



Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church and
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A Man Named Martin

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Christ Lutheran Church is a direct descendant of that Reformation movement. This year special events are planned to help remember and celebrate this landmark anniversary.

One such event, our Lenten bible series, *A Man Named Martin*, was a great success! We averaged around 30 people at each study. The food that everyone provided was very enjoyable. More than that, many who attended really enjoyed learning more about the background and history of the early Reformation. What a wild and wooly time that was! We thank the Lutheran's Laymen's League (LLL) and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) for putting this special series together. A total of \$69 was collected from attendees to say, "Thank you!" to them and help support their continued work. If you were not able to attend this series, or if you want to go through more of Part 2 (we only did one session of part 2), you can get both Parts 1 and 2 at lhm.org or on Amazon prime video. LHM plans to release part 3 sometime in the summer months. Part 3 will complete the series.

A special movie has been produced for this anniversary year: *Martin Luther - The Idea that Changed the World*. Some saw this picture on April 20 in Delmont. If you missed it, don't worry! We plan to bring it here and show it in our sanctuary sometime in the fall.

God bless us as we remember His grace to us this year, especially as we see it embodied in the Lord Jesus who was crucified, rose again, and was glorified as the Savior of the world.

In the mercy of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

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Newsletter Article

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“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” said St. Paul, quoting our Lord (Acts 20:35). How can this be?

Jesus and His disciples withdrew to a mountain by the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The crowds followed them, for the Lord had just showered upon them the gift of His teaching, the gift of His Word. But the day was waning; the sun was setting, and it was getting late. Looking upon the crowds, Jesus had compassion on them and asked, *“Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat”* (John 6:5)? Philip said that two hundred denarii (a day’s wages for two hundred men) could not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.

But Andrew, Peter’s brother, brought a young boy forward, who had five barley loaves and two small fish. *“But,”* Andrew asked, *“what are they for so many”* (John 6:9). Jesus replied, *“Have the people sit down”* (John 6:10).

Then Jesus, the Son of God, gave them a second gift, a gift from what only He could give—a gift from above. He took the bread and the fish, gave thanks, blessed them, and distributed them to the crowd. Then came the miracle. As these five loaves and two fish were given out, they multiplied. He fed the hungry crowd until they were all full. And twelve baskets full were left over.

But Jesus was not the only one who gave that day. There is one person who also gave from what he had. It was the boy with the five loaves and the two fish. All the others, including the boy, received the gift of a miraculous feast. And they would look back on it with wonder. But the boy, when he would look back on it, would look back and remember not just what he received. He would look back with wonder and delight when the Son of God made his gift into something miraculous. For it is more blessed to give than to receive.

This our Lord does for each of us. He presses our gifts, no matter how big or how small, into His service and works wonders with them. He provides through what we give: water for baptism, bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, a man called and sent for the preaching of the Gospel and Absolution. He provides a building in which we can gather as His children, lights so that we might not gather in darkness. He provides funds for the care of the poor and struggling, for missionaries who preach and teach beyond our borders. He makes Christians, disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in our midst by bringing them to faith and nurturing them in that faith. He takes our gifts and turns them into something miraculous.

Indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thus we give. We give of what we have. And the Lord works His wonders.

EASTER FLOWERS - A special thanks to the people who purchased Easter flowers for Christ Lutheran on Easter Sunday. They helped to beautify the chancel area.

ALTAR GUILD - Some of the duties of the Altar Guild are displaying, cleaning, and storing paraments and linens appropriately, caring for sacramental vessels and vestments (Concordia Publishing House book "Altar Guild Manual". Contact Ruth Hirko for more information. "*Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God*" (Romans 15:17)

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE - If you have moved or changed your phone number, or know of someone who has, please contact Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler. Christ Lutheran needs to keep their church directory up to date. "To me, emails are a little bit frustrating. I think that the telephone is much preferred because you get the sound of the voice and the interest and everything else you can't see in an <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/telephone>.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS - "**Neither rain, nor snow, nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds**"- Greek historian Herodotus wrote about the Persian messengers in his history of the Persian Wars. (Stamp Quotes) But, these canceled stamps do bring "Good News" to prisoners and those living in third world countries. The Canadian Bible Society is able to recycle the canceled stamps to purchase Bibles. Contact Karen Hoblak for more information.

QUILTING - Mark May 9 and 23 on your calendars for Quilting. We will be meeting at 9 a.m. No experience necessary. "*One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love.*" (Quilt Quotes)

PRISON MINISTRY- Keep those "Portals of Prayers" coming in. They are sent to the Rev. Debra Reitz, Facility Chaplaincy Program Director at Muncy State Correction Institution. These devotional booklet enable the residents at Muncy State Correction Institution to develop their reading skills and learn about God's word. Ruth Hirko for sends them the Portal of Prayers. "*I was in prison and you visited me.*" Matthew 25:36

ALTAR FLOWERS - enable a person to honor someone's birthday, anniversary, or memorial for deceased loved ones. The cost is \$30. Additional flowers are \$15. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Contact Kathy Sourbeer or Barb Mitchell for more information. "*Flowers are our greatest silent friends.*" "Flower Quotes."

MITE BOXES - On Monday, April 3, 2017, announcement was made via social media and e News and news release that the goal of \$2 million had been met and exceeded. This was the Mission Goal of the LWML for the biennium of 2015-2017. There is a blue large MITE box on the shelf in the Narthex or you can use the small MITE box. They will be setting a new goal at their 37th Biennial Convention (75th Anniversary) at Albuquerque, New Mexico June 22-25, 2017. Some MITE BOX saving reminders: The first week in May is Nurses Week, May 7th: birthday of C. F. Walther, theologian, May 8th is National Teacher's Day, May 14th is Mother's Day, May 16th is Wear Purple Peace Day (spread the peace of Christ to others.), May 20th is Armed Forces Day, May 29th is Memorial Day.

37th LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE BIENNIAL CONVENTION-The 75th anniversary of the LWML will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22-25. Linda Breight will be a delegate to the convention. More information is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

PRAYER SHAWLS - Do you have a loved one or know someone's loved one who is sick, recovering from various medical therapies or other medical issues? The Women Service Guild have prayer shawls or lap robes available. Contact Linda Breight, Karen Hoblak, or Jayne Simpson for more information.

RECYCLING -If you have started your spring house cleaning and wonder what to do with those old cell phones, pagers, I-pods, MP3 players, laptop computers, GPS systems, iTablets, eReaders, iPads and notebooks (all data is wiped from these devices) and Name Brand Ink cartridges. These items are used as fundraisers for LWML projects. **Do not** bring toner or toner tubes, or re-manufactured refilled ink cartridges.

TRIVIA QUESTION #1: Who donated her last two copper coins to the temple treasury and was commended by Christ because she gave all she had (Mark 12:41-44) A: The Poor Widow, B: The Prophet's Widow, C: Bathsheba

TRIVIA QUESTION #2: True or False: To be a member of the LWML, each women must be able to sew, cook, and make various JELL-O* dishes.

News from the Flock

BIRTHS

Graeme Lee McDonald was born on March 17th. He is the grandson of John and Cindy Chain. He was baptized on April 9th and they were able to attend at the time of his birth and also for the baptism.

John and Karen Hoblak are happy to announce the birth of a great-granddaughter on March 25th.

BAPTISMS

Jayne Margaret Orbell the daughter of Adam and Staci Orbell was baptized on March 26th. Her baptism sponsors are Kimberly Orbell, Philip Orbell, and Brian Tucker.

Sirak Zerabruk is the son of Elen Woldemichael and Zerabruk Teklealfa and was also baptized on March 26th. His sponsor is Rosalie Moore.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Staci and Adam Orbell to our congregation by profession of faith on March 26th.

OTHER NEWS

Thank you to all those that helped during Lent for the dinners, to Rosalie Filler and helpers for the breakfast before the Lenten Bible study on Martin Luther, to Doug Skalka our organist, Gloria Stern our cantor, our office staff, the Women's Service Guild for ordering and arranging the Easter flowers and Pastor Breight.

Thank you to all that helped with the Easter Event and those that donated candy or money to make it a wonderful day for those that attended. Many were involved in making it a special day for the children.

Vacation Bible School is still in need of kitchen helpers, classroom helpers and teachers. Keep June 19-23 from 9- noon open. See Linda Breight or Kathy Sourbeer if you are available or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

Meghan Elizabeth Elaschat

Allison Marie Stephens

Madison Jean Stephens

Serving Christ in May

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
May 7	10:00am	Steve Stern	Allison Stephens	Gloria Stern
May 14	10:00am	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	John Hoblak
May 21	10:00am	Glenn Filler	Timothy Breight	Joyce Purucker
May 28	10:00am	Al Dick	Madison Stephens	Karen Hoblak

Addresses for our shut-ins



Wayne & Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Marty & Cindy Hornak
Seneca Place, Room 134
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Verona, PA 15147

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

Carole Buzard
101 Brandywine Drive
Irwin, PA 15642

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Independence Court
279 Center Road
Room 204
Monroeville, PA 15146

Ruth Hudson
214 Orin Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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Concordia Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 126
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825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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200 Union Avenue
North Versailles, PA 15137

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East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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LGAR
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Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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May Prayer Petition

Holy Spirit, hear us on this sacred day. Come to us with blessing. Come with us to stay
(The Lutheran Hymnal, hymn 229, v. 1)

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Olga Zinn
Buckingham South
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Celebrating in May

Anniversaries



- 1 Wayne & Lee Bogнар
- 16 William & Audrey Marvenko
- 17 Mike & Suzanne Lydon-George
- 18 Thomas & Rebecca Planinsek
- 19 Melvin & Marjorie Itzel
- 29 Jeffrey & Lorna Schutte
- 30 Kevin & Katherine Hanley

Birthdays

- 4 David Carmichiel
- 5 Glenn Filler
- Jonathon Hricko
- 9 Julie Donolo
- Frank Elaschat
- 11 Daniel Hricko
- 14 Rebecca Planinsek
- 18 Kyle Schoenthal
- 22 Linda Breight
- Karen Dadey
- William Hite
- William Logsdon



- 23 Alma Eggers
- Maisy Hanley
- 25 Paul Bruner
- Gloria Stern
- 26 Karen Hoblak
- Helen Mozeik
- Kyle O'Connor
- 27 Shane Planinsek
- 29 Wayne Giesey
- Mila McNutt
- 30 Meghan Elaschat
- 30 Jim Law

Important Dates

Finance Committee Meeting-May 2nd

Confirmation Class-May 3rd, 10th, & 17th

Confirmation Sunday-May 21st

Quilting-May 9th & 23rd

Mother's Day-May 14th

Church Council Meeting-May 16th

Elders' Meeting-May 30th

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service



Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School ages 3-14

9:00am Adult Bible Study Groups

Visit our website for additional information and for our complete church and school calendars at www.christlutheranfh.org