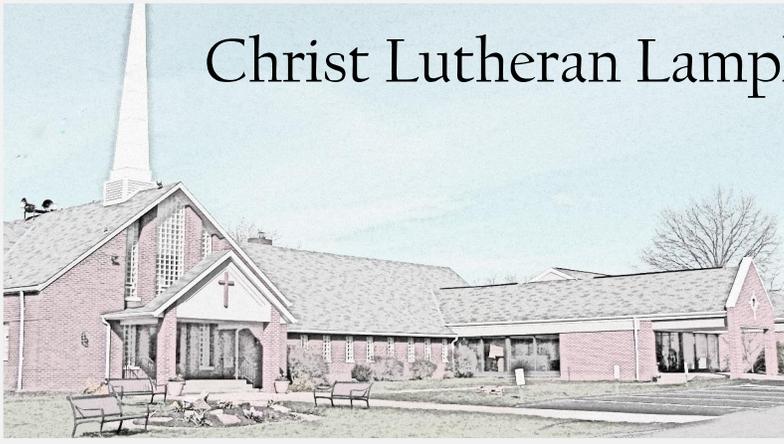


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and School
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

April 2016

More Than Meets the Eye

Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:17

What a wonder it must have been to be Elisha's servant. God opened his eyes and he was able to behold the supernatural army God had sent to aid Elisha! Worship is a little like that. When we gather for worship, we cannot see the supernatural dimensions all around us, but by faith we know they are indeed there. There are many things that make Christian worship different than the worship of other religions: Crosses; communions; New Testament scripture; baptism and the like. Perhaps the most profound difference is the presence of the seven invisible dimensions in Christian worship. Are you aware of them? Would it change your view of worship if you knew more about them? I think it would! Worship with us throughout this season of Easter. Each sermon will present and explain one of the supernatural elements that may have been missing in your worship life.

In the risen Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

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SEMINARY STUDENT – Tim Wells wrote in his latest letter that the schools were closed for 3 days due to the “big blizzard of 2016.” He wrote of his daughter, Madylynne comments when he explained about the “words of institution and the paten holding the communion wafers.” He wrote that Call Day is coming soon (April 26). Please keep all those expecting calls this year in your prayers. His letter is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

EASTER FLOWERS – A special thank you to the people who purchased flowers to help decorate our church on Eastern morning.

ALTAR GUILD – Cares for everything pertaining to Communion. Contact Ruth Hirko if you want to help.

HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN – Co-ordinates and serves meals after the funeral. Prepares and serves meals at Concordia, McKeesport Sonshine Kitchen. Contact Rosalie Filler or Dee Law.

SONSHINE KITCHEN will be Monday, April 18th, leaving the Church at 2:15 if anyone wants to help prepare and serve the meal. We will have our usual menu of Hot Ham & Cheese sandwiches, Potato salad, Potato Chip, and Fruit Cocktail if anyone wants to donate buns, chips or money toward buying what is needed since we have to make everything there. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML SPRING JOY WORK SHOP AND RALLY will be held Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Zion, Accident, Maryland. Let Linda Bright know if you plan to attend.

QUILTING – “One quilting project, like one cookie, is never enough!” (from Quiltbug.com Quilty Sayings). Join us on Tuesday, April 5 and 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. It is easy to do. Push the needle & yarn in and out of the quilt and tie two knots. No experience necessary. We are making quilts for 1st Trinity, Oakland homeless ministry and Dr. Jim Wither's program – Pittsburgh Mercy Health Systems Operation Safety Net & Street Medicine Institution. Over the past 2 years we made about 31 quilts. Contact Joyce Purucker if you can help. The WSG received a thank you letter from 1st Trinity, Oakland for the quilts we gave them. The letter is posted on the Fellowship hall bulletin board.

STAMPS FOR BIBLES - "The postage stamp is a flimsy thing. No thicker than a beetle's wing. And yet it will roam the world for you. Exactly where you tell it to" - EV Lucas. (Stamps and quotes.com). It is amazing how this little flimsy thing can bring joy and comfort to people who are eager to hear, read and learn God's word. These cancelled stamps enable the Canadian Bible Society to furnish Bibles to needy people in 3rd world countries and prisoners. Contact Karen Hoblak for more information. There is a bin in the library.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Contact Rosalie Filler or Melissa Elaschat. If you have changed your phone number or moved, please let the church know. This way the congregation can notify you of something important that came up unexpected or upon the death of a church member.

FLOWER CHART – There are many dates available to place flowers on altar. The cost for providing flowers is \$30.00. Checks are payable to the Women's Service Guild and can be given to Kathy Sourbeer or put in the WSG mailbox in the Library Area. All you need to do is sign up and indicate if they are for a special occasion. You may also share a Sunday with a friend.

PRISON MINISTRY – If you are doing any spring cleaning and discovered you have an abundant supply of “Portal of Prayers” devotional booklets, bring them to church. They are used for the people at Muncy Prison. They enjoy reading the devotions and learning about God's word. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information. There is a bin in the library. Also, Bibles are being collected for the people at Muncy Prison.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Contact Karen Hoblak or Jayne Simpson if someone maybe in need of a prayer shawl. If you would like to knit or crochet prayer shawls, contact Karen or Jayne.

RECYCLING FOR MISSIONS – Recycling Ink cartridges, cell phones, etc.

DO SAVE NAME BRAND ink cartridges, such as Hewlett Packard (HP, Lexmark, Apple, Dell, Minolta, Canon, IBM, Brother, Panasonic, Samsung, Pitney Bowes, Sharp, Xerox, Kodak, Epson. Ink Jet and especially Laser Jet cartridges, save Cell phones, pagers, I-Pods, MP3 players, Laptop computers, GPS systems, Tablets e-Readers, IPods and notebooks.

DON'T SAVE anything with the words: Toner or Toner tubes, remanufactured, refilled, generic brand names ink cartridges, copier cartridges, printing ribbons, printers, computer monitors, fax machines, portable and/or landline phones, TV remotes or ink tanks.

See more information on flyer in Fellowship Hall and box in library.

School & Early Learning Center News

Jesus is Alive! He is working in everyday lives of ordinary people. As I was going through some old files I began to reflect back on last year at this time, I was reminded how the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people everywhere and Easter joy can be shared throughout the year, not just on Easter Sunday.

It's been a pleasure watching Jesus work in the hearts of those that have been baptized. Watching people grow in their faith and hearing the children talk about Jesus as their friend and Savior is amazing and heartwarming. I reread an article entitled "Can I be Baptized, too?" in the CNH District e-newsletter that told of a baptism in Tracy, CA; and during this baptism, one of the guests that was a part of the baptismal party, spoke up during the baptism and asked to be baptized, too. The author of the article described this event as a "thundering celebration." Which then made me think of the ole' saying "April showers brings..." The water of Holy Baptism is amazing! Through the Word of God, along with water, we become a part of God's family; through Jesus we are washed clean of our sins, we have new life and the promise of eternal life with the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in heaven.

Now imagine the "thunderous celebrations" that goes on in heaven when just one comes to faith through the showers (waters) of baptism. I pray that if there is anyone who feels a nudge to get baptized, or have their child baptized, or even ask questions about baptism that you know it is the Holy Spirit calling you to be a part of God's family. Just as April showers bring new May flowers, so too, baptismal showers bring newness of life in Christ Jesus. We've been blessed to witness students being baptized this year and a couple more are being scheduled for this spring.

If you'd like to volunteer or be a part of our ministry team here at Christ Lutheran School or Early Learning Center, please let me know 412-271-7173. God is so good!

I am so proud of our students, families, staff AND members of Christ Lutheran who partnered with us to raise money for Lutheran World Relief. Christ Lutheran is certainly an example of a family of hope, faith and love in Christ by serving our community.

Students will be taking the IOWA achievement test this month. Please pray for the students and teachers that the students will be able to demonstrate all that they have learned this year and show growth in their academic knowledge since last year. Pray for the teachers as they are blessings from God and give 100+% to their students and Christ Lutheran school ministry.

Mark your calendars for April 15 to come and check out the 12th Annual Science Fair. It will be held during school hours this year. There will be a variety of science projects on display. This is just one opportunity to showcase our science knowledge, as we continue to move forward with our STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, fine Arts, Math) focus here at Christ Lutheran.

Please join us for a stack of pancakes at our Pancake Open House on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 8a.m. After you have had your fill, please come and visit our classrooms and find out why families are making us their school of choice. This is a great opportunity for you to invite families and friends with young families and show them around.

Golfers & Sponsors are wanted. April 30 at 11a.m. is our annual spring golf tournament fundraiser. I personally hope to see you on hole 9 for a hole in 1! If you are not a golfer, but would like to volunteer and help at the event checking in golfers or other duties as needed; or you may help support our school by sponsoring a hole by making a monetary donation and have your name/business advertised at a hole call Susan Robatzen for more information 412-271-7173.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for April 29th at 7p.m. we will perform our annual musical at Woodland Hills Jr. High (7600 Evans St. Swisvale, PA 15218). This year's title is "GPS – God's Plan of Salvation." You won't want to miss this dramatic musical performance by our pre-school up to eighth grade students. Invite your family and friends for an evening of entertainment.

We continue to accept applications for 2016-17 school year. Please share the word and get out your school yard signs. If you need one please see Donna Einspahr, Principal.

Hot off the press... have you heard? Our Early Learning Center has been awarded nearly \$13,000 from YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Southwest Regional Key - Keystone STARS Merit Award Grant. The toddler class will get an additional lunch table and their playground will get a facelift by touching up their rubber surface, we will get new mulch on the school age/pre-school playground, the infants will get new highchairs and a stroller, the toddler and pre-school classrooms will get new window coverings to help block out the hot summer sun, the infants and toddlers will get new assessment tools, AND as you read last week, we are getting an all-call system to help with communication and lastly, those ELC staff members who qualified for the "education and retention award" will receive a financial award. We are proud of all our staff and their service in helping us to obtain this honor. We are continuing to REACH HIGHER for STAR quality education and care here at Christ Lutheran.



Christ Lutheran's 2016 Youth Trip

Shepherd of the City, Philadelphia

July 17-22, 2016

All Church and School Youth Ages 12+ are Invited to Join Christ's Youth Leadership Team for Our 2016 Summer Youth Trip.

We plan to travel to Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church (SoC), a Mission Church in Philadelphia. Youth will be involved in helping SoC reach out to their neighborhood through events geared toward children and families, a food pantry, property beautification and more. We also plan to visit some important sites in American history such as the Liberty Bell, Independence Square, etc. The cost for each participant is \$75. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2016

Christ Lutheran Church, 400 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 412.271.7173 www.christlutheranfhs.org

Friends for Education Fund

We want to thank those that responded to our fall appeal letter to partner with us in filling student tuition buckets by donating to the Friends for Education Fund. If you haven't responded yet we are still accepting donations to help families meet their tuition cost of \$4,750. Our goal is to fill 10 buckets. We still have more buckets to fill.

In the spirit of THANKSGIVING this month, if you want to donate in honor/memory of a special school teacher, Sunday school teacher or mentor you had growing up and are thankful for them in some way please return the donation slip below and your financial gift to Christ Lutheran School attention: Friends for Education Fund. If you have questions, please see Donna Einspahr, Principal or Melissa Elaschat, Operations Manager.

"Make a difference & help fill a child's tuition bucket."



Cut & Return with donation

Friends for Education

___ Please accept this one time donation of \$_____ in honor of a special teacher/mentor named _____. He/She is special because _____

___ I would like to "adopt" a student by donating \$_____ towards their annual tuition fee

___ I will donate \$_____ monthly or \$_____ weekly to be split among multiple families, as needed.

Donor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

___ Please contact me for more information ___ I wish to remain anonymous

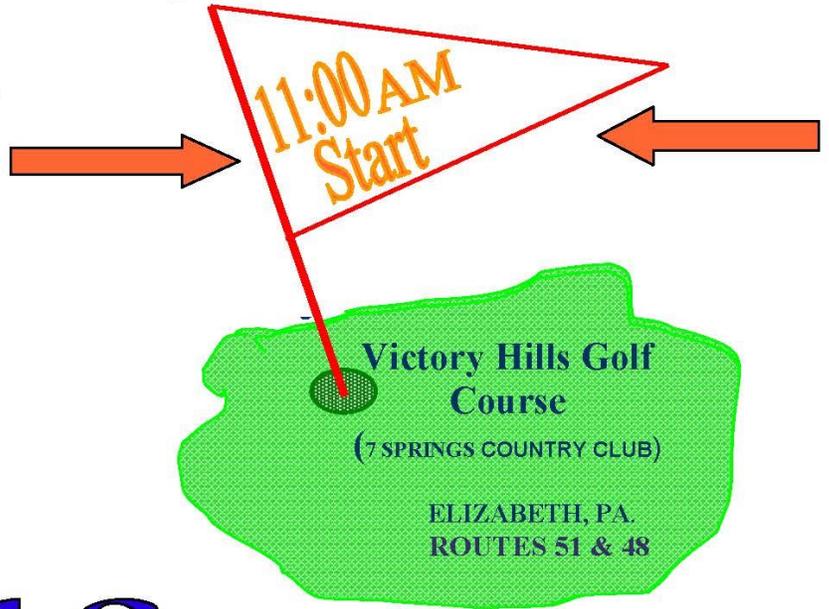
Make check payable to: Christ Lutheran School and on the memo line write: **Friends for Education Fund**



Pittsburgh
Area
Lutheran
Golf
Scramble



67th



Saturday, April 30, 2016

\$75.00 per person provides:

Support for Christ Lutheran School's
Scholarship Fund
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**

Please guarantee your participation by
Monday, April 25, 2016

Call/send registration/check to:

Attention: **Golf**

Christ Lutheran

Church & School

400 Barclay Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15221

412-271-7173

Check payable: CLC&S

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YES! I plan on celebrating the 34th year/67th PALGS!

The following will be playing @ \$75/golfer:

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

I would like to additionally support Christian Education at Christ Lutheran Church and School with my gift of \$_____, in celebration of the many years of enabling Christian Education for children.

Addresses for our shut-ins

Paul & Keretta Bruner
615 Horizon View Drive
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Charles Koenig
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike, Room 126
Monroeville, PA 15146

Tom Walton
C/O Lee Hricko
2321 Delaware Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Helen Deschamps
522 Pacific Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Louise Garofolo
Independence Court
279 Center Road
Room 204
Monroeville, PA 15146

Art & Helen Moziek
1000 Andrew Street
Apt. 113
Munhall, PA 15120

Bob & Joan Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Wayne & Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Jean Tokar
6501 E. Mescal Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85254-5058

June Zeller
Evening Star
200 Caldwell Avenue
Wilmerding, PA 15148

Marty and Cindy Hornak
Seneca Place, Room 134
5350 Saltsburg Road
Verona, PA 15147

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

Olga Zinn
Buckingham South
5450 Abercorn Street, Ste.405
Savannah, GA 31405

Ruth Hudson
214 Orin Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112



Celebrating in April

Anniversaries

- 7 William & Linda Hite
- 21 Russell & Judith Long
- 27 Martin & Cynthia Hornak



Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Joyce Purucker | 18 | Nicole Carr |
| 4 | Kevin Hanley | | Nancy Johnson |
| | Jim Schorr | 23 | Frances Giesey |
| 5 | William Kolb | | Jody Hornak |
| 9 | Gary Lobaugh | | Erica Johnson |
| 10 | Gina Egidio | | Janice Polidora |
| | Todd Taylor | 28 | John Crawford |
| 11 | Emily Pollitt | 29 | Carly O'Connell |
| 13 | Julia Stoner | 30 | Mary Jane Bohl |
| | | | Jackson Smith |

Consecration Sunday will be held on Sunday April 24th at the 8:15 am and 11:00 am services. Please prayerfully consider the financial stewardship pledge you will make to the Lord on this important day.

Church Service Times

Sunday

8:15am & 11:00am - Traditional services

Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School ages 0-18

9:45am Adult Bible Study Groups



Visit our website for additional information and for our complete church and school calendars www.christlutheranfh.org