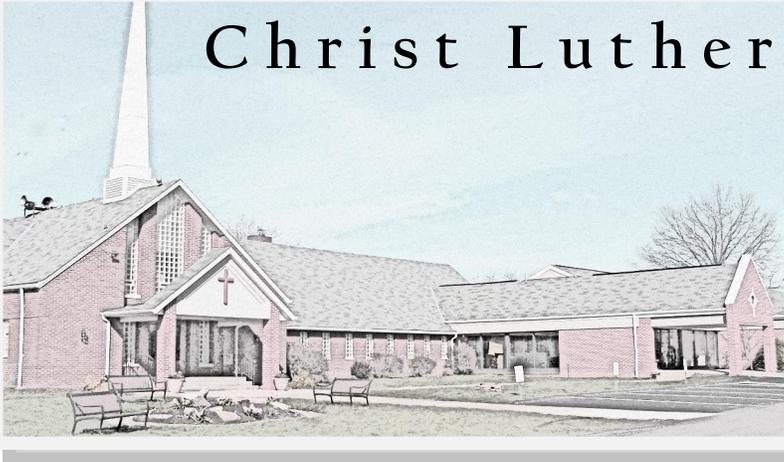


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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Inclined to Believe

I am not a native to Pittsburgh like most of you are. On my first visit some friends took me to the Mt. Washington overlook. It's still one of my favorite spots in all of Pittsburgh. You can get there by car, but by far the most interesting and fun way is to take the incline. Whenever friends visit from out of town, we like to take them up the incline to the top of Mt. Washington for that fabulous overview of the city.

They started building the inclines in the 1840's. The inclines gave access to all the hills surrounding downtown Pittsburgh. They carried coal, wagons and people. There just wasn't another good way to move materials and people up the steep Pittsburgh slopes. Our Monongahela incline is the steepest in all the world.

We here below (earth) have a journey to make up to there (heaven). It's steep. It can be scary. And when we have what may be the most difficult trip to take of all, we are stripped of all our own abilities, because at the time of our death our human strength goes to zero.

The inclines lifted people on those steep slopes. Up and up and up; all the way to the top. There is an incline available that will take us to the highest of all destinations – heaven. That incline is Jesus Christ. He pays the ticket with His blood. It is built with the wood of His cross and runs on the power of His resurrection. It is operated by His angels. It is just as the bible says, "And everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Acts 2:21

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$230,222	\$208,100
Missions	\$4,018	\$3,750
Staff	\$84,262	\$87,535
Operations	\$138,155	\$113,490
Total expenses	\$226,435	\$204,775
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$3,787	\$3,325

News from the Flock

SAVE THE DATE FOR HARTWOOD 2019 – Sunday, August 18th. This is your chance to see our very own **Jonathan Bright** performing with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater Company. Join us at beautiful Hartwood Acres for **free** fun in the sun and *Ballet Under the Stars!* Arrive early to stake out a prime spot and take part in pre-show fun.



Picnic in the Park – 5 – 7 p.m.

Join PBT dancers and artistic leaders for pre-show drinks and dinner in the VIP tent. Check **PBT.org** for tickets to this portion of the event.

Free Pre-show Family Fun – 5 – 7 p.m.

Festivities kick off at 5 p.m. with food trucks and free kids stations, including craft and dance activities, photo opportunities with costumed ballet dancers, balloon animals and more.

Free Performance – 7:30 p.m.

Marriages



Katie Sourbeer and **Benjamin Barch** were united in marriage at Redeemer Lutheran, Oakmont, on June 15. The Rev. Ernest Knoche, Jr., Pastor Emeritus, officiated. He had also baptized and confirmed Katie while pastor of Christ Lutheran.

Susan Shuster and **Robert Stimmler** were United in marriage here at Christ Lutheran on June 23. The Rev. Ronald Bright was the officiant.

Thanks go to members working to make our educational wing updated. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact **Frank Elaschat**.

The church garden has been prolific. Cucumbers, zucchini, lettuce, yellow squash, and radishes have been shared. Fresh produce, nothing better!



AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

ALTAR GUILD – The Altar Guild cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the church. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information. “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

HELPING HANDS – Whenever there may be a funeral memorial luncheon, a special church event, congregational members are asked to help, set up tables in the Fellowship Hall, prepare food items, and clean up. “Our works do not generate righteousness, rather our righteousness in Christ generates works” (Martin Luther)



QUILTING – There is always a need for king & queen size gently used and clean mattress pads. We will probably resume quilting in September. See Joyce Purucker for more information. “In the quilt of life Jesus is the stitch that holds it together.” Quilting quotes T-shirts.



STAMPS – That little sticky square that is put on an envelope when you send a letter, greeting card, etc. sends a message two times. The first time is to a person. The second time The Canadian Bible Society is able to raise funds to purchase Bibles for prisoners and send Bibles to various foreign missions in their native language. Just cut the envelope in half and put it in the bin in the library for canceled stamps. See Lois Frerking for more information “The called souls are chosen by grace.”
— Lailah Gifty Akita



TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE – The “Things” also known as a phone and internet come in a variety of sizes, colors, etc. They are “Life Lines” for many people. These “Life Lines” are connected to the church. They enable the church to contact people via phone and email. If you get a new email address, snail mail address or phone number, please contact the office with the information. “Communication works for those who work at it.” John Powell (communication quotes)

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY –August Prayer petition: “For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.” Many of us enjoy getting cards and letters from people. The same goes for our church shut-ins. There are about a dozen church members who are unable to come to church. These members would enjoy getting cards, notes, etc. See Joyce Purucker for more information. “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1.

PRAYER SHAWL & LAP ROBE MINISTRY – The people who were given a prayer shawl or lap robe were grateful to get them and feel the peace and comfort by using them. See Jayne Simpson or Linda Breight for more information (“Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you He will never let the righteous fall. Psalm 55:22)

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – Just taking a few minutes a day to read a meditation from the Portals of Prayer helps us to get the needed uplifting we need to get though the day. We can also enable other people to be able to read and meditate on God's word by putting the Portal of Prayers in the bin. If you know of a group or society that could use previous Portal of Prayers, see Ruth Hirko for more information. “Take our hands, Lord, and lead us to walk with You in love. Open our hearts wide to love and share Your Gospel with those lives who so desperately need to hear it. Amen” (Friday, May 24 Portals of Prayer)

ALTAR FLOWERS – Even though the flower chart is almost full (October 20 is available), you can still put on an additional vase for \$20. You can honor a someone's birthday, anniversary, a loved one's memory, special occasion, etc. Payment is due when flowers are put on the altar. See Kathy Sourbeer for more information. “Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature.” Gerard De-Nerval-Pinterest



Women's Service Guild continued

MITE BOXES – There is a song about an ant who has high hopes. We can give an organization “High Hopes” by putting our spare change in the small MITE boxes or in the large blue MITE box on the shelf in the Narthex. At the LWML Convention that was held this past summer in Mobile, Alabama, the Lutheran Women Missionary League set their mission goal to raise \$2.1 million dollars. See the latest news release that is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I put my hope.” (Psalm 130:5)

RECYCLING - Did you get new electronic devices for your graduation, replace old items and don't know what to do with your old stuff? Bring any of these items to church: ink jet cartridges, camera & video cameras & camcorders, cell phones with charging cords, smart watches, video games, pagers, MP3 players, iPads, iPods, E book readers & tablets, kindles, PDAs, laptop computers, GPS devices, radar detectors, lithium batteries & charges (see list on Fellowship Hall bulletin board and recycle box in the library or see Linda Breight for more information. “Recycling turns things into other things which are like magic.” (Recycling Quotes) The E-Waste Recycling efforts raise fund for Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

SONSHINE KITCHEN – On September 16, 2019, Christ Lutheran will be preparing and serving at the Sonshine Kitchen We will be serving ham & cheese sandwiches, potato salad fruit, cocktail, and chips. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. See Dee Law for more information. “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.....” Matthew 26:26:35

KITCHEN REMODELING – There are ongoing meetings and discussions for the kitchen remodeling. Suggested designs have been drawn up. A special thanks to every one who has been involved with the planning and discussions.

WOMEN SERVICE GUILD MEETING – September 12, 2019 at 7 p. m. The following offices need to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Suggestions and ideas for fun activities, etc would be appreciated. Also, help would be greatly appreciated in composing and submitting weekly Women Service Guild weekly bulletin notices and sometimes write the Women Service Guild monthly newsletter article.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPDATES and information are on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board



September 20-22, 2019 LWML Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer, Angola, New York. The speaker will be author, Katie Schuermann. See registration information on Fellowship Hall bulletin Board or see Linda Breight for more information.



Want to join the prayer chain but don't know how? Contact Susan Wagner. The prayer concerns on the prayer chain are not necessarily ones shared on Sunday, but only among prayer warriors. If you have a prayer concern that is important, contact Susan or the church office for it to be added to our list.

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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Room 208
3522 Rt. 130
Irwin, PA 15642

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



Charles Koenig
Concordia Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 126

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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615 Horizon View Drive
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

August 2019 Prayer Petition

“For the Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.”

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Celebrating in August

Anniversaries



- 8/2 Adam & Staci Orbell
- 8/6 John & Helen Crawford
- 8/13 Miguel & Amanda Bridght
- 8/13 David & Colleen Giovanetti
- 8/16 Dean & Katherine Taylor
- 8/18 Barry & Barbara Schoenthal
- 8/29 Calvin & Alma Eggers

Birthdays



- 8/1 Lorraine Giebel
- 8/3 Laretta Critchlow
- 8/5 Jacqueline Matey
- 8/5 Jayne Simpson
- 8/8 Richard Lander
- 8/8 Tommy Zereselassie
- 8/9 Carol Hubbard
- 8/10 Zachary Matey
- 8/11 Charles Koenig
- 8/16 Ruth Hudson
- 8/18 Jocelyn Lydon
- 8/25 Linda Kern
- 8/26 David Bright
- 8/27 Kalie James
- 8/29 William Marvenko
- 8/29 Barry Schoenthal

Fall Dates

New Member Class and Confirmation Class

will both be starting in September

Please contact Pastor Bright for information on both classes.

Important Dates in August

August 4th Installation of New Church Officers

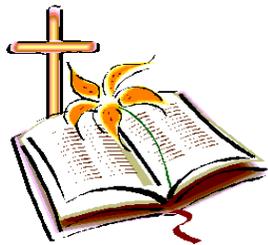
August 8th Finance

August 9th Education (9:30am)

August 13th Elders

August 13th Council

August 15th Deadline for September Lamplighter



Serving Christ in August

		Altar Guild	Susan Robotzen	
		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
August 4	10am	John Crawford	Dylan McNutt	Joyce Purucker
August 11	10am	Steve Stern		Paul Simpson
August 18	10am	Paul Simpson	David Carmichael	Barb Mitchell
August 25	10am	John Hoblak	Allison Stephens	Neil Ackerman

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study
Groups



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30am Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday

7:00pm Bible Overview

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

REVIVAL OF CHRIST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Do you remember reading or hearing in our Baptism Service the words to the Sponsors of the individual being baptized?

*They are to pray for the person/child, **support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith**, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper.*

Dear Fellow Members of Christ Lutheran Church, We have at least 28 children in our congregation, and yet only ONE attended Sunday School last year... Pastor's son, Tim. We, as a congregation, have an obligation to provide that ongoing instruction and nurture in the Bible and the Christian faith to all of our children.

The Education Committee, with the help of the Holy Spirit, is planning to offer Sunday School classes to Ages 2-100 this fall, starting with Rally Day on the 1st Sunday after Labor Day.

They came to the church by the truckloads!

Actually, Netflix used our parking lot as a base camp while they were filming a part of " I AM Not Okay with This" about a girl with mysterious powers. It's from the producers of "Stranger Things". Big thanks goes out to Dee Law who negotiated the day's offering and manned the church all day. This activity was to benefit the kitchen remodeling fund.



38TH BIENNIAL LWML CONVENTION – HIGHLIGHTS

LWML Sets 2019–2021 Mission Goal at \$2.1 Million The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 3105 people with 691 as first timers to the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019, under the theme "In Praise to the LORD!" The convention theme was based on 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a. Delegates to the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,100,000 mission goal for the 2019– 2021 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 21 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, \$80,000
2. Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin, TX (LSEM), \$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa (LHM), \$100,000
4. God's Grace for This Generation (LAMP), \$100,000
5. God's Word Changes Everything (LBT), \$95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus in Guatemala, \$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit, \$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala, \$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation in Wyoming (WRLM), \$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mobile, AL, \$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW), \$100,000
12. Women's Witness and Mercy in Asia (Mission Central), \$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL), \$30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE, \$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa, \$62,650
16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries), \$80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio), \$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction (LCMS OIM), \$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the US Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, \$100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX, \$98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS OIM), \$39,523

