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.

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

We are making plans for Easter, the greatest festival of the church year, which includes adorning the church with beautiful lilies and other spring flowers. These items will be memorials and listed in the Easter bulletin. Each memorial is $18.

If you wish to place an Easter memorial order, complete the form enclosed in this mailing or online at [https://christinnerharbor.org/easter-flower-memorials/](https://christinnerharbor.org/easter-flower-memorials/)

Forms and payments must be received by the church office no later than Monday, April 15.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 14  
8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Traditional Service  
Procession with Palms  
8:45 am  
Contemporary Service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 18  
7:15 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 19  
Noon  
Preaching from the Seven Last Words of Christ with vocal and instrumental solos.  
7:15 pm  
Tenebrae Service, a service of darkness with special music by a vocal octet.

**EASTER VIGIL**  
Saturday, April 20  
7:30 pm  
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church  
1900 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21218

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
April 21  
8:30 & 11:00 am—Festival Eucharist  
Music for Choir, Brass Quintet, Timpani, and Organ  
8:45 am  
Contemporary Easter Celebration
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.

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

Christ Lutheran Church is and has been a Reconciling in Christ congregation since February 2001.
To learn more, visit: www.reconcilingworks.org
Dear community of Christ Lutheran,

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen.” As I look back over these years, even decades, the response to this challenging question has provided the content and delight and surprise of serving as pastor among God’s faithful ones. Christ is risen and alive in the world! Alleluia. You catch a glimpse of the Living One in the little ones just fresh from the baptismal waters. I write this days after Theodore and Noah were washed in the living water. Others declared their intent to join for awhile in Christ’s mission right here. The Living Christ is present among the women and children sheltered in the womb of this place, is there in every child dropped off at the nursery school, is among us every time we gather for worship. Each week we are sent out with “Go in peace. He is not here; he is risen.” Discovering the Risen Christ leads us into places we never imagined. This is what has driven Christ Church’s mission since 1887. It is also what has driven this pastor since her ordination some decades ago. The Risen Christ is there as we tackle the challenge of a new development next door, designed a parking garage and plaza and renewed this building for the next generations. The Risen Christ is there as we continue to imagine new ways to be in relationship with our neighbors and thrill as a new congregation of former refugees grows within this older one. The Font and Table and Word center us, music inspires, acts of kindness renew and off we go to Thailand and Kenya, Nicaragua and El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and places in between. The Risen Christ is there in the quiet moments of prayer, the shared meal with a shut in, as the table is prepared. We have wept and laughed and loved and worried and grieved and thanked and eaten and played and worked hard together. Jesus prepared his followers for his leaving with these words, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” This is my prayer for us as well, that we spend these next months loving one another as Christ has loved us. The rhythms of our life together will remain. My goal will be to end well, shape a stewardship plan, one filled with a spirit of gratitude and joy, provide a way forward to complete the capital campaign and its vision and work to imagine what growth might look like in the coming years. Plans for the farewell are beginning. The Bishop will return to lay out a transition plan with the Council in late May.

In the meantime we will gather for worship, love one another and seek to recognize the Risen Christ alive among us and in the world. Holy Week will begin with palms waving, feet will be washed, we will gather to hear Christ’s words from the cross and on Easter we will declare Christ Risen and await the Spirit’s excitement on Pentecost. The pages of Harbor Lights are filled with opportunities to learn, to serve, to proclaim and invite. Some things just never change. Let’s love one another, take time to savor these days, let’s talk and share and live in the presence of the Living and Risen Christ.

With a grateful heart,
Pastor Tjornehoj

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**Save the Date**

**Farewell and Celebration of Pastor Tjornehoj’s Ministry**

Sunday, September 29
following worship

Join us and Pastor as she marks the beginning of her new journey!

*We will only have one 10:00 am worship service this Sunday*

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**Our Summer Schedule Begins Sunday, May 26**

**Sunday Morning Contemporary Worship Schedule**

**We will not have Wednesday mid-week worship services during the summer**

**Resuming in September**

- Children, youth & adult education
- Wednesday mid-week worship services
- Friday Bible Study

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**The Ascension of Our Lord Annual Crab Cake Dinner and Worship**

Thursday, May 30
6:00 pm Dinner
7:15 pm Festival Eucharist

Cost: $16.00 per adult, $6.00 per child

*Stay tuned for more information*
“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” —Luke 24:5

Pastor Patrick Ballard

Each year, as we turn from the season of Lent toward the great three days and the joy of the resurrection, I become totally fixated on this tomb. I think about the man who asked Pilate for Jesus’ body and the care with which he layed it in the tomb. I think about the women preparing spices and oils while their tears surely became mixed in. I think about what it must have felt like, after three days, return to find this empty tomb. How bewildered, doubtful, and re-traumatized they must have felt. And I think about the pure joy that must have been felt when Jesus himself appears to them, and their greatest hope was truly realized.

Our congregation experienced several losses during the Lenten season, as long-time members who served and worshipped faithfully long before my time at Christ Church joined the saints triumphant. Pastor Sue and I grieved with families, stood at grave sides, and proclaimed the good news that death does not have the final word. The tomb is empty and resurrection is the promise. But I know that for me, when I’ve lost loved ones, the tomb feels very full for quite some time after death. Death is heavy, and it weighs on us, and it physically drains us. And being lifted from this heaviness of death requires not just a few words at a funeral service, but lifelong support from a community of believers so that we can see what God has done for us.

After my best friend died unexpectedly a little over 6 years ago, it was the gift of a community that helped me see past my grief to the hope of the empty tomb. It was a congregation that sent me grief packets, seminary professors who prayed with me, friends who shared burdens large and small. It took me almost a year to fully accept what had happened and to begin to see glimpses of God’s Spirit working through the aftermath of this tragedy. Eventually I was able to speak freely about my friend’s death, and my story helped others in the midst of their pain.

But the pain never totally leaves. In the years that followed, I lost two more friends to strange accidents and each one was just as painful as the first. But, thanks be to God, I again received the support of my community and I have become a bit better at noticing places of hope. This Easter season, I will pray for all those tombs that still feel full. I will pray that God’s light shines through the darkness that we sometimes find ourselves in, and that we can all experience those moments when resurrection becomes real for us. May it be so this season and throughout our lives.

Peace,
Pastor Patrick

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Youth Group Service Trip**

CLC High School youth are invited to sign-up for a service trip.

*Logan, West Virginia*

*July 7—13*

We will do some minor home repairs, painting and will likely partner with a day care to provide extra hands. One the way back, we will stop for a night at Massanutten State Water Park! Cost is $200. For more information, contact Pastor Patrick.

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**Pub Theology**

**Monday Evenings**

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

**Pub Dog**

10 E. Cross Street

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
Welcome Rev. Laura Sinche!
Sunday, April 7

8:45am — Contemporary Service
9:45am — Adult Education

Join us as Rev. Sinche shares her gift of preaching and teaching.

Pastor Laura is the Lutheran campus pastor for UMBC and also works with campus ministries at Towson and Morgan State. She has a passion for Jesus, environmental issues and service work.
The church is in complete darkness except for one light. Throughout the evening, candles have been extinguished and the nave has become engulfed in a quieting atmosphere. Slowly the light moves from the chancel to the back of the church, illuminating those near the aisle for a moment. Being close to the light might be blinding after having adjusted to the surrounding darkness. And then it’s gone. The light has left us and we are lost in an indistinct void for a moment, until the beautiful altar cross radiates before us.

This is the moving conclusion of our Good Friday Tenebrae service. After each portion of the Passion of Our Lord is read, the lights are dimmed and a candle is extinguished. Eventually we are left to pray with nothing more than the Paschal Candle illuminating the church. It is then solemnly carried out, a depiction of the body of Christ being removed from the cross and carried to the tomb. But it returns again, three days later, just as Christ was risen from the dead.

On Easter morning our procession is led by the Paschal Candle. Its light illumines the church as it did before, but the body of the candle appears different. Just as Christ was transformed through his resurrection, so does the candle take on a new presence. It still bears the wounds of its suffering, though. You will notice five wax nails protruding from the candle, each containing a grain of incense, which represent the five wounds of Christ – his hands, feet and side. Near those you will find the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega – because Christ retains his divinity, the same yesterday and today, since the beginning of time, a constant in the future, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. The cross did not bring an end to time but instead became a new symbol of eternity.

It is for this reason that the Paschal Candle stands central at baptisms and funerals. Only through our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection will we be transformed into a new presence. Our hope of eternity lies in the cross and the saving gift of the everlasting life that it brings. Its role in our salvation is so important that Christ’s resurrected body did not hide the history of the cross but showed the scars to prove that death was truly defeated. At baptisms the Paschal Candle’s light is shared through the offering of a baptismal candle, not just as a reminder to let one’s light shine but as a connection to Easter, the early church’s central time for baptisms, and to the life we are washed into through Christ’s defeat of death. Likewise, at funerals the candle reminds us of our participation in Christ’s resurrection and that, while our bodies are destroyed, we shall see God.

So, this Holy Week, I invite you to journey from the cross to the tomb to the day of resurrection. It is through our time in the darkness that we more clearly see the true beauty of the light. It then shines so brightly that it can be overwhelming to be in its grace, love and welcoming embrace. During the Easter season, take time to focus on the Paschal Candle as it stands near the altar as a symbol of resurrection. It is more than just a candle. Marked with a cross and glowing as the divine light that pierces the darkness of this broken world, it is a reminder of the incredible gift of life that we have received through God’s love and Christ’s sacrifice. Filled with gratitude and praise, we share and reflect that light with the world. And let us echo a Prayer of the Day for Easter, “Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you.”

Soli Deo Gloria!
Daniel Aune
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 brass and organ. The program will feature Feierlicher Einzug and Festival Prelude by Richard Strauss, Suite for Organ and Brass Quintet by Craig Phillips, famous works by George Frideric Handel, and much 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.

Thank you to all those who came out to support the Hafenmusik’s “Classics for Soprano and Trumpet” concert. It was an afternoon filled with great music!
Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 13, 2019
10:00 am - Rain or Shine
Ages 1-11
Christ Lutheran Church Plaza
701 S. Charles Street, 21230

Come and join us as we make an edible craft and hunt for 2,500 eggs! Bring your own basket.

RSVP by April 5 by email at carlien@christinnerharbor.org or call the church office at 410-752-7179.

CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL
SUMMER ARTS CAMP
June 17-21       June 24-28
Ages 3 and 4     Ages 5 and 6
(must be of age by Aug 31, 2019)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
children to bring a lunch; snacks will be provided
Cost: $125.00 per week
Interested? Contact Carlien Parlett via text message at 443-564-0681 or call the church office at 410-752-7179.
~ Spaces are limited ~

CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL
A place where your child can let their light shine!

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30am
Join us for a fun time for infants and toddlers ages birth to 2 years old!

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PLAY GROUP

Located in the Inner Harbor
Five-day school week with extended care available
Daily Spanish immersion classes
Center-based curriculum

For more information about enrollment, contact the church office at 410-752-7179 or email carlien@christinnerharbor.org
CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL CELEBRATES
Lutherans School Week!
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

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.

4th Annual Noisy Change

Seafarers International House
Living Generously and
Demonstrating Our Love
of Neighbor

In the great book of Isaiah (chapter
58), we are told that when we share
our bread with the hungry, then
“your light will break forth like the
dawn.” Help us as we continue our
support of to the ELCA World
Hunger Program.

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”.

Serving the Greater Baltimore City

During the 2019 Lenten season Vicar Luke
Warner included the “Women FLOW Too”
campaign into his weekly service projects. The
social ministry was happy to have this new
campaign for 2019 completed with the help of
those who attended the first Wednesday night
service. All the bags were blessed by Pastor Sue
as well as a prayer asking God to cover each
woman who would receive one.

Spring is finally approaching and
that means vacation planning is in
full throttle. Spring vacation, midyear vacation, visiting family
and friends for the Easter holiday,
you name it and you’re probably
hitting the road sooner than later.
We want to remind everyone to
bring in your unused hotel
toiletries... maybe even as the
housekeeping staff you pass by in
the hallway for a few extras!!

AND SHOEBOXES!! CLC don’t
forget to BRING IN YOUR
UNUSED SHOEBOXES!
In 1996 the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, was in a period of political and economic crisis with high rates of unemployment. Isabel Cristina de Souza Cunha and her husband, Harold, who lived in the city of Viamão, were two of the many people who lost their jobs.

Without income, there was no guarantee of either food on the table or the means to purchase necessities. As she looked for opportunities, Isabel heard about the fair- and solidarity-trade movement.

The Good Samaritan Child Nursery (linked to the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil), which Isabel’s children attend, proposed that the parents form a business cooperative to support those affected by the financial crisis.

Starting and growing the cooperative – today called Cooperbom – required the hard work and persistence of Isabel and the other members. To bolster their efforts and address larger challenges – including operating a women-led business in a field dominated by men – Cooperbom joined the Fair and Supportive Trade Network.

The Fair and Supportive Trade Network project was launched by the Lutheran Foundation of Diakonia in 2012 with partnership and support from ELCA World Hunger. The network brings together enterprises, focusing in the areas of food production, handicrafts, manufacturing and recycling. It provides training and support for women entrepreneurs.

“As a result of this support, we have improved the quality of our products,” Isabel says. “We are able to invest in improving our enterprise continually, and we have gained new consumers. The improvement of the income of Cooperbom’s associates and their quality of life is a direct result of working with the Fair and Supportive Trade Network.”

Your support of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal helps fight hunger, poverty, and disease in many countries around the world, including the United States. Isabel’s Cooperbom Cooperative required hard work and innovation to be successful. The Fair and Supportive Trade Network, supported by the World Hunger Appeal, gave her and her fellow members the path to that success, substantially improving their lives. 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.
Proclaim and Invite for Easter!

We celebrate Christ's resurrection on April 21, so our preparations are in the works. Most important, we remember Christ's last words to us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." During Lent, the Proclaim and Invite Committee asks each church member to invite at least one new person (family, friend, acquaintance) to attend during our Easter services. It couldn't be easier. Take a "Jesus Calling Card" from the Easter baskets located in the narthex and contemporary service table. Take one or more cards and hand one to someone with a smile and an invitation. Or, mail the card to someone with a note inviting him or her to come. We have many services and opportunities. It is with great joy that we share the Good News at Christ Lutheran Church!

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!

Don’t Wait for Earth Day

Sarah Berger

Earth Day is April 22, and www.earthday.org posts some top action items you can take to slow climate change and protect our endangered species:

- Reduce your use of plastics
- Reduce the amount of carbon pollution you produce
- Reduce or eliminate your use of pesticides, through direct use or by buying “conventional” produce
- Increase the carbon-dioxide-eating tree canopy by planting trees or supporting tree-canopy-expansion projects.

One step you can take this spring, well before Earth Day, is to look for local meetings or workshops which both help build community and strengthen our planet’s defenses. One such opportunity happens this April:

Monday April 8, 7-9pm
Memorial Episcopal Church, 1407 Bolton St.
Baltimore, MD 21217

Historian and author Jill Jonnes will give a lecture on urban forests: “The History of Urban Forests and the Imperative of Green Infrastructure for our City.” Jonnes is founder and co-chair of Flowering Tree Trails and co-founder of the Baltimore Tree Trust. She will also discuss “green infrastructure” as a means of controlling urban runoff.

A Q&A afterwards will be paneled by Jenn Aiosa, Blue Water Baltimore’s Executive Director; Lisa Schroeder, Parks & People Foundation CEO; Jodi Rose, Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake CEO; Lisa McNeill, Director of the Baltimore Office of Sustainability; and Dion Wright, Civic Works Foundation Deputy Director.

The event is free (donations will be kindly accepted at the door).
Caring Ministry meets quarterly on the 3rd Sunday. Our next meeting is on Sunday, July 21. All are welcome to attend! Please consider participating in any of these ministries that mean so much to those they serve.

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** brings 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. Stay tuned for details about fundraising efforts for this worthy cause.

**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.

**FREE TAI CHI CLASSES**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30 AM Beginning 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.

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.

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.

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ADULT FELLOWSHIP TO
“STEP BACK IN TIME” IN VISIT TO FELLS POINT

FELLS POINT GUIDED TOUR
SATURDAY, MAY 4 ~ 11:30 am
Meet at Robert Long House. 812 Ann Street

The Adult Fellowship will go on a 90-minute walk through time through the historic Fells Point. Established in 1763, Fells Point is a city, state, and National Historic District and boasts over 161 buildings on the National Register, including the oldest standing residence in Baltimore City, the Robert Long House. The neighborhood is steeped in history. The streets of Fells Point are paved with Belgian blocks, the original stone bricks brought over by trade ships from Europe.

Plan to walk along Broadway and Thames Street where you’ll see numbers carved into the curbs to mark placements for outdoor market stalls generations ago. In the same area stands Broadway Market, a year-round indoor market built in 1786. Fell’s Point is also the last known sight of Edgar Allan Poe before his mysterious death. Coming back to the 21st century, we will also see the renovation of the old recreation Pier into the glamorous Sagamore Pendry Hotel.

All of this and more. SAVE THE DATE and join us. The cost will be $10 for adults and $7.00 for students and seniors. Of course, we will be checking out pubs along the way to decide where our lunch will be.

Contact Pat Runyon (parunyon1245@yahoo.com) for reservations and more details. There is a maximum of 20 on the tour.
A summary of the minutes from the Congregation Council meeting February 26, 2019:

- The financial report for January showed a net operating surplus of almost $5,000 (almost $17,000 better than budgeted). Total income was over $12,000 more than budgeted. The variance was because we received $5,000 extra cash from Charles Light Parking and $3,000 income from the Columbarium. Total expenses were over $4,000 less than budgeted. We have collected $1.129 million and spent $2.801 million on the Capital Campaign and have an outstanding debt of $1.845 million. The nursery school had a surplus of more than $1,000. Interest expense on the loan to finance the exterior building renovations and the 2017 net operating loss was over $6,000.
- Three new Stephen Ministers will be installed April 28, bringing the total number to ten.
- The Baltimore Outreach Services gala will be held March 30.
- There will be a meal and service projects each Wednesday during Lent.
- The reconstituted Stewardship Committee has set its meeting date.
- Proposed Continuing Resolutions will be voted on at the March meeting.
- Mark Letke, Zariyah Murray, Grace Planalp, Nancy Rice, Pat Runyon, Deborah Tadesse and Cathy Wood-Rupert were elected to be voting members to the Synod Assembly May 30 – June 1, 2019.
- Asbestos was found during the replacement of the carpeting. This will increase the time and cost of the project.
- Paula Montgomery was elected Vice President, John Folkemer was elected Secretary and Bruce Kirby was elected Treasurer.
- Jennifer Doonan and Ben Lentz were elected as at-large members of the Executive Committee.

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**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 March 11, 2019*

- **CARPET REPLACEMENT:** After on-time successful installation of new carpet tiles on first floor of Parish Hall, the contractor encountered problems with the failing layers of old tile on the upper floors. Because of potential danger from contaminants, it has been necessary to defer remaining work until late May/early June when abatement is completed.

- **PROPERTY PROJECTS that KEEP CLC FUNCTIONING:** With volunteer 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: installing a large missing window blind in room #216, replacing the security camera on the plaza side, repairing a drinking fountain, and restoring function of sump pump in the shelter recreation room.

- **PLANTER on HILL STREET:** The large planter at the Charles Street end of the former Hill Street walkway was provided by Banner Hill with the understanding that CLC would add plantings. Acting on a recommendation from Committee member JUDY RITTERHOFF, Property Committee has approved an expenditure of $1,549 to complete this task.
SAT, APR 13 at 7pm and SUN, APR 14 at 2pm
JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

First English (3807 N. Charles St. 21218)  410-235-2356
First English and several other churches of "The Churches of Charles" are putting on this musical. Part of the story involves a drought which causes the brothers to go to Egypt to beg for food. A free will donation will be collected for Lutheran World Relief to offer support to the hungry parts of our world.

SUN, APR 14
RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM BUS TOUR - 3:00 pm

The synod's Racial Justice Ministry Team will host a bus ride through the east side of Baltimore, to share the history of Lutheran congregations closing instead of serving their communities as the racial makeup of the neighborhood changed. The bus will leave from Zion Lutheran Church (400 E Lexington St. Baltimore, MD 21202) at 3 pm and return to Zion by 5:30 pm with stops along Harford Road where Lutheran congregations once thrived. This is an excellent opportunity for congregations to reflect on their own participation in white flight and how we respond to continued changes in community demographics. To RSVP, please contact Journey of Faith Church by email a journey7902@verizon.net or call the church office at 410-655-5250.

TUE, APR 16
WALK WITH JESUS a FREE Easter Event for Families - 5:00pm

Christus Victor Church (9833 Harford Rd. Carney) Experience the road Jesus walked through Holy Week. The walking tour follows Jesus through the days leading up to Easter. Tours begin at 5pm and continues every 15 minutes until the last tour at 6:30pm. For more information, call 410-668-8089.

TUE, APR 16
SPIRITUAL RETREAT, “LIVING FAITHFULLY” 9:30a-3:00pm

Prince of Peace (8212 Philadelphia Rd.)
The Daytimers will be sponsoring a retreat. The event will run from 9:30am- 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Come and spend some time in thought, discussion, worship and prayer as we look at some of the ways that our faith has been shaped and formed, and how we continue to live and share that gift with others.
ANNOUNCING....

CHURCH LEADERS FORUM

For ALL Council Members and Church Leaders

Saturday, May 4, 2019   9:00am - 12:00pm
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
8212 Philadelphia Road (21237)

PLEASE pre-register on-line through the Synod e-letter or at claimbaltimore@gmail.com
Coffee, tea, water & snacks will be provided

9am – Registration

9:30am – Worship

10:00am – Break out groups
†Council Presidents, Vice Presidents & Council Secretaries † Treasurers & Finance Committees † Communications † Evangelism & Community Building † Property Committees † Social Ministry & Service † Children & Youth Ministry, † Worship & Music Committees

11:15am – Sharing / Reflection
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### Attendance & Offering

**Attendance Total**

- **February 2019:** 1,021

**Giving Total**

- **February 2019:** $62,454

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Patricia & Joseph Shortall  
Liz Carlstrom  
Joe & Stina Pillion
PASTORAL ACTS
“You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

Deaths

Theodore Dobrzykowski
Noah Fisher
March 24, 2019

Audrey Bailey
March 6, 2019

Grace Bensen
March 7, 2019

Blanche Rey
March 11, 2019

Edith Vester
March 18, 2019

Memorials & Gifts

In memory of: Jim Wilmer
By: Jim & Colette Steinmeier

GIFTS GIVEN TO BENEVOLENCE

In memory of: Grace Bensen
By: Dana Weckesser
Roy “Jack” Phillips
Margaret, Kent & Andrew Flinchbaugh
Roy “Jack” Phillips
Francis Golden

GIFTS GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND

In memory of: Jim Wilmer
By: Joseph & Elizabeth Fetters

GIFTS GIVEN TO MUSIC MINISTRY

Recorded as of: March 25, 2019

Dear Partners in Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore:

I write to you today in gratitude, hope and anticipation for our future. Our Synod thanks you for responding to God’s call to be generous and faithful, to share the word of God and to care for those in need in your congregation, neighborhood, and our greater church. Your commitment to working in collaboration with other congregations, our synod and our ELCA to do God’s work, allows us to make disciples of Christ and transform the world. So inspiring!

I want to specifically thank you for your gifts of Mission Support in 2018 totaling $90,000. Through your generosity we live out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in so many ways. Your 2018 mission support when combined with our other congregations and generous givers allows us to live out God’s mission locally, nationally, and globally. It makes my heart swell with thanksgiving and joy! We make such a difference when we partner together and give for the greater glory of God.

Such an honor to be in partnership,
Karen Johnson Kretschmann, Associate for Generosity Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA

Greetings

Laura Catlett and David Clampitt
Celebrating 25 years on April 30

Greg & Susan Landry
Celebrating 25 years on April 16

John & Laura Polacek
Celebrating 35 years on April 28

Lance & Suzanne Reardon
Celebrating 50 years on April 26
Christ Lutheran Church  
701 S. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230-3800  
Phone: 410-752-7179  Fax: 410-752-7881  
www.christinnerharbor.org

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Andrew Miller, Jr., Sexton

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Gary Wells  
Cathy Wood-Rupert

Parking for Sunday and Wednesday services and other festivals in the Arrow Parking Garage at 11 E. Lee Street  
You will need to bring your ticket into church and have it stamped on the “Lock Your Car” side.