College Church will join us in welcoming Pastor Drebes to his new church home.

Christ is risen indeed!

John Hudson

Call Committee chairman for a time

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We celebrate God's grace and share His love in Christ.

Music Ministry

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ALLELUIA

"Woman, why are you weeping. Whom are you looking for?"

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

He is not here; for he has been raised"

" . . . Go, tell . . . that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;

there you will see him, just as he said."



Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise; . . .

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!"



And a repeat of a quote from last month's *Forum*, with emphases mine:

"Whether one is to be newborn, the cross it there;

or to be nourished with that Mystical Food . . .

or to do anything . . .

everywhere our symbol of **victory** is present."



CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Karen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Our coffee fellowship time has resumed on Sundays. Please help us rebuild our "stash" of coffee supplies for the 2017/2018 Sunday School year as you can. The following is a list of suggested needs:

- Coffee (regular and decaf)
- Cookies or breakfast pastries
- Napkins
- Cups for hot coffee



Please leave all donations on the table in All Saints Hall.

Ruth/Naomi Circle

The Ruth/Naomi Circle has resumed its monthly meetings on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in All Saints Conference Room. Our Bible Study, from the Gather magazine of the Women of the ELCA, is on the Apostles' Creed; you may pick up your magazine in Sandi's office. All women of the congregation are invited to join us! For questions or information, call or e-mail Joann Barfield, 380-2926 or mjghbarfield@gmail.com.

Tai' Chi

Join us Tuesdays for
Tai' Chi and Laughter Yoga
for Seniors at 10:30 a.m.

The Auxiliary of Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center April 2018 Report from Celi Stoutamire

If you have not marked the date of the Brandon Oaks Auxiliary Spring Boutique, please do! The date is Friday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Men and women's clothing will be sold at unbelievable prices (most items are \$5). All money raised will go to benefit the residents at the Brandon Oaks Nursing Center.

The March 6th Annual Brandon Oaks Auxiliary Luncheon and Fashion Show was a huge success. Every ticket was sold, the lunch was good, and the residents who modeled Belk's clothing were admired and appreciated (the male models always steal the show). Thanks to College Church members who came.

A reminder - Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Auxiliary membership forms for 2018 are on the table in All Saints Hall. Please consider renewing your membership and/or joining. The dues are only \$5.00 and all money received benefits the residents at the Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Music on the calendar

- April 8 Lessons and Carols of the Resurrection
- April 15 Jim Richardson, dulcimer; pre-worship concert at 9:45

The choir is always open to new members; speak to any one of us about the choir schedule and the camaraderie, fun, prayer and support we share while making music for all at College Lutheran Church. Choir members and others from the congregation add to the hymns and other music of worship with the instruments they know best. Come and join us.

College Lutheran Church Nursery Schedule



NURSERY

The Nursery Ministry Team of College Lutheran Church recognizes the importance of providing our parents with the opportunity for quiet worship, as well as, introducing our little ones to the love and care of a Christian community. Thank you to our volunteers that watch over our littlest members during our Worship Service on Sunday mornings.

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April 1

Carolyn Ward

April 8

Emily Brown

April 15

Debra Clements

April 22

Amy Geddes

April 29

Andrea Hutchinson

April Flowers 2018

April 8

Lois Hinkle
in memory of John Hinkle

April 15

Patsy Milam
in memory of Elmer Milam

April 22

Charles and Jo Satchwell
in honor of
their 57th Wedding Anniversary

April 29

Jeff and Linda Perry
in honor of their daughters
Alex and Caroline





HOSTING FAMILIES FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROANOKE

During the week of Sunday, April 15 through Sunday morning, April 22, College Lutheran Church will be hosting the guests of Family Promise of Greater Roanoke. St Paul's Episcopal Church and Calvary United Methodist Church are our support congregations. College Lutheran volunteers will prepare the dinner meals, and serve as **dinner hosts** on **Tuesday, April 17** and **Saturday, April 21**. Guests enjoy the opportunity to sleep late on Saturday morning and to eat brunch before going to the day center. This provides an opportunity for **brunch hosts** on **Saturday morning, April 21**. **Overnight hosts** are needed on **Tuesday, April 17; Thursday, April 19; and Saturday, April 21** families are (parent(s) with child(ren) who are temporarily experiencing homelessness. Families may include children as young as infants through teenagers. There could be as many as 14 guests from 4 families. Won't you consider helping?

How can you help? By assisting in one of the volunteer roles. You may sign-up on the poster in All Saints Hall any time during office hours and on Sunday mornings.

1. **Dinner preparers** – prepare foods and bring to College Lutheran Church between 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the designated day. Use the Thompson Memorial Drive entrance.
2. **Dinner hosts** –5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - keep food warm, assist guests with serving and clean-up, enjoy dinner with the guests and may assist parents with children's needs...i.e. reading to children, homework, etc. On Saturday morning, guests sleep later than usual. Saturday brunch hosts assist guests with serving and cleanup and enjoy the meal with the guests.
3. **Overnight hosts** – 8:30 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. - may spend time with guests, may help older children with homework or other activities, are available in case of emergency, and to prepare coffee in the morning. **Overnight hosts may be a couple; a parent and child; a couple of friends.** If you don't have someone to stay with you, just let us know. Overnight hosting can be a time for reading a book, visiting with a friend, or catching up on knitting or other handicraft project...while being available.

The families who are enrolled in this program appreciate our support and involvement. Each parent tells us how much it means to have our support during this time in their lives. Your efforts are also recognized and appreciated by the Family Promise of Greater Roanoke and our Service and World Hunger Ministry Team. Please, **sign up in All Saints Hall!**



News from family promise...and our recent guests

The 2017 statistics are now available from Family Promise of Greater Roanoke.

During the year:

- 29 families were sheltered (31 congregations serve as either hosts or support)
- 23 of 27 families (85% of families) were placed in permanent housing (2 families were still in shelter at the end of the year)
- 39 adults and 60 children were served
- 25 of 31 able-bodied adults were employed upon exit
- Average length of stay was 35 days

Guest news to share:

Family one, a single parent and his son, has found a house and moved in recently. He is maintaining his job as a cook and is starting Financial Peace classes at Family Promise and hopes to save enough money to purchase the house.

In another family of two parents and two children, the father has found a very good job in construction shortly after moving into Family Promise. The family moved into one of the Family Promise Master Lease homes (rental properties in partnership of Family Promise with other area organizations), so Family Promise could easily continue case management with the family. They have flourished and are looking for permanent rental housing.

The third family moved into their new apartment last fall and love their new home. The mother has worked hard in English classes after moving out of Family Promise. She excelled in learning her new language...so much that she recently started a job nearby. Family Promise was able to provide the family with a donated car so that they could get to work more easily.

A single mother and her two children are currently at Family Promise. She is working on her graphic design degree and applying to many jobs while caring for her little ones and searching for affordable housing.

Dinner hosts, overnight hosts, and coordinators from our congregation had the privilege of meeting three of the families. Other volunteers provided meals and supplies during our host week. A very special thank you to each of them!

Thank You

Dear College Church,

Our gratitude and great Easter joy for the check, in the amount of \$1,000.00 in support of the feeding programs of SAEM. It is an honor and blessing to have churches, judicatories, civic organizations, groups, businesses and individuals within the community support SAEM through such donations, thus making it possible for us to maintain and even expand our programs and projects in service to all in need in the greater Salem community and throughout the Roanoke Valley.

Know that we are most grateful for this gift, your support of SAEM, and your care for the less fortunate in this region. Your prayers are also greatly appreciated.

With hope, peace, and great joy we remain yours in Christ as we journey through this most Holy Week.

Karen Adams
Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries

April 2018 Server Schedule

10:00 a.m. Service

Sunday, April 1

Assisting Minister— Celi Stoutamire

Communion – Michael Hakkenberg

Acolyte— Rowan Clements

Crucifer— Ambriel Clements

Sunday, April 8

Assisting Minister— Bob Yates

Communion Assistants – LuAnn Yates

Acolyte— Sophia Brown

Crucifer— Spencer Brown

Sunday, April 15

Assisting Minister— Dawn Barnes

Communion Assistants – Nancy Spraker

Acolyte— Griffin Geddes

Crucifer— Riley Geddes

Sunday, April 22

Assisting Minister— Cynthia Bowen

Communion - Carolina Bowen

Acolyte— Oliver Luci

Crucifer— Courtney Bowen

Sunday, April 29

Assisting Minister— Serena Fick

Communion Assistants - Kara Yates

Acolyte— Lili Conner

Crucifer— Blake Conner

Ushers – Bill Hill, Bob Yates, Roger Holtman

Altar Care— Gary Hollis, Nancy Spraker, Stacy Barfield

Bread Ministry— Lily Crum

Tellers— Roger Holtman, Paul White

Nursery— Carolyn Ward, Emily Brown, Debra Clements,

Amy Geddes, Andrea Hutchinson

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship Easter Sunday	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Quilting 9:00 a.m. Tai'Chi 10:30 a.m.	4 Ruth/Naomi 10:30 a.m.	5 Roanoke Womans Club 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults 10:00 a.m. Worship	9 Violin 3:00 p.m. Aspergers 5:00 p.m. VA Gentlemen 7:00 p.m.	10 Property 9:00 a.m. Quilting 9:00 a.m. Tai'Chi 10:30 a.m. Executive Com. 6:00 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m.	11	12 Pastoral Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Aspergers Group 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults 10:00 a.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal Youth 4:00 p.m.	16 Violin 3:00 p.m. Aspergers 5:00 p.m. VA Gentlemen 7:00 p.m.	17 Quilting 9:00 a.m. Tai'Chi 10:30 a.m. SAEM 7:00 p.m.	18 Happy Crows 10:30 a.m.	19 Council 6:30 p.m.	20	21
First Week of Hosting Family Promise						
22 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults 10:00 a.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal Youth 4:00 p.m.	23 Violin 3:00 p.m. Aspergers 5:00 p.m. VA Gentlemen 7:00 p.m.	24 Quilting 9:00 a.m. Tai'Chi 10:30 a.m. Service and World Hunger 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Sons of Norway 1.00 p.m.
Second Week of Hosting Family Promise						
29 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults 10:00 a.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal Youth 4:00 p.m.	30 Violin 3:00 p.m. Aspergers 5:00 p.m. VBS Meeting 6:15 p.m. VA Gentlemen 7:00 p.m.					

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

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