



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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## Village Nights Resume

Our Village Night program will continue for the first four Wednesdays in May under a slightly revised format. Our meal will still begin at 5:45 pm and a short worship time will follow at 6:15. The Bible Study portion of the evening will begin at 6:35 and end at 7:00. Ending the Bible Study by 7pm will permit our choir members to attend before their rehearsal begins, and it also allows our members who are on tight weekday schedules to have an opportunity to share in the meal and the study of God's Word.

A simple supper will be provided on May 3, 10 and 17. May 24 will be a potluck meal.

The Bible Study for May 3, 10, 17 and 24 will focus on the theme "People of Purpose, Life Lessons From The New Testament" and will be led by Pastor Ruggles. The spring session of Village Nights will conclude on May 24. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in this opportunity for learning and fellowship.



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

**May 11; 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!

**Off-Topic Bible Study** is resuming on May 9 and 23 at 7:00 pm with Lucas Cochran as the leader.

**Baptism**

"Through Baptism God has made these new members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus..."

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Carroll Slingerland, husband of Suzanne was received by Holy Baptism.

April 9th, Palm Sunday, Jason R. Samuel, son of Rajan & Suganya Samuel and Harper Elisabeth, daughter of Mary Elisabeth Peterson & granddaughter of Charles & Lisa Rene Peterson were received by Baptism.

"We welcome them into the Lord's Family and receive them as a fellow member s of the body of Christ and worker with us in the Kingdom of God."

**Important Dates**

May 7, 14, 21, 28	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
May 1	Men's Group @ 10:00 pm
May 6	Yard Sale @ 8:00 am-2:00pm
May 3, 10, 17, 24	Village Nights Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:15 Bible Study 6:35
May 7	Graduate Sunday @ both Services
May 7	Confirmation @ 4:00 pm Youth Gathering, @ 4:00 pm
May 9, 23	Off-Topic Bible Study @ 7:00
May 8, 15, 22, 29	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
May 8	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
May 2, 16, 31	LAMB's Basket @ 9:30- 1:00
May 21	Youth Gathering @ Following 10:30 Service
May 17	Quilting, 10am -2 pm
May 4, 11,18, 25	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm
June 6	Evangelism @ 7:00 pm

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

## Graduates



Congratulations are extended to upcoming June High School Graduates:

Justine Baltor is graduating from Atlee HS and will be attending JMU to study Education.  
Forrest Feaser is graduating from D.S. Freeman HS and will be attending UVA to study  
Computer Science.

Kailee Lesko is graduating from Lee-Davis HS and will be attending to CNU to study in  
the Presidential Leadership Program.

Rachel Tripp is graduating from Hanover HS and will be attending VCU to study  
Environmental Science.

Also, we recognize the accomplishments of recent College Grads:

Julia Dry graduated in December 2016 from JMU with a BS in Economics. She is now  
employed at Genworth Financial.

### Youth Gathering Schedule for May

**May 7** 4 pm – Confirmation ( Teacher: Nancy Hendrickson ) Last Class  
4pm-7pm Youth Gathering

**May 21** TBA Youth Gathering This is the last Youth Gathering for the year.  
More information coming soon.



To Benefit the Mission Trip in July and  
the Youth Program.

### 2 Options

1. Donate items to be sold. These can be dropped of at the church on Friday, May 5, between 9-6.
2. Make a donation for a table to sell your own items. The church will provide you with space inside or out (weather permitting) and will advertise the yard sale.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Janet	McAvoy	05/02
Stan	Carey	05/03
Sarah	Ramsey	05/03
Lily	Didra	05/04
Jane	Dry	05/07
Halladay	Yensen	05/07
Kathi	Charlson	05/08
David	Ingraham	05/09
Frank	Greenday	05/10
Susan	Merkle	05/14
Darren	D'Ateno	05/14
Jonathan	Jones	05/15
Kelli	Meyer	05/16
Ashley	Ransone	05/16
Allison	Greenday	05/18
Alexandra	Wethington	05/20
Mildred	Hanczaryk	05/21
Kamryn	Gaymon	05/21
Shawn	Belcastro	05/26
Timothy	Burns	05/30
Gopalakrishnan	Kaliyaperumal	05/30

**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:

\*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 Kenneth Keener (Linda Keener's father) Olivia Romo (granddaughter of Jim & Betty Schnellenberger), Steve Reed, Greyson Stephans (infant cousin of Frank Greenday), Alice Lucan (sister of Carol Grayson), Jean Vizthum, Vonnie Tritt, Joe Dunker, Mauri Hade, Ted Dean (uncle to Scott & Melissa Luchau), Loren Johnson, 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.

**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.

## Disciples On The Move

I have been asked to give a few words regarding my sermon on Sunday,  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

I simply reminded us, that we believe in the resurrection; that each of us has been filled with the Holy Spirit through our baptism; that our inheritance of salvation is undefiled, imperishable and unfading. This salvation will be fully revealed to us in the last times. Lastly, Jesus himself, after the resurrection says “Blessed are they who have not yet seen and still believe.” (He is addressing you and me.) Resurrection, Holy Spirit, Salvation and the Blessing of Jesus Christ our Lord, along with the study of God’s Word (as so many of you are doing) are **the very tools** that equip us to be the Saints of God, the Disciples of Jesus Christ. And oh yes, one reminder from our Gospel writer John. “Little children love one another.” With these tools we have no need to hang on to a vacated pulpit. We have exactly what we need to keep going on into the future, fully equipped disciples.

I shared with those who were in worship Sunday, that I had arrived at Christ Lutheran “a wounded healer.” This was because of having served in an Iowa Synod , which had more controversy than any other synod, following the national vote taken regarding the gay community. Half the churches on the I-35 corridor left our denomination in anger and, bitterness, leaving many a pastor to have to decide if they would leave with their flock and break their ordination vows or stay and face a life ahead, possibly with no call to a congregation.

It was here at Christ, that I experienced beautifully done liturgy, lovely music, the hand of fellowship extended to me, and people in serious study of God’s Word. Through this experience I found myself no longer wounded but rather a called pastor of the church, prepared to go out and heal others. It was the Spirit of Christ in this place, as it is lived out by each of you that gave me healing. You have nothing to fear and everything to gain as you go forward into an unknown future for you are “The fully equipped Saints of God.” What more do you need?

Pastor Donna Ruggles



## Relay for Life

Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

There is a Relay for Life event scheduled in June and this is a great opportunity for our church family to support the Greenday family.

The event will be held at Lee Davis High School, Mechanicsville. The time is from 6 PM Friday, June 2 through 1 AM Saturday, June 3.

Here's the link to join the team. <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/fight4frank>

### **This Changes Everything!**

This Changes Everything! Is the theme for the National Youth Gathering (NYG) to be held in Houston in the summer of 2018. The ELCA offers this opportunity every three years for teens throughout the country. The Gatherings are rooted in faith formation and community service. The 2012 Gathering was in New Orleans to help with reconstruction from Hurricane Katrina and the 2015 Gathering went to Detroit to help address the serious urban blight in that city. The Gatherings have been a life-changing event for most participants, and many remember the experience well into their adult years. It is a chance to see God's good work in action as well as enable teens to grow in their faith journey and develop strong bonds and friendships with other teens in the process. A preliminary headcount for 2018 needs to be completed by Memorial Day. Nancy Hendrickson will be sending information to homes of eligible teens who are entering grades 8 through 12. Formal registration will take place this September. Those who register for the trip will be expected to participate in fundraising and planning activities. The plan now is for CLC youth to attend with two or three other area Lutheran churches. On this trip, we will be flying to Houston (previous trips took a bus). Anyone needing more information, please contact Nancy at [mamhenny57@gmail.com](mailto:mamhenny57@gmail.com).



## ESL

Christ Lutheran plans to offer a beginners ESL class for adults in 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. Please seriously consider being a part of this ministry.

For more information talk to Carol Jones or Betty Schnellenberger.

## 2017 First Quarter Financial Update

	2017 Budget	YTD 3/31 Budget	YTD 3/31 Actual	Better/ (Worse) vs.
<b>REVENUE</b>				
General Fund	301,000	75,250	71,680	(3,570)
Loose Offerings	6,500	1,625	652	(973)
Organizational Contributions	9,500	2,375	2,116	(259)
Special Offerings (Lent, etc)	2,000	0	759	759
<b>Total Budgeted</b>	<b>319,000</b>	<b>79,250</b>	<b>75,207</b>	<b>(4,043)</b>
Non Budgeted Contributions	0	0	4,763	4,763
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>319,000</b>	<b>79,250</b>	<b>79,970</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Evangelism	500	125	0	125
Stewardship	750	188	0	188
Worship and Music	6,225	1,556	1,326	230
IT and Communications	2,750	688	470	218
Faith Formation	3,200	800	270	530
Family Ministries	1,150	288	144	144
Benevolence and Outreach	14,300	3,575	3,947	(372)
Vision	550	138	158	(21)
Finance	2,800	700	322	378
Property and Facilities	50,140	12,535	14,287	(1,752)
Administration	64,440	16,110	14,609	1,501
Compensation	176,995	44,249	43,147	1,102
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>323,800</b>	<b>80,950</b>	<b>78,680</b>	<b>2,270</b>
<b>YTD SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(4,800)</b>	<b>(1,700)</b>	<b>(3,473)</b>	<b>(1,773)</b>

The Finance Committee has reviewed the above financial summary for the first quarter of 2017. The quarter ended with a slightly larger deficit than the 2017 Budget projected. This shortfall was due primarily to lighter than expected offerings during the winter months. The first two Sundays in January were essentially lost Sundays, the first due to it being New Year's Day, and the second Sunday due to a snow storm. Expenses were, for the most part, in line with expectations with many of them being under budget. Although there are several expensive property projects that need to be addressed, we have been fortunate thus far to not have incurred any significant unexpected property repair and maintenance expenses in 2017. The Finance team has also closely monitored our other expenses to ensure we stay within our budget projections.

Thru Easter, we have had three special offering envelope opportunities that have been very successful. We were able to raise over \$200 for the Men's Group repair projects through our Initial Offering envelopes. Our Lenten offerings brought about \$400 for our Music Resource Fund, and initial results indicate that over \$500 was raised for our Seminarian Fund through our Easter offering envelopes. If you haven't used your special envelopes yet, please feel free to do so, as those contributions are accepted at any time during the year.

A common question that has been recently presented to members of the Finance Team is "Won't we enjoy significant savings in our expenses going forward given the departure of Pastor Moehring?" Well, yes and no. First, for that to happen, we must assume that our offerings will continue to meet, if not exceed, our budget projections. Easter offerings were pretty much on target, but now we get to the time of year where post-Easter offerings tend to drop off significantly. Second, while we no longer have the expense of Pastor Moehring's salary, we do still have to pay for our guest pastors and our vice-pastor. Once we hire an interim pastor, that salary, while it may not be quite as much as Pastor Moehring's, will still represent a significant expense. Keep in mind that pastoral compensation is driven primarily by synod guidelines and we are obligated to abide by their guidance.

As of March 31, 2017 we have a total of \$105,627 in cash on our balance sheet, distributed among 28 general and special funds. Per the approved 2017 budget, \$41,593 of those funds have been placed in interest-bearing instruments administered by Thrivent and the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. You can review our monthly income statements and balance sheets at any time by going to our website, [christlutheran.org](http://christlutheran.org) and clicking on the "Council" tab. From there, select "Financial Reports" from the drop-down menu..

If you have any questions regarding the first quarter financial summary, please contact a member of your Finance Team: Faith Hobson, Barry Kintzer, Jim Schnellenberger, Paul Quel, Cindy Williamson or Jim Ingraham.

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## **TRANSITION UPDATE VICE-PASTOR AND GUEST PASTORS**

I am pleased to announce *Pastor Lou Florio* (Messiah Lutheran in Mechanicsville) has agreed to serve as our Vice-Pastor beginning May 1.

Pastor Florio will be available for pastoral care for emergencies and give oversight to any pastoral acts that may be requested. He can be reached by contacting the church office during normal office hours (9:30- 3:00 pm Monday-Friday). He will serve in this capacity until we hire an Interim Pastor to assume these duties for us.

I am also pleased to announce the following Guest Pastors who have agreed to lead us in worship over the next several Sundays:

**May 7 and 14: *Pastor Ruth Fortes***

**May 21 and 28: *Pastor Kim Triplett***

**June 4 (Pentecost/Confirmation):**

*Pastor Dave Delaney*, Director of Youth Programs for the Virginia Synod

**June 11: *Laity Sunday***. Services will be conducted by disciples of Christ Lutheran. There will be no communion on this Sunday.

Thank you.

- Jim Ingraham, Council President



# May 2017 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7:00 Chancel Choir			
<b>7 Good Shepherd</b> 7:50 Early Ensemble 9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:30 Children 11:45 Bell Choir	8	9	10 7:00 Chancel Choir	11	12	13
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> 9:20 Early Ensemble 9:45 Chancel Choir 10:05 Children	15	16	17 7:00 Chancel Choir	18	19	20
<b>21</b> 9:20 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 11:45 Bell Choir	22	23	24 7:00 Chancel Choir	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 10:00 Women's Ensemble	29 <i>Mem'l Day</i>	30	31			

# **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  
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
	Youth Faith Formation program will resume in the Fall

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