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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 18
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

(Please note that **Village Nights conclude February 11** with a potluck and activities and will **return April 15** 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.”

The Grumpy Old Man wants to remind people to mark their February calendars for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 17th of that month, probably 6-7pm. Pancakes, sausage, and apple sauce will be prepared by the men of the church. Who knows, Grumpy may also make some cookies. Last year’s Fascht Nacht was cancelled to due to snowy road conditions but Grumpy promises that the cookies will be fresh. If anyone knows that they cannot make it until a few minutes after 7pm, contact Grumpy ahead of time to see what sort of mood he is in.



WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

*Theme: "The Joy of the Gospel"
(Based on Pope Francis' book by the same name.)*

*Sponsored by: Lakeside PLARCUM
Christ Lutheran Church; Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal; Lakeside Presbyterian Church;
Lakeside United Methodist Church;
Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church*

Each Wednesday Will:

BE at Lakeside United Methodist Church
2333 Hilliard Road; Richmond, VA 23228

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

A Special Thank You

(This thank you note was sent by Ruby in June and was inadvertently omitted from the next issue of the Parish News. Our apologies, Ruby.)

We are so blessed at Christ Lutheran to have the best members any church could have. I cannot thank all of you enough for all the cards, notes, gifts, calls and visits while I was in the hospital from April 3rd to May 8th. The surgeon released me on May 27th and I am trying to rebuild my strength.

I thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Never believe that prayers do not make a difference in someone's life. Without all the prayers I do not think I would be at home recuperating from this terrible ordeal.

Ruby K. Pugh

Dear Christ's People,

Christmas is about Emmanuel (God is with us).

First and foremost, God is with us in Jesus of Nazareth, the one whose birth we now finish celebrating in the season of Epiphany.

For our family, God is with us because you have been with us. We have seen Emmanuel 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, including 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kailee Lesko
- 2 Richard Tripp
Mike Bahen
- 3 Laura Greenday
- 4 Scott Meyer
Sophia Havard
- 5 Kyle Lawrence
- 6 Cynthia St. John
Carole O'Brien
- 7 Emma Cathey
- 8 Sherri Santuk
Hunter Barlow
- 10 Katy Vess
Chris Peterman
- 11 Carol Pilgrim
Dave Didra
- 12 Paul Quel
Laurie Snyder
- 13 Katherine Magann
Jeff Harris
- 14 Eleanor Hemenway
- 15 Doug Conway
Scott Luchau
Chip Harris
Avery Small
- 16 Mitch Roberts
- 17 Kenneth Bjelstrand
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 Audrey Light
Cindy Williamson
- 29 Kristen Pilgrim
- 30 Steve Charlson

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

February 12; 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. This month we will take a look at the parable of the Builder and the King (Luke 14:25-35).

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.

ALL COUPLES AND SINGLES!

Mark your calendars: Saturday, March 14, 6 pm at Christ Lutheran Church when we will have a potluck and conversation. More details in the next newsletter and future bulletins.

For An Opportunity to participate in an event to benefit soldiers in the Theater Gateway - Kuwait, check out the poster on our *Welcome Table* offering several ways to do so, including donating items and/or attending an event on Feb. 28, in Fredericksburg. This event is hosted by Thrivent Financial.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY doesn't appear on the monthly list for the *Parish News*, it's because we don't have a record of it! If yours is missing, give us a call (266-5775) or email Katy at bearskaty@aol.com so we can include you in the newsletter.

Christ's Disciples,

For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

These are Jesus' concluding words in his parable about the builder who decides to build a tower. I will be using that particular parable in my Bible study with the Trinity Gathering on February 12. (So if you read this before the study, you will have a "leg up;" if you read this after the study, well, you are just out of luck.)

Now I know that those who love to over-plan use this passage as a proof text for any such justification and discussion. At times I am known to be this way, hence some very exhausting vacations.

It is about planning, but more than planning. It's about counting the costs. What does your faith and discipleship mean in terms of cost? What will you gain? and What will you lose?

It is also about having a vision: Why build the tower? This gets into a conversation about purpose and reason for doing things...like being the church. When it comes to the church's vision, of course we need to ask yet another question: Whose vision is it? That's a really important question!

(I don't think I have given up too much of my study for the Trinity Gathering; in fact I believe I've raised more questions than answers.)

February 18 begins Lent with Ash Wednesday. In times past as many people came to services on this day as on Christmas Eve. That's no longer the case. I wonder why?

I know why I might like a Christmas Eve service better than one on Ash Wednesday. They are both about Jesus and about beginning a journey. But while Christmas Eve promises that the baby becomes this active, vital Messiah who teaches boldly and performs marvelous miracles, Ash Wednesday moves us into Lent toward a dying Jesus, moves us toward the cross...AND asks you and me to join him. We don't like the "you and me" part of Jesus' journey to the cross!

But "suppose you want to build a tower...."

In Nomine Jesu,
Pastor Eric

Reminders:

Ash Wednesday, February 18, Noon & 7 pm at Christ Lutheran Church

Mid-Week Lenten Series with 4 other Lakeside churches at Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesdays beginning Feb. 25

5:45-6:30 pm – meal provided

6:30-7:30 pm – program and worship

2015 Volunteer Opportunities

Christ Lutheran offers its members a variety of opportunities to help serve our church and to extend its communion and outreach to our community and beyond.

Under our Continuing Resolutions we have six standing committees to conduct the business and mission of our church. They are:

Christian Education: This team encompasses the ministries that include things such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Classes and more.

Youth Ministry: This team fosters discipleship, fellowship and service opportunities among the children and youth in the congregation.

Music Ministry: This team plans, leads and provides music for worship and the life of the congregation.

Evangelism: This team seeks out and welcomes guests and prospective members. This team also is responsible for several projects that improve the outreach and visibility of Christ Lutheran to our community.

Stewardship: This team is responsible for creating and executing programs that will serve the financial needs of the church.

Collective Ministries: Any ministry not included in the five ministry teams are assigned to the Collective Ministries and can include everything from facilities and property to LAMB's Basket to finance and budgets.

More information on our ministries can be found on the Welcome Table.

If you see a ministry that strikes your interest, please let us know by placing a note in the Council Contact Cube located on the Welcome Table, or you may email council@christlutheran.org.

Thank you for your time and interest!

Church Council

Come and Sing in the Easter Choir!

If you love to sing, but can't commit to rehearsing every week with the Chancel Choir, here's another opportunity to sing on a short-term basis. Rehearsals will be as follows:

Sun., Feb. 8 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 15 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 1 11:45 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 15 11:45 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 29 11:45 a.m.
Thurs., Apr. 2 following Maundy Thursday service

We will be singing the following:

"Sing Allelu!" – Gospel Proc. & Rec.
"Thine Is the Glory" – Offertory anthem
"Hallelujah Chorus" – Post-communion anthem



This choir sings for BOTH services on Easter Sunday morning. But if you are able to sing for only one service, please come anyway. Remember, there is a great big bountiful breakfast in between!

Up Coming Music of Note:

- ◆ Our Children's Choir will sing for the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 1. Rehearsals will be Feb. 8, 15 and 22 at 11:45 a.m. in the Music Room. Music is suitable for a wide age range, from age 5 and up.



Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,



I am pleased to say I have finished my Eagle Scout Project behind the church. Feel free to take a look at it if you have a chance. I want to thank everyone who donated and supported my cause. I also want to thank the men's group for giving me the opportunity to work on my Eagle Project at the Church.

Thanks,
Forrest Feaser

Our Prayers of Sympathy are for Shannon Fleming on the death in December of her sister; for Kelli Meyer on the death of her mother on December 13; and for Diane Ransone on the death of her father on January 4.

Congratulations to Joseph Santuk who received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering along with a Minor in Mathematics from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) on December 12, 2014.

Congratulations to Bill and Gail Dotson on the birth of their first grandchild! Aahana Evelyn Mukhia was born on December 16 to Amit and Erin Mukhia.

On December 14, 2014, We Received the Following New Members:

Bill and Dawn Mottet by Affirmation of Baptism.

The Family of Diane Partlow Ransone wishes to thank all the members of Christ Lutheran Church for all the wonderful and helpful Sympathy Cards, letters, and phone calls we received following the death of her father. We are so thankful and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful congregation.

God loves you all and so do we.

Church Council Contacts

If you have an idea, concern or question that you would like to bring to the attention of your Church Council, you may do so using any of the following methods:

First, you may email your comments to council@christlutheran.org.

Second, you may complete a Council Contact Form and place it in the Council Contact Cube. Both the blank forms and the cube are located on the Welcome Table. Actually, you do not even need to use the form. Any piece of paper or back of an envelope will get the job done!

Finally, you may submit your form or message via regular mail and send it to the church at 7809 Woodman Rd., Richmond 23228, ATTN: Council Contact.

When preparing your message, please be as specific as possible regarding your issue. While not required, it would be helpful if you included your contact information to enable follow-up if more details are needed.

Your comments will help Council be aware of and address concerns that are important to our members.

Thank you.

Your Church Council:

James Ingraham (President), Jim Schnellenberger (Vice President), Heather Heckel, Faith Hobson, Allie Dry, Glen Kellogg, Gerald Ransone, Shannon Fleming, Jim Pickels, Judy Garnett, Patty Franz.

CARITAS(Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter)

Christ Lutheran Church will host *CARITAS* February 7 through 14 and this year, and we expect 32 to 35 homeless men, who will arrive each evening about 6:00 PM and leave the next morning at 6:00 AM.

Thank you to all who signed up for *CARITAS* meals and other areas where you are volunteering to help (laundry, showers, sleep over, set-up and break down.) Breakfast and lunch suggestions are printed below for those who have signed up.

We still need items for health kits (see list below) and snacks (chips, pretzels, candy, fruit)- please consider donating and dropping off items this week.

Also, if you have a couple of hours to spare next Saturday morning (2/7) at 10:30 am, we need all hands on deck to set up the cots and bedding- many hands make light work!

Again, your participation in this week is appreciated! Thanks for all you do to make this successful every year!

<p>Breakfast suggestions (all meals should be complete with food, drink, snack)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Large muffin or two, individual drink(s) such as orange juice, apple juice, or water, hard boiled egg, doughnut2. Sausage and egg on an English muffin, individual drink(s) such as orange juice, apple juice, or water, honey bun3. Egg on a biscuit or egg and cheese on a biscuit, individual drink(s) such as orange juice, apple juice, or water, fruit, pastry <p>Put the breakfast in a large lunch bag and mark with large B for breakfast.</p>	<p>Lunch suggestions (all meals should be complete with food, drink, snack)</p> <p>1 or 2 sandwiches individual drink(s) such as boxed drinks/ bottled water 1 or 2 snacks Fruit Something sweet, such as cookies, cake</p> <p>Put the lunch in a large lunch bag and mark with large L for lunch.</p>
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One of the other churches who has sponsored *CARITAS* printed this:

Lunch should include what is suggested below.

1 sandwich – ham, turkey, bologna and/or cheese (do not put condiments, mustard, mayo, ketchup, salt, pepper on sandwiches, as small packs will be added).

1 chips or salty snack

1 pack of nabs

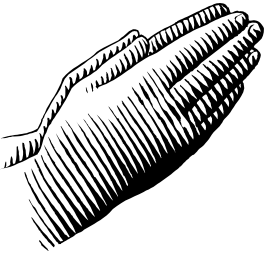
1 little Debbie cake or cookies (or similar item)

1 bottle of water or drink box

1 small fruit cup

1 spoon and napkin

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:

Nancy Drummond, Hope Harman, Jeane Kobes, Katherine Magann, Elinor Mansueti, Walter & Yvonne Olphin, Margie Werner

Family & Friends Serving Our Country:

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

Members, Friends & Relatives in Need of Long Term Prayers: Dennis Burns, Donna Coffman, Don Jones, Edith Murphy, Tom Jones, Arthur & Agnes Cunningham, Christy Mayes, Anna-Marie Burruss, Rick Kelley, Pete Orebaugh, Howard Lugar, David Phillips, Barbara Blevins, Halle Buttriss, Alice Lucan, Randy Smith, and Clara Paige.

Health kits for CARITAS

toothbrush

toothpaste

soap

3 trial size shampoos

3 trial size conditioners

washcloth & hand towel

razor

lip balm

comb

kleenex

deodorant

lotion

plastic bag

FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Annual Meeting Worship	2 9 AM Men's Group 7 PM Council	3 9:30 AM – 1 PM Our day to volunteer at LAMB's Basket 7 PM Visioning	4 See Village Night Schedule below.	5	6	7 CARITAS begins 7 PM AA & AIA non
8 CARITAS 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	9 CARITAS	10 CARITAS 6:15 PM Worship Planning	11 CARITAS 9:30 AM – 1 PM Our day to volunteer at LAMB's Basket See Village Night Schedule below.	12 CARITAS 10:30 AM <i>Trinity Gathering</i> @ Imperial Plaza	13 CARITAS	14 CARITAS ends 7 PM AA & AIA non
15 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	16	17 6 – 7 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	18 Ash <u>Wednesday</u> Noon Service 7 PM Service	19	20	21 7 PM AA & AIA non
22 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	23	24 9:30 AM – 1 PM Our day to volunteer at LAMB's Basket	25 See Schedule be- low for Lenten Meal/Program (@ Lakeside United Methodist)	26 1	27	28 7 PM AA & AIA non
			VILLAGE NIGHT 5:45 PM Meal 6:30 PM Worship Music/Activities for Children 6:50 PM Adult Bible Study and Confirmation Class	Lenten Schedule 5:45 – 6:30 PM Meal (provided) 6:30-7:30 PM Program/Worship		

February Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7:50 Early Ensemble 9:30 Bell Choir 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Bell Ensemble			6:30 Young children 7:00 Chancel Choir			
8 9:30 Easter Choir 10:00 Women's Ens. 11:45 Children's Ch. 4:00 Bell Choir	9	10	11 6:30 Older children 7:00 Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 9:20 Early Ensemble 9:30 Easter Choir 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Children's Ch. 4:00 Bell Choir	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22 9:20 Early Ensemble 9:30 Bell Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Children's Ch.	23		25 7:45 Chancel Choir	26	27	28

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
Katy Vess, 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 AM-5 PM
LAMB's Basket:	Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 10 AM-1PM (565-8007)