

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and School

400 Barclay Avenue

Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

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## Un Pour Tous, Tous Pour Un

*One for All and All for One* is a motto traditionally associated with the colorful heroes of the novel *The Three Musketeers* written by Alexandre Dumas, first published in 1844. However, this famous battle cry now applies to us at Christ Lutheran.

*One for All:* Beginning Sunday, May 29, 2016, Christ Lutheran will have one service on Sunday mornings for all its members. Many have commented that even though our average Sunday attendance is around 85, when it gets split between two services, the church can seem empty. Christ Lutheran's Church Health Team has been working to improve the quality of our Inspirational Worship. One outcome of the Church Health Team's efforts and meetings with members was a recommendation we go to one service on Sunday mornings. Careful polling of the congregation showed there was great support for this move. Additional inquiries showed that the majority of members preferred a 10:00am service time. The Board of Elders decided to give it a try during the summer months, setting the service time at 10:00am from May 29 to September 4, 2016.

*All for One:* This change in service time is going to require a commitment from all. We live at a time when so many things are available at our convenience. Countless services are available twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. One never needs to worry about whether or not Walmart will be open in case we need to pick something up. Cable channels and streaming services insure there is always something to watch at any time of the day or night. News is available around the clock in real time. Even at Christ Lutheran we could choose between two services on Sunday mornings – one at 8:15 for early birds and another at 11:00 for those whose Sunday morning schedules require more time to get to church. Going to one service at 10:00am means *everybody* has to change their worship routine, and people hate change as much as nature abhors a vacuum! Early birds can't be so early. 11 o'clock folks have to get an earlier start. This change is going to be inconvenient for many. What to do? Commit to the change. Resolve it now in your mind to attend the 10am service. Recall the third command, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." The nature of worship demands we all meet at the same time, but how the blessings flow when we do meet!

Blessings from Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

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# Women's Service Guild

**SEMINARY STUDENT** – Tim Wells wrote in his latest letter, that April 26 is Call Day. Seminary students are assigned a church after completing their studies. He did Holy Week and Easter by himself. They had two young people confirmed this year. His youngest daughter, Emily had a preschool program, Cassie is having a kindergarten program and Lizzie will have a spring band concert. Jordyn & Mady don't have any scheduled programs. It is most likely that they will be at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 209 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Aurora, Nebraska, 68818. Their home address is 1820 E. Condon Ave., Aurora, NE 68818. Their letters are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

**ALTAR GUILD** – Be a part of the Altar Guild. They care for everything pertaining to Communion. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information and how you can help.

**HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN** – Without your support through food and monetary donations and making and serving food, the WSG would not be able to continue their work at the Sonshine Kitchen in McKeesport. They thank everyone who helped. Contact Dee Law if you can help. Helping Hands co-ordinates and serves meals after a funeral. Contact Rosalie Filler if you can help.

**QUILTING** – We are making quilts for 1<sup>st</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church Homeless Ministry in Oakland and Dr. Jim Wither's program (Pittsburgh. Mercy Health Systems Operation Safety Net & Street Medicine Institution). Plans are being made to make a quilt for the local Forest Hills July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and Christmas quilts. We discovered quilt panels that were made several years ago at VBS as a children's craft. Plans are being made to make them in to quilts. We appreciate the help and support the congregation and other people have given to this ministry. We will be meeting on Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. We will break for summer, and resume in September.

**STAMPS FOR BIBLES** - "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 (Brainy Quotes web site). The cancelled stamps enable the Canadian Bible Society to furnish Bibles to needy people in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries and prisoners. Contact Karen Hoblak for more information. There is a bin in the library for cancelled stamps. We were able to fill a copy paper size box that was taken to the Spring LWML Joy Workshop and Rally. About 78 institutions received "Key to Freedom Bibles" this past year (spring issue of LWML Link).

**TELEPHONE COMMITTEE** – If you have moved or know that one of our congregational members has moved, please give your or their new address and phone number to our telephone committee. Contact Rosalie Filler, Barb Mitchell or Melissa Elaschat.

**FLOWER CHART** – The WSG thank the people who have placed flowers on the altar. There are many dates available. See the flower chart on the Narthex bulletin board. WSG is billed monthly so it would be helpful to have your payment by the date your flowers are displayed. The cost is \$30.00. People can share a date for an extra \$15.

**PRISON MINISTRY** – If you have various issues of Portal of Prayers devotions booklet, donate them. There is bin in the library. These go to the women at Muncy State Correctional Institution. We are also collecting Bibles for them. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – If you know someone who is ill or depressed and think they would be comforted with a prayer shawl or want to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, contact Karen Hoblak or Jayne Simpson. Joy is prayer - Joy is strength - Joy is love - Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. ... Mother Theresa (Prayer Shawl Quotes web site)

**LWML MISSION GRANTS RECYCLING** – If you or your newly high school or college graduate received new cell phones, pagers, lap top computers, see list below. etc. Monies from these items help supplement, in addition of the LWML Mite Box collections the LWML mission grants (\$2 million dollars) that was voted on their last convention.

- **DO SAVE NAME BRAND** ink cartridges, such as Hewlett Packard (HP, Lexmark, Apple, Dell, Minolta, Canon, IBM, Brother, Panasonic, Samsung, Pitney Bowes, Sharp, Xerox, Kodak, Epson. Ink Jet and especially Laser Jet cartridges, save Cell phones, pagers, I-Pods, MP3 players, Laptop computers, GPS systems, Tablets e-Readers, IPods and notebooks.
- **DON'T SAVE** anything with the words: Toner or Toner tubes, remanufactured, refilled, generic brand names ink cartridges, copier cartridges, printing ribbons, printers, computer monitors, fax machines, portable and/or landline phones, TV remotes or ink tanks.

See more information on flyer in Fellowship Hall and box in library.

**THE EASTERN DISTRICT LWML LINK** for spring (April-June 2016 is posted on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. Read about upcoming events, conventions and registration forms and what is going on in the Eastern District LWML.

Upcoming events: June 10-12, 2016, 35th Biennial Convention. Holiday Inn, Binghamton, New York

# News from the Flock

Thank you to Lee Bognar's Brownie troop for planting pansies in the front of the church.

Thank you to Christ Lutheran Congregation for their continued support of the Sonshine Kitchen. We couldn't be able to be involved in this ministry without the support of the congregation.

Thank you to Larry Kagemann for his work on the School Board. Larry's job will be moving to Maryland.

Thank you to all of the officers that have served this past year. Please prayerfully consider serving on a committee or taking an office. New offices begin July 1.

Kyle O'Connor has recently returned from a school choir trip to New York City. He was able to see two Broadway shows and the choir performed at St. John's Cathedral.

Tatia O'Connor is the president of Media Association of Pittsburgh.

Please notify Kathy Sourbeer of anyone graduating so that it can be included in our next newsletter.

## BAPTISM

Silas Stephen Chick was brought to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday April 24. He is the son of Amanda and Zachary Chick and the grandson of Judith Chick. His sponsors were Evan Shugats and Jessica Shugats.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Planning Committee has been busy reviewing the By-Laws and will be bringing changes to the June 26 Voter's meeting. Any Voting Member will be eligible to vote. A copy of the proposed changes will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall at least one week before the meeting. There will be a notification in the bulletin when it is available for review.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- BARNYARD ROUND-UP

Reserve June 20-24 from 9:00 AM- Noon for Vacation Bible School. Help will be needed to decorate, teach Grades 5-8, supervise the playground, serve snack, follow-up with VBS families, financial support and registration. Pre-registration is requested and forms will be available in the June Lamplighter. Please talk to Jannis Peterson, Dee Law, Janice Polidora, or Kathy Sourbeer if you have an interest.

## GOOD BYE MR. MACNAMARA



Craig MacNamara

Craig MacNamara will be leaving Christ Lutheran for other job opportunities this month. Mr. MacNamara has served us well as part-time maintenance man and janitor since August, 2012. We are grateful for all of his council and help during this time.

Some of his accomplishments include the refurbishment of the chancel (including plaster work, painting, hardwood flooring, altar modification, and projector installation), repair of the balcony, replacement of the ceilings in the breezeway and rear exit of the classroom building, repairs to the concrete walkways, painting of the Mod and rear of the education wing, new gutters and extensive roof repairs.

Thank you, Mr. MacNamara, for all of your work. You will be missed. God bless you in your new job.

John Crawford, Senior Trustee

# Addresses for our shut-ins



**Paul & Keretta Bruner**  
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**Helen Deschamps**  
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**Louise Garofolo**  
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## Serving Christ in May

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Usher
May 1	8:15am	Al Dick	Allison Stephens	Kyle Hubbard	Bob Brecht
	11:00am	Cal Eggers	Eric Einspahr	Mark Einspahr	Mark Einspahr
May 8	8:15am	John Hoblak	Timothy Breight	Joyce Prucker	John Hoblak
	11:00am	Glenn Filler	Eric Einspahr	Steve Stern	Mark Einspahr
May 15	8:15am	Paul Simpson	Madison Stephens	Paul Simpson	Bob Brecht
	11:00am	Al Dick	Eric Einspahr	Georgi Shirley	Miguel Breight
May 22	8:15am	John Hoblak	Timothy Breight	Karen Hoblak	John Hoblak
	11:00am	Al Dick	Meghan Elaschat	Gloria Stern	Justin Polidora
May 29	10:00am	Cal Eggers	Richard Lander	Mark Einspahr	Mark Einspahr

# School News

## *“GROW WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED YOU”*

by Mrs. Einspahr

This past month, I've been trying to get organized and do some spring cleaning in my office by going through some old files and putting new files away. In doing so, I came across some marketing files of getting involved with your community and saw two community groups in the area called “Late Bloomers” and “The Garden Club of Forest Hills.” Both of these groups tend to gardens in the community and hold special events and give tips regarding plants/flowers; which then got me to thinking, “Spring is here!” Then I began to think about us - our school & early learning ministry and how we are like a garden – and sometimes we have “late bloomers”...

God has planted each of us in the garden of life. Just as the lilies of the fields worship God where they've been planted, we too, can bloom and worship God where He has planted us in our daily lives. It is a joy to watch the children and staff grow in their faith walk with Jesus. Sometimes weeds (sin) get in our way and choke us and we forget Jesus' love and forgiveness. Our garden needs to be weeded, fertilized, and watered. We need to stay in the Word; forgive and accept forgiveness; and remember our baptism daily. Christ Lutheran School and Early Learning Center is a lovely garden to be planted in. We want more families to share in this Good News.

We have already begun our summer and fall open enrollment for school and early learning center. If you know of anyone who would like to get in on the summer fun, please have them call the school office soon. We serve children 6 weeks up to 12 years old. We provide quality Christian Summer Time Fun with our infants/toddlers and pre-school/school age friends.

I think that the early learning center and school is growing some wonderful leaders in both our teachers and staff as well as our student body right here where God has planted them. He has watered the seed of faith with His blessings through various mission projects, witnessing opportunities, and relationships throughout the year. I am proud and honored to be such a witness of these miracles. Our garden of blessings continue to bloom because we continue to give tours for this coming year. God is great! If anyone has any “cultivating/gardening” tips or want to be a part of tending this wonderful ministry I'd love to hear from you.

The children are taking the seed of God's love daily and sharing Jesus with their families, too. I love to hear the stories parents/teachers share with me about what the children say about Jesus. I'll share a couple: a mom told me that her little girl came to her and wanted to get baptized so she could be a part of God's family. Another toddler who loves to sing made up her own song about “Isn't it great to visit Jesus House, Jesus House, Jesus House, isn't great to visit Jesus house...” That is why we are here daily planting seeds. Please join me in prayer to boldly ask God to bless this ministry and make it flourish and be financially solvent.

If you would like to help plant seeds by advertising Christ Lutheran School & Early Learning Center, please order a T-shirt or pick up a FREE lawn sign or brochures. Also, if you would like to leave a lasting spiritual legacy by helping an individual student from Christ Lutheran Church, or a student with no church home, with part of their tuition cost of \$4,750 – Fill a tuition bucket, by becoming a “Friend of Education.” Make your donation payable to: Christ Lutheran School and in the memo line put FOE and return to the school office attention Friend of Education.

Thank you for your continued support through prayers and actions. We have GREAT friends, volunteers, parents and grandparents that bring “sunshine” to our Christ Lutheran “garden” each day. You're AWESOME!

### *Special School & Early Learning Center Dates to remember:*

May 4 - Pastor and Mrs. Naumann will be sharing their mission experience during chapel at 8:45

May 6 – Science Olympiad

May 10-13 – Jr. High class trip to Chicago (Pray for safe travel)

May 19 – Knight at the Fine Arts Fair – 5-7 @ Christ Lutheran

Our “Special Staff,” Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Bush, will be showcasing the students' accomplishments in the area of music and art throughout the evening. It will be set up like a gallery.

May 27 - Track & Field (We need volunteers to help at the event)

June 3 – Mrs. Einspahr's End-of-the-Year Playground BBQ/Potluck Bash (Church members are invited.)

June 7– Pre-school Graduation

June 7 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation

June 8 – Last Day of School – Special Blessing Chapel for our Jr. High Class and Miss Kuehm



# Celebrating in May



## Anniversaries

- 1 Larry & Lee Bognar
- 16 William & Audrey Marvenko
- 17 Mike George & Suzanna Lydon-George
- 18 Thomas & Rebecca Planinsek
- Melvin & Marjorie Itzel
- 29 Jeffrey & Lorna Schutte
- 30 Kevin & Katherine Hanley



## Birthdays

- 4 David Carmichiel
- 5 Trevor Ertman
- Glenn Filler
- Jonathon Hricko
- 9 Julie Donolo
- Frank Elaschat
- 11 Daniel Hricko
- 14 Rebecca Planinsek
- 18 Kyle Schoenthal
- 21 Jean Tokar
- 22 Linda Breight
- Karen Dadey
- William Hite
- 22 William Logsdon
- 23 Alma Eggers
- Maisey 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
- James Law

## Church Service Times

### Sunday

8:15am & 11:00am

### Sunday (Beginning May 29th)

10:00am

## Bible Studies

### Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

### Sunday

9:45am Sunday School ages 0-18

Adult Bible Study Groups

### Sunday (Beginning May 29th)

9:00am Adult Bible Study Groups



Visit our website for additional information and for our complete church and school calendars at [www.christlutheranfhs.org](http://www.christlutheranfhs.org)