



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***Our Vision: "We Reveal God's Love."***

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## APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP, 2017 July 23-29, 2017

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

**Dates & Place:** July 23-29 in Brenton, WVA (about 5 hrs. from Richmond).

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

**Who can go?** Youth (ages 14-17); 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!

### Shrove Tuesday

The Grumpy Old Man wants to remind everyone to mark their February calendars for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, and apple sauce between 6&7 pm.

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](mailto:PQUEL1232@comcast.net) and hope we do not get snow like we did in 2014 & 15.

## THURSDAY'S TRINITY

### GATHERING: A TIME FOR MEN & WOMEN TO STUDY TOGETHER

**February 9; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**At Imperial Plaza**

**Topic: *What's So Different about  
the Lord's Prayer?***

This month we will again explore a section of Luther's *Small Catechism* through the eyes of scripture. 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.

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 (262-2924) if you plan to attend. Invite a friend!

### “OFF TOPIC” Bible Study

**February 7 & 21; 7-8 p.m.**

This faith formation opportunity (in the Conference Room) is led by Lucas Cochran. The format is simple: Another, informal look at the Sunday's lessons with ample time for sharing. Come and be surprised as what you discuss “off topic”! Come join us!

### Interested in Learning More about Christ Church?

You are invited to an Information Session on Feb. 19, 9:30-10:15 am in the Library. Learn about what it means to be a disciple and a Lutheran. Hear about ministries at Christ Church, and share if you wish your faith journey. Contact Pastor Eric (pastor@christlutheran.org) or just show up.

## Important Dates

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
Feb. 9	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
Feb. 7, 21	Off Topic Bible Study
Feb. 6	Men's Group @ 9:00 am
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
Feb. 7	Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Feb. 11	Council Retreat & Meeting @ 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Feb. 26	Annual Meeting after 10:30 service
Feb. 12, 26	Youth Gathering @ 4:00-7:00 pm Confirmation @ 4:00
Feb. 25, 28	Quilting @ 10:00-2:00
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22	Village Nights @ 5:45 pm
Feb. 14, 22	LAMB'S Basket Volunteer Days, 9:30-1:00
Feb. 19	Youth Gathering @ 12:00-3:30 pm Confirmation @ 12:00
Feb. 27	Evangelism @ 7:00
Feb. 19	First Communion Class @ 12:00—1:15 pm
Feb. 28	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ 6:00 pm
March 1	Ash Wednesday @ 12:00 pm & 7:00 PM
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23,	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm

Please check the online church calendar ([www.christlutheran.org](http://www.christlutheran.org)) at anytime for information about church meetings, events and activities.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kailee Lesko
- 2 Richard Tripp  
Mike Bahen
- 3 Laura Greenday
- 4 Scott Meyer  
Sophia Havard
- 6 Cynthia St. John  
Carole O'Brien
- 7 Emma Cathey
- 8 Sherri Santuk  
Hunter Barlow
- 10 Katy Vess  
Chris Peterman
- 11 Dave Didra
- 12 Paul Quel
- 14 Eleanor Hemenway
- 15 Doug Conway  
Scott Luchau  
Chip Harris  
Avery Small
- 16 Mitch Roberts
- 17 Helen Burns  
Samantha Horn  
Cora Leighton
- 19 Gisele Kulow  
Linda Moore  
Carol Jones
- 22 Amy Small  
Meghan Marchetti  
Cyndi Marchetti
- 23 Heidi Zurlippe
- 24 Winnie Swartz
- 25 Joseph Faudale, III
- 26 Sarah Vaughan
- 28 Cindy Williamson
- 29 Steve Charlson  
Christi Dhanaraj



## Forming Our Faith on Sunday Morning 9:25 am to 10:15 am

Sunday school is again in session! Please note the following important items to help you and your family strengthen your faith and live out your discipleship more fully.

### WEEKLY:

**Adult Class** in the Central Classroom; led by Harry Heckel & Trenton Hizer.

Topic: “*From Abraham to Egypt*”

*Each class can stand alone, so don't worry if you miss one!  
There's always more to learn.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAYS:

**Preschool - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** in Educational Wing; led by a rotation of teachers

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade** in Educational Wing; led by Nikki Proffitt & Vanessa Baltor

**5<sup>th</sup> - Middle School** in Ed. Wing

*These opportunities for your children center on the ELCA's SPARK curriculum. Children will learn the basic Bible stories and what they can mean to them in their lives.*

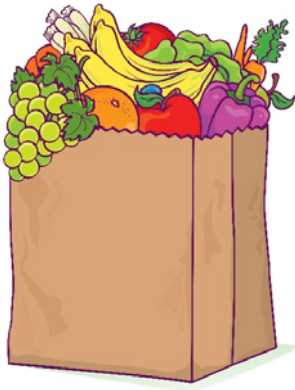
## WEDNESDAY VILLAGE NIGHTS RESUME (Every Wednesday: February 1, 8, 15, 22)

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

**5:45-6:30 pm: Meal (Potluck on February 22; otherwise meals are provided)**

**Worship & Adult Study (6:30-7:30 pm) Pastor Eric leads a study of 1 John**

**The worship time** is one of reflection, songs for prayer and prayer that calls us to offer special petitions each following day for those in the group and for the world around us.



## LAMB's Basket

.Hello faithful LAMB's Basket Volunteers.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

Many thanks to you for all you do for LAMB's Basket.

Thank you for the time you spend volunteering.

Thank you for the food you bring for our LAMB's Basket wagon.

It's because of what you do, LAMB's Basket can exist.

You are truly appreciated!

Sarah Vaughan

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## **Annual Meeting February 26, 2017**

As provided by our Constitution §C10.01 and C10.03, your Congregation Council gives notice that the Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 2017** immediately following the 10:30 AM service.

Any topics you would like to be considered for the agenda or discussion at this meeting should be forwarded to Council President Jim Ingraham no later than Sunday, February 12, 2017. Topics maybe submitted by:

E mailing the Council President at [council@christlutheran.org](mailto:council@christlutheran.org);

Placing your topic in Jim Ingraham's mailbox in the church office, or;

Placing your topic in the "Council Contact Box" located next to the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Please make sure to include your contact information with your suggestion in case we need to follow up with you for more information.

Thank you.

Nancy LaVier

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On Behalf of the entire *Hade family* we extend our thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and contributions from the congregation for Jane, our Beloved Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. Your love and support during this time was sincerely appreciated.

Toren & Angie Miller were the proud grandparents of Whit who was born on December 16, 2016 to Zach & Martha Miller, & big brother, Henry. A flower was at the Altar on January 15.



## 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.

### **Members, Friends & Relatives in Need of Long Term Prayers:**

Dawn Mottet, Jean Vizthum, Vonnie Tritt, Joe & Anna Dunker, Tricia Fernandez, Mauri Hade, Ted Dean (uncle to Scott & Melissa Luchau), Loren Johnson, Eleanor Hemenway, Karen Dent Haywood (friend of Mitch Roberts), Jon Jones, Frank Greenday, Steve Brackmann (friend of Melissa Luchau), Belen Sakdalan-Valladores (friend of Cleo Meece, Ina Nuckols, Donna Conway.

### **Family & Friends Serving Our Country:**

Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Oliver Clayton, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt & Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, John A. Mitas III, Josh Mullins, and Vincent Salla.

*Dear Christ's People,*

*In this season of Epiphany we still are warmed by the presence of the Christ Child in the manger of Bethlehem. Here we know that God loves us and the whole cosmos.*

*For our family, we know that God loves us because you have been with us. We have seen God's love in 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 warmed through your congregational gift to us.*

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

*In Nomine Jesu,  
Pastor Eric and Donna*

Dear Christ's Disciples,

In my office I have this wonderful picture of a ship. It's a view of the fo'c'sle from the quarterdeck... single mast. Every time I look at it I am reminded of the Church. After all, a boat was a very early symbol of the Church. And if any of your children took First Communion classes at Christ, they would have heard Linda Pickels say, "And if you look up to the ceiling you will see an upside-down ark." And the eyes of your kids would have gotten as big as saucers. It really is cool!

Another image is Mary, the mother of Jesus. In Greek she is called Theotokos (God bearer). She "held" God's Son, Jesus, during her pregnancy, in his early life, and when they brought him down from the cross (think "Pieta" by Michelangelo in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome). For the early Christians, before the many traditions rose up about her, Mary symbolized the Church, which holds sacred the person of Jesus born, died and raised, and reveals this Jesus to the world.

To think, our Lord resides here in this place among the baptized! After all, Paul said that we are the Body of Christ: "*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*" (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Sometimes that comforts me. I am not far from Jesus when I am close to you: "*Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of you.*" (Matthew 18:20) This presence of Jesus extends into what we eat and drink: "*Take and eat, this is my body...this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people.....*" That is very important for us here at Christ Church where we have Holy Communion every service, every Sunday.

A part of that picture contains another, smaller sailing vessel. The waters are choppy and a person on either ship would be foolish to abandon ship and swim toward the other. And why would they? Each ship has a purpose important to where that vessel is, just as each church has a purpose important to where that church is. There is need of that person on that vessel and in that church. And the waters can be treacherous; so the presence of the vessel, the church, is vital to those around it.

I can also see a lighthouse, another image of Christ, the "*Light of the world.*" But an image of the Church as well: "*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*" (Matthew 5:16) I image the light of the lighthouse to be God's love and hope and presence for those who need love and hope and a presence of someone who cares about them. In our study of 1 John on Village Nights we recently read, "*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.*" (1 John 3:16)

Verse 18 of 1 John adds, "*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth.*" This I leave with you.

In Nomine Jesu,  
Pastor Eric

## YOUTH GROUP GATHERING NEWS

What a strong Youth Group we have at Christ Church! In January we supported the Epiphany Celebration and the Hymn Fest by helping out as ushers and helpers and being a part of the processions for the services. On January 29 we started to put together the pieces to the Lenten gifts for our members. AND we had a meaningful Youth Lock-In on January 13-14: Movie; games; Holy Communion at 2 am; and a delicious breakfast. Let's do that again!

Please note the schedule for February has changes.

**February 12: 4-7 pm** Youth Group Gathering

**February 19: Noon-3:30 pm** Youth Group Field Trip

*(Bring a bag lunch; making gifts at 2 wood shops.)*

**February 26: 4-7 pm** Youth Group Gathering

*(Basic CPR Training)*

We continue to thank Carol Jones, Derek Meyer, Nancy Hendrickson, Jon Jones, Cheryl Canipe, Darren D'Ateno (get well Darren so you can get back to us!) and Pastor Eric for leading the youth at Christ Church.

### **VA Synod ACTS Class: "Introduction to the Old Testament"**

**Presenter: Rev. Dr. David Delany**

**March 11 & April 1, 9 am-3:30 pm; at Grace Lutheran, Waynesboro**

#### **Small Group Sessions at Christ Church**

***"This is a great opportunity to be grounded in Scripture!"***

This course gives participants a broad view of the history of Ancient Israel and how their scriptures came to be. We start with a survey of the settings and major events that provide the backdrop for the biblical books, then sample sections of each of the major types of writing - history, wisdom, and prophecy. At each of the major points in Israel's long life, we take time to discern God's purposes and learn what the words meant to God's people back then but also what they can mean to us today as we continue to pursue the call to proclaim God's blessing to all the families of earth.

The required textbook for this course is *Introducing the Old Testament*, by John Drane (Fortress, 2011). Make sure you purchasing the Third Edition. ISBN-10: 0800698134

**COST:** Based on the number registering (\$65 max)

**REGISTRATION:** Place on the basket on the Welcome Table or in the offering plate, in the basket on the Welcome Table.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2017**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS DATES AND INFORMATION

Could it be time for First Communion for your child? It is an important step and needs to be taken seriously by you and your child. Remember, *opportunity to receive the sacrament at Christ Church is not based on age or class grade.* So we have a wide age range of students.

### Dates:

- February 19 Noon - 1:15 PM - Parents & Students
- March 5 Noon - 1:15 PM - Parents & Students
- March 12 Noon - 1:30 PM - Students only (Remember, Daylight Savings Time begins!)
- March 19 Either Service - First Communion Day

**The schedule begins with lunch for all participants, including siblings if desired, prepared by the students. For the last class date, lunch is only for the students.**

**Let Pastor Eric know BY FEBRUARY 12** if your child will be in First Communion this year (email him at [pastor@christlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@christlutheran.org) or call the church office at 266-5775 (leave a message if necessary). Also remember, it is important that at least one parent or sponsor attends with their child on the first two class dates. Participating in the lessons together will help you to continue the conversation and teaching at home.

**Please respond as soon as possible to register your child.**

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Many thanks to all who participated in any way with our Christmas week of CARITAS. Thanks, especially, to those who worked on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All went smoothly, and we couldn't have had it happen without the multiple volunteers who shopped, cooked, cleaned, set up, stayed the night, donated, and prayed for the mission. What an awesome job- you are very much appreciated!

The CARITAS Team- Jane Dry,  
Shannon Fleming, Diane Kellogg

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**

**Noon at Christ Church:** Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

**7 pm at Christ Church:** Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

*(In each succeeding Wednesday we will have our **PLARCUM Mid-Week Lenten Services at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church (8200 Woodman Road).***

**5:45 pm** - Meal Provided

**6:30 - 7:30 pm** - Program and Worship



# February 2017 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7:50 Early Ensemble 9:35 Bell Choir 11:45 Children 12:00 Bell Ensemble			7:00 Chancel Choir			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Children 4:00 Bell Choir			7:00 Chancel Choir			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Children 4:00 Bell Choir			7:00 Chancel Choir			
26	27	28				
<i>Transfiguration</i> 9:20 Early Ensemble 9:45 Chancel Choir 10:05 Children 4:00 Bell Choir						

# **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  
Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant  
Linda Keener, Music Director  
Heather Heckel, Web Master  
Carol Jones, Newsletter Editor

### **Congregational Officers and Council Members**

James Ingraham, President	Nancy LaVier, Secretary
Jim Schnellenberger, Vice President	Paul Quel, Treasurer
Cindy Williamson, Financial Secretary	
Carol Jones	Darren D'Ateno
Sandra Bocclair	Cathleen Jacobson
Lucas Cochran	Mat Lewis
Bill Mottet	

### **Sunday Schedule**

<b>Worship:</b>	8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
<b>Faith Formation</b>	9:25-10:15 am
	Weekly for: Adults
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays for: Preschool-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
	and 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade & 5 <sup>th</sup> -Middle school

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