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Chapel News

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Christ Lutheran's July 2009 Calendar of Events

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><i>(CH) Church</i> <i>(OB) Office Building</i> <i>(FR) Family Room</i> <i>(FH) Fellowship Hall</i></p>			<p>1 Bosnia Team returns Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>2 Worship Service at Dell Ridge Nursing Home 1:30 pm</p>	<p>3 <i>Church Office closed</i></p>	<p>4 Independence Day </p>
	<p>5 Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>6 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i></p>	<p>7 NCD HealthTeam Meeting (OB) 7:00pm</p>	<p>8 Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>9 Sunday School and Worship Committee Meeting (OB) 7:00pm</p>	10
<p>12 Choir Rehearsal (CH) 10:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>13 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> Chapel News deadline</p>	14	<p>15 Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 Choir Rehearsal (CH) 10:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>20 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> Council Meeting (OB) 7:45pm</p>	21	<p>22 Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	23	24	25
<p>ELCA Youth Gathering — New Orleans</p>						
<p>26 Choir Rehearsal (CH) 10:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>27 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i></p>	28	<p>29 Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>30 Groundbreaking CrossRoads Retreat Center 3:30pm</p>	31	
<p>ELCA Youth Gathering</p>						

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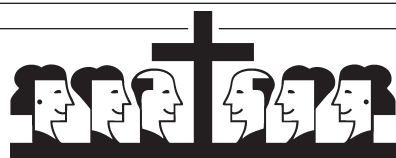


The Prayer Chain Is Praying For You

There are people at Christ waiting to pray for you and your loved ones. Known as the Prayer Chain, there are individuals who are ready to lift your prayer to God, praying on behalf of the congregation for your need. To activate the chain, please call Marilee Kadonaga at 201-444-7938. Your prayer request will be passed on to others on the chain.

Any and all prayer requests are accepted. Pray for healing, or for thanksgiving for healing. Pray for yourself or others in the hospital or home recovering. Please let Marilee know how long to continue the prayer.

All prayer requests are kept confidential, even to the identity of the requestor, if you ask. If you want the prayer included in Prayers for the Church or in Pastor's personal daily prayers, or to inform Pastor or the Office of your situation, you will need to notify them in addition to Marilee. Thank you.



Staff and Council

Pastor	Rev. Kent Klophaus
Secretary	Debbie Geerlof
Sexton	Walter Kruk
Music Director	Ron Svarney
President	Chris Nilsen
Vice President	Sue Ehlers
Secretary	Nancy Pascarella
Treasurer	Paul Berinato
Recording Financial Secty	Pat Berinato
Financial Secretary	Marge Tomaselli
Worship Team	Charly Wells
Shepherd Team	Linda Polise, Anna Kruk and Nancy Pascarella
Financial Resource Team	Pat Berinato and Sue Ehlers
Servant Team	Marilee Kadonaga and Anne Carman
Property Team	Barbara Frielink
Christian Education Team	Bob Denicola



Summer Choir Starts July 12th

For the summer we are starting a new "Summer Choir." If you want all the enjoyment of singing in the choir without the extra work of a rehearsal, come join us in praising God in song! Join us in the Church at 10 am to go over some old favorite hymns that we all love to sing and then come forward at the offering time to help lead the congregation in singing. Help us "make a joyful noise" this summer!



LETTER FROM PASTOR KENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will gather in Assembly in Minneapolis this summer, specifically August 17 to 23. This gathering, with voting members from all 65 Synods, is the governing body of our church. It is here that social statements are adopted, national officers elected, and agreements entered into. This summer's Assembly will include some significant actions.

The Assembly will vote on entering into full communion relationships with the United Methodist Church. "Full communion" means we are in agreement on the fundamental understanding of what it means to be church – the place where "the Gospel is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered in accordance with the Gospel," according to Martin Luther. We are already in full communion with the Episcopal Church, USA, the Presbyterian Church USA and the Moravian Church. Welcoming the Methodists is of particular interest to me, as I was raised in that denomination. I became a Lutheran because the way we worship and the way we express our faith fits me better. This agreement affirms what I have known all along – that our core beliefs are the same.

The Assembly will also vote on adopting a social statement on sexuality. This document is not limited to issues of same sex relations, but more broadly addresses who we are as sexual creations of God and talks about faithful use of this gift which has been entrusted to us. It is a very thoughtful document that emphasizes trust and faithfulness and should be adopted by the Assembly.

A more controversial issue will be a series of procedural changes that could lead to the ordination of gay and lesbian persons who are in committed same sex relationships. Our church has been discussing this and related issues for a long time, most notably very focused discussions over the last 8 years. It is unclear at this point how the Assembly might decide on this issue this time, but I want to celebrate the way we as a church have gone about the discussion. I know of no other organization, let alone any other church, that has been as faithful, open and complete in our discussions. Fundamental to the process has been the understanding that we have all been called into this faith and church by God and that unity is stronger and more precious than anything that could ever attempt to divide us. We have, I think, engaged in the discussion with a remarkable degree of respect for those who hold differing viewpoints and with a willingness to listen and work together. No matter what your opinion on the question, or on the outcome of the vote this summer, that is something we can be both proud of and thank God for.

One other note for this summer – 37,000 Lutheran youth and advisors will gather in New Orleans July 20th to 26th for the National Youth Gathering. It will be a week of worship, fun and service under the title "Justice, Jesus and Jazz." This event is one of the crowning achievements of our national church.

As you enjoy your summer, please keep these National Church events in your prayers.

in Christ,

Pastor Kent





Helen Abt, Dot Appleheimer, Nancy Baisley, Colleen Bartlett, Maurice Bickert, Ralph Braun, Barbara Coccaro, Billy Dall, the Dall Family, Rose Denicola, Kerry Doherty, Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, John Frielink, Gloria Galifione, Stephen Gerhardt, Peter Kelly, Kennifer Kruk, Edith Lodge, Marie Lupinski, Joseph Marone, Valerie Martin, Pat Miani, Edith Michael, Ann Muccio, Emma and Richard Murphy, Aiden Nolan, Tony Paradiso, Harry Place, Joan Rogers, Maria Massel Rosato, Marie Santhouse, Helene Schaefer, June Schmidt, Mary Soong, Joan Sroka, Roberta and Denise Stellakis, John Sullivan, Ron Svarney, Ginny and Keith Taylor, Mark Tomaselli, Betty Tuthill, Lori Wells, Marguerite Wiebolt, Helen Wisneski, Chun Yea Yoo and Clara Zeman

And those serving in the military;

Kyle Clements, Lee Diaz, Ralph Fiorelli, Brian Fleming, Robert Mueller, Bryan Wilson and Tyson Wood

And those who can't always be with us;

Eleanora Frankle and Bill Tiedemann

St. Paul's Community Development Corporation

Dear Pastor Kent,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$50 in response to our Spring Appeal. This contribution equates to a new life and a new beginning in our Community. Through your generous donation, you have proven that, together, we can and we will do what none of us can do alone.

Thank you for your commitment to our organization and our mission. Even though we are most certainly in trying times, with your help along the way, there is no end to the hope that we can restore.

Yours in the Spirit,
Monique Baptiste
Executive Director



Paramus Scholarship Show Fund "Through the Years"

Dear Friend,

Thank you for being a part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration by placing an ad in our journal.

Thanks to you and all our other advertisers and sponsors, we were able to raise over \$36,000, which will benefit graduating Paramus seniors.

Thanks again for your support. We look forward to your participation in 2010.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Weber
Paramus Scholarship Show
Co-Chair



Flower Chart

For those of you who may not already know, there is a Flower Chart on the wall in the rear of the church.

The chart is a year calendar, which allows you to sign up to provide the Altar Flowers for any date. This date can be a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or even in remembrance of someone. There is a separate chart for Easter.

A donation of \$20.00 is suggested, however, a donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope with your name on it, labeled "Flowers" and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

If you have received flowers, please return the cans, as we are running low. They can be dropped off in the church kitchen or narthex. We need juice and coffee cans, but not the coffee cans with the lip, as the flowers do not fit.

If you have any questions, please see or contact Marge Tomaselli.

Our Church Is To Be Sold

Our church is to be sold! Yes, our church is to be sold! No, we are not about to lose our building through foreclosure or repudiated debt. However, our church must be sold to the city and county. It has been planted to wield an influence beyond its membership and walls. Thus, we are presented with an enormous challenge.

Our church must be sold to the unchurched! There are scores of people in our community who would attend our church and join us in the Lord's service if we would bother to sell our church to them.

How much is our church worth to you? How much do you value its ministry? How much do you value the Christ it proclaims? As a member of this church, you are selling your church to others every day. Are you selling it short? Has it helped you to the extent that you're willing to sell it to others?

Will you be enthusiastic in talking about your church? Will you share your church with others who have no idea what they're missing?

Take our church seriously and talk to people about what our church has to offer them.



Bob Denicola
July 1

Vicki Klophaus
July 2

Mark Baisley
July 5

Marilee Kadonaga
July 6

Keri Allan
July 10

Anne Carman
July 13

Neil Johnson
July 13

Carolyn Nugent
July 15

Jan Behnke
July 18

Bonna Kennedy
July 19

Walter Kruk
July 19

Helen Abt
July 26

Barbara Dunlop
July 30



Lay Assistant/Acolyte/Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

July 5
10:30am

Lay Assistant
Bob Denicola

Acolyte
Regissa Larkin

Usher
Chris Nilsen

Altar Guild
Marge Tomaselli

July 12
10:30am

Lay Assistant
Pam Sakala

Acolyte
Gabi Denicola

Usher
Linda Polise

Altar Guild
Dolores Brickman

July 19
10:30am

Lay Assistant
Pat Berinato

Acolyte
Malory Pascarella

Usher
Bonna Kennedy

Altar Guild
Lore Braun

July 26
10:30am

Lay Assistant
Matt Denicola

Acolyte
Allison Carney

Usher
Wai Kai Soong

Altar Guild
Anna Kruk