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.

Celebrating 132 years of Ministry
Church Anniversary
Luncheon & Children’s Program

Join us as we celebrate 132 years of ministry at Christ Church!

**Sunday, December 15**
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP so we can plan for food!
Sign up to bring a side dish or Christmas cookies to share!
*Call the church or visit our website*

As we prepare for the celebration of the Christmas season, we will adorn the church with trees, wreaths, garlands and poinsettias.

Poinsettias are $30 each. Larger or smaller donations will be used to purchase other items to decorate the sanctuary.

Donations in honor of, memory of or thanksgiving for will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas day bulletins.

All gifts will be treated the same regardless of the amount of the gift.

Donations can be made by calling the church or online at [www.christinnerharbor.org](http://www.christinnerharbor.org).

*~ Donations must be received by December 17 ~*
**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**  
11:00 am & 7:15pm

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- 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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Interim Associate Pastor Judy Cobb 443-632-4496  
Associate Pastor Patrick Ballard 919-215-0419

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Dear Friends,

Advent is to Christmas what Lent is to Easter. It is preparatory time on the way to God’s great, cosmic celebration! As we count the four weeks of Advent (with the lighting of the Advent wreath), I think of these four descriptors that may capture some of Advent’s meaning.

There is:

**Watchfulness:** God’s people are asked to be attentive to friends, family and world. The needs of others are before us: to speak and act with kindness and consideration; to consider how prophets of old spoke of a fore-telling of God’s promise of the Messiah. We hear of how the world is to be made ready for the One who comes. Like the arrival of a special guest, we clean up, prepare in special ways, anticipate the expectant joy that is to come. Therefore, the people repent, confess and acknowledge what things are wrong that are to be made right as we pray for God’s forgiving grace to refresh and renew us. (In this season, we will kneel (or be seated) for confession and prayers of the church). We watch our own lives and the issues before our world, confessing what is “sinful and unclean.”

**Waiting:** God’s people learn a discipline of patient waiting. But we have all grown up with the whining plea: “Are we there yet?” The commercial world will hurry us to Christmas: pop music in malls and radio and everywhere we turn, “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.” Remember it’s a sales/consumerism pitch. Not so in the church. Our waiting is to ever hope in our God. It is said that the “arc of human history bends toward justice,” and I believe this to be true. However, that “arc” is over centuries. We wait while praying and hoping and working for justice in small doses until God accomplishes “his kingdom come” time. So, we wait. We wait and watch in hope!

**Wonder:** We get to see what our world looks like “transformed.” Tinsel gives the world glitter and shimmering beauty. Lights transform darkness. Music is imprinted in our memories of Christmases past and we hum tunes wishing good will to all. And gift giving (especially as we age) is less about receiving and instead more about giving to others as our generosity is less stymied and more spontaneous, less controlled and more overflowing. The Christmas world takes Scrooge away from miserliness into expansive gratitude for life itself and rather sees our stewardship of resources as a means to help others! That’s transformative!

**Welcome:** And then, the gift of God arrives. The Word incarnate comes to dwell among us full of grace and truth. The Messiah is born not as a prince but as a pauper. Mary, the young woman says, “Let it be to me according to your Word,” and a concerned fiancée Joseph, knocked off balance by the mystery of it all, lends his lineage to the “house of David,” for the fulfilling of the prophet’s “arc” centuries before! And the baby finds “no cradle for his head” but a feed trough in an outback barn where only weathered shepherds get the news to “go and see” what has come to pass. Then the parents flee across un-secured borders as refugees escaping the terrorist king, jealous and on a rampage. Yet it is this One whom we welcome as “King of kings” and “Lord of lords.” What a story. What a season truly of watching, waiting, wondering and welcoming.

The narrative is for us and for our salvation. Glory to God! Welcome to the Season!

Pastor Jim Cobb

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**Sunday, January 12**

**One worship service**

**at 10:00 a.m.**

**followed by the Annual Meeting.**
Advent Musings.
By Pr. Judy Cobb

It is true we are out of step with most of the world and many of our friends. Advent contemplation, focus on repentance, and hymns in minor keys are not mainstays of December activities. Popular Christmas songs like “Baby It’s Cold Outside”, business and class parties, and buying presents tend to be more popular. Every year when I would bring home Advent devotions for the family, our sons would find new places to hide them. Then we would spend many hours watching it’s a “Wonderful Life”, “Christmas Story”, and “Chevy Chase Christmas Vacation” while eating Christmas cookies.

So, how can we focus on an Advent discipline? How can we be counter cultural and take time to contemplate what the gift of Jesus means to us individually and to our world collectively?

Here are some suggestions:

1. Our worship services on Wednesday will focus on scriptures for Advent. It would be wonderful if you would gather at 11 a.m., or 7:15 p.m. to worship, sing, pray and give thanks this would be time “set apart” for worshipping the Jesus who comes.

2. Saint Nicholas was the Christian Bishop of Myra who helped the needy. He gave gifts often anonymously to those in need. After his death, the legend of his gift giving grew. He was supposed to have died on December 6, 343 AD. It is from Bishop Nicholas that Santa Claus was derived. I suggest that on December 6 – St. Nicholas day you look around and give a gift to someone- just because. Think about it. Part of Advent is to realize the great gift of Jesus. Then, we can gift others as a thank you.

3. One of my favorite Advent customs is St. Lucia festivals. I went to a Swedish Lutheran college, Upsala and was introduced to this legend. I even began to collect different images of St. Lucia. Lucia was born in Syracuse, Italy. She was raised a Christian and asked her mother for her dowry because she didn’t want to marry. So, she used her inheritance to buy food for those who were hungry. She is always shown with candles on her head (providing light) and a tray filled with food. She went into caves to feed hiding Christians. Eventually, she was arrested by the Roman government and was martyred. Somehow, the legend of St. Lucia bringing LIGHT and Food became popular in Sweden... St. Lucia day is celebrated on December 13. So, on this day, you might think of how to bring LIGHT and Food to a dark and hungering world.

ADVENT BLESSINGS

Advent Faith Formation

This Advent season marks a new beginning for Sunday School and ministry among our young people and their families at Christ Church! At its October meeting, our Congregation Council approved the merger of the Christian Education and Youth and Family committees into a new committee, to be called “Faith Formation.” This committee will assume responsibility for facilitating ongoing faith formation for all ages, adopting a widespread model of caring for the education and nurturing of faith from birth to death.

This new committee will help to provide ongoing instruction in the faith of the Church for our members as we cross the many thresholds of life. From preschool to elementary school, high school to adulthood, and everything else on the edges and in between, the hope is that this model will help to break down barriers between age groups as we learn together what it means to be Lutheran Christians and disciples of Christ.

But we need your help! This action, coupled with the impending retirement of the longtime Director of Christian Education, Carlien Parlett, means that there are some big shoes to fill to make sure that the faith is passed down from generation to generation and that everyone at Christ Church has to opportunity to experience deep and engaging educational opportunities.

We are particularly in need of someone who is willing to serve as the Sunday School “Superintendent,” overseeing the teachers and programming for 2020-2021 school year. This volunteer would be supported by the pastors and the committee as we plan curricula and care for the Christian Education of our members. We are also looking for Sunday School teachers and facilitators for every age range: from birth to adults. If you are willing to serve in any of these capacities, please contact Jenny Anderson (jen.anderson413@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrick (pr.ballard@christinnerharbor.org).

The year ahead promises to present some challenges as we embrace this new reality, but it also will position us to provide strong and formative education for our community in the years to come. God has given us all that we need; let us rise to the challenge and share the Good News of Christ will all whom we encounter!

With hope and thanks,
Jenny Anderson
Chair, Faith Formation Committee

Rev. Patrick Ballard
Associate Pastor
In many ways this year has been a trying one for Christ Church, as we have said goodbye to a beloved pastor, worked through continued budget challenges, and started preparing to say goodbye to another beloved staff member. There have also been many things to celebrate: welcoming interim pastors who have guided us well, four young people confirming the faith God has granted them, supporting our refugee family as they take the next step toward independence, and many more.

Sometimes, the Advent season can feel like a sprint toward a mythical finish line; it can feel like once we get through Christmas it’s smooth sailing until things pick up again in Lent. But in many ways, Christmas is a reminder of the renewed expectations that we have been given as people of God. I know, I know, we all need a break after the holiday. Many of us, pastors included, use the time after Christmas for vacation, to “recover” from all of the preparations and strain that we put ourselves through to make the holiday a perfect celebration. But this is not what we’ve been preparing for. Celebrating the coming of Christ marks a beginning, not an end.

The birth of the Messiah marks the beginning of a renewed call to participate in the kingdom work that Jesus is bringing about. Soon after the Christmas holiday our congregation will come together for an annual meeting, to plan out our mission for the year ahead. At some point in the not too distant future, a ministry site profile and various surveys will be assembled and a Call Committee will form as we discern who will be the next lead pastor to guide us. These things will be simultaneously life-giving and challenging. And when these tasks come, my prayer is that we will remember the name our Savior is given in the first chapter of Matthew: Emmanuel. We call our Savior many things: Lord, Master, Son of Man, Lamb of God, Prince of Peace… the list goes on and on. But the name he is given here, Emmanuel, is so powerful as we mark a new beginning of our work together. Emmanuel: God with us.

In the midst of the fatigue that this season can bring out in us, the reminder that Jesus is in fact Emmanuel, “God with us”, can be a source of strength and hope. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and look forward to what God has in store for ourselves, our families, and our congregation, we know that God is with us on the journey.

As we look forward to the impending coming of Christ, know that God is with you too. As we mark this beginning of new opportunities to bring the kingdom of God into our world, we will need rest for the journey. God is with us and provides that rest. As we gear up for the next unexpected task, we will need reassurance that our path is the right one. God is with us and provides that reassurance. As we sometimes fail despite our good intentions, we will need comfort to know that we will get another chance. God is with us and provides that comfort. In all that we are doing, all that we will do, and all we have not yet imagined, God is with us. Let us go forth with good courage, and celebrate this gift of Christ, our Emmanuel.

Peace,

Patrick Ballard, there was never a day I didn’t look forward to our common work. Welcome to your Interim Pastors Jim and Judy Cobb!

Your gifts of travel gear have already been put to use. My Lydia baggage tags delight and bring a smile as they journey to see the fall colors of New England, the storms along Cape Cod, the edges of Norfolk and the beauty of Colorado in the fall. Your generous gift as a congregation to visit my ancestral roots (and perhaps discover family secrets!) has begun with research. The journey will take me to Sweden and Denmark, Germany (now Poland) and yes, to see what I can uncover about that ship which carried family from Scotland to the coast of Massachusetts, through New York and places west in the late 1700s.

To my beloved members of Christ Church, “Till we meet again.” Lydia’s First Century invitation is the one we extend to you, “Come and stay at our home.”

In thanksgiving and with a grateful heart,
Pastor Susan Tjornehoj
It is time to bear witness that Jesus is born. How will we at Christ Lutheran do that this year? We witness it in our worship and we tell all our family and friends to share in our worship. We tell our neighbors here and everywhere.

Christmas Jesus’ calling cards will be available all during December in the church Narthex to use in sharing with family and friends. It makes it easy, one on one, to hand a card and invite someone to come to church with you or on their own. Times of worship are on the card. An addition this year, will be small gift card envelopes for those who gift their friends and family. Share God’s love along with your gift.

We reach out to our neighborhood in our announcements in neighborhood association newsletters. We will be sending greeting baskets with cards and small posters to surrounding apartments. Coffee shops are local gathering places so greeting baskets will be going to those in the surrounds also.

Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn so Jesus was born in the hay. We reach out to the hotel businesses surrounding our church. Greeting baskets will be going to 45 hotels within a two-mile radius of our church. We have room and invite guests and employees to come worship with us! Many of our shelter graduates now work in these hotels.

Be a part of spreading the word. There is plenty of room in our pews!

**Share it on Facebook**

This year, an ad will be put up on Facebook and through our e-letter. You will be asked to pass it on. Last year we sent out our message to about 700. Let’s beat our record. “Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere that Jesus Christ is born!”

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**As Solomon so eloquently stated in Ecclesiastes 3:1-9**

> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven,
> a time to be born, and a time to die;
> a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
> a time to kill, and a time to heal;
> a time to break down, and a time to build up;
> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
> a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
> a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
> a time to seek, and a time to lose;
> a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
> a time to tear, and a time to sew;
> a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
> a time to love, and a time to hate;
> a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future in their minds. I know there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live.

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the privilege of serving as the Director of Christian Education for fifteen and one half years. It has been my joy to be in God’s house, serving each day.

As of January 26, 2020, I will begin a new journey of retirement. This does not mean that I am leaving, or saying good-bye, but that I will begin a new journey with all of you. I will be serving on committees, continuing to teach in Adult Education, lead in Bible studies and join all of you in the pews on Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays. I cannot wait to see where God takes us next.

Sincerely, as we continue to serve and share God’s love, Carlien Parlett

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**We need Your Help!**

This year we would like to help parents of our younger children, ages 3-11 years of age by having breakfast foods for each child at the beginning of Sunday School. We need your help to supply these foods for our children. We need: Go Gurts, Squeeze and Go Applesauce, Granola Bars, Cereal Bars. Please leave your donations in the container marked “Food for our Future”.

Thank you, Carlien
We congratulate our confirmands as they have completed confirmation class! They took a moment to share with us about their faith journey!

Rachel Fierro
“My faith has been a source of comfort, and the friends I’ve made through the church are special to me. I’ve learned a lot in the last three years, and look forward to continue to grow in faith.”

Sawyer Hartlove
“Confirmation is the next step on my faith journey. I enjoy helping to lead worship at Wednesday night services and the retreats and camps that help me grow in faith. I am thankful for the people that have supported me so far and will continue to serve and learn as part of this community after Confirmation.”

Colby Provenza
“To me confirmation is an important step on my faith journey. I enjoy participating in the church services by being an Acolyte and by volunteering at the shelter dinner. Participating in worship and service gives me a sense of belonging and feeling part of the church. I am excited to continue my journey in faith through youth group with Pastor Patrick and all the friends I have made.”

Sophie von Coelln
“I want to be confirmed because it is the next step in my faith journey. I only went to confirmation class at first because my parents told me to, but eventually I wanted to go because I began to enjoy it and it felt meaningful. Being confirmed is the conclusion to the transition into faith that happened in middle school. Confirmation will help me to determine how God will be involved in my life from now on.”

The Baltimore Children’s Choir at Christ Lutheran

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Following the concert a great crowd stayed for the reception and fellowship. A special word of thanks to Thrivent Financial for supporting the costs of the reception through an Action Team sponsored by Grace Planalp. And thank you to: the choir members for sharing their talents, Joseph Shortall the artistic director of the choir, Patricia Shortall the general manager of the choir, parents of choir members, and the team of volunteers from Christ Lutheran who greeted people, set up the reception, and cleaned up afterwards!
There are so many iconic pieces of music that mark the Advent season and the month of December. Concert halls and churches will abound with performances of Handel’s Messiah. We will sing and hear ancient melodies like “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” For most sacred choral lovers, the standard anthem for Advent is Paul Manz’s “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come.” The choir will sing it for two important reasons this year during the prelude to our Christmas Eve services.

The first reason is that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Paul Manz. Particularly in the Lutheran church, Manz is considered perhaps the most influential church musician of the 20th century. His passion for preaching through music, especially with his hymn festivals, increased appreciation for the Lutheran chorale and reinvigorated hymn playing across the country. He was a devoted servant of the church who gave much to the world of sacred music, and many churches will remember him this year by singing his most famous anthem.

The second reason that we will sing this anthem is that it was a favorite of our dear choir member Jim Wilmer who went to his eternal home last Christmas Eve. It was sung for his funeral and we will sing it again in his memory on Christmas Eve. The anthem was originally written while Paul Manz’s son was battling an illness that was coming close to taking his life. The doctors and nurses had given up. Paul’s wife, Ruth, collected the themes from the 22nd chapter of Revelation and turned them into the lyrics for “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come.” She handed the text to Paul and he sketched the music for the anthem at their son’s bed. The text concludes, “E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all.” It is a beautiful vision of the peace in which our beloved saints now rest.

The heart of the text is truly something to wrestle with, though. “Lord Jesus, quickly come.” During this Advent season we will pray for the Lord to “stir up” power to come and to “stir up” our hearts and our wills in preparation. It is easy to let these words go by in the prayer without giving them much thought. But are we really ready to petition God to come again? It is so easy to see Advent as a warm-up to Christmas. That it us just a time to remember and recreate the story of God coming to earth as an innocent baby. Many of our readings will recall the Old Testament prophesies of a Messiah to come, and this was greatly desired by a nation which was constantly living in captivity and desiring political freedom.

But this season also alerts us to the Second Advent when Christ comes again, as he told his disciples, like an unexpected thief in the night. There aren’t any Hallmark movies or holiday specials that use a plot like that. And why should we want it? In general, what do we need rescuing from? We are blessed with many riches and can live in easy complacency that doesn’t ask for a Messiah to come and change things.

But we do still live in a captivity. It’s a captivity to sin. I have shared once before the quote from former Associate Pastor Bob Mack that was told to me by a parishioner, and it is worth sharing again. “We do not worship a crib. We worship a cross.” The First Advent came so that we might be baptized into Christ’s death and live with him through his resurrection. “Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth,” as Charles Wesley states in “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.” This is the truth into which Jim Wilmer and all of us have been baptized. In the Second Advent, all things will be made complete and sin will have no place in any part of God’s new kingdom. It will be an end to our current known world, but it will be a world knowing perfection. No more war, violence, famine, disease, hatred, bigotry, loneliness, grief or death, for “Christ will be their all.”

So, yes, “Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.” (ELW 245) Yes, “So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.” (ELW 246) Yes, “Come, hope of unity, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.” (ELW 247) Yes, “Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.” (ELW 254) Yes, “O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.” (ELW 257). Yes, “Lord Jesus, quickly come.”

Soli Deo Gloria!
Daniel Aune
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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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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LaSonia King, Social Ministry Coordinator
Ben Lentz, Committee Chair

CREATIVE IDEA
Because of you, we donated 40 baskets to families in need this Thanksgiving Season.

The Asende's
The Asende family has their final steps towards becoming homeowners. We look forward this final transition for the Asende family. They're almost HOMEOWNERS!

Join Our Committee
Interested in joining the CLC Social Ministry Committee? If yes, please contact the SM Coordinator or Min. Chair to learn more about volunteering.

Refugee resettlement

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Baskets

Volunteers Needed

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Seafarer's Christmas at Sea 2019

Christmas at Sea

Once again for Reformation Sunday, it was great to share in the awesome potluck lunch prepared by so many. Another great fellowship opportunity in the books. We also successfully wrapped over 100 Christmas boxes for Seafarers at the Baltimore International Center.
Hatching a Reliable Source  
MEXICO  
ELCA.org/hunger

In the remote and mountainous community of Llano de las Piedras, Cochoapa el Grande in Guerrero, Mexico, poverty and lack of opportunity can make healthy food hard to come by. As a result, children can suffer from malnutrition and slowed growth and development. Marcelina and her daughters, Imelda, 12, and Esmeralda, 10, were among the families who had a tough time affording enough healthy food. With little income and few options for growing crops, the choices for protein were limited. While Marcelina and her family were able to get eggs to eat three times a week, this was not enough to meet the nutritional needs of growing children.

Now things have changed for this family, thanks in part to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Working with a local organization, Amextra, the family received six chickens, materials for chicken coops and training on how to care for the poultry. Now they work to take care of the chickens and have eggs to eat anytime. They can sell the extra eggs at the market for additional income, which can be used to buy food or other essentials such as salt, dried chilies, tomatoes and rice. Through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, Amextra is helping other families in Llano de las Piedras make that belief a reality, too. In addition to providing chicken coops, your gifts helped other families in the community start gardens to grow vegetables such as radishes, cilantro, cabbage, broccoli and carrots, which allows them to supplement their diet and their livelihood. This is the kind of change that can impact the entire community, household by household.

Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal support creative efforts that fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the United States. Just as support by ELCA World Hunger helped Marcelina and her daughters get a sustaining source of food and income, there are countless other stories around the globe in which people's lives have been similarly changed. You may make contributions by using the offering envelopes found in the kiosk in the Narthex or by properly marking them and forwarding to the church office. Thank you.

Environmental Stewardship and the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog  
By Sarah Berger

Christmas is a tiny, holy miracle. In America, especially, it’s also an overwhelming, many-tentacled monster of thoughtless consumerism. At worst, the giving of gifts can mean throwing money at overworked cashiers for plastic trinkets that arrive by the billions on container ships. At best, gifts can be thoughtful gestures and meaningful contributions, ways of directing our attention to each other and helping us to alleviate pain and enhance lives. The best shopping and giving experiences I ever have are for people I don’t necessarily know: presents for residents of the shelter right under Christ Church; contributions in honor of friends and family to local institutions like the Enoch Pratt Library or the breast cancer support organization The Red Devils; or — and here’s where environmental stewardship comes in — purchases that support subsistence farmers around the world, like those offered through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. People who live on and work the land across the world are on the front lines of climate change. Their crops, livestock, water and every system depend on the health of the planet, and their livelihoods are vulnerable in direct proportion to the increase in drought, flooding, storms, species extinction and other effects of climate change. Many first-world city-dwellers are only very peripherally concerned with these changes, noticing an increase in the price of imported cucumbers or avocados, but going on as usual.

This Christmas, please consider breaking with the usual and giving small, and giving meaningfully. Inspiring gift ideas can be found in the downloadable Good Gifts catalog at www.elca.org/resources.
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.

Join us to see the award-winning movie Amadeus accompanied by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

**Sunday, January 5 at 3:00 pm**

Join us for lunch and remarks on Mozart before the concert beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, a private backstage tour at 1:30 p.m. and Amadeus on a giant HD screen while Mozart’s most celebrated works are performed live by the Baltimore Symphony and the BSO Symphonic Chorale.

This is a shared fellowship activity of: Christ Lutheran Church, The Church of the Redemption (Episcopal), Salem Lutheran Church, and other neighborhood churches have been invited to join us.

*All are welcome!*

Tickets are $25. Pick up a brochure and sign-up at the table in the coffee hour room at church. Deadline for reservations and payment is **December 2**. Contact Ron Hickernell with questions: rhickern@hotmail.com or 443-739-5823.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events in 2020! Information will be displayed in the coffee hour room at church and in the event announcements in the bulletin.

**February**

Tour, tasting and meal

(Date TBD) Guinness Open Gate Brewery

**Sat., Mar 21**

Join the Christ Lutheran Church Team in a service project packing 5,000 meals for people in need.

**Sat., Apr 18**

Tour the Cryptologic Museum at the National Security Agency followed by lunch together.

**May**

Travel to Washington, DC to tour the National Museum of African American History and have lunch together.
Adult Fellowship Activities at Christ Lutheran Church – Join us!
This fall the Adult Fellowship group at Christ Lutheran has had some terrific experiences together! Adults, young adults, individuals, couples and families are all welcome to join in. This ministry of Christ Lutheran creates opportunities for learning, fellowship, friendship and fun.

On September 15 about 25 people took part in legendary duckpin bowling at the Glen Burnie Bowl – our last chance to bowl with Pastor Susan Tjornehoj before her retirement. There were strikes, spares, splits… and yes, gutter balls. We had lots of fun and even shared a special bowling cake for the occasion. Thanks to Pat Runyon for organizing the event!

On October 19 a small group had a wonderful private tour of the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA). The 90 minute docent-led tour took us through The Cone Collection and American Art wing – what treasures right here in Baltimore! Our tour was followed by a delicious lunch at Gertrude’s at the BMA. Again, thank you to Pat Runyon for organizing the day.

On November 10 we were joined by members from several neighborhood churches in Federal Hill and Locust Point (Salem Lutheran and Redemption Episcopal) for lunch at the Port Public House, and then a tour of the Baltimore Immigration Museum and a guided neighborhood walking tour of Locust Point focused on immigration. The co-founders of the Museum were our docents and were inspiring guides to important history. We had 40 people attend and are grateful to Thrivent Financial for supporting the event with an Action Team. Thank you also to Linda Hartke and Ron Hickernell for organizing this activity.
A summary of the minutes from the Congregation Council meeting September 24, 2019:

The financial report for August showed a net operating income surplus of $31,993 for the month ($32,340 more than budgeted) and a loss of $17,669 for the year to date ($36,399 less than budgeted). Total income was $10,454 (9%) more than budgeted for the month and $13,516 (1%) less than budgeted for the year to date. Total expenses were $21,886 (19%) less than budgeted for the month and $49,915 (5%) less than budgeted for the year to date. We have an outstanding balance of $1.737 million in the line of credit. The nursery school had a loss of $4,410 for the month and a loss of $2,556 for the year to date. Interest expense on the loan to finance the exterior building renovations and the 2017, 2018 and 2019 net operating losses was $5,327 for the month and $45,399 for the year to date.

The Executive Committee, together with Bishop Gohl, held an exit interview with Pastor Tjornehoj. Paula Montgomery officially and formally offered thanks to Pastor Tjornehoj for her seven years of service as our Senior Pastor.

A lock-in was held Friday September 20 with about 40 youth participating. They held a bake sale the following Sunday.

The building use policy that had been distributed at the July Council meeting was adopted.

Materials about sanctuary ministries were distributed, including issues for consideration. This will be discussed at the October meeting.

Six individuals were nominated for the Baltimore Outreach Services Board. The Council will act on these nominations at a subsequent meeting.

The Covenant for Departing Pastors that Pastor Tjornehoj will be signing was distributed and explained. This information will be included in the next Harbor Lights.

Pastor Tjornehoj reflected on her years as our Senior Pastor. She talked about the future and the opportunities that await the congregation, and offered her prayers for us.

The Council went into Executive Session to discuss the 2020 budget.

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

- Carlien Parlett is retiring as Director of Christian Education effective January 26, 2020. Her letter of retirement will be sent to the Congregation.

- The financial report for September showed a surplus of $1,780 for the month ($12,093 less than budgeted) and a loss of $17,439 for the year to date ($22,070 better than budgeted). Total income was $10,304 (8%) less than budgeted for the month and $25,078 (2%) less than budgeted for the year to date. Total expenses were $1,789 (1%) more than budgeted for the month and $47,148 (4%) less than budgeted for the year to date. We have an outstanding balance of $1.681 million in the line of credit. The nursery school had a surplus of $7,369 for the month and a surplus of $4,769 for the year to date. Interest expense on the loan to finance the exterior building renovations and the 2017, 2018 and 2019 net operating losses was $5,097 for the month and $50,496 for the year to date.

- Pastors Jim and Judy Cobb and Patrick Ballard, and Daniel Aune, Carlien Parlett and LaSonia King presented written reports to the Council.

- John Folkemer, Joe Brown and Mark Letke were appointed to the Christ Church Harbor Apartments Board.

- Charles Busse was reappointed to the Charles Light Parking Board for a three year term.

- Greenspring Advisors will replace Brown Advisory as the Foundation Board’s financial advisors.

- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on January 12, 2020. One worship service at 10 a.m. followed by the meeting.

- LaSonia King described the Generosity Feeds event that is now scheduled in March.
Budgeted Offering in October | $58,480 | Attendance
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October total received: | $44,886 | Total: 1,101
October shortfall: | ($13,594) |  

**CLC Property Committee at Work**

Committee members: Darren Anderson, Robert Anderson, Sandra Anderson, Bernie Anor, Charles Busse, Clare Cochran, Alice Eissele, Johnnie Fries, John Geist (Chair), Harold Graul, Ron Hickernell, Al Miller, and Rich Walther.

*Project status as of Nov 10, 2019*

Committee work has continued under the spending moratorium established by the CLC Council, meaning that no additional major projects have been initiated during the fall and early winter seasons.

**PROPERTY PROJECTS that KEEP CLC FUNCTIONING:** With leadership from Property Committee members and day-in and day-out guidance from our Parish Administrator, JOHNNIE FRIES, many repair and maintenance projects necessary to keep CLC ready for worship and mission are accomplished every week:

- Repairing leaks in the shelter heating units required contaminant abatement and some pipe replacement at a cost of about $5,600. The final phase, replacing insulation on the pipes, was estimated to cost an additional $3,800 but was accomplished by volunteers AL MILLER, JIM PETERSON and RICH WALTHER with materials costing only about $300, a savings in excess of $3,000.

- To enhance safety for shelter residents, two additional cameras have been installed by our security contractor, STRAT Security, at a cost of $2,342.

- You might have noticed that one of the four lights in the parking lot has not been functioning for some months. Our electrical contractor, Hartman Electric, and RICH WALTHER identified a BGE program that will enable CLC to secure new LED light fixtures for all four locations producing greater light level at lower fuel cost and provide automatic time control with a rebate program reducing the cost from about $3,000 to $2,000.

- Committee member HAROLD GRAUL has applied shiny new paint to the handrails along the main entrance from the parking lot and those on the steps outside the Narthex.

- Insurance policy now suggests that classrooms and offices with solid doors that can be closed include in the door or adjacent wall area window space. As a first step at CLC, the doors in the Pastor’s office and the adjacent conference room have been exchanged by AL MILLER and RICH WALTHER to meet this expectation with only the cost of changing the locks.
SHELTER DINNER DONATIONS

The Christ Church shelter dinner team will be providing dinner on Sep 22, Oct 27 and Nov 24.

Sign-up for menu donations will be the Sunday before if the serving dates. Sign-up on Sep 15, Oct 20, and Nov 17 in the coffee hour room.

If you are interested in becoming part of the serving team or simply helping out one Sunday, please contact Lynne Mason (lamason5@hotmail.com) or Yvonne Wilson (michaelyvonne@comcast.net).

Many thanks to the faithful members who assist in this ministry. The shelter guests are always grateful and appreciative, not only for the delicious meals but also for the time and effort that our members so generously contribute. Special recognition for the support of the serving, without whom this would not be possible: Barbara Kimbrel, Bill Nock, Linda Rebstock, Darlene Cole-Hope, and Sarah Pickerall.

Christ Caring for People through People

Can a Stephen Minister Help Me?

The Stephen Ministry program has been in place at Christ Lutheran for three years. Trained lay leaders offer confidential care to those in distress. Are you in need? Could it help you? Here are some comments from anonymous individuals who have benefited.

“I’m so glad I accepted my pastor’s offer to match me with a Stephen Minister. I was reluctant at first, but my pastor was right: Having someone I could regularly meet with and talk to did make a difference.”

“When you first hear the word cancer, you wonder if you’re going to die. My Stephen Minister couldn’t fix or change that. But she let me share my fears, anxieties, and concerns with her. I knew I could always count on her—I wasn’t alone.”

“My Stephen Minister was there during the darkest of times - - patiently listening and trying to understand my pain. Looking back, I can clearly see how my Stephen Minister kept me connected to God when I was falling away.”

“The care and support I received from my Stephen Minister was every bit as important to my recovery as the excellent medical care I received from the doctors and nurses. This is truly a life-giving ministry.”

If you are stressed or feeling overwhelmed by issues that seem insurmountable, contact Pastor Judy Cobb. Stephen ministers are available to listen and support you.

TO WHOM SHALL WE TURN?

By Pastor Judy Cobb

One of my favorite books is Little Women. It begins with Jo, one of the little women, complaining. “Christmas won’t be Christmas without presents”. Her life just wasn’t the way she would have wished it. Her father had left to be a chaplain in the Civil War. The family didn’t have enough money. So, the two older ones had to quit school and go to work. Now Christmas was coming: no money for presents, no dancing around and fun with Dad, no scrumptious goodies.

I believe that each of us sighs like this some time during the season. Perhaps we are simply exhausted by the schedule, or, maybe, our bodies don’t cooperate and we are unable to do some of the decorating or visiting that we used do. I am always unhappy when we go somewhere that doesn’t serve sauerkraut with the turkey (smile).

However some of us are more deeply saddened: our health fails, our loved ones have died, our marriages have crumbled, and our dreams are not fulfilled, our bodies are failing us. Maybe we have no one to share our lives with, or we are living with addiction. To whom shall we turn??

Please know I am very open to spending time with you in a visit or a phone call. I can listen and pray and remind you that you are not alone. In addition, we have trained Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Each has been trained to listen, be confidential, and walk “with you”. I value Stephen Ministers. They are wanting to visit with you on a regular basis and share your joys and sorrows. If you think you might trust your “sighs” to a Stephen minister, talk with me and we can ponder together.

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Caring Ministries

**Card Ministry** sends card to shut-ins and others to celebrate joys and acknowledge concerns as identified by the pastoral staff. This year over 221 cards have been sent. Thanks to all of those who volunteered. We welcome additional volunteers. If you have extra cards for any occasion, consider donating them to this ministry. Darlene Cole-Hope coordinates this ministry. Her email address is Coledarlene09@gmail.com or see her on Sunday morning.

**Door Knocker Ministry** has been operating since October 2018. The many people who have sought assistance at the church door have received a bag with a nutritional snack, a bottle of water and a pamphlet highlighting where services are available to them in Baltimore City.

**Eucharistic Ministers** parishioners who are unable to attend church have someone visit them monthly to share the sacraments through this ministry. Speak with Pastor Judy if you would like to be part of this ministry or know a member who is in need.

**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.

**Prayer Chain** includes several 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 prayer. Please contact Vicki at baublitz@christinnerharbor.org or call the church office to have someone added to the prayers or to volunteer to be on the prayer chain.

**Prayer Shawl Committee** is coordinated by Lydia Brown who can be contacted at lrbrown797@gmail.com. The ministry currently has a supply of various sizes of shawl, scarves and blankets and newborn hats. There is a need for "prayer squares" which are crocheted handheld reminders that someone has prayed for that person while making the square. These have become very popular among recipients as they are easily handled, are light weight and very transportable. If you have a talent for crocheting or would like to learn please contact Lydia. There is a pattern available and they are easy to make. This is an important ministry and is something that can be done at home in your spare time.

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

**CLAIM** is a part of the Delaware-Maryland Synod. On September 8 a food packing event was held at St. John Parkville. Christ Lutheran Church members donated money and had 3 members and one employee who volunteered. All together there were 177 volunteers from 27 churches and organizations, 25,000 meals were packed on that day in 4168 packets. Twenty churches and organizations in the Baltimore metropolitan area received packets to feed those in need.

The Caring Ministry has many useful assistive devices available to borrow. If you know someone who would like to donate a four wheeled or three wheeled rollator, ask them to consider donating to our medical equipment loan program. Contact Vicki at the church office to borrow or donate equipment.
Installed! Professional art handlers hung Pastor Susan’s photographic portrait in early November, placing it in the hallway gallery alongside Christ Lutheran’s six previous pastors. From the very beginning, the church has benefited from strong, dedicated, and visionary leadership; Pastor Tjornehoj, the first woman pastor, continued that legacy, lovingly shepherding the church to embrace its place as a uniquely metropolitan congregation.

The retirement celebration committee determined that rather than a traditional oil painting, a photographic portrait would be the best and true 21st-century presentation.

The photographer captured Pastor Susan’s expression of welcome to all on the church steps; the film was digitized, enlarged, processed, archivally-printed, and mounted with museum-quality acrylic ‘glass.’ It was framed, unveiled at the retirement celebration, and is now permanently on view.

It is hoped that the portrait conveys her personal psalm of “Come and stay…..go in peace.”

PASTORAL ACTS
“You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

September 22
Quinn Josephine Seipp

October 20
Brecken William Finn

November 24
Rory James Ling

Deaths
Haylee Shifflett, September 30
Timothy Pratt, Sr., October 19
Ruth Grant, October 28
Kathryn Callahan, November 11

Anniversaries
Karen Stakem & Husband
Celebrating 30 yrs. on October 28

Natalie & Carl Swanson
Celebrating 35 years on November 17

Lori & Rainer von Coelln
Celebrating 15 years on November 26

Karyn & Paul Nicholson
Celebrating 30 years on December 30
Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of $4,000 to ELCA World Hunger. Your generous gift is enabling transformative works of love here in the United States and in 60 countries around the world, providing what is needed to end hunger and poverty: access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Together, we are creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you, dear people of Christ! Your most generous gifts are lifting up, building up, neighbors in Christ, reflecting the glory of God.

The Rev. Robin Brown
Mission Funding Director, Congregations
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**GIFTS GIVEN TO BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

In memory of: JoeAnn Miller
By: Edgar & Peggy Schick

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**GIFTS GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND**

In memory of: Catherine Bragg, Ruth Grant, Ann Reilly, Dorothea Stubbs, Jim Wilmer
By: Edgar & Peggy Schick, Kathleen Taylor, Lee Moulds, Edgar & Peggy Schick, Theodore & Mary Hirt

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**GIFTS GIVEN TO MUSIC MINISTRY**

In memory of: Ada Letke, JoeAnn Miller
By: Pat Swayze, Pat Swayze

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**GIFTS GIVEN TO ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of: Barbara Kimbrel, Joan Wright
By: Doris Azhderian & Shirley Boylan, Doris Azhderian & Shirley Boylan

In memory of: JoeAnn Miller
By: John Holland

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**GIFTS GIVEN TO WORLD HUNGER**

In honor of: Bill Stevenson
By: Tim & Mary Lynn Fisher

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**New Members**

Received December 1

James Lebo
Stephanie Miller

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Robert Brown, Sexton
Andrew Miller, Jr., Sexton

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.