

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

May 2018

Up and Out

This May the church celebrates two important religious observances. One is the Ascension of Our Lord. The other is the Day of Pentecost. The two are related. First, Jesus ascended into heaven to take His place at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He rules and reigns over all creation. Baptized into Christ, we now have the hope of ascending and ruling with Christ. To that end, from His place of power, Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit upon the earth, starting with His disciples on the Day of Pentecost. Jesus told them, "You shall be by witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) And He gave them the power of the Spirit to do just that.

This work continues to this very day. We know the only reason this world still turns is to allow time for more to be added to the number of God's holy people. This is one of the prime functions of our church. We take the disciples' eyewitness accounts recorded in the Bible, combine them with our personal testimony, and speak them to those we know who are not in the church.

One new way our church is taking the message into our neighborhood is through the Neighbor Yard Sale we are planning for Saturday, May 19. Church members and our neighbors are invited to bring items they want to sell. They will get a table and some chairs. From 8am to 2pm that day it will be a great opportunity for us to get to know some neighbors, and also for the neighbors to get to know each other better. All this will be done while having church and VBS brochures and tracts available, plus our own personal presence, fellowship, and invitation. So... pray for the success of this event. Gather the stuff you want to sell. Bring it on May 19 along with a nice smile and let's get to know the neighbors!

Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

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Financial Snapshot July 1, 2017 to March 30, 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$160,115	\$150,277
Missions	\$3,000	\$3,000
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$60,517	\$63,983
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$61,097	\$82,078
Total expenses	\$124,614	\$149,061
Net	\$35,501	1,216

News from the Flock

Baptism

Jackson Christopher Lobaugh was brought to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday April 8, 2018. His parents are Christie and Gary Lobaugh. His baptismal sponsors are Scott McIntosh, Jr. and Susan Pugliese.

Engagement

Megan Einspahr and John Migyanko IV were engaged on February 10, 2018. They are planning a November 4, 2018 wedding.

In the News

Christ Lutheran Church celebrated its 85th anniversary on April 21.

Arlene Popko, sister of Joyce Purucker is having an art showing at the Peter Township Library. She has three paintings available. Portion of the sale of art goes to benefit Peters Library. Gerry Hildenbrand would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards she received as she recuperated.

Thank you to Gloria Stern and all the Easter Event workers, and those who donated candy or money. Although we had the hunt inside, it was a fun time.

Thank you to all those that provided food and prepared the Lenten Dinners, Sunday Breakfasts, and Easter Sunday breakfast.

Thank you to everyone that purchased flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter and for Dee Law and Rosalie Filler for arranging the flowers.

Queen and King size mattress pads are needed to be used as batting for the quilts we make. We would appreciate it if they were laundered. Also, if you or someone you know works in a motel or hotel and they get new mattress pads, the Women Service Guild would appreciate getting them. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information.



Guest Cellist

On Sunday, April 15, Christ Lutheran had a special musical guest. Michael Yakoblev, formerly of the Moscow Symphony, joined organist Doug Skalka for five pieces at our worship service. The music was beautiful. Mr. Yakoblev is in the U.S. visiting his friend, Gregory, who lives across the street from church. He approached Pastor Bright one day in the parking lot and expressed his interest in playing for church. Of course you can!

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD – Contact Ruth Hirko if you want to be part of the Altar Guild team. The set up for Holy Communion and change the altar coverings. “If it is serving, let him serve.” Romans 12:7a

QUILTING – Quilting will be held on Tuesdays May 8 and 22, 2018 at 9 a. m. Enjoy fellowship with one another as we quilt. Queen and King size mattress pads are need to be used as batting for the quilts we make. We would appreciate it if they were laundered. Also, if you or someone you know works in a motel or hotel and they get new mattress pads, the Women Service Guild would appreciate getting them. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information. “Blessed are the piece makers. There is no wrong time for quilting” internet “Some fun quilting quotes just 4 you.”

BAKE SALE – The Women Service Guild is sponsoring and election day Tuesday, May 15, 2018 bake sale. Monies raised will go toward a 2019 seminary student. In previous years the Women Service Guild would send \$600, but we were only able to send \$400 this year. The WSG appreciates bake goods for the sale. Also, if you can help out, it would greatly be appreciated. “*In good times and bad, we know that people give because you meet needs, not because you have needs.*” – Kay Sprinkel Grace” “101 Fundraising quotes/25 awesome fund raising quotes.”

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – Ruth Hirko is still looking for an organization that can use the Portal of Prayers. Due to security reasons, they can no longer be sent Muncy prison. Please keep saving them.

We can gain wisdom through reading Bible Verses. *Jimmy Che, 365 Bible Verses and Joel Osteen Quotes* “Christian Quotes.”

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – That small square, circle, oblong, triangle stamp that is put on the envelope sends messages, greetings and information. It also serves another purpose, these canceled stamps are collected by the Canadian Bible Society who in turn are able to receive monies to purchase Bibles for foreign countries and in their native language and also for prisoners who can read and learn about Jesus and possibly change their lives around. Please leave about ½ to ¾ border around the cut stamp. Contact Linda Bright for more information. “The resurrection of Jesus Christ was necessary to establish the truth of his mission and put the stamp of all-conquering power on his gospel. “Edward McKendree Bounds Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/stamp>

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – How many of you remember standing in a line and someone whispered something in your ear and the last person had to say what was whispered? Most of the times it was not what the first person said originally. Well, the church would like to get the original information (new address, phone number, cell phone number or e-mail) to update their church directory. “There are those whose lives affect all other around them. Quietly touching one heart who in turn touches another. Reaching out to ends further than the world ever knew. “ William Bradfeidl values.com (reach out and touch someone quotes.)

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SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – There was a song out “I'm gonna set myself down and write myself a letter” or something similar to that. Well, our shut-ins like to get mail from our congregational members. Family members of some of our deceased shut-in members commented that their father, mother, sister, or brother really appreciated getting mail from church members. If you would like to be part of the Shut-In Card Ministry, contact Joyce Purucker. “It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.” Abe Lincoln (Quotes gram-senior citizens quotes.)

PRAYER SHAWLS – Various people have commented on the comfort and joy they received using the prayer shawls or lap robes. Contact Linda Bright or Jayne Simpson if you know someone who could use a prayer shawl or lap robe. “Courage doesn't mean yo don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.” curiano.com (Prayer shawls, inspiration & quotes pin interest)

MITE BOXES – Have you notice the **BIG** blue mite box or the little mite boxes on the shelf in the Narthex? Monies that people put in them are sent to Lutheran Women Missionary League to fund the mission projects that were voted on 75th convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more information. “One man gives freely, yet gains even more) Proverbs 11:24a)

RECYCLING – High school, college graduations, birthdays, weddings etc will soon upon us. Some people will be getting the latest technical gadgets, etc. Or you are replacing the outdated stuff you have. The question is “What do I do with this stuff.?” Bring it to church. These items are taken to a certain place and monies received for them are give to the Lutheran Women Missionary League for the various mission projects. There is a box in the library. 'We can;t help everyone, but everyone can help someone. Ronald Regan (recycling Brainy quotes)

SONSHINE KITCHEN – Monday, July 30, 2018 will be the next time that Christ Lutheran serves at the Sonshine Kitchen. More information will be available closer to the date. “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

ALTAR FLOWERS – Do you want to honor a loved one, honor someone's birthday or anniversary? You can do this by placing flowers on the altar. The cost is \$30. Additional flower vase if \$15. Please pay when the flowers are placed on altar and give money Kathy Sourbeier and mark the envelope “Altar Flowers.” Flowers are those little colorful beacons of the sun from which we get sunshine when dark, somber skies blanket our thoughts. ~Dodinsky, www.dodinsky.com

DONATIONS – When giving a donation for specific mission (example “Sonshine Kitchen, Altar flowers, Mites”, etc., please put the 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 project that you are supporting.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE EASTERN DISTRICT “LINK”

Heart, Love & Soul a non profit organization serving Western New York and Niagara Falls area. They are collecting under ware and t-shirts. A list of various grant requested will be voted on, election of officers, convention registration form. More information is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

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SEMINARY STUDENT - If you lost or misplaced the seminary student that Christ Lutheran is sponsoring, you can write to or e-mail Matthew R. Dubensky, Campus Post Office Box, 801 Seminary Pl., St. Louis MO 63105-3196 or dubenskym@csl.edu

MAIL – Check the Fellowship Hall bulletin board about the Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann's latest newsletters from Latin America Dominican Republic. They share their experiences while bring God's word to the people there. Also, **Camp Pioneer** in Angola, New York will host Family, Youth and Teen Camps for groups from China, Mexico, Africa and Asia. It will be a great way to “expanding the hearts and minds of youth, teens and families around the world with the Gospel message.” They will also be

Serving Christ in May

Altar Guild: Dee Law

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
May 6	10am	Cal Eggers	Madison Stephens	John Hoblak
May 13	10am	John Hoblak	Timothy Breight	Joyce Purucker
May 20	10am	Steve Stern	Meghan Elaschat	Susan Wagner
May 27	10am	Al Dick	Allison Stephens	Steve Stern

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

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Fran Giese
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Clorinda Mastrocola
200 Union Avenue
North Versailles, PA 15137

Bob Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Carl Osterholm
1 Oakhurst Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

MAY 2018 PRAYER PETITION - Lord Jesus, let me never despair of Your mercy. Amen – Portal of Prayers- November 16, 2017.

Anniversaries



- 1 Lee & Wayne Bognar
- 5 William & Audrey Marvenko
- 17 Mike & Suzanna George
- 18 Thomas & Rebecca Planinsek
- 19 Marjorie & Melvin Itzel
- 29 Linda & Richard Kern
Jeffrey & Lorna Schutte
- 30 Kevin & Katherine Hanley

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

Celebrating

Birthdays



- 23 Alma Eggers
- 25 Paul Bruner
Gloria Stern
- 26 Helen Mozeik
Kyle O'Connor
- 27 Shane Planinsek
- 29 Mila McNutt
- 30 Meghan Elaschat
James Law

Important Dates in May

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10th Finance
May 15th Bake Sale
Primary Election
Elders
May 19th Yard Sale
May 22nd Council

Hello to all from the Education Committee in regard to our coming VBS Event!

We have officially started our preparations for our June 118-22 Vacation Bible School!

We are looking forward to sharing the precious promises of the Word with children and their parents, especially in view of "Life's WildRide" that each of us must confront on a daily basis.

Please, pray for the students, parents, teachers, and helpers and Pastor as we try to meet this challenge with God's help.

We would also like to request your help with the loan of the various items listed below to help us create a river rafting like setting for the church and classroom decorations. Please look at the loan list on our bulletin board and sign up for any items that you can let us use for that one week. We will return them promptly! *

inflatable boat or raft

*kayak * oars (French/other)

*life preservers/vests

*inner tubes

Thank you from the Education Committee!

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

at CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
400 Barclay Avenue

May 19 8am-2pm

To participate, Call
412-271-7173

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