

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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### NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:15** Traditional Worship with Communion  
(8:15-8:45)  
Prayer Ministry Team  
(8:15-8:45)
- 9:00** Contemporary Worship with Communion  
Prayer Bible Study
- 10:15** Pathfinders  
Small Group Bible Study  
Prayer Bible Study
- 11:15** Traditional Worship with Communion

**THE DEADLINE FOR  
ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT  
CHRONICLE  
IS 5 PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2003!!!**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CHRONICLE!!!

Hi folks!

I'll be doing the design, organization and production of the Chronicle from now on, so I wanted to communicate with you about submissions and deadlines. Pastor Marv, Richard and I think the Chronicle should serve two purposes: to advertise events and opportunities happening in the long-term future (Bible studies, simulcasts, servant events, etc.) and to report back to the congregation on events and opportunities we have participated in (for example, an article on the Thrive simulcast or the growth in men's ministry).

Please contribute to the Chronicle! Everyone was so excited at the congregational meeting to hear about the exciting things that are happening at CLC ... let's keep them informed each month!

The journalist in me believes strongly in deadlines, so here they are:

**Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. They can be left in the bin on my door or emailed to [jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com](mailto:jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com)**

I'll have it ready to go to the printer/printer by the following Wednesday, which means it should arrive in people's mailboxes by the middle of the fourth week of each month (unfortunately, there's a week's turn-around time between when it's submitted to the printer and when it arrives in homes). Please keep this in mind as you are preparing your submissions. Thanks!

Love and blessings! Stay warm!  
Jennifer

### CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Marvin Tollefson**  
*Pastor*  
**Jennifer Hoyt**  
*Minister of Family & Community Care*  
**Jin Sun Cho**  
*Organist & Minister of Music*  
**Richard Czepinski**  
*Office Manager*  
**Florence Heacock**  
*Small Groups Coordinator*

### CHURCH COUNCIL

**Tim Bradley: President**  
**Sanna Solem: Vice President**  
**Laurie Heinecke: Secretary**  
**Barry Lemley: Treasurer**  
**Dottie Davis**  
**Jennifer Walker**  
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REACH UP - REACH OUT & GROW

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### 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.

## The Holy Spirit Speaks to Me!

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26

Kristina Bach was recently baptized at a Sunday morning worship service. She like all other baptized followers of Jesus received the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of God's promise to each of us.

Our lives are blessed with the reality of God's intimate and personal voice calling forth our gifts and

service. Whether or not we are aware of it, we are always receiving the guidance and love we need. Jesus is constantly praying for each of us and presenting us to the Father as His beloved. At the same time the Holy Spirit is revealing the wisdom of God within our hearts, with sighs too deep for words.

God has given us a great gift to connect our hearts to His Prayer. Sadly we don't use this gift as God intended. We move from day to day, crisis to crisis, chaos to confusion and fail to pray to our heavenly Father. Some of us don't pray because we feel like we don't know how. Others of us don't pray because we don't feel worthy. And still others simply wander in other directions trying some contemporary form of spirituality. Amid all the voices that would direct us, there is one holy voice that knows what is best for us always and everywhere.

We attune ourselves to that voice by using the gentle practices of silent contemplation and focused meditation, and by simply asking God to show us the way! The apostle Paul in Romans 8 urges us to open our hearts and minds to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Listen to the voice of the Spirit within you, and you will soon know that Jesus is praying for you and with you.

I invite you to use the Lord's Prayer as your guide in your prayer formation. Let each petition of the prayer guide your heart in listening for the Spirit's sighs. Another suggestion is to contact Florence Heacock or our Prayer Ministry Team through the church office they would be delighted to share some of the church's prayer resources.

Remember let the Holy Spirit help you in your need and know that God wants you to know the nearness of His compassion and concern for you.

Pastor Marv

WE WELCOME YOU!

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## CLCW Stewardship Corner

Our circles had a very busy year in 2002. Even though there were only five circles with a total membership of approximately 60 women, these ladies very generously supported the following stewardship projects:

Special Offerings were collected and forwarded to the following:

Lutheran World Relief, Afghanistan/Central Asia	\$	600.00
Southeast Ministries "Traveling Vacation Bible School" (several books and school supplies were also provided)		360.00
Bethesda Cares		350.00
Bethesda Help		383.00
Thankoffering collection		1,258.00

Grant disbursements were also made to the following:

Christ Church Children's Day Care	\$	300.00
Bethesda Fellowship House		300.00
Community Family Life Services		200.00
N Street Village		200.00
Mobil Med		200.00
Salem House		200.00
Lutheran Social Services		200.00
Roanoke College		100.00
Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong		100.00

The circles also collected and assembled nine "In Kindness" packets that were taken to the Triennial Gathering of ELCA Women in Philadelphia, in July, by four of our circle members who attended the convention. The packets were collected at the convention for distribution to children in need in the Philadelphia area. Each packet included the following: an inexpensive radio or cassette player, phone card, inexpensive watch, umbrella, school supplies, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste.

In December, two of our circles provided Christmas gifts to Community Family Life Services. In one circle, each member bought a toy for their Toy Drive and the other circle purchased gifts for a family at CFLS.

We were so pleased with the number of women that attended the CLCW luncheon following the Thankoffering Service on November 17, 2002. We are getting ready for our annual All Women Retreat and hope to have a good turnout for this event also, so please spread the word to your friends. Our retreat will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2003, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Room at the All Faith Chapel in Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD. Our retreat topic this year is entitled "Stewardship of Life" and our Retreat Leader will be Ms. Shirley Gibbs who is a past longtime President of the Metro DC Women of the ELCA. Please join us for a day filled with bible study, fun and fellowship. Further details and registration forms for this event will follow in the bulletin.

This year some of our circles have combined, so we now have three circles that meet on a monthly basis at the church and in homes. If you are interested in joining one of our circles, **please contact Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657.** The three groups and schedules are as follows:  
**Martha Circle: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Hospitality Room)**  
**Rachael Circle: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (in individual homes)**  
**Saturday Circle: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (in individual homes)**

We continue to collect canceled stamps, Campbell's soup labels and new greeting cards (Christmas and general) and note cards. These items can be placed in the Narthex. "Box tops for Education" from General Mills food products collected for Ivy Mount School (each box top is worth 10 cents to the school), can be brought to circle meetings to be turned over to Jackie Clapp or Mary Merrick.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in supporting our stewardship projects.

Thanks and God Bless,  
Jackie Clapp

## THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to the congregation for your generous giving to the 2002 Gifts of Hope. Through your support, many people have been helped. The enclosed sheet shows the variety and number of gifts that were given this year from CLC, totaling **\$1,947.00**. These gifts are dispersed through the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod.

### DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH PRAYER

I Thes. 5:17, "...pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Come and join an exciting small group Bible study to explore the power of prayer in your daily life. We will see how prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with God, and how it empowers us to function in His grace. We will experience God's joy as we learn to communicate more intimately with Him.

The prayer small group Bible study will be offered at two different times, (1) 9-10 a.m. and (2) 10:15-11:15, on every Sunday morning, commencing on Sunday, February 16, 2003. The prayer Bible study will held in the Education Hall (upstairs) at Christ Lutheran Church.

The facilitators for the prayer Bible studies are Katharine Beckman, Paula Mathis, Carl Seils, and Niina and Chee Kin Tang. If you have any questions regarding this Bible study, please call Katharine Beckman at 301/215-4179.

### SUNDAY PRAYERS PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Philippians 4:6,7, "...Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

In Prayer Request Baskets in the Narthex and Collonade, there are prayer request cards for you to submit your prayer requests. After you have completed your prayer request card, please drop it in the Prayer Box next to the Prayer Request Basket. Each week, the Prayer Ministry Team will collect all prayer requests for focused/intentional prayer time to lift all prayer requests to God during 8:15 a.m. Sunday Prayer time.

Also, if you would like your request added to Christ Lutheran Church's published Prayer List for community prayer, a space is provided on the Prayer Request for you to designate your prayer request for same.

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### SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES SPIRITUAL, FAITH-BASED OPPORTUNITIES

Listed below are small groups which you are warmly invited to participate in. For more information, please call **Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160, Ext. 3.**

#### -PRAYER-

**PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM  
PRAYER BIBLE STUDY  
PRAYER SERVICES**

#### -ADULT-

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS  
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY  
ADULT CHOIR  
ALPHA COURSE  
LEADERSHIP TEAM BIBLE STUDY**

#### -MEN-

**Men's Master Builders  
Prayer Breakfast  
Promise Keepers Events  
Conferences and Meetings TBA**

#### -WOMEN-

**THRIVE  
Women of Faith  
Conferences and Meeting times TBA  
CLCW's Circle Groups  
Co-Coordinators: Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127 or Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657**

#### -CHILDREN-

**PATHFINDERS  
Upstairs Classrooms.**

#### -YOUTH-

**"MAKING DISCIPLES"  
Confirmation Ministry**

#### -OTHER-

**GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER  
(GGT)  
TEDDY BEAR MINISTRIES  
Bible Study TBA.**