



E-News

Christ Lutheran Church

Bethesda, Maryland

Sunday, October 31, 2010

WE INVITE YOU TO SUNDAY WORSHIP

Praise 9:15 am
Traditional 11:15 am
Evening 5:00 pm

Challenging Lifestyles for adults at 10:15 am.



Taize' Prayer Service - Monday, November 15

Join us at 10:15 am for faith formation opportunities. We have fun for all ages: Jesus Loves Me! for pre-k and early elementary, Godly Play for older elementary, and Head to Heart for middle and high school and adults.

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Upcoming Events

**Unbinding the Heart--
Week Five--October 31**

**Faith formation for all ages
Sundays @ 10:15 am**

**Taize' Prayer Service
November 15--7:15 pm**

**Sunday Evening Worship
@ 5 pm**

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The Capernaum story doesn't tell how the people decided to carry the sick man to Jesus' house. It doesn't say if they felt awkward bringing him to Jesus.

It just says that they did. In Unbinding Your Heart,

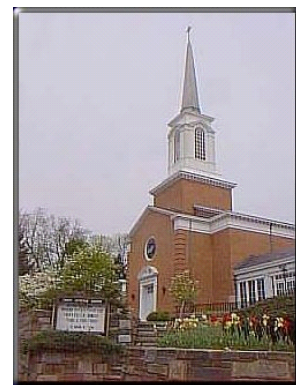
we've read together about two kinds of barriers we might have to overcome to bring our friends to Jesus. They are internal barriers and external barriers.

First, internal, or personal, barriers, are the barriers inside our heads. When we think about talking to someone about our faith, we can get stuck before the words even come out of our mouth. Usually it's because we don't want to lose a friendship.

We worry: What happens if I invite my neighbor to church and then they say no? What if I make my friend feel awkward? What if someone thinks I'm pressuring them? What if I come across as judgmental? What if . . . ?

So most of the time, we don't talk to our unchurched friends about our faith. Then maybe we feel a little guilty about not doing it. And guilt rarely is helpful to keep us motivated. These inner barriers can keep us from ever mentioning faith to our friends.

Second, we will examine external barriers. They can be very daunting. Do you remember how vulnerable you felt the first time



A faith community welcoming all to a place where you can connect with God and people -- offering service to others as a sign of God's love.

Worship Sundays:

**Praise 9:15 am
Traditional 11:15 am**

**New Worship Service:
Sunday Evening 5:00 pm**

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Staff Listing

you visited a church? Or maybe you recall going to some other organization for the first time. In this situation healing hospitality is everything.

See you Sunday.

Call and Transition Process Update

The Church Council has discussed the call process and transition with the Bishop and Pastor Marv. The Vice President of Council, Rob Glenn, is coordinating the overall transition with the Synod, Council, and the congregation.

To be clear, there are two concurrent processes-the selection of an interim pastor which Council is charged to complete and the call of a new permanent pastor.

As outlined in the CELC Constitution, the Call Committee membership must be approved by the congregation. On November 7, we will be holding a vote on the committee membership to start the process of calling a new pastor.

Ideally, we should have a profile ready for submission to the Synod in March 2011, interviews with the candidates through the Spring and Summer, and making a recommendation to Council for ultimate approval by the Congregation late next summer.

This is an exciting time for CELC. If you have questions about the Transition or the Call Committee Process, you can talk with Ingrid Dallaire, Council President, or Rob Glenn, Council Vice President, who is coordinating the overall Transition.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Please remember we will be taking a vote for Call Committee membership on November 7.

Thank you and please keep praying for CELC during this transition process that God's will be done.

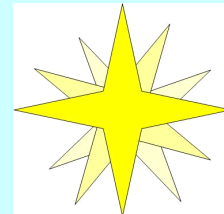
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