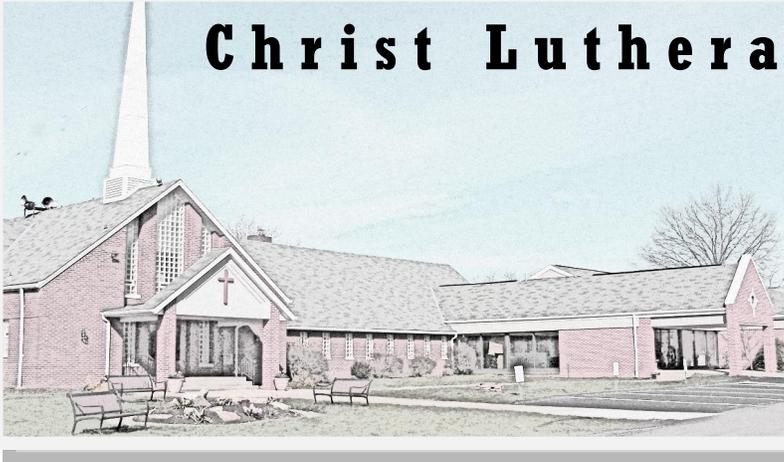


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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You are Jesus' Bride

"...all things were created through him and for him." Colossians 1:16

Why did God make you? What is the purpose and meaning of your life? As it teaches in the above verse, God created you for his own pleasure and to share in his everlasting joy. People were also created to marry another person of the opposite sex that they might find joy in each other and share life together. The core of the marriage vow is the pledge of faithfulness to the other person until death. Your relationship to God is framed in the image of marriage. On your confirmation day – or when you joined Christ Lutheran – you made a pledge of faithfulness to God that was a lot like the marriage vow. The pledges read: *"Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?"* and *"Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?"* These pledges asked of us may appear extremely harsh. Yet when we understand God has created us for himself and to share in his everlasting joy, coupled with the teaching that Jesus is the bridegroom and we, his Church, are the bride, it is fitting to be asked such do-or-die questions, right? The Lord has committed his faithfulness to us forever. The best we can do is commit ourselves to him for this life. This means faithfully living a Godly life including regular worship, daily prayer, investing our time, talents, and treasures in his kingdom, and obeying Jesus' law to love one another.

This month we remember and give thanks for the light of God's mercy and truth that broke forth through Martin Luther and the other reformers of the Church. Saved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we are rescued from the fear of God's judgement and free to faithfully participate in the joy of heaven while faithfully following and serving the Lord. God grant the same to us all!

In the joy of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$41,874	\$43,576
Missions	-	\$1,184
Staff	\$19,685	\$19,866
Operations	\$15,329	\$17,428
Total Expenses	\$35,014	\$38,478
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$6,860	\$5,098

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Edwin F. Yates, age 79, of Liberty Borough, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2022 in UPMC McKeesport. An Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he retired as a millwright for U.S. Steel Clairton Works. He was a member of American Legion Daniel Keffer Post 75 in Clairton. Born October 19, 1942 in Clairton, he was a son of the late Frances and Margaret (Huschak) Yates. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lydia M. (Matej) Yates; son, Neil R. (Amy) Yates of Elizabeth Twp.; granddaughter, Jillian Yates of Elizabeth Twp, sister, Bernadette (Thomas) Wargo of Tampa, FL; and niece, Jody Whitten of Delaware. Friends were received in the Paul E. Bekavac Funeral Home, Elizabeth on Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 2-6 PM. A Funeral was held on Monday, August 29, 2022 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Ron Bright officiating. Private burial was in Jefferson Memorial Park, Pleasant Hills.



From President Chris Wicher upon his retirement as District President
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Winston Churchill lived maybe the most remarkable life of the twentieth century. His funeral was held at St. Paul's Cathedral. When it was done, a bugler went up in the Dome of St. Paul and played "Taps", the tune that signifies that the day is done, that darkness has fallen. The end. Everyone thought that was the end. When the last note died out, on the other side of the Dome, another bugler played "Reveille" – time to get up. A new day has begun! (Thank you John Ortberg, Soul Keeping, for this thought). In Christ Jesus our Lord every ending is a new beginning. Today is my last day as your District President. My time of service to you has come to a close. It is "Taps"-time. Today is an end of the relationship we had for thirteen years. It comes with mixed feelings. But a new day will dawn. It is "Reveille"-time! New opportunities for service will certainly emerge. God is with us. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for granting me the honor to serve you in the special capacity of District President. My time has been sensational, full of good surprises and challenges, and humbling before the strength of our God. I saw it all. Thank you! Bev and I will hold you dear in our hearts, lifting you up in our prayers for years to come. Yet, I am excited for you. A new District President will sit in the chair I once occupied. Rev. John Pingel is a good man and very capable leader. He and his wife, Diane, are ready to take on their new roles. This is Christ's church and we are His people. He is the Lord and His Word will never fail us. And so, I would like to end this note to you in doxology with the words I use when I close my sermons (The words have been adjusted): And now to God [Him] who is able to do incredibly [immeasurably] more than all we can ask or conceive [imagine] by the Holy Spirit [power] at work among us; to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forevermore. Ephesians 3:20-21 Blessings to you in Christ,
Pastor Chris Wicher

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD –Contact Ruth Hirko about serving on the altar committee. They set up for Holy Communion, change altar parameters, launder the communion napkins, etc.

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS–The WSG distributes hotel toiletry items to veterans in need. There is a bin in the library for donations or see Dee Law for more information.



TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE – If you know a member's new address, phone or e-mail address, please give it to Barb Mitchell or Rosalie Filler. If you move or change information, please remember to notify the office.



STAMPS – Remember to slit open the bottom of the envelope, cut the envelope in half and give the canceled stamps to Lois Frerking or put them in the box in the library. These stamps enable the Canadian Bible Society to raise funds to purchase Bibles for prisoners and foreign missions to get Bibles in their native language.



PRAYER SHAWL/LAP ROBE MINISTRY– Even though many of us cannot physically comfort a loved one or friend, we can still do so by giving them a shawl or lap robe. These were lovingly made by women of the congregation. Contact Linda Bright if you know someone who may need one or enjoy getting one.

ALTAR FLOWERS –The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church. Please check the chart for available dates. The cost of the flowers is \$40. Make checks payable to WSG and put check in locked mailbox by the far office door.



BOX TOPS EDUCATION The Box Tops for Education has been phased out and your grocery bill is now being scanned for Box Tops items that you have purchased. There is a bin in the library for the Box Tops for Education. Give Lois Frerking your grocery receipt to scan. Monies collected goes to Redeemer Lutheran Church school. See Lois for more information.



PORTALS OF PRAYER–Current and back issues of the Portals of Prayer are available on the table in the library. Feel free to take a copy or two for friends or neighbors you feel could benefit from these.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – A new suggested 2022 Shut-in card sender packet is being compiled. You will get a suggested mailing schedule, shut-in name, address and birth date and prayer petition notices. See Joyce Purucker for more information.



MITE BOXES–This loose change in your wallet or pocket can be put to good use. Monies collected from these Mite Boxes enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to support a variety of their Mission projects. See the article in the LWML magazine. One mission per month is featured in this Lamplighter.

HELPING HANDS–When there is a funeral luncheon or special occasion, women are needed to set up and prepare things, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler to become part of this very important ministry in our church.



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 Bright for more details.

QUILTING will be held on Oct. 11 and Oct. 24 at 9AM. No experience necessary. It is like sewing on a button - in and out and tie two knots. We are in need of old king and queen size mattress pads (for batting) top and bottom sheets for the back. If twin size sheets are donated they will be pieced together to make 64x84 back. Regular batting material is also greatly appreciated. Upcoming quilting dates are: November 15 & 29, and December 6 at 9AM.



2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #16

Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp

Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado — \$25,000



About This Mission Grant

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares both God's grace and the glory of His creation. Many families in metropolitan Denver are unable to fully finance camp tuition or provide transportation to LVR where their children would experience God's Word in daily devotions, singing, and worshipping around a campfire. This grant will span two summers when LVR will partner with Lutheran churches in Denver to arrange sign-up, transportation, and scholarships for 50 children from the inner city, so they could have this mountain-top camp experience. Research shows that the challenges of camp activities are transformational, giving children tools to overcome real-world challenges when they return home.

Approved Resolution at the LWML Convention

WHEREAS, Christ, in His Holy Word, has charged us to reach out to all nations; and
 WHEREAS, Jesus called the children to Him and said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"* (Matthew 19:14 NIV); and
 WHEREAS, families in metropolitan Denver, Colorado, are unable to fully finance the camp tuition or the transportation to get to a Christian mountain-top experience of camp; therefore, be it
 RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$25,000 to help fund **Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp**.

Our Pastor Emeritus, **Reverend Reholma McCants**, has accepted a position at St. Matthew Church in Pensacola, Florida. We wish him and Johnnie well in their new endeavor.

The McKeesport Lions Club is collecting empty prescription bottles. Please place yours in the jar in the library and they will be given to the Lions Club. This will be an ongoing project.



Voters' Meeting
October 16, 2022
11:30am

Wednesday Evening

Worship Service

October 12, 2022

7pm

Holy Communion

All are invited.



SAVE THE DATES

**Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 6
Turn your clocks back**



SONSHINE KITCHEN

Members of the church will be serving dinner at Sonshine Kitchen on October 3. Donations are appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dee Law or be at the church by 2:15pm.



**Octoberfest at
Concordia Cabot
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022
4-8pm
(See info on Page 8)**



**October 30, 2022
Reformation Sunday Service**

First Trinity

3pm

Speaker: John Pingel
Eastern District President



**October 31, 2022
Reformation Day**

Evening of Praise

Nov. 19, 2022 @ Christ Lutheran Church
Cocktail Hour 4 pm
Concert at 5pm
Dinner at 6:45pm
**Nov. 20 @ Zion Evangelical Lutheran
in Lawrenceville**
4pm Concert 5:45pm Dinner

Changes coming to Sonshine Kitchen and Hope House

Terry Ruccio, who has been the Director of Sonshine Kitchen and Hope House for the past 12 years, has begun the process of transitioning out of her position. Gary and Amanda Brougner from the Dream Center (pghdreamcenter.org) will be leading this ministry in the future beginning January 2023. The three have been working side by side for over a year, serving together and reaching out to the neighborhood and the families that are served. Terry will remain involved on some level through the transition. She has worked closely with members of our Congregation and we wish her well as she continues to do God's work in another capacity. Terry would like to thank all who have helped in any way over the years and we will find out more information about the continuing ministry in the weeks to come.



Important Dates in October 2022

Check the online calendar for up-to-date information

Oct. 6-Finance Committee 4pm
 Oct. 10 Columbus Day (Indigenous People's Day)
 Oct. 11-Quilting 9am
 Oct. 11-Education Committee 7pm
 Oct. 12 -Wednesday Evening Service with Communion 7pm
 Oct. 14-Office closed due to vacation
Oct. 16-Voters' Meeting 11:30am
 Oct. 24 Quilting 9am
 Oct. 27- Outreach Committee 7pm



Sunday bulletins, Worship Service resources, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website
www.christlutheranfth.org.

Services are livestreamed on our Facebook page. The link to the Facebook page can be found on the bottom of the front page of our website.



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The services are also once again available on Youtube.

How to Stay Connected to Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran has help for those who are institutionalized or staying at home. Sunday services are available on our Facebook page, ChristLutheranChurchfh. You can view the service live on Sunday mornings at 10am or watch a recording of the service later at your convenience. Bulletins, sermons, worship service booklets, and puzzles are mailed each week. If you would like to receive this weekly mailing please call the church office. All of these resources are also available on our church website, www.christlutheranfth.org, under the news section. Home communion is also available to all members after each communion service. Ask someone from church to bring it to you or call the church office. If you would like a visit from Pastor Breight, please also call the church office at 412-271-7173.

Church Service Times

Sunday
 Sunday- 10 am Divine Service

Adult Classes
 8:45am-9:45am

Sunday School and
 Confirmation Class
 Sunday-11:30am



Bible Studies

Saturday
 8:00am Men's Bible Study

Sunday
 8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Lauretta Critchlow
Juniper Village at
Forest Hills
107 Fall Run Road
Apt. 233
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Catherine Ertman
3000 Locust St
Apartment 319
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

Geraldine Hildenbrand
Concordia of South Hills
1300 Bower Hills Road
Room 341
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

John Hoblak
1735 Pennsylvania Ave.
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Robert & Audrey Karpinsky
203 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

Flo Kost
Atria McCandless
8870 Duncan Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Bob Lindke
2190 Ipnar Road
Irwin, PA 15642

Russell Long
606 Filmore Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Audrey Marvenko
846 Joan Drive
North Versailles, PA 15137

Helen Mozeik
Eldercrest Rehab
2600 West Run Rd
Munhall, PA 15120

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

Carol Grace
Room 314
c/o Grace Manor at North Park
9565 Babcock Blvd.
Allison Park, PA 15101

Jim, Evelyn & Melissa Wise
Sheridan @ Bethel Park
2000 Cool Spring Drive
Room 355
Bethel, Park, PA 15234

Lydia Yates
3208 Monace Dr.
Liberty Boro, PA 15133

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



October Prayer Petition

We need to hear the Gospel everyday, because we forget it every day. Martin Luther

Celebrating in October 2022

Anniversaries



10/2 Justin and Alexa Polidora
10/27 Zachary & Amanda Chick
10/29 James & Ann Tubbs
10/30 John & Georgianna Hanley



Birthdays

10/1 Sandra Uram
10/2 Kyle Hubbard
10/3 Tammy Donaldson
10/3 Theresa Frankiewicz
10/4 Mike George
10/13 Joseph O'Connor
10/14 Lee Bogner
10/15 Natalie Pollitt
10/18 Kelly Giovanetti
10/18 David Uram
10/26 John Sourbeer
10/28 Judith Long
10/29 Linda Hite
10/30 Stephanie Lydon



Serving Christ in October 2022

Altar Guild

October: Lori Schriver



	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
10/2	Cal Eggers	Conner Schriver	Annette Bowen
10/9	Barry Schoenthal	Madeline Stoner	Rick Kern
10/16	John Crawford	Makayla Schriver	Rick Kern
10/23	Glenn Filler		Annette Bowen
10/30	Cal Eggers	Milee Kocher	Rick Kern



Please contact the church office by Friday at 10am 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 able to volunteer for any of these services, please let Theresa know either by calling the church office or via email at officeassist@christlutheranfh.org. Thank you for your service.

Oktoberfest 2022

Saturday, October 1, 4 - 8 p.m.
Haven I



For your Enjoyment: German Band

For your Appetite: German-Themed Menu

For your Kids: Bouncy Castle, Balloon Artist, Games, Pumpkin Painting, Free Food and much more

For your Curiosity: Haven I Open House

Fireworks at 7:45 p.m.

Flu Shots (4-7 p.m.)

For more information call 724-352-1571, ext. 8268

www.ConcordiaLM.org • Haven I - 112 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023

Menu

À La Carte Items

Main entrées - \$6.00

- Kielbasa
- Roasted pork
- Sauerbraten
- Bratwurst
- 1/4 lb. Hot Dogs (2)

Sides - \$2.00

- German Potato Salad
- Red Cabbage
- Sauerkraut
- Spaetzle (German Pasta)
- Potato Pancakes

Desserts - \$2.00

- Black Forest Cake
- Pumpkin Pie

Beverages - \$2.00

- Soda, Water, Coffee, Iced Tea
- Apple Cider (hot or cold)

Dinners - \$10.00

Include two sides, dessert and beverage

- Bavarian Style Pork Roast Dinner
- Roasted pork with pan gravy
- Kielbasa and Sauerkraut Platter
- Home-cooked kielbasa braised in sauerkraut served on a hoagie roll
- Bratwurst Platter
- Two grilled bratwurst (or hot dogs) served with spicy mustard
- Sauerbraten Dinner
- German-style pot roast

Quick tent

- Bavarian Pretzel - \$3.00
- Chicken Tenders - \$3.00
- 1/4 lb. Hot Dog - \$3.00
- Black Forest Ham Pretzel Melt - \$3.00
- Beverages - \$2.00

Beer

- Samuel Adams Oktoberfest
- Signature Mug - \$9.00 (limit 2 refills)
- Glass - \$3.00

