

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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Thankful for the Word

The thoughts of many were turned to the themes of the Reformation last month. October 31 brings Reformation Day and the gravitas surrounding that world-altering event. Remembering it, we give thanks for the Word of God. It was there in the beginning. It will be there at the end. When water washes our life away, fire burns hundreds of years of work in an hour, health fades, crops fail, and we stand at death's door, the Word will always be there. In this month of Thanksgiving, we do remember all the material blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us and take special effort to enjoy them. One of the greatest gifts that is present even when physical benefits are absent is the Word of God.

On October 28, we were fortunate to host Rev. Robert Marshall from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) based in Michigan. Rev. Marshall gave a great presentation on the work of LHF. He also gave the sermon. LHF is working to reverse the curse of Babel, where one language was turned into many, and when one people became divided nations. LHF makes the basic teachings of the Word, draw from the Small Catechism, etc., to people of over 100 different languages! I encourage you – in thankfulness for the Word of God, and in recognition of the important work that LHF is doing - visit LHF's website. Pray for the success of their work. Consider helping to further their cause with a financial donation.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, and His mercy [and His Word] endures forever!

In the peace of Christ,
Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, to September 30, 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$55,659	\$48,490
Missions	\$850	\$850
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$20,622	\$21,571
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$26,246	\$25,960
Emergency Maintenance	\$13,361	0
Total expenses	\$61,079	\$48,381
Net	\$6,503	\$989

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

DEATHS

Louise Garofolo went to be with her Lord on October 10. She might have been the oldest member that has been part of Christ Lutheran her whole life. Louise was baptized at Trinity Lutheran, Swissvale which merged with Christ Lutheran. She attended Sunday School at the mission church on Sumner Avenue and was confirmed at the Atlantic Avenue church. Her memorial service was held at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, October 13 with Pastor Bright officiating. She is survived by her children Kathy (John) Sourbeer, Janice (Jim) Polidora, and grandchildren Katie Sourbeer, Justin Polidora, and Ryan Polidora. The family of Louise Garofolo would like to thank the members of Christ Lutheran for all the cards that were sent to her while she was living at Independence Court. Also thank you for all of your support to us at her viewing, funeral service and the wonderful job the Women's Service Guild did in preparing a luncheon.

Carl Osterholm went to be with his Lord on October 15. He is survived by his wife Edith, children Michelle (Tim), Nicole (Reuben), JR (Jan), and grandson Pearce. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time. He is survived by Michelle (Tim) Hamilton, Nicole (Reuben Gonzalez) Osterholm and Pierce Osterholm (Grandson).

IN THE NEWS

Ryan Polidora has accepted a mechanical engineering job at the Webster Field Naval Air Force Base in St. Inigoes, Maryland. He will begin working on November 13. We will miss him but wish him God's blessings as he begins his new job.

Thursday November 1st is All Saints' Day which is observed on Sunday the 4th. It is also Reformation Sunday. We traditionally take this time to remember our fellow members who have passed away since the previous October. Wayne Giesey 11/7/2017, Karen Hoblak 12/6/2017, Art Moziek 12/21/2017, Olga Zinn 1/19/2018, Helen Bonacci 6/12/2018, Louise Garofolo 10/10/2018, Carl Osterholm III 10/15/2018 and Clorinda Mastrocola 10/16/18.

November 10th was Martin Luther's birthday. The year was 1483

"Fall Back" -turn your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 3rd. Daylight Saving time ends in the early morning hours of November 4th.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the preparation of Rooms 10, 11, and 12 for Shanny the Nanny Early Learning Center aka Shannon Veltre will be opening her childcare center in November. The congregation hosted a reception for her on October 21 to welcome her to our facility.

Welcome Shanny the Nanny Early Learning Center!



On Sunday, October 21, Christ Lutheran had a special welcome reception for Shannon Veltre and some of her crew. Shannon's Early Learning Center will be operating out of rooms 10, 11, and 12 of our school building beginning November 5, 2018.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD – The Altar Guild sets and clean ups for Communion, caring and changing altar paraments, weekly flowers for the altar, and decorate the chancel for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to be part of the altar guild.

HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN - will be very busy in the upcoming months. For November, Christ Lutheran will have the annual Sonshine Kitchen food and monetary donation drive, and cooking (about 8) turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinner. Contact Dee Law for more information

We thank members who donated buns, chips, potato salad and made monetary donations for the October 29, 2018 dinner.

QUILTING – We hope the congregation enjoyed viewing the quilts, prayer shawls and lap robes that were on display for Lutheran Women Missionary League and Mighty Muffins for Mites on Sunday, October 7, 2018. The quilt top, middle and back are already sewn. They just have to be sewn together. It is like sewing on a button, in and out and tie two knots. Someone takes the quilt home and sews the binding on it. Meeting dates are November 13, 27 and December 11, 2018. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

STAMPS – That little stamp that is put on the envelope serves two purposes. A person gets a greeting card, bill, or a letter. The second purpose the canceled stamps are collected, sorted, etc., and eventually raises funds so that third world countries, prisoners and other people are able to get a Bible to read and learn about Jesus. Remember to leave an inch or more around the canceled stamp. Contact Lois Frerking for more information.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Today there are several apps for phones that people can get information super fast. Christ Lutheran would like information if you have moved, changed your phone number, have a different e-mail address, etc. Or if you know of a church member who has moved, changed phone numbers or e-mail address. The church needs to contact congregational members in regards to funerals or a church emergency due to weather conditions, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler or Barb Mitchell.

SHUT-INS – Think of how you feel when you get a card or a letter from someone whom you have not seen or heard from in a long time. You are excited and happy. I think our shut-ins feel the same way when they get a card, note or letter from a church member. Be a part of the shut-in card ministry. You will get a cover letter explaining the ministry, a suggested monthly mailing schedule, a prayer petition note, a shut-in member list by name and by birth date. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information.

PRAYER SHAWLS – If you know of someone who has a lingering illness, or needs to be comforted give them a prayer shawl or lap robe, or you want to make a prayer shawl or lap robe, contact Jayne Simpson or Linda Breight.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – Ruth Hirko collects the used Portal of Prayers and takes them to the Sonshine Kitchen. There is a bin in the library for the used Portal of Prayers. If you would like to help her, she would greatly appreciate it.

ALTAR FLOWERS - The 2019 flower chart will be available soon. Dates will be available to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. The cost is \$30. Additional flower vase if \$15. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. The flower chart is on the narthex bulletin board. If you put payment in an envelope, mark the envelope “Altar Flowers” and give it to Kathy Sourbeer. Please return the small vase insert.

MITE BOXES –\$179.16 was collected for the Mite Box collection that was held on Sunday, October 7, 2018 “Might Muffins for Mites. We thank all the people who have made generous donations for Mite for Missions projects and who made the muffins.

RECYCLING – The Women Service Guild is still collecting old electronic gadgets, camera, **cell** phones, computer ink, etc. (see list on Fellowship Hall bulletin board or box in the library). Funds from these recycle items goes toward the Lutheran Women Missionary League Mission projects. See Linda Bright for more information.

RED STOCKINGS – Help us fill the BIG RED STOCKING with the little Red Stockings. Monies collected from these stockings enable Concordia, Cabot to give Christmas gifts to residents who have no family members.

SEMINARY STUDENT – As of this writing, we have not been given the name of a seminary student.

DINNERS – The Women Service Guild greatly appreciate the food that congregational members make when there is a funeral or special occasion.

CAMP PIONEER INGATHERING COLLECTION – The Lutheran Women Missionary League-Pittsburgh Zone and the Women Service Guild thank everyone who donated office supplies and monetary donations for their 'In Gathering Project for Camp Pioneer at their Fall Rally on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freedom, Pa. Just a little note – the Women Service Guild used to go the church to make braille Bibles several years ago.

COOK BOOK – Wondering what to make for the holidays or give as a gift, the Women Service Guild has the cook book for you. The blue “Culinary Creations” cook book. The cost is \$5.00. They are in the blue bin in the library.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE – The Women Service Guild is sponsoring an Election Day (November 6, 2018) Bake Sale to raise funds for church members in need of assistance. We greatly appreciate bake goods and if you can help at the bake sale, it would be terrific.

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.

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214 Orin Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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

Bob Yazvac
885 MacBeth Dr.
Room #205
Monroeville, PA 15146

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

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Fran Giese
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Marty & Cindy Hornak
635 East Waterfront Dr.
Apt. 5111
Munhall, PA 15120

November Prayer Petition:

O God, keep us in the one true faith by which alone we are saved. Amen (Portal of Prayers November 10, 2017)

Celebrating in November



Birthdays

Anniversaries



11/24 Paul & Keretta Bruner

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| 11/05 | David Lisovich | 11/23 | Henry Watkins |
| 11/07 | Cynthia Chain | 11/27 | Joseph Williams |
| 11/09 | Barbara Schoenthal | 11/30 | Ryan Polidora |
| 11/10 | Charlene Schorr | | |
| 11/11 | Keretta Bruner | | |
| 11/12 | Nicolette Giovanetti | | |
| | Pat Lehnhardt | | |
| 11/17 | Carol Logsdon | | |
| 11/21 | Albert Dick | | |
| | Pamela Viher | | |
| 11/22 | Lee Hricko | | |

Serving Christ in November

Altar Guild: Melissa Elaschat

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
11/4	Steve Stern	Meghan Elaschat	Luanne Russell
11/11	Al Dick	Dylan McNutt	Neil Ackerman
11/18	Paul Simpson	Timothy Breight	Gloria Stern
11/22 (Thanksgiving)	Cal Eggers	Timothy Breight	Vince Mroz
11/25	John Crawford	David Carmichiel	Tammy Donaldson



Acolytes

David Carmichiel
Dillon McNutt

God Bless our New Acolytes for 2018-2019!

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

