

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
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March 2019

This is the Life

We've all been hearing and reading about how millions of households are "cutting the cord" and ditching cable TV in favor of just getting their shows over the internet. Part of the reason for this is there is so oftentimes nothing good to watch. Ahhh... gone are the good 'ol days of great TV. Until now!

This Lent for our Whole-Church Bible Study we are bringing back 6 classic episodes of *This is the Life*. This edgy TV series from the 1950's - 80's by the Lutheran Hour - just like their radio program - changed Christian Television forever. Join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall for food, fellowship, and a viewing and discussion of these episodes. In the end, each episode has one thing in common: God reigns through every event in our lives, and it is by faith in His Son-following and honoring Him-that our lives find their fullest meaning.

Psst - Don't be surprised if you happen to see actors such as Jack Nicholson, Leonard Nimoy, Angie Dickinson, and David Ogden Stiers cut their teeth on their craft long before they hit the "big time."

See you there!

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| Financial Snapshot July 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 | Actual | Budgeted |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Offerings | \$119,876 | \$107,500 |
| Other Income | \$10,459 | \$11,350 |
| Total Income | \$130,335 | \$118,850 |
| Missions | \$1,700 | \$1,700 |
| Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes) | \$49,284 | \$50,357 |
| Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses | \$73,377 | \$70,735 |
| Emergency Maintenance | \$26,786 | 0 |
| Total Expenses | \$151,147 | \$122,792 |
| Net | \$-20,812 | \$-3,942 |

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Recognition

This March marks Doug Skalka's 20th year as our organist!

Engagement

Susan Shuster and Robert Stimmler announced their engagement in church on January 27, 2019. They plan to be married in June 2019. Best wishes to both of them.

Deaths

Henry Watkins died on January 31, 2019. He was one of our older members living to be 95 years. He is survived by three daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His funeral service was at Jobe Funeral Home on February 4, 2019 and performed by Pastor Breight.

In the News

Susan and Hal Wagner celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on January 25. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years!

Neil Ackerman introduced his fiancé Lynne and her son James at church on January 27. She recently came to the United States from the Philippines. We look forward to getting to know both of them better in the coming months. Neil and Lyn plan to marry on March 30th.

Jonathan Breight has been busy. Recently he performed in The Great Gatsby. He has been given a contract with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre for another year. Keep up the good work!

Miguel Breight will be deployed on April 12 for a year to Europe. May he be blessed as he serves our country with the Army.

Kyle O'Connor was Master Carpenter for the Point Park University production of "Old Man and the Sea." He built the boat and the dock for the production.

Madeline Stoner was a participant in the Sunset Valley Talent Show. She was part of a Cheer presentation. Madeline also participates in a competitive cheer group.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD – Members change the altar paraments for the various church seasons and set up for communion. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

HELPING HANDS – Women from the congregation set-up , prepare and serve at funeral luncheons, Lenten and Advent dinners or other events. A grateful thanks to Rosalie Filler who usually plans and organizes the funeral luncheons. Also thanks to the men who set up and take down the tables and chairs.

QUILTING – A HUGE thanks to Alma Eggers, Dee Law, Joyce Purucker, (Carol Sapanara & Christine Terry, when they can make it) for making the quilts. We have lots of fun. We are fortunate that people have donated material and mattress pads to be used as the middles (batting). We are always in need of queen or king size mattress pads.

STAMPS – Our stamp cutter's fingers want to get more exercise. Bring in your canceled stamps. There is bin in the library. Cut the envelope in half. According to the Winter edition of the LWML LINK, the Canadian Bible Society one pound of stamps equal six Bibles for Canadian Prisons. Contact Lois Frerking or Linda Bright for more information.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – If you have moved, gave up your “land line” or got a new cell phone number, changed or got a new e-mail address, please notify Barb Mitchell at the church office so she can update the church directory. If you know of any congregational member that has changed their phone number or e-mail address, please notify the office.

SHUT-IN MINISTRY – Most of us get bills, requests for donations and other types of requests. Our shut-ins probably get that also. We can brighten their day by sending them a card or a note. Contact Joyce Purucker if you want to be part of the Shut-in Card Ministry team.

PRAYER SHAWLS – Many ill or terminally ill people are grateful for the homemade prayer shawls or lap robes they were given. Contact Jayne Simpson or Linda Bright if you know someone in need of a prayer shawl, lap robe or if you want to help make them.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – Many of us enjoy using and reading the Portal of Prayers. There is a bin in the library for the old editions of the Portal of Prayers. These are then taken to the Sonshine Kitchen in McKeesport.

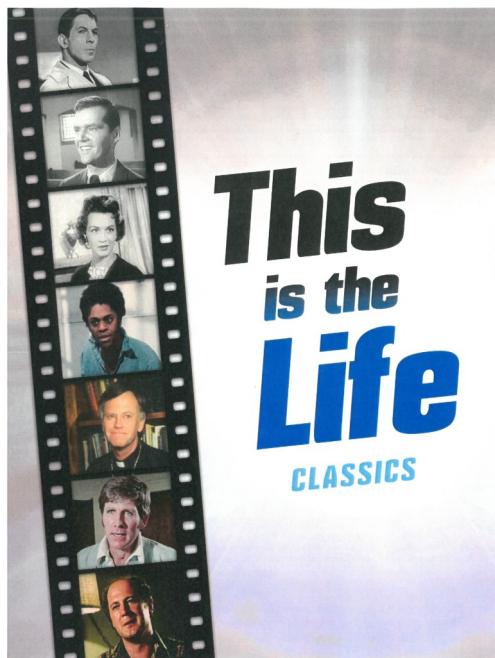
ALTAR FLOWERS – Do you want to honor a loved one's memory, anniversary, birthday or special event, you can do so by placing flowers on the altar. The cost is \$30 or an additional flower vase is \$15. Write your name on the flower chart on in the Narthex. Money is due when the flowers are placed on the altar. Please place your money in an envelop and mark “Altar Flowers” and give to Kathy Sourbeer. Also please bring back the plastic vase liner. The following dates are available: February 24, March 10, 31, April 7 and 28, and May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2019.

MITE BOXES - Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. (LWML web site) There are small Mite boxes on the shelf in the narthex.

RECYCLING – There is a bin in the library for recyclable items such as I-pads, cell phones, kindles, computer ink cartridges, etc. The Lutheran Women Missionary League is able to receive money from these items for various mission grants.

SONSHINE KITCHEN – The Women Service Guild will be serving at the Sonshine Kitchen on Monday, April 1, 2019. We will be serving hot ham and cheese sandwiches. We also need buns, potato salad, fruit cocktail, and potato chips or to donate money. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. See Dee Law for more information or to make a donation.

KITCHEN REMODELING – As reported last month, the Women Service Guild is planning to replace the cabinets, drawers, etc. If you know of a company or a person who would give us an estimate on remodeling the kitchen, please let us know. We will probably need help from the congregation.



Enjoy nine episodes of the Emmy Award winning series, *This is the Life*. Each episode features a Gospel message and issues that are still relevant today. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of *The Lutheran Hour*, provides commentary and you will see well-known actors before they were stars!

Sunday Mornings March 10 - April 14, 2019
8:45 am
Fellowship Hall



ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6.

Join us at 7 pm for a special service including the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES continue the following Wednesdays through April 10.

Supper is served at 5:45 and the service begins at 7 pm. March 13 and April 10 are pot-luck style. The others will featured a prepared

menu.



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

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.

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

Fran Giese
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Marty Hornak
Golden Heights
Room 208
3522 Rt 130
Irwin, PA 15642

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 15137-1101

Carol Sapanara
7630 Morris St.
Verona, PA 15147

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Bob Yazvac
4263 Northern Pike
Room #108
Monroeville, PA 15146



March 2019 Prayer Petition:

Psalm 4:3 - But know that the Lord has set apart the Godly for Himself, the Lord hears when I call to Him.

Celebrating in March 2019

Anniversaries



03/16 Eric & Devera Hoblak

03/18 Paul & Jayne Simpson

Birthdays

03/02 Georgianna Hanlet
Amy Taylor

03/05 Alana Donolo

03/08 Bryan Hite

03/08 Justin Polidora

03/09 Ann Tubbs

03/12 Gerald Williams Jr.

03/15 Florence Kost

03/17 Robert Brecht

Jordan Stephens

03/18 Zachary Chick

03/21 James Polidora

03/22 Timothy Galvin

03/25 Michael Lis

03/26 Lorna Schutte
Robert Stimmler

03/30 Paul Simpson

Serving Christ in March 2019

Altar Guild:

| Date | Worship Assistant | Acolyte | Lector |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 3/3/2019 | Glenn Filler | Dylan McNutt | Joyce Purucker |
| 3/6/2019 | Cal Eggers | | |
| 3/10/2019 | Al Dick | David Carmichael | Paul Simpson |
| 3/13/2019 | Al Dick | | |
| 3/17/2019 | Cal Eggers | Alana Donolo | Barb Mitchell |
| 3/20/2019 | Steve Stern | | |
| 3/24/2019 | John Hoblak | Meghan Elaschat | Neil Ackerman |
| 3/27/2019 | John Hoblak | | |
| 3/31/2019 | John Crawford | Dylan McNutt | Lois Frerking |

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

Ash Wednesday

March 6th 7:00 pm

Lenten Midweek

March 13th, 20th, 27th