

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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Change!

December and January bring great changes. With the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ in human flesh at Christmas, this world would never be the same. Jesus changed everything. Then His followers changed the world. The Christ child continues to offer us changes for the better in our lives. The truest of joys, peace, hope, and love are found in Him. Ask him to shine the light of Christmas into you and make the needed changes in your life.

January also changes us to a new year. New calendars, new tax forms, new car and truck models, new plans. 2019 is soon upon us – how the years fly by! We do not know what the new year has in store for us, but the Lord of time and eternity promises to be with us every step of the way. We need not wonder, worry, or fret about the future. God has it locked up tight!

As the Church has now entered a new worship year/ cycle, we are also changing service times. All evening worship from now on is changed from 7:30 to 7:00 pm. This applies to ALL evening services from now on: Thanksgiving Eve; Advent midweek; Christmas Eve; New Year's Eve; Ash Wednesday; Lenten midweek; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and whatever other services I forgot to mention, or we decide to have. The 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service will remain at that time.

While it seems the only constant in our lives is change, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, to October 31, 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$69,725	\$62,380
Missions	\$850	\$850
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$27,809	\$28,761
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$40,600	\$35,850
Emergency Maintenance	\$16,461	0
Total expenses	\$85,720	\$65,461
Net	-\$15,995	-\$3,081

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Baptism- Mia Amor Nicole Louisy was received into Christ Lutheran Church as a baptized member on November 11, 2018. She is the daughter of Thomas Louisy and Nicole Safran. Her baptism sponsors are Eusi Skeete, Debbie Safran, and Ron Safran. Mia is the great-granddaughter of Steve and the late Dolly Bonacci.

Marriage- Megan Einspahr and John Migyanko IV were married by Pastor Bright on November 4, 2018. May the Lord bless them as they begin their married life. Megan is the daughter of Donna and Mark Einspahr. Megan and John are honeymooning in Germany and Italy.

Death- Clorinda Mastrocola went to be with her Lord on October 16, 2018. Her funeral service was at Christ Lutheran on October 20, 2018. She is Catherine Mastrocola's sister. She also is survived by another sister Betty Groff.

In the News-Mila McNutt was chosen to be an extra in the Mr. Rogers movie being filmed in Pittsburgh. She was in a party scene that took 16 hours to film.

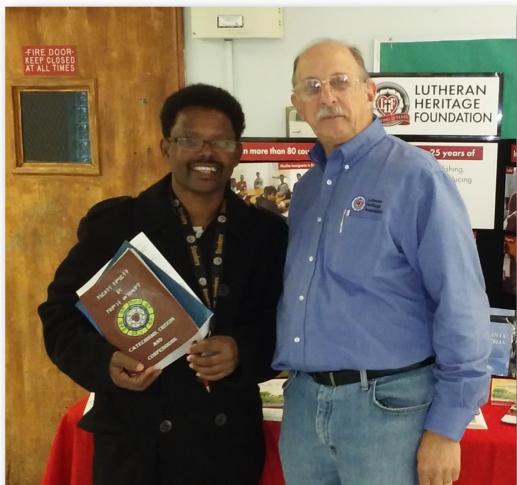
Joyce Purucker's sister, Arlene Popko is having an art show and selling some of her paintings from Oct. 24, 2018-Jan. 9, 2019 at the Peters Township Library, 610 E. McMurray Road, McMurray, PA. A portion of the sales will benefit the Peters Library. She has 3 watercolor paintings titled -Neon Garden, Main Coast and Main Fish Shack .

Thank you- Kathy Sourbeer and Janice Polidora would like to thank the congregation for all their cards, prayers , and the wonderful luncheon on the recent death of their mother Louise Garofolo.

Kyle O'Connor was on the Production Staff as Master Carpenter for "Cabaret" which was the first musical performed in the Rauh Theatre at the new Pittsburgh Playhouse located in Point Park University.



10 o'clock Lock-Christ Lutheran is taking steps to increase security. At 10 o'clock am on Sunday mornings, the lobby/library doors will be locked. If you arrive after 10 am, you will need to enter through the church doors. Spread the word!



Zerabruk "Z" Tecklafe receives *Luther's Small Catechism* and a copy of the *Book of Concord* in the Amharic language from Rev. Bob Marshall of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation during his visit to CLC. Many thanks to the LHF!

Better Nights for Foster Children

Alethea Carroll plans to visit CLC in January for her High School project. She sent this letter to get us thinking about her project:

Hello! My name is Alethea Carroll, and I am currently a senior at Redeemer Lutheran School, and was a former student at Christ Lutheran. I am working on my senior project which focuses on the issues of foster care.

Though I want to help in every way possible, I choose to focus on better nights for foster children. Many foster children are pulled away from their home, often without time to collect their belongings. So for them, even the small things such as pajamas can lead to a good night, which can lead to a better day.

I will be collecting pajamas (they must be new) for children ranging in all sizes, and I will also be happy to receive monetary donations for those who are not able to purchase them. All of the monetary donations will be added up to buy more sets of pjs, and all of the pjs that are collected will be given to Foster Love Project, a non-profit that provides foster families with a variety of items.

Thank you giving foster children better nights!

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD – Contact Ruth Hirko if you want to help. They set up and clean up for Communion, caring and changing altar paraments, weekly flowers for the altar, decorate the chancel for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN – Several times during the year Christ Lutheran serves dinner at the Sonshine Kitchen, cook turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinner, and bake Christmas cookies. See Dee Law for more information.

QUILTING – Hopefully, quilting will resume Tuesday, January 8 and 22, 2019 at 9 a. m. This depends on the weather. The quilt top, middle and back are already sewed, a person just has to tie it together with yarn. It is like sewing on a button-in and out and tie two knots. In October 2018 the quilts, prayer shawls and lap robes were on display and blessed.

STAMPS – You will probably be getting Christmas cards, letters, invitations, etc.. Please save the stamps. These stamps are “recycled” again. The stamps are sent to an organization that enables them to get Bibles for remote countries so they can read about Jesus in their native language. Also, prisoners are given Bibles. Do not cut the stamp off the envelope, just put the envelope in the blue bin.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – If you have moved or a love one moved, please inform the office or Rosalie Filler of their new address, phone, and e-mail address (if possible). It is very important that the church has an up-to-date address or e-mail. The church can notify members of funeral information or if the weather is bad and church or Bible study may have to be canceled.

PRAYER SHAWLS – Contact Jayne Simpson or Linda Bright if you know of someone who may be in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe or if you would like to knit or crochet a shawl or lap robe.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – A special thanks to Ruth Hirko for taking the Portal of Prayers to the Sonshine Kitchen. People who attend the Sonshine Kitchen enjoy getting and reading the Portal of Prayers. There is a bin in the library for the Portal of Prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Dates are available to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. The cost is \$30. Additional flower vase if \$15. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. The flower chart is on the narthex bulletin board. If you put payment in an envelope, mark the envelope “Altar Flowers” and give it to Kathy Sourbeier.

MITE BOXES - They are sitting on the shelf in the narthex. Mites further the mission work of LWML globally and through out the Eastern District. There will be an up to date disbursement information list after the holidays.

RECYCLING - Did you get new or the latest electronic gadgets for Christmas and don't know what to do with your old stuff. There is a box in the library. Suggested items: name brand ink cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cell phones, pagers, I-pods, MP3 players, Laptop computers, GPS systems, tablets, e Readers, I pads and notebooks (all data material wiped of all data. Funds from these recycled items goes toward the Lutheran Women Missionary League mission projects. See Linda Bright for more information.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE - \$214.31 was raised at bake sale. A grateful thanks to the people who baked, the voters who purchased baked items and the people who just made a monetary donation.

COOK BOOK - There are still several copies of the blue "75th" anniversary cook book available.

SHUT-INS - Be a part of the Shut-in card sender team. You will get an informational packet that consists of the shut-in names, address, birth date, prayer petition note and a suggested mailing schedule. They greatly appreciate getting mail from congregational members. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

A HUGE THANKS to the Women Service Guild officers: Dee Law (Vice President, Sonshine Kitchen), Rosalie Filler (Secretary & Sonshine Kitchen, Funeral luncheon coordinator), Kathy Sourbeer (Treasurer), Ruth Hirko (altar guild & Portal of Prayers), Lois Frerking (stamps for missions), Barb Mitchell (bulletin boards) and Rosalie Filler (telephone committee). Jayne Simpson & Linda Bright (lap robes and prayer shawls) Linda Bright (recycle) and other unknown helpers. A special thanks to the kitchen people who scrubbed and cleaned the stove, oven, warmer and refrigerator and other unknown helpers. Their support and advice were greatly appreciated (Joyce Purucker- President, Quilting and Shut-ins). If anyone wants to chair any of these positions, please see Joyce Purucker or Dee Law.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE LINK UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20-23, 2019 LWML National Convention in Mobile, AL

September 20-22, 2019 Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer

June 12-14, 2020 LWML ED Convention, Syracuse, NY

Source: LWML Link Eastern District Fall 2018 October-December) newsletter

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1st — Church Decorating 9 AM to 10AM

December 5th — Midweek Advent Service Dinner at 5:45 PM Service at 7 PM

December 9th—Christmas Flower Orders Due

December 12th — Midweek Advent Service Dinner at 5:45 PM Service at 7 PM

December 13th—Cookie Packing 10 to 10:30 AM

December 17th—Cookie Delivering

December 19th — Midweek Advent Service Dinner at 5:45 PM Service at 7 PM

December 31st — New Years Eve Service 7 PM

January 12th—Church Undecorating 9 to 9:30 AM

Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

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

Fran Gieseey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Marty & Cindy Hornak
635 East Waterfront Dr.
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

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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Henry Watkins
Golden Heights Apt. 4
3522 Rt 130
Irwin, PA 15642

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



December 2018 Prayer Petition:

Lord, thank You for Your promise to send Jesus to bear my sin. Amen
(Portals of Prayer
December 11, 2017)

January 2019 Prayer Petition:

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! Psalm 128:1

Celebrating in December 2018/January 2019

Anniversaries



12/11 Howard & Vivian Lehman
1/23 James & Delores Law
1/25 Harold & Susan Wagner II

Birthdays



12/1	Donald Corbett Sr.	1/8	Linda Kuenzi
12/3	Calvin Eggers	1/12	Geraldine Hildenbrand
	Karen McMahon	1/14	Katherine Hanley
	Kristin McMahon	1/16	Barbara Perrier
12/9	Dianna Corbett	1/17	Dawna Woodyear
12/14	Lauren McCune	1/18	Donald Corbett Jr.
12/17	Miguel Bright		Russell Long
	Ronald Bright	1/19	Judith Chick
12/18	Holly Johnson	1/21	Pauline Lander
12/21	James Galvin	1/24	Valerie Long
12/25	Dean Taylor	1/29	Lawrence Viher Jr.
12/31	Timothy Bright		
1/1/19	Zerabruk Teklealfa		
1/3	Marjorie Itzel		
	Darlene James		
1/5	John Law		
1/8	Debra Galvin		

Serving Christ in December 2018/January 2019

Altar Guild: Ruth Hricko (Dec. 2018/Jan.2019)

Date	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Crucifer
12/2	Glen Filler	Allison Stephens	Darlene James	
12/9	John Crawford	Tim Bright	Joyce Purucker	
12/16	Cal Eggers	Meghan Elaschat	Paul Simpson	
12/23	Glen Filler	Dylan McNutt	Barb Mitchell	
12/24-4 PM	Cal Eggers	Dylan McNutt	Lois Frenking	Richard Lander
12/24-7 PM	John Crawford	Allison Stephens	Vince Mroz	Jordan Stephens
12/25-11 AM	Al Dick	Meghan Elaschat	Susan Wagner	
12/30	Al Dick	David Carmichiel	Neil Ackerman	
12/31	Paul Simpson	Tim Bright	Paul Simpson	
1/6/2019	John Crawford	Madison Stephens	Georgi Shirley	
1/13	John Hoblak	Tim Bright	Steve Stern	
1/20	Steve Stern	Meghan Elaschat	Gloria Stern	
1/27	Al Dick	Dylan McNutt	Neil Ackerman	

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service

Midweek Advent Service--Dinner 5:45 PM Service 7 PM

Christmas Eve Service 4 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day Service 11 AM

New Years Eve Service 7 PM

Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

8:45am Sunday School ages 3-14

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

