

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

VA. SYNOD'S POWER IN THE SPIRIT:

Join us *July 13-15* at *Roanoke College* for a conference with Lutherans from all across the state. CLC's *Jennifer John & Linda Pickels* will be teaching some classes and *Bill Franz* is also a Presenter! Children can attend with parents or guardians, & children ages 3-10 have the choice to join in special activities just for them while their grownups attend keynote addresses & workshops. Older kids & teens can help with the younger children, or join in the fun of the rest of Power in the Spirit! Children & their grownups will be together for housing, worship, & meals. There's room for everyone at Power in the Spirit!

Register for Power in the Spirit online today!

"OFF TOPIC" Bible Study **1st & 3rd Tuesdays; 7-8 p.m.** **July 11 & 25**

This faith formation opportunity, led by & Lucas Cochran, has changed its weeks but has kept the day (Tuesdays). The format is the same: The opportunity to take another, informal look at the Sunday's lessons with ample opportunity for sharing.

Contact Lucas at cochranlm2@vcu.edu if you have any question. Or just come and experience a time to grow in your faith and the opportunity to talk about your faith.

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Prayers of Sympathy

Our condolences are expressed to Diane Ransone and family upon the loss of Diane's mother, Lillian Robertson Partlow .



The ESL picnic on the porch on Sunday June 25th was a success.

The winner of the quilt was Trenton Hizer & the winner of the gift

basket was Jon Jones. Our thanks to all who made delicious food & those who helped clean up.

We couldn't have done this without you! We are still in need of two **tutors**. Tutors won't act as a teacher but more of an observer role in the classroom. Tutors are just needed to help students when they need it. Commitment from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm one weeknight. Thanks again to each of you towards this new ministry.



The National Youth Gathering:

is in Houston in June/July of 2018. ***This Changes Everything!*** is the theme for NYG 2018. Sign-ups and interest sheet were handed out to eligible youth on May 15. We are combining with other area Lutheran churches for the trip. For questions please contact: **Nancy Hendrickson** at mamahenny57@gmail.com. More information to come!

Important Dates

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Services @ 9:30 am Faith Formation and Fellowship @ 10:30 am
July 5	Worship Planning Meeting @ 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting @ 7:00 pm
July 10, 17, 24, 31	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
July 10	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
July 11, 25	Off-Topic Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
July 12, 18	LAMB's Basket @ 9:30 am- 1:00 pm
July 13-15	VA Synod's Power in the Spirit
July 23-29	ASP Mission Trip
July 6, 13, 20, 27	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm
Aug. 1	National Night Out

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

From Our New Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am your Interim Pastor. Many thanks to Bishop Mauney and your Congregation Council for this invitation to serve in this pastoral position. I look forward to a fine ministry experience and sincerely ask for your support and prayers.

Let me provide some introduction about myself. I retired in 2015 after 40 years of pastoral ministry. Carol and I continue to live in Spotsylvania County, close to Fredericksburg. We served as co-pastors for 15 years at Resurrection Lutheran in Fredericksburg

I grew up in Glendale, California. My father was a Lutheran pastor and my mother was organist and director of children's choirs. I am #3 in a family of 4 sons. I graduated from UCLA with a BA in History and from The School of Theology at Claremont with a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Our family includes son Joe and daughter-in-law Heidi and granddaughters Emma and Lily. They live in San Marcos, California. Carol's mom lives in Knoxville, Tennessee. Carol has a twin sister and a brother.

In retirement, we are having fun. Carol is a wonderful artist, concentrating on drawing animals of all kinds and being a part of Brushstrokes Gallery in Fredericksburg. I am a tour guide and drive the historic trolley tour in old town Fredericksburg.

I am trained to be an intentional interim minister. My training from the Intentional Ministry Network prepared me to work with congregations who want to do more than just maintain ministry. I can help with looking at ministry in new ways and working with a transition team to do all that is necessary to prepare the congregation for calling the next settled pastor. The Council and I believe that this process at Christ will take between one and two years.

I want to be available for you. Please don't hesitate to call, text or e-mail me. We are in the process of setting up an e-mail address for me and will share this soon. My cell phone is 540-845-2427. I will be at the church for sure on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

May the Lord bless us and give us direction as we embark on this time of intentional interim ministry. Let's honor the past and look forward to the great future that God has in store for Christ Lutheran.

Blessings in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kniseley

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Garrett	Jones	1
James	Ingraham	3
Jaden	Samuel	4
Al	Bosdell	5
Karl	Hade	8
Maryann	Hoffmann	10
Lauren	Dry	10
Elizabeth	Thompson	10
Elbert	Rasnake	12
Jeannine	Springer	14
Bruce	Matson	15
Edith	Ingraham	16
Joanne	Tripp	17
Alison	Smith	17
Harry	Heckel	17
Alyssa	Santuk	19
Joseph	Santuk	20
Chuck	Bost	22
Carolyn	Bost	22
Addison	Pernsteiner	22
Christie	Leighton	23
Marga	Johnson	23
Amy	Matson	23
William	Mottet	27
Derieck	Melin	28
Robert	Light	30
Matthew	Lewis	31
Marty	Ring	31

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, call the church office (266-5775).

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:

Our Prayers of Concern

are for Diane Carstairs, Sandra Bocclair, Ralph Puccini, (uncle of Gail Dotson), Marietta Julienne (mother of Mari Julienne), Elizabeth Williamson Thompson (Cindy & Joe Williamson's daughter), Tina Callas (Linda Keener's daughter-in-law), Paul Boller, Kenneth Keener (Linda Keener's father), Greyson Stephans (infant cousin of Frank Greenday), Alice Lucan (sister of Carol Grayson), Jean Vizthum, Vonnie Tritt, Joe Dunker, Ted Dean (uncle to Scott & Melissa Luchau), Loren Johnson, Karen Dent Haywood (friend of Mitch Roberts), Frank Greenday, Steve Brackmann (friend of Melissa Luchau), Belen Sakdalan-Valladores (friend of Cleo Meece), Ina Nuckols, Donna Conway.

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



Vision: The Next Five Years

Graduation season has wrapped up and probably one of the questions asked of each graduate has been, "What are your plans?" We all recognize that planning is important. As noted by Alan Lakein, "*Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.*" We plan our careers, our vacations, our weddings, our families, our finances, our retirements and our funerals. So why do we not plan our faith journey, and our ministry to one another and to our neighbors?

Planning first asks us "*What are our goals?*" What do we want to have, or accomplish, or avoid. It then asks "Where are we now?" and "What action and resources do we need to reach our goals?" We do this deliberately or subconsciously every day because we instinctively know it is the only way we can be successful in reaching our goals. Life's experiences has taught us that. As Franklin said "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

Yet we belong to a faith community, a Congregation of disciples in Jesus Christ, with a call to do his work in our world, a dynamic and changing world, and we have set no goals for our Congregation, and we do not plan our future to minister to our neighbors. Sunday after Sunday we generally don't think beyond attending worship. Our mission statement is 20 years old and has not been evaluated for relevance to the world around us in all that time.

Some planning was happening, but in the background, left to a Pastor (Moehring) and an Administrative Assistant (Katy, and now Cindy).

It has always been but is now even more critical that the Congregation have a plan for our future with specific goals. It is a time in the life of Christ Lutheran when the Congregation must look to the future and our possibilities and not to our past. To quote Henry David Thoreau, "Never look back unless you are planning to go that way."

It is not for a new Pastor to hand us a plan, it is for us to provide a new Pastor with our plan and ask that he guide and help us achieve it as we also take an active lay leadership role in Christ Lutheran. Has the Holy Spirit given you an insight into our call and our future? If so, let it be known. Become an active contributor to the Vision and Long-term Planning Committees. We can invite you personally, but the call of the Holy Spirit has already made that invitation. Join in planning Christ Lutheran's future.

Jim Schnellenberger, Vision Committee Chairman

Summer Offerings:

Stewardship reminds you to continue to make offerings throughout the summer. Though we may take vacations, our monthly expenses, i.e. utility bills & mortgage payments do not! The easiest way to make your contribution is to go to www.christlutheran.org & click on the secure "Donate Now" button on the right. Just follow the on-screen prompts & make your contribution. You may also mail your offering to CLC at 7809 Woodman Rd., Richmond, VA 23228. Thank you!

Property Ministry Update

Our CLC Property Team has been hard at work this spring with a number of repair and maintenance projects.

Some of the items addressed are:

- Repainting of classrooms and education wing hallway
- Replaced trash bin new larger bin (built from scratch by Jim Schnellenberger).
- Suppressed (hopefully) basement leakage.
- Removed most of downed tree.
- Installed water fountain in downstairs hallway
- Installed utility sink and water heater in basement
- Extended Wi-Fi access to downstairs youth area
- Installed new electrical outlets in the downstairs youth area

In addition to these projects, the team is currently working to improve drainage near the front porch. Making these repairs will help reduce or eliminate water leaking into the choir rooms when we have heavy rainstorms.

Many thanks to Jim Schnellenberger, Paul Quel, Richard Tripp, Mitch Roberts and all others who have assisted with these projects. Their dedication of countless hours to facility maintenance have been invaluable to Christ Lutheran. We invite all able-bodied persons to join this ministry. No special skills are necessary, just a willingness to help.

ASP Mission Trip:

On July 23-29 these dedicated disciples at CLC are going on the Annual Mission trip to Brenton, WV.



Continue to keep them in your prayers: *Jim Schnellenberger, Mat Lewis, Carol Jones, Jon Jones, Garrett Jones, Natania Jones, Sarah Pernsteiner, Ka'rynne Gaymon, Zachary Baltor, Jeremy Ott, and Greg Faust.*

July Council Updates

Pastor Kniseley

We are pleased to welcome Rev. James Kniseley as our new pastor at Christ Lutheran. His first service with us was July 2.

In addition to all normal pastoral duties, Pastor Kniseley will also be responsible for leading us through the formal call process so that we can call a permanent pastor. Further details on the transition and the call process will be provided as they become available.

Budget

Good News: Through May, our expenses are running about \$13,500 less than budget.

Bad News: As of the end of May, our offerings are running about \$11,000 under budget.

Consequently, we are running a slight surplus of \$2,500 as of the end of May.

June seems to be following this trend, but final results are not yet available. These trends, if they continue, will have an impact on 2018 budget. We have several needs we want to try to address in 2018 such as much-needed property repairs and improvements (pews, windows, etc.), expanded outreach ministries and staffing needs. These can only be accomplished with the continuing financial support of our disciples. If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to have considered for the upcoming budget, please email council@christlutheran.org or leave a note for Jim Ingraham in the Council Contact Box in the main hallway.

Casa de Dios

Leadership of CLC and Casa de Dios met to discuss renewal and revision of our operating agreement. The current agreement was over three years old and needed to be updated. The main change is for Casa to start using our sanctuary for their Sunday worship beginning July 2. We also discussed the possibility of Casa renovating the playground in back. Further discussions will occur once the tree removal is completed.

ESL Class

Evangelism is planning for an English as Second Language class to begin this fall. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with these classes (you do not need to know Spanish in order to help). Pastor David said there is a need for this in his congregation and the wider Hispanic community.

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Summer Christian Education Opportunities

The Summer Faith Formation program is well underway. We have several members who have volunteered to facilitate discussions on a variety of topics each Sunday morning following the 9:30 service. So, grab some refreshments after church and head to the central classroom to participate in this wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship.

Call for Volunteers

We have a continuing need for volunteers for our various ministries, needs and programs. Volunteering to participate in one of our programs is one of the best opportunities to “Reveal God’s Love” in a very real and meaningful way. Current opportunities include:

- National Night Out Event, August 1
- Lutheran Blood Drive, October 7
- Christian Education programs (Sunday School, etc.)
- Property (Men’s Group, repairs, maintenance, clean up)
- Bereavement (table set-up, etc.)
- Council
- Stewardship
- Finance
- Social (Anniversary celebrations, receptions, Sunday coffee, etc.)

Mark Your Calendars

- September 3: Installation service for Pastor Kniseley
- September 10: Return to regular Sunday schedule with services at 8:15 and 10:30
- October 1: Special Congregational meeting at 10:00 to elect 2018 Council
- October 7: Virginia Lutheran Blood Drive

Questions or Comments?

If you would like to volunteer for any of our ministry opportunities, or if you have any questions or comments about our programs, budget or other CLC related matters, please contact Jim Ingraham, Jim Schnellenberger or any council member. You may also email council@christlutheran.org or leave a note in the Council Contact Box in the main hallway. We’d love to hear from you!

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

James Kniseley, Minister
Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant
Linda Keener, Music Director
Adam Zimmerli, Carol Jones, Web Masters
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

Worship:	9:30 am
Faith Formation	10:30 am

The two service schedule will resume Sept. 10.

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