

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

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There and Back Again

Obviously, the past month and a half have been something for the history books. What with the fear, unknowns, precautions, stay-at-homes, shut-downs, and lockdowns – who would have ever thought it would ever be like this!

Despite all the above, there have been some wonderful things happening during this period. Families got closer. Many were able to get some rest from their otherwise crazy lives. Projects got completed. And people came together and helped one another as found in the many stories and testimonies in the news and media.

Another great thing that happened was we continued to be a church. Knit together in the spiritual body of Christ, we were as one even though we couldn't get together in person. We continued in weekly worship, daily prayer, and constant love by means of the mail, email, internet and through helping hands delivering needed items, making masks, and the like.

Things will be different as we begin to get together again with care. But we will remain a congregation of God's people loving Him and each other until the end. God bless us through this new phase in our lives and may He use it to His glory and our good!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

| Financial Snapshot | Actual | Budgeted |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| July 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 | | |
| Offerings and other Income | \$184,883 | \$185,537 |
| Mission | \$2,250 | \$2,250 |
| Staff | \$72,145 | \$73,602 |
| Operations | \$97,373 | \$111,310 |
| Kitchen and other one time expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenses | \$171,768 | \$187,162 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) | \$13,115 | \$1,625 |

From the Finance Committee

We trust that you will continue good stewardship and set aside your regular weekly offerings during this unprecedented period of no church services. Since the length of the shutdown is not definite, and the church continues to incur costs for missions, staff, and operations (utilities, maintenance, insurance, etc.), the Finance Committee encourages you to mail your offerings (checks not cash) to the church office at 400 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15221, Attention: Financial Secretary. Please include one of your offering envelopes or note your envelope number in the memo section of your check. If mailing a check is not practical for you, you may bring your contributions when you are again able to worship at Christ Lutheran.

ONLINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

During this time the CDC and WHO have recommended reduced gathering sizes and social distancing. In response, many churches, including our own Christ Lutheran, are offering online opportunities for worship, whether livestreamed or recorded. Please check the Eastern District website at lcmsed.org and click on the worship opportunities box in the middle of the page. They have listed many options for you to worship.

Let us all pray that this pandemic is over quickly and we can once again come together to worship the Lord.



DEATH

Diana Lydon passed peacefully into God's welcoming arms, surrounded by her loving family, on Saturday, April 18, 2020, of Wilkinsburg. Beloved wife of the late Richard J. Lydon; loving mother of Sara Zeff (Bob) Shawn Lydon (Jen), Seth Lydon (Michelle), Suzie Lydon-George (Mike), and Stephanie Lydon (her fiance Lee Caton); dear grandmother of Kaylyn, Karalyn, Victoria, Makenna, Wyatt, Amelia, Madison, Ryan, Joscelyn, and the late Rehanna and Jacob; sister of Kenneth Mozeik (Cheryl), Mark Mozeik (Barbara), Lorna Schutte (Jeff), Cheryl Lydon (and her late husband Leo.) A service at Christ Lutheran for family members was held on Thursday, April 23.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-The spring golf outing has been cancelled, but the fall outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020 with 9am Shotgun Start. More information will be in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



Our Ladies in Service



The diapers collected at the church were delivered to Hope House at Sunshine Kitchen Ministries on March 31.

Thanks to Dee and Jim Law for delivering the diapers to a very grateful, Terry, from the Sunshine Community Ministries.



ALTAR FLOWERS- Even though we have not been able to have church, eventually we will and flowers again will adorn our altar. See the flower chart in the narthex for available dates. The cost is \$30. An additional vase is \$20. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Give you check or money to Kathy Sourbeer. "Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without sound." – Edwin Curran

ALTAR GUILD- Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to help on the Altar Guild. They change the altar paraments for various church seasons and set up for Holy Communion. The altar guild is a ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. (Altar Guild Ministry quotes)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Even though the nation has been in a health crisis situation, Christ Lutheran is still collecting box tops for education. Also, if you have purchased any General Mills products, please give Lois Frerking your sales slips/or the Box Top for Education label. She will scan the grocery receipt. This enables Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont to get educational equipment for their classrooms.



GREETING CARDS- During the latest virus situation, some of us may have done some spring house cleaning or going through our dresser drawers and found a variety of greeting cards. These greeting cards are recycled and made into new greeting cards at Concordia, Cabot. Please give your cards or for more information contact Susan Robatzen or put them in the bin in the church's library.



HELPING HANDS- When there is a funeral luncheon or a special occasion luncheon, women are needed to set up, prepare things, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler if you are able to help. (Helping Hands quotes, "People appreciate and never forget that helping hand especially when times are tough." - Catherine Pulsifer)

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS – Those small toiletry items that the hotels and motels supply can be used by organizations that help the homeless, have soup kitchens and help low income families, etc. There is a bin in the library or see Dee Law for more information. "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has no pity on him how can the love of God be in him?" 1 John 3:17.

MITE BOXES- This little box can do wonders for people around the world. It enables schools, organizations and churches to receive the needed funds for various projects. See more information on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. The Mite box giving promotes the spirit of contributing based on the intent to help others and not on the monetary amount. (Mite Box quotes.)

PORTALS OF PRAYER – Many thanks to some of our members who delivered the Portals of Prayer to our church members. They were greatly appreciated. During this pandemic, the daily devotions in Portals of Prayer are available at the Concordia Publishing House website at www.chp.org. "Holy Spirit, guide me and equip me with all I need to tell the Good News of salvation to others. Amen" (Portals of Prayer-Sunday April 26, 2020)

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP ROBE MINISTRY – Those of us who were recipients of a prayer shawl or lap robe during this current health situation were gratefully appreciative of these prayer shawls and lap robes. "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." Psalm 119:50

QUILTING– Even though we have not been able to come together to make quilts, someone was still making quilts for upcoming quilting dates. Quilting dates will be put in the church bulletins once our ability to gather has been restored. "One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love." (Quilting Quotes)

RECYCLING – There is a list OF TECH ITEMS that can be recycled on the recycle box in the library and on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please only leave those things which are on the list. "Recycling turn things into other things which is like magic." (Journal)

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – Thanks to congregational members who send cards, letters, and make phone calls, etc. to our shut-in members. They are greatly appreciated. "Cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7



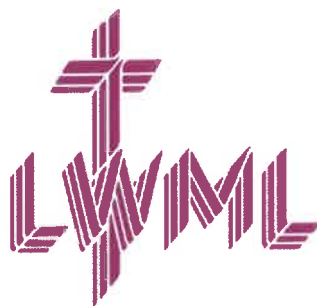
STAMPS – Canceled stamps are still being collected. Just remember to open the letter from the bottom, cut the envelope in half, put the canceled stamp in the box in the library or give it to Lois Frerking. "Words are only postage stamps, delivering the object for you to unwrap." George Bernard Shaw (Postage stamps quotes.)

SONSHINE KITCHEN – A special thanks to everyone who purchased and donated disposable diapers. About 12 packs of diapers (over 600 diapers) were donated to the Sonshine Kitchen. Fortunately, they were able to be delivered during the virus crisis. Also, Christ Lutheran will be serving lunch at the Sonshine Kitchen on Monday, July 20, 2020. The menu is chipped ham/cheese sandwiches, potato salad, fruit cocktail and chips. See Dee Law for more information or if you can help

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Many thanks to congregational members who called various church members during this health crisis. In order to continue to do this, our church directory is constantly being updated. Contact Barb Mitchell or e-mail her at the church office with any corrections or changes to your contact information. "Technology gives us the facilities that lessen the barriers of time and distance"-the telegraph



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE– The LWML Eastern District 2020 Convention will be held June 12-14 at East Syracuse, NY. The theme is "Walk by Faith". **CONVENTION HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE VIRUS**



MISSION GRANTS PROGRAM-. Trinity Lutheran School, modeled after the ministry of Rosa J. Young, has remained a stronghold of Christ centered education in a community dealing with inter-generational poverty and the challenges of urban living. Today Trinity serves 200 students from infants through fifth grade, and reaches another 45 students daily from four public schools through its afterschool program and Good News Bible Club. Daily prayer, chapel, and devotions help children, many from unchurched homes, develop spiritually in knowing God loves them. Grant funds are needed to purchase a handicapped accessible church bus for school children, elders, neighbors, and church members to participate in church and school ministries. The Lutheran Women's Ministry League has granted the sum of \$58,000 to accomplish these goals



Addresses for our Shut-Ins

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

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

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



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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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

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

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 1937
Cabot, PA 16023

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

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

May 2020 Prayer Petition

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Pastor Bright and crew are in the process of recording his weekly message for viewing online. Watch your email and check the church website at www.christlutheranfhh.org for links to these online services. You can also access the Facebook page: Christ Lutheran Church or the YouTube Channel: Christ Lutheran Forest Hills PA



Celebrating in May



Anniversaries

5/1 Lee & Wayne Bognar
5/16 William & Audrey Marvenko
5/17 Mike & Suzanne Lydon-George
5/19 Marjorie & Melvin Itzel
5/29 Linda & Richard Kern
5/29 Jeffrey & Lorna Schutte
5/31 Kevin & Katherine Hanley



5/4 David Carmichael
5/5 Glenn Filler
5/5 Jonathon Hricko
5/9 Julie Donolo
5/9 Frank Elaschat
5/11 Sirak Zerai
5/11 Daniel Hricko
5/18 Kyle Schoenthal
5/22 Linda Bright
5/22 Karen Dadey

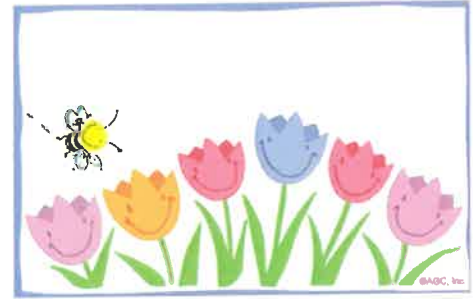
Birthdays

5/22 William Hite
5/22 William Logsdon
5/23 Alma Eggers
5/23 Maisy Hanley
5/25 Paul Bruner
5/25 Gloria Stern
5/26 Helen Mozeik
5/26 Kyle O'Connor
5/29 Mila NcNutt
5/30 Meghan Elaschat
5/30 James Law

Important Dates in May

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

- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 16 Neighborhood Yard Sale (tentative)
- May 19 Council Meeting 7pm
- May 21 Ascension
- May 25 Memorial Day
- May 31 Pentecost
- June 2 Primary Election Day rescheduled from Apr 28



Serving Christ in May

All Services are Tentative

Altar Guild: Kathy Kaclik

| | WORSHIP ASST. | ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER | LECTOR |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 5/3/2020 | John Crawford | David Carmichael | Barb Mitchell |
| 5/10/2020 | Al Dick | Alexa Kocher | Joyce Purucker |
| 5/17/2020 | Paul Simpson | Dylan McNutt | Luanne Russell |
| 5/24/2020 | Steve Stern | Maisy Hanley | Georgi Shirley |
| 5/31/2020 | Cal Eggers | David Carmichael | Tammy Donaldson |

Attention Acolytes and Parents: There is now a sign-up sheet in Room 4-5, so that you may choose the days that you would like to serve. Please fill in all available openings. This should alleviate any confusion. It is very important that we have an acolyte during the communion services.

Church Service Times

(Tentative until virus is over)

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service
 Easter Sunday 6 am and 10am

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups
 8:45am Sunday School Ages 2-18



Bible Studies

(tentative)

Wednesday
 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
 (Online for now)

Thursday
 7:00 pm Bible Overview

Saturday
 7:45am Men's Bible Study