



Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Schedule

- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion
- 10:15 a.m. Education Hour: Pathfinders, Alpha and Prayer Bible Study meet; Prayer Ministry Team meets
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
- 4 p.m. Parent and Teen Alphas.
- 6 p.m. Prayer Services (once a month)

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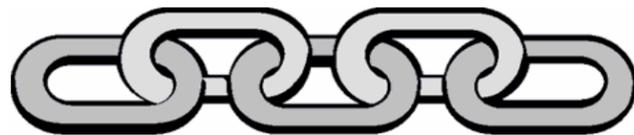
Mission of The Chronicle

To glorify God, give thanks for His many blessings and grow His church. To promote and report back on events and opportunities designed to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and serve His church.

Please contribute to The Chronicle! Let's share all the exciting ways God is at work here at Christ Lutheran! Questions? Please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5.

Next Chronicle Deadline

Submissions for the October issue of **The Chronicle** are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 26. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to: jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com



STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH

THE CHRONICLE

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Reach Up, Reach Out & Grow

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WE WELCOME YOU!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; to transform all people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a community of believers making and baptizing disciples so that Christ's forgiveness and healing can be accomplished in the world.

We are a community of believers because God wants us to be something together and represent God with our unified diversity. Our vision is to further God's Kingdom in our midst.

RENEW THE PASSION

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40)

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' They (the followers of Jesus) devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer ... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2: 38, 42, 47)

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ shared God's remarkable plan for His church. Jesus entrusted His life-transforming message of His promised redemption to men and women like us – His followers, committed to His work as part of His church.

You were created for the purpose of loving God with all your heart, mind and soul and loving your neighbor in the same way you love yourself. All people in God's kingdom have a calling. You may be waiting for a call from God and have missed the fact that He already has called you. You were created to love God, reflect His image and serve His purpose. The two commandments in Matthew 22 are the heart and soul of the church of Jesus Christ.

The apostle Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, is passionate about his love for Christ and his

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SEPTEMBER CHRONICLE HIGHLIGHTS

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Updates & Reminders



Grounded in Prayer — A Praying Church

E.M. Bounds, a great prayer leader of the 18th century, wrote: “God needs prayer ... it is indispensable to God’s cause, the reverence which hallows God’s name, the ability to do God’s will and establish God’s kingdom in the heart of his children.” God’s will is realized on Earth through our prayers and accomplished through our actions and service. God needs and wants you to pray because prayer gives God more possibilities for responding to your needs.

God Calls His Church to Prayer

Beginning September 14, watch for more information on our new Prayer Ministers. They will be available during and after worship to pray with you or for you. God promises His children that when we pray together His presence is with us. “Again, I tell you that if two of you on Earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:19-20)



Teen & Parent ALPHAs Reconvene

ALPHA teens reconvened on Sunday, Aug. 24. ALPHA Parents will reconvene on Sunday, September 7.



The Alpha Course is for anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith.

Alpha for parents and grandparents meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. every Sunday and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every other Sunday. Alpha for teens meets every Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All adults are welcome, even if you are not a parent or grandparent, and all are welcome to stay for pizza and fellowship at 6 p.m.! Childcare can be arranged! Please call Florence Heacock or Jennifer Tessneer for details! 301-652-5160.

RENEW THE PASSION

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neighbor. Matthew writes in his gospel, “And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18) In Acts 2, we discover Peter out in the community inviting people to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Peter was shaping the church at the command of Jesus to be in the world, calling people to repentance.

Nothing on Earth has greater potential to change lives and carry out the kingdom work in our community than our church working with a renewed passion. Together, with a renewed passion for a strong and prevailing church, we can excel at:

- Reaching those still outside God’s family
- Responding to the needs of our neighbors
- Seeking justice for the oppressed
- Growing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ
- Building a Christ-centered, connected, multicultural caring community
- Building leaders and growing servants

Praising God through heartfelt worship

We are about to launch our **Graceful Growing Together ambassador sessions** on September 8 and 9 to discern God’s will and vision for our local church and how we can accomplish His kingdom work. I ask that you be in prayer for this process and renew the passion for Jesus and His kingdom work.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marv

Don’t Miss These Respected Christian Speakers!



Please let Pastor Marv or Jennifer know whether you are interested in attending or organizing a group to attend any of the following simulcasts. *Videotapes are also available if you can’t attend the simulcast.*

Time to be determined Sept. 20 **Spiritual Formation:** Teach your youth how to go deeper in their faith journey. With Louis Giglio (Choice Resources) and Bo Boshers (Willow Creek Association).

11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m. Sept. 25 **Beyond the Box:** A seminar to help you move outside the box — and beyond! With Bill Easum (church consultant) and Bob Roberts (North Wood Church).

11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m. Oct. 7 **Ministry Mistakes:** Failure doesn’t have to be fatal! Learn how mistakes can be a catalyst for growth. With Gordon MacDonald (author of Ordering Your Private World), Doug Murren (author of Churches that Heal) and Matt Hannan (New Heights Church).

September Special Events

September 7

Combined worship at 9 a.m. with the commissioning of ambassadors.

September 14

Regular worship schedule but no regular Education Hour. Instead, please stay/come early for our Fall Festival at 10:15 a.m.!!!

September 21

Regular worship schedule.
10:15 a.m. Debut of fall small groups, Bible studies and other Education Hour activities.
10:15 a.m. John Sackett speaks (see page 3 for more information)



Have questions? Please call the church at 301-652-5160.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 2003	1	2	3 6:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. New Praise Band Meets	4 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal	5	6 9:30 a.m. Saturday Circle
7 Combined 9 a.m. worship; commissioning of ambassadors! 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour 4-6 p.m. Alpha Course	8 6:30-10 p.m. Ambassadors Meet	9 6:30-10 p.m. Ambassadors Meet 7:30 p.m. Rachael Circle	10 7:30 p.m. New Praise Band Meets	11 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7 p.m. Young Women's Bible study meets 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12	13 7:30 a.m. THRIVE 9 a.m. Men's Master Builders 9-11 a.m. Alpha Leader Breakfast 4-6 p.m. CLC small group leaders Bible study
14 9 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15-11:15 a.m. Fall Festival! No regular Education Hour 4-6 p.m. Teen Alpha	15	16 10 a.m. Martha Circle	17 7:30 p.m. New Praise Band Meets	18 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7 p.m. Search for Significance Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 9 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour 4-6 p.m. Teen Alpha 6 p.m. Prayer Service	22	23	24 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Marv 7:30 p.m. New Praise Band Meets	25 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7 p.m. Young Women's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26	27 7:30 a.m. THRIVE 9 a.m. Men's Master Builders
28 9 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour 4-6 p.m. Teen Alpha	29	30	Sunday morning Education Hour: Pathfinders for Children and Teens, Small Group Bible Study on the Parables (on break in August), Prayer Bible Study, ALPHA course. There's something for everyone! All are welcome! 7			

Special Events

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FALL FESTIVAL & BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY! September 14, 2003

Come hear what God has in store for our faith community this fall and find out how to get involved! Learn about small groups, Bible studies, children & youth activities, and many other ministry opportunities! Introduce a friend to CLC and help us grow God's church!



Come early or stay late!
Don't miss our Fall Festival!

- 9 a.m. Contemporary Praise Worship with Communion**
- 10:15 a.m. Fall Festival**
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion**

CELC women, you're invited!

Come *Pursue Purposeful Relationships!* Hear from dynamic speakers including Kay Arthur, Stormie Omartian and John C. Maxwell.

"Thrive's vision is to see a multitude of women transformed *upwardly, inwardly, and outwardly*. Our vision is rooted and grounded in the work of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ and His ability, by His Spirit, to transform a woman's identity, disposition, and state of spiritual purity, empowering her to live her life mission in line with God's vision for her."



For more information, contact Florence Heacock or Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160.

John Sackett, Disciple-Making Mentor, Comes to CELC Sunday, September 21



John Sackett, regional representative with the Navigators, will be with us at worship on Sunday, Sept. 21. The Navigators is a non-profit church agency that specializes in disciple-ship mentoring and leader-

ship development in local churches. John comes with many years of experience in building and connecting people through small groups in disciple-making churches.

We strongly encourage everyone currently participating in small group or anticipating being in a small group to attend John's 10:15 a.m. teaching hour. You will be greatly blessed by participating in this special event.

John will meet with all small group facilitators at 1 p.m. in the hospitality room.

CELC to Host Alpha Regional Breakfast



CLC will welcome Alpha congregations from around the D.C. area for breakfast on Saturday, September 13. The breakfast is designed to help Alpha teams connect with other Alpha users in the area to share ideas, work through challenges, pray, worship and eat!!!

Please call Florence Heacock if you are interested in attending this breakfast or helping with preparations. 301-652-5160, ext. 3

CELC Council



Impressed by the beautiful, clean pews in our sanctuary? How about the weed-free garden and bushes out front? Please thank Martin and praise God for bringing so many hard workers to last month's

church clean up!!! Thanks to all who participated!

A recent meeting held jointly between the Evangelism & Worship teams highlighted the need to make visitors feel more welcome in our church. We also feel that those current members of the church who wish to be more involved in church life should be encouraged to find ways in which to participate. We are working to find user-friendly systems that will serve these needs in the next few months.



— Marta Woodward



The worship team recently finalized our mission & vision statements, further defined the team's purpose structure, and discussed having someone be responsible for Sunday morning worship preparation (change hymn boards, set up communion and be sure visitor packets are ready and available, among other tasks.) We also are looking at how we assimilate new visitors. Later, we met with the Evangelism Team to look at areas in which our teams overlap. We discussed:

- Researching what **paths** people are taking to reach CELC. Pastor Marv & Richard to prepare.
- Researching **what brings visitors back** to worship and ways we can involve them (beyond worship) in the spiritual life of CLC without overwhelming them. Ruth & Ray Albright to prepare a survey regarding the roles of ushers, connectors & buddies, and a spiritual booth.
- Creating a **spiritual booth** with materials that would be manned each Sunday. Florence Heacock & June Bradley to prepare materials and look at possible locations.
- Offering a **church orientation presentation** each month to introduce folks to ministries they hear about during Mission Moments but may not be familiar with (Mi Refugio, Mar-Lu-Ridge, etc.).
- Creating a **photo directory** of the CELC community for the web site and/or hard copy publication. Mark Woodward & George Wenchel working on this project.
- Designing **nametags** for new and old worshippers. Marta Woodward & Sanna Solem working on this project.
- Providing **spiritual speakers** on a regular basis with an emphasis on singles, regardless of age. Katherine Beckman is investigating this.

We agreed to continue regular blended services to correspond with fellowship activities. **We also agreed to suspend the 8 a.m. worship service until we can build a larger group interested in that time.**

— June Bradley

Small Group Ministries

We warmly invite you to participate in these spiritual, faith-based opportunities. Unless another contact is listed, please call Florence Heacock, small groups coordinator, at 301-652-5160, ext. 3, for information.

ADULT

Small Group Bible Study of The Parables is on break through August.

"Questions of Life" Alpha offered at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays during the month of August. Thursday, Friday and Saturday Alphas coming!

Small Group Facilitators Bible Study meets once a month. Time and date TBA.

"A Life Worth Living" Alpha home group is on break in August.



MEN

Men's Master Builders meet for prayer breakfasts on various Saturday mornings each month. For details, contact Richard Czapinski 301-652-5160.

Promise Keepers events to be announced ...

OTHER

Graceful Growing Together (GGT) is CELC's stewardship initiative based through prayer, Bible study, faith, love, fellowship, and gifts to continue to experience spiritual growth and fulfill the vision that God has given our church for future centuries and generations.

Teddy Bear Ministry is a small group prayer and Bible study and faith-based ministry of love, caring, and healing.

WOMEN

THRIVE Women of Faith

meets at 7:30 a.m. on two Saturdays per month in the upstairs education hall. THRIVE is on break through August.



"Search for Significance" Bible Study meets the second Thursday of each month at the home of Ingrid Dallaire, 8900 Clifford Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815. For details, please contact Ingrid at 301-654-6962 or Florence at 301-652-5160.

CLC Women's Circle Groups meet at various times during the month. For more information, please contact co-coordinators Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657.

PRAYER

*"... Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thes. 5:17)*



The **Prayer Ministry Team** meets at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday for focused, intentional prayer time to lift all prayer requests to God. Please submit your prayer requests in the prayer request boxes in the narthex and colonnade. For more information, please call Paula Mathis at 301-540-7391.

During the month of August, the **Prayer Bible Study** meets at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday in the prayer room to explore the power of prayer in daily life and to experience God's joy as we learn to communicate more intimately with Him. For more information, please call Katharine Beckman at 301-215-4179.

Prayer Services at 6 p.m. on the following Sundays: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 & Dec. 14.