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**VBS 2015 - Earth and All Stars**



July 12-16, 2015

5:30-6:15 - Dinner

6:15-7:30 - Program

Join us for this year's VBS - we're blasting off to outer space! We're going to have plenty of space-themed activities, crafts, songs, and games while we learn about the wonders of God's Creation in *Earth and All Stars!*

See page 5 for registration information

**REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
NOTICE**

From Memorial Day, May 24, through Labor Day, September 6, we will observe our Summer Worship schedule of one service only at 9:30 am. Please mark this on your calendars now so you will not forget and come early/late. It is an opportunity to worship again together; please watch for activities after some of the services for fellowship, learning and/or conversation.

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

**June 11; 10:30 am**

**At Imperial Plaza**

**Topic: "Who Is the Church for Anyway? A Study in the Parables:  
Mustard Seeds, Pearls and Yeast"**

The Trinity Gathering is looking at Biblical stories, especially the parables that can strengthen our own faith and discipleship led by Pastor Moehring.

The gathering is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (10:30 am - 1 pm) at Imperial Plaza (1717 Bellevue Avenue) in the "Virginia Room" (ask at the gate for directions). Lunch is \$11.

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.

*This will be our last gathering until September, so make a point to come and join us!*



**THE SEASON OF  
GRADUATIONS**

**(We are still gathering information about our graduates.)**

Please call the church office (266-5775) or email Pastor Eric ([pastor@christlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@christlutheran.org)) that your scholar is graduating from high school, college or with a post-graduate degree. Please include the following:

Full Name

Date of Graduation & Degree

School from which they are graduating

Future plans

We will need this information BY June 7. Please note this is the way we will receive information about your scholar's graduation.

Ministry Leader Gathering

There will be a Ministry Leader Gathering on Sunday, 28 June in the Adult Education Room following the Worship Service and Reception for New Members. This gathering is for ALL ministry leaders. The intent is to meet as a group, collect ministry information for use by Council, the Finance committee for the budget development process, for the Vision Committee for improved communications with our congregation through our website and community bulletin board, and as a leadership group to discuss overall responsibilities. Copies of the information sheets will be available on the welcome table to allow ministry information to be completed in advance of the gathering. If you are unable to attend, please complete the information sheet and place in the Council Contact Cube on the welcome table prior to June 28.

Vision

The Vision Committee will host a Vision update to the congregation on Sunday, June 14 following the worship service. In addition a brief presentation, the floor will be open to questions, comments, and suggestions from our congregation. Your voice is important as we move forward.

Christ's Disciples,

Each May I get the same comment: "I'll bet you are glad when summer comes and you aren't so busy." Each May I offer the same answer, "Well, it doesn't really stop; we seem to just flow from one busy time to another in the Church these days."

Now, I hope that I can take some of what the people comment about summer and translate it into some "down time." I like what the Hebrew people do: They work very hard all week to prepare for Sabbath Rest (Shabbat). It is something I need; it is something we all need. When we don't take shabbat in our lives weekly, we tend to drain ourselves out of any energy. When we don't take some occasional extended "Shabbat" during the course of the year, we are really undone.

So, take some time each week to pause to recover some of what your busy life has lost in being busy. Think of your week as preparing for Sabbath Rest. And, take some time this summer to take a longer pause to recover your energy and your spirit.

Self care was so important to Jesus. He often would get away by himself or with just a few of his disciples to rest, to pray, to recover. Self care is so important for you and for me. It means personal time, family time, relax time. And it also means to make the connection with God again through prayer, devotions, reading the Bible, silence so that you can hear what God is saying to you and you might be able to respond.

But be reminded that much will be going on this summer at Christ Church. The Visioning group will be reshaping itself to continue the work of leading us in the direction of where God wants us to be. The Stewardship Ministry will be hard at work developing a fall time of commitment that begins right away in September. The Finance Ministry will be working with our many ministries to put together a proposed budget that may serve us well as a plan for fulfilling God's mission for us in 2016.

And...Do remember that Vacation Bible School is just around the corner: July 12-16. It has an interesting title: "Earth and All Stars" and was developed by our own members. There will be classes for ages 1 ½ - rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Also, there will be an adult class. Notice the article in this newsletter with more information. Be sure to sign up soon.

And don't forget, worship with us every Sunday to reconnect with our Lord and our Lord's faith community. And when you are away, be sure to find a place of worship to strengthen your time of Sabbath rest.

In Nomine Jesu,  
Pastor Eric

*"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*  
- Psalm 122

## Supporting the Lamb's Basket by Patty Franz

When our kids, Matt and Lizzie, were young, the first thing that went into the grocery cart was four cans of tuna. Two cans for each of them to bring to church. At that time the food pantry (now the Lamb's Basket) was here at Christ Lutheran. It was a ritual that kept our family involved in feeding God's sheep. I know that this kind of sharing was a way for our children to understand that God gives us gifts that we are meant to use to bless the rest of the world. They continue to do that giving in their own lives now.

Lately, my pattern has been to buy two jars of peanut butter and two jars of jelly. Once in awhile, I buy applesauce or something else, but mostly it is peanut butter and jelly. Unfortunately, I am not doing this every week. There are only two of us, and I don't go to the grocery as often. God is still giving me gifts, but I am not sharing them in the same way.

I have decided that for the summer, I am going to try to triple what I usually spend for the Lamb's Basket. There are a number of reasons for this. First of all, in the summer the families that use food pantries are hungrier than ever. The kids don't get fed one or two meals at school five days a week. I worry about those kids who are often at home alone while their parents work. They may have little to eat and that is unfortunate. No child should be hungry.

My second reason is that Christ Lutheran Church started the Lamb's Basket here in our building more than thirty years ago. Stan Carey told me that we used to fill the trunk of his car to overflowing every week. We don't do that anymore. I don't think I can fill Stan's trunk until it runs over by myself, but I don't need to. I just know I need to do a bit more.



My last reason is that in John 21:15, Jesus asked Simon Peter to feed his sheep. I know that message is for me. The Lamb's Basket gives me the opportunity to do this easily. I just have to throw some extra food in my grocery basket.

So for the summer, I will be bringing extra food with me every time I come to church. And I will be praying that God continues to show me the way to use the gifts given to me. I will also be praying that you will hear how God is calling to you to use your gifts.

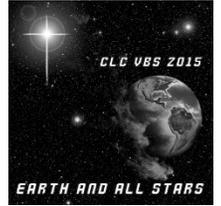
Have a glorious summer.



We have a church clean up date coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June (Rain date scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup>). This is not just an activity for the men, it's a FAMILY ACTIVITY! The Hispanic church (Casa de Dios) will be providing lunch! We are asking that you bring your gardening tools with you, i.e.: rakes, shovels, chainsaws, wheel barrels, weed whackers, pruning tools, and leaf blowers. All this will take place from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Christ Lutheran Vacation Bible School  
 Earth and All Stars, July 12-16, 2015  
 Participant Registration



**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nickname (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home/Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Completed School Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Faith Community (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of emergency (when parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person(s) responsible for Pick up:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information:**

Please list any allergies, medical needs, or conditions the VBS staff should be aware of:

Child's Physician (Name, Clinic, Phone):

I hereby grant my permission for my child to be photographed in conjunction with Christ Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School activities. I understand that these photographs may appear in Christ's publications, local newspaper or internet. (Names will not be used in conjunction with photographs.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Signature**

## 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 Christian Cozens, Winnie Schwartz, Jim Turner, Alice Mahoney, Dustin Floyd (friend of Martina Cathey), Bobby LaVier, Frances Burford, Don Jones, Elizabeth Carbaugh, Louise Lewis, Leta Fitzhugh, Herb LeVee, Mark Tyndall, Pat Breeden, Janis Dibert, Michelle Thompson, Joan Fleming, Howard Lugar, Pete Orebaugh, Ellen Jane Toy, and Linda Mertus (Mother of Jennifer John). We also remember family and members of Christ Church who serve in the military: Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt and Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, Joshua Mullins and Vincent Salla.

Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

As many of you know, Christ Lutheran has been receiving rewards dollars from Kroger. This money comes from you by signing up your rewards card information at Kroger on line (creating an account). This is simple to do and only takes a few minutes once you get to the web site. By doing this, each time you make a purchase at your local Kroger store, a percentage of you purchase comes back to Christ Lutheran Church.

For the three months of December, January and February, Christ Lutheran Church received a check in the amount of \$ 615.45 form this program.

I want to thank the members who have signed up and hope those of you who shop at Kroger and have not signed up will do so. If you have any questions, please contact me at [erniefoltz@comcast.net](mailto:erniefoltz@comcast.net) or 804-229-5999.

Thanks,  
Ernie

# **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  
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## **Congregational Officers and Council Members**

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## **Summer Sunday Schedule**

Worship: 9:30 AM  
Professional Nursery Care

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: Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 10 AM-1PM  
(565-8007)