

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## Transition Update

At our first open Conversation With Council transition meeting back on March 19, I stated our initial objective was to have an interim pastor in place by July 1, 2017. I am pleased to report that we are on track to accomplish that goal.

On April 27, we conducted our second open transition conversation to discuss calling an interim pastor. There were many good ideas shared at this meeting. Based on the results coming out of this meeting, the Council approved a formal request to the Office of the Bishop for an interim pastor at their May 8 meeting. The preferred candidate's background would include being an ordained Lutheran pastor or one who is ordained in a tradition in communion with the ELCA, experience as an interim pastor, formal training as an interim pastor and finally, one who could guide us to and through the pastoral call process.

The Bishop has recommended a candidate whose credentials offer the best match for our needs and council leadership is currently in confidential discussions with this candidate about accepting an assignment to Christ Lutheran. Assuming details can be worked out, Council will consider approval of the hiring of this candidate at their June 12 meeting. The projected start date will be July 1.

On Sunday, June 18 at 9:30 there will be another open Conversation With Council where our members may ask questions and discuss the interim pastor hiring, upcoming council nominations, our budget or any other items that may be of mutual interest. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in this conversation. As always, any suggestions or comments may be sent to [council@christlutheran.org](mailto:council@christlutheran.org) or left in the Council Contact Box in the main hallway.

Thank you.  
Jim Ingraham

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## Prayers of Sympathy

Craig Allen Prekup, of Goochland, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 8, 2017. Craig was considered a "Gentle Giant" by many. Online guest book is available at [affinityfuneralservice.com](http://affinityfuneralservice.com). †

The Christ Lutheran Church Family expresses our deepest sympathy to the Hade Family upon the death of **Maurice "Mauri" Hade**, on May 4, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours, Karl and Kevin. †

The Christ Lutheran Church Family expresses our deepest sympathy to the Family of Margie Werner, upon her death on May 15, 2017. **Margie Werner** was one of the long-standing founding members of Christ Church. Our thoughts, love, and prayers are with her daughter, Cheryl Glaubinger, and the family †

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

**June 8; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
At Imperial Plaza**

The gathering is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (262-2924) if you plan to attend. Invite a friend!

Important Dates	
June 4, 11, 18, 25	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 am
June 4	Confirmation @ 10:30 am
June 5	Men's Group @ 10:00 am
June 8	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
June 5, 12, 19, 26	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
June 12	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
June 13, 27	Off-Topic Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
June 6, 20, 28	LAMB's Basket @ 9:30- 1:00
June 17	Quilting @ 10:00 am
June 26	Evangelism @ 7:00 pm
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
June 4, 11, 18, 25	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm

### "OFF TOPIC" Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays; 7-8 p.m. June 13 & 27

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](mailto: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.

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

## From the Council President

We have had a very active and exciting Spring here at Christ Lutheran. Of course, our main focus has been on moving forward with the transition process, details of which are noted in the transition update contained elsewhere in this issue.

In addition to the transition, we have managed to handle two funerals of long time members of Christ, a couple of serious illnesses and accidents and, a tree that fell behind the church a few weeks ago. We are currently working on getting bids for the tree removal from professional tree companies. Unfortunately, our insurance did not cover this event so we are left to address it ourselves. However, this is one of those projects that is too dangerous and complicated to take on just using our own volunteers. And speaking of volunteers, we have a couple of volunteer opportunities coming up with our expanding outreach initiatives. Currently, we could use help with the following projects:

**National Night Out (August 1).** This will be our third year participating in this event and we want to make it our best effort yet. Please contact Tinky Keen if you would like to participate.

**Lutheran Blood Drive (October 7).** We will be hosting Virginia Blood Services here on that day. We are participating with several other area Lutheran churches in an effort to collect 500 pints of blood in recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation. Please see Jim Schnellenger for this project.

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Class.** Beginning this fall, this class will initially be offered to members of Casa de Dios, with the hopes of it growing beyond that audience. You do NOT need to know Spanish to volunteer to help. Please contact Betty Schnellenger or Carol Jones if you have an interest in participating in this ministry.

As always, we have **numerous other opportunities** to serve with our many ministries. Stewardship, Evangelism, Faith Formation, Youth, and Finance to name a few. Please contact me if you are interested in contributing to any of these ministries.

I am also pleased to announce that our neighbors **Casa de Dios**, who began worshipping in our Fellowship Hall about 3 years ago, have grown to the point where they have asked to begin using our sanctuary for their Sunday afternoon worship beginning this summer. They will continue to utilize our classrooms for their Thursday Bible studies and for their Saturday Virginia Bible Law University classes. Council leadership has been in discussions with Casa to update our 3-year-old operating agreement to reflect these changes as well as set a framework for more and improved shared ministries between our congregations. Finally, our longtime webmaster Heather Heckel has decided to step away from that role. We are thankful for her service that enabled us to establish a presence on the web. Adam Zimmerli and Carol Jones have agreed to assume responsibility for the design and look of our website going forward.

Finally, my many thanks to Pastors Lou Florio, Elizabeth Yates, Ruth Fortis, Kim Tripplett and Donna Ruggles for all their guidance and help as we have moved through our transition period. You can stay current with Council activities and decisions by referencing the monthly minutes that are posted on our website under the “Council/Council Minutes” tab. Printed copies of the minutes are also available for viewing on the Welcome Table and in the Library.

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Thank you.  
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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dry, Julia	6/1
Hamer, George	6/4
Lackey, Austin	6/4
Melin, Paul	6/4
John, Emily	6/6
Karn, Bill	6/6
Belcastro, Marc	6/7
Tripp, Megan	6/9
Fernandez, Maximino	6/10
Brewer, Nancye	6/12
Byerly, Evelyn	6/15
Dotson, Bill	6/15
Walther, Ron	6/16
Hendrickson, Sarah	6/19
Jacobson, Harold	6/20
Proffitt, Nikki	6/20
Johnson, T.J.	6/21
Bosdell, Tre	6/23
Cathey, Brantlee	6/23
Zimmerli, Adam	6/26
Peterson, Noah	6/27

**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).



God's Blessings are in store for the **Pickels' family**, upon baby Elizabeth's baptism that took place on Mother's Day (May 14) at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, VA

**Jim and Linda**, grandparents of **Elizabeth Rollins**, daughter of **Hunter** and **Catherine Pickels** . †

## 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

Elizabeth Williamson Thompson (Cindy & Joe Williamson's daughter), Tina Callas (Linda Keener's daughter-in-law), Bob Boclair, Paul Boller, Kenneth Keener (Linda Keener's father), Steve Reed, 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 & Matthew Mawyer.



Christ Lutheran plans to offer a beginners ESL class for adults in the fall.

We will be needing a couple volunteers to teach this class. It is not necessary to be a licensed teacher, but that would be a bonus. We will be providing training before the classes begin.

Please seriously consider assisting with this ministry.

For more information talk to Carol Jones or Betty Schnellenberger.

The Marriage of Ryan Christopher Kelley (member) to Katie Marie Thaeder took place on May 6 in West Chester, PA.

# SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

*All Facilitators and Topics  
Subject to Change*

**June 4-Sept 3, 2017**

DATE	FACILITATOR	TOPIC
June 4 (Pentecost)	Pastor Ruggles	<b>Who Is Dietrich Bonhoeffer?</b> A discussion about this important theologian active during the time of Nazi Germany. It will also preview the Fall ELCA ACTS Class.
June 11 (Laity Sunday)	Heather Heckel	<b>Sociology and Religion.</b> Heather returns to revisit her popular lecture from our Spring program.
June 18	Jim Ingraham	<b>Conversation With Council</b> status of Interim Pastor search, council nominations and more.
June 25	Carol Jones/Betty Schnellenger	<b>ESL Picnic on The Porch</b> , a fundraiser for CLC English as a Second Language Project.
July 2 (Summer Schedule Begins. One Service at 9:30)	Adam Zimmerli	<b>TBA.</b>
July 9	Lucas Cochran	TBA.
July 16	Lucas Cochran	TBA.
July 23	David Ingraham	<b>The Bible by the Numbers.</b>
July 30	Jennifer John	TBA
August 6	Linda Keener	<b>Singing With Chimes.</b> Come and learn something about sacred music used in our services. And get to play a chime too!
August 13	Laura and Kayley Greenday	<b>“Old Testament and New Testament God, Is He Different?”</b> This discussion is based on topics covered in the Spring ACTS Class on the Old Testament.
August 20	Dr. Paul Julienne	TBA
August 27	Carol Jones	<b>Youth Picnic on The Porch</b> , a fundraiser for 2018 CLC Youth Trip.
September 3	Jim Ingraham	<b>Conversation With Council</b> update on council nominations, 2018 Budget and more

# **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**

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**

<b>Worship:</b>	8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
<b>Faith Formation</b>	9:25-10:15 am
	See page 5 for details.

The one service schedule begins July 2at 9:30 .  
The two service schedule will resume Sept. 10.

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