

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Sign-up chart for CARITAS

(Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) will be in the Commons area after Christmas for meals and other areas where you may volunteer to help (laundry, showers, sleep over, set-up and break down.) We will host *CARITAS* February 10 through 17 in 2018, we expect 32 to 35 homeless men, who will arrive each evening about 6:00 PM and leave the next morning at 6:00 AM. There also will be flyers listing what is needed for health kits and snacks- please take one and include some items in your shopping this week. It takes many people many hours to furnish a hot dinner, a bag breakfast, and a bag lunch each day and to provide a welcoming environment for our guests. Let's all find a way to help. Thank you- Jane Dry, Shannon Fleming, and Diane Kellogg- CLC *CARITAS* Team leader

Christmas Eve ~ December 24: ONE regular
Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m

ONE Christmas Eve Festival Service at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 31: Lessons and Carols. ONE Worship
Service, 9:30 a.m.





Off Topic Bible Study will meet on the December 6 and 20th The study is led by *Lucas Cochran*. Plan to attend this unique, ongoing Bible study.

**THURSDAY’S TRINITY
GATHERING:
A TIME FOR MEN & WOMEN TO
STUDY TOGETHER**
Dec. 14; 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 Mottet is the contact & leader.

Important Dates	
Dec. 3, 10, 17,	Worship @ 8:15 & 10:30 am Faith Formation @ 9:25 am
Dec. 24, 31	Worship @ 9:30 am
Dec. 4, 11, 18,	Monday Miracles @ 12:00 pm
Dec. 11	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Dec. 6, 20	Off-Topic Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
Dec. 14	Trinity Gathering @ 10:30 am
Dec. 5, 19, 27	LAMB’s Basket @ 9:30 am
Dec. 5, 12	ESL Class @ 7:00 pm
Dec. 16	Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery
Dec. 2	VA Synod in Fellowship Hall
Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28	Casa de Dios @ 7:30 pm
Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Casa de Dios @ 2:00 pm



**Poinsettias To Decorate
CLC’S Altar At
Christmas:**

If you wish to donate a Christmas Poinsettia fill out an order form (on the Welcome Table) & return the completed form *by Dec. 18*.

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

Anyone interested in donating the Altar Flowers for the *ONE 9:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service on 12/31*, please email Cindy Adams at: adminassist@christlutheran.org



An Advent Message From the Pastor

A New Church Year! Let me be the first to wish you a Blessed New Year as we begin the Season of Advent. The blue paraments will again be lovingly placed on the altar and pulpit for the First Sunday in Advent, December 3. Blue is the color of “hope” and expresses well the desire of the ages for the arrival of Jesus.

It thrills me to see our children at worship each week. They learn so much from the traditions of the Church. The Advent Wreath will be in place. Our children will learn the lesson of Waiting for God’s Messiah as we light the candles each week and sing hymns of longing and hope.

I can hardly wait to see the Chrismon Tree at Christ. It pleases me that you appreciate the rich meaning of these symbols of Jesus Christ. That Chrismons were first created in a Lutheran congregation in Danville, Virginia, makes this tradition even more special.

December 24, Christmas Eve, falls on a Sunday this year. We alert you now to the worship schedule for that day: ONE morning worship at 9:30 (Fourth Sunday in Advent) and ONE evening worship at 5:00 (Christmas Eve). *I appreciate this change that helps this retired pastor lead those worship services and still get home to enjoy Christmas Eve with Carol.*

Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will include the Children’s Christmas Pageant (during the sermon time). You will experience our first-ever “spontaneous” pageant. All children will be invited to participate as the story of Christ’s birth is told in story and song. The service will include Holy Communion, the lighting of candles and singing “Silent Night”.

Please invite family and friends to our Christmas Eve Worship! This is a “friendship event” and we will be providing invitations for you to personally give to your guests.

Please make worship a bigger priority in your life than shopping and parties. Okay?

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Jim

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathy	Hade	12/01
Deborah	Goodwin	12/02
Sierra	Lackey	12/02
Alison	Meyer	12/04
Inara	Small	12/04
Martina	Cathey	12/14
Roland	Crenwelge	12/16
Stephanie	Karn	12/16
Ashley	Karn	12/17
Kay	Rilee	12/18
Nancy	Hendrickson	12/27
Erin	Ring	12/28
Rachel	Tripp	12/30

Christ Lutheran will be hosting the *Life Line Screening Program* on Dec. 19.

This program does a simple, painless and non-invasive health screening designed to detect artery plaque build-up and four other health assessments. The cost is \$139 for all five screenings. Register: lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle to set up your appointment.

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).

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 :

Mason Carbaugh, Dennis Knutson (Dale Knutson's cousin), Molly Heckel, Patty Demeyer, Don Jones, Dr. Adan Dardon, Cynthia Morast-Foster, Carol Grayson, Ed Schnell, Paul Schnellenberger, Bob Murphy, Diane Carstairs, Marietta Julienne, Greyson Stephans, Alice Lucan, Vonnie Tritt, Ted Dean, Karen Dent Haywood, Frank Greenday, Steve Brackmann, Belen Sakdalan-Valladores, 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, Luke Dahlen, Burt and Jeri Evans, Adam Lewis, Joshua Mullins, Vincent Salla and Matthew Mawyer.



Please contact Nancy Hendrickson (mamahenny57@gmail.com) if any adults are willing to serve as Acolyte once every 5-6 weeks for the early service on Sundays.

Virginia LARCUM Conference 2017 is Dec. 1-2

The 2017 Virginia LARCUM Conference will be held Friday & Saturday, Dec. 1-2, in Richmond. This year's conference is *500 Years Later: Ecumenical Dialogue as Gift and Call.* The keynote speaker is Susan K. Wood, SCL, Ph.D., a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas is professor of systematic theology in the Department of Theology at Marquette University. She is currently president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. For the conference brochure/registration information, copy & paste the address below to your browser: <http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/2279/2017LARCUMConfbrochure.pdf>



The rules are simple. Take 1 or more angels from the tree. Each angel has an assigned #. Find that angel's # in the log book and PLEASE record your name on the corresponding line. Purchase & wrap gift with the receipt inside in case an exchange is needed. Securely attach angel to package. Return gift to the bottom of angel tree & record the date returned beside your name in the log book. Please have all gifts back by Friday, Dec. 15 or sooner. If you are unable to search for a gift, feel free to make a donation to the fund. We have elves who love to shop. Some of the gifts may be inexpensive so please consider adding a second (or more) for your angel. If you feel that a gift might be a little outside your budget, let Paul Quel know as the "Grumpy Old Man" has ways of making things happen. Contact Paul at 262-7548 or PQUEL1232@comcast.net

Special Contribution Envelopes:

The Stewardship Team reminds everyone to make sure to make use of the special offering envelopes included with your regular offering envelopes.

Our upcoming special offering envelopes will be dedicated as follows:

Advent: the *Mission Trip Fund* to help defray the cost for volunteers to participate in the Appalachia Service Project and other ministries.

Christmas: will be used to help cover normal church operating expenses.

Initial Offering (2018): will be used to help support maintenance and repair projects performed by the *Men's Group*. We encourage everyone to make use of your special envelopes. Even if you have these envelopes from earlier in the year (Lent, Easter, etc.), it is not too late to use them! These special contributions are critical in helping our church cover the cost of our various ministries. Besides the envelopes, you may also make an online contribution at any time at Christ Lutheran's website (christlutheran.org). Thank you for your financial support of Christ Lutheran Church!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR OPEN TO ALL

If you would like to sing with the Chancel Choir for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, please talk to me. We would love to have you sing with us. If you like to sing Christmas music but can't commit to the choir year-round, please join us for rehearsals beginning Nov. 29. We will rehearse the Christmas Eve music the first half-hour of choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., so you don't have to stay for the whole rehearsal. I guarantee a deeper sense of the meaning of the Advent/Christmas season!

Linda Keener, Music Director

Adding a New Source of Revenue to Support God's Work The Scrip Gift Card Program

What is Scrip?

Gift Cards - The same gift cards you see in stores that you normally purchase to give to others. You can also use them on your own spending!

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Get detailed program information at the following website:

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

Or pick-up information at Welcome Table and view program information streaming in Conference Room between services Sunday, November 26 and December 3

Purchase Cards Direct On-line This feature will be available in mid- December



SAVE THE DATE: *Back by popular demand...*

When: Saturday, December 16, 2017
at 1:00 P.M.

Why: Theatre IV's Annual Christmas Special
"Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Where: Glen Allen Cultural Arts
Center 2880 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA

Cost: \$12.00 per reserved seat

Note: Following the show - Brunch (optional) at Debbie's Kitchen (order from menu and pay as you go) the show's theme is a spin on the classic Clement Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicolas" & is suitable for all ages.

For questions, reservations, or to make payment: See Stan Carey or Sandra Boclair.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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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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