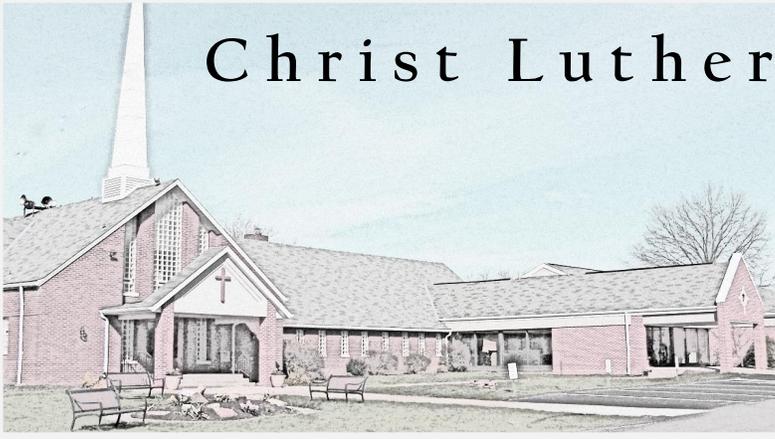


# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
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## Officers and Committees

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Planning Kathy Sourbeer

## Socialism

Over the last few years at Christ Lutheran, we have been working to promote socialism - not in the sense of a form of government, but in terms of enjoying meals of fellowship together. You know - socialization. It's one of the best parts of being a congregation. It's why every church like ours is built with a kitchen and social hall.

This is no small, unimportant matter. Part of our nature is to include a meal along with special days and celebrations, and times together. The most intimate connection we have with Jesus comes in the form of a meal - holy communion. The same is true in daily life. Meals automatically form a bond between those sharing it together. The church does well to take advantage of this timeless truth!

Our Garden Club work days always conclude with lunch time together. Our June annual voters' meeting began with a meal together. Our 2018 Officers' Kick-off last month began with a chicken dinner. Add in our Advent and Lent evening suppers and you've got quite a few opportunities for life together as a congregation, and that is a great thing.

There is a hope among us for more of this kind of planned time together as the family of God. When these opportunities arise, please be a part of them. Think about how your committee, group, or activity might include some fun time together in the fellowship of a meal. In this age of individualistic spirituality, these times together can provide a much-needed balance and antidote!

In the peace of Christ,  
Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$211,965	\$200,800
Missions	\$4,881	\$4,350
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$80,814	\$85,571
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$92,967	\$102,879
Total expenses	\$178,662	\$192,800
Net	\$33,303	\$8,000

## News from the Flock

### Deaths

Rev. David Robotzen, brother of Susan, husband of Cheryl, and son of Harry went to be with his Lord on June 4 after a long illness. He was the pastor of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Pensacola, FL where the funeral service was held. A memorial service was held at Grace, Universal, the church where he grew up, on July 14.

Dolly Bonacci went to be with her Lord on June 12. She is survived by her husband Steve and her children. Pastor Bright officiated her funeral on June 15. There was a luncheon to follow in our fellowship hall.

Edith Tubbs mother of Jim (Ann) Tubbs went to be with her Lord on June 19. The funeral service was held on June 25 by Pastor Eric Andrae at First Trinity, Oakland where she was a member after Immanuel, Braddock closed. Many of you may have known Edie from the former Senior Luncheons at Immanuel, as she was one of the cooks.

### In the News

Our time capsule from the laying of the cornerstone of our church when it was located on Atlantic Avenue was opened at the luncheon on June 24. It was placed there on November 4, 1934. Copies of the papers are included in this edition of the Lamplighter. Books included A Holy Bible, King James Version, A Short Exposition of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, and The Augsburg Confession. There was also a copy of the first constitution of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and copies of "Lutheran Witness", October 23, 1934 edition in English and in German. The originals are on display in the glass display case in the library/office area. to read any of the papers go to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall that is near the library area door and copies are attached to this edition of the Lamplighter.

June 24 was the last Sunday Dr. John and Cindy Chain will be a part of our congregation. They have sold their home on June 29 and have moved to Kansas City. If you did not get a chance to tell them good-bye, they are planning a fall visit back to enjoy the leaves and visit their daughter Allie in New York. We wish them God's blessing as they become involved in a new church home.

Linda Bright was elected as a Vice President of Christian Life/Special Focus for the Eastern district LWML at the June 1-3 Convention in Niagara Falls. She is also the Pittsburgh Zone President.

Thanks to everyone that supported our Vacation Bible School from June 18-22, "Splash Canyon." The daily offering at VBS and contributions of members amounted to \$651.14. We will be sending one half of the total to Project Madagascar. The other half is used to pay for the Bible School materials used, publicity, and decorations. We also thank all the Bible School workers. Many hands make the work lighter.

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Kyle O'Connor has been expanding his horizons this summer. He was in charge of lights and sound for the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant held at the Hillman Center for the Performing Arts and officially as Warehouse Manager for The Pittsburgh Project. But unofficially has been on roofs, building steps and doing whatever else is needed from the staff of The Pittsburgh Project.

### **For Sale**

There are still wooden cribs, books, toys, and I-Pads for sale. If you are interested please contact Kathy Sourbeer.

### **Thrivent Grants**

Please let the Christ Lutheran Trustees know if you are a Thrivent member. Thrivent members are able to apply for grants that may be used to benefit Christ Lutheran. Email or telephone Georgi Shirley to let the Trustee know. Email: [georgi@teamshirley.org](mailto:georgi@teamshirley.org). Telephone: 724-325-3149.

# W o m e n ' s S e r v i c e G u i l d

**ALTAR GUILD** – Several women make sure the appropriate altar linens are on the altar for the various church seasons. They also set up for communion. Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to serve on the altar guild.

**SONSHINE KITCHEN** - “No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” “Food Bank inspiration.” A special thanks to the men and women who generously donated money, food, prepared and served at the July 30 meal at the Sonshine Kitchen. Information will be posted when Christ Lutheran prepares and serves the next meal.

**QUILTING** - “Sewing mends the soul” (quilt quotes from Pin Interest). Even though the “quilters” took the summer off, some of us are making sure quilt tops, middles and backs will be ready when we resume in September. There is a need for queen and king size mattress pads. These are used as “batting for the quilts. We thank the people who donated material and other supplies.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** – If you or know someone who has moved, changed their phone number or have an e-mail address, please contact Barb Mitchell, church secretary or Rosalie Filler. There is a need for the church to have an e-mail address. They send out the church newsletter. They also hope to notify congregational members about a member's passing via e-mail.

**STAMPS FOR MISSIONS** - The most interesting thing about a postage stamp is the persistence with which it sticks to its job. Napoleon Hill “[www.brainyquote.com/topics/stamp](http://www.brainyquote.com/topics/stamp)” These stamps make sure we get letters, cards, bills, etc. but also have a 2-fold purpose (persistence). They are used again to enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to raise funds to purchase Bibles for 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, prison ministries and other organizations that need Bibles. See Linda Bright for more information.

**SHUT-IN CARDS** - “To make your day just that little bit brighter” (Card Messages) Even though our shut-in members are unable to come to church, they do enjoy receiving cards, notes, etc. from church members. Their names and addresses are listed in the church's newsletter. If you want to be part of the “shut-in card” team, contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – “Prayer shawls stitched in prayer, given in love” (Pin Interest Prayer Shawl Quote. Contact Linda Breight or Jayne Simpson if you would like to crochet or knit a prayer shawl or lap robe. When a person gets a prayer shawl or lap robe, they say it really comforts them and are thankful.

**MITE BOXES** – “Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous work among all people.” Psalm 96:3. Just like the Bible story, we too can enable others to benefit from our Mite collections. There is a large **BLUE** and small Mite boxes on the shelf in the Narthex. Also more information is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

**RECYCLING** –“ Recycling turns things into other things, which is like magic. “(Anonymous quotes-Notable Quotes.) Wondering what to do with the old cell phone, I-pads, used ink cartridges, cameras, etc, bring them to church and put them in the box in the library. There is a list of suggested items that can be collected posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or contact Linda Breight for more information.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - “A flower is a smile from heaven” “Flower Quotes” Check the “Flower Chart” in the Narthex for available dates to put flowers on the altar. The cost is \$30. An additional flower vase is \$15. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Please put your payment and mark the envelope “altar flowers.” and give it to Kathy Sourbeer or Joyce Purucker.

**DONATIONS** – During the year the Women Service Guild ask the congregation for donations for various projects (bake sales, Sonshine Kitchen, Mites, etc.). Please put your donation in an envelope and mark what the donation is for.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE EASTERN DISTRICT “LINK”** - Highlights from the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention that was held this past June in Niagara Falls, New York. Linda Breight was elected Vice President Life/Special Focus-Pittsburgh Zone, Katherine Wacker, Young Women Representative was from the Pittsburgh Zone, 36 walkers participated in the Mite Walk along the Niagara River and \$2,000 was collected. A mission grant of \$5,000 was given for the funding for the purchase and installation of video equipment to enable Live-streaming of sermons in sign language for two deaf congregations in the Pittsburgh area. Registration forms (deadline is Sept. 1, 2018) and information about the up coming LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat (September 14-16, 2018) at Camp Pioneer & Retreat Center in Angola, N. Y. A copy of the LWML LINK is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

# 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.

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

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

**Fran Giesey**  
310 Pennoak Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

**Lorraine Giebel**  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Marty & Cindy Hornak**  
635 East Waterfront Drive  
Apt. 5111  
Munhall, PA 15120

**Ruth Hudson**  
214 Orin Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

**Allan Lindblom**  
825 East End Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Clorinda Mastrocola**  
200 Union Avenue  
North Versailles, PA 15137

**Carl Osterholm**  
928 Rita Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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

**Pam Viher**  
406 Howard Street  
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

**Tom Walton**  
LGAR  
800 Elsie Street Room 202-B  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

**Henry Watkins**  
817 Alpine Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Bob Yazvac**  
249 Lincoln Hwy Rm 110  
North Versailles, PA 15137

**August Prayer Petition:**  
Lift up thine eyes in wonder; see, nations gather yonder. They will come unto thee. The world had heard the story, thy sons come to the glory, and daughters haste they Light to see. (The Lutheran Hymnal, hymn 126, v.4)

## Celebrating in August



### Anniversaries



- 8/2 Adam Y Staci Orbell
- 8/3 John & Colleen Crawford
- 8/13 Miguel & Amanda Bright  
David & Colleen Giovanetti
- 8/16 Dean & Katherine Taylor
- 8/18 Barry & Barbara Schoenthal
- 8/29 Calvin & Alma Eggers

### Birthdays

- |      |                     |      |                    |
|------|---------------------|------|--------------------|
| 8/1  | Lorraine Giebel     | 8/16 | Ruth Hudson        |
| 8/3  | Lauretta Critchlow  | 8/18 | Joscelyn Lydon     |
| 8/5  | Jacqueline Matey    | 8/19 | Carl Osterholm III |
|      | Jayne Simpson       | 8/25 | Linda Kern         |
| 8/8  | Richard Lander      | 8/29 | William Marvenko   |
| 8/9  | Carol Hubbard       |      | Barry Schoenthal   |
| 8/10 | Zachary Matey       |      |                    |
| 8/11 | Charles Koenig      |      |                    |
| 8/12 | Clorinda Mastrocola |      |                    |

LUTHERAN  
COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL/CONGREGATION

Forest Hills, Pa. November 4, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blackburn	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koenig
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Boden	Mrs. L. Lauffenburger
Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Caldwell	Mr. Gilbert Lauffenburger
Mr. and Mrs. Christian Dahlin	Mrs. L. Leitzel
Mrs. N. W. Edmondson	Mr. Ed. J. McCully
Mrs. Ellen J. Eisele	Mrs. H. McIntire
Mr. Clifford Eagleson	Mr. Martin McIntire
Miss Anne Fonas	Mr. David McIntire
Miss Katherine Fonas	Mrs. Margaret Malinowski
Mr. Charles Fonas	Mr. Harold Newman
Mrs. Oliver Graebner	Mr. Carl Nittmann
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guhl	Mr. John Pavlovic
Miss Hazel Hempel	Miss Emily Pavlovic
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kareis	Mrs. Nellie Rutter
Miss Maybelle Kareis	Mr. A. M. Schuster
	Mr. and Mrs. M. Schuster
	Mr. and Mrs. F. Werber

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Office of Deacon - Elder - Trustee

Mr. M. Schuster

Mr. F. Werber

Mr. Charles Fonas

Treasurer Mr. N. E. Caldwell

Secretary Mr. A. M. Schuster

Chairman Rev. Oliver E. Graebner, *Pastor*

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Organist - Mrs. Oliver Graebner

Sunday School Teachers - Miss Anne Fonas, Miss Katherine Fonas, Mrs. Guhl  
Mrs. Blackburn, Miss Emily Pavlovic, Mrs. Edmondson

Officers of Ladies Aid - Pres. Mrs. Blackburn, Secretary-Mrs. Edmondson  
Treas. Mrs. Kareis

Officers of Young Peoples Society - Pres. Miss H. Hempel, Sec-Treas.

Carl Nittmann

FACTS ABOUT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Forest Hills, Pa.  
June 1, 1934

1. Territory canvassed by Student Schweiger winter, 1930 -1931
2. Services and Sunday School started, Spring 1931, but discontinued.
3. Oliver E. Graebner called June 1931 and took up work Aug. 1931.
4. Sunday School opened Aug. 1931 with two children.

Growth of Sunday School:

Aug. 1931 -----	2	scholars
Feb. 1932 -----	23	
Sept. " -----	40	
Mar. 1933 -----	46	
Sept. 1933 -----	50	
June 1934 -----	60	scholars, 15 Cradle Roll, 10 Young People's and Adult class.

Sunday School total enrolment: 85, besides 8 teachers.

5. Baptisms:

Total up to June 1,  
Children: 24  
Adult: 1

6. Attendance at service Sunday mornings

Aug. 1931 (Opening) -----	11	
Feb. 1932 -----	25	average
June 1932 -----	32	
June 1933 -----	40	
June 1934 -----	40	average.

On holidays, Christmas, Easter etc. 80 to 100 people.

7. Vacation Bible School (June)

1932 ----- 39 scholars, 3 teachers.  
1933 ----- 45 " 4 teachers.

8. Confirmation and Membership.

April 1933 ----- - 28 men and women confirmed and accepted as Communicant members.  
October 1933 ----- 1 man and 1 woman accepted by Confirmation.  
April 1934 ----- 4 children, and 8 adults confirmed.  
One removed to another city.  
Two received as members by transfer.

Total Comm. Membership: 44

Voting membership: 13

Congregation organized April, 1933.

*Became member of Mo. Synod in June 1934.*

9. Finances

1933 Contributions for all purposes: \$436.00 (Envelope System)

The Congregation has pledged itself to pay \$40.00 per month

toward the Pastor's salary. *The Mission Board of the Eastern District supplies \$60 per mo. for salary, 40 per mo. for parsonage*

10. Property *member of 1st Trinity W. Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh.*  
Purchased by Mr. J. P. Schaffer, plot of desirable ground 85x120 ft.  
Free of indebtedness, in name of congregation, valued at \$2500..

Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
November 2, 1934.

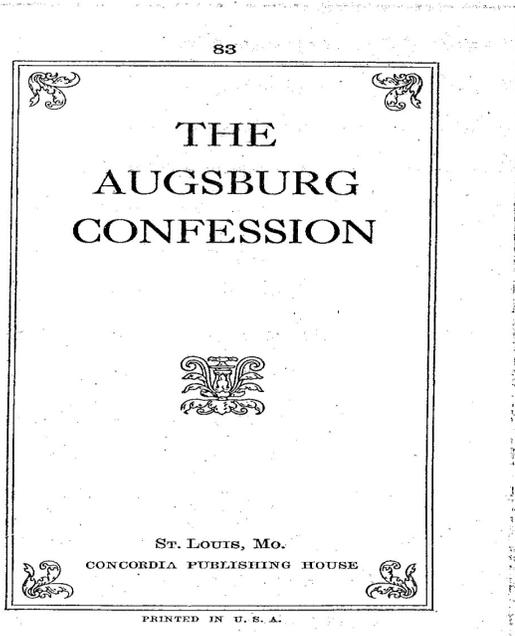
Christ Lutheran Church,  
Forest Hills, Pa.

Dear Brethren:-

Allow me to convey the heartiest Congratulations to you at the occasion of the Corner-stone laying of your House of Worship. May He, who is the true Corner-stone of the Church, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless your undertaking and permit His word to be preached in your midst for many decades to come.

For the Church Extension Society of  
Pittsburgh and Vicinity,

*Ernest J. Brand*  
President.



"The Journal"  
Brookline, Mass.  
Friday, Nov. 2, 1934

## CHURCH TO LAY CORNER-STONE

Sunday afternoon, November 4, at 3:30 p. m. the Rev. Olyer E. Graebner will lay the corner-stone of the New Church for Christ Evangelist Lutheran Congregation, Forest Hills. The contract for the new church was let three weeks ago and to date the foundation and some brick work has been completed. If weather conditions permit the church will be completed by Christmas.

Christ Church was started by the Lutheran Church Extension Society of Pittsburgh about three and one-half years ago. During this period of time they have been worshipping in a remodeled store-room at corner of Armore boulevard and Summer avenue. With the growth of the Sunday School far beyond the capacity of the worship place and the formation of the Congregation a year and a half ago plans for building a church became imperative. These will be realized when the church is completed in a few months.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Corner-Stone Laying Service and Ceremony.

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## Serving Christ in August

### Altar Guild: Dee Law

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
8/5	Steve Stern	Allison Stephens	Vince Mroz
8/12	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Georgi Shirley
8/19	Cal Eggers	Madison Stephens	Neil Ackerman
8/26	Al Dick	Tim Bright	Joyce Purucker

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### Church Service Times

#### Sunday

10:00am Divine Service

### Bible Studies

#### Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

#### Sunday

8:45am Sunday School ages 3-14

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

