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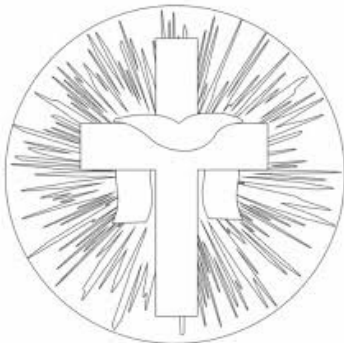
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HOLY WEEK, 2016

March 20: *PASSION/PALM SUNDAY*
(At Christ Lutheran Church)

8:15 am - Procession of the Palms; Holy Communion

9:25 am - Sunday school for all ages.

10:30 am - Procession of the Palms; Holy Communion; First Communion

March 24: *MAUNDY THURSDAY*
(At Christ Lutheran Church)

Noon - Contemplative Service of Holy Communion and Individual Absolution

7 PM - Holy Communion and Individual Absolution

The Evening Service begins with quiet gathering and ends in somber departure. We assemble for confession and a simple meal in the Commons around tables shaped as a cross and covered with bountiful rustic foods of the past. Then we will hear the words of forgiveness for us personally at the baptismal font, the gospel's story, and "Given for you" in the spoken Holy Communion that reverently steps into the stripping of the altar, after which we will leave in silence. Come join us for this moving experience.

March 25: *GOOD FRIDAY*

2 PM - Good Friday Service: Stations of the Cross

- At Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, (8200 Woodman Road)

- *(Sponsored by Christ, Lakeside Presbyterian, Lakeside UMC, Our Lady of Lourdes.)*

7 PM - Good Friday Service

- At Lakeside United Methodist Church (2333 Hilliard Road)

- Pastor Richard Mahlmann, Lakeside Presbyterian, preaching

- Music from the choirs of the participating congregations

- *(Sponsored by Christ, Lakeside Presbyterian, Lakeside UMC)*

Evening Bible Study Opportunity with Pastor Eric
March 3 & 17, 7-8 pm
(Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month)
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 and to connect the sacred scriptures to daily living. For these two evenings we will be studying Genesis 19-23. 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:
March 10; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
At Imperial Plaza, 1717 Bellevue Ave.
Topic: “What’s This About John’s Gospel?”

A TIME FOR MEN & WOMEN TO STUDY TOGETHER

The Trinity Gathering will delve into the Gospel according to John to strengthen our own faith and discipleship. We will be studying John’s Gospel. (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 (262-2924) if you plan to attend.

Important Dates	
Mar. 5	Council Retreat/ Monthly Meeting, 9am-4pm
Mar. 7	Men’s Group @ 9 am
Mar. 8	Stewardship meeting @ 6:30 pm
Mar. 9	ASP Mission Trip Planning @4:45pm
Mar. 2, 9, 16	MidWeek Lenten Service, Meal, @5:45, Program @ 6:30
Mar. 3, 17	Bible Study with Pastor Eric @ 7 pm
Mar. 7, 14, 20, 28	Monday Miracles @ 12 pm
Mar. 10	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am Worship Planning Meeting @ 6:30pm
Mar. 14	Parish Visitors Meeting @ 6:00pm
Mar. 15	LAMB’S Basket Board Meeting, @ 7:00pm
Mar. 6, 13, 19, 27	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 Sunday School @ 9:25
Mar. 6, 20	Children’s Gathering Preschool-Grade 5, @ 5:00
Mar. 6, 13, 20	Youth Gathering, 4-7 pm Rising 6th grade-grade 12
Mar. 24	Maundy Thursday, @ noon, 7 pm CLC
Mar. 25	Good Friday Service, @ 2 pm Our Lady of Lourdes @ 7 pm Lakeside United Methodist
Mar. 1, 16, 29	LAMB’S Basket Volunteer Days, 9:30-1:00
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Casa de Dios @ 7:00 pm
Mar. 6, 13, 19, 27	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm

.MARCH 27: EASTER DAY

8:15 AM - Festival Service including Dressing of the Altar

10:30 AM - Festival Service (not including Dressing of the Altar)

Central to the display in the Commons will be a large cross to be filled with your flowers. Please remember to bring your flower to insert into this glorious Easter Cross.



Weather permitting, we will begin each service outside on the porch 10 minutes before the service.

(The Chancel Choir will sing at both services.)

CARITAS IS COMING

We are on the schedule to host guests the week of April 9-16 in our Fellowship Hall and beyond. The jobs including preparing and serving meals, setting up and taking down cots, doing laundry, riding the bus for showers, and spending the night as a church representative. The sign up poster is in the Commons area- please consider helping with this community service opportunity. Thank you!

We are collecting items early to donate to the cause. Look for the box in the commons area to add items for the CARITAS Health kits. Any items are appreciated! These include:

Health Kits

toothpaste	Toothbrush
soap	washcloth & hand towel
3 trial size shampoos	3 trial size conditioners
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

**IT'S MOVIE NIGHT AT CHRIST CHURCH!
CHILDREN'S GATHERING
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 5 PM**

Parents of pre-school thru elementary age, come join your kids as they watch the movie, "*Frozen.*" Kids can wear their pajamas and bring a pillow and blanket for this fun activity. Popcorn, chicken nuggets, carrot sticks and fruit provided! Bring your neighbors and friends!

The Children's Gathering meets the first and third Sundays of each month at 5 pm...Come and join in the fun!

**YOUTH GROUP EACH SUNDAY EVENING
4-7 PM IN THE LOWER LEVEL (YOUTH GROUP WING)**

All youth (rising 6th graders thru 12th grade) are welcome to come to an adult supervised evening each Sunday evening from 4-7 pm in the brand new Youth Area at Christ Church. Activities vary, but there is always opportunity for fellowship; music; games; conversation; faith formation and food.

Come and join in on the fun. Bring a friend or two as well!

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 2, 9, 16

At: Christ Lutheran Church

Theme: "*Mercy in a Broken World*"

March 2 - *Mercy and Politics*

Speaker: Rev. Charles Swadley

March 9 - *Mercy and Family Life*

Speakers: Steven and Megan Cottam

March 16 - *Mercy and the Church*

Speaker: Dr. Lynne Caldwell

Sponsored by:

Lakeside Presbyterian Church; Christ Lutheran Church; Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church; Lakeside United Methodist Church;

Each Wednesday Will:

**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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Christ Lutheran Church was held February 28, 2016 at 10:00 am. The following resolutions were approved by the congregation at this meeting:

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, in accordance with its' responsibilities under the Constitution of Christ Lutheran Church §C12.03, the Congregation Council at its' January 2016 meeting appointed two members to fill recent vacancies on the council, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Congregation that the following members be confirmed as voting council members for the following terms:

Carol Jones for a term ending on December 31, 2016.

Darren D'Ateno for a term ending on December 31, 2017.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, the Vision Team of Christ Lutheran has for two years engaged in prayerful study of the mission and purpose of our church, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Congregation that we adopt "We Reveal God's Love" as the official mission statement of Christ Lutheran Church.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS, the Congregation Council and ministries of Christ Lutheran Church have faithfully fulfilled their responsibility under §C12.09 of our constitution to submit a comprehensive report at the annual meeting, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Congregation to accept the 2015 Annual Report presented at this meeting.

Resolution #4

WHEREAS, the faithful stewardship and financial support of this congregation resulted in an increase of \$35,000 to our reserve funds as of December 31, 2015, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Congregation to direct the Congregation Council to allocate the December 31, 2015 reserve fund balances according to their financial responsibilities under §C12.05 of our constitution to what they determine to be in the best current and future interests of Christ Lutheran Church, after having first provided up to \$3,500 for additional benevolence to the Virginia Synod.

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, Kroger 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!

A Stewardship Moment:

One of the many ways Christ Lutheran Church is helping the Community

On Monday, January 25, 2016, Pastor Eric Moehring received an email from Harold Jacobson, on behalf of Cub Scout Pack 736. Pack 736 holds a Pinewood Derby (homemade car racing) every year. Everything had been set up months in advance. The Pinewood Derby was supposed to be Fri, Jan. 22 and Sat, Jan. 23. However, due to the massive snow storm that weekend, the Pinewood Derby was cancelled. As coordinator of the event, Harold, started calling everyone he could think of on Friday, Jan. 22 to see if he could find a location for the following Fri/Sat (Jan. 29/30) as later times would cut into other scout events. No one that had a large enough space to support the event had an opening on such short notice (even the original location). Then Harold contacted Christ Lutheran. Pastor Eric was immediately interested and willing to assist. Even though there was an event in the Sanctuary early that afternoon and in the Fellowship Hall later, he was willing to work with Harold to ensure that the Pinewood Derby was able to go on. A Council Representative was able to open and close the premises on both days. Also, there were a few other members who stopped by during the event to welcome the families of the scouts.

Without the assistance, support, and dedication of the Christ Lutheran Church Community, Cub Scout Troop 736 would not have been able to have their Pinewood Derby until months later, if at all.

Remembering Those in Need of Prayer



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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, Martin Reiss, 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, Tina Miller.

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.

2	Faith Hobson
3	Bob Slingerland Mary Peterson Lynn Coates Lizzie Painter
6	Jeane Kobes
7	Simron Richard
8	Suzanne Conway Laurie Bost Daniel Walther
9	Mike Rydel
10	John Jung Heather Painter
11	Jay St. John Roxanne Melin
12	Jeremy Ott
13	Vonnie Tritt KaRahn Gaymon
14	Ken Miller Connie Lesko Kate Carlsen
15	Linda Mahovtas Don Jones Joseph Jingluski
16	Will Newman
17	John Jingluski
18	Alex Kelley Chad Foltz Andrew Mills
19	Linda Keener
22	John Mahovtas Leslie Jingluski
24	Trey Rydel Tyler Rydel
28	Jason Moyer Jeff Hendrickson Cathy Lantz Stephanie Feaser

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

Dear Christ's Disciples,

Pastors and their families enjoy vacation time for the same reasons all people do: It is time away from the usual schedules and demands of life. But there is an additional reason for these families. They get to sit together on Sundays!

Also they get ideas from other churches for their own parish...and connect with the spirit of those congregations. One couple I know likes to find their way into the kitchen; as they tell it, "We learn a lot about the spirit and life of the congregation from the kitchen."

Let's take that into our homes. What does your kitchen look like and feel like? (Of course I am talking about more than a kitchen.) How is your home respected? Who is welcome and who is accepted at the table? Does Jesus live there with you? Is your home sacred and safe ground?

These are all Holy Week and Easter questions! That last week of Jesus' life, he and his disciples spent much time in homes (Think: his using the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus as his home base and the borrowed Upper Room for the Passover meal). Then on Easter Day and after that Jesus made several "home visits" to the disciples in the Upper Room.

Let's take that into our church. What does your church look like and feel like? I am glad for much of the "upgrading" we are doing around here: Fully environmental with LED lights; the best youth area I have seen in a very long time; a parking lot very user-friendly; much better general upkeep. I have also seen a spirit within much of our ministries that begin with putting forth a welcoming and positive spirit as they take seriously our vision statement: "We Reveal God's Love." I think we are more intentional than we have been in past times. I see a renewed spirit at and around worship and in the many gathering places.

Let's take that into our own lives. Does Jesus live there in you? Lent is a good time to ask that question...but consider it 24/7 as well. When we hear the words, "Let your light so shine before others..." I want shout out, "No, let's make it let Christ's light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your God!" As the song reminds us:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our heart. Shine in the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

A continued reflective Lent and a blessed Easter.

*In Nomine Jesu,
Pastor Eric*

March 2016 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

		1	2	3	4	5	
			7:30 Chancel Choir				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
7:50 Early Ensemble 9:20 Early Ensemble 9:45 Chancel Choir 10:10 Drama Team 11:45 Child. Choir 3:00 Bell Ensemble 4:00 Bell Choir	4:00 Y Chimers	4:00 Y Chimers	7:30 Chancel Choir				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
9:20 Early Ensemble 9:45 Chancel Choir 10:05 Child. Choir 4:00 Bell Choir		4:00 Y Chimers	7:30 Chancel Choir				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
<i>20 Palm Sunday</i> 9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir				<i>24 Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>25 Good Friday</i>		
				6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Worship 8:00 Chancel Choir	6:00 Bells at LUMC 6:15 Choir at LUMC 7:00 Worship at LUMC		
27	28	29	30	31			
<i>27 Easter</i> 7:45 Chancel Choir 10:00 Trumpets							

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

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 Boclair

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)