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Let your light so shine before men
that they may see your good deeds
and praise your Father in heaven.



Mike's Message

Psalm 103:1-5:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Psalm 41:1-3:

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; ² the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies ³ The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health."

As most of you know I have been dealing with chronic pain and weakness for the last 6 months. I have had 4 surgeries and a 5th one is scheduled for June 14. The next one will put me out of commission for 3-4 weeks.

Thankfully, Father Ed Moore has filled in for me when I was out from the previous surgeries and has agreed to do the same for the final surgery, if needed. I Praise God that Ed and Susan moved to our area last year to serve in any way they could, as they have been a tremendous blessing.

I have had so many people here and around the world let me know that they are praying for my complete healing. Often God uses the medical community to bring about that healing and we should be very grateful for that. I am not inclined to be frustrated that I have been ill or that I likely picked up a bacteria while traveling abroad. I don't ask, "why me, Lord" because why not me? We all suffer and struggle with illness from time to time. Sometimes the illness is serious enough that our bodies can no longer bear up and, if we are Christ followers, we go home to be with the Lord. That is where the greatest healing takes place and it is for eternity.

However, sometimes God decides to heal now in miraculous ways and that is what I have prayed for along with countless others. I have been willing to receive whatever God has for me and trust in his perfect love and wisdom. On Monday, May 13, the day's lectionary readings included Psalm 41. As I read the first 3 verses I paused and considered the promise from God in that passage. Verse 1- *"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! V. 3- "The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health."*

I knew that was for me. One of the changes that God has brought into our lives over the past 46 years is that we have a God given passion and empathy for the weak and poor. Most likely, this is because we were poor for many

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years after we got married and, believe me, I am not claiming that we are that way because of our righteousness. God has placed this in our hearts, and it enabled us to be effective while I ran a homeless shelter and Teresa was a counselor at a domestic violence shelter for women and children. Even in coming here, I have tended to gravitate to those who have lost hope, again that's who God has made me. When I read Psalm 41, I gave thanks to God for placing this passion in my heart, but I also claimed the promise of verse 3. I have told others about this and asked them to pray along with me, claiming God's promise. I am writing this article 10 days later and with the exception of a few hours on one evening, I have been essentially without pain. The infection that had continued to prevent the healing of the wound from my surgery on December 21, 2018, has lessened every day and the wound appears to be healing. The infection and pain had been draining my energy, but it is coming back, probably because I can now sleep, pain-free. Please continue to pray along the lines of Psalm 41:1-3.

I want to go back to the doctor and tell him to cancel the surgery because God has completely healed the fistula and the open wound. I'm looking forward to his reaction. To God be the glory!

LOC Women's Ministry



On Thursday, April 4, 2019, a group of women gathered for coffee and a light breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. They enjoyed a great time of greeting and fellowship with those present, and signed cards to send to our friends who have moved from the area, or otherwise could not attend.

Mary, our Deacon, gave a very inspiring Lenten message based on Colossians 3:15-17 which is the verse that Light of Christ Women chose for our guiding scripture for 2019:

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

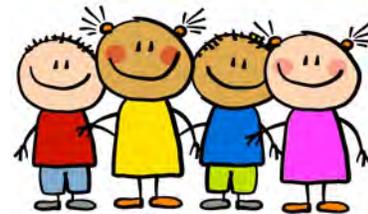
Mary stressed that Lent is a time of preparation for the believer leading up to the celebration of Easter. Prayer, introspection, and repentance are spiritual disciplines to practice during this holy season to draw closer to God. As winter brings time to be quiet, to meditate and reflect, to take personal and spiritual inventory, Spring brings Resurrection Day with new life and new energy. It is a time to burst forth alive in Christ, as new creations shining His light around us!

Melinda Floom next presented the resurrection bracelets, and told what a popular tool these bracelets are for Christian evangelism, especially for children. Her group at the Good News Club made these bracelets, and learned to tell the gospel story through the colored beads. Melinda then led our group through making our bracelets and telling our gospel stories! Great avenue for our encounters in the future with children and adults alike! Let's see, the gold bead is for God, more perfect than gold, who made you and loves you; and the dark bead for sin, for we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; and the red bead is for Jesus' blood, which He shed for our sin; and the white bead reminds us that through believing that Jesus is our Savior and turning from sin, He makes our hearts clean; and the last bead, the green bead, is for growing! God wants us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grace is God working in our lives, knowledge is knowing more about God. As you grow to know more about who God is, you will grow to love Him more.

Thank you Mary, Donna, Melinda and all who attended for making this April gathering such a joy!

Gathering dismissed with prayer.

Doris Myers



Our Nursery Needs You!

We are asking for enough men and women to volunteer to cover the nursery one Sunday a month.

But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.
Luke 18:16

This is about 10 people to share the time that only a few devoted women have been doing for months. One Sunday, to share in the ministry of Jesus' children and help them to find the joy of our church's fellowship.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolytes

Jun 2 David Gwaltney
Jun 8 David Gwaltney
Jun 9 Bart Morrison
Jun 16 Jane Wrightson
Jun 23 Marie Carstensen
Jun 30 Hannah Hamlett

Lesson Readers

Jun 2 Julie Pritchard (L)
Susan Read (P)
Jun 9 Phyllis TeStrake (L)
Bill Tracey (P)
Jun 16 Sandi Ward (L)
Howard York (P)
Jun 23 Charlaine Andrulot (L)
Priscilla Williams (P)
Jun 30 Tony Blackstone (L)
Joan Blackstone (P)

Eucharist Ministers

Jun 2 Frank McCarthy, Lucy Logan
Jun 8 Bart Morrison, Frank McCarthy
Jun 9 Priscilla and Harrison Williams
Jun 16 Suzy Norman, Bart Morrison
Jun 23 Tony Blackstone, Lucy Logan
Jun 30 Harrison and Priscilla Williams

Ushers

Jun 2 Marie Carstensen, Bill Tracey
Jun 8 Chris Cralle, Howard York
Jun 9 Doug and Courtney Ludeman
Jun 16 Dave Peresluha, Steve Proctor
Jun 23 Jim Logan, Stan Rasberry
Jun 30 Bill and Charlaine Andrulot

Greeters

Jun 2 Doris Myers, Steve Proctor
Jun 8 George Beckett
Jun 9 Anna Brennan, Jan Beckett
Jun 16 Ernie Proctor, Julie Pritchard
Jun 23 Phyllis TeStrake, Fred Wimberly
Jun 30 Lynn and Howard York

Altar Guild

June Suzy Norman, Barbara Seed

Nursery

Jun 2-23 Marley and Alison Kimmitt
Jun 30 Jeanette Cralle, Doris Myers

Counters

June Courtney Ludeman, Bob Norman

Coffee Hour

Jun 2 Eleanor Semerjian, Donna Soule

We need volunteers for 2019. Please continue to sign up in the parish hall or call/email Joyce.

Altar Rail Ministers

Jun 2 Walt and Phyllis TeStrake
Jun 9 Ernie Proctor, Agnes Burke
Jun 16 Jim Conley, Teresa Moffitt
Jun 23 Stan Rasberry, Donna Soule
Jun 30 George Beckett, Constance McDearmon

Vestry Person on Duty

Jun 2 Barbara Seed
Jun 8 Ernie Proctor
Jun 9 Dave Peresluha
Jun 16 Randy Smith
Jun 23 Barbara Seed
Jun 30 Alison Kimmitt

Happy June Birthdays!

Jun 1 Lynn York, Betty Cralle
Jun 4 Luke Riddell
Jun 6 Susan Read
Jun 15 Sophia Hamlett
Jun 18 Fred Wimberly
Jun 20 Tommy and Timothy Kimmitt
Jun 21 Lyn Conley
Jun 23 Lynne Cerar
Jun 25 Christopher Cralle (the younger)
Jun 28 Judy LeHardy, Jeanne Hickey

Happy June Anniversaries!

Jun 5 Katrina and Daniel Mochamps
Jun 7 Ellie and Max Knight
Jun 8 Laura and Fred Woodard
Jun 9 Sandra and Ben Ward
Jun 15 Eleanor and George Semerjian
Jun 17 Gayle and Sam Marston
Jun 24 Elaine and Tom Price,
Priscilla and Harrison Williams

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Northern Neck Christian School (NNCS) Update

The Northern Neck Christian School is partnering with Zion Church in Lottsburg to share the responsibility of the preschool that will open in September. The curriculum, teachers and supplies are being provided by the Montessori for the Nations Foundation and the Hickory Ground Foundation. Zion is providing the facility for the morning preschool and the afternoon daycare.

When there are enough students for Kindergarten, NNCS will use the facilities at Light of Christ. We anticipate that could be the 2020-2021 school year, but no later than the 2021-2022 school year. On May 9, the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Light of Christ opening up a school at our church.

The Christian Montessori Teacher Training is scheduled for June 17-August 23, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Light of Christ (tuition free) and two students will be offered teaching positions at the NNCS.

For more information on the teacher training, call Joan Marie Parasine: 804-453-3023.

For more information about the NNCS, call Leslye Morrison: 703-725-2997



Greetings Members and Friends of Light of Christ,

As many of you know, our church is one of very few who seek to help those who are struggling financially. We don't give to everyone who asks because we couldn't afford that, so we have each person come by and fill out an application. What we are looking for is evidence that their situation was created by circumstances outside of their control. We require that the person have a job and can exhibit evidence that they are striving to be financially responsible.

Usually, what we help with is an electric bill or car repair and, in some cases, food. We try to be good stewards with the resources made available to us. From time to time we run out of funds to help and, occasionally, Teresa and I provide relief from our own pocket. I don't mind that at all, but we aren't an endless well either.

I'm requesting that you pray about contributing to the Pastors Benevolence Fund so that we can continue to help those in need. Blessings!

Mike



...to **Wendy Smith** who took pity on the window boxes in front of the thrift shop. After she worked her shift, she went to Ace Hardware and bought and donated some lovely flowers to perk up the front of the shop.

...**George Kranda** for weed whacking around the thrift shop.

...to **Bob Norman** for weed whacking and spraying the weeds up close to the thrift shop building.

You are all a blessing!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the preparation and execution of the service and reception for Ward. I am now living at "The Lodge" in Crozet, VA, near my daughter. My children helped me move in. It's a large retirement facility like RWC and I am very happy here (except, of course, for missing Ward).

Judy

OUTDOOR BAKE SALE

Saturday, June 15, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Heathsville Farmer's Market



Ladies,

Get out your best recipes, and let's get baking! We have had great responses in past years with this fundraiser, and can do it again with everyone's support.

- * Drop off your baked items at the Parish Hall on Friday, June 14 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- * Remember there is already a bread vendor, so only breads, such as apple or banana breads, are accepted.
- * Please package items so that we can charge a minimum of \$1.00 or higher.
- * Package and label items before dropping off to be priced.
- * **If items contain nuts, label accordingly.**

We will be representing Light of Christ Anglican church to the community, and will be providing them with wonderful homemade baked goods. While doing this, we will also be supporting the LOC HS Senior Scholarship Program, Christian education, Good News Club, Young Life, as well as our community and world (Uganda) outreach. Thank you for helping!

BAKE SALE HELP IS NEEDED to price and package goods. Men are needed to assist with setup and breakdown of tables and tents on Saturday, June 15.



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everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Calendar of Upcoming Events **Mark your calendars**

June 7	WyldLife Club, 6-8 p.m.
June 8	Doug Smoot Memorial Service, 11 a.m.
June 14	LOC Women's Bake Set Up, 9:30 a.m.
June 17	NN Christian School Teacher Training begins
June 17	John Powers, Arlington Cemetery, 9:00 a.m.

Check out our wonderful webpage regularly!

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