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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

Dear members and friends of Christ Church,

My thanks to the Altar Guild, the Choir, and all who ushered, read, or otherwise served during our many services; to Lynn, Raul, Deborah, and Mark for all their preparatory work; and to everyone whose presence made last week blessed and holy from the first notes of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” to the last “Alleluia” on Easter morning.

- Fr. John

Men’s Club Dinner

The Men’s Club We do not have a speaker for the men’s club, so we will cancel for April and move the next one to May 1st.

Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at Kings Grant at 1:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. The next services will be **April 4** and May 2.

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study (which meets at 9:30 in the Parish House) **resumes on April 7**. We will begin considering the story of David, the musical shepherd who became the most celebrated King of Israel. In reading through much of the Books of Samuel, we will reflect on how David is both an exemplar and a cautionary tale. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible study (which meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House) **resumes on April 8**. We are reading through the Gospel of Luke, and that evening we will begin Chapter 6, in which Jesus teaches about the Sabbath and offers the Sermon on the Plain. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is required.

Wednesday Eucharist

Our Wednesday celebrations of Holy Eucharist **resume on April 10 at Noon in the Chapel** (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes), spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets **on Wednesday, April 10**, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). This month's meal will be a **potluck** beginning at 6:00; please bring something to share, and the discussion will go from 7:00 to 8:00.

Loaves & Fishes – April 24, 2024

All members of the community are invited to this free meal in our Undercroft from **5:00-6:00 p.m.** Spread the Word!

Andy and Tara Williams plan the meals, and the food is delicious! **We need volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to send desserts, fruit, and individually wrapped non-perishable snack items. Please sign up on the following link [Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia \(christchurchmvl.org\)](https://christchurchmvl.org) to help or to bring something. Donations of either may be brought to the Office or Undercroft in the days leading up to each meal. We are serving dine-in only, with leftovers distributed as takeout only at the end of the meal.**

*****Loaves & Fishes has lost the donations from the Lutheran Church which included such items as individually wrapped snacks, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant), and household items (dish and laundry detergent - small bottles) and is asking for your donations of these items for the L&F attendees.**

Thank you for your support! Andy & Tara Williams and the L&F Team

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for April thru June: canned beans 15 oz. (any kind). For April: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Prayer List

Every week during the Prayers of the People, we pray for the sick, injured, and those otherwise in need of our prayers; included is the list of (first) names of members of Christ Church for whom prayers have been requested and folks for whom members have requested prayers. To clear up confusion and provide more information for those who pray for the list during their daily prayers, we will begin including the annotated prayer list in our Friday email (along with the bulletin and announcements). When you send a prayer request to Deborah or Fr. John, please let us know how much or little you would like shared with the congregation.

Let Deborah or Fr. John know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the list.

Prayer List

Sue (Rosser)

Julia (Hall)

Betty (Budde) - continuing treatment for multiple myeloma

Nathan (Jane Thomasson's nephew)

Tom (Howland)

Linda (Isley)

Leandra (Burke – recovering from breast cancer)

Betsy (Smith)

Tom (Webster) – recovering from surgery

Steve (requested by David Cole)

Mary Ruth (Reynolds)

Morgan and Barbara (Holland)

Thomas (son of Lynn and Phil Gardner)

Tammy (Deborah Scearce's friend) – in Hospice

Dorothy (Deborah Scearce's mother) – recovering from a broken hip

Amelia (Jay and Jill Dickens' 5-month-old granddaughter)

Celia (Scouras) – recovering from a fall

Baylie (Coleman) – recovering from surgery

Timmy (Deborah Scearce's second cousin) – had to have his leg amputated due to an infection.

Server Schedule for April

Altar Guild Team #4 – Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coelman, Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

April 7 – Bob Bushnell, reader; Jay Dickens, Dawn Stone, chalice; Ben Beeler, Gus Barber, John Swezey, ushers; Tyler Johnson, acolyte; Andy Williams, camera operator; Will Zimmer, LaRue Powers, counters; Emily Williams, nursery.

April 14 – Susan Critz, reader; Rives Coleman, Hank Long, chalice; Ben Lewis, Kyle Trent, Bruce Mazurek, ushers; Elizabeth Maxwell, acolyte; Andy Williams, camera operator; Will Zimmer, LaRue Powers, counters; Emily Williams, nursery.

April 21 – Jay Dickens, reader; Bob Bushnell, Tom Webster, chalice; Jay Dickens, Bob Weatherall, Hank Long, ushers; Tyler Johnson, acolyte; Andy Williams, camera operator; Will Zimmer, LaRue Powers, counters; Emily Williams, nursery.

April 28 – Kelly Cain, reader; Natalie Coleman, John Swezey, chalice; Dan Cahill, Trippi Penn, Andy Quirk, ushers; Elizabeth Maxwell, acolyte; Andy Williams, camera operator; Will Zimmer, LaRue Powers, counters; Emily Williams, nursery.