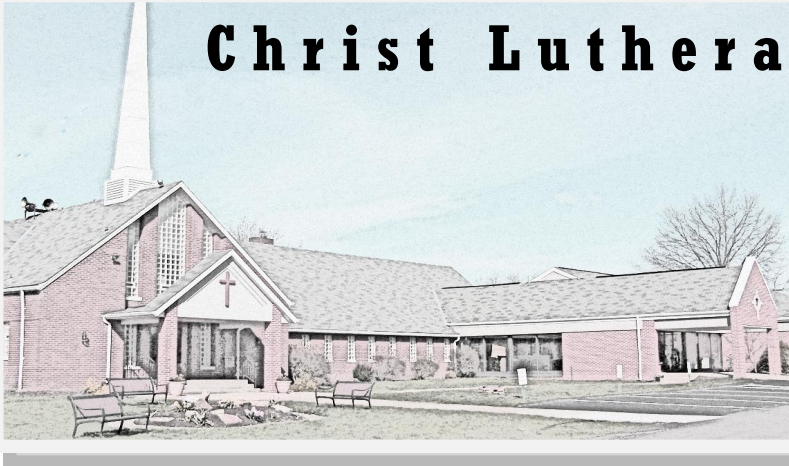


# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



*Celebrating 91 years in Forest Hills*

Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

**AUGUST 2024**

## Contact Information

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## Staff

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## Officers and Committees

President: Jim Law

Treasurer: Stephanie Lydon

Secretary: Barb Mitchell

Financial Secretary: Dee Law

Elders: Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, John Crawford, Richard Mueller

Trustees: Lee Caton, Frank Elaschat, Lynn Fisher, Dave Wible, Megan Elaschat, Michael George

Education: Annette Bowen, Lori Schriver, Gloria Stern

Finance: Cal Eggers, Stephanie Lydon, Barry Schoenthal, Richard Mueller

Outreach: Ruth Hirko, Kathy Kaclik

Endowment Committee: Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, Kathy Sourbeer

## Something Borrowed, Something Bluey

Most churches like ours want “more young people.” Well, it’s hard for churches with an average worship age in the high 60’s to attract “young people.” Besides, if we *really* wanted more young people, we would have already done something about it, right? It doesn’t come easy, and everyone is responsible for helping make the goal happen. So, I’m glad our new member Jim Sheets has been willing to help us out with reaching more families. Jim grew up at Steward Avenue Lutheran Church and is a long-time children’s entertainer who knows what makes the kids respond and what they like. He is full of energy and last month he even had the entire Education Committee on the floor doing the Chicken Dance. Jim has agreed to let us borrow him and his natural talent for entertaining families. The 21st of this month we are planning one of two Back to (Sunday) School family events where we hope to reach out to families who use the childcare in our building as well as neighborhood families. They might be thought of as mini-VBS events, but they also include and involve the parents and grandparents. Jim Sheets will put on his costume for the wildly famous kid’s character Bluey, lead everyone in singing and dancing, and then tell the story from the Bible about the disciples’ miraculous catch of fish. There will also be a fishing game where each child will hook an Arch book of the story, information about our church and Sunday school, and ... Goldfish crackers. Everyone then proceeds in to enjoy a free dinner. If you’d like to help with the event, please call the church office. Please pray for the success of our Back to (Sunday) School events, that we might just “catch” a family or two and add them to the net that is Christ Lutheran Church. We will take the results we get, but one thing is for sure – *we will have lots of fun trying!*

In the truth of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$249,664	\$252,480
Missions	\$5,600	\$5,600
Staff	\$117,164	\$122,228
Operations	\$111,262	\$130,601
Total Expenses	\$234,026	\$258,4429
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$15,638</b>	<b>\$5,949</b>

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK



**Happy 100th Birthday to Laretta Critchlow.** She will celebrate her special day on August 3.



## OBITUARY

**Joyce A. (Lozier) Purucker**, age 80, of Manor, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

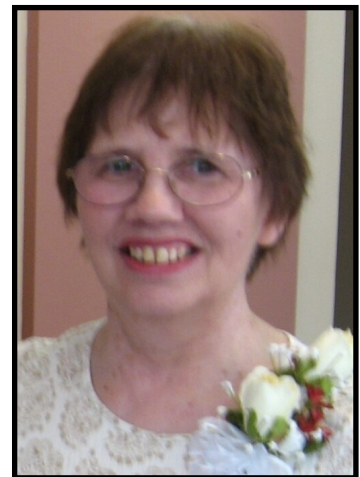
She was born on April 1, 1944 in Pittsburgh, PA, to Jesse and Hilda (Buennemann) Lozier. Joyce worked as a Library Aide for Penn Trafford School District. She had worked with various reading groups in Manor, Norwin, and Penn area libraries and attended special events sponsored by the various libraries. Joyce was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills, where she enjoyed bible study, quilting, and making Braille bibles. She was involved in the Penn Township Seniors, where she went on their trips, Super Seniors and Wacky Widows. Joyce enjoyed doing family genealogy research.

Joyce is survived by her children, Peter L. (Carlye) Purucker of Irwin, PA, Christina R. (Kirk) Thomas of Irwin; sister, Arlene (the late Kenn) Popko; and sister-in-law, Linda Purucker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence B. Purucker and her parents, Jesse and Hilda Lozier.

Friends were received at Lindsay-Jobe Funeral Home in Harrison City. A funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran Church on May 31 and burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery-Denmark Manor. A luncheon was held at the church hall.

Memorial contributions may be made, if desired, to the Christ Lutheran Church 400 Barclay Ave., (Forest Hills) Pittsburgh, PA 15221 Online condolences may be made to [www.Lindsay-JobeFuneralHome.com](http://www.Lindsay-JobeFuneralHome.com).



# Women's Service Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** –Contact Ruth Hirko about serving on the altar committee. They set up for Holy Communion, change altar paraments, launder the communion napkins, etc. New members are needed.

**HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS**–The WSG distributes hotel toiletry items to veterans in need. There is a bin in the library for donations or see Dee Law for more information.



**TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE** – If you know a member's new address, phone or e-mail address, please give it to Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler. If you move or change information, please remember to notify the office.



**STAMPS** – Remember to slit open the bottom of the envelope, cut the envelope in half and give the canceled stamps to Lois Frerking or put them in the box in the library. These stamps enable the Canadian Bible Society to raise funds to purchase Bibles for prisoners and foreign missions to get Bibles in their native language.



**PRAYER SHAWL/LAP ROBE MINISTRY**– Even though many of us cannot physically comfort a loved one or friend, we can still do so by giving them a shawl or lap robe. These were lovingly made by women of the congregation. Contact Linda Bright if you know someone who may need one or enjoy getting one.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** –The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church. Please check the chart for available dates. The cost of the flowers is \$40. Make checks payable to WSG and put check in locked mailbox by the far office door.



**BOX TOPS EDUCATION** The Box Tops for Education has been phased out and your grocery bill is now being scanned for Box Tops items that you have purchased. There is a bin in the library for the Box Tops for Education. Give Lois Frerking your grocery receipt to scan. Monies collected goes to Redeemer Lutheran Church school. See Lois for more information.



**PORTALS OF PRAYER**–Current and back issues of the Portals of Prayer are available on the table in the library. Feel free to take a copy or two for friends or neighbors you feel could benefit from these.

**SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY.** – The new packet is ready. Included is a mailing schedule, names, addresses and birthdates. A book of stamps is being provided by Thrivent Care in Community. Contact Kathy Sourbeer if you wish to participate.



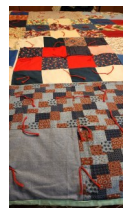
**MITE BOXES**–This loose change in your wallet or pocket can be put to good use. Monies collected from these Mite Boxes enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to support a variety of their Mission projects. See the article in the LWML magazine. One mission per month is featured in this Lamplighter.

**HELPING HANDS**–When there is a funeral luncheon or special occasion, women are needed to set up and prepare things, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler to become part of this very important ministry in our church.



**RECYCLING**–The following items are being collected for Lutheran Women Missionary Guild fundraiser: Ink Jet cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cameras and video cameras, camcorders, cell phones, smart watches, game consoles, video games, pagers, MP3 Players, Ipads, Ipods, e-book readers, tablets, Kindles, PDAs laptops, GPS devices, radar detectors, lithium batteries and chargers. There is a flyer on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and the box is in the library. See Linda Bright for more details.

**QUILTING** – No experience necessary. It is like sewing on a button - in and out and tie two knots. We are in need of old king and queen size mattress pads (for batting) top and bottom sheets for the back. If twin size sheets are donated they will be pieced together to make 64x84 back. Regular batting material is also greatly appreciated. Pictured is the latest quilt made for the veterans. Contact Dee Law if you will be able to attend. Watch the bulletin for times and dates.



**2023–2025 Mission Grant #7**  
**Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach**  
**LCMS Life Ministry — \$96,500**

**About This Mission Grant**

Millions of people in the United States are suffering with mental illness and disorders. There is a tremendous need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to help these people and their family members cope with mental illnesses.

Research validates that people seeking help for mental disorders might be more likely to consult a pastor than a clinical therapist or psychologist. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders must be prepared to address the mental health and illness issues that members of the congregation and those outside the church may bring to them.

The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness is coordinating with LCMS Life Ministry to develop and publish materials and resources to provide training for church workers and lay leaders related to mental health outreach and spiritual care. This grant will support the development of these materials.



**Laretta Critchlow** was honored at the 4th of July Community Day. She was awarded a special plaque commemorating her 100th birthday, which she will celebrate on August 3.



**LAURETTA  
 CRITCHLOW  
 HONORED AT  
 FOREST HILLS  
 COMMUNITY DAY  
 CELEBRATION**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS:** We are in great need of someone interested in teaching a 3-4 year old Sunday School class starting on September 8 between 11:30 and 12:30. Please contact Gloria Stern, Lori Schriver or Annette Bowen.

## Important Dates in August 2024

Check the online calendar on the church website for up-to-date information

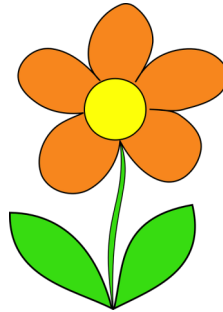
Aug 4-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am  
 Aug 5-Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
 Aug 8-Finance Committee 4pm  
 Aug 8--Education Committee-6:30pm  
 Aug 11-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am  
 Aug 15-Elders' Meeting 4pm  
 August 15- Deadline for September Lamplighter  
 Aug 18-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am  
 Aug 19-Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm  
 Aug 20-Council meeting 7pm  
 Aug 21-Preregistration event for Sunday School  
 Aug 22-Outreach Committee 7pm  
 Aug 25-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am  
 Aug 26-Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm



We are collecting the brown pill bottles for the McKeesport Lions Club. Please remove the labels and wash them out. There must be a cap for each bottle and no vitamin bottles will be accepted.



Thank you for helping with this on-going project. Please put them in the box in the library.



Redeemer Lutheran School  
2024

Annual Golf Scramble



Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM

@ Rolling Fields Golf Course  
Murrysville, Pa.

\*Cost - \$85.00 (includes 18 holes, cart, hotdog & drink @ turn, dinner & prizes) \$65.00 (for students)

\*Proceeds benefit Redeemer Lutheran School

\*For more information or to register, call Charlie Buttgerit @412-477-4010 or Redeemer School @ 412-793-5884

## Church Service Times

Sunday  
Sunday- 10 am Divine Service

Adult Bible Studies (will resume on September 8)  
8:45am-9:45am

Sunday School/Confirmation (will resume on September 8)  
Sunday-11:30am



# Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Lauretta Critchlow  
Concordia of Franklin  
Park  
Apt. 108 Garden North  
1600 Georgetown Dr.  
Sewickley, PA 15143

Catherine Ertman  
3000 Locust Ave. Apt 319  
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

Robert & Bette Hamill, Jr.  
1413 Maple Ave.  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Geraldine Hildenbrand  
Concordia of Monroeville  
4363 Northern Pike  
Rm 312  
Monroeville, PA 15146

Robert & Audrey Karpinsky  
203 Stockton Ridge  
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

June Kolb  
Goodwill Retirement Rm 4106  
891 Dorsey Hotel Rd.  
Grantsville, MD 21536

Bob Lindke  
2190 Ipnar Road  
Irwin, PA 15642

Carol Logsdon  
Point Pleasant Asstd.Living  
Room 331  
120 Mosside Blvd.  
North Versailles, PA 15137

Russell Long  
606 Filmore Ave.  
Pittsburgh PA 15221

Ann Tubbs  
41 Central Avenue  
N. Versailles, PA  
15137-1101

Barb Urban  
The Waters of Wexford  
Apt. 3039  
210 Fowler Road  
Warrendale, PA 15086

Jim and Evelyn Wise  
Sheridan @ Bethel Park  
2000 Cool Spring Drive  
Room 355  
Bethel, Park, PA 15234

Lydia Yates  
Concordia of Monroeville  
4363 Northern Pike  
Room 110

Anyone wishing  
to be added to  
the pastoral  
visitation  
schedule please  
call the church  
office at  
412-271-7173.



August Prayer Petition



## Celebrating in August 2024

### Anniversaries



8/6 John & Helen Crawford  
8/8 Shane and Erica Berthoud  
8/13 Miguel & Amanda Bright  
8/13 David & Colleen Giovanetti  
8/18 Barry & Barbara Schoenthal  
8/29 Calvin & Alma Eggers



### Birthdays

8/3 Lauretta Critchlow  
8/5 Jayne Simpson  
8/9 Carol Hubbard  
8/26 David Bright  
8/27 Lee Caton  
8/27 Kalie James  
8/29 Barry Schoenthal

## 2024-25 Officers

President	Jim Law	Education Committee	Annette Bowen
Vice President			Lori Schriver
Secretary	Barbara Mitchell		Gloria Stern
Treasurer	Stephanie Lydon	Outreach Committee	Ruth Hirko
Financial Secretary	Dee Law		Kathy Kaclik
Elders	John Crawford	Trustees	Lee Caton
	Calvin Eggers		Frank Elaschat
	Glenn Filler		Megan Elaschat
	Richard Mueller		Michael George
Finance Committee	Calvin Eggers		Lynn Fisher
	Stephanie Lydon		Dave Wible
	Richard Mueller	Endowment Committee	Calvin Eggers
	Barry Schoenthal		Glenn Filler
			Kathy Sourbeer



### Installation of Officers

A fellowship luncheon was held on July 14 following the installation of officers for the 2024-25 year. Please pray for all who lead our congregation and that others will step up to assume these roles in the near future.





## Serving Christ in August 2024

Altar Guild  
August: Susan Robotzen



	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
4-Aug	Richard Mueller	Lois Frerking	Ryder Giovanetti
11-Aug	Barry Schoenthal	Tatia O'Connor	Conner Schriver
18-Aug	John Crawford	Tammy Donaldson	Ryder Giovanetti
25-Aug	Cal Eggers	Gloria Stern	Madeline Stoner

Please contact the church office by Friday at 10am at 412-271-7173 if you cannot fulfill the duty to which you have been assigned. If you are able to volunteer for any of these services, please let Theresa know either by calling the church office or via email at [officeassist@christlutheranfh.org](mailto:officeassist@christlutheranfh.org). Thank you for your service.

### LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of a few volunteers to be trained as lectors for our services. It is not a difficult task and you won't be called upon that often if there are more volunteers. This is your church! Please contact the church office or see Pastor.

Start thinking about our **Fall Bible Study** classes to begin on September 8 @ 8:45am:

#### **Bible Overview with Pastor Breight**

A book-by-book survey of the Bible

#### **Book of Hebrews with Barry Schoenthal**

This class will finish up the study of Hebrews and then take up a new book of the Bible for in-depth study.

#### **Prepared with a Reason with Gloria Stern**

This study will help class members understand what Christians believe and how to explain and defend the faith.

#### **Sunday School/Confirmation Class with Pastor Breight**

These classes are for the youth of the congregation and are held after services on Sundays at 11:30.





*You are invited to*



# **Christ Lutheran's Back to (Sunday) School Family Event**

*featuring*

Songs, dancing and a Bible story with Bluey

*and*

*A free dinner for your family*

**August 21, 2024**

**4-6pm**

*This event is free. Please pre-register your child/children on the form on the other side of this page. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.*

Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 1521



# Registration Form

## Christ Lutheran Church Back to (Sunday) School Family Event August 21 4-6pm

*Please text a picture of this form to 412-926-7811 or email it to  
[assistant@christlutheranfhn.org](mailto:assistant@christlutheranfhn.org) and bring it to the event!*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

(Grand)Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

*I am also interested in:*

Baptism \_\_\_ Children's Sunday School \_\_\_

Finding a Church home \_\_\_ Service Opportunities \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*All event workers have approved clearances and background checks.*