

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and School
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

June/July 2015

June is Marriage Month

Our church expects the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on the legality of same-sex marriage in America sometime in June. National Church leaders expect the Court to rule that there is a constitutional right for same-sex couples to be married. This is contrary to the created order, natural law and God's Word of Truth. I entreat all who read this to commit this matter to prayer.

So what next? First, we must hold our ground and continue to speak the truth in love about God's design for marriage as a permanent relationship of one man and one woman, blessed by God, forming the very foundation of a healthy society. Second, we will need to carefully study and evaluate the issue from a legal perspective. What constitutional protections there will be for our church? How will the LCMS's long-standing position on marriage help us? Churches may also need to take legal action. This is one of the many benefits of churches joining together as denominations such as the LCMS and denominations themselves working together for the truth. "Public remedy, made through the office of the public official, is not condemned, but is commanded and is God's work, according to Paul (Romans 13)" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession XVI). Third, we must evaluate what options for marriage will be available to our church. You've heard of bakers and caterers being sued because they refused to provide food for certain couples' weddings. Scripture-based churches may also face lawsuits, fines, imprisonment of leaders, etc. What will be our best course of action? No marriages in church at all?

Who would have thought we would have ever seen this day? While a very small percentage of all marriages would be same-sex, our entire culture is changing because of it. Even worse, our country will be guilty of giving the go-ahead for a horrific corruption of God's creation. This will not go unnoticed. God's judgement will follow, as it always has throughout history. We can take heart in the midst of this evil, as the Word of God declares, "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). How relevant that passage has become for us today!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

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Women's Service Guild

JUNE AND JULY CALENDAR DATES

June 9, 2015 (Tuesday) WSG picnic 6 p.m. at the parsonage

SONSHINE KITCHEN

Dee Law, Barb Urban, Joyce Purucker, Rosalie & Glenn Filler, Alma & Cal Eggers helped serve chipped ham & cheese sandwiches, potato salad, potato chips, fruit cocktail and dessert to about 100 people at the Sonshine Kitchen. The WSG thanks the people who donated food items and made monetary donations. A special thank you to Dee Law for organizing the work and the people.

QUILTING

"Our lives are like quilts bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love". "Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love." (Stitching Cow.com). Quilting dates will be listed in the Sunday bulletins.

WSG PICNIC

Calling all adult, confirmed women of the congregation, to the annual Women's Service Guild end of the year picnic, on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the parsonage. Bring a covered dish, a smile, ideas and suggestions for meetings and activities. Meet and greet the officers and other members. RSVP to Linda Bright or sign the up on sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still dates available on the flower chart in the Narthex. The dates will also be listed in the Sunday bulletins. If two people pick the same date, you can share the cost or purchase an extra bouquet. Payment is due as soon as possible. If you put your payment in the offering plate, please mark the envelope "Altar Flowers."

MITES

Even though the Lutheran Women Mission League has reached their mission goal of \$1,830,000.00 Mites are still being collected for upcoming mission projects. As it is often said "A women's work is never done", this holds true for MITES. The work done by MITE collections is never done. Some suggestions to remember to fill a MITE box are June 14-Flag Day, June 21-Father's Day and 1st day of spring, and July 4-Independence Day. Some other days to encourage you (courtesy of Holiday Insights-bizarre and unique days": June 7 National Chocolate Ice Cream, June 26 Forgiveness Day, June 29 Hug Holiday, July 7 Chocolate Day, July 11 Cheer up the lonely day.

PRISON MINISTRY

The Portal of Prayers devotional booklets are used by the residents at Muncy State Correctional Institute. There is a bin in the library for the Portal of Prayers.

STAMPS FOR BIBLES

This time of the year, a lot of invitations, announcements, etc are being mailed. Cut the stamps from the envelopes and put them in the bin in the library. A pound of clipped cancelled stamps enables the Canadian Bible Society to send Bibles to countries in their native language.

ALTAR GUILD

Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to be part of the Altar Guild.

SEMINARY STUDENT

Seminary student, Tim Wells wrote that he and his family will be going to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora, Nebraska. The church has about 40 members. Aurora is a town of about 4,500 people. It is located between York and Grand Island on I-80. A lot of web-based businesses are moving into the area. His current letter is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML LINK

The latest edition (Spring 2015 April-June) issue of the Eastern District LWML LINK is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Some of the highlights are the 2015 LWML Convention June 25-28, 2015 in Des Moines, Iowa, 1st Trinity, Oakland Campus Ministry baptism article, cancelled postage stamps, the Pittsburgh LWML Zone news, Sept. 18-20, 2015 Eastern District Fall Retreat at Camp Pioneer and registration information, June 10-12, 2015 Eastern District LWML convention at Binghamton, NY and the ongoing effort to recycle ink cartridges, cell phones, lap tops, etc for the Eastern District LWML to off set costs and make more funds available for MITES.

School & Early Learning Center News

Christ Lutheran Preschool Graduation—June 3, 2015 at 10a.m. in the chapel

Christ Lutheran School 8th Grade Graduation -June 4, 2015 at 7p.m. in the chapel

Congratulations, to our graduating class of 2015:

Alethea Mihoko Carroll (Valedictorian)

Ramon Antonio Childs

Tyler Alexander Kefalos

Samuel Joseph Nickel

We pray God's blessing on them as they begin their next step in life as high school students this coming fall. They will always be a part of Christ Lutheran family. Alethea Carroll is our Valedictorian with a cumulative GPA of 3.9. She has attended CLS since she was a preschooler.

The Summary of our IOWA Achievement Tests (per grade level) taken in April

(% of National Sch Norms/Grade equivalent – should read *the grade level.8*)

Grade level	2012	Enrollment	2013	2014	2015			
Kindergarten	55 – K.8	6	39 – K.7	9	54 – K.8	13	75 – 1.0	10
1	77 – 2.1	3	97 – 2.5	5	89 – 2.3	9	93 – 2.4	12
2	87 – 3.3	6	98 – 3.7	1	81 – 3.3	5	93 – 3.5	6
3	56 – 3.9	5	90 – 4.8	5	62 – 4.0	1	41 – 3.7	4
4	60 – 5.1	2	70 – 5.4	5	84 – 5.9	5	85 – 6.0	2
5	25 – 5.1	4	55 – 6.1	2	54 – 6.1	6	56 – 6.2	2
6	33 – 6.3	8	8 – 5.1	6	40 – 6.8	2	52 – 6.9	7
7	14 – 6.4	8	25 – 7.0	9	43 – 7.6	6	62 – 8.5	2
8	93 – 13+	7	12 – 7.0	8	13 – 7.1	3	77- 10.6	4
Total		49		50		50		49

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School Registration is now open for the 2015-16 year at Christ Lutheran School. Christ Lutheran provides STAR quality care & education for infants through 8th grade. We are open for tours during the summer. Please call 412-271-7173 to schedule your visit. You may visit our website at www.christlutheranfhschool.org or become a friend on facebook at "Christ Lutheran Church & School PTO." Find out personally why so many families in Pittsburgh are "REACHING HIGHER" to make Christ Lutheran their school of choice.

FRIEND OF EDUCATION

If you would like to help advertise Christ Lutheran School & Early Learning Center, pick up a FREE lawn sign or brochure at the Information table on Sunday mornings or stop by school and pick one up. Also, if you would like to leave a lasting spiritual legacy by helping an individual student from Christ Lutheran Church, or a student with no church home (13 have been identified), with part of their tuition cost of \$4,750 – "Fill a tuition bucket." Our goal is to fill 10 buckets. So far, we have filled 1 and started on another. These families need your help. Remember: One empty seat equals one less child hearing the Gospel. See Donna Einspahr, Principal or Melissa Elaschat, Operations Manager for more information 412-271-7173.

SUMMER CHILD CARE REGISTRATION

Summer Child Care registration is now open. Hours of operation 6:30a.m. – 6 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch provided free through the State summer food program. Fun thematic units, water play, walking trips to local parks, and more. For a tour or registration information call 412-271-7173.

FREE LUNCH

Christ Lutheran is part of the Free State Summer Food Program. Beginning June 10 children up to 18 years old may come Monday through Friday for Breakfast 8-9 a.m. and Lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

VBS

Summer Time Fun at Vacation Bible School – “Camp Discovery – Jesus at work through Us” Get your camping gear ready! Come and join the fun. Get to know our friend and Savior, Jesus Christ, through songs, Bible stories, crafts, snack and games. See old friends and make new friends.

June 22-26 9a.m.- noon 3yrs – 8th grade

Call the church office to register or for more information – 412-271-7173

4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Christ Lutheran Church & School will be at the Forest Hills Park spreading the gospel by passing out water, but also sharing the true “Living Water” in Jesus Christ. If you would like to help, please contact Donna Einspahr or Charlene Schorr 412-271-7173.

Opportunities for leaving a spiritual legacy

___ Yes, I would like to help fill a student’s tuition bucket with a one-time gift in the amount of \$_____.

___ Yes, I would like to fill a student’s tuition bucket with monthly giving in the amount of \$_____ per month.

___ Yes, I would like to partner with the school and early learning center ministry by giving to _____ their general operating expenses in the amount of \$_____

___ Yes, I will pray for the families, staff, and leaders of this ministry and that God will bless it.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Your contribution is tax-deductible. Fill out form, make check payable to: Christ Lutheran School, and mail to Christ Lutheran School 400 Barclay Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Att: Friend of Education



News From the Flock

BIRTH

John and Karen Hoblak welcomed their great grandson Caleb James. He was born on April 24. May he soon be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

The Reverend and Donna Knoche will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. They are celebrating with their family on a cruise to Alaska.

DEATH

David Gailey went to be with his heavenly home on April 21. He was the husband of Carol, and the father of Adam(Mandy) and Alecia (Jimmy) Gilbert. There are newborn twins Adam and Alaina Gailey and Adian and Logan Gilbert.

NEWS

Gina Egidio, Food Manager of the School Lunch Program at CLS received a special recognition from the State Food Program on April 22. She does all the paperwork for the program as well as cooks, and serves breakfast, lunch and snack to the students in the Early Learning Center and the School. Congratulations for your hard work!

David Bright did well in the Allegheny County Special Opympics on May 9. He had a gold medal in the 50 meter walk and the 100 meter trike. He had a silver medal in the 100 meter walk. Way to go David!

Jonathan Bright was accepted in the graduate program at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School.

Many familiar faces from Christ Lutheran were participants at the Pittsburgh Marathon on May 3. Among those I know about are Norm Johnson, Justin Polidora, Georgi Shirley, and Kelly Stoner.

Bob and Audrey are moving to a condominium in Cranberry to be closer to family.

THANK YOU

Two couples, Terry and Ruth Peterson and Bob and Audrey Karpinsky, are thanked for their many years of volunteering at Christ Lutheran. They will be missed.

2015 CONFIRMATION CLASS

May 3 was the confirmation of Jordan Rheanell Stephens and Richard George Lander. Jordan was confirmed at the 8:15 service and Richard at the 11:00 service. There was a reception for the confirmands, their guests, and members of the congregation given by the Women's Service Guild. Congratulations on a job well done.

COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

Joe O'Connor graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Masters of Science with a concentration in Graphic Information Systems and Cartography

Janelle Taylor received a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources.

Collin Donaldson graduated Magna Cum Laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Robert E. Cook Honors College on May 9th with a BS in Computer Science-completed in 3 years! He recently returned from vacation to Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, Poland and Turkey. He will working for the Federal government, Department of the Interior for the summer.

Serving Christ in June & July

		Elder	Acolyte	Lector	Head Usher
June 7	8:15am	Mark Einspahr	Madison Stephens	John Hoblak	John Hoblak
	11:00am	Cal Eggers	Richard Lander	Georgi Shirley	Joe Dmochowski
June 14	8:15am	Steve Stern	Timothy Bright	Barb Mitchell	Bob Brecht
	11:00am	Mark Einspahr	Meghan Elaschat	Kyle Hubbard	Frank Elaschat
June 21	8:15am	Al Dick	Jordan Stephens	Pail Simpson	Bill Kolb
	11:00am	Cal Eggers	Richard Lander	Mark Einspahr	Mark Einspahr
June 28	8:15am	Paul Simpson	Allison Stephens	Lois Frerking	Joe Dmochowski
	11:00am	Glenn Filler	Meghan Elaschat	Gloria Stern	Miguel Bright
July 5	8:15am		Madison Stephens	John Hoblak	John Hoblak
	11:00am		Richard Lander	Mark Einspahr	Mark Einspahr
July 12	8:15am		Timothy Bright	Joyce Purucker	Bob Brecht
	11:00am		Meghan Elaschat	Charlene Schorr	Frank Elaschat
July 19	8:15am		Jordan Stephens	Paul Simpson	Bill Kolb
	11:00am		Richard Lander	Kyle Hubbard	Miguel Bright
July 26	8:15am		Allison Stephens	Karen Hoblak	John Hoblak
	11:00am		Eric Einspahr	Susan Wagner	Justin Polidora
Altar Guild		June: Georgia Hanley		July: Nancy Johnson & Carol Sapanara	



VBS IS COMING

June 22-26

Watch for more information in your Sunday bulletins!

Leaders and helpers needed.

Contact the office to be added to the list of volunteers

Addresses for our shut-ins

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

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Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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Pittsburgh, PA 15218

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4363 Northern Pike, Room 126
Monroeville, PA 15146

Bob & Joan Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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Independence Court
279 Center Road
Room 204
Monroeville, PA 15146

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825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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5350 Saltsburg Road
Verona, PA 15147

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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112



JUNE PETITION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy. (Psalm 130:1-2)

JULY PETITION

God bless our native land, firm may it ever stand. Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save by the great might. (Hymn 497 Lutheran Worship)

Celebrating in June



Birthdays

- 4 Melissa Elaschat
- 11 Robert Egidio
- 17 Catherine Ertman
- 20 Susan Wagner
- 25 June Kolb
Barbara Urban
- 28 Raymond Dinkfelt
Thomas Walton

Anniversaries

- 7 Gary & Cristle Lobaugh
- 9 George & Carole Buzard
- 9 Lee & Robin Schoenthal
- 19 Matthew & Mila McNutt
- 20 Steve & Gloria Stern
- 28 Bill & Karen Dadey
- 30 Mark & Donna Einspahr
- 30 James & Courtney O'Connell



Celebrating in July

Birthdays

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|---|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Lois Frerking | | |
| | David Giovanetti | 6 | Eric Hoblak |
| | Pamela Pollitt | 7 | Cristle Lobaugh |
| 2 | Lisa Forbeck | | Madeline Stoner |
| | Allan Lindblom | 8 | Bill Logsdon |
| 4 | Norman Johnson | 10 | Babara Mitchell |
| | Ryan O'Connell | 11 | Katie Sourbeer |
| | Harold Wagner | 12 | Cynthia Hornak |
| 5 | Delores Law | 13 | Steve Stern |
| | Courtney O'Connell | 14 | Donna Einspahr |
| | Susan Robatzen | | James Tubbs |
| | | 17 | Audrey Karpinsky |
| | | 20 | Aran McNutt |
| | | 21 | Rosalie Filler |
| | | 24 | Ruth Hirko |
| | | 25 | Matthew Hricko |
| | | 26 | Jenna Egidio |
| | | 27 | Shelby Lang |
| | | | Amy Rockwell |
| | | 30 | Tabitha Law |
| | | 31 | Jeffrey Schutte |

Anniversaries

- 2 James & Janice Polidora
- 4 Lawrence & Pamela Viher
- 5 Glenn & Rosalie Filler
- 6 John & Kathleen Sourbeer
- 14 Christopher & Lisa Forbeck
- 15 David & Colleen Giovanetti
- 20 Ronald & Linda Bright
- 22 Bill & Carol Logsdon
- 23 Joe & Tatia O'Connor
- 27 John & Karen Hoblak
- 28 Norman & Nancy Johnson

Some Important Dates

- June 4
8th grade graduation 7:30pm
- June 5
Last day of school
- June 9
WSG End of year picnic
- June 10
First Day of Summer Childcare Program
- June 22-26
VBS 9am-12 noon

Bible Studies

Saturday
7:45am Men's Bible Study

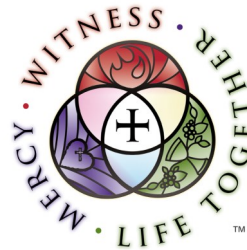
Sunday
9:45am Sunday School ages 0-18
(on summer break and will begin again after Labor Day)

Adult Bible Study Groups

Wednesday
10:00am Women's Bible Study Group

Church Service Times

Sunday
8:15am & 11:00am - Traditional services



Our full calendar is online at www.christlutheranfh.org

New Website

Be sure to check out our new website. It is still the same address: www.christlutheranfh.org
If you have the address bookmarked you will need to type the address into your browser and re-bookmark the new site.