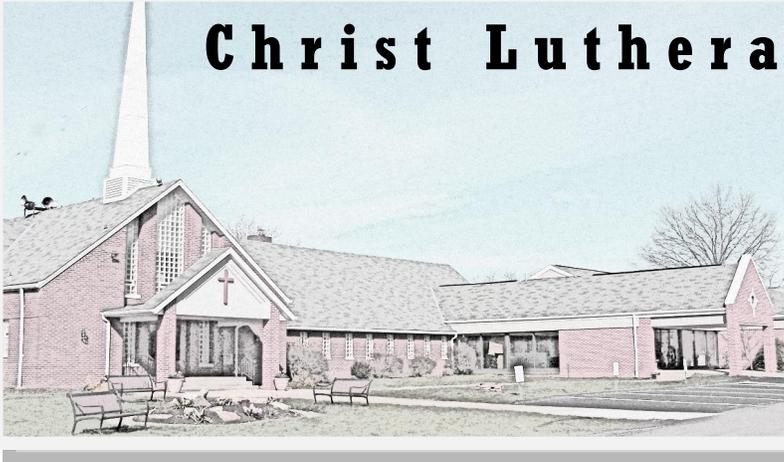


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
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August 2021

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Back to Normal and Beyond

“Normal” is a greatly treasured word these days. After such a long time of sheltering-in-place, social distancing and mask wearing, it is nice to be able to be around people like we used to do. Our plan and hope for Christ Lutheran is to get things back to normal. We are working toward having all Bible classes in-person starting in the fall. We are planning to start using the new kitchen for fellowships and potlucks once again. The Board of Elders has also decided that, beginning August 1, 2021, we will again use the offering plates and have worshippers come up to the altar for communion and offer both common cup and individual cup for the wine. This has all been a long time coming. We pray that we can indeed move forward with these plans, and they will not need to be changed back again for a very long time or ever!

Managing church life during the virus outbreak has led us into new territory. In the first week of the shutdown, we immediately switched to mailing out service bulletins and sermons to our members and made everything available online. This is much harder than it may sound! When church was opened again, we continued sending the weekly mailings to our shut-ins and those who continued to shelter in place. Even as things are back to normal, we send weekly mailings to the shut-ins. It looks like this is a permanent change that started with the virus outbreak. We also learned how to record short worship services and make them available on YouTube. When public worship started up again, we recorded those services and put them on YouTube as well. At Christmas, we started experimenting with making the service available live on Facebook. We have now also been doing that consistently since January. Since the pandemic pushed us into doing these new things, we are already equipped to continue to offer them into the future. Not many people make use of the YouTube recordings anymore, so we will probably discontinue them. However, as long as people tune in to the livestream or watch the recording later on Facebook, I think it is worth it for us to keep doing that, even though it is not easy. It involves advanced electronics, computers, and the internet. Need I say more?

I am very proud of our church leaders at Christ Lutheran and office staff for helping navigate us through Covid -19. I am also proud of our members who did a great job keeping up their support and showing their meddle even though many were not physically in church for some time. We have a great group of committees put together for this year, and I know that working together and building on the strength our church showed during the pandemic we can successfully put our church back on track and move forward with living in a making know the grace of God in Jesus.

In the strength of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$247,040	\$250,360
Missions	\$4,818	\$5,050
Staff	\$101,828	\$106,880
Operations	\$130,209	\$127,910
Total Expenses	\$236,855	\$239,840
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$10,815	\$10,520

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Obituaries

Karen McMahon of Forest Hills age 64, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Born the daughter of Donna (Gerhard) Prentice and the late James Prentice, Jr. Beloved wife of the late Albert Gregg “Chip” McMahon for 32 years. Loving mother of Kristin (Derek Byers) McMahon of Sewickley. Adored sister of James (Cheryl) Prentice, III, Kevin Prentice, and Craig Prentice. Dear longtime companion of Ken Weightman. Also survived by many countless, nieces, and nephews.



Karen was a 1974 graduate of Churchill Area High School. She then went on to obtain an Associate’s Degree in graphic arts from the Pittsburgh Art Institute. Karen worked as an art director for Cold Comp where she coordinated designing and commercial printing. She was a proud mother and enjoyed working independently while raising her daughter, Kristin. Later in life, Karen held secretarial positions for Christ Lutheran Church and School in Forest Hills. Most recently, she was employed by CVS Pharmacy as a customer service representative and guided patients through the selection of specialty prescriptions. Karen enjoyed shopping and using her creative talents to bring a warm brightness to her home. She will forever be remembered as an outgoing, positive, kind-hearted soul who always put the needs of others before her own. Karen treasured the feeling of being helpful to her family members and friends who will forever be thankful for having her as a part of their lives.

Marian Jackson, a member of Trinity Lutheran, passed away on July 5, 2021 at Redstone Highlands in Murrysville, PA. She was born January 23, 1937. She is survived by her three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, one sister and six nephews. The visitation and service were private. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.jaycox-jaworskifh.com. Marian was a kind, loving wonderful mother and friend who dedicated her life to her family and had a wonderful sense of humor.

INTERVIEW-Tatia O’Connor is featured in an interview in the June edition of the *WhereNext* magazine under Profiles. WhereNext is executive-level news and actionable insights to drive growth. Her topic was *First Person: Three Mistakes I Made with GIS and What I’ve Learned*. According to the magazine her story is a useful tale for GIS users and business leaders. GIS stands for Graphic Information Systems. You can read the article online by Googling WhereNext or Esri.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD –Contact Ruth Hirko about serving on the altar committee. They set up for Holy Communion, change altar parameters, launder the communion napkins, etc.

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.



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.

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.



PRAYER SHAWL/LAP ROBE MINISTRY– Even though many of us cannot physically comfort a loved one or friend, we can still do so by giving them a shawl or lap robe. These were lovingly made by women of the congregation. Contact Linda Bright if you know someone who may need one or enjoy getting one.

HELPING HANDS – When there is a funeral luncheon or special occasion luncheon, women are needed to set up and prepare things, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler for more information.

QUILTING–Tentative dates for quilting are August 10 and 24 at 9am. No experience necessary. If you can sew a button, you can quilt “in and out and tie 2 knots”. Queen and king size mattress pads are needed for batting. See Joyce Purucker for 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 Church school. See Lois for more information.



PORTALS OF PRAYER–Current and back issues of the Portals of Prayer are available on the table in the library. Feel free to take a copy or two for friends or neighbors you feel could benefit from these.

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. There is a flyer on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and the box is in the library. See Linda Bright for more details.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – During the past year or more, many of us have been confined to our homes. We have all enjoyed getting cards, letters or phone calls from loved ones. We have a dozen or so church members who send cards, etc. to our shut-ins. Please contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to be part of this ministry. We have recently added new shut ins who are transfers from Trinity.

GREETING CARDS– Concordia Cabot is no longer accepting greeting cards. If you know of another organization that can use them, please let us know.

MITE BOXES–This 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. See the article in the LWML magazine. One mission per month is featured in this Lamplighter.

ALTAR FLOWERS –The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church. Please check the chart for available dates. The cost of the flowers is \$40. Make checks payable to WSG and put check in locked mailbox by the far office door.





Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

LWML 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 2,787 people to the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, 2021, under the theme "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." The convention theme was based on Hebrews 12:1–2. The voting body adopted a \$2,150,000 mission goal for the 2021–2023 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 28 mission grants as women and men respond in prayer and mites (offerings) during the next two years.

Voting Body Elects New Leaders

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, the convention voting body elected these servant leaders:

Vice President of Christian Life: Susan Brunkow, Kansas District

Vice President of Communication: Kathy Pavelock, Eastern District

Vice President of Gospel Outreach: Karen Morrison, Kansas District Recording Secretary: Brenda Piester, Kansas District

Jr. Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Gary Piepkorn, Rocky Mountain District

Nominating Committee: Kaye Wolff from the Michigan District, Chair, Lois Teinert from the Texas District, Janis McDaniels from the Carolinas District, Lisa Asmus from the South Dakota District, Melissa Salomón from the Pacific Southwest District, committee members

Offerings Received (The following offering amounts were collected during the convention. Because additional offerings are still being received, these are unofficial totals and updates will be announced in a later LWML eNews.)

Convention Offering #1 — LWML Mission Goal 2021–2023: \$43,494.15

Convention Offering #2 — King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana: \$27,434.02

Convention Offering #3 — Gifts for All God's Children's Connecting Kids to Christ Center, in Detroit, Michigan: \$28,206.66

Convention Offering #4 — POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan: \$27,079.61

On July 26, 2021, members and volunteers of the Women's Service Guild served dinner at the Sunshine Kitchen. This was made possible by generous donations from our members. Dinner consisted of chipped ham sandwiches, potato salad and chips. They served approximately 70 people. Pictures will be in the September Lamplighter. These are pictures from



past lunches. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help in the future, please contact Dee Law.

An ice cream social was held on July 25 after the Sunday Service for fun and fellowship. Pictures will be in the September Lamplighter.



Important Dates in AUGUST 2021

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

www.christlutheranfh.org

August 10th Council Meeting 7pm

August 10th Quilting 9am-no experience necessary

August 24th Quilting 9am-no experience necessary

Marriage Encounter has enhanced millions of marriages by teaching married couples a simple yet highly effective communication technique that allows them to privately explore important areas of their personal relationship in a spirit of love and understanding. By continuing to use this technique, husbands and wives can grow even closer and live more joyful and purposeful lives. If the word "Encounter" sounds scary to you, you're not alone. But don't let it turn you off. During your Marriage Encounter experience, you and your spouse will "encounter" an entirely new way to communicate with each other that you may have never "encountered" before.

Your Marriage Encounter experience can enrich your relationship by:

- Making you more aware of your own goodness
- Making you more aware of your spouse's goodness
- Making you more aware of your relationship's goodness
- Helping you focus daily on the good in each other
- Helping you focus on the good in your relationship
- Improving how you communicate with each other
- Teaching you communication skills that are positive, joyful, and uplifting

God Loves
MARRIAGE

If you're looking for a marriage "boot camp" or a seminar where couples attend separate presentations, or where couples are required to confess wrongdoings of any kind in their marriage, Marriage Encounter is not for you. During a Marriage Encounter experience, you will work together at all times to learn new communication skills and work together privately to practice these techniques for the enrichment of your relationship.

There is a virtual experience available August 27-29 and an in-person experience in Cranberry Oct. 15-17. Check the website for more information www.godlovesmarriage.org or contact the office.

Church Service Times

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday

8:00am 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

John Hoblak
1735 Pennsylvania Ave.
West Mifflin, PA 15122

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

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 2129
Cabot, PA 16023

Flo Kost
Atria McCandless
8870 Duncan Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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

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

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Jim, Melissa & Evelyn Wise
Sheridan @ Bethel Park
2000 Cool Spring Drive Room 355
Bethel, Park, PA 15234

Bob & Bette Hamill
1413 Maple Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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

AUGUST PRAYER PETITION

“If you ask Me anything in My name,
I will do it.” John 14:14

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

Bob Lindke
2190 Ipnar Road
Irwin, PA 15642

Celebrating in AUGUST 2021

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

8/1 Lorraine Geibel
8/3 Lauretta 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
8/18 Joscelyn Lydon
8/25 Linda Kern
8/26 David Bright
8/27 Kalie James
8/29 William Marvenko
8/29 Barry Schoenthal



Serving Christ in August 2021



Altar Guild

August: Susan Robotzen



	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
8/1	John Crawford		Rick Kern
8/8	Al Dick		Neil Ackerman
8/15	Paul Simpson		Rick Kern
8/22	Glenn Filler		Barb Mitchell
8/29	Neil Ackerman		Darlene James

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.

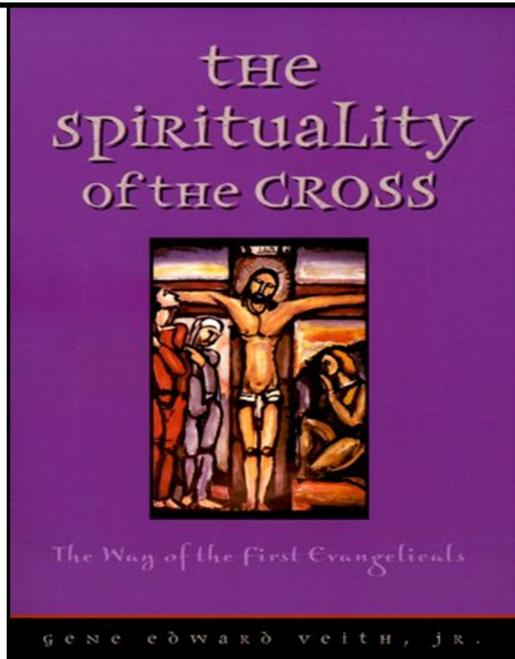
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES 2021 FASHION LUNCHEON

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.



Pastor Bright is preaching a special summer sermon series based on this excellent book, *The Spirituality of the Cross* by Gene Edward Veith. If you would like to go deeper in your own study, be sure to order a copy of the book for yourself from your favorite book retailer.

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 YouTube channel,
Christ Lutheran Forest Hills Pa.

Services are also livestreamed on our
Facebook page
Christ Lutheran Churchfh

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED

Our very own Pastor Bright participated in the installation of Donn Woolweber as the pastor of Zion Lutheran in Lawrenceville and Bethel Lutheran in Glenshaw. The ceremony was held on June 6, 2021 in Lawrenceville. Congratulations and continued prayers to Pastor Woolweber as he begins his new journey.



Pictured l. to r. top row, Rev. Brian Westgate, Redeemer; Rev. Bob McCanless, Concordia; Rev. Eric Andrae, First Trinity; Rev. Barry Keurulainen, Good Shepherd (vacancy pastor); Rev. Bert Greenway, Grace; Rev. Dr. Doug Spittel, First Trinity; Rev. Michael Schumacher, St. Matthew. Front row, l. to r. Rev. Jerry Panzigrau, John Huss; Rev. Joe Nehring, friend and classmate of Rev. Woolweber and pastor at Trinity in Harvel, IL; Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher, Eastern District President; Rev. Donn Woolweber, Bethel and Zion, Lawrenceville, Rev. Dr. Dan Hahn, St. John's and Rev. Ron Bright, Christ, Forest Hills.



Installation of new officers took place on July 4, 2021. Pictured from left to right back row:

Dee Law, Dave Wible, Ruth Hirko, Cal Eggers, Stephanie Lydon, Jim Law, Linda Kern, Mike Lis, John Crawford, Kathy Sourbeer--Barb Mitchell--Bob Brecht. Front Row: Jonathan Bright, Barry Schoenthal

2021-22 CLC Slate of Officers

President

James Law

Education Committee

Pat Lehnhardt

Vice President

Neil Ackerman

Johnnie McCants

Secretary

Barbara Mitchell

Kathy Sourbeer

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Calvin Eggers

Outreach Committee

Jonathan Bright

Financial Secretary

Delores Law

Melissa Elaschat

Elders

John Crawford

Ruth Hirko

Albert Dick

Linda Kern

Calvin Eggers

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Roger Barnes

Glenn Filler

Bob Brecht

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Calvin Eggers

Frank Elaschat

Michael Lis

Lynn Fisher

Stephanie Lydon

John Smaligo

Barry Schoenthal

Dave Wible

Endowment Committee

Neil Ackerman

Cal Eggers

Glenn Filler

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www.christlutheranfh.org



Pittsburgh Ballet Theater

Our own **Jonathan Bright** shined in the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater's Open Air performances at Schenly Park in May. The performances were made possible by a grant funded by our county's Regional Asset District (RAD).

Your next chance to see Jonathan and the rest of the Pittsburgh Ballet Company in a free performance will be at Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater on August 22, 2021 at 7:30. Bring your chairs and some refreshments and enjoy the show.



2021 Preschool Graduation

Eleven young preschoolers celebrated their graduation along with their parents from Shanny, the Nanny Preschool.

