

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

March 2018

Road Hazards

Recent news articles in our area have reported on all the potholes in the roads this winter. You don't need to read the paper to find out the truth on the matter. One trip down the road quickly reveals this has been one of the worse years by far for those menacing blacktop craters. They come up fast. They're hard to see at night. When they are filled with water they can trick you as to how deep they are. The number of potholes this year are legion. They are to be avoided. Thus, all the cars swerving and veering off course, sometimes right into your lane!

It's not as though we don't have any "potholes" in our lives, either. There are plenty. We encounter them every day. They come up unexpectedly. What seems to be a little matter jars us far off our desired path. Sometimes we turn to avoid them. Other times we just hit them head on. It's like one of the news segments reported – if you haven't hit one yet, you will!

Lent is a time to consider those potholes in our lives. It's a time to get better at recognizing them, sizing them up, avoiding them, and getting repairs for the damage they have caused in our lives. We find all the help we need in the Lord. He had a big pothole coming toward him. He hit it on Good Friday's cross. He knew it was coming. He knew its immeasurable size. He knew the damage that would be done to him. Yet He didn't swerve to miss it. He hit it head on. Why? So that he could help us every time we hit trouble in our life, and so that he could be the solution even for the biggest bump we hit – death.

Baptized into Jesus, we are now surrounded with God's care. When we hit those bumps in life's road, we can remember all that He willingly suffered and endured to help us. We can call upon him at any time, and He will see us through.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

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Finance Cal Eggers, Jim Law

Outreach Judy Chick, Jonathan
Breight, Melissa Elaschat

Planning Kathy Sourbeer

Financial results July 1 to December 31	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$125,327	\$119,459
Missions	\$2,000	\$2,000
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$46,780	\$49,673
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$44,292	\$64,912
Total expenses	\$93,072	\$116,585
Net	\$32,255	\$2,874

News from the Flock

Carol Sapanara had a wonderful trip to Hawaii for Christmas. Her daughter Theresa and grandson Kyle joined her as they went to join her sons. This was the first time they had all been together for ten years. A highlight was being able to swim with dolphins..

Congratulations to Gary and Cristie Lobaugh on the birth of their first child, Jackson, Born December 25, 2017

Save the date for Vacation Bible School. The planning meeting will be March 1st at 6:30 PM. The dates for Vacation Bible School will be June 18-22 from 9:00 AM to 12 PM. Much help is needed beforehand and during the week. Volunteer clearances are free and easy to apply for by computer. Contact Gloria Stern or Linda Breight to volunteer your skills. Information on registration will be available in May. As always the program is free for participants so let your neighbors and grandchildren know the dates.

We welcome Darlene James as the new office assistant for Christ Lutheran Church.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD – Cares for everything pertaining to Communion (setting up for the celebration of Communion and cleaning up after the service) and the altar paraments (cleaning, ironing and changing according to the season), Contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

QUILTING – Enjoy fun and fellowship as we gather to quilt on Tuesdays, March 13 and 27. Help bring in Spring.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – Ruth Hirko is in the process of looking for another place to send the Portals of Prayers to. If you know of an organization that could use them, contact Ruth Hirko

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – Several women have stepped up to help cut the canceled stamps for Bibles. Please leave from ½ inch to ¾ border around the stamps. There were several stamps that could not be used because they were cut too close to the stamp. If you want to help contact Linda Bright for more information.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Contact Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler if you have a new address, changed your phone or cell phone number, or e-mail address. This enables the church to up-date their church directory. Also, when there is a funeral, people can be contacted.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – Recently when a church member passed away, their family thanked the church members who sent her cards, letters, etc. The woman greatly appreciated hearing from various church members. Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to be part of the shut-in card ministry. You are given the name, address and birth date of shut-in members, suggested mailing schedule and prayer petitions to be enclosed with a card.

PRAYER SHAWLS – Over the years people have received prayer shawls or lap robes to give them comfort. They greatly appreciated getting these items. To be part of the prayer shawl ministry or know of someone who may be in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe, contact Linda Bright, or Jayne Simpson.

MITE BOXES – In Luke 21: 1-4 “The widow's offering” Jesus says “...put in all she had to live on.” The money we put in the large (blue) mite box in the Narthex or the small Mite boxes that we fill goes to various mission projects that the Lutheran Women Missionary League adopted at the July 2017 convention. \$2,075,000.00 million dollars was pledged to support various mission projects. As of January 31, 2018 - \$769,805.55 has been collected. \$1,305,194.45 is needed. (LWML we site.)

RECYCLING – Pretty soon, some of us will be starting “spring cleaning.” If you electronic devices (cameras, i-pads, notebooks, cell phones, pagers or computer ink cartridges, etc. See complete list on Fellowship Hall bulletin board or box in the library. Monies received from these items go towards LWML mission projects. See Linda Bright for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS – Order forms for Easter Flowers will be in the Sunday Bulletins

SONSHINE KITCHEN - The Women Service Guild will be serving dinner at the Sonshine Kitchen on Monday, March 5, 2018. We are taking donations of buns, fruit cocktail, chips. Monetary donations are being collected. See Dee Law for more information or if you can volunteer to help. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

TREASURER – The Women Service Guild is in need of a new treasurer. Kathy Sourbeer needs to resign from the office. Contact Joyce Purucker, President if you would like to serve in this position.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Please check for available dates on flower chart in the Narthex. The cost is \$30.00. An additional flower vase is \$15.00. Please pay when the flowers are placed on the altar.

Please give money to Kathy Sourbeer and mark the envelope “Altar Flowers”

DONATIONS - When giving a donation for specific mission (example: Sonshine Kitchen, Altar flowers, Mites etc., please put the money in the envelope from the church pew and mark what it is for. This enables our treasurer to record the money properly, and to make sure that your donation goes to the project that you are supporting.

37th BIENNIAL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE CONVENTION will be held on June 1-3, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Niagara Fall, New York. Registration is due April 30, 2018. See the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for registration forms and information

LWML JOY WORKSHOP AND SPRING RALLY will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Murrysville, PA.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE EASTERN DISTRICT “LINK” is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Read what is happening in LWML .

Serving Christ in March

Altar Guild: Dee Law

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
March 4th	10:00am	Cal Egger	Madison Stephens	Paul Simpson
March 11th	10:00am	Glenn Filler	Timothy Breight	Barb Mitchell
March 18th	10.00am	John Chain	Meghan Elaschat	Kyle Hubbard
March 21st	7:30pm	Cal Eggers		
March 25th	10:00am	Al Dick	Timothy Bright	Lois Frerking

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
1100 Penn Center
Apt. 210
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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

Charles Koenig
Concordia Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 126
Monroeville, PA 15146

Tom Walton
LGAR
800 Elsie Street Room 202-B
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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

Russell Long
606 Filmore Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Bob Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Clorinda Mastrocola
200 Union Avenue
North Versailles, PA 15137

**March Prayer
Petition**

Lord, continue to show me ways in my life to give you glory. Amen - Portals of Prayer July .

Celebrating in March

Anniversaries



- 18 Paul & Jayne Simpson
- 24 David & Susan Garris

Birthdays



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| 2 | Georgianna Hanley | 17 | Jordan Stephens |
| | Amy Taylor | 18 | Zachary Chick |
| 5 | Alana Donolo | 22 | Timothy Galvin |
| 8 | Bryan Hite | 25 | Michael Lis |
| | Justin Polidora | 26 | Lorna Schutte |
| 9 | Ann Tubbs | | Robert Stimmler |
| 12 | Gerald Williams Jr. | 27 | Helen Bonacci |
| 15 | Florence Kost | 30 | Paul Simpson |
| 17 | Robert Brecht | 31 | Thomas Planinsek |

Important Dates in March

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 2018 (Sun.) 3rd Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2018 (Mon.) Women Service Guild serve at Sonshine Kitchen
March 7, 2018 (Wed.) Lenten service
March 11, 2018 (Sun.) 4th Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2018 (Tues.) Quilting 9 a. m.
March 14, 2018 (Wed.) Lenten service
March 18, 2018 (Sun.) 5th Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2018 (Wed.) Lenten service
March 25, 2018 (Sun.) Palm Sunday
March 27, 2018 (Tues.) Quilting 9 a. m.
March 29, 2018 (Thurs.) Maundy/Holy Thursday church service
March 30, 2018 (Fri.) Good Friday church service

April 1, 2018 (Sun.) Easter services

Easter Event Saturday March 24th(9:45 to Noon)
Registration Form Included

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service

Wednesdays during Lent

7:30pm



Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

8:45am Sunday School ages 3-14

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups