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Sunday Schedule

Worship:	8:15 AM
Sunday School:	9:25 AM
Worship:	10:30 AM
	(Nursery available)

Village Nights

Village Nights, Wednesday nights meal at 5:45 followed by a wonderful Bible study taught by Pastor Beverly Aurand on the book of Psalms. Plan to join the fellowship and lively discussions in her small group. This will be the last Village Night session till the fall. So plan to attend April 22, 29, May 6, and 13.

Stay for inspiring worship lead by our talented high school youth. Wednesday nights have become an inspiration for all who attend with wonderful food, fellowship and worship to feed the mind, body and soul. See you there.

There will be a number of small group opportunities for all, so keep check on the Welcome table for information.

Green Tips

Check with the CVWMA web site to find out dates for recycling computers, and other electronic items properly. There are many dates that are set for you to recycle these items. Also there is a collection basket on the welcome table for you to leave mercury thermometers to be properly recycled. Do not forget those older kitchen thermometers.

Networking Support Group

The Lakeside Area Networking group will be meeting every other Friday at 8 am to 9:30 am for employment networking, learning about community support resources and tips on internet job searches. This outreach is for all who are experiencing changes in their employment status as well as those who may have employment opportunities to offer, as well as support on how to deal with this current situation. For information please contact Susan Nepomuceno at the church office, 266-5775.

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 Luther Church, Ministers

The Reverend Eric J. Moehring, Pastor
Pastor Kristin Hunsinger, Associate Pastor
Linda Keener, Music Director
Cathy Lantz, Parish Nurse
Susan Nepomuceno, Program Liaison
Katy Vess, Administrative Assistant
Heather Heckel, Web Master
Carol Jones, Newsletter Editor

Our Congregation Council and Officers

Karl Hade, President	Melony Bosdell
Rakup Richard, Vice President	Frank Greenday
Paul Quel, Treasuer	Faith Hobson
Cindy Williamson, Financial Secretary	Jan Niemeier,
Anne Harris, Secretary	Luke Ramsey
Ken Bjelstrand	Jennifer John
Joe Williamson	Kim Yucha

Danielle Bosdell and Beth Williamson , Youth Representatives

Mission Team Captains

Seeking: Harry and Heather	Sharing: Diane Kellogg
Caring: Kay Rilee	Serving: Jim Schnellenberger

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Church Web Page: christlutheran.org
Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM
LAMB's Basket: Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 10 AM-1PM (565-8007)

Remembering Those in 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:

The bulletin now carries the names of persons who have been recently submitted.

The newsletter contains our homebound members, those family and friends serving our country, and friends and relatives in need of long term prayers.

And, you may place names of anyone under the stone on the altar at any time. These will be left there for about 1 month.

Please remember: you need to continue to be an intentional steward of the person's name you submit. Keep pastor and the church office "in the loop" as conditions change; make sure we all can celebrate the "prayers answered" by taking that person's name off the prayer lists.

Our Homebound:

Cliff Anthony, Eva Brenmark, Bessie Grogg, Virginia Harris, Audrey Hartsoe, Katherine Magann, Carroll and Janice Schroeder, Margie Werner

Family & Friends Serving Our Country:

Josh Mullins, Michael Rose

Members, Friends & Relatives in Need of Long Term Prayers:

Audrey Light, Vivian and Dale Hupp, Craig Prekup, Jane Pickels, Nate Metheny, Kristy Sutton, Al Driggers, Donna Coffman, Angie Smith, Betty Charette, Wayne Hatchel, DC Cheatham, Charlotte Eller, Jennifer Chun, Jon Jones, Michael Stinson, Megan Leuty, Brian Litten, Serena Lambert, Nick Franca, Nicholas Charlesbois, Jack Brown, Kai Davis, Eli Horn, Taylor Love, Drew Kryszinski, Krysten Collins, Chloe Shiver, Kieran Hathaway.

From Pastor Kristin

I want to express my gratitude to everyone here for your warm welcome to this congregation. I am honored and humbled to serve along side of you in ministry at Christ Lutheran. I wish to thank everyone who has welcomed me with kind words, work preparing the office, or helping me settle into my apartment in various ways. I am so grateful for to all of you. While I can not begin to thank everyone personally for the many ways they have helped in this transition, I do want to thank Rob, Richard, and Gerald for coming to Columbia, packing up a truck, and driving it to Richmond.

As I continue to settle into this new place, I am looking forward to getting to know not only the area but all of you. I would love to and am trying to take as much time as possible to meet with individuals, families, or even small groups outside of church to get to know you better. Since I am still learning names and there is so much happening on Sunday mornings, I invite anyone to stop by or give me a call at the office during the week or send me an email (check the website for my address) to set up a time meet.

Also, many people have asked about my ordination. While I am serving as your associate pastor here, I will be ordained at the Virginia synod assembly in Roanoke on Saturday, June 6 during the evening worship service. Since pastors are ordained to serve the entire church, many bishops are recommending that ordinations occur at synod assembly where there is a clearer connection to the broader church. After accepting the call that you extended on March 1, in consultation with Pastor Eric and the council and with the Bishop's blessing, I choose to start here in April so that I could be here to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with all of you rather than waiting until after June 6 to begin. After ordination I will then be officially installed as associate pastor at Christ Lutheran Church. The exact date and time of that service are still being determined. However, while I may not yet be officially ordained or installed, I have accepted a call to this congregation and will continue to serve here faithfully before and after my ordination and installation.

God's peace,
Pastor Kristin

Stewardship 2009:

Our church has been blessed this year. We have a beautiful new sign out front that we constantly hear good feedback on; Our Sunday School and Fellowship hallways and lighting continue to gain high praise; our New Associate Pastor is here and adds a new dimension to our youth and educational programs; and our First Quarter Financial status is strong.

Through the First Quarter our Pledged Goal was \$ 73,990. The amount from pledges given was \$ 70,604. Giving from those who did not pledge was \$ 13,094. Additional funds for special interests have been given in the amount of \$ 8,020. These are very good numbers and paint a very good picture for our church.

The summer is quickly approaching.....people will be away for travel; vacations; visitations; river and lake trips; etc. We must not rest on our laurels. The remainder of the year will bring on new costs and expenses.....new salaries; maintenance repairs; new programs; etc. Remember the great sacrifice God made for each of us. We each need to be good stewards for His Church. Be a good steward for Christ Lutheran Church. Make STEWARDSHIP A PRIORITY.

Thank You

Gerald W. Ransone

Everyone's invited to the Spring Music Festival, Sunday, May 17 after the 10:30 service. Bring a covered dish to share, hear some "dinner music" while you eat, and celebrate our many wonderful musicians. After lunch, the Joyful Noises will present a short musical drama titled "(Not) Forsaken Bacon." It's set at a church Council meeting, where the 3 Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Parson are debating whether to believe the Big Bad Wolf has had a change of heart. You'll laugh...you'll cry....well, you get the idea. Come one, come all, and have a great time!

Don't worry, God is in control

Worrying is part of our human nature. We all know worries in life. With the souring of the economy and every-day challenges to our health and welfare, our list of worries can easily grow long.

Although our nerves might serve as an important warning sign for us to pay attention to the risks around us (part of the fight or flight mechanism), worries can subtly become the focus of our days.

Our worries become idols before us. They begin to control how we act and feel. They become all we can see if we are not careful and soon our life seems not much of a life worth living after all.

Jesus knows our struggle. He faced many threats and dangers in his own life. Experiencing fear isn't a sin, but Jesus through his teachings challenges us to not let fear control us. Despite what chaos might seem to loom around us, can we see that God is in control and loves us?

The plans for our salvation and welfare which Jesus put into motion will not be disappointed. Jesus cares for us and he will help us carry our cross. So, Jesus in Matthew 6: 25-34 urges believers to seek out his help; to grow in our understanding of his love and call in our lives.

This exercise will strengthen us for the days ahead and it will protect us for an eternity. Live a day at a time, do your best during that day and leave the rest in Christ's hands. Jesus loves you and will never forsake you.

I pray these 40 days of Lent prove an opportunity for all of us to grow in grace. Seeking his kingdom with renewed passion, may we more deeply experience the passion Jesus has for us. Rather than worrying our days away, I pray we experience the life of celebration and joy which is our inheritance.

(From Messenger, the newsletter of Messiah, Mechanicsville)

by Pastor Lou Florio

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Virginia Synod is 4th in World Hunger Gifts per Member

Thanks be to God for your faithful generosity. In 2008 the Virginia Synod, ELCA gave more than \$300,000 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, a substantial increase from the \$275,641 contributed in 2007!

In per capita giving, the Virginia Synod is one of the top synods in the ELCA. We gave \$7.22 per member, ranking fourth among the 65 ELCA synods! Thanks be to God. As a church, the congregations and individuals of the ELCA contributed more than \$21.4 million to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Your generous giving has meant more funds to feed more people, dig more wells, educate more farmers, make more micro loans and give more people the resources they need to live with dignity. Thanks be to God for these gifts to these people.

It is easy to think of our neighbors as those people who live on our streets or in our communities. But through Christ we are united with the whole of humanity throughout the world. Contributing faithfully and generously to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal is one way we are in communion with our brothers and sisters around the globe.

In these times of economic distress we often hear about scarcity and we are told there just might not be enough. In Holy Communion we are fed by Jesus himself with himself. In this meal we are reminded God functions from the perspective of abundance. With God, through God, in, with and under God there is always more.

Grace abounds, mercy abounds, and more. When we view the world from this angle there is hope and possibility, not because we can do it ourselves, but because God working through us will make great and wonderful things happen. Thanks be to God!

by Pastor Paul Walters

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Dear People of Christ,

Have you eaten all of your Easter candy yet? That was always a dilemma in my family in Natrona Hgts, PA. We had two family-owned chocolate factories in that church: Clarks and Arnsbergs. Both made the most wonderful treats: **solid** bunnies and lambs; **chocolate** baskets that stood over a foot high! And both families made sure we had enough chocolate. Actually it amounted to MORE than enough; truthfully the “yet” of eating it all never seemed to come!

I still wonder what my Mom did with all of it! So over the years I have fantasized four possible scenarios. Ironically, they match four different ways people observe Easter:

1.) I wonder if she kept some, but threw away most of it. How about your Easter? Do you observe it on that day and then throw the rest away because, you know, there’s spring and work and getting the kids through the rest of school/sports and the yard and well, longer nights for barbecue? I hope she didn’t; I hope you don’t either.

2.) I wonder if she passed some of it around to the neighbors. How about your Easter? Do you pass the joy of the news of faith and new life around for others to have? Selfishly I hope she didn’t (but knowing my Mom, I’m sure she did); I hope you do too.

3.) I wonder if she made sure we got doses of the chocolate in various forms, like in our lunch bags, as snacks at the movies and also great big chunks in cookies. How about your Easter? Do you use the message of the resurrection in several places of your life’s walk? I know she did; I hope you do too.

4.) Did my Mom kept most of it for herself. I don’t even have to wonder about that one! I hope Easter living is the same for you too.

In Nomine Jesu,

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Alexander Boldin	15	Cliff Anthony
2	Amanda Price		Will Riddell
	Peyton Reilly	16	Ashley Ransone
	Janet McAvoy		Kelli Meyer
	David Murray	18	Allison Greenday
3	Sarah Ramsey		Carolyn Lawrence
	Stan Carey	21	Ethan Howes
4	Jim Pickels		Mildred Hanczaryk
	Basil Tripp	23	Brianne Kintzer
7	Jane Dry		Saul Ellis
	Halladay Yensen		Anne Adkins
8	Nancy Drummond		Kaj Meintzer
	Kathi Smith	24	E. M. Miller
	Tom Moore	25	Pam Bjelstrand
9	Rachel Faust	26	Shawn Belcastro
10	Sarah Mawyer		Chip Harris
	Frank Greenday	27	Diana Rossiter
11	Milyk Fernandez	30	Timothy Burns
12	Peyton Waltz	31	Eileen Remppies
14	Pam Pegram		James Drummond

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Finally, this past month we were all saddened to learn of the loss of our dear friend and Council member, Nancy Carey. Nancy passed away on April 6th after a courageous battle with cancer. She had been a longtime member of Christ Lutheran Church and as you all know loved our church dearly. Easter Sunday, a member commented to me that he had often heard it said you always felt like a better person for having met and known Nancy. I know that I always felt that way. Even during her personal fight against this disease, she continued to serve on Church Council, participated in the annual Council retreat and supported the Church's many ministries. We will greatly miss her warm smile, caring heart, support and friendship. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband Stan and their entire family.

May God Bless You All,

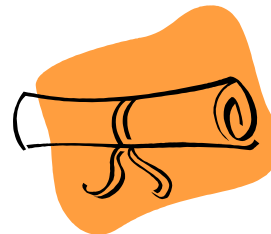
Karl R. Hade

TRINITY GATHERING will have its monthly meeting on May 14 at 10:30 AM at **Imperial Plaza, "The Virginia Room"** (ask at gate for directions). Pastor will teach the Bible study, starting at 11 AM. All congregation members are cordially invited to join us. Lunch following the Bible Study is optional. Please call Elizabeth Carbaugh (266-4577) if you plan to attend.

ON MARCH 22, we received the following new member: Frances Burford, from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynchburg, Virginia.

OUR PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY are for Jean Diehls' family on her death on April 6; and for the family of Nancy Carey on her death on April 6.

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, give us a call (266-5775) or email Katy at bearskaty@aol.com so we can include you in the newsletter.



If your son or daughter is graduating from high school or college this spring, please notify the church office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

As you all know by now, I am happy to report that Kristin Hunsinger has accepted our call as Associate Pastor. She officially began her new ministry with us on April 1, 2009 and has already provided significant assistance to Pastor Eric and support to a number of our members. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Kristin as the newest member of our family here at Christ Lutheran.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of Council and the Call Committee for all of their assistance and thoughtful consideration throughout the call process. Likewise, you the members of our congregation deserve a big thank you for your commitment and support of this important new position in our church.

We also express our appreciation to the many members who helped Kristin with her move from South Carolina to Virginia. Gerald Ransone, Rob Barricklow and Richard Tripp drove down to South Carolina, loaded the U-Haul and helped move Kristin to Richmond. Once here, they were greeted by many helping hands that assisted with unloading and providing a wonderful meal for her first night in her new apartment. These volunteers included Trenton Hizer, along with the Lantz and Williamson families.

Have you visited our church website lately? If not, I encourage you to go take a look (www.christlutheran.org). During the past several months, Heather Heckel has done an outstanding job redesigning the site and adding all kinds of new content. What a wonderful way to keep our members informed and help potential new members find us and learn more about Christ Lutheran. Please feel free to contact Heather with any suggestions for future improvements.

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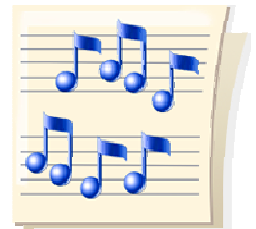


Music Notes for May Worship

- 3 Youth Sunday
- 10 10:30, **Chancel Choir**, “You Are the Branches” – Jothen, with 3 ringers and bass guitar
- 17 10:30, **Celestial Bells**, “Now the Green Blade Riseth” – Wagner
Chancel Choir, “Santo, Santo, Santo” – Parrish, with flute
Noon: **Spring Music Festival**
- 24 10:30, **Chancel Choir**, “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” – Dubois, with flute
- 31 8:15, **Early Ensemble**, “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” – Scott
10:30, **Joyful Noises**, “Dry Bones” – Spiritual/Mayo & Bailey
Chancel Choir, “Christ Sends the Spirit” – Proulx, with flute

Hymn of the Month: May

374 “**Day of Arising**”
Text by Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music by Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929



You may recognize one or both of the names above, I have used many of Susan Cherwien’s husband’s organ pieces, and the Chancel Choir has sung several of Carl Schalk’s anthems. Also, you have sung a couple of his other hymns: “Now the Silence” and “Thine the Amen.”

Naturally, this hymn is found in the Easter section of our hymnal, and speaks of the walk to Emmaus, where Christ revealed himself to his disciples after he had risen from the dead.

I especially love the third stanza, which reads in part, “When the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.”

Let’s celebrate our risen Lord in the singing of this beautiful new hymn of triumph!

Youth News

April was another big fundraising month for the CLC Youth. Several Sundays we offered breakfast treats after early and late services for a free will offering. We made over \$200. We had Danielle Bosdell, Julia Dry, Lauren Dry and Beth Williamson to give up some of their time to mow Paul Quel's yard while he was unable to. He gave a donation to the Youth. We ended out April with our Yard Sale. All the fundraisers I mentioned above are ways the youth were making money for their trip to New Orleans in July. We appreciate all who have supported our fundraising efforts and those who have helped with our fundraising efforts.

Put the following May dates on your calendar:

May 2	TBA	Practice for Youth Sunday
May 3	Both services	Youth Sunday
May 17	4-6 PM	Youth planning meeting. All youth invited to attend.
May 31		After Confirmation reception Youth who are going to NYG and at least 1 parent need to attend this final meeting before the trip. The final payment for bus will be due.

Littlest Lutherans will have our May program in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. The daddies & children will meet there for pizza & a special Mother's Day gift. The mommies will meet at Rebecca Yensen's home during this time for fun, food & fellowship. If you are interested in coming, please call or email Rebecca Barricklow at 360-8190 or Rebecca.barricklow@cbre.com. Next month, the daddies will enjoy the fellowship while the mommies & children meet for pizza & a special Father's Day gift. More details to follow. The annual cookout will be held in July instead at the Barricklow's home. Littlest Lutheran is a program for families of children age 0 to 6 years old. If you would like more information about the Littlest Lutherans, please contact Rebecca Barricklow at 360-8190 or email at Rebecca.barricklow@cbre.com.

Cool Christians is looking for more members. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Rebecca Barricklow at 360-8190 or email at Rebecca.barricklow@cbre.com. So far, this group has had a cookout, participated in the Ashland Christmas Parade, bowling, roller skating, & pottery painting. We meet the second weekend of every month. Check us out!

Please mark your calendars now for **Discovery Canyon** Vacation Bible School which will be held Sunday, July 12th through Thursday, July 16th. If you are interested in volunteering, we are looking for volunteers in help lead the adventure in exploring the wonders of the world. Registration and volunteer forms with more information are in the Commons and on our website www.christlutheran.org. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Barricklow at 360-8190 or email at Rebecca.barricklow@cbre.com.

