



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 10



AT: Christ Lutheran Church

Our services this year as we begin the holy season of Lent are both at Christ Lutheran Church:

Noon – Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7 pm – Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

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(Please note that Village Nights conclude February 3 and will return April 6 with a potluck and activities.)

Come to remember that through the cross of Jesus we are assured God “is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16

At: Christ Lutheran Church

Theme: “Mercy in a Broken World”

(Each week will be led by an outside speaker.)

February 17 – *Mercy and Politics*

February 24 – *Mercy and the Marketplace*

March 2 – *Mercy and a Diverse Community*

March 9 – *Mercy and Family Life*

March 16 – *Mercy and the Church*

Sponsored by: Lakeside PLARCUMB

Lakeside Presbyterian Church; Christ Lutheran

Church; Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal;

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church;

Lakeside United Methodist Church; and Bethlehem

Baptist Church

Each Wednesday Will:

BE at Christ Lutheran Church

HAVE A MEAL PROVIDED from 5:45 to 6:30 PM;

donations accepted

(Contributions beyond expenses to be given to LAMB’s

Basket)

HAVE A PROGRAM & WORSHIP from 6:30 to 7:30

PM

NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED

Evening Bible Study Opportunity with Pastor Eric
(Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month)
February 4 & 18, 7-8 pm
In the Library

Pastor Eric offers another opportunity for disciples to study the Bible. This is open to all who desire to strengthen their understanding and knowledge of the Bible (specifically the Old Testament) and to connect the sacred scriptures to daily living. For these two evenings we will be studying Genesis 12-14. So come and join us.

Note: Other opportunities for Bible Study at Christ Church include: Adult and Children’s Sunday

school (9:25-10:15 am each Sunday); Village Nights (Wednesdays at 7-8 pm); Trinity Gathering

(2nd Thursdays at 10:30 am). Do find one that fits your schedule.

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

February 11; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
At Imperial Plaza, 1717 Bellevue Ave.
Topic: “What’s This About John’s Gospel?”

The Trinity Gathering will delve into the Gospel according to John to strengthen our own faith and discipleship. We will be studying John 8 and 9. (Feel free to bring a Bible with you.)

The gathering is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Imperial Plaza (1717 Bellevue Avenue) in the Virginia Room (ask at the gate for directions). Lunch is \$8.25 (salads or soup/sandwich; dessert; drink).

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.

Important Dates	
Feb. 1	Men’s Group @ 9 am
Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday Service @ 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Feb. 17, 24 Mar. 2, 9, 16	MidWeek Lenten Service, Meal, 5@ :45, Program @ 6:30
Feb. 4, 18	Bible Study with Pastor Eric @ 7 pm
Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29	Monday Miracles @ 12 pm
Feb. 11	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
Feb. 7,14,21,28	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 Sunday School @ 9:25
Feb. 7	Children/Family Ministry Gathering, following 10:30 service
Feb. 28	Annual Congregational Meeting @ 10:10 am
Feb. 8	Council Meets @ 7pm
Feb. 2, 10, 16	LAMB’S Basket Volunteer Days, 9:30-1:00
Feb. 4,11,18,25	Casa de Dios @ 7:00 pm
Feb. 7,14,21,28	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm



.Dear Christ's People,

Christmas may be now only a fleeting memory, but that spirit of the season still has a way of continuing on in our thoughts and hearts. So it is with this past Christmas for Donna and for me. We remember well the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Day displays. We remember well the Christmas Eve early service with the children sitting in the center aisle holding their little candles and the full pews of members, guests and several choirs singing "Joy to the World." We remember well the quiet, contemplative later service accompanied by a violin and hearing the song, "Mary Did You Know?"

We are also constantly touched by your ministry as Christ's disciples and in your prayers, cards, presence and support so graciously lavished upon us. We have been humbled by your generous presence. And our hearts are warmed again as we remember the gift you so graciously gave to us on that Christmas Eve.

For all of this we are thankful to God and to you.

In Nomine Jesu,

Pastor Eric and Donna

CARITAS Collections

Although CARITAS is not until April this year, we will begin collecting items in February to donate to the cause. Look for boxes in the commons area to add items for the CARITAS Health kits. These can include:

Health kits

toothbrush
toothpaste
soap
3 trial size shampoos
3 trial size conditioners
washcloth & hand towel
razor
lip balm
comb
kleenex
deodorant
lotion
1 gallon plastic bags

Also, this year we are looking for new or gently used twin flat and fitted sheets, pillowcases, and blankets to replace some of the very worn ones which we used last year. Thank you for your continued support of this program to help the homeless. The CARITAS team- Jane Dry, Shannon Fleming, Diane Kellogg

Youth Ministry Space to Open

On January 31, our church plans to dedicate the newly renovated downstairs area intended for our youth. Starting on February 21, we will start weekly open time - Sunday evenings from 4pm - 8pm for our 6th graders through high school seniors. This will be time for them to do homework, play, have spiritual development and eat pizza. We want to have regular and consistent meetings in the hope that this time and space will be a safe haven not only for the youth of our church, but eventually for the Lakeside community.

We will have two adults present, a man and a woman, to provide youth leadership. Please faithfully consider volunteering for a Sunday evening to work with our youth as the more help we have, the better we can guide our youth on their paths forward.

WEDNESDAY VILLAGE NIGHT (Wednesday: February 3)

Take this opportunity to gather with others in our faith community for food, fellowship, worship

5:45-6:30 pm: Meal (Meal provided)
6:30-8 pm Activities:



Worship led by our children
Adult Bible Study (7-8 pm) led by Russ Kerr, a student at Union Seminary
Confirmation Class (7th grade; 7-8 pm)

(Activities for pre-school-5th grade are done by 6:50 pm)

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 offers a music time for the children (preschool thru 5th grade); our older children will prepare and lead worship when not in the music activity. For our young families, these activities will be over by 6:50 pm.

This will be the last Village Night until after Easter.

2016 Stewardship Campaign Recap

Thank you to everyone in our congregation who participated in the October Stewardship campaign. Our objective was to fund as much of the \$289,000 offering income in the approved 2016 budget as possible.

Approximately 81% of our members responded with a firm pledge or to a pledge to “give as able”. Between firm commitments, estimated “as able” commitments and faith giving estimates, our total campaign generated an estimated \$274,000 or almost 95% of our projected budget!

Such a response demonstrates the deep commitment towards Christ Lutheran held by our membership. The Stewardship Team thanks everyone for their participation and wonderful support in this year’s campaign.

2015 Financial Recap

We began 2015 with a huge financial challenge with a budget that was projecting a \$20,000 shortfall. But, our congregation responded to this challenge in a positive way, allowing us to add \$35,000 to our reserve funds by the end of 2015. This puts us in a position to confidently plan for our ministries for 2016 and beyond. The Finance Committee and Council are currently evaluating ideas to make the best use of our reserves to meet the current and future needs of the church. Ideas so far include increasing synod benevolence, and funding some necessary property repair and maintenance projects.

Your Congregation Council appreciates everyone's financial support of the mission and ministries of Christ Lutheran Church.

YTD Financial Summary			
as of December 31, 2015			
	Actual YTD @ December 31, 2015	Budget YTD @ December 31, 2015	Over/(Under) Budget
Worship	6,000	5,990	10
Education	1,776	1,675	101
Programs	1,823	1,675	148
Outreach	6,398	4,960	1,438
Facility	51,180	43,440	7,740
Administration	67,062	65,500	1,562
Compensation	158,570	156,821	1,749
TOTAL EXPENSES	292,809	280,061	12,748
Total Income	327,969	280,061	47,908
Increase to Reserve/ (Reduced Reserves)	35,160	0	35,160

The Grumpy Old Man wants to remind everyone to mark their February calendars for the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on the 9th of that month. Probably 6-7pm. Pancakes, sausage, and apple sauce. All prepared by the men of the church. Who knows, Grumpy may also make some pre-Lent cookies.



If you have questions, contact Paul Quel at PQUEL1232@comcast.net.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Did you know there is a simple way for you to help provide financial support to Christ Lutheran Church?

Through their Community Rewards Program, Krogers provides Christ Lutheran with a quarterly contribution based on a percentage of purchases made by registered church members.

If you have a Kroger Plus Shoppers Card, all you need to do is register your card on line and tell Kroger you would like your purchases credited to Christ Lutheran Church. Our rewards account number is 83735. After that, you need only swipe your card when shopping at Kroger and the amount of your purchase will be applied to the church's account. In 2015, Christ Lutheran received about \$2,000 from this program, so we encourage as many of our members as possible to participate in 2016. Best of all, there is no cost to participate in the rewards program!

Please visit Kroger.com/Community Rewards to register. Christ Lutheran's rewards number is 83735. If you do not have a Kroger Shoppers Card, you may obtain one from any Kroger store or by requesting one at Kroger.com.

If you have any questions about registering, or the program in general, please contact Ernie Foltz, Faith Hobson or Jim Ingraham.

Thank you for your participation!

2016 Congregation Council

At their meeting on January 11, 2016, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

Appointed Carol Jones and Darren D'Ateno to council to fill two vacancies,
Elected James Ingraham as President and Jim Schnellenberger as Vice-President for the 2016 term.

Your 2016 Congregation Council and Officers are: James Ingraham (President), Jim Schnellenberger (Vice-President), Jim Pickels, Judy Garnett, Sandra Boclair, Cathleen Jacobson, Carol Jones, Darren D'Ateno, Paul Quel (Treasurer), Cindy Williamson (Financial Secretary) and Diane Kellogg (Council Secretary).

Please feel free to contact any of these individuals if you have any ideas or questions for the council. You may also contact the council by leaving a note in the Council Contact Box in the main hallway, or by emailing council@christlutheran.org.

Thank you.

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 Prayers of Concern: are for Paul Boller, Kathy Massie (Connie Lesko's sister), Cathryne Novak, George Monteith, Ann Harris, Martin Reiss, Rose Fox, Sarah Pernsteiner, Bobby LaVier, Frances Burford, Lynne Gross (friend of Carol Grayson) Diana Ray, Ma'lis Smith, Candace Church, Christian Cozens, Dustin Floyd (friend of Martina Cathey), Leta Fitzhugh, Herb LeVee, Michelle Thompson, Joan Fleming, Ellen Jane Toy, Eric Major, Betty Blanset.

We also remember family and members of Christ Church who serve and have served in the military: Joshua Dryden, Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt and Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, Joshua Mullins and Vincent Salla.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Feb	Kailee Lesko
2-Feb	Mike Bahen Richard Tripp
3-Feb	Laura Greenday
4-Feb	Sophia Harvard Scott Meyer
6-Feb	Carole O'brien
7-Feb	Emma Cathey
8-Feb	Hunter Barlow Sherri Santuk
10-Feb	Isaac Luchau Katy Vess
2/11/2016	Dave Didra
12-Feb	Paul Quel
13-Feb	Jeffrey Harris
14-Feb	Eleanor Hemenway
15-Feb	Chip Harris Scott Luchau Avery Small
16-Feb	Mitch Roberts
17-Feb	Helen Burns Samantha Horn Cora Leighton
19-Feb	Carol Jones Giselle Kulow
22-Feb	Cyndi Marchetti Meghan Marchetti Amy Small
23-Feb	Heidi ZurLippe
24-Feb	Winifred Swartz
25-Feb	Dave Triplett
26-Feb	Sarah Vaughan
28-Feb	Cindy Williamson
29-Feb	Steve Charlson

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP, 2016

Seats are still available for a limited time to join 6 others from Christ Church on this opportunity to help others, grow in your faith and see a beautiful part of the country.

Dates: August 7-13, 2016 in Brenton, WVA (about 5 hrs. from Richmond).

Tasks: Home repair (no skills needed; only a willingness to help).

Who can go? Youth (ages 15-17); Young Adults (18-20); Adult (21+)

Cost: \$350 per volunteer (Track record: 100% paid thru fundraising)

More Information is on the Welcome Table or by talking to Pastor Eric. Take the leap of faith; do something different and challenging! Sign up today!

**Children/Family Ministry Gathering:
February 7, after 10:30 am Worship
(In the library; light snacks provided; your
children are welcome to join us; we will be done by about 12:45).**

To help create the best for our children (pre-school thru 5th grade) at Christ Church we are having a gathering of parents and others who would like to talk about forming something outside of worship & Sunday school that would interest them and further assist their joy of being a part of the Church. Please come and help me do something bold and new for the children of our church.

Pastor Eric

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Christ's Disciples,

I remember each time my family went to the Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten Services that we would stop at Isleys and get either an ice cream cone or a Klondike bar. (Good stuff for kids of any age!) I don't know if it was as a way to make going to the services any easier for us kids or not...But it did work, and fortunately we as Lutherans in the '60s didn't give up something for Lent!

Actually, I rather enjoyed the services because they were different from the usual. Dad really tried hard to make them so. Sometimes there was preaching, other times a skit...and there was always a different topic.

The pastors in Lakeside try to do the same; we try to provide something different each time, something that satisfies the mind, soul and body.

Take a look at the schedule (it is at Christ Lutheran Church this time):

5:45 – 6:30 pm – Meal Provided

6:30 pm – Program

7:15 pm – Worship

A Nursery is provided!

The theme this year is very timely. It is centered in the reality that we live in an increasingly divisive and fractured world in need of mercy. We will be looking at politics, the marketplace, our diverse community, family life and the Church to see what can be done and where we can help. Guest speakers schooled in these topics will bring them into perspective for us.

One of the pastors noted (I hope I don't take his thunder sometime when he preaches) that there is the word "ruthless" which means without mercy, but there is not the opposite word, "ruthful" to mean with mercy, in the English language. Maybe this Lent we can add it to our own dictionaries! Maybe we can discover this Lent that there truly is the opposite of what we see and hear so much around us.

Do come to be a part of this conversation. It is at YOUR church this year. And on your way home, stop someplace for something you haven't given up for Lent.

In Nomine Jesu (In the Name of Jesus),
Pastor Eric

February 2016 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7:00 Chancel Choir			
7	<i>Transfiguration</i>	9	10 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11	12	13
	9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Bell Choir		6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Worship 8:00 Chancel Choir			
14		16	17	18	19	20
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21		23	24	25	26	27
	9:20 Early Ensemble 9:40 Bell Choir 11:45 Child. Choir		7:30 Chancel Choir			
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

We Reveal God's Love

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

Diane Kellogg, Secretary

Jim Schnellenberger, Vice President

Paul Quel, Treasurer

Cindy Williamson, Financial Secretary

Carol Jones

Darren D'Ateno

Sandra Bocclair

Cathleen Jacobson

Judy Garnett

Jim Pickels

Sunday Schedule

Worship: 8:15 AM

Sunday School: 9:25 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM

Professional Nursery Care 8:00AM-12:00PM

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: 9:30 AM-1PM
(565-8007)