



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 October issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22. 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.

Going Forward

"Jeremiah said, 'The word of the LORD came to me: I knew that this was the word of the LORD; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales.'" (Jeremiah 32:6, 8-10)

Jeremiah is commanded by God to buy land with siege ramps already under construction at the walls of Jerusalem and the national economy in turmoil. It also would seem likely that cousin Hanamel was looking to sell out and flee before the approaching Babylonian armies overran the area and simply took the land from him. It was a perilous and unstable time. Many would see the siege of Jerusalem as a red light in the way of any land purchase.

While Jeremiah's motives may be unclear, it's obvious that in those uncertain days it was hardly a favorable time for investing in Judean land. These lands were on the verge of being considered spoils-of-war, taken by force and given over to new settlers, while the native families either were killed or exiled beyond the borders of Judah.

Hanamel arrives at court with this great deal for his cousin. A break in the Babylonian siege of the city in the summer of 588 BCE allowed him to gain access to Jeremiah. Obviously, Jeremiah saw this fortuitous timing itself as part of God's planned word for his prophet to keep going forward.

So what are we supposed to do when life gives us a red light? The red light in our life may be a time of financial uncertainty, a relationship break-up, family trouble, marriage difficulties and health prob-

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Updates & Reminders



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. Wor-

ship, pray, learn, grow, laugh & make new friends! Special guests include Joyce Meyer, John C. Maxwell, Darlene Zschech of Hillsong Church in Australia and others! For details, contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160.

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 project**, please contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050. Donations for the homeless also may be placed in the drop-off box in the church parking lot.

Introducing the “Week Ahead”

The “Week Ahead” is the new version of what was previously called the “This Week.” We changed the format in an attempt to save staff time, be kinder and gentler to our printer, and improve the information-flow at CELC. The previous format for the “This Week” could no longer support the volume of information we need to communicate.

The “Week Ahead” is designed to (1) allow members to quickly find information they need on ministries they are involved and (2) give visitors a comprehensive look at all the ministries available at

CELC and a contact name and phone number for each one.

Submissions are due to Jennifer Tessneer by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before publication. Please email them to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com. Please write your submission *as you would like it to appear* and including the following information: (1) ministry name and a BRIEF explanation; (2) the news of the ministry; (3) meeting time, date and location; (4) a contact person’s name and phone number. Please also specify how long you want the submission to run. Questions? Please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160.

THIRD DEGREE Featuring “Salted Fire”

*Cutting-edge media
& music you can feel!*

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

*Note: No Third Degree on Sept. 5.
Bring your friends and join us again on
Sunday, Sept. 19!*

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



If you have a prayer request to be added to the prayer list, please contact Niina Tang by email at niinatang@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.

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— Niina Tang



CLC Council

Daycare Update

At a special August board meeting, the Christ Church Children’s Center (CCCC) Board of Directors agreed in principle to allow the church to approve a majority of the center’s board.

The daycare will remain a separate corporation and continue meeting in its current space at the church. Lease extension conversations are now in progress.

The vote came after months of discussion between representatives of the church and the daycare on how the two could work together to provide quality Christian childcare to the community. The daycare previ-

ously had agreed it would be accountable to the church’s mission and had agreed in principle to a sample Christian curriculum.

The new seven-member board will have four church-approved and three non-church approved members. The new board members, who will be formally approved by the CCCC board this November,

include Laurie Heinecke, Maura Miller, Gene Saylor and Karen Spinner. They have agreed to serve, have been approved by the church council and will be seated with the new board in January 2005. The three non-CLC approved members are Will Jacobi, Rhonda Dever and Gardell Gefke. Many thanks to everyone who sup-



Fall Calendar Highlights!

7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 28
Town Hall Informational Meeting
on Development Issues

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

ported and prayed for the ongoing discussions between the church and daycare. Special thanks to the members of the Christian Education Exploratory Committee: Moges Gebremedhin, Catherine Johnson, Maura Miller, Gene Saylor, Jennifer Tessneer and George Wenchel.

— Barry Lemley



Development Update

Many thanks to more than a dozen people who attended the Sept. 18th town hall meeting on development issues. The 90-minute session, led by the Graceful Growing Together (GGT)

Steering Committee, covered a status update and “next steps” leading up to the Nov. 14th congregational meeting and vote. There was good discussion and many questions were answered.

In response to last month’s Request for Proposal (RFP), released on the church’s behalf by consultant MTFa, the church received credible proposals from four developers. The GGT Steering Committee will conduct screening interviews in late September and early October using the following broad criteria: (1) Overall approach to the project; (2) Relationship to market and municipality; (3) Estimated timelines; (4)

Effectiveness of developing a concept plan; and (5) Range of expectations of value.

Results of this process and other details will be shared with the council and congregation in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 14 congregational meeting and vote.

If you have questions about the development process, please speak to the following people who attended the last informational session. Each has been charged with inviting five more people to the next informational session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28: Ray Albright; Tim Bradley; Richard Czepinski; Robert Dalzell; Grace Lloyd Davies; Larry Goolsby; Florence Heacock; Barry and Vicki Lemley; Ellen Schneider; Carl Seils; Sanna Solem; Chee Kin Tang; Pastor Marv and Trish Tollefson.

— Tim Bradley, Barry Lemley, Andy Masetti, Mark Miller, Chee Kin Tang and Pastor Marv (GGT Steering Committee)

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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, 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.

Other

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 Thursday! 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.

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

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 500 financial services organization, is looking for motivated professionals to work as financial associates.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Career Open House
Noon — 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22
15245 Shady Grove Road, #165
Rockville, MD 20850
(RSVP to 800-631-2556 by Oct. 18)**

For more information, contact Kolina Vortman at 800-631-2556 by Oct. 18.



ELCA Women’s News

ELCA Women’s Retreat

The Rev. Jean Bozeman will lead a study on the book “Can You Drink the Cup” by Henri Nouwen from Oct. 1-3 at Carrodoc Hall Holiday Inn in Leesburg. The Rev. Bozeman is the assistant to the bishop for the Virginia Synod of the ELCA.

“Act Boldly” 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.



Unsure how to share your faith with others? Read about the brand new “Three-Story Approach” to faith-sharing.

Need a Spiritual Tune-Up?

Partners in Faith/Partners in Vision is a leadership event sponsored by the Congregational Life Team of the Metro D.C. Synod. Join us as we learn how to light the spark of spiritual transformation in our churches. For details, please contact Pastor Marv at 301-652-5160.



**Partners in Faith/Partners in Vision
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2
King of Kings Lutheran Church
in Fairfax, Virginia**

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!

ELCA Hunger Documentary to Air on ABC Stations

A new television documentary examining hunger in the 21st century from a faith perspective is scheduled to air on ABC stations starting Oct. 24. The one-hour program, entitled “Hunger No More: Faces Behind the Facts,” offers solutions and includes stories about hunger ministries related to the ELCA.



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)

Using Our "Growing Edge" to be a Blessing

The youth and family ministry team met in September for an exciting time of visioning and planning. A devotional challenged us to consider how we can use our "growing edge" — the opportunities and resources God has given us at this time and in this place — to be a blessing to the world. We were challenged to go beyond our already established ministries to think in "big picture" ways.

How can we use our "growing edge" to be a blessing to the world?

We focused mainly on two opportunities. The first is **outreach to families in the daycare** so we can begin breaking down barriers and building healthy relationships. We believe it's important for friendly faces to come to mind when daycare families think of the church. To this end, we are working on ways we can spend time with daycare families in comfortable and non-threatening environments.

The second involves **preparing the new Glenbrook Road house for use** by the youth for Third Degree, youth group meetings and other events, as well as for use by other small groups. We are very excited by the opportunities the house provides to reach out to people who may not feel comfortable coming to a traditional church building. The first step is getting approval from the fire marshal to use the facility. After that, we will need lots of help to get the house into shape!

Please speak to any member of the youth and family ministry team (see names on page 5) to get involved in either of these efforts, to volunteer in one of the ministries to children and youth, or to join the youth and family ministry team. If you would like to tour the Glenbrook Road house and hear more about our plans, please contact Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160.

— Youth and Family Ministry Team

Resources Every Parent Should Pay Attention To:

Parents, please check out the following resources on the Parent Resources Bulletin Board outside Jennifer Tessneer's office:

- An article on the new and growing problem of online bullying, as well as a tutorial for parents on all the ways today's youth are using modern technology to be in constant communication.
- Information on the Center for Parent-Youth Understanding, a nonprofit organization committed to building strong families by bridging the

cultural-generational gap between parents and teenagers.

- Studies by Christian researcher George Barna that provide helpful information on building children and teens into "spiritual champions."
- Free email parenting tips from the National Center for Biblical Parenting.
- Free youth devotionals emailed daily to your inbox!
- Inspirational and funny goodies of all sorts!

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.

**Three-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.



ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Want to learn more about GODLY PARENTING?

Please visit the Parent Resources bulletin board outside of Jennifer Tessneer's office 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!

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, junior high Pathfinders teacher
- 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, senior high Pathfinders teacher

Youth Contacts

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