As a uniquely metropolitan congregation, the people of Christ Lutheran Church are called to proclaim the Gospel, serve others, and invite all to experience God’s love and saving grace.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesdays
11:00 am & 7:15 pm
(except for Wed, Mar 6)

Sunday Traditional
8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday Contemporary
8:45 am

Wednesday, March 6,
Noon and 7:15 pm

Begin the journey of Lent here at Christ Church as we hear that now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and vulnerability. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the Easter feast to come.

All are welcome! Childcare will be available at the evening service.

** there will not be dinner or an activity on this Wednesday **

A LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE EASTER VIGIL

Join us on Wednesdays evenings during Lent for a unique and memorable experience as we weave together a shared meal, a social ministry project, a reflective liturgy, and engagement with our neighbors. Each service will be shaped around a different theme relating to the stories, experiences, and faith of a particular community including international refugees, homeless women in Baltimore city, LGBTQ+ people, and more! An additional freewill offering will be received to support each organization.

Wednesdays in Lent:

A single act of worship through a variety of expressions

11:00 am Worship
5:45 pm Meal & Lenten Activity
7:15 pm Worship

MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND HOPE PROJECTS

March 13: Women’s Health
Project: packing & blessing feminine hygiene bags
Supporting: Baltimore Outreach Shelter

March 20: Global Health
Project: packing LWR personal care kits
Supporting: Lutheran World Relief

March 27: LGBTQ+ Community of Baltimore
Project: crafting Hopes, Prayers, Dreams, and Visions
Supporting: Dreams + Visions, a queer-inspired ELCA church

April 3: Senators & Shut-ins
Project: writing advocacy letters and care cards
Supporting: ELCA Advocacy

April 10: Refugees
Project: cooking, eating, and story-telling with refugee families
Supporting: Mountain of God, a Swahili-speaking ELCA church
Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS
Traditional Service of Holy Communion
8:30 am

Contemporary Service of Holy Communion
8:45 am

Traditional Service of Holy Communion
11:00 am

WEDNESDAYS
Morning Service of Prayer & Holy Communion
11:00 am

Candlelight Holy Communion
7:15 pm

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
410-752-7179

Please call the church office...
- if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so the pastors may schedule a hospital visit.
- if you have a new address, telephone number, or email address.
- when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity—the room MUST be cleared and the church calendar noted.
- if you have any questions about baptisms, weddings, serving, or any of our programs.

In case of pastoral emergency, the pastors can be reached by their personal numbers.

Pastor Susan E. Tjornehoj 410-685-0247
Associate Pastor Patrick Ballard 919-215-0419

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www.reconcilingworks.org
There is no fear in Love:  
Shared meals, social ministry projects, reflective liturgies, and engagement with our neighbors

Wednesday nights during Lent  
March 13 through April 10, starting at 5:45 pm

I always find myself anticipating the arrival of Lent, and yet it always catches me off guard. I have fond memories of joining with a few friends to share soup and prayer together, and I can see that even my smallest response of “yes” to God’s grace took root and blossomed in ways I couldn’t have guessed. But let me be honest, it wasn’t always comfortable to trim back on personal luxuries or try out something new, especially when I found myself engaging with people and ideas which were unfamiliar to me. Without my chocolate or beer or tv-after-6pm to console me, entering into deeper relationship with people felt really vulnerable! But whether I was “successful” in my discipline or not, God always honored my devotion. I look back now and see that each Lenten journey has opened me up a little more to the love of God that enfolds us all and casts out fear.

Lent is often a time where churches move into a more simple rhythm of life. Sometimes we do this by fasting from something we enjoy. On other occasions, we may begin a new spiritual discipline. Often we gather together for simple meals and quiet reflection. Whether we set something aside or add on something more, our intention is to align our daily and weekly life a little bit more with the life of Jesus. Through these six weeks, we step outside our comfort zones and disrupt our habits to follow Him on the way to the cross and beyond.

With this in mind, I’m excited to invite you to a series of special Wednesday evening services during Lent, starting at 5:45 pm. Beginning on March 13 and concluding on April 10, we will weave together a shared meal, a social ministry project, a reflective liturgy, and engagement with our neighbors. Each service will be unique and memorable as we shape the evening around a different theme relating to the stories, experiences, and faith of a particular community: international refugees, homeless women in Baltimore city, LGBTQ+ people, and others.

I hope you won’t mistake this as three distinct activities: first fellowship, then service, then worship. The entire evening, from food to a project to a liturgy, will be a single act of worship through a variety of expressions. Sharing a simple meal, caring for neighbors, and gathering around word and sacrament are each ways in which we are one community. Eating dinner, offering our attention, energy, and money, and performing sacred rituals are all different ways in which we serve.

We’ll prepare a meal of indigenous cuisine with members of the refugee families we’ve helped support and write letters to beloved Christ Lutheran Church members who can no longer leave their homes. We’ll embark on a pilgrimage to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in New Windsor, MD with an offering of care packages and blankets and sing hymns in Swahili. We’ll pack, bless, commission, and distribute bags stuffed with tampons, sanitary wipes, and other much-needed feminine hygiene products to our unhoused neighbors and learn from ELCA pastors and leaders who are creating churches which reflect the gifts and struggles the LGBTQ+ community faces right here in Baltimore. Through it all we’ll celebrate how Jesus created a family with those on the margins: all those people labeled as “unclean”, “stranger”, “unwell”, or “other”. Then we’ll celebrate the ways in which the love of God continues to embrace all of us, drawing us home to God and to each other. There is no fear in Love.

~ Vicar Luke

Dreams & Visions
Sanctuary Sunday
3400 Norman Ave.  
Baltimore, 21213
Sunday, Mar 10  
4:00 pm

Join us as we worship with the Dreams & Visions church of Baltimore. Sanctuary Sundays are spirited, soulful, and filled with story telling, art-making and singing. All ages and abilities have a place and a role. At Dreams and Visions, we seek to pattern our lives after Jesus, that healer, agitator, and teacher who stands on the side of the oppressed.

Together, we’re creating an imaginative space of restoration, where we find the courage to be our full selves. We are a community rooted in the faith and experiences of LGBTQ+ people.

If you are interested in attending or need more information, please contact Vicar Luke at 410-752-7179 or lwarner@christinnerharbor.org.
Since 1887, Christ Lutheran has recognized the power of these words, spoken by a pastor, an apostle, an evangelist named Paul, love never ends. It is the driving force of this congregation’s witness and testimony, its mission and ministry. Scaffolding comes and goes, bodies age, vision dims, death robs, friends move, but in this place, in this community of faith, love never ends, ever. The Spirit of love gathers and sends, week in and week out.

2018 was a year of re-entry. Banner Hill welcomed its first residents, the plaza and parking garage completed, the roof held back snow and rains not seen since Noah’s ark. Scaffolds lessened their impact on foot traffic as Shenandoah completed their intricate work on the stained glass windows. They will tell the Holy Story through their color and brilliance for generations yet to come. The final dedication of the interior work of renewal was April 22. Your continuing contributions to the Capital Campaign make this possible. Love never ends.

Twenty children and adults were washed and claimed in the waters of baptism. 5 young people affirmed their faith in a festive 501st Festival of Reformation. New folks were received and others transferred to congregations as far away as Arkansas, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. Grieving friends and families gathered for consolation and to hear the promise of salvation and new life, 8 of whom called Christ Lutheran home. Love never ends.

Between rain and intense heat and humidity, dedicated volunteers slowly put the playground back together again. And the results are grand; shelter-dwelling children’s voices of play are testimony. Thanks are not enough for the volunteers who worked tirelessly. It felt a bit like a Habitat build in our own backyard. And yes, groups of builders of hope left for Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and as this goes to print, another group is on their way home from Thailand. Stephen ministers provide Christ-like care. Love is kind.

And love is contagious. From the Word and Table and Font, we are sent into the world, bearers of Christ’s grace and love. Through the dedicated work of the Proclaim and Invite team, business cards of invitation greeted folks at coffee shops, small businesses and hotels. Events held at Christ provided contact with a love that is patient and kind and never-ending. From Chili Cook-offs to Irish step dancing, from our Hafenmusik concert series to shedding and shredding, Christ was made known. A new weekly gathering at Pub Dog put this community where it hadn’t been before. Hundreds more entered this beautiful space and were overwhelmed by its majesty as they came for weddings and funerals and baptisms.

As always, the sacristy kitchen is the hub of our life together. Wafers and wine and juice and candles and water and napkins are carefully provided each week. Eucharistic ministers carry the meal to those who hunger for community and hope. After a review of the nursery school, a Nursery School Board was established. The congregation voted in a balanced budget with a benevolence working group focused on maintaining a spirit of generosity. Thank you to those who responded to the survey regarding those core values of love’s kindness. The Congregation Council set up working groups which produced a Gift Policy and Constitution. The Foundation Endowment Board developed a draft Investment Policy, its intention to preserve and sustain the mission and ministry of Christ Church to the Seventh Generation.

In 2018 we welcomed a new Coordinator of Social Ministry, became a teaching parish and greeted our Intern Pastor. The Interim Business Manager and Property Manager kept order and helped complete Phase 1 of our renewal plan and moved us along to see the next vision of greater accessibility. Love is truly patient and kind.

Mountain of God, the thriving former refugee congregation, outgrew the Children’s Chapel and now worships in the Fellowship Hall. They have become an ELCA Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC). On a Sunday morning at Christ, the Gospel is proclaimed in English and Swahili, sometimes French and Lingala, with choirs accompanied by a pipe organ, drums or a worship band. Our youth gathered with 30,000 others in Houston and we sent with a blessing one of our members, a chaplain, to serve among the deployed in Bagram, Afghanistan and bid farewell to dear friends.

What future does God have in mind for us in 2019? As a uniquely metropolitan congregation, Christ Lutheran has capacity and a responsibility to be good stewards and to invite this thriving community into the love that knows no end. We are blessed with new neighbors from 414 Light to Banner Hill, a development at Cross and Charles and another along Key Highway. The entire region continues growing. How do we invite/evangelize in 2019 when many have left mainline churches or have never heard of the One who has come to bring life? In August Christ will host 400 ELCA Mission Developers for a week of inspiration and training. What an opportunity to share the story of Christ! With the campus now complete, how do we build deeper relationships with the Lutheran Center, Christ Church Harbor Apartments and Banner Hill? Is there a way to connect in meaningful, boundary-breaking ways with our closest faith communities at Ebenezer AME, Light Street Presbyterian, Martini and Leadenhall Baptist as well as other faith communities in South Baltimore and Locust Point? Could we work to overturn years of disinvestment, to end cycles which create poverty and homelessness in ecumenical partnerships seeking justice through BUILD? We have been challenged to increase our giving by 2%. Some can do even more. Christ is a tithing congregation which means that we continue to be the congregation which leads in giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and to the Delaware/Maryland Synod. With a Stewardship Team and a culture of generosity, we can sustain and grow the witness to Christ

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through the ministry of Christ Church. What about a series of Legacy luncheons, encouraging members in their own financial planning to remember their congregation beyond their lifespan? Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Christ Lutheran is simply that, a treasure to those who gather here weekly and a blessing to those who seek shelter, who live at sea, who are hungry and in need of hope.

Thank you to each of you, for your faith and passion and joy, for hard-working committees, an active and courageous Congregation Council and an absolutely amazing staff.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Susan Tjornehoj

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Pastor Patrick Ballard

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:1-2

As we enter into this season of Lent, a time often marked by penitential reflection as we journey together toward the cross, I was struck by this verse from St. Paul admonishing us to “discern the will of God.” Discernment has been on my mind a lot recently, as our congregation wrestled with a budget in the early part of the year, heard the news of Pastor Sue’s retirement, and elected a new Congregation Council to set a direction and vision for this place in the year ahead. I recently helped to lead a synod-wide young adult retreat that focused on this spiritual practice, and think that this Lenten season might be a good time for us - the people of God called Christ Lutheran Church - to commit to it.

Discernment is all about listening and responding to the voice of God. This is a pretty weighty proposition, and one that often leaves many of us wondering about where to start. How can we hear God’s voice? And what do we do when we think we have? The good news is that there is a roadmap, of sorts, passed along by our forerunners in the faith and synthesized over the years by theologians and Christians who have grown in discipleship by practicing this spiritual discipline.

The image that I like to use is trinitarian in nature, with three areas of discernment that all need to work in concert with one another. First, we have personal discernment and practices: the things we do or the spaces we create that allow us to quiet the noise of the world and listen to God’s personal word for us. Things like daily prayer, walking a labyrinth, or receiving the sacrament give room for God to work in our lives. Making intentional space for God’s voice is an essential aspect of discernment.

Second, there is the communal aspect of discernment: the people that we surround ourselves with in order to test what we’re hearing from God. These are the folks that we share our struggles and joys with, the folks who will inspire us through their stories, the people who God has formed into a community in order to better live out our Christian life. This happens at dinner tables and bible studies, in spiritual direction and committee meetings, and even in the midst of congregational budget debates. Being in community and listening with one another is another essential aspect of discernment.

And finally, God calls us into discernment beyond ourselves and our immediate communities. Frederick Buechner said that the place God calls us is “where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.” God stretches us to expand our connections with those whom we wouldn’t otherwise be in contact with. Through service and accompaniment, we listen to the joys and struggles of the neighbors we don’t yet know. We respond and engage with tender hearts, clinging to the promise of God’s ever-expanding domain.

This season, I invite you step into a life of discernment by engaging in the Wednesday Lenten activities here at the church. There will be opportunities for personal reflection during worship, meals that bring our community together, and service projects that connect us to God’s vast and beautiful creation. Through these intentional spiritual practices, we will discern God’s hopes and dreams for Christ Lutheran and all whom we encounter. God may just speak to you and to me. Let us pray that it may be so.

Peace,
Pastor Patrick

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SPRING LOCK-INS
FUN, FAITH & FELLOWSHIP
Drop-off 7:30pm (no dinner served)
Pick-up the next morning at 11am

MIDDLE SCHOOL
March 8-9

HIGH SCHOOL
March 22-23
I will readily admit that Lent is one of my favorite seasons—tying for first place with Advent. Because it’s a favorite, I often wish that the stereotypical view of Lent could be elevated. People assume it’s nothing but darkness and gloom, or that everything will be slow and dirge-like, or that the texts are depressing and only talk about suffering. But the season is actually hopeful and filled with reassuring acts of God’s faithfulness and love.

Throughout Lent our readings will focus on the fulfillment of God’s promises, hope through the cross and resurrection, and mercy. We will be reminded again and again of God’s compassion in providing for the Israelites after bringing them out from bondage, of promising Abram that he and his descendants would be blessed, and in providing plentiful land, food and sustenance for the new nation of Israel. The New Testament readings will proclaim hope found through the life-giving blood shed on the cross, so that our suffering and death leads not to termination but resurrection. In the Gospel readings we hear of Christ sharing in our human nature and experiencing our struggles. Then, from intimately knowing our battles and weaknesses, he speaks of boundless mercy and forgiveness. Lent, therefore, is a season filled with good news, reassuring hope, and timeless promises of constant love and grace. It isn’t about a distant God expecting us to prove our love by suffering, but instead shows a God that from the very beginning has sought to protect us and redeem us so that we might be with him.

That redemption came through the cross – the cruel device which once meant death and has been transformed into a symbol of eternal life. Our salvation and resurrection is guaranteed because Christ conquered death. Just as the Word of God is a seed sprouting within us, so we will be seeds planted that will one day rise to new life in the manner of our Lord. And the cross bares that seed of hope for us. This is what Lent is about. So, for this reason, on Wednesday evenings in Lent, we will gather before the beautiful cross in the contemporary worship space, with its vines and branches, and sing “Tree of life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn.” And we, too, will rise, to spend eternity with our heavenly Father.

I hope you will join us each Sunday and Wednesday as we journey through this hope-filled season of Lent, which leads us to the cross and Christ’s never-ending gift of life.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Daniel Aune

“Awake the Harp!”
It was a special treat to hear six harpists from the Peabody Conservatory in concert on February 3. They filled the sanctuary with beautiful music.

“Thank you to all who were able to join us!”

“The Peaceable Kingdom” Hymn Festival
It was a powerful and moving afternoon on February 17 as we sang about and meditated on the issue of immigrants, refugees and displaced persons in our world. Our songs were filled with hope and confidence that God’s dream of peace will ultimately be fulfilled.

Thank you to all those who participated in the event.
Sunday, March 17, 2:30 pm  
*Classics for Soprano and Trumpet*

Join soprano Sarah Berger and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra principal trumpeter Andrew Balio as they team up for a program of classics for soprano and trumpet with organ, harpsichord, and strings. Come and hear such exquisite gems and masterpieces as George Frideric Handel’s “Eternal Source of Light Divine” and Johann Sebastian Bach’s Cantata 51, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen*. The program will also include arias by Alessandro Scarlatti, a Buxtehude solo cantata, and the famous "Dido's Lament" from Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*.

Sunday, April 7, 2:30 pm  
*Brass and Organ*

Parkway Brass, Christ Church’s brass-in-residence, teams up with Daniel Aune and our 82-rank Andover pipe organ for an exciting concert of music for organ and brass featuring works by Gigout, Phillips, Strauss and more.

**About Hafenmusik…**

The title of the concert series comes from a desire to find something unique, to recognize our church’s German heritage, and to connect ourselves with a strong geographic landmark. This series includes a wide range of music, from brass ensemble and vocal solo to chamber orchestra and collegiate choir.

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**Monday Evenings**

6:00 pm—7:00 pm  
**Pub Theology**

Join Pastor Patrick and others who want to chat about theology on Monday evenings.

We will gather at Pub Dog near Cross Street Market in a 2nd floor booth for some open and honest conversation about the joys and challenges of our collective faith.

Bring an open heart and some topics that you’d like to wrestle with in the future. Feel free to park at the church—the pub is just a seven minute walk!

Join our Facebook Group:  
https://tinyurl.com/y7wq8r7g

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**Saturday, March 16**

10:00 am—Noon  
**NEW Journeys Brunch**

If you are new to Christ Lutheran (or if you have been “visiting” for a while) and want to take the public step of declaring your membership in this place, this brunch is for you! You will get to know others who are new to the community, learn more about the congregation, and have an opportunity to ask all the burning questions you’ve had since you first stepped through the doors. Then, if you think this congregation is a good place for you, you will be invited to officially join as a member the following Sunday. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Rev. Patrick Ballard at pr.ballard@christinnharbor.org or call the church office at 410-752-7179.
10 Great Ideas for Preparing for Lent as Suggested by Pope Francis

1. Fast from saying harmful words by saying kind words.
2. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
3. Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
4. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
5. Fast from worries and put your faith in God.
6. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
7. Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
8. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
9. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
10. Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

As we enter a time of reflection during Lent, plan on using these as your ten commandments. Imagine what a difference there would be in the world in which we live.
~ Carlien
Frank’s father died when he was only 2 years old, and his mother, Angelique, struggled to provide for him. As he got older, supporting the family and caring for Angelique, who is HIV-positive, fell on the young boy’s shoulders. Fears for his health and future kept Angelique awake at night in tears.

Frank and Angelique are active members of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda (LCR), a young church founded in 2004 with 6,000 members in 20 parishes. Genocide in the mid-1990s left thousands of children orphans, and today nearly 1 million children are considered “vulnerable,” living in poverty and often without parents or other caregivers. The LCR decided to begin an ambitious “Integrated Child Support and Welfare” project focused on accompanying children like Frank and their families.

Frank’s good grades qualified him for a scholarship through the project, allowing him to start secondary education and, in 2017, begin his second year. Angelique’s tears of fear were turned to tears of hope and joy when she heard the news.

“I hadn’t thought that my son [could] continue with his education,” she says. “Indeed, God is great.”

The educational support project provided 136 children with money for school fees and supplies in the first half of 2017. The project includes training and support in agriculture for parents and caregivers to address the deep poverty that keeps many children from going to school. Also, more than 100 families received livestock and training in animal husbandry to increase their capacity to provide food and income. By providing a stable income, families will have the resources they need to provide for food, health care and education.

With the support of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda through ELCA World Hunger, Frank’s story isn’t over. Today, he and his neighbors can tell a different story – a story of education and agriculture, of livelihoods and resilience that will point the way to a hopeful future.

Your support of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal helps fight hunger, poverty, and disease in many countries around the world, including the United States. You may donate by using the Hunger Appeal envelopes in the kiosk in the Narthex or by forwarding your appropriately marked donation to the Christ Church office. Thank you.
CLC SOCIAL MINISTRY
“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” – Hebrews 13:16

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Interested in joining the CLC Social Ministry Working Group. Help identify and plan community initiatives with me for 2019. Sign up to get more information on Sundays in the coffee hour room.

Serving the Greater Baltimore City
In 2019 we will expand our community service and engagement by providing more opportunities for CLC to become active in the downtown communities which we hope will have a lasting and positive impact on Baltimore City at large.

Women FLOW Too
Living Generously and Demonstrating Our Love of Neighbor
On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we hosted the screening of a prize-winning film and panel discussion, focused on refugees being resettled in our city. Following the film, an inspiring panel spoke briefly and then fielded questions from the audience. Seventy people from greater Baltimore gathered in the fellowship hall on a cold MLK holiday night.

About 16.9 million American women live in poverty. More than 50% of them rely on social services and homeless shelters for basic goods and services. CLC you help make this CALL TO ACTION a SUCCESS! With the help of a Thrivent Action Team member & the congregation, we were able to prepare hygiene kits in Women FLOW Too tote bags. This new initiative is an expansion of our commitment to help homeless women in Baltimore by providing items they otherwise might not have access to or able to purchase themselves. Many of you donated contents for the bags (e.g. toiletries, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, washcloth, list of city shelters and services). It was great to have so many of you help to assemble the kits on Sunday, January 27th at coffee hour. What a blessing for us all to be able to make a difference in the lives of neighbors that God calls us to love.
Social Ministry In 2019

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” – Hebrews 13:16

CONGRATULATIONS!

Since 2010, over $414 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits just like yours through Thrivent Choice®.

We are excited to share, Christ Lutheran Church received $699 in charitable outreach funding in 2018.

4th Annual Noisy Change
On Sunday May 5th, 12th & 19th we are asking all worshipers to give their pocket change – and spare folding money too! – to our “noisy offering” this year.

MAKE A "JOYFUL NOISE!"

Volunteer Check-in

Sign-In Book

The Social Ministry wants to begin recording how many volunteer hours our congregation is contributing to the great work we do here as we seek to expand our partnerships in Baltimore. Starting on March 4, 2019 there will be a volunteer sign-in book in the sitting area near the chapel. We asked that all volunteers sign-in.

WE ARE NOW ON INSTAGRAM

Follow us @christinnerharbor
Do You Know Someone Who Is Hurting?

If you know someone—perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative—who is going through a difficult time, there’s a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It’s free, and it’s a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Patrick or with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Louis Straker, Barbara Kimbrel, or Paula Montgomery. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Among the Trees

When Pulitzer-prizewinning poet Mary Oliver died this past January at the age of 83, she left a body of works drawing her reader’s attention to the miraculous intimacy of nature. Though the lens through which she viewed the natural world was secular, many of her poems create a seamless connection between the secular and the divine, a beautiful open space where holiness rushes in.

When I Am Among the Trees
Mary Oliver (1935-2019)

When I am among the trees, especially the willows and the honey locust, equally the beech, the oaks and the pines, they give off such hints of gladness.

I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself, in which I have goodness, and discernment, and never hurry through the world but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say, “and you too have come into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine.”

Caring Ministry

Caring Ministries

Card Ministry Darlene Cole-Hope and the volunteers will send cards to shut-ins identified by the pastoral staff to celebrate Joys and to acknowledge concerns.

Door Knocker Ministry has been operating since October when we held our initial packing. The many people who have sought assistance at the door of the church have received a bag with a nutritional snack, water and a pamphlet highlighting where services are available to them in Baltimore City. A second packing day was held on February 17.

Eucharistic Ministers Parishioners who cannot get to church have someone visit them monthly to share the sacraments through this ministry.

Meals for People with special needs are prepared by Hope and Bill Collins based on requests from the pastors. Adrienne Grant and Bill Kinsley have volunteered to assist when needed.

Medical Equipment Loan Program Over the years, members have donated slightly used or new medical equipment such as walkers, canes, crutches, bedside commodes, etc. If anyone knows of someone who is disposing of a device please ask them to consider donating it to Christ Lutheran Church.

Prayer Chain includes nine people from our congregation who pray for others daily. Vicki Baublitz organizes and communicates any prayer requests with those who are willing to include others in their prayers. Please contact Vicki at baublitz@christinnerharbor.org or call the church office if you would like to be added.

Prayer Shawl Committee is coordinated by Nancy Rice. The volunteers continue to work on items from their homes. The items include prayer shawls, prayer squares, lap covers. Some people have begun making hats and scarves to be included in boxes for the Seafarers Ministry.

Stephen Ministry bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis.

CLAIM (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing in Mission) which is part of the Delaware-Maryland Synod is participating in a project to package 100,000 meals for distribution to food pantries throughout the synod. Our church is being asked to raise money for the purchase of the components of the meals and to participate in the packaging of the meals on Sunday, September 8 at 2pm at St. John's Lutheran Church Harford Road in Parkville. We will have details about the fundraising after the annual CLAIM meeting which will be held on March 11.

On June 8 we will have a team participating in the Annual CLAIM walk around Lake Montebello to support Lutheran Campus Ministry and other synod projects. Christ Lutheran Church has always been a leader in participation and fundraising for this event.

The Permanent Labyrinth Plaque has arrived! We are looking forward to having it installed in the plaza near the labyrinth, hopefully by Ash Wednesday, so that the labyrinth can be fully experienced by those wishing to meditate and pray during Lent.

Information Updates. We have updated the Caring Ministry brochure and will soon have our webpage updated. Look for current information about the Caring Ministry and what we do.

Medical Equipment Loan Program The Caring Ministry has many useful items available to borrow. See Barb Kimbrel if you have a need for medical equipment.
EVERYONE, church members and friends, of all ages, are invited to all Adult Fellowship activities.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING SIMULATION LAB TOUR

The Adult Fellowship will have a unique opportunity to tour the University of Maryland School of Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab

Monday, March 25, starting at 11:00 am
We will take reservations on Sunday, March 10 and 17.

- The simulation lab is a learner-centered, interactive teaching strategy replicating care in various clinical settings.
- Simulated experiences build competency and confidence, clinical skills, and decision-making abilities without the potential for compromising patient safety.
- They allow students to experience rare and critical events that they may never see during their nursing education but that they may very well experience in their careers as nurse clinicians.

This tour has been arranged by Dr. Karen Kauffman. We hope that those who are retired, have the day off, or can get away from work for about an hour will take advantage of this unique opportunity. The tour is free!

Visit their website for more details about the ways that nursing students gain essential clinical experiences to improve health care outcomes for all of us: https://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/media/son/academics/CSL-OnePager-v6-WEB.pdf

As is usual with Adult Fellowship events, food will be involved. After the tour, we will go to a neighboring restaurant for lunch.

As spring comes, the Adult Fellowship will be on the move. Look for further announcements about a Fells Point Walk in April and, perhaps, a visit to a DC museum in May, both with food, of course.

Join us for our monthly Adult Fellowship Events. Please note that dates/times are subject to change. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the chair person of the scheduled event.

HOLD THESE DATES FOR THESE GREAT ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Members and friends of the congregation of all ages are invited to Adult Fellowship events. Sign-up is usually the two weeks before each event outside the coffee hour room or by contacting the coordinating persons.

Look for further details on these and future events in the weekly Christ Church email and in the Sunday worship bulletin.

EVERYONE, church members and friends, of all ages, are invited to all Adult Fellowship activities.
BOS Gala

Save the Date! Our New Beginnings Gala will occur on March 30, 2019. Invitations are in the mail. The Gala will be at The Hyatt, a partner in our job internship program. We will have Latin/Caribbean music by the Mambo Combo. Please join us, invite your friends and help us raise money for services for homeless women and their children.

Tickets to Hamilton in incredible seats at The Hippodrome, a four night stay in New York City adjacent to Central Park, a trip to St. Thomas, our famous liquor wagon with prime offerings and a cooking class and feast for 6 in your home by Chef Dubose are among our auction offerings.

All of our fundraising is really critical this year. We have been struggling to overcome the loss of $155,000 in government funding. We are committed to serving women and children – many the victim of trauma. With the closing of the Salvation Army’s 60 beds, our services are needed more than ever. There have been many cold days this winter where families have sought safe refuge in the basement of our church.

Ways to Help

1. We need corporate and personal sponsors. We have sponsor opportunities available from $500 – $5,000. Please join Rich and Sue Walther, Ron Thomas and Lynn Mathieu, Val Harrison, Mary and Harold Graul, Deb Kielty, Arrow Parking and Bill and Betty Anne Stevenson and John and Jane Sabatelli as sponsors. Please consider a business or personal sponsorship or ask someone you know to help. Help us create a wonderful event!

2. Donations are needed for our silent auction. Our biggest Gala sellers are: liquor and wine packages, trips (time shares, hotels, vacation homes) gift certificates to many Baltimore’s metropolitan restaurants, sporting events tickets, and unique experiences – a dinner that you specialize in that you would be willing to provide for others, lunch with a famous person, a visit to a place one could not usually access and men’s things.

   You can reach Karen Adkins at adkins@baltimoreoutreach.org

   Yvonne Terry, our new Director of Development at Yvonne@baltimoreoutreach.org, 410-752-7179 (ext. 215)

BOS Update

Marketta, one of our culinary arts graduates from our last class obtained a temporary job at The Four Seasons. Due to her hard work, she has received word that she has a full time permanent job with benefits making over $15.00 an hour. She has just moved to her own apartment with her son. Marketta has expressed her gratitude for being able to live in the BOS emergency shelter at a time when she had no place to live and no income.

ABOUT US......

The mission of Baltimore Outreach Services is to provide comprehensive services and programs to homeless women and their children. These services include emergency shelter, supportive housing, educational programming, health and mental health services, job training and employment counseling.

Program for adults include a full-time intensive case management, employment analysis and job training, substance abuse treatment, mental health services and housing placement.

Programs for children include a pediatric nurse practitioner, a pediatric children’s therapist to provide therapy for the children and their families, and after school and summer educational programs.
A summary of the minutes from the Congregation Council meeting December 18, 2018:

- The financial report for November showed a net operating surplus of more than $10,000 for the month and a surplus of over $38,000 for the year to date. Total income was over $19,000 (16%) more than budgeted for the month and almost $13,000 (1%) less than budgeted for the year to date. Total expenses were almost $4,000 (3%) less than budgeted for the month and almost $109,000 (7%) less than budgeted for the year to date. We have collected $1.081 million and spent $2.795 million on the Capital Campaign. The nursery school had a loss of less than $1,000 for the month and a loss of over $18,000 for the year to date. Interest expense on the loan to finance the exterior building renovations was over $6,000 for the month and almost $61,000 for the year to date.
- The Council approved a contract with ALCO Floors, LLC to remove and replace carpeting throughout the Parish House at a cost of $38,080.
- The staff and ushers have been given training about how to respond to active shooter events.
- A summary of the Proclaim and Invite Committee’s evangelism and outreach events was distributed, emphasizing their Christmas outreach efforts.
- The Council approved establishing a Youth and Families Committee with Katrina Straker and Jennifer Anderson as co-chairs.
- Mountain of God has been designated a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community.
- The Council, after considerable discussion, approved a balanced budget for 2019, which will be sent to members of the Congregation for action at the February 3rd Annual Meeting.
- The Council adopted a series of recommendations related to: improving stewardship; increasing membership, attendance and participation on committees and in the overall life of the church; making future budgets for BOS and the Nursery School contingent on receiving detailed financial and programming plans; receiving a programmatic and financial plan from Charles Light Parking; and analyses of the Church’s staffing needs, worship and music, and other programs and activities.

A summary of the minutes from the Congregation Council meeting January 22, 2019:

- The financial report for December showed a net operating surplus of more than $26,000 for the month (more than $31,000 less than budgeted) and a surplus of over $52,000 for the year to date (over $52,000 more than budgeted). Total income was almost $25,000 (13%) less than budgeted for the month and almost $38,000 (2%) less than budgeted for the year to date. The year to date variance was because we did not receive the full quarterly dividends from Charles Light Parking that were budgeted. Total expenses were over $6,000 (5%) more than budgeted for the month and almost $90,000 (6%) less than budgeted for the year to date. The year to date variance resulted from two $50,000 maintenance projects in September and October which were not completed as scheduled. We have collected $1.107 million and spent $2.801 million on the Capital Campaign. The nursery school had a surplus of more than $5,000 for the month and a loss of over $13,000 for the year to date. Interest expense on the loan to finance the exterior building renovations was almost $6,000 for the month and almost $67,000 for the year to date.
- Nine high school youth will be attending the Road Trip the weekend of January 25th.
- New members will be joining the congregation this Sunday.
- The Council approved the following slate of nominees for election to Council at the Annual Congregational meeting: Bernie Annor; Alice Eissele; John Geist; Linda Hartke; JJ Joseph; Lynne Mason; William Miller; Paula Montgomery; Jeanette Nazarian; Patrick Thacker; and Vladik Moulds (Youth).
- Nancy Rice, Cathy Wood-Rupert and Deborah Tadesse volunteered to attend the Synod Assembly this spring as voting members.
- A ceremony of Farewell and Godspeed was held for the outgoing Council members: Bill Collins; Bill Miller; Paula Montgomery; Carl Reavis; Tim Stevens; and Jake Hartlove.
CLC Property Committee at Work

Committee members: Darren Anderson, Robert Anderson, Sandra Anderson, Charles Busse, Clare Cochran, John Geist (Chair), Harold Graul, Ron Hickernell, Al Miller, Judy Ritterhoff, and Rich Walther.

Project status as of February 11

- SCREEN in COFFEE HOUR ROOM: Installing a large screen contributed by DARREN and SANDRA ANDERSON provides CLC with much improved internal communication that is continuously managed by screen master ADRIENNE GRANT. Our thanks to both.

- CARPET REPLACEMENT: Team of Committee members ROBERT ANDERSON, CLARE COCHRAN and JOHNNIE FRIES secured and vetted vendor proposals for replacing the worn and rippled carpeting in the Parish House. Thoughtful and effective negotiation led to a cost of $38,080 as opposed to original projection of $45,000. Work to be completed by late February.

- PROPERTY PROJECTS that KEEP CLC FUNCTIONING: With help from Property Committee members and day-in and day-out guidance from our Parish Administrator, JOHNNIE FRIES, here are examples of recent repair and maintenance projects that keep CLC systems working: replacing parts of the sanctuary humidifier, replacing leaking water pipes in the Parish Hall basement that go to the chiller, repairing floor in the elevette, sealing pothole in the parking lot, and replacing the security camera in the plaza.

ATTENDANCE TOTAL

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FREE TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai-Chi will resume on April 3

Very little in this life is free, but why not try Tai Chi at no cost? Come for an hour of Tai Chi. Our neighbor, Bill Krulak, is offering an introductory class in the ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi. Come experience this ancient discipline that offers the benefits of peace, tranquility, flexibility, and balance.

Join us for lunch and a movie featuring “An Affair to Remember”

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 NOON

If you will be joining us, please contact the church office at 410-752-7179 or send an email to Carlien at carlien@christinnerharbor.org.
Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of $4,000 to ELCA World Hunger. In the season of Epiphany, your gift shines with the light and blessing of Christ, accompanying people and communities here and in 60 countries around the world. You’re right there, shining in so many places all at once, as we work together – church to church – to provide what is needed to end hunger and poverty: access to clean water, healthcare, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Blessed are you for sharing your blessings with others.

Thank you, Christ Lutheran for this most generous gift!

With the light and hope of Christ,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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Dear Christ Lutheran Church

Thank you for your gift of $1,100 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

With your Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response make possible short and long term recovery and rebuilding of lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

With you in Spirit,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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Dear Christ Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of $1,000 received this past year. With the support of partners like you through the ministry of the Community of St. Dysmas, lives in the Correctional System in Maryland are changed, hope is given, and the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared through Bible study and Word and Sacrament. Thank You!

Sincerely,
The Community of St. Dysmas Lutheran Church, Inc.

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John Bastone & Jessica

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Adrienne Grant & Bill Kinsley

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GIFTS GIVEN TO BUILDING MAINTENANCE
In memory of: Jim Wilmer
By: Al Miller

GIFTS GIVEN TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
In memory of:
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By:
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Gloria Paar
Bill & Betty Ann Stevenson
Natalie Swanson

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In memory of:
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By:
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GIFTS GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND
In memory of:
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In honor of: Daniel Aune
By: Nancy Charitonuk

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Judie Ritterhoff
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You will need to bring your ticket into church and have it stamped on the “Lock Your Car” side.