



Christ Lutheran Church

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WEDNESDAY VILLAGE NIGHTS May 4 & 7

Take this opportunity to gather with others in our faith community for food, fellowship, worship and study.

5:45-6:30 pm: Meal (May 4: Meal Provided; May 11:
Potluck)

6:30-8 pm: Activities

Worship; Music with Linda Keener

(pre-school thru 5th grade)

Confirmation Class (7th grade; 7-8 pm)

Adult Study (7-8 pm)

Our young families are encouraged to gather with all who attend for the common meal and then have activities for their young children. Linda Keener offers a music time for the children (preschool thru 5th grade).

(Activities for pre-school-5th grade are done by 6:50 pm)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JULY 3

This year we will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, July 3 and will continue through Sunday, September 4. On these ten summer Sundays we will have one worship service at 9:30 am followed by a Fellowship or Christian Education activity at 10:30.

Our final Sunday this spring with two services will be June 26. We will return to the normal two service schedule on Sunday, September 11 with our traditional "God's Work, Our Hands" celebration.

**Evening Bible Study
Opportunity with Pastor Eric
May 5 & 19, 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:
May 12; 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**

John 14:1-14: The Way to the Father

John 15:1-17: Jesus is the True Vine

(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.

Dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, so refer to the web site, www.christlutheran.org, for the most current information.

Events need to be submitted by the 22 of the month. For example, if the event is to occur in March, it should appear in the February newsletter. That means the event should be submitted by the 22 of January.

Important Dates

May 1, 22	Youth Group Meets, 4:00-7:00pm
May 1, 15	Children's Gathering Preschool-Grade 5, @ 5:00
May 2	Men's Group @ 9 am Evangelism @ 7 pm
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 am Sunday School @ 9:25 am
May 7	Yard Sale, , fund raiser for ASP and Youth/Children's Ministry
May 8	First Communion
May 9	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
May 5, 19	Bible Study with Pastor Eric @ 7 pm
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Small Group @ 10:00 am Monday Miracles @ 12 pm
May 14	Faith Night-Squirrels Game
May 1, 8	Sunday School May 1: "On Being Lutheran: A Way of Seeing and Hearing" May 8: "On Being Lutheran: A Way of Teaching and Following"
May 12	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
May 4, 17	LAMB'S Basket Volunteer Days Assigned, 9:30-1:00
May 15	Picnic on the Porch, fund raiser for ASP and Youth/Children's Ministry
May 24	Stewardship @ 6:30
May 22	Lakeside Ring-In @ Epiphany Episcopal Church, 4 pm
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Casa de Dios @ 7:00 pm
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm

Let's Go Out to the Ballgame – Have Fun with the Richmond Squirrels

Let's join the Richmond Squirrels for Faith Night to celebrate faith and family on Saturday, **May 14 at 6:05 PM**. Come early for pre-game concerts and stay late for the fireworks. We have reserved tickets for the Terrace Level Box Seats between Home Plate and First Base!! Bring your family, neighbors and friends for a fun filled night at The Diamond. The cost of a ticket is \$8.00 each.

Please see display in the commons. There will be envelopes at the display for you to fill out to reserve your tickets and just place your money or check in the envelope and give to Sandra Boclair or Stan Carey. You may also place the reservation envelope with payment in the offering plate. Look forward to seeing you at The Diamond with the Richmond Squirrels for Faith Night on May 14.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 8.

Lakeside Ring-In!

You're invited to a handbell concert on Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal on Hermitage Road. Four Lakeside area church handbell choirs, **including our own**, will each play a portion of the concert, which is open to the public.

This is being sponsored by The James River Ringers, who will be participating as well. Please come out and support our wonderful ringers!

Lakeside Ring-In!

Spring Yard Sale to benefit the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip and Youth/Children's Ministry.

This will be on Sat., May 7 from 8-2, rain or shine. We will be accepting donation before May 7, so clean out those closets, attics, basements, garages and kitchens cupboards. We need your donations of household items, gently used clothing, toys, books, shoes, etc.

Or you can sell you own items for with us for a donation of \$20. This will reserve you a table and space, along with advertising for the event. Come out on Sat. morning to support our mission trip team and youth/children's ministry.

Donations can be dropped by the church anytime and put in the spare office.

Contact either Carol Jones, 804-837-0675, or Sylvia Lewis, 207-667-0189, if you have any questions.

**The board of directors, faculty, staff, students,
and candidates for graduation announce the
156th Commencement**

**Of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Sunday, May 15, 2016; 2:30 p.m.**

**Candidate for Graduation: Joseph Yucha
Member of Christ Lutheran Church, Richmond,
VA**

*Joseph was baptized at Christ Church on
September 4, 1988.*

*We wish him well in his pastoral call to Word and
Sacrament.*

*Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has
sent me, I am sending you."*

Picnic on the Porch:

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 15**, after each service, there will be a "Picnic on the Porch" sponsored by the Mission Trip team to raise money for our ASP Mission Trip.

CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS AT CHRIST GOING STRONG!

Twice each month the children (pre-school thru grade 4) gather at 5 pm at Christ Church. The first Sunday is a movie night and the third Sunday is a meal and activity. Our schedule for May is as follows:

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE NURSERY

May 1, 5 PM

Menu: Chicken Nuggets; veggies; fruit; popcorn

You may wear you PJs, but be sure to bring your pillow & a blanket

.....And a friend!

FOOD! FAITH! FUN!

May 15, 5 PM

We begin in the Nursery with a Bible story, then food and activity in the Central Classroom.

Come and join us...and bring a friend!

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.

Dates we are gathering this month: May 1 & 22. On May 7 the youth and Mission Trip Team are having a Yard Sale from 8 am - 2 pm. On May 15 the two groups will hold a "Picnic on the Porch" after the 8:15 am and 10:30 am service. See Carol Jones or Nancy Hendrickson for more details and to sign up.

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

Youth Calendar for May

May 1	Poster making for upcoming youth events.	Bring your creative ideas.
May 7	Combined Yard Sale with ASP	Volunteers needed Friday evening to help set up and Sat. at the year sale., Consider assisting, even if you only have a couple of hours. Contact Carol Jones, 837-0675 or Sylvia Lewis
May 8	Mother's Day	NO Group Meeting
May 15	Picnic on the Porch following both services	Benefit for ASP and Youth Group. There will be NO EVENING meeting since the youth will be assisting in the service and the picnic.
May 22	Meal with Pastor David	Conversation and meal with Pastor David, Casa de Dios .
May 29	Memorial Day Weekend	No Group Meeting

First Quarter Financial Summary

2016 INCOME STATEMENT	<i>First Quarter</i>			
2016 Budget	YTD 3/31 Budget	YTD 3/31 Actual	Better/(Worse) vs. Budget	
REVENUE				
General Fund	289,000	72,250	85,758	13,508
Loose Offerings	7,000	1,750	1,305	(445)
Organizational Contributions	8,000	2,000	2,227	227
Special Offerings (Lent, etc)	4,900	1,900	1,115	(785)
Total Budgeted	308,900	77,900	90,405	12,505
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Non Budgeted Contributions	0	0	5,919	5,919
TOTAL REVENUE	308,900	77,900	96,324	18,424
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EXPENSES				
Evangelism	1,500	200	686	(486)
Stewardship	850	200	0	200
Worship and Music	7,325	1,831	1,598	233
IT and Communications	2,950	738	420	318
Faith Formation	4,990	1,248	0	1,248
Family Ministries	1,800	450	234	216
Benevolence and Outreach	13,800	3,450	3,704	(254)
Vision	900	225	126	99
Finance	1,175	294	490	(196)
Property and Facilities	50,203	12,551	13,397	(846)
Administration	59,350	14,838	15,070	(233)
Compensation	164,057	41,014	37,960	3,054
TOTAL EXPENSES	308,900	77,038	73,685	3,353
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YTD SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	0	863	22,639	21,777

The Finance Committee has reviewed the attached financial summary for the first three months of 2016. While in general we had a strong quarter, please note that we benefited this year from an earlier-than -normal Palm Sunday and Easter. Our compensation expense was also lower than planned due to the unexpected loss of our administrative assistant in January. Now that we have a new administrative assistant, our compensation expense during the remainder of the year should be closer to our budgeted amount. Our contributions also typically tend to run lower during the spring and summer months, which may reduce any first quarter surplus as we continue through the year.

You can review our monthly income statements and balance sheets at any time by going to our website, 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 Committee: Faith Hobson, Barry Kintzer, Jim Ingraham, Paul Quel or Cindy Williamson.

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Need information on this week's events or other activities at CLC during the month? Besides the weekly newsletter insert found in the bulletin, you can go to www.christlutheran.org to get current information. See "This Week at CLC" under the *Recent Posts* heading, or view the current (and future) month's calendar by clicking on the *Newsletter and Calendar* tab located on the Home Page. If you click on a particular event on the calendar, you will also get additional information on that activity (in most cases). The current and previous editions of the monthly newsletter can also be found at this tab.

We need your help to keep the calendar and weekly newsletter events current and accurate. If you have an event or information for your group you would like to share, please send it to Cindy Adams at adminassist@christlutheran.org. Information for the upcoming weekly newsletter should be provided to Cindy by 5pm on Tuesday. Please note that due to space limitations, sometimes we may have to edit your announcement.

Also note that articles for the monthly CLC newsletter have different deadlines and are handled by Carol Jones. Email your monthly newsletter articles and announcements by the 22nd of the month to parishnews@christlutheran.org.

PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING

All leaders of CLC sponsored or related ministries and activities are urged to join members of Council on June 5 for a discussion centered on program and budget plans for 2017. This conversation is to give ministry leaders an opportunity to share their ideas for potential projects in the coming year and to get an idea of what financial resources might be needed. This information is critical to help Council develop plans for 2017 and beyond.

While the meeting is intended and recommended for ministry leaders, and they are strongly urged to attend, all CLC members who would like to participate and contribute to the discussion are welcome.

NEW LIGHTING

Hopefully you have noticed a big difference in the lighting at CLC over the past month. This is the result of the lighting project initiative approved by Council at their September 2015 meeting. Thank you to Richard Tripp, Paul Quel, Joe Feasor, Deriek Melin, Jay Lantz and Jim Schnellenberger who have worked diligently to install the new light fixtures. The results have been remarkable. The sanctuary is much brighter and welcoming with the new fixtures, and choir members report that they can now actually read their music!

All other areas of our building either have been upgraded to new fixtures already or will be in the near future. The parking lot lights are expected to be upgraded as soon as the back-ordered fixtures arrive.

Thank you to all who helped out in this project to improve our building and our worship experience.

Bridge

Come and learn to play Bridge Sundays after the 2nd Service. **May 1, May 29, June 5, June 19, July 17 and July 31.** Contact Connie Jung for more information.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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.

Our Prayers of Concern: are for Jean Burton (mother of Cynthia St. John), Mike Cunningham (brother of Connie Lesko), Craig Prekup, Paul Madore (Sylvia Lewis' brother), Avery Small, Donna Conway, Jean Vizthum, Paul Boller, George Monteith, Martin Reiss, Lynne Gross (friend of Carol Grayson), Diana Ray, Dustin Floyd (friend of Martina Cathey), Leta Fitzhugh, Herb LeVee, 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: Cody Lafayette, Joshua Dryden, Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt and Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, Joshua Mullins and Vincent Salla.

Please remember: you need to continue to be an intentional steward of the person's name you submit. Keep pastor and the church office informed as conditions change; make sure we all can celebrate the "prayers answered" by taking that person's name off the prayer lists.

Also names can be added by contacting the church office at adminassist@christlutheran.org or 266-5775

- 1 Alexander Boldin
- 2 Janet McAvoy
- 3 Sarah Ramsey
Stan Carey
- 4 Jim Pickels
Lily Didra
- 7 Jane Dry
Halladay Yensen
- 8 Nancy Drummond
Kathi Charlson
- 9 Rachel Faust
David Ingraham
- 10 Frank Greenday
- 11 Milyk Fernandez
- 14 Susan Merkle
Darren D'Ateno
- 15 Will Riddell
Jon Jones
- 16 Ashley Ransone
Kelli Meyer
- 18 Allison Greenday
Carolyn Hazel
- 21 Ethan Howes
Mildred Hanczaryk
Kamryn Gaymon
- 23 Kaj Meintzer
- 26 Shawn Belcastro
- 27 Diana Rossiter
- 30 Timothy Burns
- 31 Eileen Remppies
James Drummond

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 at 266-5775.

Christ's Disciples,

We moved early in my 4th grade year. It was hard leaving my best friend, Dougie. We did everything together: made forts; played hide and seek; sleepovers; pretended we were the pitcher and catcher at the bottom of the ninth in the last game of the World Series.

But I soon got to know some new friends. They were into baseball, had been for quite some time...organized baseball. But I had a glove, so I joined them and even signed up for a team that spring. I was excited; it was my first time in any organized sport. I felt like I belonged!

I went to practice and tried real hard; even sat on the bench during the games. One day Coach told me to warm up the next pitcher. I felt like I had arrived; I even put in a wad of chewing gum like the big leaguers. But then it was back to the bench. Everyone was better than I was. Of course they were; they had been at it much longer than I had. In the middle of the season I was sent to second base in the last inning. There was a high pop-up to the first baseman...third out. That next week my family went to Nebraska, so that was the end of my baseball career.

I tell that story only to draw attention to what often happens to us when we "get interested in" Church. For whatever reason, there is a need to join, to become a part of something religious, maybe something organized. And it works for a while; but then it can begin to fade. Is it the practice? Is it that there are so many others who have done it a whole lot longer and seem to do it ever so much better? Is it that something else comes along? Is it an organizational issue? (It's hard to get off the bench and onto the field!) Whatever the reason, it happens.

Here are my suggestions:

Stop thinking of the Church as an organization. You are called to be faithful disciples through the Church and throughout your lives, not members who come a few times to sit in the pew, put some money in the plate, and occasionally do a few things here or there. Discipleship is a way of life that reveals itself in all you do.

Keep practicing. No one can hit or catch or throw the ball well the first time...or even fiftieth time. Go to a Bible study, do simple things with others around the church, things you know or think you can do.

Ask to participate. (There is nothing that makes the council and ministry leaders happier than this!) And if you don't know who to ask, look at the bulletin board where you will see the faces of the council, or call Cindy at the office or say something to me.

Attend the games more often. We are very active; we have plenty of them!

Don't worry about whose next to you. They are just like you, in need of Jesus all of the time. And most of all, remember that you are disciples of Jesus, not the Church. As Paul said in Colossians, "Just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him." It's about sticking with Jesus who sticks with you.

*In Nomine Jesu,
Pastor Eric*

We will receive new members on May 15; come & talk to me about that by May 8.

May 2016 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

1	2	3	4 7:00 Chancel Choir	5	6	7	
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11 7:00 Chancel Choir	12	13	14	
15 <i>Pentecost</i>	16	17	18 7:00 Chancel Choir	19	20	21	
22 <i>Holy Trinity</i>	23	24	25 7:00 Chancel Choir	26	27	28	
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31					

9:20 Early Ensemble
9:35 Bell Ensemble
10:00 Chancel Choir
4:00 Bell Choir

9:20 Early Ensemble
9:45 Chancel Choir

9:20 Early Ensemble
10:00 Chancel Choir
11:00 Bell Choir

7:50 Early Ensemble
9:30 Bell Choir
10:00 Chancel Choir
4:00 Bell Choir in
"Lakeside Ring-In"
Epiphany Episcopal

10:00 Chancel Choir

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
Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant
Linda Keener, Music Director
Heather Heckel, Web Master
Carol Jones, Newsletter Editor

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Jim Schnellenberger, Vice President	Paul Quel, Treasurer
Cindy Williamson, Financial Secretary	
Carol Jones	Darren D'Ateno
Sandra Bocclair	Cathleen Jacobson
Judy Garnett	Jim Pickels

Sunday Schedule

Worship:	8:15 AM
Sunday School:	9:25 AM
Worship:	10:30 AM

Nursery Care Provided 8:00AM-12:00PM

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LAMB's Basket: 9:30 AM-1PM
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