

# The Connection

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and 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.

## Living Green

Harvard scientist Edward O Wilson in an article entitled "Apocalypse Now" says, "Scientists estimate that, if habitat-conversion and other destructive human activities continue at their present rates, half the species of plants and animals on earth could be either gone or at least fated for early extinction by the end of the century. The ongoing extinction rate is calculated in the most conservative estimates to be about 100 times above that prevailing before humans appeared on earth, and it is expected to rise to at least 1,000 times greater (or more) in the next few decades. If this rise continues unabated, the cost to humanity—in wealth, environmental security, and quality of life—will be catastrophic."

On Sunday, October 29, and Sunday, November 5, our Sunday preaching theme will be on "Living Green." The Bible tells us that God loves his creation, enjoys it, and claims ownership of it. We cannot claim to love God and not love what he loves. It is true that God gave us dominion over the earth, but we must face the meaning of this mandate. We give teachers "dominion" over our sons and daughters, but we expect to find them better than we left them when we pick them up at the end of the day—not find them harmed. Our special guest at our Fall Retreat on Saturday, November 4 and preaching at worship on November 5 is Dr. J. Matthew Sleeth.

Five years ago, Dr. J Matthew Sleeth and his family lived in a big house on the coast, had two luxury cars and many material posses-

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## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

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# IN AND AROUND CELC

## WELCOME TO CELC!

New to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church? Want to know more about our faith community? Please email the church at [clc@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:clc@heartmindsoul.com) to begin receiving our weekly e-newsletter.



## SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELC shares Sunday morning announcements on the projector screen before worship. Please email normal ministry announcements in PowerPoint to Pastor Marv at [marv@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:marv@heartmindsoul.com) by 5 pm 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. This encourages and lifts up other Christians and helps plant seeds for non-Christians. To share a story, please speak to Pastor Marv.

Other opportunities to publicize ministries/events include the weekly e-newsletter (email Pastor Marv at [marv@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:marv@heartmindsoul.com)) and the Sunday bulletin (email Laura North at [laura@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:laura@heartmindsoul.com)). We also encourage you to come to worship early to greet and talk with people about your ministry/event.

## HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at both worship services, every Sunday morning. We offer traditional wine and grape juice. This is to honor our children and those adults who would like a grape juice alternative. Two crystal chalices are used; the grape juice will appear dark red and the communion wine will appear white. If you would like more information about communion, please contact Pastor Marv.



## PERMISSION FORMS AND PHOTO RELEASES

All children and teens who participate in family ministry activities at CELC are required to have up-to-date health and permission forms on file at the church. As well, CELC requests that all adults sign the photo release form so that we know whether we have your permission to use photos of you and your family in CELC publications, including the web site. This will help us make sure our publications accurately reflect our community and the ministries of CELC. We thank you in advance for your help. For copies of these forms, please contact Laura North (301-652-5160 or [laura@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:laura@heartmindsoul.com)).



## GREET AND TREAT MINISTRY

Thank you to all who serve in our greet and treat ministry, which provides goodies and smiling faces to greet worshippers each Sunday morning! To sign up, speak to Lisa Bente or email her at [carpedm28@juno.com](mailto:carpedm28@juno.com).

# Living Green

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sions. As chief of the medical staff at a large hospital, Sleeth was living the American dream—until he realized that something was terribly wrong. As he saw patient after patient suffering from cancer, asthma, and other chronic diseases, he began to understand that the earth and its inhabitants were in trouble. Feeling helpless, he turned to his faith for guidance. He discovered how the Scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity, and stewardship could be applied to modern life. The Sleeths have since sold their big home and given away more than half of what they once owned.

Dr. Sleeth belongs to a no-nonsense Methodist church; he

believes that Jesus walked on water—and not because he couldn't swim. He drives a hybrid car, lives in a solar house, and uses one-quarter of the electricity and one-third of the fuel that he did five years ago. These changes came about when Dr. Sleeth opened his heart and mind to what God has to say about environmentalism. Eventually he felt called to leave his work as an emergency-room doctor to focus on the most pressing health issue of all time: Earth care.

We Christians are beginning to acknowledge the plight of the planet. The earth is ill. There are no elm trees left on Elm Street, no chestnut trees on Chestnut Lane.



The clouds of birds that migrated in my youth are gone. Hourly, farmlands are being planted with malls and subdivisions and fertilized by suburban sprawl. Our industrial way of life is giving the earth a fever.

Join us for the “Living Green series” and discover God’s call to live green.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Marv*

## Youth and Family News

Join the youth on an overnight camping trip on October 20-21 at C&O Canal State Park. Everyone is invited to any part or all of the activities planned for the weekend. Bring your friends!



in Potomac. Friday afternoon includes hiking the goat trail on the Potomac; Friday will end with camp fire flashlight tag.

The fun begins on Friday morning with rock climbing on Carderock

Saturday morning brings kayaking on the C&O Canal and Potomac River, for all skill levels—from the very beginners to the advanced. We will meet back at church to leave at 4:00 to go down to Martha’s Table for CELC’s monthly ministry of serving the homeless. Saturday evening, back at the park, includes games, bonfire, and sing-a-long.

Sunday morning is cleanup time to go back to worship at CELC and meet parents.

Cost of the weekend is \$25 per person. For more information or further details, please contact Judy Smith at 301-571-9744.

# Reflections from our Mission Trip

We were well prepared to serve. Each of us had an extra big suitcase filled with generous donations of medical and school supplies and clothes. Our hearts were filled with love and a willingness to share ourselves and our resources. We were there to make a difference. Jennifer Tessner did an amazing job organizing us, our energy and preparing us for the trip.

Each of us had different assignments at the school or on a team that went to 5 villages during our stay. The outreach team consisted of a doctor, nurse (our very own Joan Williams), a pharmaceutical contact (Kathy Thompson), spiritual outreach leader (Jennifer Tessner) and clothing distribution leader (me). We worked together to do what we could with the resources we had. All we came in contact with were grateful for be-

ing there for them. Most of the children and people in the villages had no or limited access to medical care. I often wondered what they were thinking.



What struck me most was the contrast of what the students at Mi Refugio were receiving in their educational experience compared to the children in the villages. The children in the village were in classrooms that ranged from 40-50 children and went for a half day. The children at Mi Refugio's went from 7-2:30. They received breakfast and lunch as well as school uniforms. The en-

vironment was cleaner and the classes were much smaller. When you educate and nurture a child, your efforts have a ripple effect and hopefully a positive one.

During the week we were there, there was also a group of senior students from Gonzaga High School. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to work with them on my team and also observe them on other teams. I was inspired on what a caring, gifted group of teen boys they were. Our teens, I believe also enjoyed working with them and getting to know them in our evening Bible study.

It was a blessing to be with our group from CLC in an opportunity to serve these children and families in Guatemala.

*Ingrid Dallaire*

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." —James 1:2-3



*From the September newsletter from Mi Refugio...*

Kari Engen, the founder of Mi Refugio, suffered complications from a compound fracture of her ankle in January. In June, the school van was hijacked at gunpoint. "This year has been a rough one, both health wise and financially, but it has also been a year of growth and stretching! God is at work in a special way in each of our marvelous lives that He has created. What a GREAT GOD we serve!"

"With the loss of the school van, Kari's medical bills, a sharp rise in energy and food costs, and the loss of a foundation who provided one-fifth of the school operating budget, our school finances have struggled, but we know that God will provide for our needs if we persevere in our faith!"

Speak with Pastor Marv about opportunities to financially support Mi Refugio. Please continue to keep Kari, Mi Refugio, and the community they serve in your prayers.

# Small Group Ministries

*“They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers ... And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common” (Acts 2:42, 44)*

You are warmly invited to participate in these spiritual, faith-based opportunities. It’s clear that God blesses us when we meet together, fellowship together, study together—share life together. Unless another contact is listed, please contact Florence Heacock, small group minister (301-452-2491; flohea@heartmindsoul.com), or Sanna Solem of the small groups administrative team (301-571-0050) for more information. Also, if you are interested in leading a small group or are interested in a small group not listed, please contact Florence Heacock or Sanna Solem.

**Small Group Leaders Forum**—Saturday, October 21, 10:30-noon!

**Challenging Lifestyles** is a Bible study based on the Beatitudes for 21st challenging lifestyles. Part I begins at 10:15 am and part II begins at 11 am on Sundays in the Upper Room. Contact Larry Goolsby (301-946-6479 or lgoalsby@aphsa.org).



**Questions of Life** is a course on Christianity for new, returning, and mature believers, with prayer, a DVD/book presentation, discussion, fellowship and a meal. It meets at 10:45 in the Hospitality room. Contact Steve Peth (301-564-1232 or sptopeka@earthlink.net).

**Celebrate Recovery** is a 12-step, Christian recovery ministry based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) that uses eight principles as well as fellowship and God’s healing powers to help heal hurts and overcome personal defects and replace them with life’s abundance. *Place, day, and time TBA.* Contact Florence Heacock (301-452-2491 or flohea@heartmindsoul.com).

**Couples Home Group** meets for in-depth Bible study, spiritual growth, fellowship, love, support, and prayer. *Place and time TBA.* Contact Laura North (laura@heartmindsoul or 301-652-5160).

**Coed Home Group** offers Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. *Place and time TBA.* Contact Florence Heacock (301-452-2491 or flohea@heartmindsoul.com) or Sanna Solem (301-571-0050).

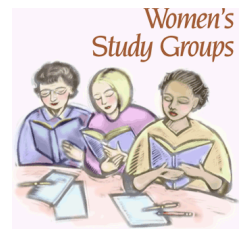
**Men’s Master Builders** meets for in-depth Bible study with a focus on men’s issues at 9:00 am on the first and third Saturdays in the Hospitality Room. Contact Steve Peth (sptopeka@earthlink.net or 301-564-1232) or Tim Bradley (301-977-0906 or tbradley4001@yahoo.com).

**The Reader’s Circle** meets for faith-based book study and reflection. *Begins January 2007*, 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm. Contact Pam Vodicka (301-215-9141 or pvodicka@verizon.net).

**Martha Circle**, a Bible study based on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 10 am 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 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Alice Daniels at 301-949-4688.

**THRIVE**, for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets September-May, 9:00-10:30 am on the first and third Saturdays each month. Contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050.



**Young Women’s Small Group**, for women in their 20s and early 30s. *Place and time TBA.* Contact Laurie Heinecke, 301-468-0814 or lbheinecke@aol.com.

**A Life Worth Living**, based on the book of Philippians. Contact Florence Heacock (301-452-2491 or flohea@heartmindsoul.com).

## Prayer Corner

Renee Brock; Jackie Meyer; Eli, Jennie, and Martin Brockman; Niina Tang; Ruby Yoshioka; Stephanie Coleman; Ann Sonderman; Guy Bradley; Lynn and Scott Echels; the Barnes family; family and friends of Julia O'Shea; family and friends of Irma Koppe; Donny

Strunk; Holly Almont; Robert Corbey; David Sprague; Dawn Marie Ehlert; Edith Moskaluk; Grace Protzman; Jen Hammet; John Richey; Margaret Day; Nancy Lewis; Nelson Goolsby; the young men of Nick's Place; Robert Condon; Terry and Jane Seaks; Willem Scheltema; Robert and Noah Harris; Ray Nader; Nancy Harris; Dustin Harris; Jan Ingles; Danny and Janine McVicker; Michael Milmo; Edith Schneider, Grace Lloyd-Davies

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes ...

Romans 8:26



## Prayer Ministry

CELC's Prayer Room I is open for prayer from 8:15 am– noon on Sundays. Prayer Room II is open for prayer throughout the week. **Prayer Ministry** contacts are Paula Mathis (mathispaula@cs.com), Laura North (laura@heartmindsoul.com), and Norma Jennings (norma\_jennings2003@yahoo.com)

To add a prayer request to the prayer list or to get involved in our prayer ministry, contact Florence Heacock (301-452-2491 or flohea@heartmindsoul.com). Prayer lists are available in the narthex.

## Martha's Table

We have the wonderful opportunity to serve dinner to the homeless through Martha's Table in Washington, DC.

On the third Saturday of every month, a group of volunteers serves soup, sandwiches, dessert, and drinks to dozens of men, women, and children out of a mobile soup kitchen van provided by Martha's Table.

We carpool from Christ Lutheran, leaving the church no later than 4:00 pm and returning sometime around 7:00 pm. Jeff Leach and Steve North are trained drivers; we need you to ride along and help serve the food.



Please sign up on the Service Opportunities bulletin board in the

## Looking Ahead...

*November 16-18:* 2006 Apologetics Conference sponsored by the CS Lewis Institute and others, at McLean Bible Church: "Loving God With All Your Mind." [www.cslewisinstitute.org](http://www.cslewisinstitute.org)

*January 20, 2007:* "Reaching New Generations"; workshop hosted by the Metro DC Synod Division for Congregational Life, at King of Kings in Fairfax. Led by Rev. David Berg.



Saturday, November 4  
8:30 am—1:00 pm

The Chapel  
Mar-Lu-Ridge  
Conference & Educational Center

**For more information, contact:**

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Small Group Administrative Team  
at 301.571.0050, or  
**Florence Heacock**  
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**Retreat Cost:**

**Adults and Youth 12 and over-**  
**\$12.00/person**

**Children 11 and under-\$6.00/child**

**Please submit the following registration to the  
Church office, Sanna, or Florence:**

**Name(s)**

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**Name(s) of Youth 12 and over:**

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**Child/Children's Name(s) and Age(s):**

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**Day Care:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Transportation Requested:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELC's**  
**church-wide retreat is a time for**  
**all God's people**

*(families, children, youth, grandchildren, extended  
family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc.)*

**Experiencing and learning about**  
**CHRIST**  
**together in the 21st Century**  
**To**

**“SERVE GOD and SAVE THE  
PLANET”**

**J. Matthew Sleeth, M.D.**

A former emergency room director and chief of medical staff, now writes, preaches, and teaches full-time about faith and the environment. Together with his wife, Nancy, and their two children, he helps lead the growing creation care movement. He is a graduate of the George Washington School of Medicine. The Sleeths live in Kentucky.

**Saturday, November 4, 2006**

**Retreat Schedule:**

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| 8:30-9 am      | Welcome and<br>Continental Breakfast   |
| 9-9:30 am      | Worship and Prayer   |
| 9:30-9:45 am   | Prayer Ministry-Teaching<br>and Experiencing<br>1) Contemplative (Silent) Prayer<br>2) Healing Prayer<br>3) Community Prayer |
| 9:45-10 am     | Break  |
| 10:15-11:45 am | <b>“Serve God, Save the Planet”</b><br>with author/minister<br><b>J. Matthew Sleeth, M.D.</b>                                |
| 11:45- noon    | Break  |
| 12-12:30 pm    | Lunch  |
| 12:30-1: pm    | Worship  |

***Day care provided***

# Development Update

The CELC GGT Development process took another small but important legal step with a discussion and motion vote by the congregation on September 17, 2006.

On November 14, 2004 the Congregation provided approval for the development initiative and provided authority for the Council to proceed with the steps and decisions necessary to carry out the initiative. The motion for discussion and approval on September 17 basically puts into “legalese” (specific language required for Council representatives to approve and sign documents) the same authority and intent of the November 14, 2004, approval by the Congregation. To inform the congregation as much as possible prior to a vote a mailing was sent with the motion, and a town hall meeting was held on September 16.

Council President Steve North opened the town hall meeting with prayer. Steve summarized the proposed motion that will be presented to the Congregation for a vote on the 17th. Steve and other GGT members began going through the “Frequently Asked Questions” handout related to the motion.

Ray Albright explained in more detail the need for various institutions (insurance and title companies, lenders, etc.) for this language and the fact that the resolution puts it all in one place rather than having to draw up something for each institution and each transaction and having to come back frequently for Congregation votes.

Ray explained that Thrivent, among others, pointed out that the “shell entity” will help us avoid significant recordation taxes. Andy Masetti added that Maryland allows this as a legal way for nonprofits to avoid taxes.

In response to a question if this resolution turns over to the Council all authority to carry out the development, Steve said that the November 2004 resolution in fact did that. This new resolution details that same authority in more specific and detailed legal lan-

guage. Barry added that part of that November 2004 action was that Council feeds information back to the Congregation frequently, which Council and GGT has done on numerous occasions since then and will continue to do so.

Barry and Steve explained the Council teams that have been set up to carry out the initiative and those teams need help and input from the Congregation—more detailed tasks will be shared as we go forward. After a full discussion on the motion, additional details on timing, business plan and other related development matters were shared.

The town hall meeting ended with a group prayer and request for all to pray for the success of our leaders in this effort and to support them with suggestions and questions as we move along.

On September 17, 2006 CELC Council President Steve North opened the Congregational Meeting at 10:50 am. Steve summarized the message of the proposed resolution and repeated the message from the town hall meeting and said that it puts into more detailed, legal language the same authority as granted by the congregation in the November 2004 Congregational vote. It does not change or expand that authority but adds wording that will meet the needs of financial institutions we are working with and will assist in avoiding taxes. Council has approved the resolution and asks for a favorable vote. Copies of the resolution and some common questions and answers on the subject were distributed.

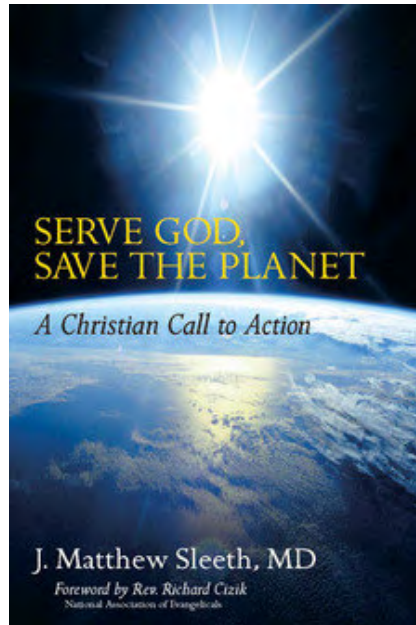
Steve called for a motion on the resolution and a second, which were done. He then asked for questions and discussion, and there were none. The vote was taken and the motion carried with 38 in favor, none opposed.

Steve thanked the members, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am. Pastor Marv Tollefson thanked all those who have helped in the development effort.

# “Challenging Lifestyles” Plans

The Challenging Lifestyles small group is studying a new book this fall. Written by Dr. Matthew Sleeth and entitled *Serve God, Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action*, the book describes how many of our typical daily activities in this country are fouling the air, using up irreplaceable resources, endangering health, and jeopardizing future generations. Dr. Sleeth’s book lays out a clear action plan to identify what we can do to turn this situation around and “save the planet” through serving God and following our true Christian ideals.

Through reading, sharing, and prayer, our group will examine the following topics, among others that group members raise. Each participant will be asked to buy a copy of Dr. Sleeth’s book (available



through the church for \$25) and read it as the group progresses. All participants also will receive a workbook with weekly discussion questions, Bible readings, and personal action steps.

- What does it mean to each of us to “save the planet”?

- What is the impact on the Earth’s planetary health of our daily lifestyle decisions – our work and play, our consumer choices, where we live, how we travel, what we spend?
- What is our obligation to “the planet” – to our neighbors here and throughout the world, and to our children and future generations?
- How does living a committed Christian life enter into all this? What does God teach us through the Bible and Jesus’ example?

***Come and be with us!*** We meet Sunday mornings upstairs in the education wing at 10:15 for those attending the second service, and again at 11:00 for those attending the first service.

Contact Larry Goolsby at 301-946-6479 or [lgoolsby@aphsa.org](mailto:lgoolsby@aphsa.org) with any questions or suggestions.

## Ellen’s Run/Walk Final Details

Ellen’s Run is Sunday, October 15, beginning at 9:00 am. The 5K race/walk is held in honor of Ellen Schneider and will benefit two charities in which Ellen was very active: the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Community Scholarship Fund.

The race/walk starts at the Candy Cane City Pavilion, 7901 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. Dogs on leashes are welcome. A free kids’ fun run will take place at 10:30 am. The event will be followed by a post-race celebration and party. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 3-12 years. Dogs and children under 3 are free.

Register for the race at [www.mhamc.org](http://www.mhamc.org)

# Fall Festival



CELC's annual Fall Festival was held on Sunday, September 10. The weather was perfect. The games, the face painting, and even the moon bounce provided opportunities for fun for everyone. And of course, the band Ransom provided awesome, inspiring music.



Thanks to all the small groups for presenting their ministry opportunities in such informative and eye-catching ways. Thanks also to all who helped in any way to make the day a success.

| Sunday  | Monday    | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|-----------|--|--|---|--|--|
| <p>1</p> <p>Worship:<br/>9:45 am<br/>Contemporary</p> <p>11:15 am<br/>Traditional</p> | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>   | <p>4</p>   | <p>5</p> <p>Praise Band<br/>6:30 pm</p> <p>Choir<br/>7:30 pm</p>  | <p>6</p>   | <p>7</p> <p>Thrive<br/>9:00-10:30</p> <p>Men's Master<br/>Builders<br/>9:00-10:30</p>  |
| <p>8</p> <p>9:45 &amp; 11:15<br/>Worship</p>  | <p>9</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>Rachel Circle<br/>7:30 pm</p>                                     | <p>11</p>  | <p>12</p> <p>Praise Band<br/>6:30 pm</p> <p>Choir<br/>7:30 pm</p> | <p>13</p>  | <p>14</p>  |
| <p>15</p> <p>9:45 &amp; 11:15<br/>Worship</p>   | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Martha Circle<br/>10:00 am</p> <p>7:00 pm Council<br/>Meeting</p> | <p>18</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>Praise Band<br/>6:30 pm</p> <p>Choir<br/>7:30 pm</p> | <p>20</p> <p>The Connection<br/>Deadline<br/>5:00 pm</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Thrive<br/>9:00-10:30</p> <p>Men's Master<br/>Builders<br/>9:00-10:30</p> <p>Martha's Table<br/>Serving Night</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>9:45 &amp; 11:15<br/>Worship</p>   | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p>  | <p>25</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>Praise Band<br/>6:30 pm</p> <p>Choir<br/>7:30 pm</p> | <p>27</p>  | <p>28</p>  |
| <p>29</p> <p>9:45 &amp; 11:15<br/>Worship</p>   | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p>  | <p><b>October 2006</b></p> <p><i>Please see page 5 or the Sunday bulletin for<br/>education and small group opportunities<br/>throughout the week!</i></p> |   |  |  |

# Sunday Schedule



- 9:45 am** Contemporary Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary  
**10:15 am** "Challenging Lifestyles" (part 1) in the Upper Room  
**10:45 am** "Questions of Life" course in the Hospitality Room  
**11:00 am** "Challenging Lifestyles" (part 2) in the Upper Room  
**11:00 am** Pathfinders for children in the second-floor education wing  
**11:15 am** Traditional Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

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Laura North  
*Office Administrator*

Florence Heacock  
*Small Groups Minister*

## Church Council

Steve North, president  
George Wenchel, vice president  
Moges Gebremedhin, treasurer  
Larry Goolsby, secretary

Greg Beyer, June Bradley, Ingrid Dallaire,  
Catherine Johnson, Jeff Leach, Rhea  
McVicker, and Maura Miller

## Mission of The Connection

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

Please contribute to The Connection! Let's share all the exciting ways God is at work here at Christ Lutheran! Questions? Please call Laura North at 301-652-5160 or email [laura@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:laura@heartmindsoul.com).

## November Connection Deadline

Submissions for the November issue of The Connection are due by 5 pm on **Friday, October 20**. Please drop them off in the box on Laura's office door or e-mail them to [laura@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:laura@heartmindsoul.com).

*The deadline for The Connection is 5:00 pm  
on the 20th of every month.*

*New to CELC?  
Want to know more about our  
faith community?  
Please email [clc@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:clc@heartmindsoul.com)  
to begin receiving The Connection  
and also our weekly e-newsletter.*