

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, PA 15221

April 2019

## In the Garden

Many people love the Gospel classic *In the Garden*. It's a song about being close to Jesus. "And He walks with me and He talks with me and tells me I am his own." Not a bad sentiment. When you think about it, that's exactly what happened in the beginning. The Lord created the Garden of Eden. Then He created Adam and Eve and put them in the garden. The Bible says the Lord walked with Adam in the cool of the evening. Oh, to be privy to the conversations they had!

Jesus spoke His famous prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane where he spent his last private hours. Then He started everything over with his resurrection from death. Remember how that was also in a garden? The women first thought Jesus was a gardener before they realized it was the Lord. Paradise itself is sometimes described as a garden lush with fruit trees and the like.

It seems that the Lord likes gardens. He spent a lot of time in them. Perhaps for their beauty. Maybe also for the life and growth found in them. We are starting a new garden at Christ Lutheran – the Garden of Eatin. A soupy, marshy area in the back field is being reclaimed to use for growing vegetables to provide for those who have need, and for Unity Lutheran's after school program where they offer activities, chapel services and meals for children in Homewood at no charge.

As we celebrate the new life Jesus brings at Easter, perhaps you would also like to help support the lives of other people in our area by getting involved in our Garden of Eatin project. Growers, green thumbs, and general helpers can all get involved and help the project move forward. Talk with Pastor Breight if you are interested!

In the life of Christ,  
Pastor Ron Breight

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Financial Snapshot July 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings	\$139,449	\$121,390
Other Income	\$12,777	\$13,550
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$152,226</b>	<b>\$134,940</b>
Missions	(\$1,700)	(\$1,700)
Operations	(\$56,097)	(\$57,782)
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	(\$80,401)	(\$79,815)
Emergency Maintenance	(\$23,636)	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$161,834)</b>	<b>(\$139,297)</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$9,608)</b>	<b>(\$4,357)</b>

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

### Birth

We rejoice at the birth of Norah Lynn Orbell. Norah was born on March 2nd and weighted 8 lb 2 oz. She is the daughter of Adam and Stacy Orbell.

### Deaths

Bob Yazvac went to be with his Lord on February 25th. He was the father of Darlene James, husband of the late Joan Yazvac, and grandfather of Melissa, Robert and Jordan James. The funeral service of Christian burial was held on March 1st with Pastor Bright officiating.

### In the News

Doug Skalka was honored for twenty years of service as organist of Christ Lutheran Church with a reception held after the Worship service on March 17th.

Sonny Breeger has been deployed to Poland with the National Guard. Please keep his well-being in your Prayers!

## Women's Service Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** – Have you noticed that the altar paraments have changed? Some of the women in the congregation change them as the church seasons change or on special occasions. They also set up for Communion. Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to be part of the Altar Guild.

**HELPING HANDS** – If you have attended a special church function, church dinners or other events and wondered how the Fellowship Hall was turned into an enjoyable eating area, or prepared for a funeral luncheon, thank the women and men who helped to make it happened.

**QUILTING** – If you have ever wondered what happened to the material, sheets, mattress pads that you and other people may have donated, come to quilting on Tuesdays, April 9 and 23, 2019 at 9 a. m. and find out. It is easy to do. If you have ever sewn a button or laced a shoe, “in and out and tie two knots” is all you have to do.

STAMPS – People complain that postage is going up. That little postage stamp along with other postage stamps enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to raise funds so that the Canadian Bible Society can purchase Bibles for prisoners. Funds are also used to give Bibles to people in their native language.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Stevie Wonder has a song called, “I just called to say I love you.” Well, Barb Mitchell at the church office or Rosalie Filler would “love” to hear if you or a congregational member have moved, changed your phone number or got a new e-mail address. This enables the church to update the church phone directory and notify people for funerals and newsletter mailings, etc.

SHUT-IN MINISTRY – Our church shut-ins enjoy getting mail or phone calls from congregational members and like the song, “I just called to say-----.” You can fill in the blank. Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to call or send cards to our shut-ins.

PRAYER SHAWLS – Do you know of a person who may have a lingering illness, suffering from addiction, emotional problems or other problems, and may need comforting? Several women have made prayer shawls or lap robes. They bring comfort to those who may be suffering. Contact Linda Breight or Jayne Simpson for more information.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – This publication offers uplifting devotions and inspirational help to people. Ruth Hirko gathers these booklets and takes them to the Sonshine Kitchen. There is a bin in the library for old issues or you can pass them on to a person who may be in need of spiritual uplifting.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Celebrate a loved one's birthday, anniversary or in memory of a loved one, graduation, etc. The flowers cost \$30. If you want to share a date, an extra vase is now \$20. The flower chart is on the Narthex bulletin board. Please make payment the day the flowers are put on the altar or in advance. Put your check or money in an envelope marked “altar flowers” and give it to Kathy Sourbeer.

MITE BOXES - There is a saying, “good things come in small packages.” There are “small packages” also known as Mite boxes on the shelf in the narthex. From Oct. 2018 to February 2019 \$112.08 was collected and \$179.16 was collected from the Mitey Muffins Mites. A total of \$291.24. This money is used to fund district and national mission grants. You can read more about the mission grants in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. They are on the table in the library near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

RECYCLING – There is a bin in the library for recyclable items such as I-pads, cell phones, kindles, computer ink cartridges, etc. The Lutheran Women Missionary League is able to receive money from these items for various mission grants.

SONSHINE KITCHEN – A special thanks to the women and men who helped to prepare and serve the people at the Sonshine Kitchen. Check the bulletin board for their latest newsletter and upcoming activities and all that they do at the Sonshine Kitchen.

KITCHEN REMODELING – We are on our way to raising funds to replace the cabinets, drawers, etc. If you know of a company or a person who would give us an estimate on remodeling the kitchen, please let us know. We will probably need help from the congregation. There will be a free will offering taken at the Lenten dinners.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPDATES - June 20-23, 2019 the 38th LWML Biennial Convention will be held in Mobil, Alabama.

September 20-22, 2019 The LWML fall retreat will be held at Camp Pioneer.

June 12-13, 2020 The LWML Eastern District Convention, Syracuse, New York.

See the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more information and in upcoming newsletters.

# Addresses for our shut-ins



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

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**April 2019 Prayer Petition:**  
 Psalm 118:21-I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

## Celebrating in April 2019

### Anniversaries



4/07 William & Linda Hite  
 4/12 John & Cynthia Chain  
 4/21 Russell & Judith Long

4/01 Joyce Purucker  
 4/03 Amanda Breight  
 4/04 Kevin Hanley  
     Jim Schorr  
 4/05 William Kolb  
 4/09 Gary Lobaugh  
 4/10 Tammy Payne  
 4/11 Emily Pollitt  
 4/13 Julia Stoner

### Birthdays

4/18 Nancy Johnson  
 4/23 Frances Gieseey  
     Jody Hornak  
     Erica Johnson  
     Janice Polidora  
 4/28 John Crawford

## Serving Christ in March 2019

Altar Guild: Gloria Stern

Date	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Crucifer
4/07	Cal Eggers	David Carmichael	Susan Wagner	
4/10	Steve Stern			
4/14	Paul Simpson	Tim Breight	Steve Stern	
4/18	Glen Filler	Meghan Elaschat	Darlene James	
4/19	John Hoblak	Jordan Stephens	Georgi Shirley	
4/21	Glen Filler	Alana Donolo	Tammy Donaldson	Richard Lander
4/28	Al Dick	Dylan McNutt	Gloria Stern	

### Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service

### Easter

Sonrise 6am

Easter Celebration Service

10am

### Lenten Midweek

Wednesday 7pm

Dinner 5:45pm

### Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 7pm