

February 28th, 2016

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

YOUTUBE: Listen to Pastor Duke's sermons on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Prayer: Almighty God, because You know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the 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 (*Musician: Rhythm & Blessings*)

Hymns: Open the Eyes of My Heart, The Heart of Worship, (637, Mighty to Save),

Seek Ye First / Refiner's Fire

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

11:00 a.m. – DS3 Traditional Service with Holy Communion (*Musician: Jeff Gondosch*)

Hymns: 526, 829, (623, 563), 697

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. Marion Schappert

(Next Sunday: Helen Stark)

ELDERS: 9 a.m. Carlos Figueroa

11 a.m. Garth Goodburn

OVERHEAD MUSIC: 11 a.m. Adam Meyer

COFFEE HOUR: Tom & Kathy Kuhl

(Next Sunday Mary Severy Elly Reck)

OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES to Wendy & Pastor Gary Kuenzel & family as well as Cathy & Glenn Holder & family at the passing of their father, Don Darroch. He was given a Christian burial this past Wednesday at Grace Church. May our Lord God, the Father of all comfort be with the entire family, surrounding them with His great comfort and peace. "Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord". Romans 14

PASTOR AND WENDY THANK the congregation for all their thoughtfulness at this time of Wendy's father's leaving us to be with Jesus. Your prayers, words of condolence, cards, flowers and dinners for our family have brought us much comfort.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 1 Pet. 1: 13-21

Wed.: Luke 22: 24-30

Friday: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16

Tuesday: Mark 6: 7-13

Thurs.: Luke 4: 38-44

Sat.: Isa. 49: 1-6

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 2:00 p.m. – Estonians Worship with Communion

2:30 p.m. – **CONGREGATIONAL SKATING—SEE FLYER**

Monday: 7:30 p.m. – Choir

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study

8:00 p.m. – Fellowship Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m. – Heaven Help Us

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo/Sing-a-long

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service (“Seeing To It”)

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 7:45 p.m. – Rhythm & Blessings

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL) Special Video Day

CONGREGATIONAL SKATING: TODAY 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 room from **3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** **What a great opportunity to invite extended family and friends to join us.**

TODAY—REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT CLWR: an opportunity for more questions and discussion concerning the possibility of our sponsoring a refugee family through the UN list or other options.. **Between the services—today**

“Jesus Loves Me This I Know”: Are you humming the tune yet? It is amazing how just a few words can bring a wave of memories and a blanket of comfort. Do the children in your life know this truth? We encourage you to extend the invitation of attending ***Precious Moments*** to the young families that you are in contact with. Children can come with a parent, grandparent or caregiver, whether they are members or not. We meet Tuesday mornings in the church Nursery from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (**please note we will not meet the week of March Break**)

ALL YOUTH, CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR FRIENDS are invited to join us ***Friday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m.*** for our **“LOCK-IN on COURAGE: Developing Character to Stand Strong.”** Cost is \$7. Please register by speaking with Louise or text/ email (905-329-8579/parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca)

The Canadian Bible Society is presenting a public reading (PROCLAMATION) of the New Testament and Psalms during Lent, and we invite all Christians in Niagara to join us as readers and/or listeners. Except for Monday, the dates and locations are in north St. Catharines: Sat. March 5th, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the Heritage Christian Bookstore, 380 Scott; Mon. March 7th, from 7 a.m. till 7 p.m. at Morgan's Point United Church in Wainfleet; Tues. March 8th at the Salvation Army Citadel, 400 Niagara, 7 a.m. till 7 p.m.; Wed. March 9, at Scottlea Presbyterian, 515 Scott, 7 a.m. till 2 p.m. Concluding celebration at Grace Mennonite, 677 Niagara, Fri. March 11, at 7 p.m. with music and refreshments. For more information, contact Kevin at 905-646-8062."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, here at Christ Lutheran, on Friday, March 18th at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy an Irish Dinner, featuring Irish Stew and Irish Soda bread, Irish Music. Door Prizes. All proceeds will go to Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, Jubilee and Mixte Nazareth Feeding Programme. Cost is \$18.00. See enclosed flyer for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation Sunday will be April 3rd this year.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING – July 8-12th. 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 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. 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.

DO YOU HAVE YOUNG KIDS that enjoy trucks and other vehicles? Why not check out the Christian series "**Monster Truck Adventures**", helping kids learn important biblical lessons along the way! You can find this series on our "**Right Now Media**" site. To find out how to easily log on, speak with Pastors, Louise or someone in the church office.

Last Sunday Attendance: (Feb. 21, 2016) 9 a.m. - 83 11 a.m. - 51 Total: 134, ('15 - 133)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Current:		2,161.60	22,933.20
Missions		413.00	2,994.50
Property Improvement		124.00	992.50
Bursary Fund		(New figures not available)	

CONTRIBUTION TAX RECEIPTS are in your boxes at the back of the church. Please pick yours up today.

SUNDAY FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar as a memorial or special occasion, just sign your name on the list in the Narthex next to the Sunday you prefer and write reason beside it. Cost is \$20.00 each arrangement and you may take the flowers home with you after the late service. Just a note, we don't place flowers on the altar during Lent.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily to adorn the altar for our Easter services, as a memorial or in thankfulness, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. (Names will be printed in the Easter Bulletin.) Lilies may be taken home after the late service on Easter Sunday.

SPECIAL THANKS to Mary Severy for joining our SOUL volunteer team. God's bless you!

'OUT OF THE COLD APPRECIATION DINNER' Friday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. for those who volunteer on Friday nights, Saturday mornings, as well as donors of money, food, fruit, desserts, toiletries, etc. No charge. Contact Jean Bradley at hbradley21@cogeco.ca or 905-682-2355 to sign up.

BULLETINS BY E-MAIL: If you would like to receive the bulletin by email please email to: chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.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.

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. Printed copies are also now available in the narthex for those who don't have computers or prefer hard-copies.

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

Topical Messages: www.lhm.org/topical.htm

Search the Scriptures: www.lhm.org/verse

E-mail Services: www.lhm.org/email.htm

About Us: www.lhm.org/about.htm

Just for Men! Check It Out:

The Men's NetWork: lhmmen.com

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic (March 6th), **"Reconciled Reconcilers" (2 Corinthians 5: 17-20)**— Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz—through forgiveness, God gives us another way to deal with people who have hurt us.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Friday, March 18, 5:30 pm

Enjoy an Irish Dinner,
featuring Irish Stew and Irish
Soda Bread



Great Irish Music featuring Wally Nash (fiddler) and Winston James

****Irish Soda Bread &
Almond Bark for sale****



*****Door Prizes*****

Tickets—\$18.00

For information and tickets contact:

Tim Reck (905-682-1802)

Erna McBride (905-682-5422)

Judy Mason (905-641-7546)

**All proceeds go to Haiti Lutheran Mission Society
Jubilee and Mixte Nazareth Feeding Programme**

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FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN DAY TODAY

****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)

TODAY, February 28th

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

Sunday, March 13th

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 11th

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

Wednesday, February 17th

“A Son”, Gen. 18

Wednesday, February 24th

“Laughter”, Gen. 21

Wednesday, March 2nd

“Seeing To It”, Gen. 22

Wednesday, March 9th

“Come In”, Gen. 24

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.

Easter Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 27th



Please join us for our
“Annual Pancake Breakfast” served from
9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the
Church basement. Breakfast
includes:
pancakes, sausages, hot-cross
buns, coffee and orange juice. Price is a free-will offering
(to enable the Fellowship Committee to cover costs).

As it is the custom for the men of the congregation to do
the cooking and serving, we are once again asking the
gentlemen to sign below for the time most convenient
and place it in the offering basket (or give to a Fellowship
Committee member.)



Gentlemen:

Please Sign below:

Thank you for volunteering!!!

Name

Phone Number

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - _____

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - _____

(Clean-up)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - _____