

Christ Connections

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september/october 2022

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

CHRIST PROVIDENCE

SUMMER WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. **Traditional Worship**

10:45 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**

FALL WORSHIP
RESUMES SEPT. 11

8:45 a.m. **Traditional Worship**

10:00 a.m. **The Bridge Service**

10 - 10:45 a.m. **Sunday School***

11:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**

*SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS 9.18.22
4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte

CHRIST SOUTH

10 a.m. **Family Worship**

(at Polo Ridge Elementary)

11830 Tom Short Rd., Charlotte

CHRIST CONCORD

9:30 a.m. **Multi-Generational
Modern Worship**

11:00 a.m. **The Gathering
(for families of children
with special needs)**

240 Pitts School Rd. NW, Concord



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upcoming virtual events, bulletins,
ChristKidsTV and more:
christelca.org/online

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA




Wednesdays
together
STARTS SEPTEMBER 14th!!





PASTOR SCOTT SUSKOVIC

An Invitation to a Town Meeting for Christ South

We believe that the biggest impact of Covid is now behind us as we look forward to this fall with great expectations and prayers for a resurgence back to church.

- Large congregational events are once again being planned. From a brunch and ministry fair at all locations on Kick-off Sunday, September 11 to a large Oktoberfest celebration on the Christ South land on October 30.
- Sunday School resumes September 18th at our Providence campus with classes for all ages, many with hybrid options.
- The Bridge Service will return on September 11.
- Wednesdays Together will begin on September 14 at Christ Providence with a served meal once again before dividing up into rehearsals, youth groups, The Xperience and adult classes.

It's time for us to gather together again and be the fellowship of believers, living out our faith in community with one another.

One part of this reconnecting to the community is to plan for the future and ask the question, "What's next for Christ South?" Towards that, we have four town meetings scheduled for you to attend, ask questions and find out more about that campus and the plans for building a worship center. Each town meeting will be held following the last service on these dates:

- Christ Concord on October 2
- Christ South on October 9
- Christ Providence on October 16, at 10a.m. & 12p.m.

We look forward to a large and joyous reunion come fall, with people we haven't seen for quite some time. It will be a homecoming to celebrate!

Call Committees: A Quick Update

We have two different call committees in place right now as we move forward with looking for a youth director and for a new pastor overseeing Family Ministries. The youth call committee has interviewed a handful of people while the pastoral call committee is completing job descriptions and working with the synod for names and procedures.

Again, if you have any names that you would like to submit and have us consider, please reach out to me directly and I will make that contact.

**In Christ,
Pastor Scott**

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS SEPTEMBER 11

THE
Rest
OF THE
STORY

READ MORE & WATCH PROMO VIDEO:
christelca.org/sermon-series



New Sermon Series Starts Sept. 11

Sunday School taught us the Bible stories we all grew up with, but not always the whole story. In *The Rest of the Story*, we'll reexamine familiar stories from the Bible; those Bible stories that you know so well... *Or do you?*

September 11 • David and Goliath

September 18 • Jonah

September 25 • The Lord's Supper

October 2 • Ten Commandments

NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, September 18
& Sunday, September 25**
at Christ Providence (Forum) • 12:15p - 3:00p

Lunch will be provided. Childcare available for ages 0-36 months.

Register in REALM by Sept. 11
More Info: mparker@christelca.org



Celebrating the Ministry of Gretchen Suskovic

by LAURIE CARTER

It was a bittersweet day for CLC staff this past August 2nd as we bid farewell to our friend and colleague who, for over 20 years, was the outstretched hand, friendly voice and beautiful smile greeting visitors to our church.

Thankfully, she will still be with us in worship and no doubt, still welcoming and greeting in the Lower Commons on an occasional Sunday! Thank you Gretchen!

Save the Dates

September 11 • Fall Worship Resumes
8:45a Traditional • 10a Bridge • 11a Contemporary

Sept. 14 • Wednesdays Together Begins
5:00p Dinner (\$6 each/\$25 max) • 6-7:30p Classes

September 18 • Sunday School Resumes
10:00 - 10:45a Classes (for all ages)

CHRIST providence



Fellowship at... Oktoberfest!

by PASTOR RYAN

On Sunday, October 30th, Christ Lutheran will be having an Oktoberfest on our Christ South land. This will be a new tradition. But, as Lutherans, we are no stranger to reforming how we live as a Church. The very essence of being a Lutheran is to assess and reassess our Christian practices. Martin Luther started the process 500-odd years ago and it has never stopped. We adapt our Bible to the language of the reader, we update our hymns, we introduce new instruments and we bounce in houses!

Maybe you don't see getting together and spending time with members of Christ Lutheran from other worship services and campuses as a Christian act, but it absolutely is. Acts 2:42 tells us: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." As a big church it is easy to miss many of the other members of the Body of Christ at Christ Lutheran. This is why we plan such fun events, so we can mingle and fellowship. Let's be honest, if you don't eat a brat on Reformation Sunday, are you doing it right??

Maybe, like me, you're going to give the bounce house a miss. But I know I'll be there with my lederhosen on. I'll be showing off my knees, meeting new people and chatting with old friends. This isn't just a fellowship event, this is a new tradition.

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KICK-OFF SUNDAY 9-11-22

Join us for worship, brunch & a ministry fair as we kick off the fall season! Bibles will also be given to 3 yr. olds, 2nd & 6th graders.

RSVP for food & Bibles by Sept. 4th

CHRIST LUTHERAN **cornerstone gifts**

Come check out our **NEW Fall MERCHANDISE**

Like us on Facebook! Cornerstone Gifts at Christ Lutheran

Germany & the Passion Play: 2022

by PASTOR SCOTT & GRETCHEN SUSKOVIC

This past July, 25 of us traveled to Germany to walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther. In Eisleben we saw where Luther was born and baptized as well as where he died. In Erfurt, we toured the monastery where he served and lived for several years before he moved to Wittenberg to teach and eventually lead the Reformation.

The tour culminated in a small town named Oberammergau where, in 1633, the Black Plague infected their small hamlet. The villagers gathered together in prayer, asking for deliverance and promising that if saved, they would put on a Passion Play to honor and thank God for the world to hear.

The town survived the Black Plague and starting in 1634, they have put on this play virtually every ten years (discounting periodical wars). It was epic in scale and production, going from 2:30-10:30pm, with a three hour dinner break in the middle.

As the group talked through their experience, there was a strong consensus that the next church trip would be to Israel and the Holy Land. This trip would be planned for the fall of 2023, and is a bucket list kind of trip that will absolutely open up the Bible for you, giving you deeper love, appreciation and understanding of the life during Jesus' time. Read on for more....

Israel & the Holy Land: 2023

by PASTOR SCOTT & GRETCHEN SUSKOVIC,
PASTOR TENNY & SHERRY SHIFLEY

Pastor Tenny, Sherry, Gretchen, and I would like to invite you to an unforgettable pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 7-16, 2023. Together we will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, wade into the Jordan where he was baptized, sail on the Sea of Galilee, touch the spot of his birth, pray at Garden of Gethsemane, mourn at the crucifixion and celebrate communion at the tomb of his resurrection. Pastor Tenny and I will lead daily Bible Studies and talk through this moving experience together.

Having been to the Holy Land before, I can assure you that afterward, the Bible will come alive as you will understand better the geography and picture the scenes whenever you hear the biblical stories again.

This tour is open to people beyond Christ Lutheran. If you have family or friends who would like to join us, please extend the invitation. We would love to share this pilgrimage together.

For more information, you can learn more by going to the website listed below or by emailing me directly at suskovic@christelca.org.

<https://www.eliastours.com/tours/christ-luthrean-church-holy-land-pilgrimage-with-rev-scott-suskovic>



Christ Choir

rehearsals are Wednesdays • 7:15 p.m.
at Christ Providence (Music Room)

Seeking singers to help lead traditional worship on Sundays. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesdays and start Sept. 7th.

Must enjoy being around others and having a good time making music.

more info: mjohanson@christelca.org

Coffee with the Pastors

Wednesdays • 9:00 a.m.
at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Online (Zoom)

 christelca.org/online



Weekly E-News

Check out this week's announcements!

To subscribe, email awilliams@christelca.org or go online to christelca.org/latest-news

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

 christelca.org/prayer-request

Have you moved or updated your email?

Please update in REALM or let the church office know!



KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, September 11 at any of our locations to kick off the fall season! Come to worship and check out our Ministry Fairs to learn about small groups, serving opportunities and Sunday & Wednesday programming for all ages.

Christ Providence

FALL WORSHIP TIMES RESUME

8:45a Traditional (Sanctuary)

10a The Bridge (Christ Chapel) · 11a Contemporary (Sanctuary)

MINISTRY FAIR

9:30a-12:15p in Lower Commons

BRUNCH

Served 8-11:30a in Fellowship Hall

Christ Concord

WORSHIP WITH US

9:30a Multi-Generational Modern

11a The Gathering (for families of children with special needs)

MINISTRY FAIR & BRUNCH

Food served 10:30a-1p

Christ South

WORSHIP

10a Family Worship at Polo Ridge Elementary

MINISTRY FAIR & BRUNCH

Food served 11a-1p



Adult Sunday School Classes START SEPTEMBER 18th!

CLC Book Club 10:00-10:45 a.m.
at Christ Providence (Lackey Parlor)
-or- Christ Online (Zoom)

The CLC Book Club reads and discusses books of all kinds, but primarily books on faith, our relationship with God, human nature, scripture, or biographies of faith leaders. Our discussions can be lively and frank; we thrive on competing opinions, but we expect civility and respect for one another. Even if you have not read the assigned chapter, we encourage everyone to attend. We'll catch you up and let you talk anyway! All are welcome. *Led by Dan Hansen and Carl Edgren.*

Faith Fellowship: The Bible & Beyond
10:00-10:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (Forum A and B)
-or- Christ Online (Zoom)

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 16. In *Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World—Certain Hope in Uncertain Times*, well-known pastor and author Dr. David Jeremiah tackles such relevant issues as job loss, financial distress, violence, natural disasters and rapidly increasing moral depravity—all which cause chaos in the world and in our lives. How are we to not just survive, but thrive as God's children in such a place? How can we bear fruit for the Lord in a broken world?

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 20. People unfamiliar with Scripture assume that women play a small, secondary role in the Bible. In ancient times, women were secondary in culture, often considered property, not people with leadership roles or social impact. But not in the eyes of God. In fact, they were central figures in numerous biblical stories. In *Women of the Bible Speak—Wisdom of the Women and Their Lessons for Today*, author Shannon Bream presents the lives of 16 biblical women, 8 of which will be our focus. She reflects not only on the meaning of each woman's life, but on how they relate to each other and to us. In studying these heroes of faith, we can find wisdom and warnings for how to better navigate our own faith journeys.

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 18. For advent, we will focus on *Incarnation—Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. This book explores the meanings of the various names and titles used to address Jesus (Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, Word Made Flesh) and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. His explanations are meant to move us beyond simplified, sentimental understandings of the story to recognize, celebrate and act upon its deep truths about who Jesus is and what His coming means. *Led by Barbara Burton, Milt Martin, Miriam Morrison, Bob Steele and John Stensrud.*

Emerge 10:00-10:45 a.m.
at Christ Providence (Music Room)

This fall, our focus will be on Season 2 of *The Chosen*, a crowd-funded streaming series following the ministry of Christ and His disciples. The series is accessible in a number of ways, including free from their app which can be found here: watch.angelstudios.com. Each episode is about 40 minutes and is followed by a roundtable discussion between the show's creator and various religious scholars. On Sundays, we will discuss each episode as a group and focus on how the story relates to our busy lives. All are welcome. *Led by Rob and Kristen Stark.*

Faith in Action 10:00-10:45 a.m.
at Christ Providence (Forum C)

This women's group is dedicated to the study of God's Word in a relaxed and caring atmosphere of love for one another. This fall we again delve into His Word to enrich our faith and seek answers for living in today's world. Using the Augsburg Fortress Bible Study program and scripture from both the Old and New Testaments, we will focus on the theme of "Celebrating God" in our lives. *Led by Jewel Barber and Joyce Brigman.*

Studies of Scripture 10:00-10:45 a.m.
at Christ Providence (Adult Library)

This class studies and discusses lectionary lessons from the Lutheran Book of Worship. Find out what the Bible has to say by journeying through the lectionary with others. The lectionary is a collection of appointed scripture readings for each Sunday and for other occasions. The lectionary readings for each Sunday typically include an Old Testament reading, a New Testament reading, and a passage from one of the four Gospels. Many Protestant and Catholic churches use the lectionary readings on a weekly basis. *Led by Hans Teich.*

The Crew 10:00-10:45 a.m.
at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Christ Online (Zoom)

The Crew will continue to study St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We will review chapters 1-4 before starting chapter 5. Come and be part of this study and discussion that includes St. Paul's teaching about "wives and husbands" & putting on "the whole armor of God." *Led by David Deeds.*



For hybrid classes, find Zoom links on
Christ Online's Virtual Schedule:
christelca.org/online

Wednesdays together

STARTS SEPTEMBER 14th!!

Dinner

Plated serving starts at 5 p.m.

Pickup in kitchen, eat in Fellowship Hall

This year, dinner will require an RSVP by the Friday prior. For menu and RSVP links, go to:
christelca.org/menu

Classes & Activities

6-7:30 p.m.

Read on to learn more about the different classes & Music/Tech/Drama activities that will be available as part of Wednesday night programming. There's something for everyone!
Nursery available for ages 6 wks - 35 mos.

Wednesday Adult Classes

Women Making Connections

at Christ Providence (Worship Parlor)
-or- Christ Online (Zoom)

Join this spirited group of ladies to discuss the seasonal bible study selection. *Led by Lara Barnett and Brooke Schell.*

Romans & Reformation

at Christ Prov. (Forum A & B) -or- Christ Online (Zoom)

No other book in the Bible shaped the Protestant Reformation and the fundamental principles upon which we stand than Paul's letter to the Romans. While his other letters addressed specific concerns among people he intimately knew, Romans is the Gospel in its purity, laying out justification by faith alone, the necessity of God's grace and the priesthood of all believers. This is why we believe what we believe. *Led by Pastor Scott*

Life in Christ with Kids

at Christ Providence (W150 A & B)

While kids are attending their classes & activities, parents are invited to join us for fellowship with other parents. What does being a parent look like when you're following Christ? How can you have faith and children at the same time with busy schedules, and sports, and school, and everything else? Come join the conversation. *Led by Pastor Ryan & Ashley Ritzmann.*

Making Marriage Work

at Christ Providence (Forum C)

This class will be based on the book *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. This book is available for purchase on Amazon. *Led by Pastor Brook and Kristan Seaford.*

music.tech.drama

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

by age group

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PRE-K (AGES 4-5)

Arts & Crafts, Music, Open Gym

6pm dropoff in rm. M241-242

7:30pm pickup in gym/playground

KINDERGARTEN – 2ND GRADERS

Grace Choir, Faith Jam,

Arts & Crafts, Grace Dance

5:30pm dropoff in rm. M237-238

7:30pm pickup in rm. M241-242 or Center 6

3RD – 5TH GRADERS

Faith Choir, Faith Jam,

Arts & Crafts, Faith Dance

5:30pm dropoff in rm. M248 (Music Room)

7:30pm pickup in rm. M241-242 or C301

6TH – 8TH GRADERS

MS Dance, Open Gym,

Bible Study, Worship Tech & A/V,

Games & Fellowship, MS Music

5:30pm dropoff in rm. C301 or Spirit Hall

7:30pm pickup in M239-240

9TH – 12TH GRADERS

Core, Peer Ministry, Open Gym

5:30pm - 6:00pm

Xperience, Youth Group

starts at 6pm in PIT or Spirit Hall

ADULTS

Hallelujah Ringers

5:30-6:00pm in Bell Room (adults & youth)

Luther Ringers

6:00-7:15pm in Bell Room

Adult Dance

7:30-8:00pm in C300

The Bridge Choir Rehearsal

6:45-7:15pm in M248 (Music Room)

Christ Choir Rehearsal

7:15-8:45pm in M248 (Music Room)

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Third Thursdays

by CONNIE KRAMER

Are you looking for some fun and fellowship with your church family? Well now you can! Introducing Third Thursdays, an all-adult social gathering, you guessed it, the Third Thursday of each month. Each month will be something new and exciting. We will begin at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship, followed by a lunch and a special activity. Here is a sneak peak of what's happening the next few months:

September 15 • Lunch 'n' Laughs

We will be serving all of your favorite movie munchies: sliders (beef, chicken & bbq), Mike's homemade chips, fresh hot popped popcorn and homemade milkshakes. \$7. Register in REALM by September 10th by clicking the ad to the right.

October 20 • Feeling Lucky?

Bring your good luck and join us for lunch and bingo with our special guest bingo caller, Mark Glaeser. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be a baked potato and chili bar with all your favorite toppings. \$9. Registration coming soon.

November 17 • Friendsgiving

December 15 • Carols & Cookies

For more information, please contact Alicia Wallace (704-292-1945) or Connie Kramer at the church office (704-366-1595).



Quilting for Others

by MIRIAM FISHER

Did you know there is a group of women who meet each week on Wednesdays to quilt for others? Quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief, and locally to Women in Transition, a YWCA sponsored program that provides safe, affordable, transitional housing and intensive support services for single unaccompanied women who are homeless or at risk for homelessness. Recently, we sent quilts to the Mexican family that Christ Lutheran worked hard to build.

We welcome anyone wanting to join our group. We need people who can sew a hem around the quilts. This as well as other jobs can be done at home if you would rather work from home.

For more information, please call Miriam Fisher (980-339-5165).

Legacy Planning Event

by TAL OWEN

Are you interested in ensuring that your legacy has a lasting impact for your family and the organizations that you're passionate about? If so, please plan to attend a "lunch & learn" event led by Stephanie Burke of the ELCA Foundation and sponsored by CLC's Endowment Committee. Save the date for Sunday, November 13 at 12:15 p.m. More details to come!

Third THURSDAY
for adults of all ages

September 15 • 11:30a - 1:30p
at Christ Providence (The Pit)

Join us for Lunch 'n' Laughs. All adults welcome.

\$7 • Register in REALM by Sept. 10
more info: ckramer@christelca.org

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets weekly from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
at Christ Providence (Forum C)

For Info: julia.edelson@gmail.com

-SMALL GROUP-

KNITTERS FOR CHRIST

meets the 3rd Sunday of each month • 10:00 a.m.

at Christ Providence
(Cornerstone Cafe)

ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS WELCOME

SMALL GROUP

Good Morning, Lord

meets 2nd Tuesdays • 9 a.m.
at various local restaurants

Nourish your mind, body and spirit with prayer, a devotion and hearty breakfast.

For reservations, contact Laura Tang:
LTang@earthlink.net or (980)279-9983

Ways to Give

Place offering in the plate as you leave worship on Sundays

Text "Praise" to 73256

Choose "Give" on our website (christelca.org)

Mail to the church office

PROVIDENCE ALTAR FLOWERS

HONOR A LOVED ONE BY DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

\$50 • SIGN UP IN REALM
(Go to Events>Providence Altar Flowers)

Pastor's Blog: A Day in the Life of a U.S. Navy Chaplain

by ANDREW GOODSON, LT • USS PHILIPPINE SEA CHAPLAIN

"Hey CHAPS, I have a question for you..." I am three months into my ministry as a US Navy Chaplain (or "CHAPS" as most sailors call me.) I love whenever a sailor says they have a question. Each time is an opportunity to listen, care for them, and sometimes share the Gospel of Jesus. This time the question was, "What's God think about tattoos?" I could literally feel the sailors around me lean closer as we stood together in our ship's small, medical room. Most of them had—you guessed it—LOTS of tattoos!

This is what one version of a modern-day mission field looks like. A crowded room full of sweaty, tired, mostly 20-something year old sailors. To enter the US Military at any age is like entering a foreign country. The Navy has its own customs, traditions, rituals and language. My first day aboard the ship began with a meeting called the Executive Officer call (The Executive Officer or "XO" is second in command of the ship). I understood about 5% of what was said in that meeting. That's an exaggeration, but not by much.

It is a good thing I love to learn. There is SO much to learn. Thankfully, there are many sailors willing to teach you. You just need to be humble and ask for help! Another good thing is my days are full of variety. As a CHAPS, I get to roam the entire ship. I may start my day by going to a training led by the medical team. Then I'll attend an exercise that involves lowering a RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) into the water. Afterwards, I may spend 1-2 hours counseling sailors who are having marital difficulty or struggling with anxiety. Then I will prepare for a Sunday worship service.

I do all of this while our ship—the USS PHILIPPINE SEA—is undergoing maintenance. Maintenance is a stressful time for a Navy ship. The days are very long. Our sailors paint, fix broken parts, check equipment, stand watch, and then fix more broken parts. It is a grind. The pace takes a toll on even the toughest sailors. Whether they are religious or not, many of them come to me for a listening ear and a caring word. Our ship will eventually go to sea and believe it or not, doing so will be easier for many sailors than the long days right now.

I am thankful I spent 12 years as a pastor before I became a chaplain. God used those years to shape me. I learned how to better rely on His power. "Hope," Thomas Keating once said, "is the mercy and power of God." Each day my hope rests not on what I can do, but on what God can do. And what can God do? Everything. God provides us with the right words when we don't know what to say. God sustains us with strength. God opens doors to share His love. I am a witness of these things.

This summer at Christ Lutheran's VBS, the children and youth made LOTS of "Thank You for Your Service" cards for my crew. They also took up a special offering. I will use the offering to buy non-perishable items (i.e., snacks) for our sailors. They will be SO grateful! You all make a difference! This will open the door to share God's love. Thank you!

To the sailor who asked me about tattoos, how did I respond? The short answer is, with the gospel. "Whether you get a tattoo or not," I said, "doesn't change how God loves you. What matters is that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus."

"Huh. We like that CHAPS." The sailors said. To which I replied, "Good. And oh, by the way. We have a worship service this Sunday at 1745 (5:45 PM). Why don't you come?"

Thank you for prayerfully supporting Megan, our boys, and me, as we serve Jesus. The campus of "Christ Navy" is going great!

NEW!! TRAINING CLASSES
START SEPTEMBER 26th

stephen MINISTRY

Will meet weekly on Mondays • 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Christ Providence

Join the next training class to become part of our Stephen Ministry care team. This program trains lay people to walk one-on-one with those who are hurting or struggling and need someone to accompany them on their journey.

For details, contact Pastor Tenny

FAMILY MINISTRY

Save the Dates

Fall KickOff • Sept. 11th
Sunday School Starts • Sept. 18th
Oktoberfest • Oct. 30th

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Dinner and Devotion (D&D) • Sept. 25th
Dinner and Devotion (D&D) • Oct. 16th
Corn Maze • Oct. 29th
Oktoberfest • Oct. 30th

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

6th grade Bibles • Sept. 18th
Fusion • Sept. 18th
Fusion • Oct. 9th
Corn Maze • Oct. 22nd



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Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.
Multi-Generational Modern

11:00 a.m.
The Gathering
(for families of children with special needs)

 christconcord.org



Freedom School and Science Camp Success!

Over 150 students enjoyed a fun, safe, educational summer, as we transition back into whole programming - Thank YOU!!! 50+ Scholars spent six weeks at Christ Providence developing a true love of reading and discovering “Something Inside So Strong.” While focusing on literacy, Freedom School Scholars read books that empowered them to make a difference in themselves, their families, their communities and their world. Daily reading was just a part of Freedom School. Scholars participated in many different activities around the city to gain new experiences and insight into the world all around them. Pool days at Ray’s Splash Planet and Cordelia Pool, trips to Discovery Place, bowling, library visits, Sky Zone and lake days provided Scholars with an all-around, enriching summer!

Over at McClintock, 80+ future inventors and scientists learned science in a FUN way with hands-on STEAM activities. Whether it was ocean research in Robotic Aquatics, building their own spinning art robot with materials science in The Attic, or exploring innovative space devices in Spacecation, students left camp with an interest in science and science related careers!

Donated recyclables were transformed into marble arcades, innovative gadgets, fish tanks, astronaut space packs, and other cool inventions! After learning concepts in the classroom, Friday field trips allowed students to see science come to life and see careers in action! Trips to Brand RPM and University of North Carolina–Charlotte were a highlight of camp for everyone! McPIE was also awarded scholarships to send students to Charlotte Latin sports camps, Lutheridge, Lutherock and Camp Agape. Students enjoyed learning new sports and spending time outdoors while exploring nature.

Room in the Inn

Christ Lutheran will host our neighbors again this winter. Stay tuned for information!

Child Protection Training

All Christ Lutheran volunteers are required to participate in Child Protection Training each year. There will be a training session held on Tuesday, September 20th at McClintock Middle School.

5:00 p.m. – Child Protection Training
 6:00 p.m. – McPIE Volunteer Orientation
(includes pizza dinner)

Another Child Protection Training will follow orientation. Come from 5-6:30 p.m. (as noted above) or 6-7:30 p.m.

JOIN OUR

Usher & Greeter Teams

We are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters for Traditional and Contemporary worship at Providence.

If interested in joining either of these teams, contact Mary Parker:
mparker@christelca.org



Save the Date

The Annual CROP Walk will be
Sunday, October 16

-Stay tuned for more information-

School Supply Drive

NEEDED: earbuds, composition books, highlighters, bookbags, sticky notes, colored pencils markers, pencil pouches, glue

DONATION DROPOFF: Sundays at Providence (Lower Commons) -or- during the week at Outreach office.

This week's best deals can be found at Walmart, Target, Amazon.com & Staples.



CLICK IN E-NEWS FOR AMAZON WISHLIST

CMS Volunteer Registration

Everyone who will volunteer inside McClintock Middle School will need to complete a CMS Volunteer Registration form and a background check (<https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>). Once that is complete, email Lisa Heirigs (lheirigs@christelca.org) with your name, the email address you registered with and your date of birth.

Teacher Partners

Do you have time for one email or note per month? Interested in supporting a new teacher as they transition to the classroom?

As we all know, it has been a particularly trying time for our community's teachers. Teacher Partners is a simple way for a teacher to know that someone is thinking about and praying for them and their students. It provides a small, but consistent, connection that strengthens our commitment to the McClintock community.

Teacher Partners is recruiting with the goal of having partners for at least 20 more of McClintock's new (and newer) staff. All you are expected to do is send a note or email once per month offering encouragement and prayers. The Teacher Partner coordinator will even email you to remind you to reach out and let you know when things of note are happening at the school. While some partners choose to send small gifts or spend time with their partner, there is no obligation or expectation to do so.

If you're interested in contributing through this simple service of encouragement, email diane.gavarkavich@gmail.com or check-in with the McPIE team to connect.

McClintock Tutors

After three to four weeks into the school year, tutoring needs at McClintock Middle School will be identified. There will be opportunities for small group tutoring in the classroom, as well as possible opportunities to read with students one-on-one during homeroom. Tutors will be asked for a preference of subject, grade level and schedule. Tutoring at McClintock is much appreciated and is rewarding for the tutor as well as beneficial for the student! Contact Celia Owen for more information (cwown92@gmail.com).

McPIE Family Night is BACK!

After several years of irregular programming, McPIE Family Night will return this September for 10 weeks of family engagement and we would LOVE to have YOU! Calling all engineers, programmers/coders, medical professionals and anyone else who has a passion that they would like to share. Leading or helping with a club not what you're looking for? Join our meals or transportation team!! Each Tuesday, we provide some transportation and a warm meal - at no cost to the McClintock families that participate. Families overcome major barriers preventing participation when transportation, dinner and childcare are provided. Can't commit each week but want to get involved? Sign up to be a floater. There are weekly opportunities to get involved. We always need volunteers to "fill the gap" if someone is out. Contact Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org) to begin making a difference in a child's life!



LINK YOUR VIC CARD

It's time to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to support McClintock Middle School. (Remember, you need to relink each year). Here's how:

1. Click ad or go to:
tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education
2. Enter code for McClintock: 2042

Clothing Donations for Crisis Assistance

Bring new or gently used clothing to donate to our neighbors in need!

Drop off clothing at the Outreach Office M-F. On Sunday, the blue bins will be outside the Outreach Office doors.

Questions? Contact Neal Mann
nealmann@bellsouth.net



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*Submit stories or other news items at christelca.org/jotform

SMALL GROUP ministries

Let's Do Life Together!

As part of our small group initiative, this September we will be encouraging members to join one (or more!) of Christ Lutheran's wide array of small groups.

There will be many types to choose from, including social groups, bible studies, sports & game-type groups and more.

Stay tuned for details!

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