



# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church  
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## Political Pressure

Here in the US we live under the principal of separation of church and state. The idea is that, because of the incessant religious-based wars that ravaged the people of Europe, the founders of our country thought it best for the government to not take a specific religious position, thereby avoiding being obligated to enter wars against religious adversaries. Obviously, this “separation” idea has expanded its meaning and has hampered the doing of much good in our country by eliminating good candidates because of their religious views, un-funding some of the best health and educational programs provided by religious institutions and attempts to silence the voices of religious citizens who come to the public square. There are times, though, when it would have been good to reduce the influence of religion in government. When Jesus went before Pontius Pilate, Pilate followed the proper course of action in trying Jesus’ case. Pilate declared Jesus “not guilty.” However, when the religious leaders threatened that they would tell the Emperor that Pilate was allowing another to claim kingship, he folded under the pressure, and washed his hands in a vain attempt to exempt himself from culpability. It is a telling story of how a good system went bad because of political pressure. It worked out for our benefit, though, because Jesus’ crucifixion at the hand of Pilate became the redeeming sacrifice releasing from death and hell all who trust in His saving work.

That was then. This is now. Politicians are still under pressure to do the wrong thing or suffer the consequences. One can only imagine how tight the thumb-screws must be turned in some cases. However, unlike Pilate, when they succumb, there is no noble deed, altruistic intentions, or global good.

November 6 is the general election. Be sure to fulfill your Christian vocation as a citizen and vote. Pray that God bless all our public servants, whether you like them or not, and whether you agree with them or not, just as the Lords instructs, “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot July 1, to August 31, 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$33,080	\$31,150
Missions	\$0	\$0
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$13,687	\$14,381
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$12,890	\$15,780
Total expenses	\$26,577	\$30,161
Net	\$6,503	\$989

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Zion Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville is celebrating their 150th anniversary.

Trinity, Monroeville founded in Pitcairn, is celebrating their 125th anniversary on September 23rd with an afternoon worship service and a banquet to follow at Jaden's.

Dan Simkins of the Avonworth Historical Society is going to give a talk about the Lawrenceville Doughboy. Joyce Purucker's father, Jesse Lozier is named on the Doughboy memorial. He served in World War I with the American Expeditionary Forces from Nov. 12, 1917 to May 17, 1919.

The O'Connors have been in contact with the exchange family from Germany that Kyle stayed with and when the third child in the family was coming, they called to find out who the host family was. There wasn't one. So Tatia, Joe and Kyle are hosting Leon Wierenberg from Hamburg for three weeks!

Tatia O'Connor and Barbara Mitchell recently returned from a cruise to the Inside Passage in Alaska. Lots of fun!

Kyle O'Connor has the position of Master Carpenter for his production class for the first musical, "Cabaret", at the new Pittsburgh Playhouse located at Point Park University.

JOURNEYS OF PAUL TOUR - Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, Ephesus, Patmos, with 3 day cruise of Greeks Islands included (April 27 - May 7, 2019)

Contact Pastor Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor & former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure: 406-890-1149 or imhis38@gmail.com.

And you think you are busy

In 1516, Martin Luther wrote to his friend Johann Lang: "I could use two secretaries. I do almost nothing during the day but write letters. I am a conventional preacher, reader at meals, parochial preacher, director of studies, overseer of eleven monasteries, superintendent of the fish pond at Litzkau, referee of the squabble at Torgau, lecturer on Paul, collector of material for a commentary on the Psalms, and then, as I said, I am overwhelmed with letters. I rarely have full time for the canonical hours and for saying mass, not to mention my own temptations with the world, the flesh, and the Devil. You see how lazy I am." (Taken from The Lutheran Witness, Sept. 2018).

## Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD – A tremendous thank you got Ruth Hirko and the altar guild who take care of changing the altar paraments and setting up for communion

SONSHINE KITCHEN – The Women's Service Guild will be serving at the Sonshine Kitchen on Monday, October 29, 2018. We will be serving chipped ham with cheese sandwiches, potato salad, fruit cocktail, and potato chips. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or see Dee Law for more information. “If you can't feed a hundred people, just feed one” - Mother Teresa

QUILTING - “Sewing mends the soul” is just what the quilters do when they put together the quilts that the Sonshine Kitchen and First Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland use for their homeless ministries. We will be meeting Tuesdays, October 9 and 23, 2018 at 9 a. m. See Joyce Purucker for more information. Hopefully, we want to display the quilts that were made over the past year or two.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – Have you, or a loved one or know of a church member who has moved, please give the church office the new address, phone number and e-mail address. This information is needed so that church members can be contacted about funerals or possible closings due to bad weather, etc. Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are? Martin Luther

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – That little object (aka as a stamp) that is put on the corner of an envelope serves several purposes. You get a letter, card, etc. and the stamp can be used again to raise funds for mission projects that raise funds for the Lutheran Women Missionary League mission projects. Clip those stamps from the envelopes. The stamp cutters appreciate it when you leave a large area around the stamp/ stamps. They will trim the area around the stamps. There is a bin in the library. “The most interesting thing about a postage stamp is the persistence with which it sticks to its job.” (Napoleon Hill ) It's other job is creating money to be available for mission projects.

SHUT-IN CARDS – Many of our church members who are unable to attend church greatly appreciate getting cards, letters, notes, etc. from congregational members. Be a part of the shut-in card ministry. You will receive a list (and birth dates) of our shut-in members, a Prayer Petition request and a suggested monthly schedule for sending cards. They also appreciate getting holiday cards. See Joyce Purucker for more information. “If you young fellows were wise, the devil couldn't do anything to you, but since you aren't wise, you need us who are old. “ (Martin Luther)

PRAYER SHAWLS – If you know someone who is suffering from a lingering illness, depressed, or troubled, we have prayer shawls. These were prayerfully crocheted or knitted by women of the congregation. Contact Jayne Simpson or Linda Breight for more information or to become part of the prayer shawl team. “Lord, sometimes stress overwhelms us, and it seems we have no place to turn. Open Your arms as we flee to You; be our tower of strength. Help us to live one day at a time with Your wisdom and in Your peace. “Prayer Shawl Quilts”

MITE BOXES - Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. (LWML web site.) “The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious. “ (Martin Luther)

RECYCLING – If you did not do your spring house cleaning, maybe you may be trying to do your fall house cleaning and don't know what to do with old electronic gadgets, cameras, cell phones, computer ink. Bring them to church (there is a complete list posted on Fellowship Hall bulletin board and on the box in the library). Monies from these donated items go to the Lutheran Women Missionary League mission projects. See Linda Breight for more information. “I like to take out the recycling because I actually feel like I'm doing something.” (Mike Quigley [www.brainyquote.com/topics/recycling](http://www.brainyquote.com/topics/recycling))

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. “Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul.” Luther Burbank

DONATIONS – Through out the year the Women Service Guild asks for special donations. If you give a “special donation, such as Sonshine Kitchen, Mites, Seminary student, etc. Please put your donation in the envelope from the back of the church pew and mark what type of donation it is. You can give it to Kathy Sourbeer or Joyce Purucker.

GREETING CARDS – Have you been going through the drawers in your house and looking for something, but finding old greeting cards that were sent to you and wondering what to do with them.? Bring them to church and give them to Susan Robatzen. Concordia, Cabot uses them for various craft projects.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE – The Fall Pittsburgh Zone Lutheran Women Missionary League Rally will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freedom, PA at 10 a. m. The Rev. Alex Knowles from Camp Pioneer will be the speaker.

WOMEN SERVICE GUILD – All confirmed woman of the congregation are cordially invited to become a member of the Women Service Guild. We have been affiliated with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) since 1957. We are 67 years young.

SPECIAL HUMUNGEous THANKS to all of the women who are scrubbing and cleaning the stove, oven and warmer.

### Welcome New Members!!

Christ Lutheran welcomed four new members on September 23rd with a reception and a cake immediately following the Sunday Service. Pictured below from left to right: Devera Hoblak, Neil Ackerman, Zerabruk Teclealfa, his sons Tommy and Sirak and Eugene Klebingot.



# 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.

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

**Fran Giese**  
310 Pennoak Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

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

**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 Mastrolcola**  
200 Union Avenue  
North Versailles, PA 15137

**Carl Osterholm**  
928 Rita Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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

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

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

**Bob Yazvac**  
249 Lincoln Hwy Rm 110  
North Versailles, PA  
15137

**October Prayer Petition:**  
Jesus thank you for granting to me and all believers eternal life. Give me the faith to believe that I can live in you every day. Amen (Portal of Prayers-Oct. 30, 2017.)

## Celebrating in October



### Birthdays

### Anniversaries



- 10/27 Zachary & Amanda Chick  
10/29 James Jr & Ann Tubbs

10/01	Sandra Uram	10/26	John Sourbeer
10/02	Kyle Hubbard	10/29	Linda Hite
	Susan Shuster	10/30	Stephanie Lydon
10/03	Tammy Donaldson		
10/04	Mike George		
10/13	Joseph O'Connor		
10/14	S. Lee Bognar		
10/15	Natalie Pollitt		
10/18	Kelly Giovanetti		
	David Uram		
10/20	Adam Orbell		



## **2018 Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Reformation Day Service**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018, 3:00 PM**

**First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church  
531 N Neville Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213**



Special Guest Preacher:  
**The Reverend Dr. Gregory P. Seltz**  
Former Speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" and Executive Director of  
the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by

Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries and  
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Ample Parking generously provided by Oakland Catholic High School.

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## Serving Christ in October

Altar Guild: Gloria Stern

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
10/07	Glen Filler	Allison Stephens	Susan Wagner
10/14	Al Dick	Tim Breight	John Hoblak
10/21	John Crawford	Madison Stephens	Tammy Donalson
10/28	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Steve Stern
		Richard Lander —Crucifer	

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## 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

