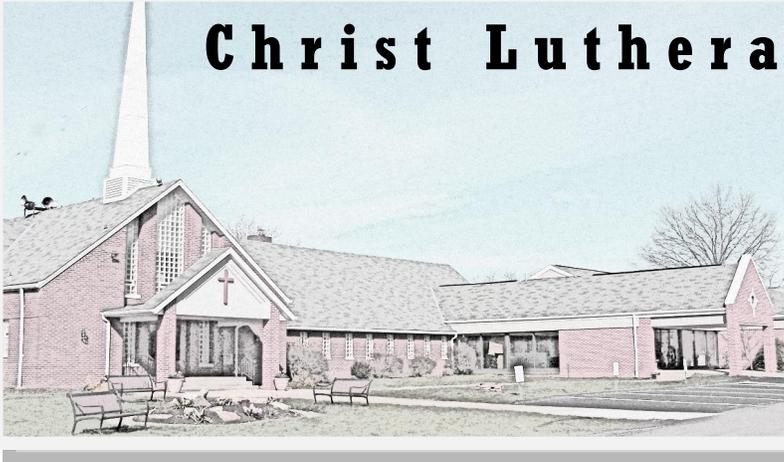


# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church  
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## March 2021

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### Springtime with the Lord

This March newsletter finds us in the midst of our annual Lenten season. *Lent* is a Saxon word that means *spring*. The element of spring that this word especially has in mind is the increasing amount of daylight. As we say, the days get longer – the days are lengthened because of the change in the angle of the sun towards our part of the earth. The important church observance of Lent takes its name from a change in the season.

There is another “lengthening of days” that we also look to on the spiritual side of things this time of year. Lent is the time for us to double down on sincere repentance, prayer, abstaining from food (or at least certain foods), and giving aid. Why? Because this is the way our Lord has left us to follow. It is a life of self-denial that has become quite unpopular in today’s culture of self-gratification. During his life, Jesus denied himself of nearly all the pleasures he rightly had coming to him. He even denied himself his own life when on the cross of Calvary he took upon himself the sentence that justly belonged to each of us. Because Jesus’ life was cut short at some thirty-three years in length, we now have God’s promise that in Jesus we will live with him forever in his eternal kingdom. In Jesus our days will be lengthened immeasurably.

Lent is a time for us to return to the Lord and his ways that we will be firmly planted in the new life Jesus gives. The Scriptures remind us of the promise made to King Solomon when he took the throne over Israel;

*And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days. 1 Kings 3:14*

God grant to same blessing to us all.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$137,095	\$148,114
Missions	\$3,768	\$2,750
Staff	\$54,354	\$ 62,230
Operations	\$74,719	\$78,157
Total Expenses	\$132,841,	\$143,137
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$4,254.</b>	<b>\$4,977</b>

As shown above, offerings have been somewhat behind budget for the fiscal year so far. We are thankful that many of our members have been worshipping safely in person at Christ Lutheran and that others, while worshipping from home, have been making their contributions by mail. We encourage all members who are sheltering in place to continue their faithful financial stewardship and mail your tithes and gifts to the church office to the attention of "Financial Secretary."

## News from the Flock

**Pat Lenke** is turning 96 on March 17. Her daughter, Nancy Johnson, would like her mom to receive 96 birthday cards as a big surprise. If you would like to send a card, her address is:

**Mrs. Pat Lenke**  
**700 John Ringling Blvd.**  
**W-308**  
**Sarasota, FL 34236**



## DEATH



**Laureen Orfitelli Ingelido** On Sunday, February 7, 2021, age 75, formerly of Swissvale. Loving wife of the late Daniel J. Orfitelli and the late John Ingelido; beloved mom of the late Danny Orfitelli (Missy Organ), Kathy and her husband Kevin; Gramma-Gramma of Maisy and Parker; step-mother of Janet Alm and Gary Ingelido and their families. Sister of the late Richard (and the late Norma) Martin, Donald (and the late Lois Anne) Martin, Thomas L. (Donna) Martin, and John E. (Melanie) Martin; aunt to many loving nieces and nephews; best friend and partner in crime to Dolly Ohodnicki. She was a fun and loyal friend to everyone she met. She was a longtime member of the Swissvale VFW. The funeral was held privately. Arrangements entrusted to the THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME, INC., 7441 Washington St., Swissvale. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Don't forget to change your clocks. On March 14, we SPRING ahead!**

As always, 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 officeassist@christlutheranfh.org.

# Women's Service Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** –They change the altar parameters, prepare and set up for Holy Communion, launder the Communion napkins, etc. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information and about volunteering.

**HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS**-The Sonshine Kitchen distributes hotel toiletry items to people who are in need and come to the Sonshine Kitchen. There is a bin in the library for donations or see Dee Law for more information.



**BOX TOPS EDUCATION** The Box Tops for Education is gradually being phased out and your grocery bill is now being scanned for Box Tops items that you have purchased. There is a bin in the library for the Box Tops for Education. Give Lois Frerking your grocery receipt to scan. Monies collected goes to Redeemer Lutheran Church school. See Lois for more information.



**PORTALS OF PRAYER**– The little devotional booklet gives comfort, joy and peace as people read them daily. They are on the table in the library. If you know of an organization who may benefit by the use of them, contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

**SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY** – It is not too late to sign up to send cards to our shut-ins. You will get a list of shut-ins, suggested mailing schedule, and prayer petition notices. Our shut-ins enjoy getting mail from church members. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

**RECYCLING**-The following items are being collected for Lutheran Women Missionary Guild fundraiser: Ink Jet cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cameras and video cameras, camcorders, cell phones, smart watches, game consoles, video games, pagers, MP3 Players, Ipads, Ipods, e-book readers, tablets, Kindles, PDAs laptops, GPS devices, radar detectors, lithium batteries and chargers. There is a flyer on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and the box is in the library. See Linda Breight for more details.

**STAMPS** – Remember to slit open the bottom of the envelope, cut the envelope in half and give the canceled stamps to Lois Frerking or put them in the box in the library. These stamps enable the Canadian Bible Society to raise funds to purchase Bibles for prisoners and foreign missions to get Bibles in their native language.



**EASTER FLOWERS**-Notices and order forms will be placed in the bulletin for Easter Flowers as soon as they become available.

**TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE** – If you know a member's new address, phone or e-mail address, please give it to Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler. If you move or change information, please remember to notify the office.

**PRAYER SHAWL/LAP ROBE MINISTRY**– Do you know someone who would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl or lap robe? They are crocheted and knitted by church members. Several people have received them and they reported that they felt comfort. See Linda Breight.

**GREETING CARDS**– If you have used greeting cards laying around the house and don't know what to do with them, bring them to church or give them to Susan Robotzen. She will take them to Concordia Cabot where they will be "reused" to make new greeting cards.

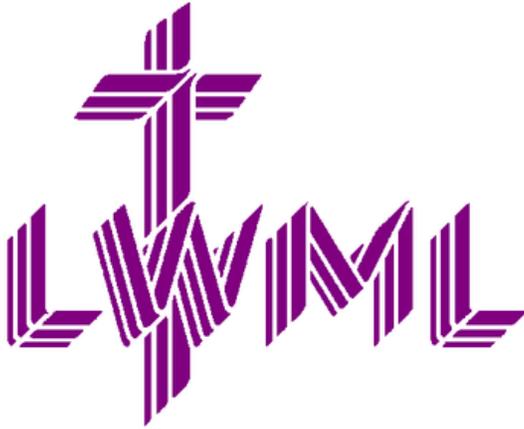
**HELPING HANDS** – As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." This goes for the people who arrange and help at funeral luncheons, special celebrations, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler for more information. Hopefully, we will be able to offer this service again.



**MITE BOXES**-The loose change in your wallet or pocket can be put to good use. Monies collected from these Mite Boxes enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to support a variety of their Mission projects. "Missions aren't just for superstars. A missionary is just like you, Ordinary folks through whom God does the extraordinary." Church Swindoll.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – There are a variety of dates available to place flowers on the altar. See the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Barb Mitchell in the church office. The cost is \$30. If you want to share a date, an additional vase is available for \$20. "Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without a sound" Edwin Curran

**MARCH MISSION GRANT**-The Lights for Christ program developed by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas and Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Zacapa, Guatemala will impact 12 impoverished Guatemalan children and their families who live in the Zacapa garbage dump by offering the life-saving Gospel of Christ, food and clothing, health and sanitation care, and school transportation to ‘the poorest of the poor’ with scholarships to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. This education program covers most of their basic needs and equips these children in grades 7-12 to reach out into their community with the gospel. This request funds 90% of the projected costs for these youth to continue their education through high school. Since this scholarship program began, Guatemalan children and their families are worshiping at Divine Savior on a regular basis.



WHEREAS, Christ teaches us to make disciples of all nations; and  
WHEREAS, the people who live in the municipal landfill in Zacapa, Guatemala, have very limited means to support their children spiritually and physically; and  
WHEREAS, the Lights for Christ Program offers spiritual and academic education and physical substance to the children of the municipal landfill and teaches the children to reach out into the community to spread the Gospel; and  
WHEREAS, donations are currently inadequate to fund the Lights for Christ Program for children in grades 7-12; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$95,000 to help fund Lights for Christ Scholarships.

## FREE VIRTUAL CONCERT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

### “From Coast to Coast: Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”



The Concordia University, Chicago Wind Symphony partnered with the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Symphonic Band for a "From Coast to Coast: Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"

concert. It will be live streamed Friday, March 12, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Christ Lutheran Church, 400 Barclay Avenue, Forest Hills, PA 15221. If you are interested in attending, please contact Shirley Freyer via email at [sfreyer@concordialm.org](mailto:sfreyer@concordialm.org)



# Important Dates in MARCH 2021

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

[www.christlutheranfh.org](http://www.christlutheranfh.org)

- March 3rd Lenten Service 4pm
- March 4th Finance Committee 3pm
- March 10th Lenten Service 4pm
- March 14th Daylight Saving Time begins (SPRING AHEAD)
- March 15th Lamplighter deadline
- March 16th Council Meeting 7pm
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 17th Lenten Service 4pm
- March 24th Lenten Service 4pm
- March 28th Palm Sunday 10am
- March 31st Lenten Service 4pm
  
- April 1st Maundy Thursday 7pm
- April 2nd Good Friday 7pm
- April 4th Easter Sunday 10am



**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**-Church attendance has been steady. Social distancing rules are being followed. Seating is in every other pew. New protocols have been established for touchless Communion. Recession is done in an orderly fashion from the back of the church to the front. Please feel free to join us, but please wear your mask.



## SPRING AHEAD MARCH 14

**Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 14, 2021** Daylight Saving Time starts on the second Sunday of March for the United States. Clocks are turned forward one hour from 2 am to 3 am.

### Church Service Times

#### Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service

Wednesday Midweek 4pm



### Bible Studies

#### Wednesday

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

#### Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

#### Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

# Addresses for our Shut-Ins

**Paul Bruner**  
615 Horizon View Drive  
Penn Hills, PA 15235

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

**Lorraine Giebel**  
134 Marwood Road  
Room 2129  
Cabot, PA 16023

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

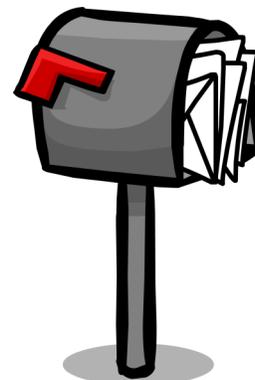
**Fran Giesey**  
310 Pennoak Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

**Geraldine Hildebrand**  
Concordia of the South Hills  
1300 Bower Hills Road  
Room 341  
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

**Lauretta Critchlow**  
Juniper Village at Forest Hills  
107 Fall Run Road  
Apt. 233  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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



**John Hoblak**  
1735 Pennsylvania Ave.  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

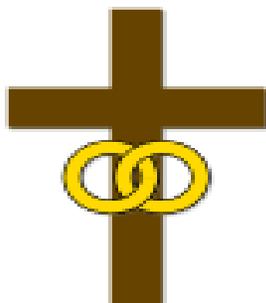
## March Prayer Petition

“Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.”  
Hymn 418 “O Lord, throughout these forty days (Lutheran Service Book)

# Celebrating in March

## Anniversaries

- 3/16 Eric & Devera Hoblak
- 3/18 Paul & Jayne Simpson
- 3/30 Neil & Risielyn Ackerman



## Birthdays

- 3/2 Georgianna Hanley
- 3/2 Norah Orbell
- 3/5 Alana Donolo
- 3/8 Justin Polidora
- 3/9 Ann Tubbs
- 3/12 Gerald Williams, Jr.
- 3/15 Florence Kost
- 3/17 Robert Brecht
- 3/17 Jordan Stephens
- 3/22 Timothy Galvin
- 3/22 Kendall Kovalcik
- 3/25 Michael Lis
- 3/26 Lorna Schutte
- 3/30 Paul Simpson





# Serving Christ in March 2021

## Altar Guild

March: Lois Frerking



	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
3/3/21 4pm Wed.	Eric Hoblak		
03/07/21	Al Dick		Vince Mroz
3/10/21 4pm Wed.	Al Dick		
03/14/21	Glen Filler		Tammy Donaldson
3/17/21 4pm Wed.	Glen Filler		
03/21/21	Cal Eggers		Rick Kern
3/24/21 4pm Wed.	Al Dick		
03/28/21	Neil Ackerman		Georgi Shirley
4/1/21 7pm Maundy Thursday	Neil Ackerman		Neil Ackerman
4/2/21 7pm Good Friday	Cal Eggers		
4/4/21 10am Easter Sunday	Eric Hoblak		Rick Kern

Please contact the church office by Friday at 10am 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 able to volunteer for any of these services, please let Theresa know either by calling the church office or via email at [officeassist@christlutheranfh.org](mailto:officeassist@christlutheranfh.org). Thank you for your service.

## HOME COMMUNION

Many of our members have not received communion for a long time because of Covid-19. Therefore, we have begun making **Home Communion Packages** available after all Sunday communion services.

- The Communion Packages are only for use by church members who are institutionalized or remain home on Sundays because of the virus.
- These packages contain individually wrapped wafers and wine that have been included in the celebration of the Lord's Supper during the regular worship service at church, along with instructions on how to use these elements.
- These packages will be available for pickup at the church office Mondays through Fridays from 9-12.
- Packages will also be delivered to family and friends by church members who are attending services.
- If you cannot come to the church office and have no one to bring you a package, please call the church office at (412) 271-7173 so arrangements can be made to get a package delivered to you. Our desire is to get a package to everyone who desires one.

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 saves on postage and you get the newsletter much faster. This newsletter can also be viewed on the website at:

[www.christlutheranfh.org](http://www.christlutheranfh.org)

Let your voice be heard on current legislation. Contact your representatives today!

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Washington, DC 2050  
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There are numerous websites available to find out who your representative is. Simply search for your town and State or US Congressman in the internet search engine.

Sunday bulletins, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website

[www.christlutheranfh.org](http://www.christlutheranfh.org).

Video recordings of our weekly services can be viewed on our You Tube channel,

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Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page

**Christ Lutheran Churchfh**



The roof on the mod was replaced with a new metal roof . The project was completed the week of February 17.



**NEW  
MOD ROOF**

