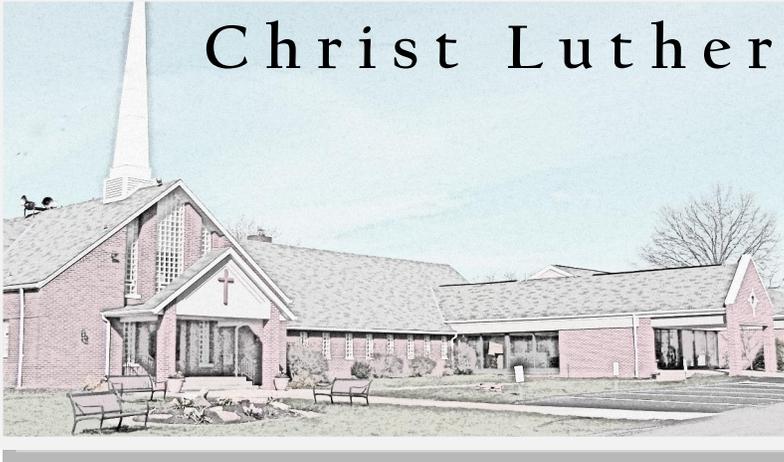


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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June/July 2020

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Let the Worship Services Begin

I'm happy to write that Christ Lutheran church is open for services once again after what seemed like forever. The wait is over to return to the house of the Lord. Is it safe to return to public worship? That is for each one to decide. For those who have chosen to return to worship, safety protocols have been put into place for the time being that seek the safety of all congregants. These protocols include the use of the main outside church doors and fellowship hall double doors for entry and exit to/ from the sanctuary. Congregants will be ushered into the sanctuary starting with the front pews (yes, the front). Following the service everyone will be ushered out starting at the back. Again, for the time being, worshippers are asked to wear masks as much as possible. We will remove our masks for the reception of holy communion. Everyone will be seated three per pew using every other pew. Family groups will be seated together. Bulletins will already be placed on the pews where people are to sit. Please do not congregate in the narthex or fellowship hall areas, if possible. Weather providing, gather into social groups outside. We hope to be able to provide a video recording of the full worship service every Sunday. Look for these services on our YouTube channel [Christ Lutheran Forest Hills PA](#). We hope to be able to post these videos on the Monday following the service.

We started services again on May 17th. It was wonderful to be in the house of the Lord together again. The Lord of the church shorten the time and hasten the opportunity for all of us to meet together there again. I personally thank the Board of Elders and their safety subcommittee for spending much time and effort in discussing, planning, and arranging everything to make church a safer place for all during this pandemic. Their work has been of high value and it would not be possible to return to church without their help.

In the Spirit of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot		
July 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$201,189	\$204,758
Mission	\$2,250	\$2,250
Staff	\$79,832	\$81,823
Operations	70,962	\$77,501
Kitchen and other one time expenses	\$41,065	\$48,000
Total Expenses	\$193,839	\$209,574
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$7,350	\$4,816

From the Finance Committee

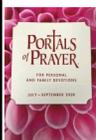
We trust that you will continue good stewardship and set aside your regular weekly offerings during this unprecedented period of small gatherings. Since the length of time of social distancing is not definite, and the church continues to incur costs for missions, staff, and operations (utilities, maintenance, insurance, etc.), the Finance Committee encourages you to mail your offerings (checks not cash) to the church office at 400 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15221, Attention: Financial Secretary. Please include one of your offering envelopes or note your envelope number in the memo section of your check. If mailing a check is not practical for you, you may bring your contributions when you are again able to worship at Christ Lutheran.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-The spring golf outing has been cancelled, but the fall outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020 with 9am Shotgun Start. This 75th Golf Outing will be held at Victory Hills in Elizabeth PA. Included will be a banquet with recognition of the participating golfers. There will be special prizes and awards to mark this 39th year milestone. The registration fee is \$80 per golfer and the guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 21. Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173) or send names and payment (Checks made out to:



GOLF
 Christ Lutheran Church
 400 Barclay Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

The new issue of Portals of Prayer is available in the Narthex of the church and in the church library. Please feel free to take one. Also, if you know of anyone that would like any past issues, those are also available.



When the coronavirus stopped the Ladies' Bible Study, they all became "techies" and learned how to use "Zoom". The ladies' and Pastor conducted their Bible Study as scheduled online.



As always, if you have if you have any news that you are willing to share, please email or give it to **Kathy Sourbeer**, ksourbeer@aol.com or send it directly to **Theresa Frankiewicz** at office-assist@christlutheranfh.org.

News from the Flock

CONGRATULATIONS to **Pastor Ron Bright** on the 30th Anniversary of his ordination. July 1, 1990. Pastor was ordained at Grace Lutheran Church in Deadwood, SD where he remained for almost three years to serve as their pastor. He also served as pastor at St. Luke's in Lyndon Station, WI before coming to Christ Lutheran in 2003. Continued blessings on your ministry.



ANNIVERSARY WISHES-Special Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Steve and Gloria Stern**, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 20. In the ensuing years, they were blessed with two children, Edra, their daughter born in 1972, who is now a practicing internist in Stamford, CT and their beloved son, Jared. Jared gave them their only grandchild, Carter, who is now 12 years old. Gloria and Steve remain grateful for the many miracles they have received over the past 50 years. They remain active members of Christ Luther-



DEATH—DANIEL J. HRICKO of Swissvale, knew the voice of the Good Shepherd and followed him to his heavenly home on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Dan was the eldest son of the late John and Ann Hricko of Johnstown. Beloved husband of Lee for forty+ storybook years. He and Lee transferred to Christ Lutheran from Trinity in Swissvale in 1995. Wonderful father to sons Jonathon (Karen) and Matthew (Emily). Doting grandfather of Grace Ann. Loving brother of the Rev. Mark (Patty and family). Caring brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin and best friend to many. Proud and loyal Pitt Grad, co-worker, manager and director for 34 dedicated years at the William Penn Hotel. A future celebration of Dan's life will be held with all of those dear to his heart.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Dylan McNutt** who was confirmed on May 31. Dylan is the son of Mila and Matthew McNutt and the grandson of Cal and Alma Eggers. Dylan also has one sibling, Aran. Dylan graciously serves our church as an acolyte. Dylan is in 8th grade at The Environment Charter School in Pittsburgh. He enjoys biking, running, fishing, skiing, good food and traveling and loves playing video games with his friends. In addition to his family he lives with 2 cats and a dog.



CONGRATULATIONS to **David James Bright** on his graduation from Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. David's graduation ceremony will be held on June 13, 2020 for family only. A celebration will follow at a later date.





ALTAR FLOWERS- Even though we have not been able to have church, eventually we will and flowers again will adorn our altar. See the flower chart in the narthex for available dates. The cost is \$30. An additional vase is \$20. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Give your check or money to Kathy Sourbeer. "Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without sound." – Edwin Curran

ALTAR GUILD– Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to help on the Altar Guild. They change the altar paraments for various church seasons and set up for Holy Communion. The altar guild is a ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. (Altar Guild Ministry quotes)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Even though the nation has been in a health crisis situation, Christ Lutheran is still collecting box tops for education. Also, if you have purchased any General Mills products, please give Lois Frerking your sales slips/or the Box Top for Education label. She will scan the grocery receipt. This enables Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont to get educational equipment for their classrooms.



GREETING CARDS– During the latest virus situation, some of us may have done some spring house cleaning or going through our dresser drawers and found a variety of greeting cards. These greeting cards are recycled and made into new greeting cards at Concordia, Cabot. Please give your cards to Susan Robotzen or put them in the bin in the church's library.



HELPING HANDS– When there is a funeral luncheon or a special occasion luncheon, women are needed to set up, prepare things, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler if you are able to help. (Helping Hands quotes, "People appreciate and never forget that helping hand especially when times are tough." - Catherine Pulsifer)

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS – Those small toiletry items that the hotels and motels supply can be used by organizations that help the homeless, have soup kitchens and help low income families, etc. There is a bin in the library or see Dee Law for more information. "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has no pity on him how can the love of God be in him?" 1 John 3:17.

MITE BOXES– This little box can do wonders for people around the world. It enables schools, organizations and churches to receive the needed funds for various projects. See more information on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. The Mite box giving promotes the spirit of contributing based on the intent to help others and not on the monetary amount. (Mite Box quotes.)

PORTALS OF PRAYER – Many thanks to some of our members who delivered the Portals of Prayer to our church members. They were greatly appreciated. During this pandemic, the daily devotions in Portals of Prayer are available at the Concordia Publishing House website at www.cph.org.

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP ROBE MINISTRY – Those of us who were recipients of a prayer shawl or lap robe during this current health situation were gratefully appreciative of these prayer shawls and lap robes. "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." Psalm 119:50

QUILTING– Even though we have not been able to come together to make quilts, someone was still making quilts for upcoming quilting dates. Quilting dates will be put in the church bulletins once our ability to gather has been restored. "One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love." (Quilting Quotes)

RECYCLING – There is a list OF TECH ITEMS that can be recycled on the recycle box in the library and on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please only leave those things which are on the list. "Recycling turn things into other things which is like magic." (Journal)

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – Thanks to congregational members who send cards, letters, and make phone calls, etc. to our shut-in members. They are greatly appreciated. "Cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7



STAMPS – Canceled stamps are still being collected. Just remember to open the letter from the bottom, cut the envelope in half, put the canceled stamp in the box in the library or give it to Lois Frerking. "Words are only postage stamps, delivering the object for you to unwrap." George Bernard Shaw (Postage stamps quotes.)

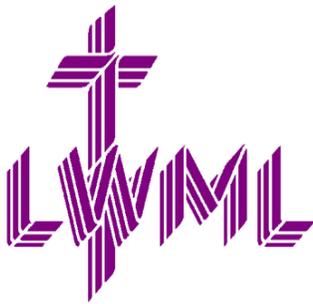
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SONSHINE KITCHEN – A special thanks to everyone who purchased and donated disposable diapers. About 12 packs of diapers (over 600 diapers) were donated to the Sonshine Kitchen. Fortunately, they were able to be delivered during the virus crisis. Also, Christ Lutheran will be serving lunch at the Sonshine Kitchen on Monday, July 20, 2020. The menu is chipped ham/cheese sandwiches, potato salad, fruit cocktail and chips. See Dee Law for more information or if you can help

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Many thanks to congregational members who called various church members during this health crisis. In order to continue to do this, our church directory is constantly being updated. Contact Barb Mitchell or e-mail her at the church office with any corrections or changes to your contact information. “Technology gives us the facilities that lessen the barriers of time and distance”-the telegraph and cable, the telephone, radio and the rest.”
(Emily Green Balch-telephone quotes)



MISSION GRANTS PROGRAM-The LWML has resolved to grant the LBW \$100,000 to fund their mission. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been bringing the gospel to blind and visually impaired people around the world since 1943. In its 76 year history, LBW has produced and distributed for free over 14 million volumes of braille, large print, and audio materials. Many volunteers help produce these Bibles and other materials using zinc plates, braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings. Currently these materials are published in 11 languages and sent to over 130 countries. They have published over 220,000 volumes over the last 42 months as the demand keeps increasing. This incredible volume takes its toll on the production equipment since each page requires separate zinc plates which are produced by a plate embossing device. The main challenge facing LBW’s goal is having the machines and technology available to produce the zinc plates. With this grant LBW will be able to purchase a PUMA plate embossing device capable of creating the necessary number of zinc plates to meet production needs. It will also allow the production of more plates in different languages, reaching even more people with the Good News of Salvation.



Addresses for our Shut-Ins



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

Marty Hornak
Room 208
3522 Rt. 130
Irwin, PA 15642

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

Charles Koenig
Concordia Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 126

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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

Flo Kost
508 Marion Avenue
Apt. 2
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 1937
Cabot, PA 16023

Geraldine Hildebrand
Concordia of the South Hills
1300 Bower Hills Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

June 2020 Prayer Petition

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7)

July 2020 Prayer Petition

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)



Celebrating in June and July

Anniversaries

6/7 Gary & Cristie Lobaugh
6/9 Lee & Robin Schoenthal
6/15 Ben & Katie Barch
6/19 Matthew & Mila McNutt
6/19 Mark & Tammy Payne
6/20 Steve and Gloria Stern (50)
6/23 Robert & Susan Stimmler
6/24 David & Kathleen Kaclik
6/28 Bill & Karen Dadey
7/2 James & Janice Polidora
7/4 Lawrence & Pamela Viher
7/5 Glenn & Rosalie Filler
7/6 John & Kathleen Sourbeer
7/20 Ronald & Linda Bright
7/22 William and Carol Logsdon, Jr.
7/23 Joseph & Tatia O'Connor
7/28 Norman & Nancy Johnson

Birthdays

6/4 Melissa Elaschat
6/10 Eugene Klebingot
6/17 Catherine Ertman
6/20 Susan Wagner
6/22 Helen Crawford
6/25 June Kolb
6/24 Barbara Urban
7/1 Lois Frerking
7/1 David Giovanetti
7/1 Pamela Pollitt
7/3 Devera Hoblak
7/4 Harold Wagner, II
7/4 Norman Johnson
7/5 Dee Law
7/5 Susan Robatzen
7/6 Eric Hoblak
7/6 Cristie Lobaugh
7/6 Cathleen Williams

7/7 Staci Orbell
7/7 Madeline Stoner
7/8 William Logsdon, Jr.
7/9 Neil Ackerman
7/10 Barbara Mitchell
7/11 Katie Barch
7/13 Vincent Mroz
7/13 Steve Stern
7/14 James Tubbs, Jr.
7/14 Connor Williams
7/20 Aran McNutt
7/21 Rosalie Filler
7/24 Ruth Hirko
7/25 Matthew Hricko
7/30 Tabitha Law
7/31 Jeffrey Schutte



Important Dates in June and July

Please check your email and Church website for updates on cancellations.

www.christlutheranfh.org

June 2 Primary Election Day
June 10 Elders Meeting 2 pm
June 14 Flag Day
June 20 First Day of Summer
June 21 Father's Day
June 28 Voters' Meeting after 10 am service
July 4 Independence Day
July 5 Installation of New Church Officers



ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

During this time the CDC and WHO have recommended reduced gathering sizes and social distancing. In response, many churches, including our own Christ Lutheran, are offering online opportunities for worship, whether livestreamed or recorded. Please check the Eastern District website at lcmseed.org and click on the worship opportunities box in the middle of the page. They have listed many options for you to worship.

Let us all pray that this pandemic is over quickly and we can once again come together to worship the Lord.

Reminder that our worship services can be found on our YouTube channel at Christ Lutheran Forest Hills PA



Church Service Times

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

8:45am Sunday School Ages 2-18



Bible Studies

(tentative)

Wednesday

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
(Online for now)

Thursday

7:00 pm Bible Overview

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study



Serving Christ in June and July

All Services are Tentative

Altar Guild

June: Georgia Hanley

July:

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
06/07/20	Cal Eggers		Joyce Purucker
06/14/20	Al Dick	Dylan McNutt	Darlene James
06/21/20	Steve Stern		Barb Mitchell
06/28/20	Glenn Filler		Neil Ackerman
07/05/20			
07/12/20			Susan Wagner
07/19/20		Dylan McNutt	Georgi Shirley
07/26/20			Steve Stern

Please contact the church office at 412-271-7173 if you cannot fulfill the duty to which you have been assigned or if you could volunteer to fill in on any of the blank dates.

If you are reading this newsletter in black and white, please consider giving us an email address so that we can send you the newsletter in living color. This newsletter can also be viewed on the website at:

www.christlutheranfhh.org

Please consider giving us your email address so that we can email you the newsletter. This saves postage costs and you get the newsletter much faster and it is also in color.

Pastor Bright and crew have been recording his weekly message for viewing online. Now that church services have resumed, the Sunday service will be recorded so that you can continue to worship online for the time being.

Watch your email and check the church website at www.christlutheranfhh.org for links to these online services. You can also access the Facebook page: Christ Lutheran Church or the YouTube Channel: Christ Lutheran Forest Hills PA



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