



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

5 p.m. Third Degree featuring "Salted Fire." (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)

6 p.m. — 8 p.m. Senior High Youth Meet! (Come hungry!)

6 p.m. Prayer Services (once a month)

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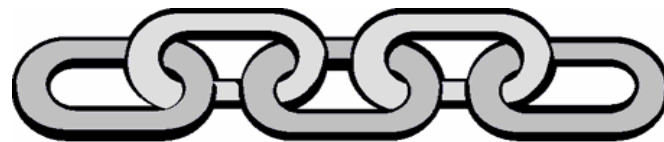
Mission of The Chronicle

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.

Next Chronicle Deadline

Submissions for the August issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 23. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to: jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com



STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH

THE CHRONICLE

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Reach Up, Reach Out & Grow

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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.

Our Purpose Is To Serve God

Freedom in Christ

"So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law." (Galatians 5:1)
"For you have been called to live in freedom – not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another." (Galatians 5:13-15)

Now more than ever, God needs ordinary people to do extraordinary work. There are many risks we must take if we are to serve our God. Christ has set us free that we might live in freedom. We are free to love our neighbor in the context of a world that lives apart from God's love. In the midst of a hostile world God sets us free to risk serving Him. Are we ready to take such risks here at CELC?

When Jim Collins taught at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, many of his students limited their options by not understanding true risks. One woman came to his office and said, "I'd really like to start my own company, but it just seems so risky, so I'm going to take a job with IBM."

"What would happen if you gave your start-up the full try and failed?" he asked.

"I suppose I would go and get a job," she said.

"And how hard would that be?" he asked.

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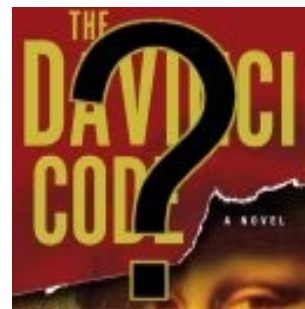
Updates & Reminders

Special Congregational Meeting 10:30 a.m., Sunday, July 11

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss important congregational matters including real estate, daycare, and GGT building and mission development. A detailed agenda will be sent to all members.



Note: We will have a blended worship at 9 a.m. that morning.



Confused by the bestselling book The Da Vinci Code? A sermon by Dr. Dan Johnson of Trinity United Methodist Church explains the difference between truth and fiction. Please talk to one of the staff for a copy of the article if you did not see it in last month's Chronicle.

CLC's Prayer Team is Ready to Lift Up Your Prayer Requests!

If you have a prayer request that needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact Niina Tang at 301-468-7006 or by email at nii-natang@yahoo.com.



Please indicate if you want the prayer to be confidential (prayer group only) or to be on the list inserted in the bulletin.

We would also appreciate feedback on the prayers to see how God is moving at CELC.

— Niina Tang

Small Group Opportunities!

Let Prayer and God's Word Transform Your Life!

ALPHA "Questions of Life" Sunday brunch at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in the Hospitality Room. Facilitated by Robert Dalzell (301-657-9031) and Jonathan Hahm.

Please pray and watch for these small group opportunities, coming soon:

ALPHA "A Life Worth Living," based on the Book of Philippians, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights in the Hospitality Room at CLC. Discover how to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully! Facilitated by



Trish Tollefson (301-983-2054) and Joan Williams (301-469-0183).

Wellness and Health small group Bible study will begin soon. Date TBA. Contact Jennifer Tollefson Kraus (301-330-3008) or Florence Heacock (301-652-5160, x3)

"Celebrate Recovery," a Christ-centered recovery ministry, based on eight principles from the Beatitudes. Please see page 3 for more information.

CLC leaders and facilitators' quarterly training sessions will be held on Sept. 25 (ALPHA Leadership Training) and Nov. 6 (Theme TBA). Please speak to Florence Heacock for more information.

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CLC Council



God Bless America



Happy 4th of July!!!

Simply Giving®: Great in Summer & Year Round

Who could stand to cross something off his or her "Things to Remember List?" We all could! And Simply Giving® can help!

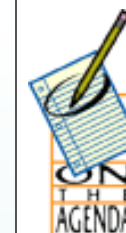
Simply Giving® is Thrivent Financial for Lutheran's automated giving program. A small but growing number of people in the CLC family have been using Simply Giving® for the past year. It lets you conveniently and consistently contribute to CLC without worrying about remembering your giving envelope or checkbook.

Through Simply Giving®, your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine how frequently (weekly, semi-monthly or monthly) and the amount. You can also change the frequency or the amount as needed. Your gift is deposited into CLC's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It doesn't cost you or CLC anything!

No more dashing out the door and then having to return for the checkbook! No more worrying about remembering your giving envelopes!

Simply Giving® is especially helpful in the summer months when so many people travel. It allows you to continue faithfully supporting God's mission at CLC even while you are away, and it ensures that CLC can continue the important outreach and discipleship work to which God has called us.

For more info or to sign up for Simply Giving®, please speak to Richard in the church office.



Information Regarding the July 11 Congregational Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss important congregational matters including real estate, daycare, and GGT building and mission development. Also:

- Brief review of final real estate transactions as approved by the congregation on March 28, 2004.
- Brief update on daycare negotiations as approved by the congregation on March 7, 2004.
- High level review of GGT Development status and options as approved by the congregation on July 13, 2003.
- Vote on motion to approve the release of a non-binding but specific RFP (Request for Proposal) to seek serious bids to purchase and develop CLC's property at 8015 Old Georgetown Road currently used for the Bethesda Fellowship House (BFH) and parking.
- Request for more congregational involvement to help lead CLC in its parallel mission and development on the five purposes of the Church.

The above agenda and 1 motion for vote have been unanimously endorsed by the GGT Development Steering Committee and the CLC Council. It is recommended that the Congregation vote in favor of the RFP motion as stated. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted. All actions by the congregation shall be by majority vote.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting, please contact the undersigned, Pastor Marv, Tim Bradley or any council member. We look forward to seeing you on July 11th.



— Barry Lemley,
CLC Congregation & Council President

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 coordinator, at 301-652-5160, ext. 3, for information.

Adult



Alpha "Challenging Lifestyles" Bible study on the Beatitudes meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Alpha "Questions of Life" Bible study meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays.

Alpha "A Life Worth Living" meets in the Hospitality Room at CLC at 7:30 p.m. Fridays.

Small Group Facilitators Bible Study meets quarterly: Sept. 25 (ALPHA Leadership Training) and Nov. 6 (Theme TBA).

"Getting a Grip" Bible study meets on the first and third Friday nights of the month at the home of Niina and Chee Kin Tang. Call the Tangs for more information at 301-468-7006.

Promise Keepers events to be announced ...



Men's Master Builders meet for prayer breakfasts at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month. For details, contact Richard Czipinski at 301-652-5160.

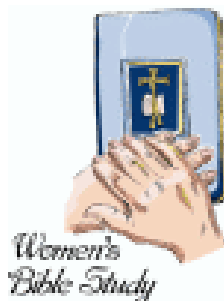
Other

Graceful Growing Together (GGT) is CLC's stewardship initiative based through 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 future centuries and generations.

Teddy Bear Ministry is a small group prayer and Bible study and faith-based ministry of love, caring, and healing.

Women

THRIVE Women of Faith meets at 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month in Prayer Room I in the upstairs education hall.



Alpha "Challenging Lifestyles" Bible Study meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the home of Ingrid Dallaire. For details, please contact Ingrid at 301-654-6962.

CLC Women's Circle Groups meet at various times during the month. For information, please contact Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657.

Young Women's Small Group (20s and 30s) meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Contact Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160.

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

The **Prayer Team** meets from 10:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m. every Sunday for focused, intentional prayer time to lift all prayer requests to God. Please submit your prayer requests in the prayer request boxes in the narthex and colonnade. For more information, please call Paula Mathis at 301-540-7391. All are welcome to come pray!

Special Events & Information

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship (both with Communion): June 6, 13, 20 and 27; July 18 and 25; August 8, 15, 22 and 29.



9 a.m. Blended Worship: July 4, July 11, August 1 and September 5.

Mark Your Calendars Now ...



CELC Fall Festival Sunday, September 12, 2004

This will be a great opportunity for you and your friends to learn about all the opportunities to get connected at CELC in the 2004-2005 year. For details or to help organize this event, please call the church at 301-652-5160. We need your help to make this a fantastic success!



Inspired by the life of Christ, tens of thousands of women from across North America will discover their true identities, live a life of real purpose, practice genuine communication and exercise active influence. Worship, pray, learn, grow, laugh and make new friends!

THIRD DEGREE featuring "Salted Fire" Cutting-edge media & music you can feel!

Bring your friends and join us in Luther Hall at 5 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month! No Third Degree on July 4.

Coming to CLC in Sept. 2004!



Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step Healing and Recovery Program based on the Beatitudes. The principles of recovery are given by Christ in His most significant message, The Sermon on the Mount (in Matthew 5).

Has the Lord placed on your heart a family member, colleague, friend or friend-of-a-friend to tell about Celebrate Recovery? If so, materials and information will be available starting in June for people to learn more about this opportunity. Please also pray for ministers Joan, Chuck & Roger.

For more information, please contact Florence Heacock, small group coordinator, at 301-652-5160, ext. 3, or email her at flohea@heartmindsoul.com.



Youth & Family Ministry

Attention Junior and Senior High School Youth!

30-Hour Famine Lock-In & Retreat July 10-12 at CLC and in Annapolis, MD

If you need a permission form, please talk to Jennifer ASAP!!! Note to parents: Because of the health requirements of some people in our group, we will provide some food during the famine. Your child will not starve!



(Left to Right: The crowd gathers at the main stage for morning worship and Bible study; Our group eats a 'picnic' dinner; Catching an afternoon nap — Do you think we're tired !!!!!)

Thanks to everyone who prayed for the CELC group who went to the Creation Festival from June 23-27! We had an awesome time worshipping, praying, learning, growing, playing, laughing and especially getting to know one another and God better. It certainly was an inspiring, encouraging and challenging four days!



The weather was beautiful and the days were long & hot with the sun blazing down on us as we ran, danced and jumped around. Typical schedule was up by 7 a.m. and to bed between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. We had morning devotions, worship and Bible study, free time in the afternoon, and concerts, concerts, concerts at night! Taking turns making & cleaning up meals and carting ice & fresh water to our campsite gave us lots of opportunities to serve one another. And the beautiful scenery (and port-a-potties) reminded us of God's many, many blessings!

Each year some 80,000 people travel to Creation, an annual 4-day festival for people of all ages held on the Agape Farm in Mt. Union, Pa. Nearly 50 of the top Christian solo musicians & bands perform and more than a dozen influential ministry leaders speak. The festival also includes comedians, fireworks, X Games, skateboard and BMX team exhibitions, and seminars. Interested in going next year? Speak to Jill Clemmer, Richard Czynski, Sam Fondry, Jonathan Hoang, Erica Sprague or Jennifer Tessneer for details.

(Left to Right: Candle-lighting with 80,000 people. We all took Communion together also!; Our group on the last night; The crowd dances away during a night-time concert.)



Small Groups for Children & Youth



Pathfinders Sunday Morning Adventure for Children & Teens meets from 10:15 a.m. — 11:15 a.m. every Sunday.

Making Disciples Confirmation Ministry meets weekly. Time TBD.

CLC Teenagers meet from 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. every Sunday for fun, friendship and Bible Study. Come hungry!

For details or to volunteer with children & youth, please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160. Many thanks!

'Christmas in July' Party at Manor Care at Circle Manor 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 25

This will be a great opportunity to share God's love with the residents of a local nursing home and talk to them about Jesus. It is one of several opportunities to serve God and others coming your way as part of CLC's Summer of Service 2004. It doesn't matter how old you are — all gifts are needed!



2004 Summer of Service! You Were SHAPED for Serving God!

**"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
(Ephesians 2:10)**



Have a question or want to get involved in Youth & Family Ministry at CLC? Ask one of these people:

Youth & Family Committee

Lisa Bente, council representative George Wenchel, council representative
Jennifer Tessneer, minister of family & community care Open Council Representative Seat

Children's Team

Laurie Heinecke, Pathfinders pre-school & lower elementary
Jennifer Tessneer, Pathfinders upper elementary

Youth Team

Eileen Dalzell, Pathfinders junior high teacher Rachel King, youth group leader
Mark Woodward, Pathfinders senior high teacher Erica Sprague, youth group leader
Jennifer Tessneer, minister of family & community care

Youth Contacts

Chris Yu Ian "You Can Call Me Hank" Dalzell Sam Fondry
Jaymes Lunsford Jonathan "Sleepy" Hoang Jeremy Lunsford