

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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

October 2016

New Potluck Fellowship

Our Church Health Team (CHT) started working last fall on how to make our worship more inspirational. What a difference a year makes! Perhaps the most tangible evidence of the CHT's work is that we now have only one service on Sunday mornings. We tried out having just one service over the summer. Last month the Board of Elders decided it was a keeper. The singing is much better. The church family is there at one time rather than being split into two groups. The atmosphere is more cheerful. We need fewer ushers, worship assistants, and lectors to make the service happen. But ...not everything is coming up roses with having just one service.

The 8:15 crowd doesn't get out of church until after 11:00. Groan. Also, their coffee and refreshment time has vanished. Rats. Sunday school and adult groups now meet an hour earlier. Whoa! Some still haven't gotten used to that change. Yawn. These are only some of the side-effects of changing to one service. These effects - judging by what many have shared with me - are not small, either.

What's a church to do? Actually, there's a LOT we can do. First, I encourage everyone who doesn't like the time of the new service to work hard at getting so many people in church that we HAVE to go back to two services again. Invite all your friends and relatives. Help with reaching out to the families of our Early Learning Center. Be warm and friendly with each and every visitor. Seriously, if enough people do that, you'll get your wish. Second, either start or ask for a study group to meet AFTER worship. The group would still finish by around 12:15-12:30pm which is the same time as worshippers left the late service. We now have TWICE the opportunities for fellowship and study groups as before. Third, join us after worship on October 23 for a CHURCH POTLUCK. We have a wonderful opportunity for ALL members to get together for a common meal at lunch time. Bring some food for the table, the latest news and your favorite jokes. Enjoy the food. Enjoy the fellowship. Enjoy the gift of family that God has given us as He has made us one in him through his son, Jesus. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this new opportunity we have at Christ Lutheran. Perhaps it might help make those side-effects more bearable.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

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CHRIST LUTHERAN GARDEN CLUB

Lynn Fisher
Howard Lehman
Vivian Lehman

Join us for a day of fellowship and gardening. The first event of the Christ Lutheran Garden Club will be held on October 15th at 10am (rain date is October 22nd).

Our church grounds need a little “sprucing up” and a group of volunteers to accomplish this goal. Bring your shovels. This will be an all day event, so even if you can only come for an hour or two, your willing hands will help to beautify Christ Lutheran to the glory of God.

A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it up.” Genesis 2:15



Women's Service Guild

The WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD is asking women of the congregation to bake Muffins for the Mighty Muffins for Mites and the Election Day Bake Sale. These donations help the WSG to support various mission projects. There will be a list in the Women Service Guild Handbook. Monies go to the Eastern District LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) and the LWML Mite Box grants. There will be an informational page about the various grants.

LWML FALL RALLY– An in-gathering will be held on Saturday, October 15th at 10am for the LWML Fall Rally at Grace Universal Lutheran Church in Penn Hills. Reverend Reholma McCants will be the guest speaker.

PRAYER SHAWLS - Several of our members have prayerfully knitted or crocheted prayer shawls or lap robes. If you know of anyone who may be in need of prayer shawl, contact Karen Hoblak, Jayne Simpson or Linda Breight. "I was sick and you looked after me." Matt. 26:36

SHUT-INS – There was a song called "I am going to sit myself down and write myself a letter." Our church shut-ins greatly appreciate getting cards and notes from congregational members. If you would like to be part of the Shut-in Card Ministry, contact Joyce Purucker. "To write is human, to receive a letter: Devine!" — Susan Lendroth (Letter writing quotes)

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – Christ Lutheran Church does not want an un-solved mystery on its hands, when they try to contact you. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or e-mail address, please let the church know. We care about you. "Sharing is Caring." Quote

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – What is put on an envelope, travels locally or to far away countries, fills a copy paper box, used to bring good news about Jesus to people in prisons or faraway countries? Answer: POSTAGE STAMPS. These cancelled stamps are collected and taken a LWML Rally, then taken to New York and eventually taken to the Canadian Bible Society. They in turn are able to get funds to purchase Bibles for prisoners or mission churches in third world countries. Be the "reason someone smiles today" from a picture of a 47c postage stamps. From Motivational Quotes on Postage Stamps. There is a bin in the library for the cancelled stamps or contact Karen Hoblak.

QUILTING – Dee Law, Joyce Purucker, and Carol Sapanara met in September to make 2 quilts. Our next quilting dates are Tuesdays, October 11th and 25th, 2016 at 9am. "Quilts are like friends - a great source of comfort." Crafter's Community.com—Quilt poems and sayings.

HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN – A special thanks to everyone who gave monetary donations to purchase food and food donations that was served on Monday, September 19, 2016. In November Christ Lutheran will have their annual food drive for the Sonshine Kitchen in McKeesport. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...." Matthew 25:35.

ALTAR GUILD – Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to serve on the Altar Guild. Setting and cleaning up for Communion. Cleaning, ironing and changing the altar parament according to the season. "Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God." Romans 15:17

PORTALS OF PRAYER - These devotional books are being sent to the Rev. Debra L. Reitz, chaplain at Muncy State Correctional Institution. There is a bin in the library. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information. "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matt. 25:36

WOMEN SERVICE GUILD CUPBOARD – On Friday September 6th, the Women's Service Guild, cleaned and re-organized the Women's Service Guild cupboard. If something is borrowed, please return it in its proper place.

CELEBRATE FELLOWSHIP!!

On Sunday, October 23rd, after Worship, there will be a potluck luncheon. Please bring something good to share and join us in food and fellowship!



News from the Flock

NEWS

DEDICATION OF LECTERN - The new Lectern was dedicated into service on September 11, 2016. It has Luther's rose carved into the wood in the center of the wood. The entire lectern was crafted by Joe O'Connor. Memorial donations were used.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - These classes started Wednesday, September 7th at 4:30pm. They will continue through December 14th.

Serving Christ in October

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
October 2	10:00am	Cal Eggers	Timothy Breight	John Hoblak
October 9	10:00am	Al Dick	Allison Stephens	Lois Frerking
October 16	10:00am	Steve Stern	Madison Stephens	Kyle Hubbard
October 23	10:00am	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Susan Wagner
October 30	10:00am	Glenn Filler	Jordan Stephens	Paul Simpson
			Crucifer Richard Lander	

Addresses for our shut-ins



Wayne & Fran Giesey
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Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Clorinda Mastrocola
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North Versailles, PA 15137

Marty & Cindy Hornak
Seneca Place, Room 134
5350 Saltsburg Road
Verona, PA 15147

James & Ann Tubbs
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N. Versailles, PA 15135-1101

Paul & Keretta Bruner
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Penn Hills, PA 15235

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East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

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Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
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October Prayer Petition

*Lord, keep us steadfast
in your Word. Curb
those who by deceit or
sword would wrest the
kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all
he has done.*

**Lutheran Worship,
Hymn 334, v. 1**

Bob & Joan Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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

Celebrating in October

Anniversaries



- 5 Wayne & Frances Giesey
- 11 Joshua & Jessica Kuhns
- 14 Gregory & Natalie Pollitt
- 27 Zachary & Amanda Chick
- 29 James & Ann Tubbs
- 30 John & Georgianna Hanley
- 31 Robert & Joan Yazvac



- 1 Sandra Uram
- 2 Kyle Hubbard
- 3 Tammy Donaldson
Edward Woodyear-Rochez
- 4 Mike George
- 10 Mackenna Matthews
Helena Woodyear
- 11 Mia Kuhns
- 13 Joseph O'Connor
- 14 Lee Bogнар
Joan Yazvac

Birthdays



- 15 Natalie Pollitt
- 18 Kelly Giovanetti
David Uram
- 20 Seth Kuhns
- 21 Jennifer Matthews
- 26 John Sourbeer
- 27 Melissa Smith
- 29 Linda Hite
- 30 Stephanie Lydon
- 31 Carla McClelland

Important Dates



Women's Service Guild Meeting-October 6th

LWML Sunday-October 9th

Quilting-October 11th & 25th

Elders Meeting-October 11th

Garden Club Event - October 15th (Rain Date: October 22nd)

After Church Potluck Luncheon-October 23

Reformation Sunday-October 30th

Reformation Day-October 31st

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service



Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School ages 3-14

9:00am Adult Bible Study Groups

Visit our website for additional information and for our complete church and school calendars at www.christlutheranfhn.org