

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

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## 1934

In 1934, Alcatraz became an official Federal prison, the comic strip Flash Gordon debuted, the FDIC bank insurance program began, and Pennsylvania opened the first state liquor store. Another important event in 1934 was the laying of the cornerstone of our congregation's first church building on Atlantic Avenue in Forest Hills.

A sealed metal box (pictured above) was placed in the cornerstone to serve as a time capsule – preserving important historical items from that time to be viewed and enjoyed by future generations. Luckily, when our congregation built its current church in 1951, the time capsule came along. However, we did not know this until the metal box was discovered in a fire-proof cabinet that was recently moved from one room to another. What a fantastic and exciting surprise!

We give God thanks and praise for sustaining our congregation through so many changes and chances over the years since 1934. We are also excited to say we plan to open the capsule so we can all see what's inside. It will be like taking two separate chapters and binding them back together in the same book once again.

We invite you to join us at the Annual Voters Meeting after church on June 24 for the opening of the time capsule. We do not know exactly what's inside, but it will be fun to find out.

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$180,108	\$169,582
Missions	\$3,000	\$3,000
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$67,354	\$71,180
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$71,116	\$89,305
Total expenses	\$141,470	\$163,485
Net	\$38,638	\$6,097

## News from the Flock

### Confirmation

Timothy Mark Bright renewed his baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 5, 2018. Pastor and Linda Bright hosted a luncheon after the worship service and the congregation provided the cake.

### In the News

The Woodland Hills musical had a tribute to Henry and Mary Jane Bohl at their latest production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." LuAnn Russell was the scenic artist. Sara and Nick Mroz (siblings of Vincent), who were in our childcare, and Elise Jenkins, who was a student in our school were part of the stage crew. The Drowsy Chaperone has been nominated for 13 Kelly Awards one of which is Best Crew and Technical Execution. "Beauty and the Beast" performed by Redeemer Lutheran High School was also nominated for Gene Kelly Awards in Best Musical, Best Set Design, Best Costumes, and Best Music Director. Cast members included the following students from our school: Megan McKenzie, Charlie Missouri, Suni Missouri, Danya Thorpe, Alana Donolo. The stage crew members were Kristen McMahon recently graduated from Duquesne University with a Masters Degree. A little birdie also told me that Kristen was recently engaged.

There were several members of Christ Lutheran who participated in the Pittsburgh Marathon. Georgie and Tim Shirley and Justin Polidora all completed the full marathon. Kelly Giovanetti did the 5 K and was on a marathon relay team.



# Women's Service Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** - is made up of women who serve the Lord and the church by caring for the **altar** and the ceremonial aspect of church services, displaying, cleaning and storing paraments and linens appropriate. If you would like to be a part of the altar guild, contact Ruth Hriko. (If it is serving, let him serve. Romans 12:7)

**SONSHINE KICHEN** –On Monday, July 30, 2018 Christ Lutheran will be preparing and serving donations of buns, fruit cocktail and chips and monetary donations. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. (God does not need your good works, but your neighbors does. (Martin Luther quote)

**QUILTING** –The quilters will be taking a well deserved break for the summer. The “little quilt mouse” will still be working and getting things ready for September. “We are but instruments or assistants, by whom God works.” (Martin Luther quote)

**TELEPHONE AND ADDRESS** – Some people may be moving, going to retirement homes, job transfers, etc. The church office needs to know the new address, etc. for their records. Members sometimes need to be contacted if there is a funeral, etc. “When God wants to speak and deal with us, he does not avail himself or an angel, but or parents, or the pastor or of our neighbor.” (Martin Luther quote)

**STAMPS FOR MISSIONS** - Some people will be going on vacation, getting and sending vacation postcards, graduation, engagement, wedding, baby, anniversary and sympathy cards. Please save the canceled stamps, if possible the whole envelope. Our “stamp cutters” cut the stamps off and eventually they go to the Canadian Bible society. They in turn are able to get funds to send Bibles to prisons, mission churches, etc. “It is a miracle how God has so long preserved His Book! How great and glorious it is to have the Word of God!” (Martin Luther quote.)

**SHUT-IN CARDS** - To paraphrase Martin Luther's quote “If you want to change the world, pick up your pen and write.” Send a card or note to our shut-ins that are listed in the church's newsletter. They would be very happy and excited to hear from you. You can also contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

**BAKE SALE** - The total figures are not available yet. About \$200 was collected at the Election Day (May 15, 2018) Bake Sale. More baked goods were sold at the Neighborhood Yard Sale on May 19, 2018. A special thanks to all the people who baked and worked at the bake sale.

**PRAYER SHAWLS** - Even though the hot summer months will be upon us, we continue to make the Prayer shawls and lap robes. Contact Linda Bright or Jayne Simpson if you know a person who may be in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe. “The less I pray, the harder it gets; the more I pray, the better it goes.” (Martin Luther quote)

**MITE BOXES** - Some of us have a habit of putting our loose change in a jar or small box. The Lutheran Women Missionary League also have small boxes. These are Mite boxes or the Big blue MITE Box in the church narthex. Monies from these boxes are collected and go to the mission projects that the LWML voted on at their convention. See the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more information. “A simple layman armed with scripture is greater than the mightiest pope without it. (Martin Luther quote)

**RECYCLING** - Are you or someone you know updating your or their current electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, tablets, E-Readers, used ink cartridges, etc.? Place your old stuff in the box in the library. Monies from these items are used by the Lutheran Women Missionary League to fund their mission grants.

See the Spring 2018 April-June) Eastern District LINK newsletter posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. "The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious." (Martin Luther quote)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - God is in all creatures, even in the smallest glowers." (Martin Luther quote) Check the flower chart posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$30. An additional flower vase is \$15. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar.

**DONATIONS** - If you are making a donation towards Mite Box missions, Sonshine Kitchen or paying for altar flowers, please mark the envelope (Mites, Sonshine Kitchen or Altar flowers and give it to Kathy Sourbeer or Joyce Purucker.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE EASTERN DISTRICT "LINK"** - See the latest issues and information on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

**SEMINARY STUDENT** - Seminary student, Matthew Dubensny. He wrote the following, "as of Tuesday, April 24th I have been actually assigned to a congregation for vicarage next academic year". Hi will be serving at Hanover Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Matthew's latest note is posted on the Fellowship

## Serving Christ in June/July

### Altar Guild: Dee Law

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
6/3	John Chain	Madison Stephens	Gloria Stern
6/10	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Vince Mroz
6/17	Paul Simpson	Allison Stephens	Susan Wagner
6/24	Al Dick	Timothy Breight	Paul Simpson
7/1	Cal Eggers	Madison Stephens	Lois Frerking
7/8	John Hoblak	Timothy Breight	John Hoblak
7/15	Paul Simpson	Allison Stephens	Georgi Shirley
7/22	Al Dick	Meghan Elaschat	Steve Stern
7/29	Glen Filler	Madison Stephens	Barb Mitchell

# 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.

**Marty & Cindy Hornak**  
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**Ruth Hudson**  
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**Paul & Keretta Bruner**  
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406 Howard Street  
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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Turtle Creek, PA 15145

**Henry Watkins**  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Bob Yazvac**  
979 Wilkins Avenue  
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**June 2018 Prayer Petition:**  
O Lord, open my lips that my mouth may declare Your praises. Amen –  
Portal of Prayers –  
December 13, 2017

## Anniversaries



6/7 Gary & Cristie Lobaugh	7/23 Joe & Tatis O'connor
6/9 Lee&Robin Schoenthal	7/28 Norm & Nancy Johnson
6/19 Mila&Matthew McNutt Tammy & Mark Payne	
6/20 Steve & Gloria Stern	
6/28 Karen & Bill Dadey	
7/2 Janice & James Palidora	
7/4 Viher, Jr., Larry&Pam	
7/5 Glenn&Rosalie Filler	
7/6 John & Kathy Sourbeer	
7/20 Ron & Linda Bright	
7/22 Bill & Carol Logsdon	

## Celebrating



### Birthdays

6/4 Mel9issa Elaschat	7/6 Eric Hoblak
6/17 Catherine Ertman	Cristle Lobaugh
6/20 Susan Wagner	Cathleen Williams
6/25 June Kolb Barbara Urban	7/7 Staci Orbell
6/28 Thomas Walton Jr.	7/8 Bill Logskon
7/1 Lois Frerking David Giovanetti Pamela Pollitt	7/10 Barb Mitchell
7/2 Allan Lindblom	7/11 Katie Sourbeer
7/4 Norman Johnson	7/12 Cynthia Hornak
Harold Wagner II	7/13 Vince Mroz
7/5 Dee Law	Steve Stern
Susan Robotzen	7/14 James Tubbs Jr
	7/21 Rosalie Filler
	7/24 Ruth Hirko
	7/25 Matt Hricko
	7/31 Jeff Schutte

# NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE at Christ Lutheran Church

The Outreach Committee had its Neighborhood Yard Sale on May 19th. It was a fun event that developed new connections between our church and its neighbors. Nine neighbors came and sold items. Seven church members also had tables with items for sale, plus school items were also for sale.

We had about 130 shoppers at the sale. \$485 was raised to help victims of the Highway 30 landslide through our ***Yard Sale Café*** food sales and monetary donations. The sale gave us a great opportunity to promote the Vacation Bible School program coming up in June. We also gave out booklets on a variety of topics. The most popular brochures were on anger management and finding your place in God's plan.

Participants in the Yard Sale gave the event an overall rating of 7 out of 10, and they all said we should have the sale again next year. Some even suggested another sale in the fall. The Yard Sale sparked a fire that is leading us in a new direction for evangelism at our church.

The Outreach Committee



## Important Dates June & July

### JUNE/JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th Finance

June 18th - 22nd Vacation Bible School

June 24th Voters Meeting



**Congratulations!!!**



Exciting news: Artistic Director Terrence S. Orr from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has signed four additional dancers to the company roster for their 2018-2019 Season! Christ Lutheran's very own Jonathan Bright, who was recruited from Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School <https://www.facebook.com/pghballetschool/?fref=mentions> 's Pre-professional Division is one of the four!!!



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### Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service



### Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

8:45am Sunday School ages 3-14

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups