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WE WELCOME YOU!

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; to transform all people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a community of believers making and baptizing disciples so that Christ's forgiveness and healing can be accomplished in the world.

We are a community of believers because God wants us to be something together and represent God with our unified diversity. Our vision is to further God's Kingdom in our midst.

## **“EVERYTHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT SEX ...ACCORDING TO GOD”**

I will be doing a Sunday morning preaching series on “Everything You Don't Know About Sex ...According to God.” The series will run from April 17 – May 1. Forms will be available at all worship services on Sundays, April 3 and 10 for questions that you would like to see addressed in this series.

We live in a culture that places sex in the midst of every human interaction. Sex is in the movies, in marketing and advertising with such intensity, we almost breathe it. Sex is discussed, debated, and demonstrated just about everywhere in the media.

What does it mean to be a person of sexual integrity? God's word issues a convicting challenge for His followers. In today's sex-saturated society, a person might be tempted to think one is doing well if one doesn't cheat on his or her marriage partner, but God calls His people to a higher standard, staking claims to their eyes, hearts and thoughts as well.

God created us for relationship and has given us boundaries that keep us safe and healthy. We will explore God's word and His desire for us to live as a healthy person with sexual integrity.

— *Pastor Marv*

**Mark your calendars for the D.C. Festival's Friendship Evangelism Training Rally from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at McLean Bible Church. Read more on page 4.**

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# Updates & Reminders



## CELC Church-wide Family Retreat

8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m., Saturday, April 16  
at the Chapel at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, Maryland

*Daycare will be provided. For more information, speak to Florence Heacock at 301-452-2491 or Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050 or pick up a flier in the Narthex.*

## Prayer List Information

To add a prayer request to the prayer list, please call Niina Tang at 301-468-

7006 or email her at [niina@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:niina@heartmindsoul.com).



*Please indicate if you want the prayer to be confidential (prayer group only) or on the list inserted in the bulletin.* We also would appreciate feedback on the prayers to see how God is

moving at CELC. Prayer lists are available in the Narthex.

## Annual Spring CLCW Retreat Saturday, April 9

Why do some people suffer? Why did this terrible thing happen? Why doesn't God hear my cry? Why does she have cancer? Why did I lose him? Dr. Wanda McNeil will lead us in finding answers to these "why" questions at the CELC women's annual spring retreat. You are invited to join us Saturday, April 9. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Contact Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis Hofstad at 301-598-9657 for more information.



**Thanks** to everyone who participated in the CELC pictorial directory! If you haven't yet signed the CELC Photo Release (so we may use photos of congregational events with you in them on our web site and in other external publications), please pick one up from the church.



## Sunday Announcements

CELC's shares Sunday morning announcements on the televisions in the Narthex and Colonnade before and after each service. You may also see the announcements on the big screen before worship. A special thanks to Rachel and Rachel Hill for putting the project together. *Please email normal ministry announcements in PowerPoint to Pastor Marv at [marv@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:marv@heartmindsoul.com) by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before the "announcement" should be made. Two slides maximum. We will publish*

*them "as is" so please proofread before you send.* (If you don't know how to use PowerPoint, contact one of the staff and we will teach you.)

*We encourage the congregation to share public witnesses (stories) of how God is at work in our lives. To share a story, please speak to Pastor Marv.*

Other opportunities to publicize ministries and events include the weekly e-newsletter, the weekly family ministry e-newsletter, the Week Ahead and the Chronicle. We also encourage you to come to worship early to greet and talk to people about your ministry or event.

# Special Events & Information

*Many thanks to the Young Women's Group, THRIVE, Ingrid Dallaire, the Men's Group, the Adult Home Group, Council, the Family Ministry Team, and Pastor Marv and Trish for providing Wednesday Lenten suppers! Thanks, as well, to the Family Ministry team for providing greeters and feeders in March. And a special thanks to Marta Woodward for coordinating all the individuals and groups who provided refreshments! What a blessing!*

## **“Noisy Collection” Easter Gift Going to Mi Refugio**

Our noisy collection, gathered every Sunday on behalf of the children of Mi Refugio, has reached nearly \$2,000. Praise God! Once all the coins have been counted, we will send the money as an Easter gift. We will update the congregation on the total amount of the gift. Please continue to bring in your change every Sunday. Many thanks to Martin Brockman for organizing this awesome ministry!



*At right, some of the children of Mi Refugio*

## **Announcing the Next Disciple-Making Church Gathering in Damascus**

*CELC's mission is to make disciples,  
but how in the world do I do it?*

Join us at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Damascus as we try to figure it out! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14. This is NOT a conference — it's a relaxed gathering of church leaders who compare ideas, talk about what's working and what's not working in their ministries, pray and read the Bible together, and encourage one another. Please speak to one of the staff for details.



## **The CELC Community is invited to the CHRIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S CENTER'S 6TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION**

**5 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Friday, April 29  
at the Women's Club of Bethesda (on Old Georgetown Road)**

The silent auction is the daycare's largest fund-raiser. Money raised goes toward the scholarship fund and to pay for needed improvements to the Center. For more information, contact Carrie or Leslie at the Center at 301-986-4956.

**Note: This is an adults-only event.**



# Family Ministry

*CELC's family ministry exists to **REACH** families with the love of Jesus and **CONNECT** them with other believers so they can **GROW** in faith, use their God-given gifts in **MINISTRY** to others, and fall more deeply in **LOVE** with Jesus Christ.*

◆ **Reach**  
(Evangelism)

◆ **Connect**  
(Fellowship)

◆ **Grow**  
(Discipleship)

◆ **Ministry**  
(Service)

◆ **Love**  
(Worship)



## D.C. Festival with Luis Palau Set for October! Friendship Evangelism Training Events to Begin Soon

A fantastic opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with friends, neighbors and other loved ones is coming to our area soon! The event also will provide an opportunity to introduce new families to our church.

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Friendship Evangelism Training

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
Sat., May 21  
at McLean Bible Church**

The D.C. Festival with Luis Palau will be held on the National Mall on Oct. 8 and 9, 2005. It's a free, family-friendly festival featuring some of the biggest names in contemporary inspirational and gospel music, a Veggie Tales play area for kids, an interactive sports zone, and the "Livin' It" action sports exhibition.

The purpose of the Great Music & Good News event is to share the Gospel with people who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The \*free\* event is presented with the support of our congregation and hundreds of other D.C.-area churches, businesses and individuals.

**Please begin praying about the festival, asking God to show you who he wants you to invite. Please also pray for festival organizers and all the people who God wants to be at the festival to hear the truth about Jesus.**



Palau is a world-renowned religious leader who has spoken in more than 70 countries face-to-face to nearly 20 million people. His festivals have attracted tens of thousands of people in the U.S., Europe and Central and South America.



The main stage at the D.C. festival will showcase some of the biggest names in contemporary Christian music from rock to pop to gospel to hip-hop. They include:

- Steven Curtis Chapman, one of the most honored singer-songwriters in Christian music;
- Third Day, the Atlanta-based rockers with four gold albums, one platinum, a Grammy and nearly two dozen Dove Awards;
- Kutless, who lead the way in modern rock worship music;
- Jaci Velasquez, with 16 No. 1 hits; and
- tobyMac, founding member of the supergroup dcTALK.

More artists are expected to be added to this stellar lineup in the weeks to come.

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Thanks to everyone who helped dye, stuff and hide Easter eggs, provided refreshments and helped with Easter festivities in other ways.

What a blessed morning it was!



## Want to Know More about Godly Parenting?

Please email [jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com) to begin receiving our weekly family ministry e-newsletter. This newsletter provides opportunities to serve, resources to equip & encourage, updates & reminders, and praise & prayer requests.

Please also visit Jennifer Tessneer's office and the parent resources board outside her office (first floor) for lots of free information and inspiration! Books, games, activities to equip you as your children's primary faith teacher. You are welcome to check out these resources!



## Opportunities for Families at CELC

**Making Disciples Confirmation Ministry** is for children and teens ages 12 and up and adults who are ready to take a focused journey towards reaffirming their faith and recommitting their lives to Jesus Christ. Making Disciples meets weekly through the school year.

**Pathfinders Sunday Morning Adventure for Children & Teens** is CELC's Sunday school for ages 3-18. Pathfinders meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. every Sunday in the second-floor education wing. Parents are welcome to accompany young children.

**Senior High Youth** meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Sunday in the second-floor youth room for fun, friendship and Bible Study. Come hungry!

**Small groups** are an excellent way for parents to connect in Biblical community and grow in faith. We encourage *everyone* to join a small group. For more information about adult small groups, please contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160, ext. 3.

**For more information or to volunteer in Family Ministry, please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5. Or you can speak to:**

Lisa Bente, Family Ministry council rep  
Eileen Dalzell, Family Ministry parent rep  
Laurie Heinecke, Pathfinders teacher

Jonathan Hoang, youth  
Rachel King, youth leader

Jaymes & Jeremy Lunsford, youth  
Daniel & Jack Smith, youth  
Erica Sprague, youth leader

Jennifer Tessneer, family & community minister  
George Wenchel, Family Ministry council rep  
Mark Woodward, Pathfinders teacher

# Small Group Ministries

We warmly invite you to participate in these spiritual, faith-based opportunities. Unless another contact is listed, please call Florence Heacock, small groups minister, for details at 301-652-5160.



**Small Group Facilitators Bible Study** meets throughout the year.

**“Challenging Lifestyles,”** based on the Beatitudes, meets at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. Contact Larry Goolsby at 301-946-6479.

## Adult

**“Questions of Life,”** a course on the basics of Christianity for new, returning and mature Christians, meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Contact Jim Harken at 240-350-6027.

**Coed Home Group,** for in-depth Bible study, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month. Contact Niina or Chee Kin Tang at 301-468-7006.

**“Celebrate Recovery”** uses eight recovery principles to help heal hurts and overcome personal problems. CR meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. Contact Roger Clough at 301-251-8694.

**Men’s Master Builders,** meets for in-depth Bible study with a focus on men’s issues, at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Contact Richard Cypinski at 301-652-5160 or Robert Dalzell at 301-657-9031.

**“A Life Worth Living,”** based on the book of Philippians, starts soon. Contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160.

**Graceful Growing Together (GGT),** CLC’s stewardship initiative, uses prayer, Bible study, faith, love, fellowship, and gifts to continue to experience spiritual growth and fulfill the vision that God has given our church for the future.

**Teddy Bear Ministry** is a ministry of love, caring, and healing.

## Women



**Martha Circle,** a Bible study on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Mary Merrick at 301-571-7212.

**Rachel Circle,** a Bible study based on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Jackie Clapp at 301-933-4164.

**THRIVE,** for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050.

**Young Women’s Small Group,** for women in their 20s and early 30s, meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday! Contact Jennifer Tessner at 240-426-8598.

**Women’s Home Group,** for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Ingrid Dallaire at 301-654-6962 or Ellen Schneider at 301-656-6419.

## PRAYER

“... Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thes. 5:17)

**Prayer Ministry** meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in Prayer Room I (second floor). Contact Paula Mathis at 301-540-7391 or Niina Tang at 301-468-7006.

Prayer Room I is open for prayer from 8:15 a.m.– Noon on Sundays. Prayer Room II is open for prayer Monday — Saturday.



# CLC Council



## Congregation Approves Budget, Hears Latest Progress on Development

At the annual congregational meeting on March 13, CELC voting members unanimously approved the church's 2005 budget. The 2005 budget shows \$486,000 in revenue and \$527,000 in expenses or a projected net loss of \$41,000, according to Chee Kin Tang, CELC's treasurer. The figures reflect the Council's best-case estimate of planned needs to support mission, benevolence, and operations.

Chee Kin also explained the federal government and Synod-recommended salary increases given to the staff in the budget.

The money owed to the Graceful Growing Together (GGT) account in 2004 has been fully repaid. The MEF fund balance remains about the same despite approved drawdowns, due to good market performance in 2004.

Chee Kin reviewed giving patterns and noted that a small minority gives the great majority of funds. He urged more giving so that we can minimize our dependence on MEF drawdowns, and in the future, the joint venture (development agreement) proceeds.

The budget motion was one of three taken up at the meeting; the others included unanimous approval of 2004 congregational meeting minutes, as well as approval of the slate of new Council and MEF members. Council candidates were June Bradley, Ingrid Dallaire, Moges Gebremedhin, and Barry Lemley. The MEF candidate was Marta Woodward. Congregation President Barry Lemley thanked the three departing members of Council: Dottie Davis Hofstad, Elke Womack, and Marta Woodward. The congregation joined in welcoming the new Council and MEF members and thanking those stepping down.

The balance of the meeting consisted of updates on development activities from Ray Albright and Andy Masetti of the GGT Steering Committee. They stated that a single-phase development is the current direction of thinking. This has some very attractive advantages, including high return on assets and additional mission space, among others. Assuming the current schedule holds with no major delays in zoning or Council approvals, the anticipated completion date is fall 2008. Additional meetings are planned with Bozzuto Development Company, and a proposed Letter of Intent (LOI) should be sent to Council for their decision by mid-April.

**The Council extends a welcome to new members June Bradley, Ingrid Dallaire and Moges Gebremedhin and its thanks for many years of hard work to outgoing members Dottie Davis Hofstad, Elke Womack and Marta Woodward.**

Council has selected Bozzuto as the tentative partner for the development. Assuming approval of the LOI, CELC and Bozzuto would proceed together under a Joint Venture to construct commercial housing units on part of CELC's property and to upgrade and expand existing church space.

Decisions from zoning authorities will determine the extent of age-restricted and affordable housing in the proposed development. The county is excited about the possibilities of including these elements in a development on our site.

In response to questions, the GGT team said plans call for the daycare and other existing worship activities to continue in the same present location as the main church sanctuary building (which also houses 90 percent of the daycare space underneath). Modifications to bring that interior area up to code with other related improvement are also planned.

– Submitted by Larry Goolsby for Council



## *Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Schedule*

**9 a.m.** Contemporary Worship with Communion

**10:15 a.m.** Education Hour: Pathfinders for Children & Teens, Alpha “Challenging Lifestyles” Bible study on the Beatitudes, Alpha “Questions of Life” course, Prayer Ministry Team meets.

**11:15 a.m.** Traditional Worship with Communion

**6 p.m. — 8 p.m.** CELC Youth Meet! (Come hungry!)

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### Mission of The Chronicle

*To communicate about disciple-making events & opportunities ... all for the glory of God and to grow His Kingdom.*

Please contribute to The Chronicle! Let's share all the exciting ways God is at work here at Christ Lutheran! Questions? Please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5, or email [jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com).

### Next Chronicle Deadline

Submissions for the May issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 22. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to [jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com).



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