

February 14th, 2016

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. — 12 noon

**FACEBOOK:** Like us on Facebook for an easy way to connect with all the latest news and updates.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC](http://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC)

**YOUTUBE:** Listen to Pastor Duke's sermons on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats](http://www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send to [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca).

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Prayer:** O Almighty and Eternal God, we implore You to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws and the works of Your commandments that through Your mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9:00 a.m. -** Contemporary Service with Holy Communion (*Musicians: Heaven Help Us*)

Hymns: Here I Am, Lord, Christ in Me, Holy is the Lord/We Fall Down,

(Lord, Reign in Me/God of Angel Armies), Justified by Faith

**10:00 a.m. –** Sunday School, Bible Study, Coffee

**11:00 a.m. –** DS1 Traditional Service with Holy Communion (*Musician: Jeff Gondosch*)

Hymns: 423, 579, (844, 700), 919

**WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS:** Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. If you are visiting and would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion please talk to the pastor before the service. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

## **WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**GREETERS:** 11 a.m. Ray Anderson  
(Next Sunday: Frank Parkhouse)

**ELDERS:** 9 a.m. Carlos Figueroa  
11 a.m. Garth Goodburn

**OVERHEAD MUSIC:** 11 a.m. Adam Meyer

**COFFEE HOUR:** Judy Slingerland Elvira Zernikel  
(Next Sunday) Sue Honey Wendy Shook

**SUNDAY FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar as a memorial or for a special occasion, just sign your name on the list at the back of the church for the Sunday you would like and write the reason beside it. Cost is \$20.00 and you are welcome to take them home after the last service. Just a note though, we don't put flowers on the altar during Lent.

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

**Monday:** Jas. 4: 1-10

**Wed.:** Heb. 4: 14-16

**Friday:** Matt. 16: 21-28

**Tuesday:** Jas.1: 13-18

**Thurs.:** Heb. 12: 1-7

**Sat.:** Matt. 12: 38-42

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Today: 2:00 p.m. – Latvians Worship Service  
Monday: Family Day 7:30 p.m. – Choir  
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. – LWML/Mary Martha 8:00 p.m. – Heaven Help Us  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo/Sing-a-long  
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service (*"Move One Down"*)  
7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meetings  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts 11:30 a.m. – SOUL Lunch Group & Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. – Confirmation 8:00 p.m. – Rhythm & Blessings  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL)  
Confirmand Retreat in Fisherville until Sunday

**REGISTRATION DUE TODAY!** All Confirmands and grade 9 students are invited to Trinity Lutheran, Fisherville's Retreat "**So Now What?**", **February 19 – 21**. During our weekend we will explore the 6 chief parts of Luther's Catechism and apply these to our own lives. Cost is \$35. Make new friends, learn great stuff and play wacky games. There's awesome music, amazing food & more! We will leave from the church Friday at 6:30 p.m. and return Sunday at approx. 2:30 p.m.

**The Canadian Bible Society** will be holding a used book and stamp sale at the Fairview Mall (Chapters' end) on Friday, Feb. 19, and Sat., Feb. 20. All proceeds go to further the work of the Bible Society. For more information, contact Kevin at 905-646-8062.

**PLEASE JOIN US BETWEEN SERVICES Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** for our very first "***Congregational Birthday Party***". There will be 12 tables for 12 birthday months, cake and coffee. Enjoy special fellowship with members who have the same birthday month as you do!!

**THE NIAGARA ZONE LWMLC Prayer Service Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Beamsville. Guest speaker will be Dr. Rev. Tom Winger. Snow Date is Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. You are asked to bring squares, goodies or fruit. Everyone welcome.

**THE NEXT HAITI / DESSERT / SEWING MEETING** is Tuesday, Feb.23 at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner:** Saturday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest speaker, Radio and TV host and President of International Right to Life, Brad Mattes "**On the Frontlines: Grounds for Hope.**" For information and to reserve tickets (\$45, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca .

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT CLWR: Between the services—Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.** At our last voters meeting, a majority of the voters expressed that they would like an opportunity for more questions and discussion concerning the possibility of our sponsoring a refugee family through the UN list or other options. Jenn Arden may be able to attend to answer questions and also Linda and Kent from Grace can represent their experience to date with a family that has their congregational support for resettling their extended family.

**CONGREGATIONAL SKATING:** Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Arena Ice Pad, 1565 Four Mile Creek Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake (Virgil). Skating from **2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** followed by fellowship from **3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** **What a great opportunity to invite extended family and friends to join us.**

**YOUTH/CONFIRMAND LOCK-IN: COURAGE: Developing Character to Stand Strong.**  
**Friday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.** Cost is \$7. FRIENDS are invited to join us. Please register by text (905-329-8579) or email: parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Confirmation Sunday will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING – July 8-12<sup>th</sup>.** Confirmed and high school youth are encouraged to attend this 5 day event, gathering Lutheran youth from all over Canada! **“Living H2O – Come thirsty – leave refreshed!”** You’ve seen the logo and maybe you’re wondering why we’re talking about water? Water is needed for life, and Jesus Himself has promised us in John 4 to provide us with “living water.” We will learn more about this living water from our main stage presenters, but we will also have the opportunity to gather in smaller groups for an H2O break where we get the chance to go a little deeper into the ideas presented on the main stage. For more information look to [www.NYG16.ca](http://www.NYG16.ca) or facebook 2016NationalYouthGathering. (\* Keep in mind that we have been doing the fund-raisers to help lower the registration cost for this gathering\*)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES: Monday, July 25 – Friday July 29.** Our regular VBS will run from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, and our extended hours for children in Grade 1-6 will be 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. We are presently looking for individuals willing to take on leadership roles as “SITE LEADERS”; specifically Crafts, Registration, Recreation, Snacks, Bible Challenge. Prayerfully consider where you might serve.

At the same time we are also looking for individuals willing to come for an afternoon to teach our “extended hours children” a specific sport & skill, teaching them a form of art work or a craft to take home or to be given as a gift. Thank you to “Chef James” who is returning this year (yeah!!!) empowering us to be creative in the kitchen. For more information, please speak with Louise.

**Last Sunday Attendance: (Feb. 7, 2016) 9 a.m. - 70 11 a.m. - 60 Total: 130, ('15 - 124)**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Current:		2,483.00	7,543.35
Missions		395.00	1,040.00
Property Improvement		73.00	282.00
Bursary Fund		(new figures not available at printing)	

**THE CONTRIBUTION TAX RECEIPTS** are now in your boxes at the back of the church (or some have been mailed). Please pick yours up today.

### **VOTER'S MEETING NOTES:**

**1)** At the Voter's assembly meeting November 15, 2016 a motion was passed to create a Task Force "to investigate re-organizing of church financials, worship times, paid staff etc." The output of this task force would be a non-binding recommendation that would then be presented back to the congregation. As a starting point a survey is being created in order to solicit the opinions and views of all members. If you are interested to be on this task force please speak to Tom Kuhl. **A kick-off meeting to discuss the survey and approach will be held Saturday, February 20 at 9:00 am.**

**2)** A request has been made from the LC-C Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure (CCMS) for people to "Speak their Piece" as they begin the process to look at restructuring the organization of the synod. You are invited to participate in a survey relating to the organization of the synod which will give this commission information which they can use to base their recommendations. There are two ways to complete this survey: 1) manually fill-in a hardcopy of the survey available at the back of the church or 2) online at the following website: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCC60](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCC60). (password: LCC2017). This must be completed by February 29th, 2016 to be included in the assessment.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available by e-mail, podcast, or to read or listen to on-line at [www.lhm.org/lent](http://www.lhm.org/lent).. Printed copies are also now available in the narthex for those who don't have computers or prefer hard-copies.

**BULLETINS BY E-MAIL:** If you would like to receive the bulletin by email please email to: [chairman.outreach@christlutherans.ca](mailto:chairman.outreach@christlutherans.ca) and leave your name and permission to have bulletins emailed to you. You can cancel at any time. This is a good way to always be in touch with activities and events happening at Christ Lutheran Church.

**Seminary Family Looking for Supplemental Income:** Ashu Paul, wife of seminary student Vishal Paul, is looking for ways to meet the family's living expenses. To that end, she will be happy to assist people from our congregations in the following areas: house cleaning, cooking (including Indian food), baby sitting, math tutor (up to Grade 6), content writing, website content development, depart. store, typing or data entry. Call Ashu at [289-929-7882](tel:289-929-7882) for available hours.

### **LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:**

Ambassador Aaron invites you to pray for and support this soul-saving mission. Talk to him personally, or phone him at 905-937-4997.

Wired With THE WORD: Online tools and services from Lutheran Hour Ministries!!

Daily Devotions: [www.lhm.org/new\\_devo.htm](http://www.lhm.org/new_devo.htm)

Topical Messages: [www.lhm.org/topical.htm](http://www.lhm.org/topical.htm)

Search the Scriptures: [www.lhm.org/verse](http://www.lhm.org/verse).

E-mail Services: [www.lhm.org/email.htm](http://www.lhm.org/email.htm)

About Us: [www.lhm.org/about.htm](http://www.lhm.org/about.htm)

**Just for Men! Check It Out:**

**The Men's NetWork: [lhmmen.com](http://lhmmen.com)**

**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**, Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic (Feb. 21st), ***"Body and Soul Salvation"*** (*Philippians 3: 17-4:1*)— Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz—In Christ, we have a "Body and Soul" Saviour for "Jekyll and Hyde" sinners.

The LWML and Fellowship Committee  
Invite you to our first  
**Congregational Birthday Party**

**12 Tables**

**12 Months**

**Birthday cake**

**Coffee**



***Celebrate a year of Birthdays in one day!***

Enjoy some fellowship with fellow members  
who share your

**Birthday Month**



**Next Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Between Services**

# FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, February 28th

**\*\*Skating\*\***

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**\*\*Fellowship\*\***

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**Centennial Arena Ice Pad**

1565 Four Mile Creek Road  
Niagara-on-the-Lake (Virgil)

**Bring your friends!!**

**Bring your hockey sticks!!**

*(we'll have one section of the ice separated from the skaters  
for those wishing to play a bit of hockey)*

# Parish Education

## **“Family Fun Days for 2016”**

Coming Events to mark on your calendars!!

(contact Lorraine Kaija by texting 905-964-5837 for more information)

*Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>*

Skating at Centennial Arena Ice Pad  
1565 Four Mile Creek Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake (Virgil)  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Skating; 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. -- Fellowship

*Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>*

6 - 8:30 p.m.  
March Break Movie Night (“*Inside Out*”)

*Saturday, April 16*

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Bowling  
(*Pla-mor Bowling Lanes, Port Dalhousie*)

*Saturday, May 14*

4 - 6 p.m.  
Ball Hockey activity at the church (*followed by pot-luck*)

*Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>*

5—8 p.m.  
Date night for parents  
Children—dinner and movie

*Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matt. 11: 28-29 (NLT)*

# WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

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**Ash Wednesday**  
*with Holy Communion*

**Wednesday, February 10th**

***“In Secret”, Matt. 6***

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**Wednesday, February 17th**

***“Move One Down”, Gen. 18***

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**Wednesday, February 24th**

***“Laughter”, Gen. 21***

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**Wednesday, March 2nd**

***“Seeing To It”, Gen. 22***

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**Wednesday, March 9th**

***“Come In”, Gen. 24***

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**Wednesday, March 16th**

***“Happily Ever After”, Gen. 24***

***Six Special Services to prepare us for our Lord’s  
death and resurrection,***

***WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.***

***We thank Pastor David Duke for leading our Lenten Services.***