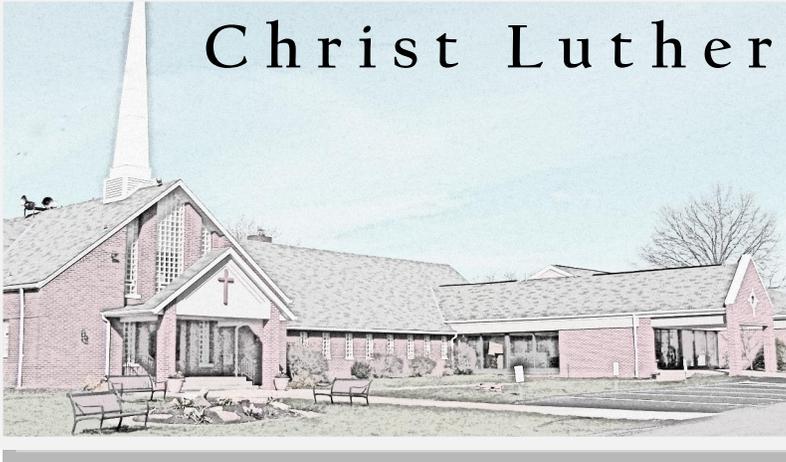


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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Daylight Savings

This is the November issue of the church newsletter. By this point the year is long, summer clothes have been exchanged for warmer garments, and we are running out of daylight. One of the “tricks” we play with nature is Daylight Savings. To extend the enjoyment of the after-work hours and warmer weather, we add a full hour of light onto the latter part of the day. We cannot create light, so we have to borrow light from the morning and transfer it to the end of the day by adjusting our clocks forward one hour on the second Sunday in March. Now we come to the time of reckoning, when on the first Sunday in November we have to turn the clocks back and it’s dark before supper. Morning people like this as they finally get their light back “where it belongs.”

When our personal life gets dark for any number of reasons, we don’t have to play tricks on ourselves or monkey with the clock. When we have the Lord on our side, we are never in the dark. *God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5 We thank the Lord for His light! And we also thank Jesus for His promise to us; “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12*

In the light of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$65,587	\$60,020
Mission	\$500	\$500
Staff	\$23,600	\$24,147
Operations	\$33,113	\$26,290
Total expenses	\$57,213	\$56,223
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$8,374	\$797

News from the Flock

In the News

Paul and Keretta Bruner will be celebrating 71 years of marriage on November 24. May God continue to bless them. They were married on November 24, 1948.

Baptism

Sophia Isabelle Kocher was brought to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 13. **Sophia** is the daughter of **Adam Kocher** and **Lauren Berthold** God parents are **Brian Foust** and **Shannon Foust**.

As always if you have some news that you are willing to share please email or give them to **Kathy Sourbeer**, ksourbeer@aol.com, or send them directly to Theresa Frankiewicz at office-assist@christlutheranfh.org.

Thrivent Pop Tab Challenge

Start saving all your pop, beer, soup can tabs. From September 1– November 25, we will be collecting the tabs in a special container placed in the library area. The tabs collected will be for the Ronald McDonald charities. The Thrivent goal is to collect 10 million tabs.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS NEEDED



Women's Service Guild

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

ALTAR GUILD – Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to be part of the Altar Guild. They change the altar paraments, set up and take down for Holy Communion. “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms” 1 Peter 4:10

HELPING HANDS – As the saying goes, “many hands make light work.” Help is often needed to set up, prepare food, etc. for funeral luncheons, special occasions, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler for more information. “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10

QUILTING – We don't do the quilting stitches like in a real quilted quilt. It is like sewing on a button, “in and out and tie two knots.” The tentative dates for quilting are Tuesday, November 12 and 26, 2019 at 9am. See Joyce Purucker for more information. We are always in need of king and queen size mattress pads. These are used as batting for the quilts. “One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love.” (Pinterest 1877 best quotes images in 2019)

STAMPS – Some people think postage is getting too expensive to mail cards, letters, etc, BUT to the Canadian Bible Society it is a way to raise funds to purchase Bibles for prisoners and missionaries' churches, etc. With the holidays coming up, many of us will be getting and sending cards, etc. Give your canceled stamps to Lois Frerking. (just cut the envelope in half) if there is not enough of a border around the stamp, it can't be used. See the sample display in the library. “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 quote) (Stamps for mission quotes)

BOX TOPS EDUCATION can still be used to support education programs. Eventually these will be phased out. In the future grocery receipts will be used to allow your school (we support Redeemer Lutheran Church School) to get credit. (This box top or App is worth 10 cents from each purchase). Lois Frerking can scan your grocery receipt with a special App for school education. There is a box in the library. “Where God guides, He provides.” Isaiah 58:11 (religious quotes about education programs)



POP TABS CHALLENGE: Thrivent is sponsoring a pop tab challenge to support Ronald McDonald House until November 25. Place your tabs in the red box in the library area. See Kathy Sourbeer for more information. This is the sweetest way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. It takes approximately 1,128 pop tabs to equal one pound. We typically receive between \$0.40 to \$0.50 per pound of pop tabs. This program brings in an average of \$6,000 each year.



TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE – Have you or family member moved, changed phone number or e-mail address? If so, please contact Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler. “The worst thing to do is not make a telephone call.” Alan Urlis Quotes or send an e-mail.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – It is not too late to sign up to be a shut-in card sender. You will be given a list of shut-ins, their address, phone number, birth date, a prayer petition and a suggested mailing schedule. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information. “I am the Lord, I have made you, I will uphold you, I will deliver you.” Isaiah 46:4

PORTALS OF PRAYER – Are you inspired or comforted when you read the Portals of Prayer? If you know of a person or group who could use the Portals of Prayer, contact Ruth Hirko. “Art thou weary, art thou troubled, art thou sore distress?, “Come to Me,” saith One, “and, coming, be at rest.” Hymn 513-Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Troubled”-The Lutheran Hymnal

ALTAR FLOWERS – Even though the flower chart is full, you still can place an extra vase of flowers in memory of a loved one, birthday, anniversary, congratulations, etc. on the altar for \$20. The 2020 flower chart will be available soon. See Kathy Sourbeer for more information. “Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.” -Luther Burbank-(Altar flower quotes.)

MITE BOXES – There is a saying, “good things come in small packages.” This is most certainly true. The monies collected in those small MITE BOXES enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to fulfill their pledge of over 2 million dollars. A deaf church in our area benefited from the MITES that were collected. Linda Breight can explain more about the MITES program. If you put money in an envelope, please mark “MITES and give it to Kathy Sourbeer. There is also a LARGE MITE box and small boxes on the shelf in the Narthex. “The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.<<https://www.azquotes.com/quote/530773>>”



RECYCLING – Do you have a drawer, shelf or box full of cell phones, charging cords, smart watches, pagers, MP3, I pads, E book readers, tablets, kindles, GPS devices. (See complete list on the box in the library) and don't know what to do with them? Bring them to church and put them in the box in the library or see Linda Breight. Monies from these items go toward Lutheran Women Missionary League funded programs. Please check the list to make sure your item is eligible for the program. Galatians 6:10<<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Galatians/6/10>> “So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

SONSHINE KITCHEN – About 110 people were served at the September Sonshine Kitchen. We will soon start our drive for cooked turkeys for the Sonshine Kitchen annual Turkey request. We need about 5 or 6 cooked turkeys by Sunday, November 24. These will be taken to the Sonshine Kitchen on November 25. We are also asking church members to bake or buy “medium size cookies”. Please do not make mint or anise cookies for the Sonshine Kitchen Christmas party. More information will be put in the church bulletins.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE – Just as people are being encouraged to vote, we are asking our church members to make baked goods and, if possible, to help at the Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. There will be a sign-up sheet to volunteer to work at the bake sale or contact Kathy Sourbeer if you can help. Funds raised will go to the Women Service Guild ministry programs.

MIGHTY MUFFINS FOR MITES - \$157 was raised on Mighty Muffins for Mites on Sunday, October 6, 2019. We thank the congregation for supporting this event. You can still give a donation. Just mark an envelope “Mighty Mites” and give it to Kathy Sourbeer.

Check the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPDATES and other upcoming events. There are a variety of past issues of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly on the table in the library and MITE boxes on the shelf in the Narthex.

KITCHEN REMODELING By the time you read this, the cabinets should be installed. The electricity has been updated and the kitchen painted. The new floor should be installed in November. A special and grateful thanks to all the people who did all the work in getting the new kitchen installed and to the people who made generous donations toward the kitchen remodeling. The Women Service Guild is still accepting donations for the Kitchen Remodeling. Mark your envelope (Kitchen Remodeling) and give it to Kathy Sourbeer.

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.

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

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 1937
Cabot, PA 16023

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

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

November 2019 Prayer Petition

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

Celebrating in November

Anniversaries

11/24 **Paul & Keretta Bruner** will be celebrating **71** years of marriage!



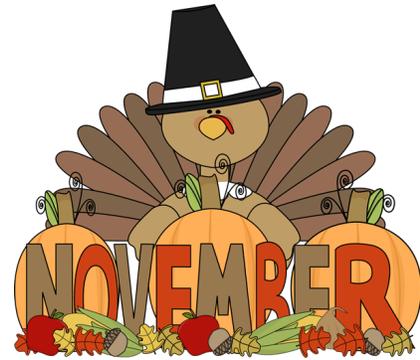
Birthdays

11/2	Caroline Shirley	11/15	Kathleen Hoblak
11/5	David Lisovich	11/17	Carol Logsdon
11/7	Cynthia Chain	11/21	Albert Dick
11/9	Barbara Schoenthal	11/21	Pamela Viher
11/10	Charlene Schorr	11/22	Lee Hricko
11/11	Keretta Bruner	11/27	Joseph Williams
11/12	Nicolette Giovanetti	11/28	Kevin Donaldson
11/12	Pat Lenhardt	11/30	Ryan Polidora

Let's Celebrate

Important Dates in November

November 3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends
 November 5th Election Day and WSG Bake Sale
 November 7th Planning Committee 9:30am
 November 11th Veteran's Day
 November 15th Deadline for December/January Lamplighter
 November 17th An Evening of Praise
 November 19th Council Meeting 7pm
 November 27th Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm
 November 28th Thanksgiving Day



Serving Christ in November

Altar Guild: Melissa and Megan Elaschat

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
11/3	10am	John Crawford	Maisy Hanley	Luanne Russell
11/10	10am	Steve Stern	David Carmichael	Bob Brecht
11/17	10am	Paul Simpson	Alexa Kocher	Susan Wagner
11/24	10am	John Crawford	Dylan McNutt	Neil Ackerman
11/27	Thanksgiving Eve 7pm	Paul Simpson	David Carmichael	Lois Frerking

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 from now until the end of February.. Please fill in all available openings. This should alleviate any confusion. December and January need to be filled before the November 15th deadline for the December-January newsletter. You can email Theresa at officeassist@christlutheranfh.org to sign up for dates as well.

Church Service Times

Sunday- 10 am Divine Service
 Wednesday-7pm Thanks giving Eve

Sunday

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



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30am Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday

7:00pm Bible Overview

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Looking Back to October 2009



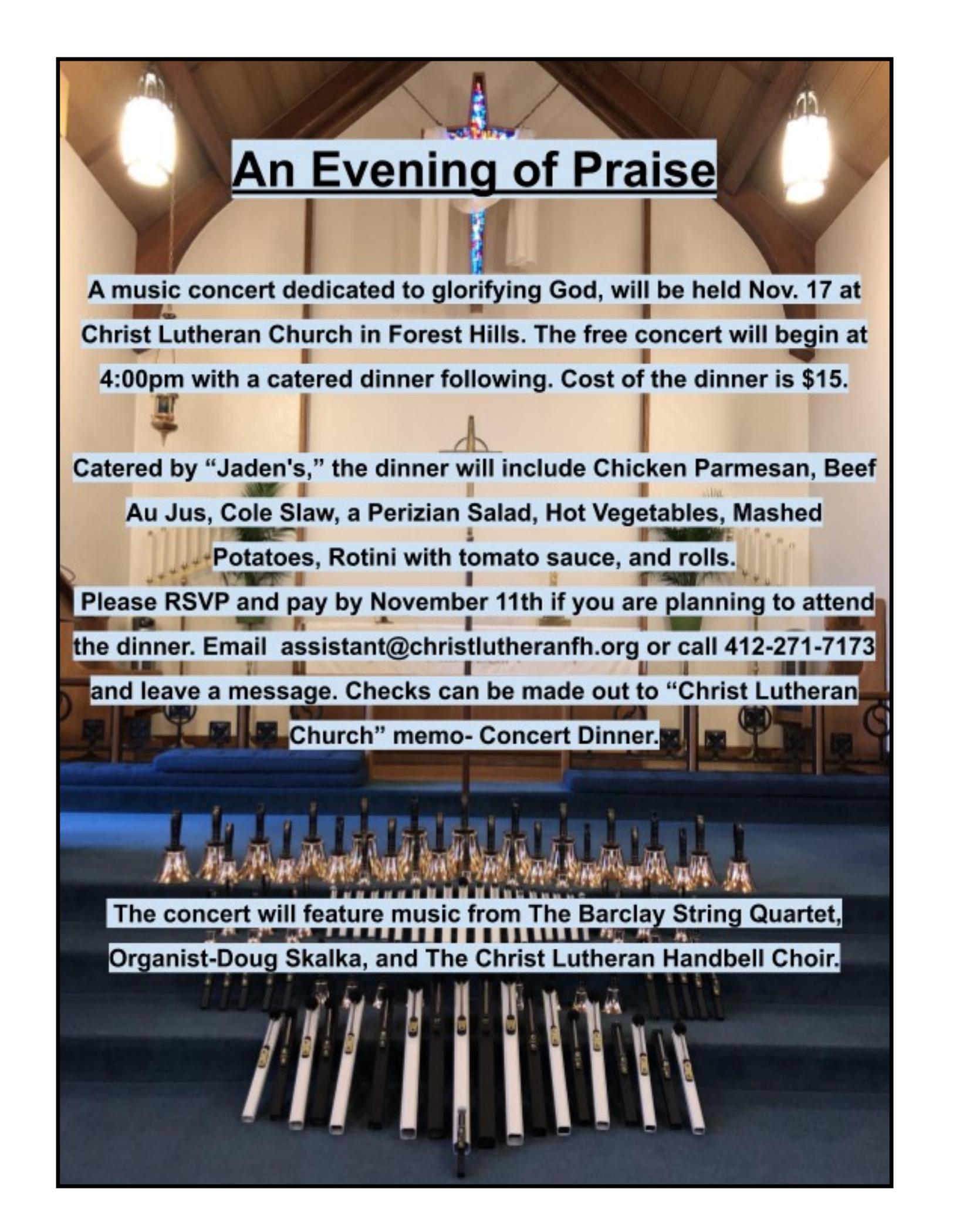
Kitchen remodel continues.

The electric has been upgraded and painting is complete.



Final cleaning is being done before the cabinet install happens.





An Evening of Praise

A music concert dedicated to glorifying God, will be held Nov. 17 at Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills. The free concert will begin at 4:00pm with a catered dinner following. Cost of the dinner is \$15.

Catered by "Jaden's," the dinner will include Chicken Parmesan, Beef Au Jus, Cole Slaw, a Perizian Salad, Hot Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Rotini with tomato sauce, and rolls.

Please RSVP and pay by November 11th if you are planning to attend the dinner. Email assistant@christlutheranfh.org or call 412-271-7173 and leave a message. Checks can be made out to "Christ Lutheran Church" memo- Concert Dinner.

The concert will feature music from The Barclay String Quartet, Organist-Doug Skalka, and The Christ Lutheran Handbell Choir.