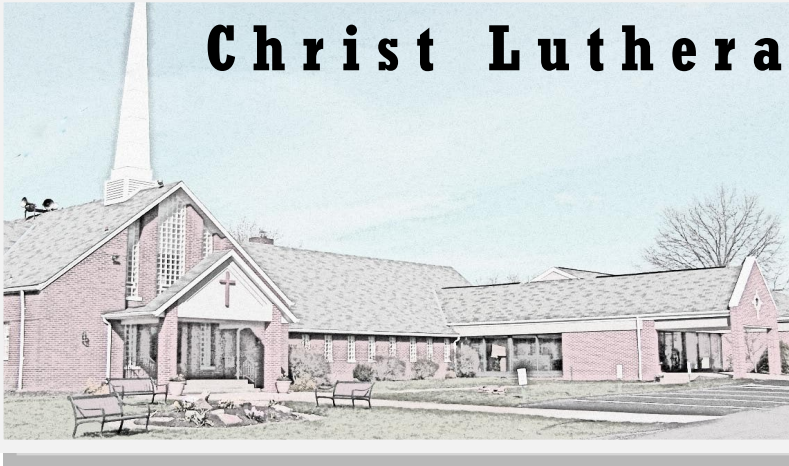


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Celebrating 91 years in Forest Hills

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

JUNE-JULY 2024

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Blowing in the Wind

Wind is an important part of life in this world. Wind brings both clear skies and thunderstorms. Wind can add or remove an hour on your flight to Tahiti. Wind makes kites and sailboats zoom and then removes the tablecloth and sandwiches from the picnic table. Wind blows your leaves into the neighbors' yard and then fills yours with another's. Wind helps generate electricity and also destroys some of the buildings it powers.

We are entering the season of wind – the season of the Holy Spirit. We call it Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is called the Divine Wind. Jesus says the Spirit blows like the wind in this world and we do not know where it comes from or where it is going. That can be both frightening and exciting at the same time. If we abhor change, it is the former. If we yearn to grow in Christ, then the latter. For me it's some of both. Maybe you too. We have all been given of the Spirit, so we can fully expect all this and more in the months to come.

That same Spirit is blowing us into a new program year for our congregation. Since the inception of our school, we have run on a July-to-June fiscal and program year. In July we will have the new set of officers that run all our boards and committees for the year. Our budget will reset to zero. There is also work being done on some good things for the new year. Such things include guest speakers, fellowship meals, new members, educational events, special productions, building improvements, and Bible story time and pony rides for the kids. It is shaping up to be an enjoyable and eventful year! We thank God for driving us along with the wind of His Holy Spirit toward the completion of His purpose for us here at Christ Lutheran and on to greater glory.

In the Spirit of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$213,645	\$210,410
Missions	\$6,550	\$5,100
Staff	\$100,747	\$101,852
Operations	\$93,571	\$111,000
Total Expenses	\$194,318	\$212,852
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$12,777	-\$7,542

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Congratulations to **Maisy Hanley** who is graduating from Fox Chapel High School. She will pursue a degree in education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Congratulations to **Amanda Breight** who recently graduated from Veterinary Tech Institute to pursue a career as a veterinary tech. She also ran the Pittsburgh Marathon relay the same day.



VOTERS' MEETING
JUNE 30, 2024 11:30AM

Congratulations to **Dylan McNutt** who will be graduating on June 7 from Environmental Charter High School (ECHS) in Pittsburgh. This is the inaugural class to graduate from ECHS and Dylan has been in the ECS system since the first grade.



Congratulations to **Makayla Schriver**, who graduated from Hempfield High School on May 29. Makayla plans on working for a year until she can make a firm decision on what she would like to do.



Altar Flower Reminders :

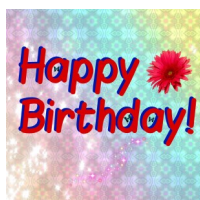
The weekly cost is \$40. Make your check payable to W.S.G. and give the payment to Kathy Sourbeer or place in the locked mailbox near the far office door.



The vase inserts are not to leave the building. Take the insert into the kitchen and remove the flowers to take home. There are plastic bags by the door or use plastic wrap in the pantry to take the flowers home.

Leave the inserts in the kitchen on the table or windowsill. The florist needs to take the inserts when the new flowers are delivered on Friday.

Get ready to celebrate.
Lauretta Critchlow will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 3.



Women's Service Guild

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

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS–The WSG distributes hotel toiletry items to veterans in need. 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.

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.



BOX TOPS EDUCATION The Box Tops for Education has been 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.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY. – The new packet is ready. Included is a mailing schedule, names, addresses and birthdates. A book of stamps is being provided by Thrivent Care in Community. Contact Kathy Sourbeer if you wish to participate.



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.

HELPING HANDS–When there is a funeral luncheon or special occasion, women are needed to set up and prepare things, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler to become part of this very important ministry in our church.



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.

QUILTING – No experience necessary. It is like sewing on a button - in and out and tie two knots. We are in need of old king and queen size mattress pads (for batting) top and bottom sheets for the back. If twin size sheets are donated they will be pieced together to make 64x84 back. Regular batting material is also greatly appreciated. Pictured is the latest quilt made for the veterans. Contact Dee Law if you will be able to attend. Watch the bulletin for times and dates.



2023–2025 LWML Mission Grant #6
Mobile Kitchen
Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. — \$85,000

About This Mission Grant

Forged by Fire Services strives to actively make known the love of Jesus Christ through its actions and words by providing warm meals, bottled water, and spiritual care to people in times of need following a disaster or economic downturn. They pray with those in need and offer resources such as devotionals and Bibles.



Interior photo of proposed kitchen trailer

This grant will allow the purchase of a mobile, self-contained kitchen trailer unit to provide meals in communities affected by disaster. Over 130,000 meals have been served in the Gulf Coast region. The mobile kitchen will benefit smaller communities in need that are often overlooked by larger organizations. When serving, Forged by Fire Services strives to connect local LCMS congregations within the communities and shares the mercy and grace of Christ, one plate of food at a time.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont
Come and meet our new Pastor,
Rev. Adam C. Koontz

Friday, June 7, 2024
6:00-8:00 p.m.



Rain or shine!

There will be Bratwurst,
Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs,
Strawberry Shortcake,
and Ice Cream.

There will be games
for the children.

1261 Pennsylvania Avenue in Oakmont
(15139).



Dear Christ Lutheran Family,
On behalf of **Pat Lenke's** family, we would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards for mom's 99th birthday on March 17th. We are happy to report that she received 146 birthday cards!!! Thank you for being a special part of her birthday!

We are looking forward to celebrating her 100th birthday!
With appreciation, Nancy,
Norm and family

**Thank
You**

Thank you for your help!

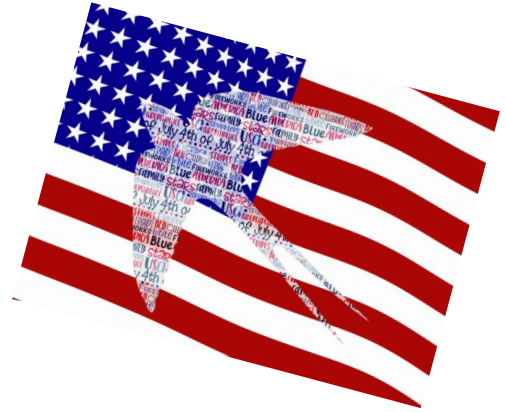
We are collecting the brown pill bottles for the McKeesport Lions Club. Please remove the labels and wash them out. There must be a cap for each bottle and no vitamin bottles will be accepted. Thank you for helping with this ongoing project. Please put them in the box in the library.



Important Dates in June-July 2024

Check the online calendar on the church website for up-to-date information

June 2-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 June 3-Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
 June 9-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 June 13-Finance Committee 4pm
 June 16-Father's Day
 June 19-21 Office Closed for vacation
 June 16-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 June 20-First day of summer
 June 20-Elders' Meeting 4pm
 June 23-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 June 27-Outreach Committee 7pm
 June 30-Voters' Meeting
 June 30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 July 4-Office closed
 July 11-Education Committee-6:30pm
 July 14-Installation of new officers
 July 15- Deadline for August Lamplighter
 July 16-Council 7pm
 July 25-Outreach Committee 7pm



Church Service Times

Sunday

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service

Adult Bible Studies (will resume in September)

8:45am-9:45am

Sunday School/Confirmation (will resume in September)

Sunday-11:30am



Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Lauretta Critchlow
Concordia of Franklin
Park
Apt. 108 Garden North
1600 Georgetown Dr.
Sewickley, PA 15143

Catherine Ertman
3000 Locust Ave. Apt 319
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

Robert & Bette Hamill, Jr.
1413 Maple Ave.
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Geraldine Hildenbrand
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Rm 312
Monroeville, PA 15146

Robert & Audrey Karpinsky
203 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

June Kolb
Goodwill Retirement Rm 4106
891 Dorsey Hotel Rd.
Grantsville, MD 21536

Bob Lindke
2190 Ipnar Road
Irwin, PA 15642

Carol Logsdon
Point Pleasant Asstd.Living
Room 331
120 Mossid Blvd.
North Versailles, PA 15137

Russell Long
606 Filmore Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15221

Joyce Purucker
Juniper Village of Monroeville
Room 317
2589 Mossid Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Ann Tubb
41 Central Avenue
N. Versailles, PA 15137-

Barb Urban
The Waters of Wexford
Apt. 3039
210 Fowler Road
Warrendale, PA 15086

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

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

Lydia Yates
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 110
Monroeville, PA 15146

June Prayer Petition

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set glory about the heavens, Psalm 8:1

July Prayer Petition

"Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God."
Romans 15:17



Celebrating in June-July 2024

Anniversaries



6/9 Lee & Robin Schoenthal
6/15 Ben & Katie Barch
6/24 David & Kathleen Kaclik
6/28 Bill & Karen Dadey
7/2 James & Janice Polidora
7/5 Glenn & Rosalie Filler
7/6 John & Kathleen Sourbeer
7/20 Ronald & Linda Bright
7/23 Joseph & Tatia O'Connor
7/28 Norman & Nancy Johnson

6/10 Eugene Klebingot
6/17 Catherine Ertman
6/25 June Kolb
6/25 Barbara Urban
6/29 Annette Bowen



Birthdays

7/1 Lois Frerking
7/1 David Giovanetti
7/3 Devera Hoblak
7/4 Norman Johnson
7/5 Dee Law
7/5 Susan Robatzen
7/6 Eric Hoblak
7/7 Madeline Stoner
7/10 Barbara Mitchell
7/11 Katie Barch
7/13 Vincent Mroz
7/17 Audrey Karpinsky
7/20 Aran McNutt
7/21 Rosalie Filler
7/24 Ruth Hirko
7/30 Tabatha Law



"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." - Colossians 2: 6-7



40th Biennial Convention
June 14-16, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton
910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

Divine Service: Friday, June 14 @ 7 p.m.
 Eastern District President, Rev. John Pingel, preacher
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Hosted by the Pittsburgh Zone

Grounding in Grief

A Youth Bereavement Care Event hosted by Good Samaritan Hospice

Saturday, June 8

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Activity Room - Good Samaritan Hospice
 116 Browns Hill Road, Valencia, PA 16059

Grounding in Grief will focus on comforting coping skills and allow youth to connect to one another in an open space to talk about the grieving process.

- The group is open to bereaved youth up to age 21
- All youth must be accompanied by a caregiver
- Attendees will learn grounding techniques and mindfulness to calm the mind and body
- We will have indoor plans for the day if the rain comes our way
- Adults can relax and unwind in an adult breakout session
- Lunch will be provided for all guests

Registration is required by Friday, May 31. Online registration is available on the event's page on Concordia's website, www.ConcordiaLM.org. For more information or to register by phone, call 1-800-720-2557.



Good Samaritan Hospice

A mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries

www.Good-SamaritanHospice.org • 1-800-720-2557



Notes from the Education Committee

Next Education Committee meeting is June 13 at 6:30 pm

Pre-registration forms for Sunday School will be distributed in July.

Pre-registration events for Sunday School are scheduled for August 21 and September 4.

Looking forward to pony rides in the church backyard with light sandwiches and snacks.

"Go Fish" Arch Book activity for children

Children's character story time about the feeding of the 5000.



We are in great need of someone interested in teaching a 3-4 year old Sunday School class starting on September 8 between 11:30 and 12:30. Please contact Gloria Stern, Lori Schriver or Annette Bowen.

Sunday School begins on September 8.



Serving Christ in June – July 2024

Altar Guild

June: Georgia Hanley/Karen Dadey

July: Kathy Kaclik



	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT
2-Jun	Georgia Lindholm	Annette Bowen	John Crawford
9-Jun		Lois Frerking	Barry Schoethal
16-Jun		Gloria Stern	Richard Mueller
23-Jun	Conner Schriver	Tammy Donaldson	Cal Eggers
30-Jun	Georgia Lindholm	Tatia O'Connor	John Crawford
7-Jul	Makayla Schriver	Lois Frerking	Richard Mueller
14-Jul		Tatia O'Connor	Barry Schoethal
21-Jul	Georgia Lindholm		John Crawford
28-Jul	Juia Stoner	Lois Frerking	Cal Eggers

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. 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.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of a few volunteers to be trained as lectors for our services. It is not a difficult task and you won't be called upon that often if there are more volunteers. This is your church! Please contact the church office or see Pastor.

YOU ARE INVITED

The members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer invite you to share with us in the joy of welcoming the Reverend Adam C. Koontz as the newly called pastor of Redeemer Church. We are excited about the future ministry of our church and school under the guidance of Pastor Koontz. We are hopeful that you can join us on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 3:00pm for the Installation Service of Reverend Koontz. Participating clergy may bring their red stole. The address for our church is 1261 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139.

