



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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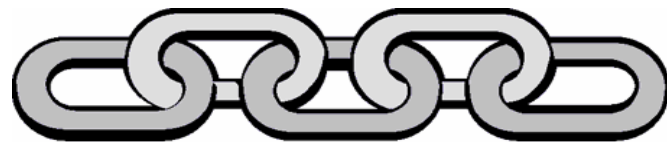
Mission of The Chronicle

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 July issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25. 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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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.

Who is Jesus Christ for Us?

Peter's Declaration About Jesus

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 'Well,' they replied, 'some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.'" (Matthew 16:13-14)

C.S. Lewis, author of "The Chronicles of Narnia," said this: "Either this man was and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about him being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his Christology lectures, declares that Jesus is God becoming fully human and living in relationship with those who believe in him. "In Christ we are not dealing with a new concept of God or a new moral teaching. We are dealing with God's personal address, through which God summons human beings to responsibility." It is the desire of God to draw all people to himself, to reconcile and heal all broken lives. God is a knowable person, a concrete relationship all because He came in Christ Jesus, the anointed son of God.

The Christian church is the community of believers in which Jesus Christ is the center. Jesus is the Lord experienced through the Word and proclaimed Messiah by the witness of the Holy Spirit. As the church of forgiven sinners, we are charged with witnessing in the midst of a sinful world about God come in Christ. God has placed the responsibility for reaching lost people in the hands of the Church.

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Updates & Reminders



Master Builder's Men's Ministry Retreat

A strong band of 10 Christian

brothers traveled to Herndon, Va., on May 14 & 15 for Bible Study, team-building and spiritual coaching, all focused on the theme "Growing Spiritual Leaders." WOW! What a worthy challenge and great opportunity! Pastor Ray Scheck, of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Damascus, led the men.

Men's Ministry plans to make this an annual event that will multiply men who love Jesus. To hear more about the retreat, speak to one of the following men: Tim Bradley, Richard Cypinski, Robert Dalzell, Rick Koenig, Barry Lemley, Mark Miller, Moges Naigzy, Carl Seils, Chee Kin Tang, or Pastor Marv Tollefson.

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).

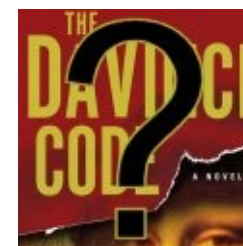
Wellness and Health small group Bible study will begin soon. Date TBA. Contact Jennifer Tollefson Kraus (301-330-3008) or Florence Heacock (301-652-5160, x3)

"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.



CLC Council



Confused by the bestselling book The Da Vinci Code? A sermon by Dr. Dan G. Johnson of Trinity United Methodist Church explains the difference between truth and fiction. If you are reading The Chronicle online, please see the attachment to the sermon in The Chronicle email. If you want a hard copy, please see one of the staff.

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



Daycare Update

Council is moving under the direction of the congregation's March 7, 2004, approval to collaborate with the CCCC and others who can conform to the church's mission.

After several meetings with families, staff and the board of the Christ Church Children's Center (CCCC), the CCCC has affirmed and agreed to be accountable to the mission of Christ Lutheran Church. This was a change from CCCC's position of November 2003 when it advised that it had to be fully independent from the mission of CLC.

Having received that affirmation in writing on May 14, 2004, church representatives have scheduled a meeting with members of the CCCC board in early June to discuss proposed organizational structure, board representation and overall timing. If those items are successfully resolved, we plan to meet to discuss other key transition issues.

Meanwhile, the Childcare and Education Exploratory Committee (CEEC) has developed the following mission statement: "To provide childcare and education to the community through which children and families are introduced to Jesus and equipped to lead Christ-centered lives."

CLC is committed to offering high-quality childcare that provides for the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development of all children. We desire to share with children and families how much God loves them as His unique creations. The church's overall mission was shared with CCCC's board, staff and parents and was discussed with them in detail at the meetings.

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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 Czynski 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 11, 18 and 25; August 8, 15, 22 and 29.

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

Last Day of Choir for the Season is Sunday, June 13.

FREE CAR WASH!!!

Who: The CLC Congregation

What: A servant evangelism event in which CLC will wash the cars of Bethesda residents for FREE!

When: Sunday, June 13. Time to be announced, but it will be sometime late morning to mid-afternoon.

Where: CLC!!!

Why: To show God's love in a practical way; to share with people that God's love and grace are FREE gifts; and to meet and connect with members of the Bethesda community.

We need everyone's help to make this work — all ages can help!!! We are looking for folks to wash cars, man the grills (we will be cooking hot dogs and burgers) and simply interact with the folks who come to get their cars washed. Right now, we are hoping Salted Fire, our Sunday evening worship band, will be able to play as well. Please contact Jennifer Tessneer or Mark Woodward to volunteer. Many thanks and blessings!



THIRD DEGREE

featuring

"Salted Fire"

Cutting-edge media and 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 June 20th ... Spend the day with your dad instead!)

Celebrate Recovery Ministry Coming to CLC in Sept. 2004!

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step Healing and Recovery Program based on the eight principles from 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

“To Any Daddy ...”



There are little eyes upon you,
And they're watching day by day;
There are little ears that surely

Take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager
To do everything you do.
There's a little child dreaming
of the day she'll be like you!

You're that little fellow's idol,
You're the wisest of the wise.
In his little mind, about you
No suspicions e'er arise;
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds that all you say or do
He will say and do, in your way,
When he's all grown up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little gal
Who believes you're always right;
Her keen ears are always open
To catch your words, day or night.
You are setting an example,
Every day, in all you do,
For the little child who's wanting
to grow up to be like you.

— Isabelle Tucker

“Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.”
(Ephesians 6:4, The Message)

Happy Father's Day to all dads. Thanks for the way you love God's children.



JUNE 23-26



Creation is an annual 4-day festival held on the Agape Farm in Mt. Union, Pa. Nearly 50 of the top Christian solo musicians and bands have committed to performing, and more than a dozen influential ministry leaders including Luis Palau, Josh McDowell, Rob Bell and Joshua Harris will speak. The festival also includes comedians, fireworks, X Games, skateboard and BMX team exhibitions, and seminars.



Please pray for the teens and young adults from CLC who will attend Creation. Pray that it would be an inspiring, encouraging and challenging four days of spiritual growth.

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

Several opportunities to serve God and others are coming your way at CLC this summer. It doesn't matter how old you are — all gifts are valuable and needed!

Please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to share God's love with others. If you would like to organize or volunteer for a servant project, please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5, or you can email her at jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

“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)



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!

Schedule Reminders!!!

3:30 p.m., June 6 Creation Meeting
5 p.m., June 6 Third Degree
6 p.m., June 6 Senior High Youth Meet
Time TBA, June 13 Servant Evangelism Free Carwash
6 p.m., June 13 Senior High Youth Meet
6 p.m., June 20..... In honor of Father's Day, there will be no No Youth Group. (Spend the day with your dad instead!)

June 23 — 27 Creation Festival at Agape Farm!

6 pm., June 27 ... No Youth Group (Creation Recovery Time)

Please let Jennifer know when you will be out of town this summer so we can best plan around people's travel schedules!!! Thanks!!!



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