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



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REFORMATION Blood Drive:

**GIVE
BLOOD**

Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. hosted by CLC and will also include a Brunswick stew fundraiser to support our Youth's trip to Houston, TX, next year! The Blood Drive is part of a Richmond-wide Lutheran challenge to collect **500 pints**. A sign-up sheet to schedule your donation time is in the Commons. Christ Lutheran's group code for Virginia Blood Services is **3586**. If people want to give blood but can't make it to the Oct 7 drive, they should give this number at the donor center and CLC will get credit for the donation.

"It's All About The Blood" ✚

SAVE THIS DATE:

Veteran's Day 2017 Recognition

We will honor Veterans on Sunday, **November 12!** Please provide the Veteran's full name, last rank held, armed service, years served, by any of the following methods (**by Oct. 29**):

- 1.) **Put in Council Drop Box.**
- 2.) e-mail to jschnellenbergerclc@gmail.com
OR the church office:
adminassist@christlutheran.org
- 3.) Call Cindy Adams: 266-5775; 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 4.) Give to Jim S. at a Sunday Service.

Off Topic Bible Study will meet on the 1st and 3rd *Wednesdays (this is a change)* beginning in **October (4, 18)**! The study is led by **Lucas Cochran**. Plan to attend this rich, ongoing Bible study.

Village Night Is Switching to Sunday Evenings! There will be 4 Village Nights this fall. The dates are **October 1, 15** and **November 5, 12**. The meal provided and is at 5:45

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

**October 12; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
At Imperial Plaza, 1717 Bellevue Ave.**

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).

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.

Dawn Mottett is the contact & leader.

 Important Dates	
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22	Worship @ 8:15 & 10:30 am Faith Formation @ 9:25 am
Oct. 29	Reformation Sunday~ One service @ 10:00 am Chili Cook-Off following the service 
Oct. 2	Men's Group @ 10:00 am Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
Oct. 6	Quilting @ 10:00 am Brunswick Stew Cooking~all day
Oct. 9	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 4, 18	Off-Topic Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 12	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
Oct. 1, 15	Village Nights @ 5:45 pm Confirmation @ 4:00 pm Youth Gathering @ 4:00 pm
Oct. 3, 11, 17	LAMB's Basket @ 9:30 am
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24	ESL Class @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 26	Stewardship Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Oct. 30	Evangelism Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm



**We Are Looking For
A New Monthly
Church Newsletter
Editor:**

Please see Jim Ingraham or Carol Jones if you are interested in this ministry.



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



Reformation 500 at Christ Lutheran

Please be part of our month-long observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation here at Christ Lutheran. It was October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This set in motion the Protestant Reformation. Below are opportunities for your participation, culminating on October 29, the Festival of the Reformation.

- 10/1 Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 Pastor Jim's sermon: "The Three Solas"
Faith Formation for all ages 9:30 to 10:15
Adult Class: Pastor Donna Ruggles session one of "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism"
Confirmation Class at 4 pm on "Martin Luther"
- 10/8 Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 Pastor Jim's sermon: "Martin and Katie"
Faith Formation for all ages 9:30 to 10:15
Adult Class: Pastor Jim presents his slide presentation on Wittenberg, Germany
- 10/15 Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 Pastor Jim's sermon: "The Gift of Music"
Faith Formation for all ages 9:30 to 10:15
Adult Class: Pastor Donna Ruggles session two of "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism"
Confirmation Class at 4 pm on "The Reformers"
- 10/22 Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 Pastor Ruggles' sermon: "Philip Melanchthon, Co-Reformer in Wittenberg"
Faith Formation for all ages 9:30 to 10:15
Adult Class: Pastor Donna Ruggles session three of "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Catechism"
- 10/29 **One Worship Service at 10:00 am** Pastor Jim's sermon: "Boldly Marching to 501 and Beyond" *Please invite family and friends!*
No Faith Formation Classes!
Community Meal after worship is our Annual Chili Cook-Off; everyone is invited
- 11/1 Richmond Conference Reformation Festival Worship at Epiphany Lutheran Church, evening worship
Father Don Rooney is the preacher

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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
Blake	Bock	10/22
Trenton	Hizer	10/26

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).

CLC's "Let Us Give Thanks" Cook Books

are available as an ESL Fundraiser. "Get 'em while they're hot"! See *Betty Schnellenberger* or *Carol Jones*.

13 books are available for only \$10 each!

A Reformation 500 Book Store: will be held by *Carol Grayson* between/after services the *last 2 Sundays in October(22, 29)*.

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:

Our Prayers of Concern :

Sylvia Lewis, Don Jones, Jack Vonderlehr (Judy Garnett's good friend/backdoor neighbor), Dr. Adan Dardon, (Pastor of Casa de Dios), Cynthia Morast-Foster, (friend of Connie Lesko), Carol Grayson, Ed Schnell, Paul Schnellenberger (Jim's brother), Bob Murphy (Nancy Hendrickson's brother), Diane Carstairs, Marietta Julienne (mother of Mari Julienne), Greyson Stephans (infant cousin of Frank Greenday), Alice Lucan (sister of Carol Grayson), Vonnie Tritt, Ted Dean (uncle to Scott & Melissa Luchau), Karen Dent Haywood (friend of Mitch Roberts), Frank Greenday, Steve Brackmann (friend of Melissa Luchau), Belen Sakdalan-Valladores (friend of Cleo Meece), Patty Demeyer (Dave & Dee Siebert's sister and Ina Nuckols).

We also remember family and members of Christ Church who serve and have served in the military:

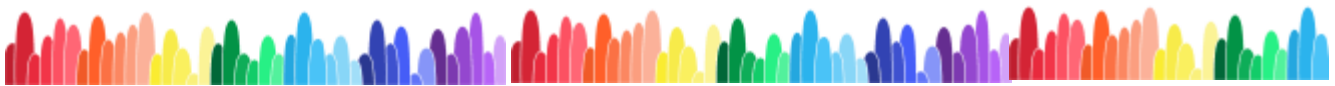
Cody Lafayette, Joshua Dryden, Courtney Charlson, Pamela Charlson, Keith Cunningham, Luke Dahlen, Burt and Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, Joshua Mullins, Vincent Salla and Matthew Mawyer.



September 10th-16th was the Virginia Synod's 5th annual Week of Service, which coincides with "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, the ELCA Day of Service on Sunday September 10th. As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded of the gospel's promise that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors. In "The Freedom of a Christian," Martin Luther wrote: "A

Christian is Lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all."

Members at **Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond** created over 100 cards for Minnick Schools, packed snacks for Moody Middle school, worked together on quilts crafted for Lutheran World Relief, and made hat and scarves for Moody Middle School for the coming season! Christ worked in partnership with Thrivent to fulfill needs for Lutheran Family Service for their foster kid fundraiser this fall as well.



Care Packages for Our College Students!

The Youth are collecting snack items for the next month to send care packages to our college students. If you would like to contribute snack items, a box will be in the commons area **through October 15.**



Make sure that the church office has your child's college address and

any food allergies!

NYG 2018 (Houston Trip) Fundraisers:

Starting **Oct. 24**, we will have available the Yankee Candle Fundraiser that will go **through Nov. 1**. Just in time for holiday ordering! Those interested may order on line or by catalog.

Please see one of our **CLC Youth, Nancy Hendrickson**, or **Carol Jones** for details on how to order your candles!

The fundraiser in October will be a Brunswick Stew sale.

Quarts will be sold on Saturday, October 7 during the blood drive or preordered starting on Sunday, September 24 or October 1.

The cost is \$10.00 per quart..

Youth and/or parents will be needed on Friday, Oct. 6 after school to help package the stew and on Saturday to sell the stew.

Let Nancy or Carol know when you can help

Addison Pernsteiner has been selected for the Virginia Synod ELCA Lost and Found 2017 Planning Group. He was nominated by one of the youth pastor leaders from last year's event. His parents are VERY proud of him!

Music – to the Glory of God

Martin Luther wanted to see music and arts used to the glory of God. Here is his famous comment:

“I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forgo my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful but are merry and smile through their troubles in song.

“Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on the level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart...the devil flees before the sound of music as before the word of God.”

“Sing and make melody to the Lord with all your hearts.” - Ephesians 5:19

Larry Bain Memorial Chili Cook Off—October 29!!!

Calling all chili chefs! Cook up your tastiest, spiciest, zestiest chili for the Christ Lutheran Church Annual Chili Cook Off to be held October 29 after the Reformation Sunday 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Make sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming special times and events at CLC:

- * **October 29, 2017:** Reformation Sunday. **ONE** festival service at 10:00 a.m. followed by our Annual Chili Cook-Off.
- * **November 1, 2017** Richmond Area Reformation 500 service at Epiphany Lutheran, 7:00 p.m.
- * **November 12, 2017:** Veterans Recognition Sunday at both services, 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *A Special Congregational Meeting will be convened immediately following the 10:30 service.*
- * **December 24, 2017:** One regular Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. One Christmas Eve festival service at 5:00 p.m.
- * **December 31, 2017** Lessons and Carols service. One service at 9:30 a.m.

Council President Message

As we move into the waning months of 2017, Christ Lutheran finds itself fully engaged in the transition process that began back in April. Pastor James Kniseley joined us July 1 in the role of Interim Pastor with the goal of preparing us for and leading us through the transition to a new permanent called pastor.

Transition Update:

As I have mentioned in previous messages to you, there are several steps in the transition process we must successfully navigate, including a period of reflection, contemplation, preparation, and planning before we obtain a new pastor. Pastor Kniseley has already begun to take the necessary actions to help us be successful in these efforts. The tentative timeline, which is subject to change, for the transition is as follows:

- ⇒ August-December 2017 – Few changes; Pastor Kniseley learns how Christ Lutheran does things; Congregation learns how to do ministry after long leadership of Pastor Moehring; Strategic Plan is finalized by Council.
- ⇒ November/December 2017 -Transition Team is selected by Interim Pastor and Council.
- ⇒ January 2018 – Transition Team begins their work; Mission Site Profile serves as the basis for their report to the Council; Congregation members are solicited for their thinking; Elements of the Strategic Plan are implemented by Council and Pastor Kniseley.
- ⇒ July 2018 – Mission Site Profile is finalized by the Council and forwarded to the Bishop; a Call Committee is selected.
- ⇒ August 2018 – Call Committee begins their work.
- ⇒ Early 2019- A Call is made to a selected pastoral candidate
- ⇒ Mid 2019- New called pastor joins Christ Lutheran

Obviously, the Call process will not happen overnight. It will require the prayerful deliberation and participation of all our members. We look forward to working with Pastor Kniseley during this period of transition.

Budget/Finance Update:

As reported in the weekly bulletin, our 2017 expenses continue to exceed our income. Your Finance team continues to watch this situation closely. While right now it appears likely we will finish 2017 with a budget deficit, we do have ample reserves on hand to ensure our financial commitments are met. A more in- depth analysis will be provided once Finance has had the opportunity to review our year-to-date results as of the end of September.

Of course, members can always help by ensuring your 2017 giving commitments are current as well as fulfilling commitments for things such as altar flowers.

Finance is also working on our 2018 budget. The challenge, as always, is to strike a balance between the predicted needs of the church, which are many, and the expected stewardship response. In addition to our normal operating expenses, the 2018 budget will need to include provisions for expected transition costs for calling a new pastor.

Finance plans to provide the congregation with a draft budget sometime in mid-October, and the congregation will have the opportunity to adopt the 2018 budget at our special congregation meeting on November 12, 2017.

Other Items of Interest:

Open positions. We have two key vacancies in our church operations. One position is that of webmaster. This person will work on the design and maintenance of our church website, which is a critical information tool in this age of electronic communications. The other position is that of the monthly newsletter editor.

Despite the growing use of electronic communications, the print newsletter is still a key piece of communicating with our congregation. To volunteer for either position, please contact either me or Carol Jones.

Martina Cathey has resigned from being our Sunday morning nursery attendant. Council has decided not to pursue a replacement at this time, but if you or someone you know might be interested in assuming this role, please contact me.

ESL Classes. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are off to a great start. We currently have about 20 students meeting on Tuesday nights, with demand exceeding our current capacity. Thank you to Betty Schnellenberger and Carol Jones for coordinating these classes which are an important outreach to our community.

Facility and Property. Our facilities continue to be in high demand in our community. In addition to Casa de Dios, we host scout troops, AA groups, and dance classes. We are currently reviewing requests from two more organizations wishing to use CLC for their meetings.

Lucas Cochran is working on renovating one of our small classrooms into a “kiddie library”. This will be designed as a place for our younger members, who are too old for the nursery, to go for play, reading and crafts and activities.

Our many thanks to our neighbor church, Casa de Dios, who generously donated the cleaning of all our church carpets the weekend of September 16. Casa has been a valuable partner in our joint ministries since 2014. Much of what we have accomplished at CLC would not have been possible without their continued participation and support.

Christian Education. Faith Formation and Sunday School programs begin October 1. Part of our transition process will be to regain an understanding of the basic elements of our Christian faith. Classes are being offered to all ages. Our youngest members will be introduced to basic Bible stories. Elementary age children will learn basics about Martin Luther and his life, while our middle school and high school students will learn about the miracles of the Bible. Adults will study Luther’s Small Catechism which will be a great introduction for those who never went through confirmation class and a great refresher course for those who did.

Lucas Cochran’s Off-Topic Bible studies will continue on the first and third Wednesday’s of the month, and our Village Nights will resume this fall, moving to Sunday nights from Wednesdays.

Our Youth Gathering and Confirmation Classes will resume on Sunday evenings. In addition, our youth will be conducting several fund raisers in the coming months in order to earn enough money to cover the cost of their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston this coming summer. Many thanks to Diane Ransom, David Ingraham, Pastor Ruggles, Carol Jones, Nancy Henderickson, Darren D’Ateno, Jennifer John, and all of our other members who have volunteered their time for these important ministries.

In Closing. The ministries mentioned above are only a few supported by Christ Lutheran. There are many more, such as choir, quilting, altar care, homebound and hospital visitations, and the list goes on. Everyone is encouraged to participate, as there are as many opportunities here as there are members to fill them. We can utilize all volunteers, regardless of your interests, training and skills. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss joining one of our ministries. All are welcome!

James Ingraham
Council President

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

Rev. James Kniseley, Minister
Cindy Adams, Administrative Assistant
Linda Keener, Music Director
Carol Jones, 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

Worship:	8:30 am & 10:30 am
Faith Formation	9:30 am

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