



Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Schedule

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion

10:15 a.m. Education Hour: Pathfinders for Children & Teens, Alpha “Challenging Lifestyles” Bible study on the Beatitudes, Alpha “Questions of Life” course, Prayer Ministry Team meets.

11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

5 p.m. Third Degree featuring “Salted Fire.” (1st and 3rd Sundays monthly except Sept. 5)

6 p.m. — 8 p.m. Senior High Youth Meet! (Come hungry!)

6 p.m. Prayer Services (once a month)

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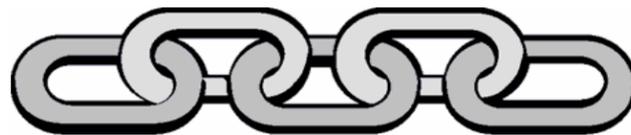
Mission of The Chronicle

To communicate about disciple-making events & opportunities ... all for the glory of God and to grow His Kingdom.

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, Sept. 24. Please drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to:
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STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH

THE CHRONICLE

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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.

Celebrate Recovery Beginning Soon!

Alcoholism, divorce, sexual abuse and drug addiction are all issues that seriously affect people in the church and the larger community. A sermon or Bible study alone won't solve those problems, but there is hope.

CELC will launch Celebrate Recovery, a fellowship-based healing ministry, at worship on Sunday, Sept. 19 (it normally will meet on Monday nights). Celebrate Recovery, developed at Saddleback Church in California, uses eight recovery principles to help hurting people move beyond their wounds to experience the healing liberty of Jesus Christ:

1. Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.
2. Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to him and that he has the power to help me recover.
3. Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.
4. Openly examine and confess my faults to God, to myself and to another person whom I trust.
5. Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life.
6. Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and, when possible, make amends for harm I've done to others, without expecting any reward.
7. Reserve a daily time with God for prayer, Bible reading and self-examination in order to know God and his will for my life and to gain the power to follow his will.

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Updates & Reminders

Volunteer Needed!!!



CELC is looking for someone with experience building and maintaining web-sites to help us make some much-needed changes to our site. If God has gifted you with these skills, please pray about it and contact one of the staff if you are interested. This is a fantastic way to serve if you feel called! Many

CELC's Prayer Team is Ready to Lift Up Your Prayer Requests!

If you have a prayer request that needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact Niina Tang by email at niinatang@yahoo.com or at 301-468-7006. *Please indicate if you want the prayer to be confidential (prayer group only) or on the list inserted in the bulletin.*

We would also appreciate feedback on the prayers to see how God is moving at CELC.

— Niina Tang



Fall Calendar Highlights!



9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 5
Blended Worship

10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 12
Fall Festival Picnic

Noon, Saturday, Sept. 18
Development Info Session #1

Sunday, Sept. 19
Fall Small Groups
and Classes Begin

Noon, Saturday, Oct. 23
Development Info Session #2

10:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 14
Congregational Meeting
(tentative)

THRIVE Authentic Living Conference

Inspired by the life of Christ, tens of thousands of women from across North America will discover their true identities, live a life of real purpose, practice genuine communication & exercise active influence. Worship, pray, learn, grow, laugh & make new friends! Special guests include Joyce Meyer, John C. Maxwell, Darlene Zschech of Hillsong Church in Australia and others!!!

For details, please call Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160.

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THIRD DEGREE Featuring "Salted Fire"

Cutting-edge media & music you can feel!

At 5 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month in Luther Hall (basement).

Note: No Third Degree on Sept. 5. Bring your friends and join us again on Sunday, Sept. 19!

CLC Council



RFP Update

Council and the Graceful Growing Together (GGT) committee have been hard at work since the congregation voted in July to move forward with the Request For Proposal (RFP) on the property where the Bethesda Fellowship House is currently located. The RFP was released on schedule on Aug. 23.

Council will host two information sessions at noon on Saturday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 23. Please join us to learn more about development plans & processes and to ask your questions. A congregational meeting to vote on final development plans is tentatively set for Sunday, Nov. 14.

— Barry Lemley



Celebrate Recovery to Begin Soon

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8. Yield myself to be used by God to bring the Good News to others both by my example and by my words.



The eight principles guide us through recovery from addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. The steps are parallel to but different from those of Alcoholics Anonymous because Celebrate Recovery applies to all personal problems, not just drinking or drugs. Through practicing these eight steps, we can find peace, serenity, joy and connection to God and others.

Celebrate Recovery is not a replacement for those practicing a 12-step program. Instead, it can be a complement or adjunct to a recovery program. And for those unfamiliar with traditional 12-step programs, it is an opportunity to experience a new way of living, healed from any type of compulsive behavior that it is interfering in your life.

Personal or family problems often are not solvable by one person alone. Yet what you can't do by yourself, we can all do together in Christ Jesus, in healing warmth & celebration and guided by the recovery steps. Celebrate Recovery is the celebration of Christ in the life of the church and its people.



I ask for your prayers for our Celebrate Recovery team and the launching of this new program. I am hopeful that it will bring hope and healing to many of God's people.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
Pastor Marv

Requirements for Celebrate Recovery Leaders

1. Celebrate Recovery leaders must be followers of Christ who are well-ground in their faith;
2. Celebrate Recovery leaders must be willing to participate in a small group with other Celebrate Recovery leaders;
3. Celebrate Recovery leaders must have participated in a 12-step group in the past. Celebrate Recovery assumes leaders already know the 12-step process and how to work within the 12-step experience.

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.

Fall 2004 Christian Education Small Groups will begin on Sunday, Sept. 19.



Adult

“A Life Worth Living,” based on the book of Philippians, starts soon. Contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160, ext. 3

“Challenging Lifestyles,” based on the Beatitudes, meets at 10:15 a.m. Sundays starting Sept. 19. Contact Larry Goolsby at 301-946-6479.

Coed Home Group, for in-depth Bible study, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. Contact Niina or Chee Kin Tang at 301-468-7006.

“Questions of Life,” a course on the basics of Christianity for new, returning and mature Christians, meets on Sundays starting on Sept. 19. Time TBA. Contact Robert Dalzell at 301-657-9031.

Small Group Facilitators Bible Study meets quarterly. Next meetings: Sept. 25 (ALPHA Leadership Training) and Nov. 6 (Theme TBA).

Men’s Master Builders, meets for in-depth Bible study with a focus on men’s issues, at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Contact Richard Czapinski at 301-652-5160 or Robert Dalzell at 301-657-9031.



“Celebrate Recovery” uses eight recovery principles to help heal hurts and overcome personal problems. CR meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. Contact Roger Clough at 301-251-8694.

Other

Graceful Growing Together (GGT), CLC’s stewardship initiative, uses 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 the future.

Teddy Bear Ministry is a ministry of love, caring, and healing.

Women

Martha Circle, a Bible study on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Dottie Davis at 301-598-9657 or Wilma Christ at 301-320-5127.



Rachel Circle, a Bible study based on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Jackie Clapp at 301-933-4164.

THRIVE, for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050.

Young Women’s Small Group, for women in their 20s and early 30s meets, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Thursday! Contact Jennifer Tessneer at 240-426-8598.

Women’s Home Group, for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Ingrid Dallaire at 301-654-6962 or Ellen Schneider at 301-656-6419.



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 meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in Prayer Room I (second floor). Contact Paula Mathis at 301-540-7391 or Niina Tang at 301-468-7006.

Prayer Room I is open for prayer from 8:15 a.m.– Noon on Sundays. Prayer Room II is open for prayer Monday — Saturday.

Special Events & Information



CELC Fall Festival Picnic and Gathering!!! 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004

This will be a great opportunity for you and your friends to learn about all the opportunities to get connected at CELC in the 2004-2005 year. Join us for food, fellowship and other fun on the patio. (Rain location: Hospitality Room.) Please bring a friend so we can share God’s love with others, grow our church and, more importantly, grow God’s Kingdom!!! For details, please call the church at 301-652-5160.



We need your help to make this a fantastic success! We need volunteers to bring and man one or two grills. If you are willing to be our main grill guy (or gal) or bring other food and refreshments, please call the church or email Jennifer Tessneer at jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

Please Let Us Know What You Will Bring to the Fall Festival!!!

- Grill and Charcoal (I will do the grilling too!)
- Burgers and Buns
- Hot Dogs and Buns
- Main Dish
- Fruit Dish
- Salad or Side Dish

- Chips or Other Snacks
- Dessert
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, etc.)
- Drinks
- Paper plates, cups
- Plastic utensils, napkins

Name _____
Phone _____
Thanks for your help!!!
Mail to CELC or email to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

What is this New Document Inside My Weekly Bulletin?

That’s the new and updated “This Week,” which we have renamed the “Week Ahead.” (If you have a more creative name, please let us know!) We are introducing the “Week Ahead” in an attempt to save staff time, be kinder and gentler to our printer, and improve the information-flow at CELC. The previous format for the “This Week” could no longer support the volume of information we need to communicate.

The “Week Ahead” is designed to (1) allow members to quickly find information they need on ministries they are involved and (2) give visitors a comprehensive look at all the ministries available at CELC and a contact name and phone number for each one.

Submissions are due to Jennifer Tessneer by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before publication. Please email them to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com. Please write your submission as you would like it to appear and including the following information: (1) ministry name and a BRIEF explanation; (2) the news of the ministry; (3) meeting time, date and location; (4) a contact person’s name and phone number. Please also specify how long you would like the submission to run. Questions? Please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5.



Youth & Family Ministry

CELC's youth and family ministry exists to REACH families with the love of Jesus and CONNECT them with other believers so they can GROW in faith, use their God-given gifts in MINISTRY to others, and fall more deeply in LOVE with Jesus Christ.

- ♦ **Reach**
(Evangelism)
- ♦ **Connect**
(Fellowship)
- ♦ **Grow**
(Discipleship)
- ♦ **Ministry**
(Service)
- ♦ **Love**
(Worship)

Parents, Get the 2004-05 Year Off to a Good Start!

A 2003 study by researcher George Barna found that parents and the local church must work together to develop children & teens into "spiritual champions." Parents must embrace their God-given role as their children's spiritual leaders, and the church must encourage and equip them for the responsibility (www.barna.org). With this in mind, CELC's youth & family ministry will focus more this year on providing tools and resources to equip parents to raise spiritual champions. We will continue to build upon the small groups and programs already in place for children and youth, but we will work to build a comprehensive ministry to parents as well.

Here are some ways you as parents can get the 2004-2005 year off to a good start:

- Attend the Fall Festival at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12 to learn more about opportunities for your family at CELC this year;
- Join a small group Bible study where you as parents can be nourished & nurtured;
- Set aside 15-30 minutes at the end of each day to share highs and lows (the best and worst thing about the day), read and discuss a Bible passage, and pray together. This will do wonders for family closeness and spiritual growth;
- Make weekly involvement at CELC a high priority for your family. Faithful and regular participation in worship, Sunday school and other church activities sends a strong message to children about spiritual disciplines and what it means to be committed to their spiritual journey;
- Memorize the youth and family mission statement and recite it to yourself each day, replacing the word "families" with "my children" (or your children's names). This serves as an awesome reminder of the role God has given you as your children's primary faith teacher and mentor. (See mission statement above.)
- Visit Jennifer Tessneer's office to peruse the books, videos and other parenting resources available. (Please feel free to borrow them. Just leave Jennifer a note.)
- Check out the Parenting Resources bulletin board outside Jennifer's office for information, inspiration and lots of freebies.
- Pray, pray, pray!



Questions? Please contact Jennifer Tessneer, minister of family & community care, at 301-652-5160, ext. 5.

Children and youth programs reconvene on Sunday, Sept. 19. To learn more, please attend the Fall Festival at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12.



ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Want to learn more about GODLY PARENTING? Do you like FREE STUFF?

If so, please visit the Parent Resources bulletin board outside of Jennifer Tessneer's office for lots of free information and inspiration!



Happy Grandparents Day to all our Grandparents! (Sept. 12)

An elderly couple and their little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws.

"You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in line said to the little boy.

Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandparents knelt down next to him.

"I love your freckles," his grandpa said, tracing his fingers across the child's cheek.

"Me too," said his grandma. "When I was a little girl, I always wanted freckles. Freckles are beautiful."

The boy looked up. "Really?"

"Really!" they said. "Why, just name one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intently at his grandparents, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."



Grandparents, thanks for all your love, time, attention, teaching and wisdom. Thanks for loving your grandchildren!

Children, Youth & Family Opportunities



Making Disciples Confirmation Ministry is for children and teens ages 12 and up and adults who are ready to take a focused journey towards reaffirming their faith and recommitting their lives to Jesus Christ. Making Disciples meets weekly through the school year. Time TBD.

Pathfinders Sunday Morning Adventure for Children & Teens is CELC's Sunday school for ages 3-18. Pathfinders meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. every Sunday in the second-floor education wing. Parents are welcome to accompany young children.

Senior High Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Sunday in the second-floor youth room for fun, friendship and Bible Study. Come hungry!

Third Degree, CELC's alternative worship service geared toward teens and young adults, is at 5 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of each month in Luther Hall (basement). Join us for cutting-edge media and music you can feel!!!

For details or to volunteer with children & youth, please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160.

Youth & Family Ministry Contacts

Questions about youth & family ministry? Please speak to ...

Youth & Family Ministry Committee

- Lisa Bente, council representative
- Eileen Dalzell, junior high Pathfinders teacher
- Laurie Heinecke, elementary Pathfinders teacher
- Rachel King, youth group leader
- Erica Sprague, youth group leader
- Jennifer Tessneer, family & community care minister
- George Wenchel, council representative
- Mark Woodward, senior high Pathfinders teacher

Youth Contacts

- Chris Yu Ian "You Can Call Me Hank" Dalzell
- Sam Fondry Jaymes Lunsford Jeremy Lunsford
- Jonathan "Sleepy" Hoang