



# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church  
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## Are you Pro-Life?

Conservative Christians like us have been Pro-Life since our groups formed. We never lost the truth that all humans are created in the image of God and, therefore, all human life is sacred. We have also held to the logical (and Biblical) truth that human life begins at birth. Against these positions are thrown various opposing arguments. Some say it's better to have sanitary abortion clinics than back-alley abortions. The main issue cannot be the conditions surrounding the act, but the morality of it. We also hear the slogan, "It's my body. I can do with it what I want." How completely arrogant and proud is such chanting. Who created the heavens and the earth, fish, fowl, and people? The Lord. Who is the giver of all life? The Lord. And the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. We do not own or have any claim to our bodies. Rather, they are given to us to use in God's service and not to commit such abominations as the murder of unborn children.

**Lutherans for Life** is our denomination's organization that supports and promotes the Pro-Life movement. In October, Lutherans for Life is throwing their full support behind Pittsburgh's Pro-Life star, the Women's Choice Network (WCN). WCN is the Pro-Life hands and feet in our region. It provides counseling and support for women during their pregnancy at no cost. WCN is responsible for helping to bring thousands of unborn children into this world who otherwise may have been killed. WCN is having their annual fundraising dinner on September 17 at the David Lawrence Convention Center. I invite you to join Linda, myself, and Lutherans for Life at this annual gala. We don't have to reinvent the wheel on helping pregnant mothers have their children. WCN already does that. We just go to the gala, enjoy a delicious meal, hear a great speaker, and pledge our support to the cause. See the page in this newsletter for more information and to register for this event. If you would like to ride along, let me know – we have some extra space in the car for you.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$35,375	\$37,280
Staff	\$15,621	\$16,098
Operations	\$27,265	\$26,290
Total expenses	\$42,886	\$42,388
Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$7,511)	(\$5,108)

## News from the Flock

### In the News

**Rich Lander** is off to John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is majoring in Psychology.

**Rev. Mark Mozeik**, former member and brother of **Diana Lydon**, is a You Tube star. Look him up at St. John's, New Kirk, Oklahoma.

**Jonathan Breight** performed with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre on August 18 at Hartwood acres, Ballet Under the Stars. They did excerpts from Sleeping Beauty and Rubies.

**Neil Ackerman's** youngest son is starting a five year mission assignment in London, England.

**Joscelyn Lydon** completed a nursing internship in Equador this summer. She was asked to be the god-mother for the two year old daughter of one of her clients.

**Gloria Stern** will be performing Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat with the Westmoreland Choral Society on October 5. They will be collecting gently used coats at the performance. If you have any coats that you would like to donate, but will not be at the production, please give them to Gloria.

**Kyle O'Connor** will be Assistant Technical Director for the Pittsburgh Playhouse's adaptation of "Much Ado About Nothing" in November.

**Joe O'Connor** had a showing of his woodworking techniques at the Irish Festival in September.

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

### Thrivent Pop Tab Challenge

Start saving all your pop, beer, soup can tabs. From September 1- December 3 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.



# Women's Service Guild

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## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

**ALTAR GUILD** - "Many hands make light work" Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to help change the altar coverings, set-up for communion, etc. "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." (2 Corinthians 9:12)

**HELPING HANDS** – Women of the congregation help set up for funeral luncheons, special events, luncheons, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler for more information if you would like to be a part of this important ministry. . "Take my hands and let them move. At the impulse of Thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee" (Lutheran Service Book, Take my life and let it be, hymn 783)

**QUILTING** – Hopefully, quilting will resume Tuesday, October 15 and 29, 2019 at 9 a. m. No experience needed. "A quilt will warm our body and comfort your soul." Quilting and sewing quotes.

**STAMPS** – Stamps may come in a variety of shapes and amounts. One of the greatest things that canceled stamps can do is to enable the Canadian Bible Society to furnish Bibles for Canadian prisoners and mission churches around the world. Please drop your stamps off in the bin near the library. "How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race. But holds our one humanity within its broad embrace." (How wide the Love of Christ, hymn 535 Lutheran Service book)

**BOX TOPS EDUCATION** - "School days, school days, Dear old golden rule days, Readin', and writin' and rithmetic" (school days song from Google.) Even though there are changes coming for the Box Tops for Education program, please keep collecting the "Box tops for Education" See Lois Frerking for more information. "When school flourishes, all flourishes." (Martin Luther)



**TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE** – Hopefully, church members and college students are settled in their new homes, apartments and dorms, etc.. The church doesn't want to lose contact with you. The church office needs your new address, phone/cell phone and e-mail information.



**SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY** – The stores are starting to advertise for Christmas help and having Christmas sales, etc. The Shut-in Card Ministry is starting "their advertising" for card senders to our shut-ins. You will be given a list of our shut-ins and their address, birth dates, prayer petition, note, and mailing schedule. See Joyce Purucker for more information.

**PRAYER SHAWL & LAP ROBE MINISTRY** – Some of us may have family members, friends or acquaintances that are going through various stages of health issues. Some congregational women have been knitting and crocheting lap robes and prayer shawls. See Jayne Simpson or Linda Breight about acquiring or making a prayer shawl or lap robe.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** – Looking for something to read while riding to work, sitting on a park bench or meditating at home. Read the "Portals of Prayer." If you know of an organization or a group that could use past issues of the "Portals of Prayer", contact Ruth Hirko. "Pray and let God worry" (Martin Luther)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – You can still put an extra flower vase on the altar in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event-graduation, birthday, anniversary, etc. Just add your name to the date on the flower chart in the Narthex. The extra vase is \$20.00

**RECYCLING** – There is still room in the BIG recycle box in the Library. We are collecting empty ink jet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, PDAs Palm Pilots, i-Pods, MP3 Players, laptops, notebooks, e-Readers, tablets, & i-Pads (include power cords) to redeem for cash. There is a list posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board and the recycle box in the library. Please be sure to check the list before you leave your items.

MITE BOXES – Chorus: “Big things come in small packages, Small packages just like you! Big things come in small packages. Think of all the things that you can do! “Character Education Song Lyrics and Sound Clip Jim Rule” Monies from these Mite Boxes support the LWML 2019-2021 mission goal of \$2.1 Million. (From March 1-May 31, 2019) \$10,579.29 Mites have been collected.” (See list on the Fellowship Hall bulletin Board.) There are small Mite Boxes and a Big Blue Mite Box on the shelf in the Narthex. You can also put your donation in an envelope and mark it “MITES” and give it to Kathy Sourbeer.

SONSHINE KITCHEN – Thanks to the people who made donations and served at the Sonshine Kitchen in September. Up coming events will be turkeys and cookies. More information will be in the Sunday bulletins or see Dee Law for more information.

KITCHEN REMODELING – Work is underway for the kitchen remodeling. Kitchen rewiring has been done, painting is underway and soon new flooring will be installed. Special thanks to all involved. Also, thanks to the people who made donations to the kitchen remodeling fund. (See pictures on page 7)

WOMEN SERVICE GUILD MEETING was held Thursday, September 12. On **Sunday, October 6**, the WSG will again sponsor **Mighty Muffins for Mites**. Monies collected will go towards the Lutheran Women Missionary League Mites program for various mission projects. See list on Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Small MITE boxes and a large blue MITE box are on the shelf in the Narthex. **The Women Service Guild will be meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7 p. m.**

On **Election Day, November 5, 2019**, the WSG will again be holding a **bake sale**. All baked goods donations are greatly appreciated and if you would like to help at the bake sale, please let us know. Donations can be dropped off at the church on Election Day.

More Women Service Guild events will be in upcoming issues of the church's newsletter and bulletin notices.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPDATES and information are on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. LWML Podcasts are now available, You will find information on the Stamps for Missions article, Mission Grants updates, various Zones news. .



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Grant #2 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs, Lutheran Special Education Ministries. This mission grant will provide funding for expanding the services of the Let It Shine Academy, which was designed to administer intervention strategies and address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder in an early learning environment. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-2](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-2) .

## ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE



SPONSORED BY WOMEN’S SERVICE GUILD

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS NEEDED



# 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

**Lorraine Giebel**  
134 Marwood Road  
Room 1937  
Cabot, PA 16023

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

**Marty Hornak**  
Room 208  
3522 Rt. 130  
Irwin, PA 15642

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

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

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

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

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



## October 2019 Prayer Petition

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

## Celebrating in October

### Anniversaries

10/27 Amanda and Zachary Chick

10/29 Ann and James Tubbs, Jr.

10/30 Georgianna and John Hanley, III



### Birthdays



10/1 Sandra Uram

10/2 Kyle Hubbard

10/3 Susan Stimmler

10/3 Theresa Frankiewicz

10/4 Mike George

10/13 Joseph O'Connor

10/14 S. Lee Bogner

10/15 Natalie Politt

10/18 Kelly Giovanetti

10/18 David Uram

10/20 Adam Orbell

10/26 John Sourbeer

10/29 Linda Hite

10/30 Stephanie Lydon



Members enjoying the Fall Family Fellowship that was held on September 8, 2019.



## Important Dates in October

October 8th Elders 2pm  
 October 9th Women's Service Guild 7pm  
 October 13th Voter's Meeting 11:30am  
 October 10th Finance 4pm  
 October 15th Deadline for November Lamplighter  
 October 31st All Hallow's Eve  
 November 3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends



## Serving Christ in October

Altar Guild: Gloria Stern

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
6-Oct	10am	Steve Stern	David Carmichael	Gloria Stern
13-Oct	10am	Al Dick	Alana Donolo	Joyce Purucker
20-Oct	10am	Cal Eggers	Austin Kocher	Paul Simpson
27-Oct	10am	Glen Filler	Maisy Hanley	Barb Mitchell

**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 the year. Please fill in all available openings. This should alleviate any confusion.

## Church Service Times

Sunday

10:am Divine Service

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



Old Kitchen before  
the cabinets were  
removed.

# Kitchen Remodel



Cabinets removed and  
prep work and  
painting done  
before new cabinets  
and flooring are  
installed.

Project expected to be completed in November.



# **~An Evening of Praise~**

**November 17th**

**A concert dedicated to praising God through music.**

**Location: Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills.**

**Featuring music from "The Barclay String Quartet," Organist-Doug Skalka, and The Christ Lutheran Handbell Choir.**

**The concert is free and starts at 4 PM with a catered dinner following at 6 PM.**

**Dinner is \$15 Please RSVP by November 11th to [assistant@christlutheranfh.org](mailto:assistant@christlutheranfh.org) or by calling (412)-271-7173.**

**If God has blessed you with a musical gift and you would like to share that gift with us please contact Jonathan Breight at [jjb0996@gmail.com](mailto:jjb0996@gmail.com) for more details.**

## **Educational Opportunities**

**Fall 2019**

### **Study of the Pericopes - Mr. Hal Wagner**

Sunday morning, 8:45am, Room 6

*Be prepared to enter worship more prepared as you study the lessons for that Sunday service. Get a more in-depth knowledge of how the passages relate to each other.*

### **Genesis - Mr. Barry Schoenthal**

Sunday morning, 9am, Library Table

*Join this group as they study the first book of the Bible.*

### **(Re)Start Here: The Basics of Lutheran Faith and Life—Pastor Breight**

Sunday morning 8:45am Room 4/5

*For those seeking membership at Christ Lutheran or desiring personal renewal.*

### **Sunday School for Ages 2-18**

8:45am, Various rooms

*The Education Committee desires all children of the Congregation to be given the opportunity to know God's word and apply it to their lives.*

### **The Book of Ruth - Pastor Breight**

Wednesday morning Women's Study 10:30am, Room 4/5

*Explore God's amazing grace in the life of Ruth.*

### **Divine Drama - Pastor Breight**

Thursday, 7pm, Room 4/5

*Learn the main themes, storylines, and teachings of the Bible*

### **Men's Bible Study**

Saturday Morning 8am-9am, Library Table

*Study of the various books of the Bible.*

**It is our hope that everyone would choose at least one of these options to further their spiritual growth in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.**



# Women's Choice Network Fall Fundraising Banquet

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With Special Guest Jonathan Evans

Thursday, October 17, 2019

6:30PM to 9:00PM

Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

David Lawrence Convention Center

We hope to see you there. To RSVP you may use the response card on this page or you may RSVP online at [www.mypregnancycenter.org](http://www.mypregnancycenter.org). There is no ticket price and you must RSVP to attend by October 10. An opportunity to support our mission will be extended.

**Please join us on**

**Thursday, October 17, 2019**



**Please RSVP by October 10.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend on October 17. Number attending \_\_\_

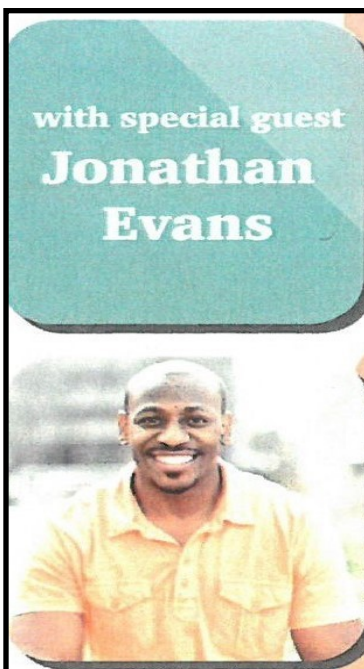
\_\_\_ I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**  
**Women's Choice Network**  
**PO Box 15034**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15237**



Women's Choice Network empowers those most vulnerable to abortion to choose life. We are a local medical network serving women and men across Pittsburgh who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Since 1985, over 6,300 babies have been born because young moms found help and hope at our Centers.

We serve over 1,000 new clients each year and those numbers continue to increase. Clients visit our medical clinics for services like ultrasound, STD testing and treatment, medical consultation and life saving options to abortion. We can offer all of these services to families at no charge because of the generous gifts from individuals and churches. We rely on local partners like you to help give hope to the next generation.

Our Fall Banquet is an annual highlight featuring the *transforming stories of our clients*. It is our largest fundraising effort of the year. You and your guests will learn more about the ways God is using ordinary people to reach students, serve men and women facing unplanned pregnancies, and rescue the lives of those most vulnerable. We are very excited about this year's dynamic and gifted speaker, Jonathan Evans, son of Pastor Terry Evans and chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys.



## PITTSBURGH ZONE EVENT

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2019**

St. Luke Lutheran Church-Butler

241 Freeport Road, Butler, PA 16002

Registration (\$10): 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

RSVP to Britta Gandy 608-397-5176 or [britta.gandy@gmail.com](mailto:britta.gandy@gmail.com) by 10/1/19

Program: 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Business meeting 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Ingathering: **Missionaries In Butler:** lunch bags, individual bags of chips and cookies or monetary donations gratefully appreciated

### **Philippians 4:9**

**What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me -  
practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

Communication – clear about who we are, our focus and purpose, inviting to others

Reaching generations – LWML is for all cultures and generations, identify those in  
your neighborhood

Change – how to approach change and help all generations embrace change

Structure/Protocol – how to be as effective as you can

Presented by Susan Bell, District President and Beth Quinn, VP of Communication

## **Annual Reformation Festival**

**October 27, 2019 3pm**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

1261 Pennsylvania Ave.

Oakmont, PA 15139