

Christ Lutheran Church Chronicle

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Bexley, OH 43209

January 15, 2012

CHALLENGING EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE WITH CHRIST NOW!

From the Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Back in November, we here at Christ Church were privileged to have with us Jerry Lucas. Many of you were present to hear his personal Christian witness and the story behind his ministry, as well as workshops on his various memory techniques for which he is famous. Over and over again I heard from you the amazement at his ability to recall names and faces. Most of us agreed that Jerry is wired a bit differently than the vast majority of folks, and what comes easily to him isn't quite so easy for the rest of us!

And yet, isn't so true about the value of our names. When someone knows us by name, we feel important...valued. More than anyone else (yes, even more than Jerry Lucas), God knows your name. You are important to God...you are valued. And the wonder of it all is that the Lord invites us into a relationship that is far more than superficial...it is a lifetime of love and faithfulness...of support and accountability...of grace and joy! We call it a life of discipleship! And just as in today's Gospel lesson, Philip was God's voice for Nathaniel, inviting him to come and meet this Jesus, and we are also invited to be God's voice for others. We have the opportunity to offer an invitation to the greatest and most important journey in all of life...the journey of faith!

What an incredible blessing that God knows our name! What an amazing thought that God entrusts us with inviting others to 'Come and see' the miracle of God's grace and love in Christ Jesus! Thanks be to God!

***God's Power and Blessings,
Pastor Tim***

Grief Support Group Meets Today

If you would like to go to lunch prior to the Grief Meeting at 1:30 p.m., please meet Linda Hallberg in the Lounge after the 11:15 a.m. service (about 12:15 p.m.).

New Member Classes Begin Today

If you are interested in joining the church, Pastor Tim will hold New Member Classes **today, January 22, and January 29**. Anyone who previously joined the church and would like to learn more about the church is welcome to attend as well. The classes will be in Room 301 (3rd floor, top of the stairs) **at 10:10 a.m.**

You Can Help Out Fellowship Two Ways!

Each Sunday for all three services we provide beverages, sweet, and salty treats as folks visit with one another in the Gathering Place. It has become such a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends. If you can help out with needed items, please stop by the tables during Fellowship time and pick up a tag that features an item or two. Bring the supply back when you can to the Lounge Kitchen with the tag attached.

In addition, if you would like to be a Fellowship Angel, please check your calendar for the following dates as I will be out-of-town: January 29, February 26, March 18 and April 1. We need two people: one person for set up prior to the end of the 8:00 a.m. service and one person to clean up around 11:00 a.m. Feel free to stop by the fellowship table and ask Monica for details. Thanks for your assistance!
Monica Getz, Fellowship Chair

WELCOME!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

**Join us for refreshments
in the Gathering Place
from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jason & Marie Hamill by the George Schuliger family.

*If you are interested in dedicating
Altar Flowers for January 29, please
call Miriam Glessner at 235-8289.*

Bereavement

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Karen Jenei upon the death of her niece.

Baptism

Congratulations to Kristina and Ryan Corcoran on their baptisms today at the 11:15 a.m. service.

*Please call the church office at
235-2314 with any people news
(i.e. births, marriages, deaths). Please have
a family member or friend
contact us if you are in the hospital.*

Books and Baked Goods Sale Seeking Donations.

**Please see page 4
for details!**

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29** after the 11:15 a.m. service, please join us in the Gathering Place for our Congregational Meeting. Pizza and salad will be provided and baked goods will be available for purchase from the Books and Baked Goods Fundraiser.



10:10 a.m.

I Am With You Always...Go and Tell

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO General Opening today.
All children will go directly to their classrooms.

Children/Youth Education

- Nursery - Infant to 3 years.....Room 101 A (during all worship services)
- Little Lutherans - Infant to 3 years
with parents.....Fellowship Hall, Kristi Haugland
- Preschool.....Room 102, Tiffany Schworm/Will O'Brien
- KindergartenRoom 101, Curt Marion/Danielle Worch
- 1st - 2nd Grades.....Room 305, Dee Perera
- 3rd - 4th Grades.....Room 303, Jim Trout/Alysha Clous
- 5th - 6th Grade.....Bell Tower, Dale Mittler
- 7th Grade.....Room 307, Lyn Reed
- 8th Grade - High School.....Room 308, Jenny Frantz

Adults

Lessons for the Day - Room 204

This class is led by class participants. The focus is on the assigned lessons in worship.

Adult Forum - Lounge

“Where in the World is.....The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?”

This morning, the 2nd presentation of this 4-week series will be Who Are Our Companion Synods in the World? and the ELCA'S Global Mission Program. The focus is on biblical instances of missionary work and how these examples affect Christianity-in the past, in the present, in the future. Why have men and women in the past, in the present, and in the future chosen to “go into the world?” What will be the context when he or she gets to the “mission station?” Does context matter? This should be an interesting discussion, so come prepared to think and talk together. Everyone is welcome.



The Helping Hands offering collected during Sunday School for the month of January is designated for Lutheran Social Services.

Cassandra Andorka

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Reverbia Conversion In Christ



Sunday Devotion

GOD, Our Loving Creator

Bible Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (The Message)

When we walk with God, we walk in the light. God created us to be His light, for He knows there is much joy in this. By the amazing gift of the Holy Spirit, I feel that joy He gave! He made us to be open books; we should strive to not be afraid. His love is all powerful, He forgives us, molds us, and holds us.

May we not be tricked by the ways of this world. Let us remember God is behind us, ahead of us, and reassuring us that His love is the tool, His gift, to carry us through our daily lives. May we reach out to others who need His light! His light shared makes all the difference. He gives us many opportunities to do this.

The words from this comforting message in Psalm 139 truly reminds us God never takes His eyes off any of us. May our faith grow as we trust Him to watch over us, protect us, and guide us.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, our loving, almighty Creator. May we all remember and remind each other we are never alone and if we ask You, You will guide us, inspire us, and strengthen us. We can't ever totally comprehend Your powerful LOVE. We hope we make a difference with that love in this world. Thank you for everything! Amen.*

Wednesday Evenings at Christ Lutheran

Come Join Us!

- 5:30 p.m. Drop-In Dinner (soup and salad) in the Gathering Place is available until 6:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship & Fun for Children in the Fellowship Hall.
- 6:00 p.m. Crossways Bible study in the Lounge. Leader: Pastor Tim
- 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir practice in Room 303 (3rd floor).
- 7:00 p.m. Community Worship in the Sanctuary including Holy Communion.
- 7:45 p.m. Youth Choir practice in Room 301 (3rd floor).
- 9:00 p.m. College Bible Study in the Youth Room (308- 3rd floor) led by a staff member of Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran Campus ministry at OSU.

Weekly Take Home Devotions

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Kalmonia Connections In Christ



*written by Pastor Tim each week

Day One: Monday, January 16, 2012

Read John 1:35-43. Take note of Jesus' invitation in verse 39. To what does Jesus invite us? In answering that question, be mindful of the life of the disciples as followers of Jesus. How have you answered that invitation in your own life? How will you answer Jesus' invitation to you today? Pray.

Day Two: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Read John 1:45-51. What speaks to your heart today about that passage? In light of what Jesus says to Nathaniel, is it a frightening or comforting thing to know that Jesus knows you completely? Take a look at Psalm 139:1-6 and Romans 6:6-11; 8:38-39. Pray.

Day Three: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Read the following scripture passages and reflect on God's intimate love for you...Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24, Isaiah 43:1-3; 46:3-4; 49: 15-16a, Jeremiah 1:4-8, and John 10:3-4. What do you hear God saying to you? Allow that grace from God to fill your heart this day! Pray.

Day Four: Thursday, January 19, 2012

I just recently came across this acronym for faith: Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him. That is most certainly true! Do you see your faith that way... as a fantastic adventure in trusting the Lord? Take another look at John 1:35-51 and also Acts 1:9-11. Notice the response of folks to Jesus. What do you notice? Can you see how this faith adventure is not just agreeing with God but being in a relationship with the Lord? What is the difference? Pray.

Day Five: Friday, January 20, 2012

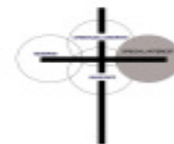
As you read John 1:35-51 again, notice all the invitations that are extended. Have you ever extended an invitation to someone to 'come and see' Jesus? It might have been an invitation to talk about the Lord, to go to church, to pray together, to go to a bible study. Read Acts 1:8 and Romans 10:8-15. Be on the watch for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus today! Pray.

Day Six: Saturday, January 21, 2012

John 1:35-51 is just the beginning of the building of God's community in Jesus. We will find that this community is gathered under the heading of God's love for us and God's desire for us to return that love by being in relationship with him and by caring for one another profoundly. In John 1:41-46, notice how God uses the voices of Andrew and Philip to call others to Jesus. Read John 13:34-35; 15:9-13; 17:20-26. Pray.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Kalmonia Connections In Christ



Youth Pancake Breakfast

All 7-12 grade youth are invited to the Fellowship Hall, Fridays at **7:00 a.m** for pancakes made to order. Bring your friends!

National Youth Gathering Participants

Please attend an important meeting **Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. Bring a parent with you to discuss flight information, cost, and what we need to do to get ready for this summer's trip! If you are not able to attend this meeting, please contact Jenny.

To volunteer or for questions about any of the Youth Events, contact Jenny at 235-2314, jfrantz@christbexley.org or Facebook. (Facebook users, make sure you join the Christ Lutheran Youth facebook group).

Dartball

Join the Dartball Team Thursday, **January 19 at 7:30 p.m.** at Reynoldsburg. The first pitch is at 7:30 p.m.; meet at Christ Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. The next game will be January 26 in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Doug Adams at 237-1400.

Friday Night Fellowship

Join us Friday, **January 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge for snacks, Bible study, fellowship, and fun. This group regularly meets the third Friday of the month. If you need childcare, at \$5 for each family, please email or call a few days before we meet. For more information contact Joy Wicks at 237-6786 or jwicks@1800topsite.com.

Lectionary texts for Sunday, **January 22** are: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, I Corinthians 7:29-31, and Mark 1:14-20.**

Books and Baked Goods Sale Seeking Donations

If you have books you've already read, CD's you're done listening to, or DVD's you're done watching, please consider donating them to Christ Lutheran Youth for the first ever Books and Baked Goods Sale! **Between now and January 27**, the youth will be accepting donations of your used books, CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes. Drop them off on the large cart in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings or at Jenny's office during the week. Items will be sorted and displayed for our **Books and Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Place. The youth **will also accept donations of baked goods** beginning **Wednesday, January 25 through January 28**. All profits go to the youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans, LA. Prices are as follows: Children's Books \$0.50, Paperback Books \$0.50, Hardback Books \$1.00, CD's \$0.50, DVD's \$1.00, VHS tapes \$0.25, Baked goods will be reasonably priced based on the item. Contact Jenny at 235-2314 or jfrantz@christbexley.org for more information.

Attendance January 8

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	71
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	115
11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship	240

SERVICE

Koinonia Connections In Christ



Clothing Drive

Donations of gently used clothing will continue through the month of January. We are collecting the clothing to send to New Life Lutheran Church in Gallipolis, Ohio. They are especially in need of childrens clothing and the following items:

- **Infant and pre-school clothing**
- **Children sizes 6-16 both boys and girls**
- **Jeans for all genders and ages**
- **Teenage sizes 14-16 for both girls and boys**

Please label all bags and drop them off at the bottom of the ramp.

Small Group Leaders Potluck and Meeting

All Small Group Leaders, please plan to attend this event located in the Gathering Place following the 11:15 a.m. service on **Sunday, February 5**. This meeting will be a chance to look ahead and plan all of our 2012 groups. A letter with complete details will be mailed soon.

Sunday Devotion

We are looking for volunteers to write Sunday devotions for the Chronicle each week. These are short articles that reflect each Sunday's Bible readings. Please call Andrea Kopp at 563-4356 or email arkopp@gmail.com to volunteer.

Old Electronics Recycling

Christ Lutheran Church is a drop-off location for the recycling of electronics to help support a mentoring program for incarcerated individuals who were recently released. All electronics, appliances, office equipment, and medical equipment that can be carried by one person are accepted. TVs that are under 27" and monitors without the computer, will not be accepted. Items can be dropped off in the Gathering Place and will be accepted until Saturday, January 21.

Food Pantry Sunday is January 29.

Please leave all donated items at the ramp entrance. The next opportunity to volunteer at the Food Pantry is **Thursday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in volunteering, please call Betty Weaver at 237-1684 for more information.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 8:00 AM Breakfast served at FELC 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Contemporary Worship 10:10 AM New Member Class 10:10 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 1:30 PM Grief Support Group	16 CHURCH BUILDING & CHILDREN'S CTR. CLOSED	17 9:15 AM CLCC Chapel Time 9:30 AM LWR Sewers 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 2:30 PM CLCC Chapel Time 6:45 PM Webelos I Den 7:00 PM Adult Ed Task Force Mtg.	18 6:30 AM Men's Wed. Morning Bible Study 9:15 AM CLCC Chapel Time 2:00 PM Stitches 5:30 PM Drop-In Dinner 6:00 PM Crossways Bible Study 6:00 PM Fellowship & Fun for children 6:30 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Community Worship 7:00 PM Stephen Ministers 7:45 PM Youth Choir 9:00 PM Jacob's Porch Ministry	19 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Soli Deo Bells 6:00 PM Finance Mtg. 6:45 PM Chancel Ringers 7:00 PM Dartball at Reynoldsburg 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	20 7:00 AM Youth Pancake Breakfast 7:00 PM Friday Night Fellowship Bible Study	21 10:00 AM Electronics Drop-off 2:30 PM Recycled Electronics pick-up