



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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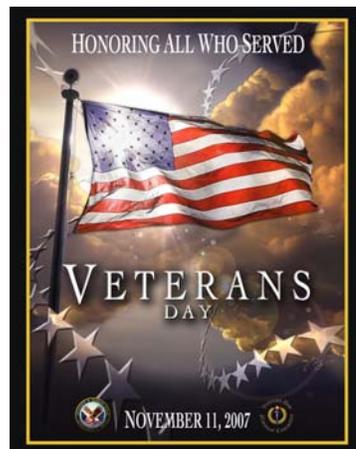
Veteran's Day 2016 Recognition:

Are you or a family member or friend a Veteran? Christ Lutheran will honor Veterans at the Sunday, **November 13** Services! Please provide the Veteran's full name, last rank held, armed service, years served, by any of the following method:

- 1.) e-mail to jschnellenbergerclc@gmail.com, or adminassist@christlutheran.org
- 2.) Place in Council Drop Box, or
- 3.) Give to Jim Schnellenberger at Sunday services.

Input is due no later than Sunday, October 30.

And consider making a contribution of \$8 or more to purchase a prayer book for our Lutheran Service members. We intend to send one to each of our members and family members currently serving with a book plate inscribed with their name and a reminder of their Christ Lutheran "Family" who continues to pray for them. Additional books will also be purchased and sent to Lutheran Chaplains for distribution. Mark the envelopes as "Prayer Book" and place in the Collection Plate or place in Jim Schnellenberger's box in the office kitchenette. Contributions will be accepted through Veteran's Day!



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

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**

**October 13; 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: *Jesus in Percentages***

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.

**Richmond Conference Gathering,
Oct. 16, 3 pm**

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 7757 Chippenham Pkwy.

This is for all church leaders and members to learn about the VA Synod’s transition work as we come close to electing a new bishop in 2017 & the Forwarding Faith campaign that will enter the congregational phase soon.

Important Dates

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 30	Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 pm
Oct. 1	Clean up of Youth Area 1:00 pm
Oct. 13	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
Oct. 3	Men’s Group @ 9:00 am
Oct. 3	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Monday Miracles @ 12 pm
Oct. 4, 18	“OFF TOPIC” Bible Study @ 7 pm
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26	Village Nights @ 5:45
Oct. 4, 12, 18	LAMB’S Basket Volunteer Days, 9:30-1:00
Oct. 2, 9, 23 30	Youth Gathering @ 4:00—7:00 pm Confirmation @ 4:00-5:00 pm
Oct. 16	Youth Gathering Trip to Carter’s Mountain (Noon), NO confirmation
Oct. 30	Youth Gathering Trip to St. Stephen Episcopal Church @ 4:00 pm
Oct. 22, 26	Quilting For LWR 10:00 am– 2:00 pm
Oct. 24	Evangelism Team Meeting @ 7 pm
Oct., 6, 13, 20, 27	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 30	Casa de Dios @ 2:30 pm

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

Book Fair



We are having a children's book fair November 6 thru November 20, 2016. It is offered by Sparkhouse Family, the publisher of our children's Bibles. To start we, will receive 13 of their titles to display and keep. In addition, orders will get a 40% discount on those titles. A discount continues thru December. One family will have a chance to win \$200, and the library could win a complete set of their videos. And there will be some Spanish titles.

So plan to come to the library room, and stock up on great Christmas presents.

FREE LIBRARY PROGRAM

A lightly kept secret at CLC is that we have a book box beside the mail box as you come in (or exit) the driveway. It is a place to exchange books for free. No check out, no fines. Just take one and share one, or several.

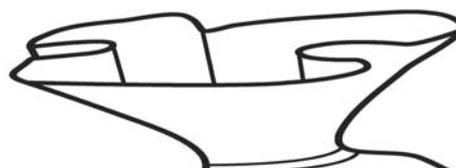
The Little Free Library Project started in 2009 in Wisconsin to emulate the Carnegie Free Library concept. It has grown to a worldwide enterprise.

The Free Library was part of the God's Work Our Hands project of 2014. Please use it to share books you have enjoyed or hope to enjoy.

The ultimate plan is to make our library part of the Lakeside Little Free Library. This is coming. If you have any questions about the Free Library, please contact Carol Grayson.

Stewardship Is Around the Corner! Oct. 16 - Nov. 6:

Theme: *"Revealing God's Love Together."*
We will have a special edition of our Book of Glad as well as distribute our Visioning Commitment Cards on Oct. 23 to be dedicated on Nov. 6 along with our Promise Cards. Consider this a time to remind yourself of God's gracious love for you, especially through Jesus Christ, as well as an opportunity to commit to the mission and ministries of Christ Church.



Collecting BAGS!

If you have a collection of plastic bags, please bring them to church. LAMB'S Basket has need of them and also several ladies will be using them to create water-proof sleeping mats for the homeless. If you have questions ask one of the bag ladies.

Nikki Proffitt or Carol Jones

Picking up peanut butter or canned vegetables or pasta for your family this week? How about throwing an extra jar or can, in your cart, for LAMB's Basket. Also needed are grocery bags and egg cartons. Let's help the hungry in our area.



Christ Lutheran's volunteer schedule for October are the 4th, 12th, and the 18th. Time 9:30 - 1:00. All volunteers welcome and appreciated. Come for an hour or two or four.

CHURCH LIBRARY REMODEL UPDATE



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We continue to make progress on the renovation and remodel of our church library. The project is part of our vision initiative and is designed to create a more welcoming and comfortable space for visitors as well as our members to gather and share Christ's fellowship.

The library team has settled on the design for the room, and furniture and fixtures are being ordered to complete the project. We are very excited that the new room, once completed, will truly be a welcoming place for all. We hope to have the project completed by Thanksgiving.

The library team members are: Jim Schnellenberger, Linda Pickels, Diane Bentz, Judy Garnett, Kay Rilee, Carol Grayson, and Tinky Keen.

Thus far, our vision projects have included the renovation of the downstairs into a youth gathering and meeting area, repainting and updating of our classrooms in the education wing and the creation of a new updated conference room located in the former associate pastor's office.

Anne	Harris	10/01
Mari	Julienne	10/02
Allison	Dry	10/02
Noah	Pernsteiner	10/03
Evelyn	Pernsteiner	10/03
Conrad	Pernsteiner	10/03
Toni	Walther	10/04
Emily	Karn	10/04
Marian	Kaliyaperumal	10/07
Derek	Meyer	10/08
Gladys	Progner	10/09
Journee	Smith	10/09
Hadyn	Winesett	10/09
Cheryl	Matson	10/12
Lucas	Cochran	10/14
Kris	Horn	10/15
Kellie	Kelley	10/17
Suganya	Samuel	10/18
Blake	Bock	10/22
Trenton	Hizer	10/26
Rawud	Richard	10/31



USE OF SPACE AT CLC

Please be reminded that if you need to utilize **any** space at the church, be it closets, classrooms, library, fellowship hall, parking lot, etc for a committee meeting or an event or storage, you need to first contact Cindy Adams in

the church office (804-266-5775) so she can check for any scheduling conflicts. Christ Lutheran is a busy place both during the week as well as on weekends with several established standing meetings and we need to try to avoid "double booking" of our facility. Your cooperation in scheduling your event after checking with the office is greatly appreciated!



Christ's Disciples,

Years ago my family lived in Flint, Michigan. Across the street from our home was a park, at least 3 long blocks square (things seem very big when you are very little, so maybe not so big). In the park was a stream and a small pond, and in the stream and pond were tadpoles!

We would watch them swim; we would dam up the stream a bit so there would be more water for these small creatures with little tails and sometimes forming legs. On occasion we would bring a small bucket with us, fill it with pond water & carry a bunch of these tadpoles home so we could watch them turn into frogs there. We cared for them as best as we could; we fed them flies. After all, frogs eat flies so tadpoles must eat flies too! (You have to remember, this was before google!) Unfortunately, they didn't last all that long.

I think about those tadpoles in our bucket when I think about disciples in the church. Lots of times we see discipleship as something we do in church. Yes it is that, but it is much more. Serving Jesus is a 24/7 opportunity. It's wherever we might be at any given moment: at home; at work; in school; on vacation; when we shop or eat out; as we serve at a community-based caring project. Back to the bucket: Now I know that a tadpole needs about 5 gallons of water to survive and thrive and grow those legs and be that frog! Disciples are like that too!

Discipleship needs the best and freshest food possible to sustain it. That's why we have Holy Communion every service every Sunday. That's why we try and offer faith formation at a variety of times of the week offering different experiences for differing interests. That's why we need your help in growing these opportunities and supporting them. And that's why prayer is so important in sustaining the disciple. Back to the bucket: Now I know the flies were no help to the tadpoles to survive and grow those legs and be that frog. Disciples are like that too!

Disciples thrive as we lift up the joy and positive nature of "church" among ourselves, in our community and with our guests who come to us not just on Sundays. We must be honest in our assessments so that there is excellence in our ministries, but we also need to be kind, caring and positive with each other and as we proclaim Christ Church as a place of God's people. Back to the bucket: Stagnant water doesn't offer anything life-sustaining for the tadpoles to survive and grow those legs and be that frog. Disciples are like that too!

Christ Church is called to be ever new in our approaches to faith and ministry. We are no longer the church of our younger days. Stuck disciples satisfied in a small, stagnant church with no nourishment to grow do not fulfill the call of Jesus to "go into all the world." They only provide a place for themselves. Back to the bucket: Now I know that the ever reforming, always changing pond was the best place for the tadpoles to survive and grow those legs and be that frog. Disciples are like that too!

In Nomine Jesu,
Pastor Eric

**Quilting Ministry: New to Christ Church
October 22 & 26 in the Fellowship Hall
10 am – 2 pm**



Christ Church along with Casa de Dios (the Latino congregation meeting in our building) has begun making quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. There are several ways to participate in this ministry:

- *Cut fabric into squares (at home/at church)
- *Assemble the squares into a top (at home/at church)
- *Come to church a few times per month to tie knots & finish the quilts.
- *Donate supplies, i.e.: Fabric (new or left over from projects), crochet thread, twin size flat sheets (new or used, but in good shape), or money!

Contact Carol Jones for more details ~ carolj710@gmail.com



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: Frances Burford, 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), Patricia Hinkins (Faith Hobson's cousin), Belen Sakdalan-Valladores (friend of Cleo Meece), Pat Dalton (friend of Laura Greenday), Ina Nuckols (Carolyn Bost's mother), Joyce Smith (Evelyn Byerly's daughter), 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 and Vincent Salla.

To Ministers, Organist, Lector, Ushers, and Receptionist Preparers,
The Memorial Service for Dave "Bear" Vess reflected love that was a big part of Dave's life. From the readings, sermon, songs, and the delicious reception, the family of Dave and his church family felt deep appreciation and honor for these services.

Thank you again and may God bless Christ Lutheran Church.
Stephen and Sandy Vess

Youth Gatherings– Field Trip Carter’s Mountain

October 16 is the date of the youth trip to Carter’s Mountain orchard. We will leave church at 12 noon and return by 5:30 pm.

Items to bring:

1. **Signed permission slip**
2. **Spending money**
3. **Bag lunch**

Dress comfortably



Youth Gatherings– Field Trip

On Oct. 30 the youth will attend a Celtic worship service at St. Stephen's. It is a service of Celtic Evensong with Holy Communion. The Celtic worship is drawn from the liturgical traditions of Iona and Northumbria, and the music at these services is contemplative, lively and haunting. The prayers are at once earthy, holy and inclusive.

Youth Gatherings in October

October 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.”

Please note the October calendar:

October 2	4 - 7 pm	Youth Gathering/Meal
October 9	4 - 7 pm	Youth Gathering/Meal
October 16	11:30 - 7 pm	Field Trip: Apple Picking Carter’s Mt. Orchard
		<i>(Bring a bag lunch to eat at church; leave Noon; return by 5:30 pm)</i>
October 23	4 - 7 pm	Youth Gathering/Meal
October 30	4 - 7 pm	Field Trip: St. Stephen Episcopal Church
		<i>Celtic Worship (5:30 pm; leave Christ 5 pm)</i>

And note the following November activity:

November 5	6 - 10 pm	Youth Gathering
	6 pm	Pizza
	6:45 pm	Make chili/cornbread/brownies/cookies; set up & decorate tables
	8 pm	Activities
November 6	11:30 am	Chili Cook-off



**CONGREGATION ELECTS 2017
COUNCIL;
APPROVES BUDGET AND
RESOLUTIONS**

At a special congregational meeting on September 25, the congregation of Christ Lutheran elected six members to serve on Church Council beginning in 2017. The congregation also voted to approve the 2017 budget as well as to adopt new Continuing Resolutions as recommended by Council.

The 2017 Budget totaling \$323,000 was approved without amendments and by a unanimous vote. Council acknowledges that this is an aggressive budget, but our recent stewardship history indicates the congregation is ready to meet the challenge of supporting this budget. The approved budget provides for a small increase in our Synod benevolence, continuing support for youth, family ministries and faith formation programs, staff salary adjustments and also for continuing necessary facility repairs and maintenance.

The revised Continuing Resolutions were recommended by council to address some organizational and technical deficiencies in the existing resolutions which had not been updated since the adoption of the new church constitution in 2015. The new resolutions were approved by a unanimous vote and become effective immediately.

Six council members were elected by acclamation. Jim Schnellenberger, Cathleen Jacobson and Carol Jones are all currently serving on council and have terms that expire at the end of 2016. All three were re-elected to council for another two-year term. Lucas Cochran, Matt Lewis and Bill Mottet were elected to their first term on council. Your 2017

Dear CLC,

9/1/16

First, let me say thank you all so much for allowing me to preach in August! I really enjoyed working on that sermon and I hope you all enjoyed it as well. Also, I really appreciate the financial gift that was given to me. It was unexpected and incredibly thoughtful! The money will go towards my room + board here in Philly. Speaking of Philly, I have only been here for 2 weeks but I have already learned so much + met so many people that it feels as if it has been a month. I got my first 2 clerical shirts + collars the other day. I even got a job working in the library. Hopefully soon I ~~will~~ receive my field education assignment in a local church! Things are going well, thank you for your continued support!

- Danielle Boscell

**Village Nights: October 5, 12, 19, 26
5:45 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 we will close with a time of prayer around the baptismal font.

Forming Our Faith on Sunday Morning (9:25 to 10:15 am)

Sunday school is now in session! Please note the following important items to help you and your family strengthen your faith and live out your discipleship more fully. And remember, we have a nursery headed by Martina Bosdell during worship & Sunday school.

WEEKLY:

Adult Class in the Central Classroom; led by Harry Heckel & Trenton Hizer. Topic: *“Extra-Biblical Church Traditions”*

5th - Middle School in Ed. Wing; led by David Ingraham

1st & 3rd SUNDAYS:

Preschool - 1st Grade in Educational Wing; led by a variety of teachers

2nd - 4th grade in Educational Wing; led by Nikki Proffitt & Vanessa Baltor

Lessons are from ELCA’s SPARK curriculum. Children will learn the basic Bible stories and what they can mean to them in their lives.

And, we also will have a sign-up sheet for the next few Sundays for anyone (parents & other members) who wishes to occasionally teach. (If we have enough people doing this, you would be teaching only once every 2-3 months!)

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

Calling all chili chefs! Cook up your tastiest, spiciest, zestiest 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.

October 2016 Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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2 9:15 Early Ensemble 10:00 Chancel Choir & Bells 11:45 Children 4:00 Bell Choir	3	4	5 7:00 Chancel Choir	6	7	8
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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
Sunday school:	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)