

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and  
Early Learning Center  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

November 2017

## For All the Saints

*You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:5

November 1 is All Saints' Day. This year, we celebrate All Saints on Sunday, November 5. On All Saints' Day, we seek to be edified by the lives of the saints of ancient times. We recall the faithful men and women of both Testaments of the Bible and praise God for their examples. The church's history is full of the stories of faithful Christians, some well-known (like Augustine or Luther), but the vast majority known only to God. We commemorate these holy ones as well.

We also remember the saints of the more recent past. Our All Saints' Day worship service is an especially personal celebration as each one of us recalls the loved ones, friends, and mentors whose faith in Christ inspired us and gave us joy. We also name those from our congregation whose spirits have been carried by angels to their heavenly Father over the past year.

On this day we glorify God most of all for His faithfulness to the saints. All Saints' Day reminds us that it is only by the perfect life and saving death of Jesus Christ that Christians are made saints in the sight of the God. Who are the saints? God declares everyone who has been baptized and believes the promise of the Gospel to be justified, holy, and blameless. The communion of saints includes both those still living on earth and those who have died in the faith who are now awaiting the resurrection and the eternal marriage banquet of the Jesus Christ, Son of God.

We thank God for being holy and creating all His holy ones – the saints. We pray He bless our celebration of All Saints and that by His power He would keep us numbered in their ranks!

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Ron Bright

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## News for the Flock

### DUMPSTER

The dumpster now has a combination padlock. If you need to put trash into the dumpster after yard work, a special event, etc., please check with the church office, a trustee, or Pastor to get the combination.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Also a reminder about daylight savings time ending. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour, before going to bed Saturday night, November 4th (2am Sunday morning). Another reminder: Change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

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## News from the Flock

### DEATHS

Our Christian sympathy to the family of Carole Buzard. Carole died on September 29, 2017. She had been our preschool teacher until her retirement teaching many children from the Forest Hills area about Jesus. Her memorial service was conducted by Pastor Bright at Christ Lutheran on October 7. Carole is survived by her husband George and children David and Amy (Richard) Johnston.

Our Christian sympathy to John Hoblak on the recent death of his sister.

### IN THE NEWS

Joyce Purucker's sister, Arlene Popko was one of the 23 artists to have an art exhibit at the Galleria in Mt. Lebanon in October 2017. She will have 3 paintings on display at the Peters Township Library, 516 E. McMurray Road, McMurray, PA from Oct. 25-Jan. 20, 2018. She had a successful "Artist in the Window" event in September at the McMurray Art League Studio.

### THANK YOU

Barb Mitchell thanks everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and beautiful get well cards.

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## Women's Service Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** - Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to help change the altar covers and set up for communion.

**HELPING HANDS/ SONSHINE KITCHEN** - There will be a table in back of the church pews for the Sonshine Kitchen annual non-perishable food and monetary donations drive from Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We also need 8 or 9 people to make turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Sonshine Kitchen for Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Turkeys will need to be debone, but keep the breast whole. Pans and containers for the drippings will be in the kitchen by the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins or see Dee Law. Also coming in December is our cookie packing for our shut-ins and the Sonshine Kitchen. We will need about 125 dozen cookies (no mints or anise please or big cookies) for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The next two months are very busy and thanks you for all the help and support.

**QUILTING**-Enjoy a fun and relaxing time quilting on Tuesday, November 14th and November 28th at 9am. Many hands make light work.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER**-The Rev. Debra L. Reitz from the State Correctional Institute Chapel in Muncy, PA reports that the women enjoy reading the Portal of Prayers. This enables them to read and learn about Jesus, develop their reading skills and change their lives to become better citizens. There is box in the library for past issues of the Portal of Prayers. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

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**STAMPS FOR MISSIONS**- According to the Eastern District LWML Link newsletter (Oct-Dec. 2017), from 2003-2017 over 1,300 pounds of stamps have been given to the Canadian Bible Society. Stamps collected from across Canada are combined to create charity boxes and are sold @\$10 to stamp collectors. 10 pounds of sold stamps equal approximately enough money for 5 Bibles to be distributed. Contact Karen Hoblak for more information.

**TELEPHONE COMMITTEE**- Have you or do you know of a church member who has moved? Please give the information to the church office or Rosalie Filler. This information is needed to notify people if a member has passed away and a funeral luncheon is being organized, a church emergency and to send out the church newsletter.

**SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY**- There are several of our church members who are unable to come to church. Help brighten their day by sending them cards. You will be given a list of our church shut-ins plus their birthdays, a monthly prayer petition and a suggested schedule to mail cards. Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to be part of the shut-in card team,

**PRAYER SHAWLS**-If you have a love one or know of someone who may be having serious health issues, depression, etc. Christ Lutheran has prayer shawls or lap robes to comfort them. Contact Linda Bright, Karen Hoblak or Jayne Simpson.

**RED STOCKINGS FOR CABOT** – During the month of November, the Women's Service Guild sponsors Red Stockings for Cabot. Monies collected from these "RED" stockings enable Concordia, Cabot to purchase Christmas gifts for residents who do not have any family members. There will be RED STOCKINGS on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

**MITE BOXES**- On October 8th, there was such a great success for MIGHTY MUFFINS for MITES that it was held again on October 15th. \$75.00 was collected. Monies donated go toward the two million dollar goal for various mission projects that was voted on at the 75th Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention this past June in Albuquerque, New Mexico. \$155.20 was collected from the Mighty Muffins for Mites on Sunday (Oct. 8, 2017). A grand total of \$230.20 was collected. The Women's Service Guild thanks you for your generous donations.

**RECYCLING**-Don't want to go to a recycling center to get rid of your computer ink cartridges, cell phones i-pods, notebook, pagers, MP3 players, laptop computers, GPS systems, tablets, e-readers & notebooks? Bring them to Christ Lutheran. Monies received from these items go towards LWML mission projects. Contact Linda Bright for more information.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**-Do you want to honor a special person, occasion or in memory of someone, you can do this by placing flowers on the Altar? The cost is \$30.00. An additional flowers vase is \$15.00. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the Altar. November 12th is the only Sunday left for 2017. Contact Kathy Sourbeer or Barb Mitchell for more information. People are asked to return the plastic containers that the altar flowers are put in. The florist uses these cups to put the flowers in the vases.

**DONATIONS** - When giving a donation for a specific mission (ie. Sonshine Kitchen, Red Stockings, or Altar Flowers), please put the money in the envelopes from the church pew and mark what it is for. This enables our treasurer, Kathy Sourbeer, to record the money properly, and to make sure that your donation goes to the project that you are supporting.

**ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE**-The Women's Service Guild will sponsor the Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 7th. Monies donated will go towards funds needed for our operating funds. The Women Service Guild would greatly appreciate people making bake goods for the bake sale and help work at the bake sale.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**-Once again the Women's Service Guild is offering poinsettia plants to decorate the chancel. There will be more information in the church bulletins.

## RECYCLING AND TRASH BINS

We have asked the contractor to remove the paper and cardboard recycling bins in the back lot as soon as possible (if they are not already gone).

The reasons are as follows:

1. With the closure of the school and Early Learning Center, we do not generate much waste paper or cardboard.
2. The market price for paper recycling has declined so the recycling has provided only a small amount of cash for some time now.
3. The contractor has not been diligent in emptying the bins so they overflow, causing a mess in the parking lot.

We thank everyone that has recycled paper in these bins to help the school's fundraising efforts. We understand that similar bins are still available at Tyke's Gas Station on Greensburg Pike and at Forest Hills Presbyterian on Ardmore Boulevard.

You should also be aware that in the near future the remaining trash bin in the rear will be locked. This is to prevent abuse of the bins by neighbors, since the church pays for this disposal service based on weight or volume. For special events at the church, please check with the office, a trustee, or the Pastor for the combination.

Thanks,

Calvin (Cal) Eggers

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## Serving Christ in November

Altar Guild: Melissa Elaschat

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
November 5	10:00am	Glen Filler	Timothy Bright	John Hoblak
November 12	10:00am	Al Dick	Allison Stephens	Paul Simpson
November 19	10:00am	Paul Simpson	Meghan Elaschat	Barb Mitchell
November 23 Thanksgiving	10:00am	John Hoblak	Madison Stephens	Vince Mroz
November 26	10:00am	Steve Stern	Timothy Bright	Susan Wagner

# Addresses for our shut-ins



**Louise Garofolo**  
 Independence Court  
 279 Center Road  
 Room 204  
 Monroeville, PA 15146

**Wayne & Fran Giesey**  
 310 Pennoak Drive  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15235

**Lorraine Giebel**  
 400 Barclay Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Marty & Cindy Hornak**  
 1100 Penn Center  
 Apt. 210  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

**Ruth Hudson**  
 214 Orin Street  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

**Allan Lindblom**  
 825 East End Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Clorinda Mastrocola**  
 200 Union Avenue  
 North Versailles, PA 15137

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

**Pam Viher**  
 406 Howard Street  
 East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

**Tom Walton**  
 LGAR  
 800 Elsie Street Room 202-B  
 Turtle Creek, PA 15145

## November Prayer Petition

O Lord, whose bounteous hand again has poured Thy gifts in plenty down. Who all creation dost sustain and all the earth with goodness crown. Lord of the harvest, here we own, our joy to be Thy gift alone. *(The Lutheran Hymnal, hymn 567, v.l)*

**Henry Watkins**  
 817 Alpine Blvd.  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Bob Yazvac**  
 979 Wilkins Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Olga Zinn**  
 Buckingham South  
 5450 Abercorn Street, Ste.405  
 Savannah, GA 31405

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

## Celebrating in November

### Anniversaries



24 Paul & Keretta Bruner

### Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

2 Caroline Shirley

5 David Lisovich

7 Cynthia Chain

9 Barbara Schoenthal

10 Charlene Schorr

11 Keretta Bruner

12 Nicolette Giovanetti

Pat Lenhardt

15 Kathleen Hoblak

17 Carol Logsdon

21 Albert Dick

Pamela Viher

22 Lee Hricko

23 Henry Watkins

27 Joseph Williams

30 Ryan Polidora

## Important Dates

Daylight Savings Time-November 5th (2:00am)

All Saints' Day Celebrated-November 5th

Election Day Bake Sale-November 7th

Elders Meeting-November 14th

Finance Committee Meeting-November 16th

Sonshine Kitchen Turkeys Due-November 20th

Quilting-November 14th & November 28th

Thanksgiving Day Service-November 23rd



## Church Service Time

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