

Chris Lutheran Church Chronicle

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January 22, 2012

CHALLENGING EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE WITH CHRIST NOW!

From the Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our daughter, Danielle, called Monday morning to let us know of a milestone event. Our grandson, Cooper, started to crawl! At eight plus months, life will now never be the same for Cooper, Danielle, or dad, Scott! Lock everything up...child proof the doors...the world has just become a bigger place for that little family!

Changes...transitions...we face them on a regular basis, but frankly some changes are bigger and more life altering than others. Take our lessons for today as examples. Jonah finally gets through his head and heart that God means business, so against his own desires, he heads to Nineveh to proclaim God's call to the Ninevites: that they must repent! Jonah changes...so do the Ninevites!

Paul gets serious with the Corinthians and tells them in no uncertain terms that faith isn't all warm and fuzzy. That the Lord expects us to be different in what we do, think, and say as followers of him. "The appointed time is short," says Paul, "let's live like people who know the Kingdom has come near!"

Jesus begins his ministry and the first thing he says, according to Mark is, "***The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.***" And as a result, Simon and Andrew, James and John leave their nets to follow him. "***Repent and believe in the good news,***" Jesus says.

Are there areas of your life that need transformational change that can only come through repentance? Do you find yourself at times wandering, wavering, or simply just 'floating along' in your life of faith? Is it time to focus and get more serious about the hold and calling that Jesus has on your life through baptism?

May the Lord fill your heart, and mine, with the zeal and single-minded purpose of faith that we, too, like the disciples will get up and follow Jesus to the cross...to the empty tomb...and beyond!

*God's Power and Blessings,
Pastor Tim*

National Youth Gathering Today!

Youth, please attend this brief important meeting **today 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.

New Member Classes Continue

If you are interested in joining the church, Pastor Tim will hold New Member Classes **through 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.**

*****Books and Baked Goods Sale*****

Seeking Donations.

**Please see page 4
for details!**

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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 their parents by
Joe & Sharon Hess.

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

Fellowship Angels Needed!

If you are able to assist with fellowship on **January 29, February 26, March 18** and **April 1**, please stop by the fellowship table and ask Monica for details or call her at 239-6778. One person is needed 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.

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.

Goodies for Sunday Fellowship

If you are willing to donate goodies for Fellowship on Sunday mornings, please pick up a tag this morning from the fellowship table with a desired item listed. You can then drop off the item, along with the tag, in the lounge kitchen. Thank you!



10:10 a.m.

I Am With You Always...Go and Tell

There will be a general opening for pre-school through grade 7 in the Fellowship Hall.

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, Irene Hueter, a member of Christ Lutheran Church, will tell of her 25 years as a missionary to Papua, New Guinea. It is a real privilege for us to hear her speak of this great work that has been done in Christ's name for almost 2,000 years. Irene, who was born to missionary parents serving in Papua, New Guinea, went back in 1957

to serve as a missionary herself, returning to the U.S. in the early 80's. Everyone is welcome to come, see, and hear Irene's story.

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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance January 15

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	63
9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	87
11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship	209

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Reborna Connection In Christ



Sunday Devotion

Our Patient and Persistent God

Bible Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Break your New Year's resolution yet? It seems almost inevitable that we will, in spite of our best intentions. In this reading it starts, **"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time."** God gave Jonah specific direction. This time instead of running away, Jonah went to Nineveh and warned the people: **"Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown,"** verse 4. Forty days. The number of days and nights it rained when Noah had completed his ark (Genesis 7:4). The number of years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness and ate manna (Exodus 16:35). The length of the reign of Saul (Acts 13:21), David (2 Samuel 5:4), and Solomon (I Kings 11:42). The number of days Jesus fasted (Matthew 4:2) and was on earth after the Resurrection (Acts 1:3). Forty days; symbolizing testing, fasting, judgment, and communing with God.

The Ninevites fasted, humbled themselves, and "believed God," verse 5, and, **"When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he said he would do to them,"** verse 10, and they were forgiven. And so will we be forgiven. Our God is persistent: He asks, He directs, He listens; not once, not twice, not seven times, but seventy times seven and more. He is patient. He is persistent. He waits for us to hear, to act, to humble ourselves, and repent.

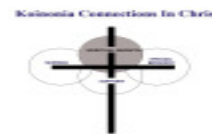
Have a blessed year ahead.

Prayer: God our Father, we thank you for your persistent calling to us, your patience in waiting for our attention and acting on your Will, and your forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

David Keck

Weekly Take Home Devotions

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



*written by Pastor Tim each week

Day One: Monday, January 23, 2012

Read the first two chapters of Jonah. What is God asking Jonah to do and why is Jonah so reluctant to do it? How does Jonah respond to God's 'call' and how does God respond to Jonah's overt reluctance? When has God issued a call to you and you have been reluctant? Why were (are) you so hesitant? Pray.

Day Two: Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Read the third chapter of Jonah. You can't help but smile when you notice Jonah's response to God this time! As you read what Jonah was asked to do and eventually did, we can understand his initial reluctance. This was no easy thing to which God called Jonah; read Mark 1: 14-20. Notice Jesus calling the disciples. Knowing what you know about Jesus' ministry with Simon (Peter) and the others, do you see any similarities between the call to Jonah and the call to the disciples? What is God asking you to do as you follow him? Pray.

Day Three: Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Now read 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. What is Paul saying to the Corinthians? Is there a similarity to what Jonah says to the people of Nineveh and to what Jesus says to the people, "*The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe*"? How would you respond if you were a Corinthian, or a resident of Nineveh, or one of the disciples? It is important to realize that we are all of the above! Pray.

Day Four: Thursday, January 26, 2012

Read Mark 1:14-20. Here we find Jesus calling Simon and Andrew, along with James and John to leave their fishing business to follow him. This was much more than just changing vocations, Jesus was asking them to redirect the very purpose and significance of who they were. It brought the promise of a transition into a new way of life and living. Obeying God sometimes demands of us that radical change must take place in our direction. Sometimes that may mean a change of vocation...sometimes a change in our relationships...sometimes a renewed commitment to what we are currently doing or the direction we are going. What is God calling you to do in your life of discipleship? Pray.

Day Five: Friday, January 27, 2012

Read again Mark 1:14-20. Have you every wondered what process of discernment Simon, Andrew, James, and John utilized to determine whether or not to follow Jesus? How do you discern God's call in your life? Here are a few suggestions: First, quiet your busyness long enough to hear God's voice (worship, prayer). Second, speak with other Christians about their perspective on you gifts. Thirdly, test everything against scripture. As you read, reflect, and pray, expect to hear the Lord speaking to you. Lastly, seek peace from the Holy Spirit. If your heart is at peace with it...you are there! Pray.

Day Six: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Spend time today praying on and meditating on Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 6:33, and Philipians 3:13-14. Write down what it means to you to follow Jesus. Pray.

Lectionary texts for Sunday, January 29 are: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, and Mark 1:21-28.

Books and Baked Goods Donations & Sale

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.

SERVICE

Kaūmālia Connections In Christ



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.

B.R.E.A.D. Meeting

The Christ Lutheran B.R.E.A.D. team will meet on **January 31 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Church. The meeting will focus on understanding the current B.R.E.A.D. issues and seeing the direction B.R.E.A.D. is heading on the issues. Current active issues that will be discussed include: *Job creation in central Ohio, Crime and Violence committee work including information on Restorative Justice, Payday lending, and Health Care.* Anybody interested in justice as an expression of faith is welcome. Call Dave Kriska at 451-1111 with questions.

Thankoffering Update

The amount collected for Thankoffering for November through December 2011 was \$1,237.58. A check for that amount was sent in January to the National office of WELCA (Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). Thank you for your generous contribution to this special ministry.
God Bless You, *Carolyn Lehmann*

Clothing Drive

Donations of gently used clothing will continue through the month of January. Please label all bags and drop them off at the bottom of the ramp.

Get ready for Souper Bowl Sunday!

It's not a misspelling! The Souper Bowl is a project to raise money to help buy food for the hungry. This program was started in 1990 at a small church in South Carolina and has caught on to other churches as well. After the services on **Sunday, February 5**, we will collect money to send to Lutheran Social Services to buy food for the Food Pantry. We will also collect cans of soup. Thrivent has been asked to match the funds we collect to help stretch the funds even further.

Attention Small Group Leaders:

Our celebration potluck is scheduled for **Sunday, February 5**, following the 11:15 a.m. service in the Gathering Place. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Hot sandwiches and beverages will be provided. We'll conclude our meal together with a brief meeting. Please RSVP to Lisa Bandy in the church office at 235-2314 or lbandy@christbexley.org or to Cheryl Kriska at 451-1111 or evalu8@sbcglobal.net. Please take food items to the lounge kitchen on the 5th. See you then!
The Small Group Task Force,
Pastor Tim, Pastor Denny, Tiffany Schworm, Linda Hallberg, Cheryl Kriska

"Stars at First English Lutheran Church"

Let's look beyond the "Golden Globe" awards last Sunday evening! At First English Lutheran Church we can claim 'golden awards' for the following:

- Thursday, Christ Lutheran Church outreach team served 130 guests lasagna, mac & cheese, greens, and garlic bread; but the big show stopper was the brownies baked by Christ Lutheran Church Children's Center. Thank you little ones!
- Not to be outdone, CLC team served 140 guests breakfast on Sunday: scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, fresh fruit, biscuits, and Starbucks pastries.

What is so important about these few hours of service? Not only were the hungry folks fed dinner and breakfast but the love of Christ has been witnessed through this service. Live and share the love that's been shared with us in Christ. The most important 'stars' are those folks that Christ has fed and continues to feed with His love and hope.

As part of an ELCA Chicago office program, a church-wide video team visited FELC over the weekend. The video will represent how ministry can work in the inner city. This video will be distributed throughout the entire church. This will surely be a "golden global" mission of Christ to spread the Good Word to all folks.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Koinonia Connections In Christ



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.

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!

Young at Heart

This group will meet Monday, **January 23, at 12:00 p.m.** in the Lounge for food, fellowship, and fun! Join us for a program led by Arleen Stuck on "Snapshots of Cuba." All adults are welcome! **Please call Kathie Lehmann at 231-5016 to make reservations.**

Family Fun Night

February 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's the return of *Movie Night*. Bring your pillows, blankets, or camping chairs. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal for a family movie night featuring a "G-rated" movie. This event is for families of all shapes, sizes, ages, etc. Are you a family of 1? Then you are welcome, too! Drinks and snacks provided.

Dartball

Men, Join the Dartball Team Thursday, **January 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The next game will be February 2 at Grace of God. The first pitch is at 7:30 p.m.; meet at Christ Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. For questions, contact Doug Adams at 237-1400.

Market Day Orders

The next pick-up will be **Tuesday, February 7, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** *Orders are due in the Children's Center office by Monday, January 30 and online orders are due by 11:00 p.m., Thursday, February 2.* Proceeds benefit scholarships for children who otherwise might not be able to attend preschool.

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).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 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 12:30 PM National Youth Gathering Meeting	23 12:00 PM Young at Heart 6:00 PM Executive Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Council	24 9:30 AM LWR Sewers 10:00 AM Staff Mtg.	25 6:30 AM Men's Wed. Morning Bible Study 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 7:45 PM Youth Choir 9:00 PM Jacob's Porch Ministry	26 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Soli Deo Bells 7:00 PM Dartball in FH 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	27 7:00 AM Youth Pancake Breakfast	28 10:00 AM Books & Baked Goods Sale

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S CENTER