



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 monthly)

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

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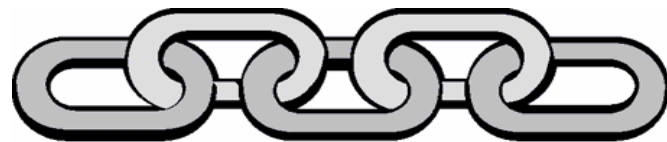
Mission of The Chronicle

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 December issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. 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.



Getting it Done: Turning Vision into Action

Graceful Growing Together and the Development Process

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

CELC is in the midst of a major development process that will position us to do what God has called us to do – to turn unbelievers into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to do this as an Acts 2 community of disciples with three areas of specific emphasis (also found in our membership manual):

1. **Welcome** people to faith;
2. **Equip** people with a faith that works in real life; and
3. **Send** people in service into a hostile and hurting world in Jesus' name.

This first emphasis is all about evangelism. We want to engage everyone at CELC in reaching more and more people in the Metro DC community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to specifically connect with youth and families.

The second emphasis is about the spiritual maturing of all believers at CELC. We want to encourage full devotion to Christ by elevating the values of community, spiritual growth, and full participation in the life of the church.

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“Act Boldly” ELCA Triennial Gathering



The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will welcome women from around the country to the sixth triennial gathering in San Antonio, Tex., from July 5-10, 2005. The theme will be “Act Boldly.”

For details on these events, please contact Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657.

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 & exercise active influence.

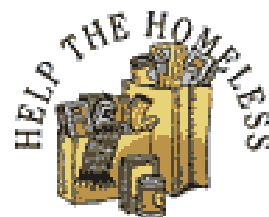


Worship, pray, learn, grow, laugh & make new friends! Special guests include Joyce Meyer, John C. Maxwell & Darlene Zschech of Hillsong Church.

For details, contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160.

Web-Site Volunteer Needed!!!

CELC is looking for someone with experience building and maintaining websites to help us make some much-needed changes to our site. If God has gifted you with these skills, please pray about it and contact one of the staff if you are interested. This is a fantastic way to serve if you feel called! Thank you!



Uncertain how to best help homeless people who come to the church or whom you meet in the community? Please see the information sheet called “*How to Help Homeless and Financially Disadvantaged People in Bethesda*” in the Narthex.

To participate in the *backpack ministry*, please contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050. We will pack the backpacks after the 7 p.m. worship service on Thanksgiving Eve.

CELC’s Prayer Team is Ready to Lift Up Your Prayers!



If you have a prayer request to be added to the prayer list, please contact Niina Tang by email at nii-natang@yahoo.com or at 301-468-7006. *Please indicate if you want the prayer to be confidential (prayer group only) or on the list inserted in the bulletin.* We would also appreciate feedback on the prayers to see how God is moving at CELC. Prayer lists are available in the Narthex.

THIRD DEGREE Featuring “Salted Fire”

Cutting-edge media & music you can feel! Join us, and please bring a friend!

5 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month in Luther Hall (basement).



CLC Council

Mark Your Calendars!

10:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 14
Congregational Meeting after a 9 a.m. Blended Worship. Please attend!!!



7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Eve worship followed by backpack-packing for the homeless in the Upper Room. Join us!

9 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 12
Blended worship and Children’s Christmas program, followed by a holiday festival in the Hospitality Room. We need help! Contact Jennifer Tessner at 301-652-5160.

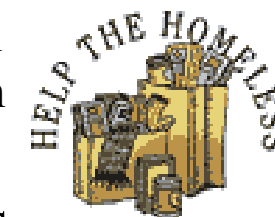
5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12
CELC’s adult choir presents its Christmas choral performance, “One of Us.” To get involved, join us for choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays or contact Richard Czypinski at 301-652-5160.

**9 a.m. Blended Worships on
Sunday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005**

Many thanks to the women’s home group of Ingrid Dallaire, Ellen Schneider and Joan Williams for greeting visitors and providing refreshments during October!



Please join us in the Upper Room to pack



BACKPACKS

after the 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve worship service!!!

The backpacks will be given to the men, women and children who attend the Bethesda Cares lunch program. *Don’t forget to bring your written prayer to go in a backpack!!!* Questions? Call Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050.

Development Update



A second town hall meeting was held on Thursday, Oct. 28 to share additional development details. The GGT Steering Committee, MTF, Council and about 20 CLC members attended.

The discussion covered the various options, timing and finances that are under final stages of consideration. It included a summary of the plans from the four developers that responded to CLC’s Request for Proposal (RFP) and the interview process that was used.

Members were further briefed on the broad terms of the proposal received from the Bozzuto Development Company who is currently the leading candidate. In a proposed Joint Venture (JV) Partnership development of CLC’s Old Georgetown Road property, CLC would retain ownership of the land and the JV would provide the initial economic engine to fuel the overall growth of a parallel mission and facilities plan for CLC.

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, for details at 301-652-5160.



Adult

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

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

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.

“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 Thursdays. Contact Robert Dalzell at 301-657-9031.

Small Group Facilitators Bible Study. Next meeting: Oct. 15. Contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160.

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.



“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.

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 Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657 or Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127.



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 Tessneer 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.

Other

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

Learn How to Share Your Faith with Others!



Unsure how to share your faith with others? Don’t miss this awesome opportunity to learn about the brand new “Three-Story Approach” to faith sharing. Nationally recognized and used by Youth Specialties and Youth for Christ, the “Three-Story Approach” is natural, authentic and relational.

3-Story Evangelism Training at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6

Open to youth and adults of all ages!!! For more information, contact Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160 or the Montgomery County Youth Leaders Network at 301-519-9020. Space is still available!!!

Discipleship Opportunities Coming Soon



- “How to Make Disciples” & “How to be a Disciple-Making Church” at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Damascus, MD. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4. This opportunity is free and open to anyone! Please speak to one of the staff for details.
- Greater Washington Christian Education Association conference. **Hundreds of workshops to be trained, equipped, encouraged and inspired!!! We are all Christian educators so this is a conference for everyone!!!** Friday, Jan. 28 (starting at 6:15 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 29. For details, contact Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160 or read more at www.gwcea.com. Information packets and a listing of conferences are available in Jennifer’s office (first floor).

Small Group Events:



Small Group Leaders Forums, based on the book Walking the Small Group Tightrope, will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday, Nov. 6 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Chapters 1-3)
- Sunday, Dec. 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Chapters 4-6) Holiday refreshments and caroling afterward.

Alpha “Holy Spirit” Retreat for both the Sunday and Thursday Alpha courses. Sunday, Nov. 7, time TBA.



Missionaries Need Housing

Alpha missionaries Heidi and Prioleau Alexander of Pony Express Missions, Inc., are considering a call from Alpha DC to serve the local body of Christ as Alpha regional directors. The Alexanders need a rent-free place to stay in order to come, as the position may not include a significant salary. They are looking for a home or apartment with a bedroom, bath and kitchen. Their two children — Ghost and Boogie — have four legs but are very well behaved. You can learn more about the Alexanders at their website www.ponyexpressmissions.com.

For more information, please email your questions to Heidi Scanlon at heidiscanlon@alphausa.org or call her at Alpha DC at (202) 997-1032. Term begins January 2005 and space is needed for a minimum of 12 months.



Youth & Family Ministry

CELC's youth and 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)

Leadership, Parents and Youth & Family Ministry

This is an exciting time at CLC. We have so many new initiatives and that is encouraging. As a member of the Youth Committee and Church Council, I would like to share some of my experiences with Boy Scouts and raising children that relate to Youth & Family Ministry.

Scoutmaster plans and organizes all of the events eventually suffer from a stale program and Scoutmaster burnout.

So too our Youth & Family Ministry needs the dynamic infusion of parental involvement. As the children enter and then graduate from one ministry

In scouting, the Scoutmaster is the central person, but no matter how good and enthusiastic the Scoutmaster is, the troop won't function well without sustained parental involvement. There are various philosophies on how to coordinate parental involvement with a troop, and what is right is different for each troop.

That being said, neither a good Scout Troop nor a good Youth & Family Ministry can be sustained without the active involvement of parents. One of the biggest helps to the Leader/Scoutmaster is for parents to be available at regular meetings to help out on an ad hoc basis. Another is to plan and coordinate events for the group. Scout Troops where the

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group to the next, the parents change every few years so that new blood and enthusiasm are infused into the organization.

Parents, you can be part of this by helping to make your child's Youth & Family ministry a better place. While the aphorism "many hands make light work" might be overused, it is true. We need your help to blend efforts from parents and volunteers with those of the staff to have the best possible Youth & Family Ministry and the best possible experience for your child.

— George Wenchel



ATTENTION PARENTS!

Want to learn more about

GODLY PARENTING?

Please visit the Parent Resources bulletin board outside of Jennifer Tessneer's office (first floor) for lots of free information and inspiration! Please also stop in Jennifer's office to see the materials and resources available. You are welcome to borrow any of these materials!

Birthdays

- Nov. 7 Nathan Hill
- Nov. 11 Noah Gebremedhin
- Nov. 24 Erica Sprague



(Do we know your birthday? Please email the date to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com)



November Happenings

- ♦ Starting Nov. 7, the Pathfinders children will be preparing for their annual Christmas program. Parents, please make sure your child attends every Pathfinders between now and then so he or she does not fall behind. We meet on Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 7. We have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 11 and the program is at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.
- ♦ CELC's youth & family ministry needs lots of help preparing for Christmas. If you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160:

Angel Tree (we need a coordinator!)

Children's Christmas Play (costumes, crafts, an extra set of hands during the Pathfinders hour, etc.)

Reception after the Christmas Play (food, activities)

- ♦ CELC's youth will begin cleaning up the Glenbrook Road house. We are putting together some work dates. If you can join us, please talk to Erica Sprague (240-925-4310) or Jennifer Tessneer.



Reminders

Parents, please return your children's and teen's health and permission forms to Jennifer ASAP. These are for your children's benefit, and they are required for participation. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Children, Youth & Family Opportunities



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. Time TBD.

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!

Third Degree, CELC's alternative worship service geared toward teens and young adults, is at 5 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of each month in Luther Hall (basement). Join us for cutting-edge media and music you can feel!!!

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

Youth & Family Ministry Contacts

Questions about youth & family ministry? Please speak to ...

Youth & Family Ministry Committee

- Lisa Bente, council representative
- Eileen Dalzell, parent representative
- Laurie Heinecke, elementary Pathfinders teacher
- Rachel King, youth group leader
- Erica Sprague, youth group leader
- Jennifer Tessneer, family & community care minister
- George Wenchel, council representative
- Mark Woodward, junior/senior high Pathfinders teacher

Youth Contacts

- Ian "You Can Call Me Hank" Dalzell
- Daniel Smith
- Jeremy Lunsford
- Jaymes Lunsford
- Jonathan "Sleepy" Hoang