



Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Think Big

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an event Christ Lutheran provides for kids every June. VBS is the biggest event of the year for our church. It has the highest number of members and friends coming together to make it all happen, and it runs all week long. It includes all aspects of church life: worship; small groups; service; evangelism; fellowship; prayer; teaching; food; and more.

I don't know how long we have been doing VBS at Christ Lutheran, but it has always had all those features, and continues to provide us with a splendid opportunity to join together and have some fun while serving children. Today, people tend to like big, shiny and exiting events and opportunities. Well, VBS is all that. The kids give it energy. The adults give it heart. Jesus gives it soul.

Have you considered getting involved in VBS at Christ Lutheran? It's a lot of work, but it is fun! There is always a place for someone new. I invite you to be a part of the VBS team. There's lots you can do: pray; contribute snacks; plan; be an assistant; teach; crafts; help in the kitchen; help with recreation; follow-up with parents, and much more.

VBS is very big stuff at Christ Lutheran. It's a chance for a great many of us to come together, have fun, and do something great for the kids. If you are feeling the tug to get involved, call the church office with your name and contact info, and a member of the VBS team will get in touch with you right away!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

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ALTAR GUILD – They care for everything pertaining to Communion. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information and how you can help.

HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN – Our next date to help prepare and serve at the Sonshine Kitchen in McKeesport is Monday, September 19, 2016. If you care to help or donate, contact Dee Law. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

“The best meals are those prepared by loving hands.” — Ken Poirot (Quotes about meals)

QUILTING – Dee Law, Joyce Purucker & Carol Sapanara have been the busy bees quilting quilts for the homeless shelters. A quilt was made for Forest Hills July 4th Community Day Celebration. A Vacation Bible School quilt was made by the children who attended this year's Vacation Bible School. Pictures of the quilts are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Our next quilting date will be in September. In the mean time the “quilt fairy” will be sewing quilt tops and backs. “Quilters affect eternity. They can never know where their influence stops.” #HandiQuilter, Quilting quotes from Pin Interest-quilting quotes.

STAMPS FOR BIBLES - Cancelled postage stamps for mission is still flourishing and Bibles are currently being produced for our Prison Ministries. There were approximately 78 institutions that received the 'Key to Freedom Bibles' this past year. This information is from the Spring 2016 edition of the Eastern District LWML Link. There is a bin in the library for cancelled stamps. “The resurrection of Jesus Christ was necessary to establish the truth of his mission and put the stamp of all-conquering power on his gospel”. Edward McKendree Bounds. (Brainy Quote web site).

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – We like to keep in touch with our church members. If you have moved or know of a congregational member who moved, let Rosalie Filler, Barb Mitchell or Melissa Elaschat know your new address & phone number. “Keep in touch in any way. Reach out to a friend who's far away. Let him feel that you're just near, despite the distance to remain closer.” Unknown quotes. (Keep in touch quotes website.)

FLOWER CHART – There are still dates available on the Flower Chart that is posted in the Narthex. WSG is billed monthly so it would be helpful to have your payment by the date your flowers are displayed. The cost is \$30.00. People can share a date for an extra \$15. “Flowers are those little colorful beacons of the sun from which we get sunshine when dark, somber skies blanket our thoughts”. -Dodinsky, www.dodinsky.com (The Quote Garden website.)

PRISON MINISTRY – Past issues of the *Portal of Prayers* devotional booklet are being sent to the Muncy State Correctional Institution. The Rev. Debra Reitz thanked us for the ones we sent her last month. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Contact Karen Hoblak or Jayne Simpson if you someone who may be in need of a Prayer Shawl. “Now, God be praised, that to believing souls gives light in darkness, comfort in despair.” William Shakespeare (Brainy Quotes-comfort web site.)

LWML EASTERN DISTRICT FALL RETREAT – Summer is just beginning, but plans are being made for the LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat September 15-18, 2016 at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Angola, New York. More information and registration form are in the LWML Eastern District Spring issue of the LINK.

Women's Service Guild continued

LWML MISSION GRANTS RECYCLING – If you or your new high school or college graduate received new cell phones, pagers, lap top computers, see list below. etc. The “old” ones will be gratefully taken off your hands. Monies from these items help supplement, in addition of the LWML Mite Box collections the LWML mission grants (\$2 million dollars) that was voted on their last convention.

- **DO SAVE NAME BRAND** ink cartridges, such as Hewlett Packard (HP, Lexmark, Apple, Dell, Minolta, Canon, IBM, Brother, Panasonic, Samsung, Pitney Bowes, Sharp, Xerox, Kodak, Epson. Ink Jet and especially Laser Jet cartridges, save Cell phones, pagers, I-Pods, MP3 players, Laptop computers, GPS systems, Tablets e-Readers, iPods and notebooks.
- **DON'T SAVE** anything with the words: Toner or Toner tubes, remanufactured, refilled, generic brand names ink cartridges, copier cartridges, printing ribbons, printers, computer monitors, fax machines, portable and/or landline phones, TV remotes or ink tanks.

See more information on flyer in Fellowship Hall and box in library.

PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Planning Committee has been busy reviewing the By-Laws and will be bringing changes to the June 26 Voter's meeting. Any Voting Member will be eligible to vote. A copy of the proposed changes will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall at least one week before the meeting. There will be a notification in the bulletin when it is available for review.

News from the Flock

NEWS

Georgia Hanley was on the First Place team for the Golf Scramble.

Parker, Maisy, Kathy and Kevin Hanley participated in the Pittsburgh Kid's Marathon on April 30.

Tim Shirley, Georgi Shirley, Kelly Giovanetti, Norm Johnson, and Michael Armstrong all participated in the Pittsburgh Marathon on May 1.

Michael Armstrong was able to socialize on May 2 with members of Christ Lutheran at a Pot Luck dinner. Our Christian sympathy to Simon who was unable to be in Pittsburgh as planned due to the death of his Step-Father.

Craig MacNamera has left Christ Lutheran to begin his own company. What a blessing he has been to us and we wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

June and Bill Kolb attended the 75th Anniversary of their Confirmation at Zion Lutheran Church, Accident, Maryland on May 15. There was a luncheon honoring various milestone years.

Helen Mozeik celebrated her 94 birthday on May 25. Happy Birthday, Helen! Blessings on your next year.

Addresses for our shut-ins

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

Helen Dechamps
211 Taylor Ridge Lane
Mars, PA 16046

Louise Garofolo
Independence Court
279 Center Road
Room 204
Monroeville, PA 15146

Wayne & Fran Giese
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Marty and Cindy Hornak
Seneca Place, Room 134
5350 Saltsburg Road
Verona, PA 15147

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 15135-1101

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112



Tom Walton C/O Lee Hricko
2321 Delaware Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Bob & Joan Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

June Zeller
Evening Star
200 Caldwell Avenue
Wilmerding, PA 15148

Olga Zinn
Buckingham South
5450 Abercorn Street, Ste.405
Savannah, GA 31405

Serving Christ in June/July

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Usher
June 5	10:00am	Mark Einspahr	Allison Stephens	John Hoblak	John Hoblak
June 12	10:00am	Al Dick	Tim Bright	Susan Wagner	Miguel Bright
June 19	10:00am	Glenn Filler	Eric Einspahr	Mark Einspahr	Mark Einspahr
June 26	10:00am	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Charlene Schorr	Frank Elaschat
July 3	10:00am	Paul Simpson	Eric Einspahr	Paul Simpson	Mark Einspahr
July 10	10:00am	Steve Stern	Jordan Stephens	Karen Hoblak	John Hoblak
July 17	10:00am	Cal Eggers	Tim Bright	Georgi Shirley	Bill Kolb
July 24	10:00am	Mark Einspahr	Richard Lander	Steve Stern	Bob Breckt
July 31	10:00am	Paul Simpson	Allison Stephens	Mark Einspahr	Mark Einspahr

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- BARNYARD ROUND-UP

Reserve June 20-24 from 9:00 AM- Noon for Vacation Bible School. Help will be needed to decorate, teach Grades 5-8, supervise the playground, serve snack, follow-up with VBS families, financial support and registration. Pre-registration is requested and forms will be available in the June Lamplighter. Please talk to Jannis Peterson, Dee Law, Janice Polidora, or Kathy Sourbeer if you have an interest. See below for the registration form.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

(One form per child, please)

*Student First Name: _____

*Student Last Name: _____

Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Grade entering: _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

*Parent Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____

*State: _____

*Zip: _____

*Email: _____

*Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup Name: _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

General Information: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature

Date

Celebrating in June

Anniversaries



- 7 Gary & Cristle Lobaugh
- 9 George & Carole Buzard
- Lee & Robin Schoenthal
- 19 Matthew & Mila McNutt
- 20 Steve & Gloria Stern
- 24 David & Kathleen Kaclik
- 28 Bill & Karen Dadey
- 30 Mark & Donna Einspahr

Birthdays

- 4 Melissa Elaschat
- 11 Robert Egidio
- 17 Catherine Ertman
- 20 Susan Wagner
- 25 June Kolb
- Barb Urban
- 28 Thomas Walton Jr.



Celebrating in July

Anniversaries

- 2 James & Janice Polidora
- 4 Lawrence & Pamela Viher
- 5 Glenn & Rosalie Filler
- 6 John & Kathleen Sourbeer
- 20 Ron & Linda Breight
- 22 Bill & Carol Logsdon
- 23 Joe & Tatia O'Connor
- 27 John & Karen Hoblak
- 28 Norman & Nancy Johnson



- 1 Lois Frerking
- David Giovanetti
- Pamela Pollitt
- 2 Allan Lindblom
- 4 Norman Johnson
- Harold Wagner II
- 5 Delores Law
- Susan Robatzen
- 6 Eric Hoblak
- Cristle Lobaugh
- Cathleen Williams
- 7 Madeline Stoner
- 8 Bill Logsdon Jr.
- 10 Barbara Mitchell
- 11 Katie Sourbeer

Birthdays



- 12 Cynthia Hornak
- 13 Steve Stern
- 14 Donna Einspahr
- James Tubbs Jr.
- Connor Williams
- 20 Aran McNutt
- 21 Rosalie Filler
- 24 Ruth Hirko
- 25 Matthew Hricko
- 26 Jenna Egidio
- 27 Shelby Lang
- Amy Rockwell
- 30 Tabatha Law
- 31 Jeffrey Schutte

School News

Christ Lutheran Preschool Graduation
June 7, 2016 at 10a.m. in the chapel

Christ Lutheran 8th Grade Graduation
June 7, 2016 at 7p.m. in the chapel

Congratulations, to our special graduate of 2016: *Anthony Egidio*

We pray God's blessing on Anthony as he begins his next step in life as a high school student this coming fall. At the time of writing this article he is undecided where he is going in the fall, but looking into Cyber School. Anthony will always be a part of our Christ Lutheran family. Anthony has attended CLS since he was a preschooler.



IOWA ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

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	2013	Enrollment	2014	Enrollment	2015	Enrollment	2016	Enrollment
Kindergarten	39-K.7	9	54-K.8	13	75-1.0	10	91-1.3	7
Grade 1	97-2.5	5	89-2.3	9	93-2.4	12	85-2.2	4
Grade 2	98-3.7	1	81-3.3	5	93-3.5	6	80-3.2	11
Grade 3	90-4.8	5	62-4.0	1	41-3.7	4	76-4.4	6
Grade 4	70-5.4	5	84-5.9	5	85-6.0	2	28-4.3	4
Grade 5	55-6.1	2	54-6.1	6	56-6.2	2	36-5.5	1
Grade 6	8-5.1	6	40-6.8	2	52-6.9	7	51-6.9	2
Grade 7	25-7.0	9	25-7.0	9	43-7.6	6	62-8.5	2
Grade 8	12-7.0	8	13-7.1	3	77-10.6	4	80-10.8	1
Total		50		50		40		40

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School Registration is now open for the 2016-17 year at Christ Lutheran School & Early Learning Center. Christ Lutheran provides STAR quality care & education for infants through 5th 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.christlutheranfh.org or become a friend on facebook at "Christ Lutheran PTO." Find out personally why so many families in Pittsburgh are "REACHING HIGHER" to make Christ Lutheran their school of choice.

FREE LUNCH

Christ Lutheran is part of the Free State Summer Food Program. Beginning June 13 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

Vacation Bible School – June 20-24 (9a.m. – noon) 3yrs – 8th grade

"Barnyard Round-up" Get on your duds and get ready for a rip roaring good time! Come and join the fun through songs, Bible stories, crafts, snack and games. See old friends and make new friends. 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 412-271-7173.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER – NOW HIRING

We continue to accept applications for employment in our ever growing early learning center. There is a need in our community to provide quality care to young children and before/after school care. Applications can be downloaded from our website www.christlutheranfh.org or picked up in our school office M-F 8am - 3:30pm.

School News Continued

Servant Hearts

Christ Lutheran Knights want to thank Miss Kuehm and Miss Peterson for their years of service at Christ Lutheran School. They will be remembered for their gift of teaching and their love for children. They each, in their own special ways, have left a legacy in the hearts and minds of their students, families, and co-workers in the ministry. Through faith and hope we know that God has a special plan for each of them in the future. Miss Peterson will be serving seniors through special activities and events at a local center. Miss Kuehm at the time of writing this article is still waiting on the Lord for his guidance. We will have a special chapel blessing on June 8th to celebrate their servant hearts. Go in peace and serve the Lord. We will miss them.



Friend of Education

If you would like to help advertise Christ Lutheran School & Early Learning Center, pick up a FREE lawn sign or brochure in the school lobby on Sunday mornings or stop by the office to 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 (which we have many) with part of their tuition cost of \$4,750 – “Fill a tuition bucket.” Our goal is to fill 5 buckets. So far, we have filled 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 call office at 412-271-7173.

Donna Einspahr, Principal / Director

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*



Liars Swindlers Wimps and other Bible Hereos Summer Sermon Series Starts May 29

Church Service Times

Sunday (Beginning May 29th)

10:00am

Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday (Beginning May 29th)

9:00am Adult Bible Study Groups



Visit our website for additional information and for our complete church and school calendars at www.christlutheranfellowship.org