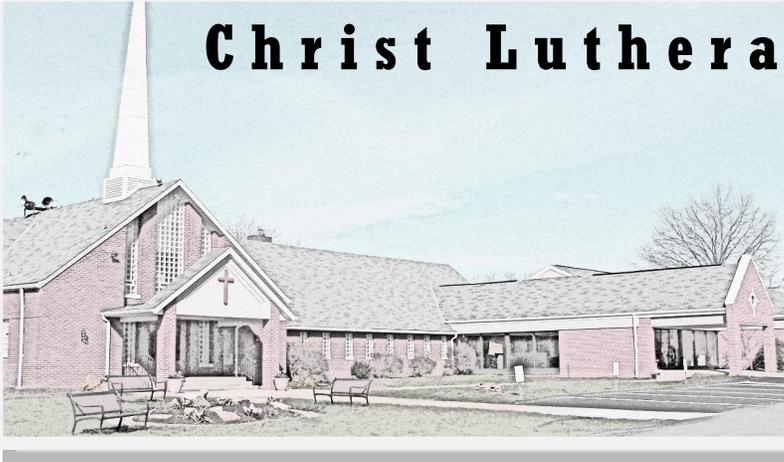


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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A Change is in the Cards

Most of you have filled out a communion card at Christ Lutheran. You either filled it out because you were taking communion or you were sending a prayer request to the altar. Visitors also hand in a card from time to time.

What do we do with the communion part of the cards? People's communion participation is recorded in our church records. Then what? Well, ... not much. Recording communion attendance can be a nice thing for churches with attendance well up into the hundreds. Then the Board of Elders can get a monthly computer report and see who's been naughty and whose been nice in terms of communion reception.

At Christ Lutheran, however, it's easy enough for me and the Elders to see who is in church and who is not. All in all, the trouble of making and collecting the cards and recording the results isn't the best use of our time and resources. Therefore, we will no longer use the communion cards at church. This change will begin sometime in October.

But what about prayer requests? Those are still very important in church, so the communion cards will be replaced with a prayer request card. You will find them in the pew right where the communion cards were. You are invited to use them to send your requests to the altar. Since prayer requests were often placed in the offering plate, and we do not take a collection right now for health safety, it will be best if you give the card to me before the service starts.

Hopefully, this is a good change in the way we do things at Christ Lutheran. It's important to be efficient in our work, and this is intended to be a step in that direction.

In the grace and mercy of Christ,

Ron Bright, Pastor

| Financial Snapshot | | |
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| July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 | Actual | Budgeted |
| Offerings and other Income | \$32,579 | \$42,512 |
| Mission | 0 | 0 |
| Staff | \$11,480 | \$17,742 |
| Operations | \$13,631 | \$19,073 |
| Kitchen and other one time expenses | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Expenses | \$25,471 | \$36,815 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) | \$7,108 | \$5,697 |

We are thankful that many of our members have been worshipping safely in person at Christ Lutheran and that others, while worshipping from home, have been making their contributions by mail. We encourage all members who are sheltering in place to continue their faithful financial stewardship and mail your tithes and gifts to the church office to the attention of "Financial Secretary."

News From the Flock



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

John and Georgianna Hanley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 30. They were married at Christ Lutheran Church in 1970 by Pastor Sommerfield. Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more happy years together.

Tatia O'Connor has begun teaching Market Research in person and online to students at Point Park University one evening a week this semester.

Lauretta Critchlow was on the WPXI news recently. Juniper Court had a Grandparent's Day Parade that was filmed and Lauretta was one of the residents shown!

The **PALS Golf Outing** has been rescheduled for Saturday, **April 24, 2021**, not April 21, as stated in last month's newsletter. Please mark your calendars.



Vivian and Howard Lehman, who Pastor affectionately refers to as "the bush people", have been volunteering their time for over five years to keep the shrubs and bushes around the church looking nice. Our thanks to them for all of their hard work.



As always, if you have any news that you are willing to share, please email or give it to **Kathy Sourbeer**, ksourbeer@aol.com or send it directly to **Theresa Frankiewicz** at officeassist@christlutheranfh.org.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR FLOWERS-The following dates are available to place flowers on the altar October 18 and November 22 or you can share a date with someone. The cost is \$30. An additional vase is \$20. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. You can put your payment in the little mail box in front of the church office. Checks should be made out to "Women's Service Guild". "Flowers always made people better, happier and more helpful; they are the sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." Luther Burbank

ALTAR GUILD-Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to help change the altar coverings, prepare and set up for Holy Communion.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION-When you buy any product that has a "Box Tops for Education" symbol on it, clip the little square off or mark your sales receipt showing the products you purchased. There is a box in the library or give your receipts and symbols to Lois Frerking. Funds raised from these products enable Redeemer School in Oakmont to acquire educational equipment.

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS-The Sonshine Kitchen distributes hotel toiletry items to people who are in need and come to the Sonshine Kitchen. There is a bin in the library for donations or see Dee Law for more information.

PORTALS OF PRAYER-There is a saying, "Good things come in small packages." Aesop. This little devotional book is a great source of comfort to people. If you know of someone, a group or organization who could use the back issues, contact Ruth Hirko. The new books are available in the library and the narthex. "Words of comfort skillfully administered are the oldest therapy known to man." Louis Nizer

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP ROBE MINISTRY-as we all know this past spring and summer has been an agonizing time for everyone. There will probably be moments of uncertainty in the fall and winter months. Several congregational women have knitted or crocheted prayer shawls or lap robes. If you know of someone who could use a lap robe or prayer shawl or would like to make one, contact Linda Brieght or Jayne Simpson. "Hold me tight in your embrace so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life." Pinterest quilt quote

RECYCLING-The following items are being collected for Lutheran Women Missionary Guild fundraiser: Ink Jet cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cameras and video cameras, camcorders, cell phones, smart watches, game consoles, video games, pagers, MP3 Players, Ipads, Ipods e-book readers, tablets, Kindles, PDAs laptops, GPS devices, radar detectors, lithium batteries and chargers. There is a flyer on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and the box is in the library. See Linda Breight for more details.

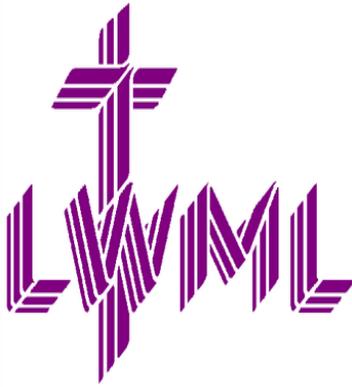
SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY-Our shut-in members are unable to attend church and visit with their "church" families. We can visit with them by sending cards, notes and maybe calling them. Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to be part of the "shut-in card sender" team.

STAMPS-They come in all shapes, designs, denominations, etc. They send our cards, letters, bill payments, etc. to their various destinations. They also enable the Canadian Bible Society to get money from canceled stamps to fund their Bible project to enable prisoners to get Bibles and foreign missions to get Bibles in their native language. Remember slit open the bottom of the envelope, cut the envelope in half and give the stamps to Lois Frerking or put them in the box in the library.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE-Many, many years ago some of us may have had party lines (people that had the same telephone line, but different phone numbers.) Phone service has changed over the years. If you have a new phone and number, new e-mail address or know of someone who has a different number or e-mail address, please let the Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler know.



OCTOBER MISSION GRANT-Through its ministry centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries is offering programs that are a powerful force to physically and spiritually change the lives of young women to disrupt the cycle of poverty and prostitution by teaching income producing trades for economic independence and success, sharing the Gospel, and connecting them with the church. The purpose of this grant is to identify young women in prisons after they have been arrested for prostitution or small crimes and provide rehabilitation through counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies for those young women expressing a desire to reform and connecting them with the church.



WHEREAS, the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries, based on the clear teaching of Scripture, is Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries' ministry centers in Kenya and Cameroon, Africa, were established to carry out Gospel outreach to the millions of people in the region in culturally appropriate ways, and connect them to faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries has developed outreach ministry programs to rescue and rehabilitate at-risk young women from a life on the streets or in prison, and to counsel and train them in a vocation, all from a Christian perspective; and

WHEREAS, Mission Outreach to At-Risk Young Women in Africa is sharing the vital message of salvation through a powerful Christian witness of love and forgiveness and changing the lives of women and youth, as well as the infants and children who are imprisoned or impoverished and impacted with their mothers; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Mission Outreach to At-Risk Women in Africa.

Garden of Eatin'

Garden of Eatin' is still producing food for the food bank. It was a very good year for the crops. A box of produce was picked up every other Monday to be distributed to the less fortunate.



Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Shut-ins wishing to be added to the pastoral visitation schedule please call the church office at 412-271-7173.

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

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

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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112



Paul 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

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

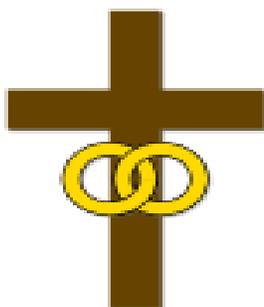
Geraldine Hildebrand
Concordia of the South Hills
1300 Bower Hills Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

October 2020 Prayer Petition
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Celebrating in October

Anniversaries

- 10/27 Zachary & Amanda Chick
- 10/29 James & Ann Tubbs
- 10/30 John & Georgianna Hanley (50 YEARS)



Birthdays



- 10/1 Sandra Uram
- 10/2 Kyle Hubbard
- 10/2 Susan Stimmler
- 10/3 Tammy Donaldson
- 10/3 Theresa Frankiewicz
- 10/4 Mike George
- 10/13 Joseph O'Connor
- 10/14 Lee Bogнар
- 10/15 Natalie Pollitt
- 10/18 Kelly Giovanetti
- 10/18 David Uram
- 10/20 Adam Orbell
- 10/26 John Sourbeer
- 10/29 Linda Hite
- 10/30 Stephanie Lydon

Important Dates in the Fall

Please check your email and Church website for updates on cancellations.

www.christlutheranfth.org

- September 29-Education Committee 2pm
- October 11 –Voters’ Meeting 11:30am
- October 14-Deadline for October Lamplighter
- October 14– Elders Meeting 2pm
- November 10-Church Council 7pm



Barbara Mitchell and **Jonathan Bright** work diligently throughout the year to keep the bulletin boards in the building updated. Barb also keeps the scrapbooks updated and is working on the archive room.

Church Service Times

Sunday– 10 am Divine Service

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30 am Ladies’ Bible Study

Saturday

7:45am Men’s Bible Study



Serving Christ in October

All Services are Tentative

Altar Guild

October: Gloria Stern

| | Worship Assistant | Acolyte | Lector |
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| Oct. 4 | Glen Filler | | Barb Mitchell |
| Oct. 11 | Paul Simpson | | Neil Ackerman |
| Oct. 18 | John Crawford | | Paul Simpson |
| Oct. 25 | Al Dick | | Darlene James |
| Nov. 1 | Steve Stern | | Joyce Purucker |

Please contact the church office at 412-271-7173 if you cannot fulfill the duty to which you have been assigned or if you could volunteer to fill in on any of the blank dates.

If you are reading this newsletter in black and white, please consider giving us an email address so that we can send you the newsletter in living color. This saves on postage and you get the newsletter much faster. This newsletter can also be viewed on the website at:

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Prayer Mound

The prayer mound at Christ Lutheran is undergoing a facelift. The outreach committee is heading up this project. The walkway stones to the mound were uncovered. A new cross fashioned by one of the members is the focal point of the mound. Stay tuned for more improvements.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE-Attendance at Sunday services hit a total of 50 on September 13. Social distancing rules are being followed. Seating is in every other pew. New protocols have been established for touchless Communion. Recession is done in an orderly fashion from the back of the church to the front. Please feel free to join us, but please wear your mask.



Jonathan Breight and the **Outreach Committee** prepared a reception to welcome Pastor McCants and members of Unity Community Church in Homewood. He retired after 33 years there. There was coffee, cookies, mugs, newsletters and magnets with church information on for the welcome. Pastor McCants preached the sermon for the Labor Day weekend Sunday. Good fellowship was had by all who were there.



Fire Truck visits daycare

On September 16, the firemen came to visit the children in daycare with Shanny, the Nanny. The excitement in the building that day was overwhelming as the children waited for the fire truck to arrive. Shanny, the Nanny day care now occupies five rooms in our building.



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