



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.

Next Chronicle Deadline

Submissions for the April issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.



New to CLC? Want to know more about our faith community? Please email clc@heartmindsoul.com to begin receiving our weekly e-newsletter and/or weekly family ministry e-newsletter.

THE CHRONICLE

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Reach Up, Reach Out & Grow

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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.

Holy Week is the Story of Jesus' Passion!

The logic of Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter is highly evangelical. The services of these three days are geared to conversion and to God's restoration and reconciliation of human beings with one another and with God through Christ.

Holy Week is nothing if not about telling the story of the Passion. It is as if the church can't tell the story too many times or in too many ways! In some of our worship services, the telling takes a narrow focus and looks at one segment of the story. In others, the view is wider and includes the broad sweep of Jesus' ministry and passion.

Think of the services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter as one extended service. These are days for drawing closer to Jesus and experiencing His passion and resurrection.

The Maundy Thursday Story: Reconciling and Serving

Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. Passover is actually composed of two festivals, The Feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover (which is sometimes used to refer to the single day and sometimes to the entire span of both festivals).

The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the Seder (which means "order," because of the fixed order of service), which is a time of rejoicing and celebration at the deliverance for the Hebrews that God accomplished in the exodus.



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Please Don't Forget

to get your picture taken for the new CELC pictorial directory! Photo sessions are available on Thursday, March 3, Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5. Please see the sign-up sheet in the colonnade or email Niina Tang at niina@heartmindsoul.com to reserve a time.

Please also remember to sign 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 return those forms to Jennifer Tessneer or put them in the collection plate on Sunday morning. Many thanks!

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CLCW Stewardship Corner

Our women's circles were very active in several stewardship projects last year. I am happy to report that through their generous offerings collected during 2004, disbursements were made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran World Relief (Lenten offering) \$ 342
- Bethesda Cares \$ 253
- Southeast Ministry \$ 364
- Bethesda Help \$ 280
- Thankoffering to WELCA \$ 1,510
(Congregation-wide participation)
- Bethesda Fellowship House \$ 200
- N Street Village \$ 200
- Mobile Med \$ 200

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



Join us as we try to figure it out! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3. "How to Make Disciples" and "How to be a Disciple-Making Church" at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Damascus, MD. 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.

- Salem House \$ 200
 - Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong \$ 200
 - Lutheran Social Services \$ 200
 - Roanoke College \$ 200
 - Lutheran World Relief \$ 400
(For the South Asia Tsunami)
- Total \$ 4,549

Additional projects included the purchase of several backpacks and supplies for the Backpack Ministry Project, and two of our circles contributed to Community Family Life Services (CFLS) at Christmas. One circle contributed monies to purchase toys for the CFLS Toy Drive and the other circle purchased Christmas gifts of toys, clothing and household items for a CFLS family.

A big Thank You goes to our circle members for their generous support in these projects.

Thanks and God Bless,
Jackie Clapp

CLC Council

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MARCH 6 IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!



Congregational Meeting Information

Thanks to everyone who attended the February 27 congregation information meeting and pot-luck afterward. At that meeting, Council and other committees shared what we are doing to expand our ministry, while also creating a stable business model. Updates on developments with the Christ Church Children's Center (CCCC) and Bethesda Fellowship House (BFH) were provided. Results from 2004 were reviewed, and council presented the budget for calendar year 2005.

Council and the GGT Steering Committee will host a town hall session at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 for anyone interested in a more detailed discussion. Discussion and the congregational vote on all formally submitted motions will take place at a 10:30 a.m. congregational meeting on Sunday, March 13th. We will have a 9 a.m. blended worship that day.

It is truly an exciting time at CLC. It has been a year of significant change, challenge, faith and accomplishment. We believe that the framework is in place to shape our future mission and spiritual direction but it will continue to take much prayer, involvement and trust from the congregation. I hope that each of you takes the opportunity to hear more about our plans and to become actively engaged over the upcoming months in helping to implement the vision at CLC.

Yours in Christ,
Barry M. Lemley
Council and Congregational President

Prayer List Information



To add a prayer request to the prayer list, please contact Niina Tang at 301-468-7006 or by email at 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.

Don't be Left in the Dark!

Sunday morning announcements are now happening via DVD before and after the service. TV stations are available in the colonnade and narthex, and you can also see the announcements on the big screen before worship. A special thanks to Rachel Hill, our news anchor, and Rusty Hill, for putting the project together.



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.

A Note on Announcements: Please email normal ministry announcements in PowerPoint to marv@heartmindsoul.com by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before the "announcement" should be made. If you don't know how to use PowerPoint, contact one of the staff and we will teach you. **Two slides maximum. We will publish them "as is" so please proofread before you send.**

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 encourage you to come to worship early to greet and talk to people about your ministry or event.

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. A second course meets at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Contact Robert Dalzell at 301-657-9031.

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 Czapinski 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.

Special Events & Information

Many thanks to the Young Women’s Small Group, the Thrive group and the Friday night home group for providing Lenten suppers in February! Thanks, as well, to the Thrive group for providing greeters and feeders in February.



Save the date —

CELC Church-wide Family Retreat

8:30 a.m. to 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.

Annual Spring CLCW Retreat Saturday, April 9



Dr. Wanda McNeil has agreed to again address the annual spring retreat sponsored by the Women of Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 9th. As those of you who have attended these gatherings in the past know, Dr. McNeil is a thoughtful and practical speaker who brings a message relevant to our times. Her topic for the retreat will be “Finding God in the Question.” We will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Hospitality/Choir rooms at church, and by the time you read this notice, registration forms will be circulating. For now, mark the date (April 9) and plan to join us for a day of inspiration, fellowship and sharing. If you have any questions, please call one of the coordinators — Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis Hofstad at 301-598-9657.

Please join us for dinner at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent (except Holy Week) in the Hospitality Room!

Extreme Life Makeover

Our focus during Lent this year is to engage the congregation in reaching out to all the families and communities God gifts us with and calls us into. As well, we are challenged to revisit and recommit ourselves to living out God’s five purposes in those families and communities.

Maundy Thursday

Noon Worship
6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Worship

Good Friday

Noon Worship
6 p.m. Dinner * 7 p.m. Worship

* There will be no Bible study or program, but food will be available.

Easter Sunday

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt





Family Ministry

CELIC'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)

Asking the Question, "How Would Jesus Parent?"

Parenting is complicated! Even those of us who don't yet have children of our own watch in awe as parents deal with a multitude of issues: Setting appropriate boundaries, building self-esteem, maintaining discipline, and balancing school, work and other time demands, to name just a few.

There are thousands of books and other resources designed to help parents do their jobs better. But a recent study by George Barna found that few parents are relying on the best parenting resources available — the Bible and their personal faith in Jesus Christ — to make parenting decisions.

"You might expect that parents who are born again Christians would take a different approach to raising their children than did parents who have not committed their lives to Christ — but that was rarely the case," Barna wrote. For purposes of the study, Barna defined "born again Christians" as people who said they had made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that was still important in their life today.



Particularly surprising was that only three out of 10 parents who have given their lives to Christ said leading their children into a saving relationship with Jesus was one of their critical parent-

ing goals. Research has shown that nearly two-thirds of people who accept Jesus as their savior do so before their 18th birthdays and that parents have the biggest influence on children's spiritual decisions.

"Parents cannot force or ensure that their kids become followers of Christ," Barna wrote. "But for that emphasis to not be on the radar screen of most Christian parents is a significant reason why most Americans never embrace Jesus Christ as their savior ... The fact that most Christian parents overlook this critical responsibility is one of the biggest challenges to the Christian Church."

"Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Barna said the recent research helps explain why in many cases Christians are as involved in unbiblical behavior as non-believers: "Believers do not train their children to think or act any differently ... Garbage in, garbage out. There's no magic that suddenly changes the young person from what they were trained to be in their formative years into a model Christian once they get older."

The Bible says, "Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it" (Proverbs 22:6). But we know that's not as easy as it sounds. That's why CELIC's Family Ministry is here to partner with parents. We want to help you as you seek to raise children with firm Biblical values. We hope you will take advantage of the following opportunities:

- **Join a small group!** God speaks through his Word and through faithful followers of Christ. There is no better way to be equipped for parenthood than to be in prayer, Bible study and supportive relationships

with other Christians.

- **Get involved!** There are a variety of opportunities at CELIC for your family to live out God's five purposes for our lives (worship, evangelism, ministry, discipleship and fellowship). A good starting point is to sign up to receive our weekly Family Ministry E-Newsletter, which will keep you informed of all that's going on in Family Ministry at CELIC and point you to valuable parenting resources. (To sign up, please email jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.)
- **Be equipped!** Retreats, conferences and workshops provide wonderful opportunities to grow in your personal relationship with Christ, which will greatly influence your parenting. In addition, there are a variety of resources available in the Family Ministry office to

To read more from Barna's study, go to www.barna.org

- help you disciple your children and give you sound, Biblical advice on how to handle a variety of difficult parenting situations. Please feel free to sign out these resources to use at home with your families!
- **Communicate with us!** Let us know how we can pray for you, how we can support you, and what sort of Biblical teaching and information you need. We are always happy to help.

— Jennifer Tessneer

Want to Know More about Godly Parenting?



Please email 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 CELIC

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 CELIC'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