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WE WELCOME YOU!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Evangelical 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.

TAKE UP THE TOWEL: Living Beyond Myself

Jesus' invitation to servant ministry will be the topic of our Oct. 2 — Nov. 6 Preaching Series

"Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he had around him." (John 13:3-5)

In the words of this scripture text, Jesus says, "I am asking for my followers to live beyond themselves, to look beyond their own petty concerns about social status, titles, and positions — my wants, my desires, my little protective turf."

"I am calling every one of my followers to take up the towel," he says.

And he doesn't make this call in some dreamy, esoteric way. He calls and teaches and demonstrates this in a very painstakingly, practical way. "I am calling you to simple acts of service and kindness like foot washing," he says. "Like opening doors for each other. Like letting someone go through the line in front of you. Like offering to help out around the house or the office or the classroom in ways that are uncharacteristic and unexpected by the rest of the folks."

Jesus' fundamental point in John 13 was, "If you're a follower of mine,

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Updates & Reminders

MANY THANKS TO THE CHOIR AND COUNCIL FOR FEEDING AND GREETING US IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER! THANKS IN ADVANCE TO ALL THOSE WHO FEED AND GREET US IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER!

NEW TO CELC?

New to CELC? Want to know more about our faith community? Please email clc@heartmindsoul.com to begin receiving our weekly e-newsletter and/or bi-weekly family ministry e-newsletter. Also, please attend Breakfast with Pastor Marv in the Hospitality Room at 9 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month starting in October.



PERMISSION FORMS & 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 on 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 call or email Jennifer Tessner at 301-652-5160 or jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.



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 by 5 p.m.



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 witness (stories) of how God is at work in our lives. To share a story, please speak to Pastor Marv.

Other opportunities to publicize ministries/events include the weekly e-newsletter, the biweekly family ministry e-newsletter and the Week Ahead. We also encourage you to come to worship early to greet and talk to people about your ministry/event.

PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request to the prayer list, please email Florence Heacock at flohea@heartmindsoul.com or call her at 301-652-5160. **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. Please also email Florence if you would like more information about becoming a prayer minister.



SUNDAY MORNING WITNESS

Sharing witnesses (stories) of how God is at work in our lives encourages and lifts up other Christians and helps plant seeds for non-Christians. To share a witness of how God is at work in your life, please speak to Pastor Marv.



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Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Schedule

- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Part I of "Challenging Lifestyles" Bible study (Upper Room)
- 10:45 a.m. Alpha "Questions of Life" course (Hospitality Room)
- 11 a.m. Part II of "Challenging Lifestyles" Bible study (Upper Room)
Pathfinders for children (Second-floor education wing)
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 6-8 p.m. CELC Youth Group meets. 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, or email jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

Dec./Jan. Chronicle Deadline



Submissions for the December/January issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.



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Updates & Reminders

Thanks to everyone who attended **CELC'S Fall Festival!**



It was such a wonderful time of reaching out to our neighbors and building new friendships! Not to mention moon-bouncing and pretending we're all angels ...



TAKE UP THE TOWEL

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you will look for opportunities to do practical, kind, servant-oriented things for one another." I like the section of the text where Jesus said, "Now if I, your Teacher and your Lord, the second person of the Trinity, God in the flesh — if foot washing is not beneath me, it is not beneath you. If I'm willing to wash your feet, wake up! Understand that you should be willing to wash each other's feet in every practical situation — at work, at home, wherever you are. Walk into every room wondering if there is a simple act of kindness that you can do."

The other brief observation from this text — and maybe you've never seen it as clearly, but at the end of his remarks, Jesus said, "Now that I've explained this to you" — here are the key words — "you will be blessed." If you take up the towel, you will be blessed. Here is Jesus making a blanket, across-the-board, no-exception promise that towel-bearers, those who serve people in practical ways, those who live beyond themselves, will become the recipients of God's sovereign blessing and favor. Something supernatural will be released in and around your life. Something good will come your way. God's divine favor will fall on those who take up the towel and live in the way Jesus demonstrated for us to live.

Now, here's the question: Do you really believe that? Do you believe it enough that you would reorder the value system of your life around the promise of Jesus Christ that if you were to take up the towel, you would be blessed?



The key question is what are you banking your fulfillment hope on? Are you going to keep looking for short-cuts to fast cash and the promise of the all-American dream? Are you about more money, more power, more applause, more fame? Do you think if you get more, more, more of the all-American dream then you are going to feel blessed and live in a God-blessed way, and you are going to feel inner satisfaction and peace? Is that inner satisfaction and peace going to come through more things? Or is it more likely to come through towel-bearing?

This is fundamentally one of the most important questions you will ever ask yourself or resolve in your spirit. And we are going to be all over it during our next preaching series.

Jesus Christ, the smartest man in the world, is inviting us to take up the towel of service. We want to make the right decision as followers of Jesus. Join us Sundays beginning October 2.

Special Events & Information



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Please let us know your birthday or anniversary so we can thank God and celebrate the awesome blessing of your life or other special occasion! Please email your birthday to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

George Wenchel (Oct. 24)
Nathan Hill (Nov. 7)

Noah Ngaizy (Nov. 11)
Erica Sprague (Nov. 23)
Tommy Parrott (Nov. 25)



For final details on the DC Festival, please go to page 7!

Council & Mission Endowment Fund



CELC Awards \$15,000 in Grants for Mission Work!

The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee is pleased to announce the award of \$15,000 in grants to the nine applicants who submitted proposals for funding this year.

Grant recipients include two Lutheran seminary students and a collaboration of churches in Prince George's County, as well as a variety of faith-based and community-based organizations serving needy individuals locally and internationally. The grants will go to support the homeless and at-risk populations, recent immigrants, children with emotional and educational challenges, and the very poor children of Guatemala. Specifically, grants are being made to the following:

- \$3,000 to Mi Refugio in Guatemala to fund the purchase and installation of a commercial exhaust fan and duct work over the commercial stove and grill in the school's kitchen.
- \$3,000 to Krista Vingelis, CELC's former minister of family and community care, to fund expenses for her senior year at Luther Seminary.
- \$2,000 to the Center for Immigration Law and Practice in Washington, D.C., which provides legal services on immigration matters to clients applying for asylum and reuniting with their families. The grant will go to provide general support for the center, which is a partnership between the Lutheran churches of the metropolitan DC area and the University of DC law school.
- \$1,500 to Jonathan Shaeffer to fund educational expenses for his second year at Trinity Lutheran Seminary (ELCA). Jonathan is a student from the Metropolitan D.C. synod and Erica Sprague's brother-in-law.
- \$1,500 to Maryland Salem Children's Trust in

Frostburg, Maryland, to help fund construction of a new educational building. The Salem School provides education and services to students with behavioral, learning and emotional disabilities, giving "a beacon of hope to children who have known only failure."

The CELC congregation thanks the MEF committee of Allen Ett, Moges Gebremedhin, Catherine Johnson, Ellen Schneider and Marta Woodward for their commitment and hard work in recommending such wonderful grant recipients. Praise God for His many blessings!

- \$1,000 to Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prince George's County to fund a collaborative/transformational ministry outreach project with

two other churches to revitalize faith communities and address social justice issues.

- \$1,000 to Community Ministries of Montgomery County to fund staffing for Horizons House II, a group home for homeless women.
- \$1,000 to the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County's Places for People program to fund supplemental needs for mentally ill people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.
- \$1,000 to A Wider Circle of Bethesda, Maryland, to provide financial support for delivery of basic needs to children and adults transitioning out of homelessness, victimized by domestic abuse, or who otherwise do not have the means to create a healthy home environment. (A Wider Circle was selected by the local Red Cross to assist in providing furnishings for hurricane victims relocating to the D.C. area.)

The MEF Committee is very pleased that the congregation authorized the distribution of \$15,000 in MEF grants this year. We believe the work of the recipients reflects the values and commitment to the under-served that Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church supports here in our community and around the world.

— Ellen Schneider, & the MEF Committee

Next Mission Trip to Mi Refugio Set for June 16-25, 2006!

Mi Refugio is a Christian school for children who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump and surrounding areas. Opportunities for serving at Mi Refugio include (but are not limited to) working with the children, building and maintenance projects, computer work, outreach into the community, and providing dental and other health services.

The trip will cost \$700-750 depending on the price of airfare. That amount will cover all expenses for traveling, food and shelter. For details, please pick up an information packet on the Family Ministry table in the colonnade or contact Jennifer Tessneer (301-652-5160 or by email at jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com).

Registration and a \$100 deposit due Nov. 1!



Being His Hands and Feet Going where God sends you ...

Have you ever wondered what really happens on a mission trip? And who really goes on them any way? Or if you were to go on that mission trip to Mi Refugio, would it really be worth your time?



On Oct. 29, you can get those questions answered over brunch. Ray Ranker is coming to our church to share his experiences during his year-long mission trip to Argentina. This is a great opportunity to learn what God is doing in other places in the world and the impact we can have on others for God. It will also be a great time to figure out if you want to go with CELC to Mi Refugio next June. If you are already planning to go to Mi Refugio, this is a great opportunity to boost your excitement about the trip!

10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 29 in the Hospitality Room. Brunch included!

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. ... They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.” (Acts 2:42, 44, 46-47)

You are warmly invited to participate in these spiritual, faith-based opportunities. 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.



Small Group Leaders Forum — Information on the holiday retreat coming soon!

Adult

“Challenging Lifestyles” is a Bible study based on the Beatitudes for 21st challenging lifestyles. Part I begins at 10:15 a.m. and part II begins at 11 a.m., both on Sundays in the Upper Room. Contact Larry Goolsby at 301-946-6479.

“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 a.m. on Sundays in the Hospitality room. Contact Steve Peth at 301.564.1232. **“Questions of Life”** also meets in English *y en Espanol* at 6 p.m. on Mondays (los lunes) in the Hospitality Room. Contact Pastor Marv Tollefson (English) at 301-652-5160 or uted llama Pastor Raul Hernandez (Espanol) at 202-607-0037.

“Celebrate Recovery” is a 12-step, Christian recovery ministry based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Celebrate Recovery uses eight principles to help heal hurts and overcome personal problems. It meets from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays in the Upper Room. Contact Roger Clough at 301-251-8694

“Coed Home Group” meets for in-depth Bible study in the home of Mark and Marta Woodward at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month. Contact Mark and Marta at 301-592-8282.

“Men’s Master Builders” meets for breakfast and in-depth Bible study with a focus on men’s issues at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the Hospitality Room. Contact Steve Peth at 301-564-1232 or Tim Bradley at 301-977-0906.

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

Graceful Growing Together (GGT), CELC’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 based on 1 Corinthians 13. For more information, contact Florence Heacock.

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 7:30-9 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Breakfast included. Contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050.

Young Women’s Small Group, for women in their 20s and early 30s, meets from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday! Contact Jennifer Tessneer at 240-426-8598.

Women’s Home Group, for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Ingrid Dallaire at 301-654-6962 or Ellen Schneider at 301-656-6419.



PRAYER

CELC’s Prayer Room I is open for prayer from 8:15 a.m.– noon on Sundays. Prayer Room II is open for prayer throughout the week.

Special Events & Information

Announcing CELC’s fall church-wide retreat ...

“Experiencing Christ Together”
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005
Mar-Lu-Ridge Chapel, Jefferson, MD



*This retreat will be a time for all God’s people (families, children, youth, grandchildren, extended family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc.) to experience Christ together. The cost of the retreat is \$12 for ages 12 & older and \$6 for anyone under age 12. For details, to register or to reserve childcare and/or transportation, please contact Florence Heacock (flohea@heartmindsoul.com; 301-652-5160) or Sanna Solem (sannasolem@att.net; 301-571-0050). **Daycare will be provided.***

Retreat Schedule



8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.
 9:30 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.
 10:15 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.
 11:45 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
 12:30 p.m. — 1 p.m.

Arrive; Continental Breakfast; Worship and Prayer
 Prayer Ministry Teaching; Experiencing Contemplative, Healing, Corporate and Community Prayer
 Break
 “Life Disappointments in a World with a Loving God”
 Break and Lunch
 Worship

**YOUR MISSION,
 SHOULD YOU CHOOSE
 TO ACCEPT IT
 (AND YOU SHOULD ...)**



The Family Ministry Team is challenging each child, teen and adult in the congregation to bring one canned food or one personal hygiene product to church *EVERY Sunday* between now and Thanksgiving. The children and teens will collect the canned goods in preparation for the 30-Hour Famine in November. The personal hygiene products will go toward the backpack ministry project. Let’s see what God can do when we all work together!



Small Group News!



CELC’s Small Group Ministry has new materials available including “Doing Life Together,” a groundbreaking book and DVD study that is the first small group curriculum built completely on the Purpose-Driven paradigm. It has proven to produce dramatic changes in the lives of those who complete it!

To check out “Doing Life Together” and other small group materials, please come to the Small Group Ministry office located next to the Upper Room in the second-floor education hall. The materials are available in the bookcase on the far wall of the office.

Family Ministry

Building stronger families in Christ Jesus...

(Building stronger children in Christ Jesus...)

(Building stronger teenagers in Christ Jesus ...)

(Building stronger parents in Christ Jesus ...)



- Reaching out with the love of Jesus (evangelism)
- Connecting with other believers (fellowship)
- Growing in faith (discipleship)
- Using our God-given gifts in ministry to other (service)
- Falling more deeply in love with Jesus Christ (worship)

... Developing families of faith

Building stronger families ...

You may notice that something is different about CELC's Family Ministry mission statement. In fact, we hope you notice a difference! The change may be subtle — just a few words — but the meaning is huge!

Our previous mission statement included God's five purposes for His church — evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, service/ministry and worship. And we're not moving away from that. However, we realized that Family Ministry needed a more straightforward, clear way to communicate to families what we're all about, how God wants to bless them through Family Ministry here at CELC and also how He wants to use them to be a blessing to others.

Our new mission statement (see the top of the page) says quite simply that Family Ministry at CELC is about "building stronger families in Christ Jesus and developing families of faith." "Building stronger families in Christ Jesus" because we know that all strength comes from Jesus, the source of truth, hope and life. And "developing families of faith" because we believe that families are our first small groups — our most immediate faith communities — and that as people of God, our family lives should honor and glorify God as much as our individual lives do.

Our desire is to minister to the family as a whole — not just to children, teens, parents and the other "parts" of a family separate from one another. To do this, we want to partner with parents to "build stronger children in Christ Jesus" (children's ministry mission statement), to "build stronger teenagers in Christ Jesus" (youth minis-

try mission statement) and to "build stronger parents in Christ Jesus" (parents' ministry mission statement) — and all to develop families of faith.

In a world where so many families are torn apart and broken, imagine what God could do if the church stepped up and said, "Relying on God's guidance and strength, we're going to rebuild families. We're going to introduce them to a God who loves them even more than they love each other (evangelism). We're going to connect them with other believers for friendship and support (fellowship). We're going to help them develop a personal relationship with God through prayer and the Bible (discipleship). We're going to help them discover the gifts God has given them and connect them with opportunities to serve (ministry). And through all this, they are going to come to love Jesus more and more!"

What could be more exciting than that?

— Jennifer Tessneer

To read more about Family Ministry at CELC, please check out the Family Ministry table in the colonnade or go to www.heartmindsoul.com and select Family Ministry from the pull-down menu.)

Mark Your Calendars Now:

**30 Hour Famine
Saturday, Nov. 12**

**International Celebration
Sunday, Nov. 13**



DC Festival Final Details!



After many months of prayer and planning, the DC Festival is right around the corner! We hope you are as excited as we are to see how God is going to work at the Festival and in the individual lives of the thousands of people who attend. Please read the following information thoroughly and contact the church staff if you have questions.

What should I do now to prepare for the Festival?

Please continue to pray for the person or people God has laid on your heart to bring to the Festival. If you have not yet extended an invitation, the time is now! Please make sure they know where and when to meet you on Festival days and what sorts of things to bring/not bring to the Festival.

How can I meet up with the group from CELC to attend the Festival?

Groups from CELC will depart from the **Grosvenor metro station** (on the red line in Rockville) at **noon and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 9**. Please meet right outside the main turnstiles at the Grosvenor station.

- Meet at noon if you want to get down to the Festival in time to attend the Livin It Action Sports Demo (skateboard and BMX athlete demonstra-

tions) or visit the Veggie Tales/Narnia children's area, the Sports Zone and the family health fair. Please look for Jennifer Tessneer and Erica Sprague when you arrive at Grosvenor metro.

- Meet at 3:30 p.m. if you want to go down just for the late afternoon and evening concert and Gospel presentation. Please look for Pastor Marv and Richard Czipinski when you arrive at Grosvenor metro.
- If you choose to travel down to the Festival on your own but want to meet up with the CELC group, we will have a meeting opportunity at 5 p.m. at the volunteer/counselor check-in area (#8 on the DC Festival map).

Other reminders:

- The DC Festival is FREE and no ticket is needed, but please bring non-perishable food donations for Operation Compassion.
- If you attended a counselor training session and plan to counsel at the Festival, don't forget to bring a photo ID and the postcard you received in the mail. You will need to check in at the Festival before you begin counseling.

Please continue to pray for Festival organizers and all the people whose lives God will transform through the Festival!

Want to Know More About Family Ministry at CELC?

To learn more about opportunities for your family to get involved at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, please visit the Family Ministry table in the church colonnade or go to the Family Ministry link on our web site. (www.heartmindsoul.com and select Family Ministry from the pull-down menu.)



To begin receiving our biweekly Family Ministry E-Newsletter, please email Jennifer Tessneer at jennifercelc@heartmindsoul.com. This newsletter provides opportunities to serve, resources to equip & encourage, updates & reminders, and praise & prayer requests.

Please also visit the Family Ministry Resource Room (doubles as Jennifer Tessneer's office) to explore books, magazines, DVDs and other resources for children, youth, parents and families. You are welcome to check out these resources!