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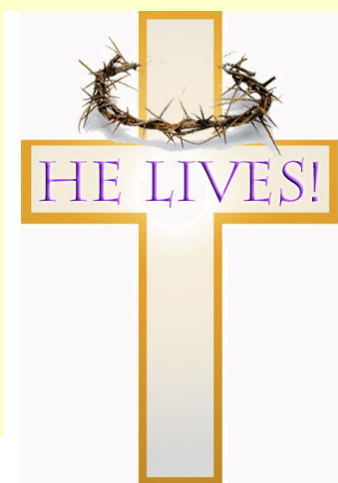
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HOLY WEEK

March 29: *PASSION/PALM SUNDAY* (At Christ Lutheran Church)

8:15 am - Procession of the Palms; Holy Communion

9:25 am - Sunday school for all ages.

10:30 am - Procession of the Palms; Holy Communion; First Communion

April 2: *MAUNDY THURSDAY*

Noon - Holy Communion and Individual Absolution

- At Christ Lutheran Church

7 PM - *The Service begins with quiet gathering and ends in somber departure. We assemble for confession and a simple meal in the Commons around tables shaped as a cross and covered with bountiful rustic foods of the past. Then we will hear the words of forgiveness for us personally at the baptismal font, the gospel's story, and "Given for you" in the spoken Holy Communion that reverently steps into the stripping of the altar, after which we will leave in silence. Come join us for this moving experience.*

- At Christ Lutheran Church

April 3: *GOOD FRIDAY*

2 PM - Good Friday Service: Stations of the Cross

- At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, (8200 Woodman Road)

(Sponsored by Christ, Epiphany Episcopal, Lakeside Presbyterian, Lakeside UMC, Lourdes.)

7 PM - Good Friday Service

- At Lakeside Presbyterian Church (7343 Hermitage Road)

(Sponsored by Christ, Epiphany Episcopal, Lakeside Presbyterian and Lakeside UMC.)

April 4: *HOLY SATURDAY*

10 AM; Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Lutheran Church

- Activities and food for children of all ages!

- Invite your friends, neighbors & relatives!



APRIL 5: EASTER DAY

8:15 AM - **Festival Service** including Dressing of the Altar

9:30 - 10:15 AM - **Easter Breakfast** - Sausage, pancakes, fruit and more! All are welcome to this feast of good food and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors.

10:30 AM - **Festival Service** (not including Dressing of the Altar)

Central to the display in the Commons will be a large cross to be filled with your flowers. Please remember to bring your flower to insert into this glorious Easter Cross.

(The Chancel Choir will sing at both services.)

WEDNESDAY VILLAGE NIGHTS RESUME

Take this opportunity to gather with others in our faith community for food, fellowship, worship and study. Note the following dates and schedule:

Dates: April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

5:45-6:30 pm: Meal (April 15 & May 13 are potlucks; the rest are provided)

6:30-6:50 pm: A time for children's music; Bible stories & worship

6:50-7:50 pm: Bible Study & Confirmation class

Our young families are encouraged to gather with all who attend for the common meal and then have activities for their young children. Linda Keener will offer a music time for the children (2 groups on alternate Wednesdays: preschool thru kindergarten; 1st thru 5th grade). Those Wednesdays the older children are NOT in music, they will plan and lead worship; those Wednesdays the younger children are NOT in music, they will have a Bible story time with Pastor Eric.

This is a wonderful way for you to re-energize for the rest of the week as disciples of Jesus. It is much more effective than *Red Bull* or *Monster*!



Caroline Furnace Camp Scout Project: Iain Wiseman of Christ Lutheran in Staunton is seeking contributions for his Eagle Scout project. His project is to replace a washed-out bridge at Caroline Furnace Camp. As many of our members have a long and deep connection to, and fondness for, Caroline Furnace Camp, you may want to consider contributing to Iain's project. If interested, contributions should be made payable to "BSA Troop 30" and mailed to: Iain Wiseman, 867 Parkview Ave., Staunton, VA 24401. Iain would appreciate receiving any contributions by April 1, 2015.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Faith Hobson
3 Bob Slingerland
Mary Peterson
Lynn Coates
Lizzie Painter
4 Kendall Snyder
6 Jeane Kobes
7 Simron Richard
8 Suzanne Conway
Laurie Bost
Daniel Walther
9 Mike Rydel
10 John Jung
Heather Painter
11 Jay St. John
Roxanne Melin
12 Jeremy Ott
13 Vonnie Tritt
KaRahn Gaymon
14 Ken Miller
Connie Lesko
Kate Carlsen
15 Linda Mahovtas
Don Jones
Joseph Jingluski
16 Will Newman
17 John Jingluski
18 Alex Kelley
Chad Foltz
Andrew Mills
19 Linda Keener
21 Teda Tep
Katie Reynolds
Brenda Barnes
22 John Mahovtas
Leslie Jingluski
24 Trey Rydel
Tyler Rydel
25 Elizabeth Carbaugh
28 Jason Moyer
Jeff Hendrickson
Cathy Lantz
Stephanie Feaser



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Rachel Triplett
2 Naomi Faust
Wyatt Stevens
3 Megan Peterman
4 Melissa Luchau
Rajan Samuel
6 Emma Howes
Martin Richard
Harold Jacobson
7 Hillary Brooks
Charles Johnson
9 Corey Lawrence
10 Liz Baisden
Nathan Solada
12 Tad Smith
15 Jeff Flynn
Ka'rynne Gaymon
16 Erik Kellogg
Sean Kellogg
Diane Kaplan
17 Mason Carbaugh
Brooke Matson
18 Luke Ramsey
19 Brooks Jung
Dawn Knutson
20 Adam Goodwin
Karen Mahovtas
Jessica Mahovtas
21 Lizzie Franz
Jack Carlsen
22 Ryan Kelley
Melony Bosdell
23 Sheryl Barlow
Adam Goodwin, Jr.
24 Jim Turner
Greg Faust
25 Melissa Ramsey
26 Mildred Orebaugh
Christopher Eads
Mark Callas
Amy Peterman
27 Barry Kintzer
Ashley Wilson
28 Dave Didra
Abigail Easton
30 Nicole Kemp

Christ's Disciples,

Donna taught me one of those "life lessons" quite some time ago. She was in college and was telling me about a wonderful classroom study that, turns out, impacted her teaching style for the many years she taught.

At the beginning of the school year a set of classroom teachers was told that their new students would have difficulty in the classroom, grasping concepts, testing and the like. They were not told that actually these were above average students. Turns out these students did not perform in the classroom to their potential. Another set of classroom teachers was told that their students were above average, while actually they were rather weak in their scores and abilities. These student excelled in their classroom work and went well beyond their potential.

Were the teachers in the first group bad teachers and the second group excellent teachers? No indeed! All of the teachers had years of experience and knew how to teach. It's just that both sets of teachers could not get past what they had been told about their students.

The life lesson for me is simple: If I assume the negative, the results will be negative; if I assume the positive, there will be positive results. (It's a "no brainer!") What happened in those classrooms are the same results of what can happen in our raising kids and grandkids, in our work, in our play, in all of how we live our lives simply because we are positive in our thinking.

It happens in our faith community as well. When we assume the worst, the worst is what happens. When we promote the best, the best comes to be. So I suggest that:

When you think about your faith, imagine it to be strong and it will become strong.

When you interact with your neighbor and your brother or sister in the faith, imagine them to be Jesus in front of you.

When you speak of Christ Lutheran Church, speak well of it and your church will be a blessing to the community and to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ....standing firm in one spirit,
striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.*
(Philippians 1:27)

In Nomine Jesu,
Pastor Eric

We Welcome Two New Staff Members to Christ Church!

Tina Jackson joins us as our new Parish Administrative Assistant (adminassist@christlutheran.org). Our thanks to Gail Dotson for serving as Interim Administrative Assistant these past 3 weeks to help us in the transition.

LaToya Obasi joins us as our new Sunday morning Nursery Attendant, providing basic nursery care from 8 am to Noon on Sunday mornings for our members and visitors age 2 and under. More information about them will be in our next newsletter so that you can get to know them better.

Congregation Council Update

During the first three months of 2015, your Congregational Council has been focused on implementing a series of steps to improve the worship and membership experience here at Christ Lutheran. Here is a summary of some of our activities and initiatives.

In response to comments from the congregation about communication issues during last fall's Vision Cottage Meetings, two communication tools have been implemented. The first was to re-establish an existing council email address and publish that address in the bulletin, newsletter and on the church website. This email address means you may email any comments, concerns, suggestions or questions at anytime to council@christlutheran.org.

The second communication tool was to implement the "Council Contact Cube" which is located on the Welcome Table in our church lobby. You may leave any written comments in the Cube. There is also a Council Contact Form on the table for your convenience, but you do not have to use the form to leave a message in the cube. A piece of paper, or even the back of an envelope, works just as well. Other communication improvements are currently under discussion between the Council and the Vision Team.

The Council has also approved and supported other initiatives such as the new Sunday School program, renovation of the downstairs area of our church, conducting the annual meeting prior to the second Sunday morning service and restarting the use of the monitor in the lobby for Sunday morning announcements, to name a few. We have also hired a nursery attendant in order to provide care for our youngest members and visitors (age 2 and under) so their parents can more easily participate in our Sunday morning services and activities. In early 2015 we also saw Christ Lutheran continue established ministries such as Lamb's Basket and CARITAS. The Council continues to work with our Vision Team to look at and evaluate new ideas that will help address the changing needs and desires of our membership and our community.

In January, the Council has also had to deal with replacing Katy Vess upon her retirement after 30 years of service to our church. We have been fortunate to identify and hire a well-qualified permanent Parish Administrative Assistant who will begin work on March 19. Thank you to our Selection Committee (Heather Heckel, Carol O'Brien, Margaret Hudgins, Edith Ingraham and Barry Kintzer) for their hard work in recruiting a qualified replacement. Also, a special thank you goes to Gail Dotson who has done an outstanding job filling in as our interim administrative assistant. In addition to Katy, we also lost Susan Nepomuceno as our Lakeside Networking Liaison as that program merged with another Lakeside program.

Our financial situation continues to be a mixed bag. Like many churches our size, we are not "rolling in dough", however, we are NOT in imminent danger of turning the lights out and shutting our doors either. Our weekly offerings continue to be strong despite having at least two Sundays in the first three months of 2015 where attendance was severely impacted by bad weather. Our actual offerings through early March are well ahead of committed pledges, but are only slightly ahead of our actual expenses. We expect that our operating expenses will continue to be covered by our weekly offerings. Unfortunately, part of that balancing will be accomplished through significant congregation-approved cuts to our professional and pastoral staff salaries that will become effective April 1.

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Despite this, one thing that is clear is that Christ Lutheran is still a strong church with a committed staff that projects a meaningful representation of God's grace and the love of Jesus Christ to its membership as well as the entire community it serves.

Once again I encourage our members to bring any questions, comments or concerns to the attention of Council by either contacting one of your council members personally, by using the Contact Cube, or by using the council email (council@christlutheran.org). We are eager to hear from you. May God bless you.

James Ingraham, **Council President**

Congregation Council Members: Jim Schnellenberger (Vice-President and Evangelism Liaison); Allie Dry (Youth Liaison), Shannon Flemming (Vision Liaison); Patty Franz (Collective Ministries Liaison); Judy Garnett (Worship and Music Liaison); Faith Hobson (Stewardship Liaison); Heather Heckel (Christian Education Liaison); Glen Kellogg (YMCA and Apostolic Church Liaison); Jim Pickels (Collective Ministries Liaison; Gerald Ransone (Youth Liaison)

Dear Christ Lutheran Family and Friends,

March 22, 2015, seems, simultaneously, to have happened yesterday and months ago! Like most significant life events, the luncheon to celebrate my retirement has already attained a timeless and indelible place in my memory. From the meal itself (which was a feast for the eyes as well as the taste buds) to the kind, touching, and funny remarks, the handsome plaque and long stemmed pink roses, and the beyond generous gift certificate to Bear's and my favorite place, this day was absolutely grand!

Having been "behind the scenes," so to speak, in the planning and carrying out of similar events has given me some understanding of how much work went into this occasion. While there is neither time nor space to specifically mention each of you involved in this endeavor, I do want to use this note to especially thank Diane Bentz and Kay Rilee and all who facilitated the preparation and presentation of the delicious food; Jim Schnellenberger who crafted the lovely plaque; Jim Ingraham, the "silver-tongued" Master of Ceremonies; Gerald Ransone and Pastor Moehring, whose generous remarks nearly put an end to my resolution for the day which was "I will not cry!"

And if, indeed, a few tears were shed that day (not all mine!), they were tears of happiness and gratitude – not only for this amazing occasion marking more than a third of my life with Christ Lutheran Church but for the gifts of spirit, courage, support, and love with which you have, and continue, to surround me.

All my love,
Katy Vess

**THURSDAY'S TRINITY GATHERING:
A TIME FOR MEN & WOMEN TO STUDY TOGETHER**

April 9; 10:30 am

At Imperial Plaza

Topic: "Who Is the Church for Anyway? A Study in the Parables"

The Trinity Gathering is looking at Biblical stories, especially the parables that can strengthen our own faith and discipleship.

The gathering is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month (10:30 am - 1 pm) at Imperial Plaza (1717 Bellevue Avenue) in the "Virginia Room" (ask at the gate for directions). Lunch is \$11.

Here is your personal invitation to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship, good food, and good discussion. It is a significant way to get closer to Jesus and to your faith community. Call Kay Rilee (262-4226) if you plan to attend.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are for the family of Audrey Light who died on February 20th; for Nancy Hendrickson on the death of her mother on February 23th; for the family of Katherine Magann on her death on February 24th; for the family of Nancy Drummond who died on February 27th; for the family of Yvonne Olphin who died March 3rd and for the family of David Hollings who died on March 9th.

Congratulations: To Dawn, Mike and big sister Abigail on the birth of Jack Marshall Bahen born on March 10th and to Scott and Melissa on the birth of Isaac Andrew Luchau born on February 10th.

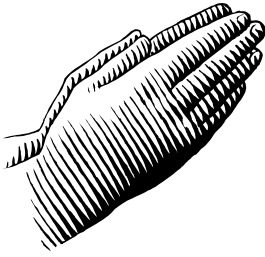


We want to invite anyone interested in playing on our Men's Softball Team this spring and summer to contact any one of the three of us listed below. We all have a part in coaching the team and would welcome anyone interested in joining in the fun and fellowship. For more information, please contact:

Tom Dry - drygang@comcast.net - 804-400-1747

Richard Tripp - richard.tripp@anthem.com - 804-814-1476 Tamera Thompson -

tamera.thompson@deq.virginia.gov - 804-310-3340



Remembering Those in Need of Prayer

An important ministry at Christ Lutheran Church is remembering people in prayer. But so often the person and the name of the one who submitted the person get lost in the months that pass. Though God is not bound by our naming and remembering, it is important that the Church be a good steward of each person's name. Because we want to be intentional about our congregation's prayer life, we offer the following:

- *The bulletin now carries the names of persons who have been recently submitted.
- *The newsletter contains our homebound members, those family and friends serving our country, and friends and relatives in need of long term prayers.
- *And, you may place names of anyone under the stone on the altar at any time. These will be left there for about 1 month.

Please remember: you need to continue to be an intentional steward of the person's name you submit. Keep pastor and the church office "in the loop" as conditions change; make sure we all can celebrate the "prayers answered" by taking that person's name off the prayer lists.

Our Homebound: Hope Harman, Jeane Kobes, Elinor Mansueti, Walter Olphin, Elizabeth Carbaugh, Margie Werner and Winnie Swartz

Family & Friends Serving Our Country: Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt and Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, Joshua Mullins, Vincent Salla.

Member, Friends & Relatives in Need of Long Term Prayers: Elinor Mansueti, Gladys Progner, Tamera Thompson, Betty Schnellenberger, Bobby LaVier, Frances Burford, Don Jones, Elizabeth Carbaugh, Louise Lewis, Leta Fitzhugh, Herb LeVee, Jean McCombs, Jake Fisher, Pastor Larry Matthews, Mark Tyndall, Pat Breeden, Janis and Dennis Dibert, Michelle Thompson, Bill Dry, Joan Fleming, Howard Lugar, Pete Orebaugh, and Ellen Jane Toy

April Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

<p>5 <i>Easter</i></p> <p>7:45 Easter Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Worship 8:00 Easter Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 3:00 Bell Ensemble 4:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <i>Good Shepherd</i></p> <p>9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 3:00 Bell Ensemble 4:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30</p>		

APRIL 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Maundy Thursday at Christ Noon Service 7pm Meal & Service	3 Good Friday 2pm Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes 7PM Service at Lakeside Presbyterian	4 10am - Noon Easter Egg Hunt (here) 8 PM AA & AIAnon
5 Easter Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship	6 9 AM Men's Group	7	8	9 10:30 AM Trinity Gathering Bible Study @ Imperial Plaza Lunch (\$11)	10	11 8 PM AA & AIAnon
12 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	13 7 PM Congregation Council	14	15 3:30 pm YMCA Chapel Village Night (see schedule below)	16	17	18 8 PM AA & AIAnon
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26 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	27 6:15 pm Worship Planning	28	29 3:30 pm YMCA Chapel Village Night (see schedule)	30	VILLAGE NIGHT 5:45-6:30 pm Dinner 6:30-6:50 pm Children's music/story Worship	VILLAGE NIGHT (continued) 6:50-7:50 pm Confirmation Adult Small Group 7-8:30 pm Chancel Choir

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Brothers and sister graced with the Cross of Jesus Christ
joyously drawn together by the Good News into a ministry of
seeking, sharing, caring and serving

The People of Christ Lutheran Church, Ministers

The Reverend Eric J. Moehring, Pastor
Linda Keener, Music Director
Tina Jackson, Administrative Assistant
Heather Heckel, Web Master
Carol Jones, Newsletter Editor

Congregational Officers and Council Members

James Ingraham, President	Shannon Fleming
Jim Schnellenberger, Vice President	Patty Franz
Paul Quel, Treasurer	Judy Garnett
Cindy Williamson, Financial Secretary	Heather Heckel,
Diane Kellogg, Secretary	Allison Dry
Gerald Ransone	Jim Pickels
Faith Hobson	Glen Kellogg

Sunday Schedule

Worship:	8:15 AM
Sunday School:	9:25 AM
Worship:	10:30 AM (Nursery available)

Church Address:	7809 Woodman Road, Richmond, VA 23228
Church Phone:	804-266-5775 Fax: 266-4979
Church Web Page:	christlutheran.org
Church Office Hours:	Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
LAMB's Basket:	Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 10 AM-1PM (565-8007)