

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Because He Said So

"I don't want to take my dishes to the kitchen!" cried Billy. "WHY do I have to take my dishes to the kitchen? Why?" he exclaimed. The answer to Billy's question was immediate, firm and direct. "Because I said so," trumpeted Billy's father.

All of us have been on one or both ends of that kind of exchange. It was either said to us when we were a child or we have said it as a parent. "Because I said so!" It just tells it like it is.

As we enter into the time of Thanksgiving, it is good to consider one of the problems of giving thanks. We are most often of the mind that everything we do for God is out of thanks for His love and salvation. That sounds good. However, *what about the times when we DON'T feel thankful?* What about when we don't really appreciate what God has done for us and just take Him for granted? What about the times we are unable to feel thankful? Are we then somehow exempt from Christian love, service and worship? Of course not.

Christians obey God and keep His commandments because *Jesus tells us to do so*, not just because we may feel like it out of thanks. Christians obey God because He is their Father – "Because He said so." As earthly children are to be subject to their earthly fathers, so we are also subject to our heavenly Father and obey Him. When we were baptized, we didn't say we would renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways *as long as we felt thankful to God*. In confirmation, we didn't vow before the congregation and our Creator that we would conform our lives to the Word of God *as long as we felt thankful to Him*. However, isn't that oftentimes how we really live?

Our thankfulness is fickle. Fortunately for us, God's faithfulness is not. Despite all our shortcomings, God still loves us in Jesus Christ, who willingly sacrificed Himself for us on Calvary's cross. Baptized into Jesus we are now God's children. We are truly thankful to God for this blessing He gives us! Now, as His children, we obey Him and keep His commandments. Why? Because He said so!

In God's peace,

Pastor Ron Bright

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Women's Service Guild

WSG MEETING

Judy Chick, Dee Law, Linda Breight, Kathy Sourbeer, Joyce Purucker, Jayne Simpson, Rosalie Filler, Mary Jane Bohl and Ruth Hirko attended the October 8, 2014 Women's Service Guild meeting.

SONSHINE KITCHEN

The WSG is having their annual request for cooked and deboned turkeys for the Sonshine Kitchen. About 12 turkeys are needed. On Nov. 9, 2014, baking pans and dripping containers will be available. Cooked turkeys and drippings need to be brought to church Sunday, Nov. 16, or by 12 noon on Nov. 17. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Dee Law.

The annual food drive is underway (from Oct. 26-Nov. 16). Non-perishable items are being collected. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Sometimes the Sonshine Kitchen has to purchase food items from the Food Bank to give to the people who come to the Sonshine Kitchen.

Cookies are needed for the Sonshine Kitchen. If you are baking for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Women Service Guild would appreciate it if you could make extras. Please do not contribute mint or anise cookies. The cookies should be the size of, or just slightly larger than, a half dollar. On Friday, Dec. 12, 2014 at 10 a.m. the Women Service Guild will be packing about 150 cookie containers for the Sonshine Kitchen.

MITEY MIGHT MUFFINS SUNDAY

Oct. 5 was a delicious hit with the congregation. \$179 was collect for LWML mission projects. Linda Breight explained the use of the LWML Mite boxes. A list of LWML mission projects is in the WSG/LWML handbook that was handed out or you can see the list on the LWML web site. The Women Service Guild wants to thank everyone who made the muffins and all who donated toward the muffins.

SEMINARY STUDENT NEWS

Tim Wells latest letter is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. He tells about some of the highlights of his trip to Israel and their tour guide, Diko popping up in all kinds of places and sometimes it was creepy. Please keep Tim and his family in your prayers as well as his father, Dave, who is now in hospice care and may have only a few weeks to live. Tim & Shonda's address is Mr. & Mrs. Tim Wells 6-B Founders Way, St. Louis, MO 63100

STAMPS FOR BIBLES

Many of us correspond by e-mail, Twitter, Facebook, phone texting or whatever. There are some people that still correspond the old fashion way-stamps on envelopes. Sometimes you read about a person finally receiving a letter that was written 50+ years ago. Collecting and cutting stamps enables the Canadian Bible Society to use the stamps to get Bibles for people in their own native language. There is bin in the library for cancelled stamps.

SHUT -IN CARD MINISTRY

"Make someone happy; Make just one someone happy;" (sung by Jimmy Durante)

You can do that by sending cards to Christ Lutheran Church shut-ins. Sign-up or contact Joyce Purucker if you want to be part of the ministry. They appreciate getting thinking of you, birthday and holiday cards. You are given a packet that contains directions, their names, addresses, birthdates, card sending schedule, and prayer petitions.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Make It-Take It Night, November 14, 2014, is rapidly approaching. Samples and sign-up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Nov. 9 is the deadline for signing up and payment is due. Some of our crafters are Dee Law, Lois Frerking, Ruth Peterson, and Linda Breight. We could use more crafters. If you are not crafty, old Christmas cards will be available to make gift tags or just enjoy the refreshments. Kathy Sourbeer has lined up a variety of people to make tasty, tantalizing, scrumptious mouth watering refreshments. If you would like to make refreshments, contact Kathy.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Pastor blessed the Prayer Shawls that were made. Karen Hoblak explained the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Several were handed out after the church services. Contact Karen Hoblak, Jayne Simpson, Linda Breight & Alma Eggers for more information. If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Shawl, contact Karen Hoblak or someone in the Women Service Guild.

QUILTING

The quilting group will meet Monday, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17, 2014 at 10 a.m.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

Nov. 1-23, 2014 Red Stockings for Cabot
 Nov. 3, 2014 (Monday) Quilting 10 a.m.
 Nov. 9, 2014 (Sunday) Sonshine Kitchen Turkey pans etc. available
 Nov. 9, 2014 (Sunday) Final date to register for Make it Take it Night
 Nov. 14, 2014 (Friday) "Make It and Take It Night" 7 p.m.
 Nov. 16, 2014 (Sunday) Sonshine Kitchen cooked and deboned turkeys due
 Nov. 16, 2014 (Sunday) last day for Sonshine Kitchen food drive.
 Nov. 17, 2014 (Monday) Quilting
 Nov. 17, 2014 (Monday) Sonshine Kitchen Thanksgiving
 Nov. 23, 2014 (Sun) Red Stockings for Cabot due
 Dec. 1, 2014 (Monday) Quilting 10 a.m.
 Dec. 4, 2014 (Thursday) Fellowship Hall decorating 3:30 p.m.
 Dec. 12, 2014 (Thursday) Sonshine Kitchen Cookie packing day.
 Dec. 15, 2014 (Monday) Quilting 10 a.m.
 Dec. 17, 2014 (Wednesday) WSG serve Advent Dinner

THIS 'N' THAT

The Women Service Guild had a bake sale in conjunction with the Outreach Committee on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. The WSG thank everyone who donated bake goods.

RED STOCKINGS FOR CABOT/CONCORDIA

Donations are being accepted from Oct. 26, -Nov. 23, 2014. These donations enable Cabot to purchase gifts for residents who do not have any family members. The big red stocking is on the bulletin board. Use the little red stockings for your donations or give it to any WSG officer- Joyce Purucker, Kathy Sourbeer, Mary Jane Bohl or Dee Law.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS MINISTRY

Rev. Debra L. Reitz, Facility Chaplaincy Program Direction from SCI-Muncy Chapel wrote the following letter to the WSG:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the Portals of Prayers. The women will really enjoy reading them. It is such a blessing to watch them grow in their faith.

There is a bin in the library for the outdated Portal of Prayers

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Information and price lists will be in the Sunday bulletins.

The Women's Service Guild would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

News from the Flock

Thank you to Vivian and Howard Lehman and Henry Bohl for their help maintaining the flower beds.

Gloria and Steve Stern were able to travel to China this month.

Linda Bright went to visit Miguel in Virginia. He is ready to be finished with his military training and return home in November.

Thanks to the Outreach Committee for organizing the This 'n That sale.

David Maslow, former member, passed away on October 26, 2014. He was living in Columbia, SC but will be buried in Baltimore, MD on November 1, 2014.

School News

Thoughts from Mrs. Einspahr

November is the month where we spend a little more time reflecting on the things that we are **thankful** for. I would like to share with you the things that I am most **thankful** for.

First, I am **thankful** for the many blessings that the Lord has given to me that I don't even recognize sometimes. For example, the world around us – the beautiful fall days, leaves, the rolling hills filled with trees; kind people that God put into my life to lift me - even a simple smile from a stranger – Thank you, God!

I'm **thankful** for my family who continue to amaze me with their continued love, support, and encouragement. I am truly blessed. I am **thankful** for technology to be able to watch my grandson Jace grow and play even over the many miles that separate us.

I am so **thankful** to all the friends at Christ and the community who support CLS&CC through donations *and prayers*. I am **thankful** for the many extra hands that have lovingly helped us this year with sewing projects, fix-it projects, cleaning, help in the lunch room, read, etc... We wouldn't be here without you!

I'm also **thankful** for the dedication and service of our faculty, staff and board members here. I especially am **thankful** for our part-time special teachers: Mr. Bush (music), Mr. Jacob (computers), Mr. Stern (math/STREAM), Mrs. Nickel (art), and Ms. Griffin (gym/history). Our faculty and staff are a professional group of people who work together and give of themselves to serve the children and families here in Forest Hills/Pittsburgh community to make it the best place to learn, grow and hear about Jesus. (See photo).

I'm **thankful** that we are in partnership with the community such as Brittany Baradziej who offers instrumental music to our students on Fridays, Fox Pizza who works with our Jr. High class to give discounted pizza on Fridays (and whenever we need their services), the AIU Allegheny Intermediate Unit who offer various educational services and resources, Dawn McManus, our STAR specialist and Pat Lehnhardt from University of Pittsburgh office of Education – STARS program (and a Board member). Lastly, I'm **thankful** to Fran Hasselhoff, from Fancy Fox, for partnering with us by supplying our Chapel shirts and working on our knight logo shirt for fun dress day.

Thank you God for all these things and more! Just today one of the staff members said to me how grateful they were to be a part of Christ Lutheran. She could not only teach her class but she could also talk about JESUS while doing it. She said it's a blessing to be here. Wow...I'm **thankful** to the Lord that we could be here for her and others. Again, it's those small and sometimes unseen things we need to be **thankful** for. What are you **thankful** for? Did you share it with someone today?

If you, or anyone you know, would like to get in on the excitement and volunteer here at Christ Lutheran School & Child Care Center let me know and we can add you, and your talents, to our list of volunteer friends. We would be so **thankful**.

Golf Outing Up-date

We had 32 golfers, great weather, and a lot of fun & prizes.

We raised a little over \$600 to be used for student scholarships. Tuition cost per student (Pre-school – grade 8) \$4,750 yr.

So every donation is appreciated by families each year. We thank all the golfers in the community, school and church who participated. The next golf tee-time will be in the spring on April 25, 2015. Please mark your calendars! If you are not a golfer, you can still participate by donating prizes, sponsoring a hole, pass out goodie bags and encourage the golfers. This group is known to have way too much fun!!! Come and check it out.

School News

Childcare awarded a second star

Congratulations to our Child Care Center Team! They have been designated with the Keystone STAR2 Award. It is an honor to be recognized for our quality of service to our community. We continue to learn and grow professionally. Our next goal is to work on achieving STAR3. This means that our staff is continuing to take trainings and college courses that help them in their professional growth in early childhood education. It also means that we are working to provide materials and equipment to provide quality care and education to our young children. Because of this Award, we are able to receive more subsidy payments and be able to apply for grant funding from Keystone STARS to help us purchase needed equipment and supplies to enhance our program. We hope to purchase new nap mats, diaper changing table, safety fence/gate for our toddler playground, supplies that show diversity (after all, Jesus loves all the children of the world... no matter color or age...), and these are just a few of items on our grant list.

Prayer Warriors

Pray for safe travel for our school teachers. They will be attending the Professional Church Workers Conference November 5-7th.

Pray for thanksgiving that our staffing needs have been filled.

Pray that the Spirit will work in the hearts of our children, families and staff and that their faith in Christ Jesus will grow and flourish through hearing the Word of God each day.

Pray for our nation and that Christian leaders will be given wisdom and strength to remain strong to lead our country and local communities in ways that are pleasing to our God.

Pray that God will lead families to our school that need to be here; just as he led the animals to Noah & the ark. Ask that God bless the efforts of our Marketing Committee.

Snapshots from CLS activities



Anti-bully skit – Jr. High students and Mrs. Wagner



Anti-Bully Kick off skit – Mrs. Wagner (Board Member), Mrs. Einspahr (Principal), "Uncle Sam" Viggiano (family volunteer)



Mr. Jacob helping primary staff with iPads

Fill someone's "bucket" by doing a good deed.

Don't be a "dipper" and hurt others with unkind words or actions.



Serving Christ in November

	Sunday 8:15am			Sunday 11:00am		
	Elder	Acolyte	Lector	Elder	Acolyte	Lector
Nov .2		Jordan Stephens	Lois Frerking		Richard Lander	Mark Einspahr
Nov. 9		Tim Bright	Paul Simpson		Eric Einspahr	Susan Wagner
Nov. 16		Allison Stephens	Joyce Purucker		Richard Lander	Henry Bohl
Nov 23.		Tim Bright	John Hoblak		Meghan Elaschat	Georgi Shirley
Nov. 27		Thanksgiving Service 10am				Tim Bright Barb Mitchell
Nov. 30		Madison Stephens	Bob Karpinsky		Eric Einspahr	Terry Peterson
	Altar Guild Melissa Elaschat					

Addresses for our shut-ins

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NOVEMBER PRAYER PETITION:

“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life_...” (Philippians 2:14-16)

Lord, thank You for the many gifts You’ve brought in to my life; help me to see the blessings that come with difficulties and challenges and turn my complaints into praise. Amen

Celebrating in November

Birthdays

2	Caroline Shirley	15	Kathleen Hoblak
5	David Lisovich	17	Carol Logsdon
9	Barbara Schoenthal	21	Al Dick
	Martha Walton		Pamela Viher
10	Ngozi Okolo	22	Lee Hricko
10	Charlene Schorr	23	Henry Watkins
11	Keretta Bruner	27	Cheri Rockwell
12	Nicolette Giovanetti	30	Lorraine McKenzie
	Pat Lehnhardt		Ryan Polidora



Anniversaries

24	Paul & Keretta Bruner
30	Joseph & Michele Bosko

P T O N e w s

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE-NOVEMBER 4

Requesting donations for the Election Day bake sale. Drop off bake goods at the school the day before or the morning of November 4.

JavaJavaMoola

The PTO is offering flavored coffees, teas, and hot cocoa at \$10.00 for a 10 oz. bag. Pickup an order form in the school lobby. Orders are placed the third Wednesday of each month and can be turned in at the school office. Coffee, teas and cocoa make great gifts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Saturday, December 6, the PTO will hold a Dessert Fair in the Fellowship Hall 2:00-5:00 PM. Come and see what goodies we have for your holiday gatherings.

FIVE BELOW SHOPPING WEEKEND

Special shopping weekend December 12-14 at Five Below, Miracle Mile Shopping Center, Monroeville. The PTO will receive 10% of all sales with a CLS coupon. Coupons will be available at a later date.

Family Fun Night - Join us from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall!

Fundraising with Laughter

Comedy Night

Silent Action & Wine Walks

Saturday, November 8, 5:30 PM

Sub Alpine, Turtle Creek, PA

\$30.00 includes dinner – Cash Bar

Call school office for tickets

412-271-7173

Free child care offered at the school

Requesting donations for

Auction items-Desserts-Wine

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Important Dates

- November 4
Election Day
- November 8
Comedy night/Auction
5:30pm Sub-Alpine
- November 14
Make It-Take It 7pm
- November 22
Family Game Night 6pm
- November 27
Thanksgiving Day
Service at 10am

Bible Studies

- Saturday**
7:45am Men's Bible Study
- Sunday**
9:45am Sunday School ages 0-18
Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday**
10am Women's Bible Study

