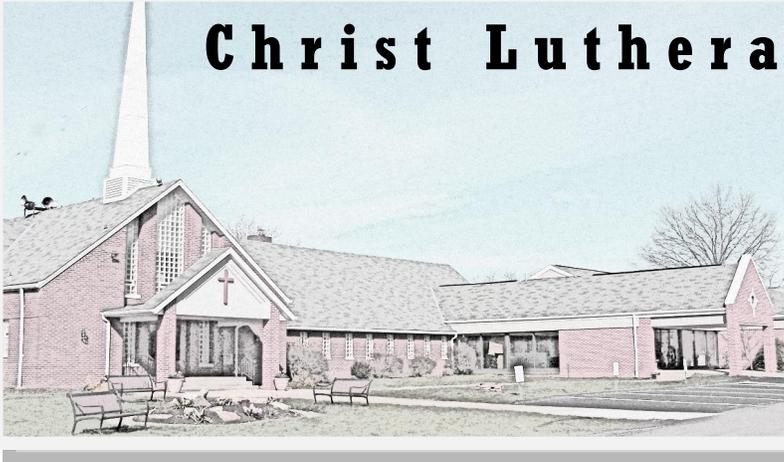


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
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April 2021

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Neil Ackerman, Glenn Filler

The Importance of Being Vaccinated

Have you been vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus yet? It has been a very unsettling experience for many people who have been trying to find a place to get their shots. Add to that the horror stories in the news of bad reactions and sickness people are experiencing after receiving their inoculations. While many seem intent on dividing up our *E Pluribus Unum* on the basis of racial background, political views, religion, etc., we are coming into another element that will divide the population: Vaccinated and Unvaccinated. Lord only knows what bearing that grouping will have on social life!

Sometimes it occurs to me how good it would be if all of us were as interested in receiving the antidote to death and the ever-present evils in our lives as many are in getting the Covid-19 vaccine. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson shots may help fend off this virus. But there will be another one following on its heels, and then another, and another, and yet another one after that. We all know how it will end at some point. It will end in our deaths. That's the difference that Jesus makes. In his death he overcame the spiritual sickness of sin that holds us in its evil grip. In his resurrection he broke the chains of death. Now that is help we can all use every day for the rest of our lives!

Jesus is the bread of life. When we eat of his body we live forever. Jesus' blood cleanses us from every impurity and spiritual sickness we have. This is the transforming power of Christ for the world. Join us on Maundy Thursday to relive Jesus' Last Supper, Good Friday for his passion and death, and finally his resurrection on Easter morning!

Peace and joy in Christ,

Ron Breight, Pastor

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$159,080	\$167,744
Missions	\$3,768	\$3,750
Staff	\$68,079	\$71,157
Operations	\$86,402	\$88,796
Total Expenses	\$158,249	\$163,703
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$831	\$4,041

As shown above, offerings continue to be somewhat behind budget for the fiscal year so far. We are thankful that many of our members have been worshipping safely in person at Christ Lutheran and that others, while worshipping from home, have been making their contributions by mail. We encourage all members who are sheltering in place to continue their faithful financial stewardship and mail your tithes and gifts to the church office to the attention of "Financial Secretary."

News from the Flock

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -We welcome new members, Roger and Cynthia Barnes, to our flock. They come to us by letter of transfer from Unity in Homewood. Welcome Roger and Cynthia! They met while studying at the University of Pittsburgh.



Welcome



GOD BLESS TRINITY LUTHERAN -Trinity in Monroeville will be celebrating its final liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 4. Christ Lutheran is expecting to welcome some of their members to our congregation. We have been blessed with a gift of new Bibles for our sanctuary and some new hymnals. Their property will be transferred to Redeemer School. We pray that the transition for these members goes very smoothly.



P.A.L.S GOLF OUTING

The 75th Golf Outing will be held on April 24. If you mail in your money postmarked by April 1, the cost is \$75. After April 1 it is \$80. See the forms on the last pages of this Lamplighter for more information.

As always, if you have any news that you are willing to share, please email or give it to **Kathy Sourbeer**, ksourbeer@aol.com or send it directly to **Theresa Frankiewicz** at officeassist@christlutheranfh.org.

ALTAR GUILD –They change the altar parameters, prepare and set up for Holy Communion, launder the communion napkins, etc. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information and about volunteering.

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS-The Sonshine Kitchen distributes hotel toiletry items to people who are in need and come to the Sonshine Kitchen. There is a bin in the library for donations or see Dee Law for more information.



BOX TOPS EDUCATION The Box Tops for Education is gradually being 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 School. See Lois for more information.



PORTALS OF PRAYER– The little devotional booklet gives comfort, joy and peace as people read them daily. They are on the table in the library. If you know of an organization that may benefit by the use of them, contact Ruth Hirko.

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.

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. The box is in the library. See Linda Breight for more details.

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.



SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – It is not too late to sign up to send cards to our shut-ins. You will get a list of shut-ins, suggested mailing schedule, and prayer petition notices. Our shut-ins enjoy getting mail from church members. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

GREETING CARDS– If you have your spring cleaning and found old greeting cards, don't throw them out. Concordia in Cabot is able to recycle them to make new cards. Contact Susan Robotzen for more information or put them in the bin in the library.

PRAYER SHAWL/LAP ROBE MINISTRY– Do you know someone who would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl or lap robe? They are crocheted and knitted by church members. Several people have received them and they reported that they felt comfort. See Linda Breight.

MITE BOXES-The 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. "Missions aren't just for superstars. A missionary is just like you, Ordinary folks through whom God does the extraordinary." Chuck Swindoll.

HELPING HANDS – As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." This goes for the people who arrange and help at funeral luncheons, special celebrations, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler for more information. Hopefully, we will be able to offer this service again.



ALTAR FLOWERS – There are a variety of dates available to place flowers on the altar. See the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Barb Mitchell in the church office. The cost is \$30. If you want to share a date, an additional vase is available for \$20. "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul..." Luther Burbank



APRIL MISSION GRANT-LCMS Deaconesses are women who are full time professional church workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program will provide LCMS students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership, the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry. This grant will provide educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies like the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.



WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ bids us to make disciples, to Baptize and to catechize; and
WHEREAS, Our Lutheran Confessions tell us, "Love, care and be concerned for those in need, actions motivated by the Gospel; and
WHEREAS, Christ's mandate and example of love remains our supreme example for life in this world, caring for the needy, body and soul; and
WHEREAS, LCMS Deaconess Ministry works both domestically and internationally to form women who are theologically trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the

Christian faith; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$90,000* to help fund LCMS Deaconess Ministry.

*This will be a partial funding of \$39,523 from the original request for \$90,000.

2021 Mission Goal Reached.

The LWML continues to be blessed by God. We thank and praise Him for generous LWML women and all benevolent donors. The total mite offerings at the end of February are \$2,137,734.34 for the 2019-2021 biennium. We have met and exceeded the Mission Goal of \$2.1 million. Mite offerings received after meeting the current goal will go towards the next biennium's mission grants. The LWML is now blessed with over \$125,000 towards that goal. The Lord has given us a "head start" for the next goal. Thanks to all who donated. Continue to use the mite boxes in the narthex.

Christ Lutheran Email Prayer List

Prayer is an important part of the life of all Christians.

From 1 Timothy 2:1a "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone." In James 5:13 "Is anyone of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and annoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."

Did you know that we have a group of current and former members that will join you in praying your prayer petitions? Your prayer requests will not automatically be added to the published and corporate prayers of Christ Lutheran. Those that want names added to the written prayer list need to notify Barbara Mitchell in the church office. If you would like to be part of the email prayer group, contact Susan Wagner at susan.cello@gmail.com. Please join us in lifting up our friends and daily in prayer to our Lord.

Important Dates in APRIL 2021

Please check your email and Church website for updates on cancellations.

www.christlutheranfth.org

- April 1st Maundy Thursday 7pm
- April 2nd Good Friday 7pm
- April 4th Easter Sunday 10am
- April 14th Lamplighter deadline
- April 20th Council Meeting 7pm
- April 24th P.A.L.S. Golf Outing 9am Shotgun Start



CHURCH ATTENDANCE-Church attendance has been steadily rising. Social distancing rules are being followed. Seating is in every other pew. New protocols have been established for touchless Communion. Recession is done in an orderly fashion from the back of the church to the front. Please feel free to join us, but please wear your mask. There is additional seating in the Fellowship Hall.



Save
The
Date

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES 2021 FASHION LUNCHEON

Pearls and Lace

Save the New Date!

Saturday, October 23, 2021, Butler Country Club, 10 a.m.

Call the CLM Foundation Office with any questions at 724-352-1571, ext. 8363.

Church Service Times

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Paul Bruner
615 Horizon View Drive
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Marty Hornak
Room 208
3522 Rt. 130
Irwin, PA 15642

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 2129
Cabot, PA 16023

Flo Kost
508 Marion Avenue
Apt. 2
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

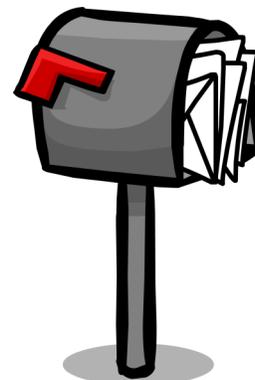
Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

Geraldine Hildebrand
Concordia of the South Hills
1300 Bower Hills Road
Room 341
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Lauretta Critchlow
Juniper Village at Forest
Hills
107 Fall Run Road
Apt. 233
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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



John Hoblak
1735 Pennsylvania Ave.
West Mifflin, PA 15122

April Prayer Petition

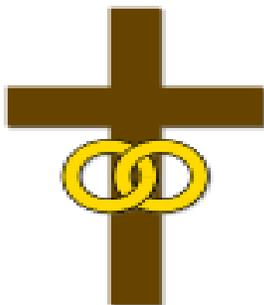
I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth."

Job 19:25

Celebrating in APRIL

Anniversaries

7-Apr William & Linda Hite
21-Apr Russell & Judith Long



Birthdays

1-Apr Joyce Purucker
3-Apr Amanda Bright
4-Apr Kevin Hanley
4-Apr Jim Schorr
9-Apr Gary Lobaugh
10-Apr Tammy Payne
11-Apr Emily Pollitt
13-Apr Julia Stoner
18-Apr Nancy Johnson
23-Apr Frances Giesey
23-Apr Erica Johnson
23-Apr Janice Polidora
28-Apr John Crawford

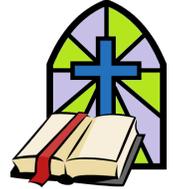




Serving Christ in April 2021

Altar Guild

April: Gloria Stern



	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
4/1/21 7pm Maundy Thursday	Neil Ackerman		Neil Ackerman
4/2/21 7pm Good Friday	Cal Eggers		Gloria Stern
4/4/21 10am Easter Sunday	Eric Hoblak		Rick Kern
4/11/2021	Al Dick		Georgi Shirley
4/18/2021	Glenn Filler		Barb Mitchell
4/25/2021	Cal Eggers		Gloria Stern

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 or if you could volunteer to fill in on any of the blank dates. 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. Thank you for your service.



HOME COMMUNION

Many of our members have not received communion for a long time because of Covid-19. Therefore, we have begun making **Home Communion Packages** available after all Sunday communion services.

- The Communion Packages are only for use by church members who are institutionalized or remain home on Sundays because of the virus.
- These packages contain individually wrapped wafers and wine that have been included in the celebration of the Lord's Supper during the regular worship service at church, along with instructions on how to use these elements.
- These packages will be available for pickup at the church office Mondays through Fridays from 9-12.
- Packages will also be delivered to family and friends by church members who are attending services.
- If you cannot come to the church office and have no one to bring you a package, please call the church office at (412) 271-7173 so arrangements can be made to get a package delivered to you. Our desire is to get a package to everyone who desires one.

If you are reading this newsletter in **black and white**, please consider giving us an email address so that we can send you the newsletter in living color. This saves on postage and you get the newsletter much faster. This newsletter can also be viewed on the website at:

www.christlutheranfh.org

Let your voice be heard on current legislation. Contact your representatives today!

Bob Casey (US SENATOR)
[Contact - U.S. Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania \(senate.gov\)](#)

Pat Toomey (US SENATOR)
[Email Senator Toomey | Senator Pat Toomey \(senate.gov\)](#)

Mike Doyle (US REP.)
[Contact | Congressman Mike Doyle \(house.gov\)](#)

Austin Davis (State Rep)
adavis@pahouse.net

Anthony M. Deluca (State Rep)
District 32
tdeluca@pahouse.net

Summer Lee (State Rep)
District 34
slee@pahouse.net

Brandon Markosek (State Rep)
bmarkosek@pahous.net

James Brewster (State Senator)
brewster@pasenate.com

Jay Costa (State Sen.)
District 43
costa@pasenate.com

Sunday bulletins, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website
www.christlutheranfh.org.

Video recordings of our weekly services can be viewed on our You Tube channel,

Christ Lutheran Forest Hills Pa.

Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page



Recycled Playground

Just another view of some children in southern Virginia enjoying the playground that they recycled from our backyard. The group that came and dug it out has been very gracious in keeping in touch with us to let us know how much they appreciate the playground for their youngsters.



Pittsburgh 75th

Area

Lutheran

Golf

Scramble



Please guarantee your participation by
Monday, April 19, 2021

Call/send registration/check to:
Attention: **Golf**
Christ Lutheran
Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
412-271-7173
Check payable: **CLC**

Saturday, April 24, 2021

\$80.00 per person provides:
Support for Lutheran Education

Green Fee & Riding Cart

Our Buffet Dinner

*Chicken, baked ham, kielbasa & kraut,
baked beans, cheese & salami tray, rigatoni,
macaroni salad, coleslaw, relish tray, bread,
beer, pop, coffee, tea...PLUS!
and...*

HOTDOG @ THE TURN!!!



**SPECIAL GIFTS
AND PRIZES**

Pittsburgh
Area
75th
Lutheran
Golf
Scramble

YES! I plan on celebrating the 39th year/75th PALGS!

The following will be playing @ \$80/golfer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I would like to additionally support Christian Education for P.A.L.g.S. with my gift of \$ _____, in celebration of the many years of enabling Christian Education for children.



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75th Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble (P.A.L.g.S.)

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:00 a.m. **SHOT GUN** Start

It's time for another P.A.L.g.S. (Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble) outing. It will mark 39 years of golfing participation of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. This will be the 75th outing held over the past 39 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience.

Since 1984 the outings have been held at **Victory Hills** in Elizabeth, PA. To continue in the tradition the banquet will include the favorite and most delicious buffet, and recognition of participating golfers.

There will be special prizes and awards to mark this 39th year milestone. **The registration fee is \$80 per golfer.**

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, April 19, 2021 Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173), or send names and payment (**checks made out to CLC**) to:

GOLF
Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

We encourage all golfers, past and present, to be a part of this memorable event, as we celebrate all those who have participated in these outings since 1983. To be part of this gala, to donate prizes, or to share memorabilia, please call 412-271-7173.

See you on Saturday, April 24th!

Reverend Ronald Bright, Pastor



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If you or someone you know would like to donate an item for prizes or would like to sponsor a particular hole we certainly would appreciate your generous support. This item is tax deductible at its fair market value as a "Gift in kind". It is a donor's responsibility to establish the value of this gift for income tax purposes. If the value is in excess of \$5,000.00 an appraisal must be obtained by the donor and attached to the donor's tax return.

Item Donated _____

Value\$ _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

Please make any checks out to CLC:

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Reverend Ronald Breight, Pastor