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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.



**Acts 1:8** "But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**John 3:6** "Humans can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven."

At **Pentecost**, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming we no longer need to settle for "business as usual" but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible. What is this **new life** that "comes upon us" through the Holy Spirit?

"Experiencing God's love in Jesus Christ means experiencing that one has been unreservedly accepted, approved and infinitely loved, that one can and should accept oneself and one's neighbor," writes theologian Walter Kasper. "Salvation is joy in God which expresses itself in joy in and with one's neighbor." The Holy Spirit brings this grace filled love of God in His son, Jesus. Each one of us is unconditionally loved by Jesus and pursued by Him even though we are not worthy of being loved and forgiven.

John, the gospel writer, is concerned with only one thing — the person of Jesus. Through John's gospel the Holy Spirit reveals a living Jesus, who is "the way the truth and the life," "the bread of life," and "the light of the world." Jesus is the new life from heaven that transforms our lives: a Savior of boundless compassion, unbearable forgiveness, infinite patience, and healing love.

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# Updates & Reminders

## *Continuing at Christ Lutheran*

*The Alpha Course is for anyone interested in*

**ALPHA**  
**Questions of Life  
for PARENTS**

&

**ALPHA**  
**Questions of Life  
for Teenagers**



## *Alpha*

*A practical  
introduction to the  
Christian faith.*

*finding out more about the Christian faith. Alpha geared toward parents and grandparents of young children meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays. Alpha geared toward parents and grandparents of teens meets 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. Childcare can be arranged! Note: All adults are welcome, even if you are not a parent or grandparent! All are welcome to stay for pizza and fellowship at 6 p.m.! Please call Florence Heacock or Jennifer Tessner for details! 301-652-5160.*

**ALPHA**  
**Conference**



CLC and 22 other *Alpha* congregations will host the Washington Regional ALPHA Conference at Falls Church Episcopal Church on July 28 and 29. For details, please contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160, ext. 3.

## Women of Faith Check Out These Exciting Opportunities!



June 12-14

Joyce Meyers in Philadelphia  
See [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

June 27-28 Women of Faith in Washington, DC  
“Hope for a Woman's Heart” pre-conference at the MCI Center with Kathy Troccoli & Patsy Clairmont. Music and inspiration with Leigh and Dana Cappillino. Featured Speakers and dramatist Patsy Clairmont, Marily Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, Thelma Wells, Nicole Johnson. For more info., please see [www.womenoffaith.com/conferences/speakers.asp](http://www.womenoffaith.com/conferences/speakers.asp)

*It's that time!  
Time to start planning  
for Mi Refugio!!!*



Interested in an amazing opportunity to share Christ's love with Guatemalan children? Then mark your calendars for Oct. 10-19, when CLC departs on its second trip to Mi Refugio in Guatemala. The trip is open to all adults and teens who are 16 or older. For more information, please call Jennifer at 301-652-5160.

## Prayer Ministry Team

*“... 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 from 8:15 a.m. — 8:45 a.m. every Sunday for focused, intentional prayer to lift all prayer requests to God. Please submit your prayer requests in the boxes in the narthex and colonnade. All are welcome to join the prayer ministry team. For details, please call Niina and Chee Kin Tang at 301-468-7006.

# Special Events

*Tuesday, June 3-  
Friday, June 6th  
Willow Creek  
Arts Conference*

Claire Cho, Richard Czipinski, and Kristina Gentner will be attending the Willow Creek Arts Conference in Chicago, IL. This is a wonderful training opportunity for Christians in the performing arts to learn more about music, ministry, and personal, spiritual & professional development.

*Saturday, June 7  
Confirmation Celebration Dinner*



Please join us as we celebrate the confirmation of

**Daniel Clemmer  
Rachel Hill  
Thomas Wilson**

6 p.m., Saturday, June 7 at Christ Lutheran Church.  
**Please RSVP to Jennifer Tessneer by June 2. 301-652-5160.**

*Sunday, June 8  
Pentecost and Confirmation!!!*



Please join us for one combined 9 a.m. worship and reception following the service!

## *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.*

June 7 Children's Ministry Metamorphosis — How to make Sunday School the best hour of every kid's week! With Sue Miller (Willow Creek Community Church) and members of Promiseland (Willow Creek's Children's Ministry).

June 19 Innovation & Risk Taking — Develop bold leadership to build the church and change the world! With Ed Young Jr. (Fellowship Church), Michael Slaughter (Ginghamsburg Church) and Larry Osborne (North Coast Church).

**Please pray  
for:**

**Daniel Clemmer,  
Thomas Wilson,**

**Jennifer and  
Pastor Marv**

**as they head to  
Confirmation Camp  
from  
June 22-27 at Mar-  
Lu-Ridge!**

# Youth & Family Ministry



## *Small Groups for Children & Youth*

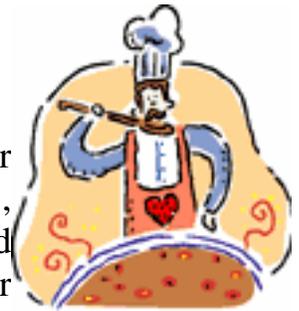
*Pathfinders Sunday Morning Adventure for Children & Teens* meets from 10:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m. every Sunday.

*Making Disciples Confirmation Ministry* meets from 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. every Tuesday and from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

*CLC Teenagers* meet from 4 p.m.—6 p.m. every Sunday for fun, friendship and Bible Study. All are welcome to stay for pizza at 6 p.m.

*For details or to volunteer with children and youth, please contact Jennifer Hoyt at 301-652-5160.*

## *Cooking Help Needed!*



CLC is looking for help organizing, preparing and cooking the meal for the Confirmation celebration dinner on Saturday, June 7. This is a great way to use the gifts God has given you in His service by supporting and celebrating CLC's confirmands! Please call Jennifer Hoyt at 301-652-5160 to volunteer!



## *Please Support CLC's Teens as They Travel to the 2003 ELCA Youth Gathering this July!*

Several teens from Christ Lutheran will join youth from around the country and the world at the 2003 ELCA Youth Gathering — “Ubuntu: Do Life!” — in Atlanta, Ga., from July 16-20.

Ubuntu comes from the Bantu group of languages spoken in sub-Sahara Africa and literally means “humanity.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu shaped a theology around Ubuntu, pointing to the person of Jesus through whom God claimed all people as valuable in His sight. Youth will discover how being made in the image of God shapes the way we “do life” on Earth.

Registration, travel expenses, hotel accommodations and food will cost several hundred dollars per person. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting the teens as they take this journey to grow in their faith. All donated funds will be split equally among the teens. Many thanks, and God bless!

*Yes, I want to support CLC teens as they travel to the ELCA Youth Gathering this July!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



Many, many thanks! Please mail this form and your check to:  
Jennifer Hoyt, Christ Lutheran Church, 8011 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814.

# CLC Council



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The love of Jesus is a servant love that turns the values of the world upside down! Jesus washes the feet of His disciples at the Passover meal the evening before His arrest and crucifixion so that they might experience this servant love. "And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. How true it is that a servant is not greater than the master. Nor are messengers more important than the one who sends them." John 13:14-16

This servant love of Jesus is what Christian discipleship is all about. The spell of moralism and legalism is broken when a follower of Jesus is no longer seduced by secular standards of power, control, and human greatness. "The 'real' world of price tags, designer jeans, Gucci handbags, Monopoly money, the iron umbrella of nuclear deterrence, fur vests, Persian rugs, silk underwear, and Super bowl LSSVII is passing away," writes Brennan Manning, evangelist. We no longer have to worry if we look right, smell right, and have the winning ways of the world. We are free to live as servants of Jesus. This is the truth about Jesus that the Holy Spirit reveals to us.

## **What do we do with this new life revealed to us by the Holy Spirit?**

This is what we as Jesus' followers can do! First, to go forward with God's Pentecost Word that instructs us to tell people about Jesus in Bethesda and to the ends of the Earth. Second, pray that we be filled with Holy Spirit power to accomplish this command. Let me lift up several prayer concerns as we move toward Pentecost Sunday to be celebrated on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Pray for the following:

- Our youth who will confirm their faith on June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Our church leadership — all council leaders, mission endowment leaders, small group facilitators, Graceful Growing Together

leaders, youth leaders going to Atlanta this summer, Pathfinders leaders, Bible study leaders

- Our staff — that they be strengthened in mentoring and sharing Jesus' servant love
- Graceful Growing Together fund-raising and planning efforts
- Our music teams and their leadership in our Church
- New people uniting with the Church
- Persons discovering Jesus' servant love for them and all people
- Those who are ill, the dying, and those who are in marital or personal crisis
- Our community and all who live around us (our neighbors).

— *Pastor Marv*



## **Summer 2003 Worship Schedule**

We will have a combined  
9 a.m. worship on:

**June 8 (Pentecost & Confirmation)**

**July 6 (4th of July Weekend)**

**August 3**

**August 31 (Labor Day Weekend)**

There will be no Education Hour on June 8. On the holiday weekends (July 6 & August 31), there will be no Education Hour AND no regular Sunday afternoon small groups. Questions, please call the church office at 301-652-5160.

# 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

**Prayer Bible Study** meets at 9 and 10:15 a.m. Sundays.

**Small Group Bible Study** of The Parables meets at 10:15 a.m. Sundays in the Upper Room.

**“Questions of Life” Alpha** offered at 10:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays. Thursday, Friday and Saturday Alphas coming soon!

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



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## MEN

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

**Promise Keepers** events to be announced ...

## OTHER

**Graceful Growing Together (GGT)** is CLC'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.

## Leadership/Facilitators Bible Study

CLC leaders, please plan to meet for Bible Study from 4 p.m. — 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 7 in the Upper Room.

## WOMEN

**THRIVE Women of Faith**

meets at 7:30 a.m. on two Saturdays per month in the upstairs education hall. A new THRIVE will meet at 12:30 p.m. on two Sundays per month. Dates TBA.



**“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)

**Prayer Ministry Team** meets from 8:15 a.m.-8:45 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.

**Prayer Bible Study** meets from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. every Sunday to explore the power of prayer in daily life and to experience God's joy as we learn to communicate more intimately with Him. Facilitators are Carl Seils, Katharine Beckman, Paula Mathis and Niina and Chee Kin Tang. For more information, please call Katharine Beckman at 301-215-4179.

**Prayer Services** at 6 p.m. on the following Sundays: June 8, July 13, Aug. 3, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 & Dec. 14.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:15, 9 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Worship 9 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Prayer Study 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour 4 p.m. ALPHAs</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Making Disciples Confirmation meetings with Pastor Marv</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Making Disciples Confirmation meetings with Pastor Marv</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Making Disciples Confirmation meetings with Pastor Marv</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:30 a.m. THRIVE 9 a.m. Men's Ministry 6 p.m. Confirmation Celebration Dinner</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Combined 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. <b>Pentecost &amp; Confirmation Celebration</b> <b>No Regular Education Hour</b> 4 p.m. Alphas 6 p.m. Prayer Service</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Joyce Meyers in Philadelphia —————&gt;</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Joyce Meyers Conference wraps up in Philadelphia —————&gt;</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Father's Day</b> 8:15, 9 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Worship 9 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Prayer Study 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour <b>No Alphas</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Search for Significance</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5 p.m. July Chronicle Deadline</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:30 a.m. THRIVE 9 a.m. Men's Ministry</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:15, 9 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Worship 9 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Prayer Study 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour 4 p.m. ALPHAs Confirmation</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Camp —————&gt;</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>—————&gt;</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>—————&gt;</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>—————&gt;</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Women of Faith Conference ———&gt;</p> <p>Home from Confirmation Camp —————&gt;</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Women of Faith Conference (Day 2)</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:15, 9 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Worship 9 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Prayer Study 10:15-11:15 a.m. Education Hour 4 p.m. Alphas</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>June 2003</b></p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Wondering what's available during the Sunday morning Education Hour?</b></p> <p>Pathfinders for Children and Teens, Small Group Bible Study (The Parables), Prayer Bible Study, and the ALPHA course. There's something for everyone and all are welcome!</p>				



## *Sunday Schedule at Christ Lutheran Church*

**8:15 a.m.** Traditional Worship with Communion  
Prayer Ministry Team meets

**9 a.m.** Contemporary Worship with Communion  
Prayer Bible Study meets

**10:15 a.m.** Education Hour: Pathfinders, Alpha and Prayer Bible Study (#2) meet

**11:15 a.m.** Traditional Worship with Communion

**4 p.m.** Parent and Teen ALPHAs meet (rotating Sundays). Please stay for dinner at 6 p.m.

**For more information, please call the church office at 301-652-5160!**

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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.

**Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on the third Friday of each month. Please leave them in the bin on Jennifer Tessneer's office door or e-mail them to:**  
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### Next Chronicle Deadline

**Submissions for the July issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 20. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to:**  
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