

JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



STATEMENT OF WELCOME

This congregation recognizes the diversity that exists in our world and affirms the unity of all who come seeking the Lord here in this place. We rejoice in the worth, gifts and dignity of every person, and strive to be a safe place where all people can receive the grace of our Lord and enter into the fellowship of Christ's Body. You are welcome here!

VISION STATEMENT

*Recognizing God's blessings, we are a congregation committed to making a **LOVING DIFFERENCE** in the lives of each other, the mission of Christ's church in the world, and in all of the communities we touch.*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is

- To **WELCOME** people into a journey of Christian faith,
- To **PREPARE** these people for daily living as Christ's disciples, and
- To **SEND** them to serve in Christ's name.

FROM PASTOR CARBAUGH

I remember my sister, the teacher, telling a story about one of her students who had brought a brand new lunch box to school the first day back in January one year. Clearly, this was something the child had received as a Christmas gift. When it came time to go to lunch, the student grabbed his new lunch box, got in line and headed for the cafeteria. When all the students had started eating, my sister noticed that the young boy was just sitting there, his new lunch box on the table in front of him. She asked him why he wasn't eating, and proceeded to help him open his new lunch box. To her surprise, the lunch box was empty. She asked him: "Why did you bring your lunch box if it didn't have any food in it?" "Because", he said, "it's new!"

Jesus said: "Behold, I make all things new." Forgiveness and Grace and Baptism are all about helping us put away the old and be made new again. We look forward to that day when there will be 'a new heaven and a new earth'. We are entering a new year - 2015. As we enter this New Year, it is possible that we will carry with us the same old stuff from last year- that 2015 will be much like 2014. It is possible that nothing much will be different. It is also possible that we can pretend that things are new – but simply end up like a shiny new lunch box with nothing on the inside to feed us or sustain us. As you enter this New Year, I encourage you to reflect on the inside of the lunch box. What do you need to feed yourself in order to grow your life – to grow your life in Christ. Don't let it be just another year on top of another year. Resolve to make this year different. Put something in that lunch box that feeds your soul and enriches your life. I pray it is a good year for you – a new year for you.

As we end the old and begin the new, I want to thank everyone – and there were many, who made our Christmas celebration such a wonderful, beautiful and uplifting experience. Each of you, in many and various ministries, added to the joy of the season. Thank you! Also, thanks to everyone in our congregation for your kindness and love shown to our staff and for your support throughout the year. You are indeed people of God!

FROM PASTOR ANNE

I hope that you had a wonderful New Year's celebration. In the church we started the New Year over a month ago, but the changing of the year from 2014 to 2015 gives us a second opportunity to look back and to look ahead. Years ago in the Lutheran magazine, Sonia Solomonson shared her New Year's ritual with readers. Sonia invited readers to gather with close friends and family for a meal and time to reflect, look forward, and pray together. Here are some of the questions each guest was invited to answer: What name would you give to your past year's journey? What were some of your epiphanies this past year? How were you disappointed and blessed in the past year? How did those disappointments and blessings help you grow? What do you want to name this New Year? What hope and fear do you have for the New Year? What gifts do you hope to share this New Year? Who do you bring with you for support and strength this New Year? Perhaps Sonia's questions might spur us to gather with our families and friends or to reflect individually. As we do, consider reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 and Philippians 4:6 to frame our reflection. Prayer: Thank you God for the gifts and challenges of the past year and for the joy of a new year. Guide us through the plains and valleys, strengthen us with Grace and Your Word, and surround us with faithful friends. In the name of Jesus who makes all things new. Amen.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Come and join in the conversation and exploration of the Gospel of Mark every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the office conference room beginning January 14th. Our Gospel readings in worship this year will be from the Gospel of Mark so this will be a good way to enrich your knowledge of Mark as well as enhance your worship experience. All are welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

New members will be welcomed into the life and ministry of Christ Lutheran on February 1st. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the family of God here in this place is asked to speak to one of the pastors as soon as possible. You are welcomed here!

TEMPORARY OFFICE HELP NEEDED

There are some papers, bulletins, etc. in the office that need to be organized and filed for historical purposes. This would be a big help to our office staff. It should not take a great deal of time and when the work is done can be flexible. Please contact the church office if you can help. Thanks!

ALTAR GUILD *is looking for New Members.* We need new members to serve no more than once a month at either service. You will have training and mentoring. If interested in serving or curious about all that we do, please contact Rebecca Sullivan.



Christian Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is running smoothly. All Sunday School offerings will be going to the ELCA to benefit World Hunger. The money will help provide families in need with chickens, other animals, and resources they need to escape hunger and poverty. All children who bring in any offering amount during Sunday School will get to color a chick. These will be displayed in the new hallway upstairs. Please stop by and see all of the chicks! Thank you for your generous donations.

No Sunday School:

January 4th Happy New Year

Sunday School resumes....January 11th

Richele Davis
Christian Education Director

MAKE TIME FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (FOR ADULTS) SUNDAY MORNING

The "Let's Talk" Group meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the couch room in the Education Wing to share discussion and support related to our day-to-day challenges and spiritual lives. All are welcome.

Beginning January 18th from 10:00 – 10:45 in the fellowship hall downstairs, there will be an adult forum that will focus on issues related to aging and end of life concerns and decisions. Leadership will come from pastors, members and outside resource people. Questions and conversation will be a part of the discussion. Topics will include:

1. Theology of Aging and Related Issues – What is the church's stance on end of life decisions, including such things as cremation?
2. Caring for family members; talking with family members about end of life decisions/wishes.
3. Medical decisions/options related to end of life
4. Legal Issues – wills/powers of attorney/ DNRs
5. Funeral decisions/options
6. Recovering from Loss – healing and hope
7. Long Term Care Insurance – what to consider

CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

Christ Lutheran Preschool is gearing up for our annual Family Bingo Night to be held on January 30, 2015. This is historically our best fundraiser. It has consistently raised over \$1,000 for the preschool and would not be possible without the generous donations from our preschool families, congregation and area businesses. The event, which begins with a pizza dinner and consists of an auction, raffle, bake sale and bingo games, ends with each child taking home at least one prize.

At this time, we are gratefully accepting donations for our Family Bingo Night. We will need Raffle/Auction items, as well as Bingo prizes for adults. Some suggested items are: gift cards/certificates, "themed" gift baskets (coffee, tea, spa, crafting, movie lovers, etc.), unique hand made/artisan items, Direct Sales type items (Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Thirty-One Gifts, etc). Children's Bingo prize items are also needed and can be anything suitable for children.

For more information, please contact Libby Keyser. Donations can be given to Libby Keyser, Richele Davis or dropped off in the church office on weekdays between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thank you for supporting Christ Lutheran Preschool.

ChrisTeens News

Sunday, January 4th No Youth Group.

Sunday, January 11th Middle School Youth @ 6 p.m.

All middle school youth gather in the church fellowship hall for some games, Bible study, and food. We're going to pick back up with our "Echo" series by talking about the Ten Commandments. Think you know them already? Sounds like another talk about what you aren't allowed to do? Come and join the conversation and find out how the Ten Commandments are a gift from God that actually frees us to live in a richer way!

Sunday, January 18th High School Youth @ 6 p.m.

All high school youth gather in the church fellowship hall to think about the theology of the Cross. Nadia Bolz Weber says: "The cross sits at the center of our faith, and yet our understanding of what exactly happened on that cross remains conflicted and confusing. Was Jesus our proxy? The payment? The only way to appease an angry God? Nadia Bolz-Weber reminds us that our theories about the cross tell us as much about ourselves and our view of God as they do about Jesus and salvation."

Friday, January 23rd-Sunday, January 25th Winter Celebration Week II

All participants meet in the church parking lot at 2:45 p.m. on Friday to depart for Eagle Eyrie. Please remember to bring \$25 for dinner on Friday and lunch Sunday, as well as a snack to share with the group.

Sunday, January 25th No youth group.

Sunday, February 1st SouperBowl Sub Event

Parents and youth please plan to participate by serving on Shift 1 or Shift 2.

Shift 1 (8:30 to 10:30) Meet in the fellowship hall at 8:30 to prepare sub orders for people who attend the 9 a.m. service.

Shift 2 (10:30-12:30) Meet in the fellowship hall at 10:30 to prepare sub orders for people who attend the 11 a.m. service.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

The students at Mary Washington enjoyed all the meals prepared by the congregation in the fall semester! They loved them so much, they are asking for the recipes. Please consider providing a meal for 6-8 students this semester. A sign up sheet is posted in the Information Center. All meals are dropped off at the campus ministry house located at 820 College Avenue on Tuesdays by 5 p.m. Questions please call Pastor Anne. Thank you!



WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT



Women in the Spirit (WITS) provides fellowship and service opportunities for all women of the church. We typically meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10:00-12:00 at church. Our goal is to provide a variety of activities throughout the year that are of interest to women. We have a great time, please come and join us! Check the narthex and Sunday bulletins for upcoming activities.

On January 10, 2015, we will take down the Chrismon trees at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Rebecca Sullivan.

On January 17, 2015, 10:00-12:00, we will have our planning meeting for all 2015 activities. Come with good ideas!

Below is a calendar of events for the rest of this year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Jan 10	Chrismon Trees – Take Down	Rebecca Sullivan
Jan 17	2015 Activity Planning Session	Roxanne Harvey

Other Related Info:

WELCA - <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

SOUPERBOWL SUBS

Remember the great subs that we had for the last Souperbowl? Back by popular demand from the Youth Group, Souperbowl Subs are here again! Please pick up an order form in the information center and drop it off in the box labeled “Souper Bowl Subs” in the narthex. Order forms are also available in this month’s newsletter. On Souperbowl Sunday (February 1st) you can pick your sub following the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship service in the Welcome Hall 100% of funds raised will be donated to Micah Ecumenical Ministries. This is a Thrivent supported event. Also, members of the congregation are asked to bring soup or chili to share.



CONGREGATIONL MEETING AND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on December 7th. Your support of the life and ministry of Christ Lutheran is so important! As a summary of the meeting, the following members were elected to the Council: Jonathan Branker, Stan Buch, Matthew Cechman, Karen DeFreese, Aimee Fletcher, Morrie Mabbitt and Mike Menke. Elected to the Endowment Fund were: Larry Cechman and Vernon DeFreese. Re-elected as Trustees were: Ed Conrad, Robert Erickson, and Dennis Paulson. Thanks were expressed to outgoing council members Mike Ouellet, Libby Keyser and Harry Rosnick (Council President). Thanks were also expressed to Arlyn Renkes who will be ending his service as treasurer, John Harvey for serving on the Endowment Committee and Morrie Mabbitt for his leadership for the Community Meal.

The 2015 Ministry Plan was approved with two changes: 1) To put the Mortgage payments on the Ministry Plan, although payments will be handled through separate contributions to the Building/Mortgage Fund; 2) to add a new line for Miscellaneous/Reserve in the amount of \$4,800.

At the December Council Meeting, the following people were elected as officers for 2015: Stan Buch – President, Pastor Anne – Vice President, Arlyn Renkes – Treasurer (to serve until a new treasurer begins), Secretary – Darlene Jett. Our thanks to them for their willingness to serve.

CHRISTEENS SOUPER BOWL SUBS ALL SUBS \$5 EACH

SUB STYLE	LETTUCE	ROASTED PEPPERS	ONION	TOMATO	MAYO	MUSTARD
“THE GOBBLER”- TURKEY CLUB WITH CHEDDAR						
“HAM OVER FIST”- BLACK FOREST HAM WITH SWISS						
“YOU NEVER SAUSAGE A SUB”- SALAMI, PEPPERONI, AND HAM WITH PROVOLONE						
“MEALTESS IN SEATTLE”- PORTOBELLOS, RED PEPPERS WITH PROVOLONE						
NAME:			PICKUP TIME:	9 a.m.	OR	11 a.m.

We celebrate the birth of
Michael Ashby Shaw
 son of
Shannon & Steven Shaw
 We give thanks for this gift
 of new life.



Happy Anniversary

January

- 4 Jeff & Lisa Barnes
- 18 Tom & Susan Morgan
- 28 Lee & Linda Russell

If you would like to have your birthday and/or wedding anniversary included in the monthly newsletter, please email or mail the information to the church office.

THE FLOWER MINISTRY needs new members and welcomes anyone who is interested in doing flower arrangements. Join us at any time! We train you and you will always work with someone. Come see how we do it and enjoy the process! Call Sue Moorefield.



January

- 2 Kimberly Randall
- 3 Steve Terry
- 5 Sarah Kerestes
- 6 Geri Schmidt
- 7 Jeff Wood
- 8 Heather Bartholomew
 Kathy Buckley
 Cindy Carbaugh
- 9 Melissa Carroll
 Tate Newman
 Carol Whitley
 Ellen Dick
- 12 Joe Burns
 Neil Calloway
- 13 Molly Chamberlain
- 15 Paul Schellhammer
 Caitlyn Dick
- 16 Randy Garrett
- 17 Laurie Calloway
 Tracy Newman
- 18 Ryan Cropper
 Kelly White
- 19 Emily Kowalski
- 21 Elizabeth Durham
- 23 Rev. Roy Beutel
 Libby Keyser
- 24 Mary Garrett
 Debbie Hatfield
- 27 Thea Beutel

Copies of *The Word in Season* devotional booklet for January-March 2015 are available on the shelf in the Information Center located on the 2nd floor near the elevator.

Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year

SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS (Alternate)	GREETERS
January 4					
9:00	H. Leithiser	S. Newton/ A. Coleman	Skinner	V. & K. DeFreese	L. Renkes
11:00	W. O'Neill	C. O'Donnell/ A. Benson	Buch/Beutel	J. Allen	
January 11					
9:00	M. Moffitt	H. Stocks/ I. Wilson	Ripper	C. Bingham/E. Allen	
11:00	R. Rodriguez	T. Newman/ G. Colburn	Sullivan	R. Kilen/C. Smoko	
January 18					
9:00	J. Chamberlain	M. Weber/ G. Weber	Kerestes	S. Clements & Family/D. Kerestes (B. Duffy)	L. Renkes
11:00	H. Rosnick	B. Ross/J. Clements	Durham	W. O'Neill/B. Sullivan	R. Kazee
January 25					
9:00	B. Nester	C. Dick/S. Duffy	Trunnell	S. Clements & Family/D. Kerestes (B. Duffy)	
11:00	O. Einspahr	Carson Davis/ Cameron Davis	Summerford	W. O'Neill/B. Sullivan	

DATE	COMMUNION ELEMENTS (\$15)	BULLETINS (\$15)	FLOWERS (\$20)
January 4			
January 11			
January 18			VanAllen
January 25			

SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLE FOR JANUARY (\$15)

WORSHIP GIFTS – If you would like to donate communion elements, bulletins, flowers and/or a sanctuary lamp candle for a Sunday in 2015, please sign up on the Worship Gift Chart on the board in the Narthex. Envelopes are available on the board for your monetary donations and for the information you would like to have included in the bulletin.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NEWS FROM THE QUILTERS

Our quilters are busy as always. Winners of the drawing for the two quilts were Darlene Jett and Sue Bland. \$440 was raised to go toward the new sanctuary kneelers.

The quilters meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to join our group, all are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Donna Trunnell. Tied in faith, sent in hope and wrapped in love.

Quilts connect people to God's call to love and care for one another.



QUILTING GROUP

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you for all the generosity with food donations for the Micah Ministry Emergency Food Kits. Thank you also to the CLC youth for assembling the kits.

The donations and service were greatly appreciated.

The next Social Ministry/Social Justice Committee Meeting

will be Thursday, January 8th, at 10:00 a.m.

Our **next CLC Community Meal** will be on Wednesday, January 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteer greeters, servers and cooks are needed. If you can help, please contact Karen DeFreese or Donna and Gus Marquis. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make check payable to *Christ Lutheran Church* and mark on it "For Community Meal." It can be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Blessings in a Backpack



Blessings in a Backpack – Because of the generosity of our congregation, we are serving 110 students this year at Harrison Road and Wilderness Elementary Schools. Volunteers are needed to spend about 1 hour a month doing one of the following:

- Picking up the food from our grocery partner Walmart (Central Park) on Tuesday mornings or,
- Stuffing bags with food (mid-week) or,
- Delivering bags of food to Harrison Road Elementary School on Thursdays.

If you would like to participate please contact Stan Buch.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

The shelter opened on November 1st and will remain open through February. CLC will help at the shelter on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings of each month from 6:00 to 7:30. At least 4 volunteers are needed each night. A signup sheet with directions to the shelter and a list of the tasks that volunteers are asked to perform is posted in the Information Center on the 2nd floor hallway near the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact Morrie Mabbitt.

We delivered 19 pairs of boots and 35 pairs of socks to the Micah Cold Weather Shelter for Christmas. These were much appreciated!

PREPARING FOR LONG-TERM CARE...A Gift Your Family Deserves
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Please join us for a complimentary one-hour presentation to learn more about long-term care and how you can prepare for it—emotionally, physically and financially.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
6:00 p.m. Dinner
Fredericksburg Hospitality House
Palm Room
2801 Plank Road

Hosted by:

Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Victoria Thorpe, CLTC, FIC and Michael Ohlsson, FIC
Financial Associates
1320 Central Park Blvd., Ste 222
Fredericksburg, VA 22401-4957

Presented by: Christopher Minnigh, CLCTC, Health Product Specialist

To reserve your place, contact Vicki Thorpe at 540-847-7674 or email Vicki.Thorpe@thrivent.com or Michael Ohlsson at 540-710-3658 or Michael.Ohlsson@thriven.com by Friday, January 16, 2015.

Dinner will be served at the event. Reservations required.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Chef Boyardee products, canned fruit, peas, boxed pasta, mustard, ketchup, and instant coffee. Your donations can be put in the basket in the Information Center.

Thank you for your continued support.