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LARCUM CONFERENCE, 2016: *“Reformations, Then and Now”* December 2-3 in Ashland, VA

With the bronze statue in place at Roanoke College and the Lutheran World Federation and Catholic Church holding a Common Prayer service in Lund, Sweden, led by LWF President Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan and Pope Francis on October 31, 2016, we Lutherans in Virginia are ready to dig deeply into this reforming Church with our LARCUM (Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic/United Methodist) partners.

This year's LARCUM Conference is an opportunity for members of congregations and rostered leaders to wrestle with the question: What is the church **now** called away from and where is the church called to go?

Session topics for the conference include:

The Body Lies Bleeding: Wounds of the Divided Church
Body Language: The reality of the body of Christ
Call and Response: The call of the present Christ
Proclaiming the Gospel in a “Secular Age”

Our speaker, Dr. Joseph Small of the Presbyterian tradition, is a seasoned ecumenist of international scale who knows his way around this topic. He is author of such works as *“Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church”* and *“Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today.”*

Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare yourself for the 500th anniversary commemoration. Registration deadline: Nov. 18. Contact Pastor Eric Moehring, Ecumenical Representative of the VA Synod (pastor@christlutheran.org). You won't want to miss this one!

**“OFF TOPIC” Bible Study
1st & 3rd Tuesdays; 7-8 p.m.
November 1 & 15**

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.

**THURSDAY’S TRINITY GATHERING:
A TIME FOR MEN & WOMEN TO
STUDY TOGETHER
November 10; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
At Imperial Plaza, 1717 Bellevue Ave.
Topic: *A Bible and Catechism for Life*
This Day’s Topic: *Why Lutherans Are
Afraid of the Holy Spirit***

This year the Trinity Gathering will delve into some of the long-held beliefs of Christians and discover how they shape and impact our lives. (*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.

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

Important Dates	
Nov.6, 13, 20 27	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
Nov. 5	Church Clean-up Day @ 9:00 am
Nov. 5	Youth Gathering for Chili Making @ 6:00 pm Confirmation @ 5:00
Nov. 7	Men’s Group @ 9:00 am
Nov. 10	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
Nov.2, 9, 16	Village Nights @ 5:45
Nov. 12	6:00 p.m. No. Side Fellowship Dinner 7:30 p.m. Casa de Dios (Sanctuary)
Nov. 13	Veteran’s Day Recognition @ 8:15. 10:30 am Youth Gathering @ 4:00—7:00 pm Confirmation @4:00-5:00 pm
Nov. 14	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Nov.7, 14, 21, 28	Monday Miracles @ 12 pm
Nov.1, 15	“OFF TOPIC” Bible Study @ 7 pm
Nov. 22	Lakeside Community Thanksgiving Service, Bethlehem Baptist Church @ 7:00 pm
Nov. 1, 15, 23	LAMB’S Basket Volunteer Days, 9:30-1:00
Nov. 18-20	Lost and Found Youth Retreat
Nov. 20; Dec. 4, 11	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal @9:25-10:15
Nov.16 Dec. 3	Quilting For LWR 10:00 am– 2:00 pm
Nov., 3, 10, 17, 24	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
Nov.6, 13, 20 27	Casa de Dios @ 2:30 pm

Village Nights: November 2, 9, 16
5:45-6:30 p.m.: Meal Provided
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Study/Conversation & Worship
Bible Study: 1 John

Come one come all! What a way to get us through to the weekend! Pastor Eric will lead our study that will dig deeply into this often forgotten letter of John, "the one Jesus loved," to help form our faith and prepare us for daily living. Each evening after the meal we have a time of song and prayer around the baptismal font.

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
AT: Bethlehem Baptist Church (4210 Penick Road)
Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Join the Lakeside community and your own church family to begin together this time of giving thanks to God for God's many blessings. Pastor Gerrard Fess of Bonnie Brae Christian Church will preach and members of the Lakeside Clergy will participate in the service. There will be a Lakeside Choir made up of members of Lakeside churches (including our own). The offering will go to LAMB's Basket.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DEC./JAN. ...ALREADY!

Christmas Eve Services, December 24: 6 pm & 10 pm
Christmas Day Service (Sunday), Dec. 25: 10:30 am
New Year's Day (Sunday) Service, January 1: 10:30 am
Epiphany Celebration: January 4 (Meal: 5:45 pm; Service: 7 pm)



"If you would like to sing with the Chancel Choir for their Dec. 18 (10:30 a.m. svc.) and Dec. 24 (6:00 p.m. svc.) Advent and Christmas music, and can come to several rehearsals between now and then, please let Linda Keener know, and she will arrange to rehearse those anthems the first 30 minutes at Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. A small time commitment for big satisfaction and a beautiful gift to our

music ministry!"

Please remember the LAMB's Basket, our neighbors in need, each week when you shop for groceries. On Sundays, bring an item or two to put in the LAMB's Basket wagon. Items always in need are: Canned fruit, vegetables, soup, pasta sauce, tuna, mac & cheese, spaghetti's/raviolio's and cereal.



Your donations help to feed our neighbors.

Veteran's Day 2016 Recognition: Christ Church will honor Veterans on Sunday, *November 13!*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CARITAS at Christmas: We will host 32-35 men beginning Friday, Dec. 23rd and ending on Saturday, Dec. 31. We will need many volunteers to make this work. Opportunities to serve include preparing bag breakfasts and lunches, preparing dinners, preparing health kits, being an overnight CLC representative and much more. A sign up chart is in the Commons area and we encourage everyone to *sign up for at least one of the needs for that week.*

The Youth Group usually cooks and serves a dinner for our guests during CARITAS and this time our meal will be on Monday Dec 26th from about 4 pm to 7 pm. If you are out of town for the holidays, that is fine. If you would like to join us while on break from school or work that is just fine as well. If your child wants to come but you can not get them to the church, transportation can be arranged!

Due to the Dec date for CARITAS, our March 19th date for cooking dinner has been cancelled.



On Sunday, Nov. 13, we have the pleasure of hosting the Bell Choir of Lakeside UMC, who will serve at our 10:30 service, with our own CLC Bell Choir.

A sincere thank you to all my CLC family who reached out with food, cards, notes, phone calls, and other expressions of sympathy after Bear's sudden death. The service for him was worshipful and lovely and the music was surely a balm to everyone's spirit. Out-of-town relatives and friends were truly bowled over by the abundance and variety of the scrumptious food at the reception. Your support is helping to fill the bottomless hole in my life. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Katy Vess

Artie	Hoffmann	11/01
Glen	Kellogg	11/02
Pauline	Glendenning	11/03
Betty	Schnellenberger	11/03
James	Schnellenberger	11/04
Ernest	Foltz	11/06
Pam	Kintzer	11/07
Josh	Mullins	11/09
Michael	Cathey	11/11
Alicia	Rydel	11/13
Miles	Goodwin	11/13
Cathryne	Novak	11/13
Kim	Didra	11/15
Olivia	Yensen	11/17
Jan	Foltz	11/21
Jennifer	Walther	11/21
Joe	Feaser	11/22
Shannon	Fleming	11/22
Forrest	Feaser	11/22
Jay	Lantz	11/24
Diane	Bentz	11/27
Danielle	Bosdell	11/30

Substitute Nursery Attendant Opportunity

We have a need for someone (or someone's) to volunteer as substitute nursery attendant to fill in when our regular attendant can't be here. If interested, please contact Jim Ingraham by leaving a note in his mailbox or in the council contact box in the main hallway.

Dear Christ's Disciples,

Where did this year go?!?!?! Just last week I was planning for Christmas Eve and the Epiphany Celebration and already I am doing that planning again! What have we been doing in between? Here are just a few items:

- An Epiphany Celebration with 3 major traditions hosting (Casa de Dios; Christian Indian Fellowship; Christ Church) and over 200 attending.
- CARITAS fully staffed (and taking up the challenge this year for Christmas Week).
- A Mission Trip fully funded by our disciples at Christ again! Nine wonderful souls gave up their week so families in Appalachia could be warm and safe this winter; we plan on another in 2017!
- VBS with the ever anticipated "Nooooooo!!!" and the laughter of children and an adult class that took a look at how Lutherans interpret the Bible and at times drew a laugh as well (ask Jim I.). One child, a guest, wanted to know about baptism.
- A New Ministry: Quilters for LWR; this is a joint ministry with the Casa de Dios.
- A stronger Sunday school this fall for children (with the planning & help of our young families).
- A strong weekly financial stewardship by our disciples with very few Sundays in the red.
- A very strong and vibrant Youth Gathering each Sunday evening from 4-7 pm (due to a wonderful new Youth Center, dedicated leaders and energetic young people).
- 7 students in Confirmation Class!
- A new look for the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany display that looks right out of a Hallmark Greeting Card!
- A new Adult Bible Study called "Off Topic" led by Lucas Cochran...EXCELLENT!
- Children's books from Augsburg/Fortress on sale.
- A new Conference Room and revitalized library (in Nov.) much more welcoming and suitable for after service coffee/pastries time (also something new...or renewed...here).
- A second hosting of "National Night Out" with double the neighbors coming.
- New faces and a weekly attendance that is stabilizing.
- Again a strong Congregation Council, now of 9 (council has chosen to keep this as the ceiling number to better serve you).
- New LED lights...all of them! We are more environmentally sound while saving money!

I know I have left out many other wonderful ministries. Forgive me, but I only have so much space on the page and I do need to get back to those Christmas Eve services. Each of these and our other ministries are (and need to be) rooted in God's mission for us here at Christ Church. They further God's vision for us, that "We Reveal God's Love." Thanks be to God! (I wonder what will be added to the list next November.)

Thank you disciples of Christ!

Pastor Eric



Thanksgiving Baskets and Angel Tree

The Grumpy Old Man announces that even though he used to assert that it is just too darn early to be thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas he must get around to putting out this annual broadcast. Expect to see the Thanksgiving baskets in the Commons by November 6. Donations are “rationed” out by the first letter of your last name. There will be additional details in the Sunday bulletins. If you live near the church and think that you might have freezer space for a frozen turkey (the bird, not Grumpy) or two, please contact Paul Quel at pquel1232@comcast.net or 262-7548.

As for the Angel Tree there will be more to follow the Sunday bulletins once my Grinch costume is located.

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:

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.

Our Prayers of Concern:

Ruth Fuller (Edith Ingraham’s cousin), Jon Jones, Frank Greenday, Alice Lucaa (Carol Grayson’s sister), Steve Brackmann & Hadley Smith (friends of Melissa Luchau), Dana Murphy (friend of Bill Dotson), Belen Sakdalan-Valladores (friend of Cleo Meece), Pat Dalton (friend of Laura Greenday), Ina Nuckols (Carolyn Bost’s mother), Donna Conway, Eleanor Hemenway, Paul Feste (Jane Dry’s father), Karen Dent Haywood (friend of Mitch Roberts).

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, Matthew Mawyer, Joshua Mullins and Vincent Salla.

REMINDER: *We now have a Guest wireless account.* There is a secured account for the admin. assistant, pastor, & council. In addition there is a separate guest account for anyone to use here at church

The network is **CLC-Guest** and the **Password is: CLC23228**



Youth Gatherings in November

November continues our successful Youth Gatherings for youth, grades 6th thru 12th. For confirmation age youth, 4-5 pm will be time for class while the other youth are together in the Youth Center. Then all will gather in the Youth Center from 5-7 for activities including a time for intentional conversations with David Ingraham using a journey and the book, "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul," a meal and just some good "down time."

And note the following November activity:

November 5 (note the change in time)	6:00-9:00/10:00	Youth Gathering Pizza Make chili/cornbread/brownies set up & decorate tables Activities
November 6	11:30 am	Chili Cook-off
November 13	4:00 pm	Making a cross from the commitment cards
November 18-20		Lost and Found, No Sunday evening gathering

Larry Bain Memorial Chili Cook Off—November 6!!!

Calling all chili chefs! Cook up your tastiest, spiciest, ziest chili for the Christ Lutheran Church Annual Chili Cook Off to be held November 6th after the second service! Or if chili isn't your dish, bring some Brunswick Stew, or soup, or any other tasty dish you like to make, including cornbread and desserts. If you're not a chef, then bring your appetite to sample and enjoy the wide variety of chilies and other dishes. Find one you like and get a bowl for lunch right then or grab some to take home.



Chilies will be judged and prizes awarded on:

- Best traditional chili
- Best vegetarian chili
- Best non-chili entry
- Best cornbread
- Best kids' entry

If you enjoy the chili and have a bowl or take some home, please make a donation that will assist the church's youth in attending retreats and synod events. Donation baskets will be situated in locations around the Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up sheet for chefs will be located in the Commons. Please put your name and what type of dish you'll be making (chili, stew, etc.).

Bowls, containers, spoons, napkins, drinks, etc., will be provided.

November 2016 Music Ministry Calendar

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∞ Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 Chancel Choir			
6	8	9	10	11	12
7:50 Early Ensemble 9:15 Early Ensemble 9:30 Bell Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 3:45 Bell Choir with LUMC Ringers					
13	15	16	17	18	19
9:15 Early Ensemble 9:45 Joint Bell Choir		7:00 Chancel Choir			
20	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
9:15 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir 4:00 Bell Choir	7:00 Lakeside Thanksgiving Svc. At Bethlehem Baptist				
27	29	30			
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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

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 & 10:30 AM
Faith Formation	9:25-10:15 am
	Weekly for: Adults & 5 th -Middle school
	1 st & 3 rd Sundays for: Preschool-1 st Grade
	and 2 nd -4 th grade
Staffed Nursery Care	8:00AM-12:00PM

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
LAMB's Basket: 9:30 AM-1PM On Assigned Days
(565-8007)