



Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

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Christ Lutheran Stays on Track(s)

Do you ever want to know more about how to address grief, stress, serious illness, parenting, doubt, etc.? Christ Lutheran has taken a step forward in providing additional help for you with the new Track Rack. Only so much can be covered in each week's sermon, and people often will find themselves in different places on their life journeys. Having an additional place to find orderly and concise help might be beneficial to many people in our congregation.

You can find the new Track Rack hanging in the Narthex by the stairway that goes up to the balcony. It contains over 24 booklets on various subjects with which people often find themselves struggling. Most of the materials are published by The Lutheran Hour ministries (LHM). LHM has long been trusted as a top source for high-quality, usable, and theologically sound resources. Everything in the Track Rack is available free of charge, so go ahead and avail yourself of these new resources.

The Track Rack covers a wide range of topics, and the office staff will monitor how much the various booklets are being used. However, if you are interested in a subject not addressed in the Rack, let me know. We will see if there is one that fits what you are looking for.

Check out the Track Rack this Sunday. You'll probably find something you've been looking for!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

| Financial Snapshot July 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019 | Actual | Budgeted |
|--|----------|----------|
| Offerings and other Income | \$17,002 | \$18,640 |
| Missions | \$0 | \$0 |
| Staff | \$7,546 | 8,049 |
| Operations | \$9,066 | \$9,754 |
| Total expenses | \$16,612 | \$17,803 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) | \$390 | \$837 |

News from the Flock

Graduates

Congratulations to **Jordan Stephens** and **Richard Lander** who are our most recent high school graduates.

We wish them both the best in their future endeavors.



Kyle O'Connor was Assistant Technical Director for the 2015 hit Broadway musical "Fun Home" at the New Hazlett Theatre in Pittsburgh in August. He's studying Theatre Production at Point Park University.



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.

Please be sure to update your address, phone number and email address with the Church office. If you are receiving the church newsletter via US Mail, please consider allowing us to email it to you. Phone the church office at 412-271-7173. Thank you!!!



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

ALTAR GUILD – Cares for everything pertaining to Communion (setting & cleaning up) altar paraments (cleaning, ironing and changing according to season.) See Ruth Hirko for more information. “Serving Him by serving His people.” Thomas S. Monson

HELPING HANDS – Coordinates and serves meals after the funeral. Rosalie Filler coordinates the dinners or special church celebrations. “Let all that you do be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14

QUILTING – We will resume quilting on September 10 and 24 (Tuesday), 2019 at 9 a. m. We do not quilt like the “real” quilters. It is like sewing on a button, push the needle in, pull out and tie two knots and cut the yarn. The quilt top, batting and backing are already made. See Joyce Purucker for more information. “One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love.” Quilting Quotes



STAMPS - “Used once, but serves twice.” Most of us get mail with postage stamps on it. We later can cut the stamps off and collect them for the Canadian Bible Society. Monies earned enable them to secure funds to purchase Bibles for the prison ministry and foreign missions are able to get Bibles printed in their native language. Leave at least a six inch border around the stamps or cut the envelope in half. See Lois Frerking for more information. “The resurrection of Jesus Christ was necessary to establish the truth of His mission and put the stamp of all conquering power on His gospel.” Edward McKendree Bounds.

 **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – New guidelines are coming out about the Box Tops for Education. Give us your grocery store receipt showing the items you bought that are for Box Tops for Education. See Lois Frerking for more information. In the meantime, keep donating the box tops until they aren't available anymore.

TELEPHONE & E-MAIL COMMITTEE – Christ Lutheran is always updating their membership list. We are able to contact members about funeral luncheons, special church celebrations, etc. We can't do this unless the member's addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are current. Contact Barb Mitchell if your or someone you know address, phone and e-mail has changed. “The worst thing to do is not make a telephone call.” Allan Urlus quotes



SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY -Most of us enjoy getting mail. Especially, our church shut-in family members. Contact Joyce Purucker to be part of the Shut-in card ministry. You will get a packet (shut-in-card member's address and birth date, suggested mailing schedule and monthly prayer petition. “The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.” Albert Schweitzer (www.verybestquotes.com<<http://www.verybestquotes.com/>>)

PRAYER SHAWL & LAP ROBE MINISTRY – Contact Jayne Simpson or Linda Bright if know of someone who may be in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe. “When my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:2

PORTALS OF PRAYER – The little daily devotional book can give us comfort and understanding. We can enable other people to get the same feeling when we donate these devotional booklets to other organizations or people. Contact Ruth Hirko if you know of a group or agency who could use these Portals of Prayer. Romans 12:12—Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Even though the flower chart is full, a person can still place another vase on the altar in memory, honor of a loved one, or a special celebration, etc. The extra vase is \$20. Write your name on a particular date or see Kathy Sourbeier for more information. “Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without sound.: Edwin Curran



Women's Service Guild continued

MITE BOXES – Our loose change is helping The Lutheran Women Missionary League to support various mission grants through their MITE program. (A list was in the August 2019 newsletter.) There is also a list posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. See Linda Bright for more information.

“Be shepherds for God's flock that is under your care...not greedy for money, but eager to serve.”

1 Peter 5:2 (Money quotes from the Bible)

RECYCLING – Sometimes a person can get more than one use out of an item. This also goes for the Lutheran Women Missionary League. They are able to benefit from the recycling of electronic devices, video games, cell phones and other items. See list on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board of the recycle box in the library or contact Linda Bright. “With men it is impossible, but to God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

SONSHINE KITCHEN – On Monday, September 16, 2019 the Women Service Guild will be serving hot ham/cheese sandwiches, potato salad, fruit cocktail and chips. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or see Dee Law. “For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107.9

KITCHEN REMODELING –YIPPEE, IT'S HAPPENING! The kitchen cupboards have been removed and the new kitchen cupboards and new flooring will be installed. The Women Service Guild thanks all the people who have worked together to make this project possible. We also thank the people who have given and continue to generously give donations for support of this project. We could not do it without the church's and people's support. “It won't be easy, but it will be worth it.” Avery home remodeling quote-Pinterest

WOMEN SERVICE GUILD MEETING will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7 p. m. The following offices need to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Suggestions and ideas for fun activities, etc. would be greatly appreciated. “Don't be afraid, be inspired. God gave us talents and He wants us to use them. (dailyscroll.com Pinerest)

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPDATES and information are on Fellowship Hall bulletin board.



RALLY DAY AND FALL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Christ Lutheran Fall Education begins on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Bible Classes and Sunday School will be held from 8:45am to 9:45am.

Education Staff will be installed during the 10:00am Worship Service.

Following Worship, we will have a Fall Family Fellowship.

Meat and Drinks will be provided.

Please bring salads and/or desserts to share.



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.

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

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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112



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

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

September 2019 Prayer Petition

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
O my soul! Psalm 146:1

Celebrating in September

Anniversaries

- 9/9 Gerald & Cathleen Williams
- 9/15 Daniel & Lee Hricko
- 9/30 Donald & Dianna Corbett



Birthdays

- 9/2 Lee Schoenthal
- 9/2 Kathleen Sourbeer
- 9/4 Jonathan Breight
- 9/12 Katherine Mastrocola
- 9/12 Dylan McNutt
- 9/12 Allison Stephens
- 9/12 Madison Stephens
- 9/13 Carol Sapanara
- 9/15 James Chick
- 9/15 Diana Lydon
- 9/20 Pauline Kuenzi
- 9/23 Edith Osterholm
- 9/24 Vivian Lehman
- 9/25 Lynn Fisher
- 9/25 Martin Hornak
- 9/28 Stephen Giovanetti
- 9/28 Michael March
- 9/29 Lori Logsdon
- 9/29 Ryan McNamara
- 9/29 Cody Schoenthal



Important Dates in September

- September 3 Outreach 7pm
- September 8th Fall Education Begins
- September 8th Fall Family Fellowship
- September 12th Womens' Service Guild 7pm
- September 15th Greeter Training 11:30am
- September 15th Deadline for September Lamplighter
- September 17th Council 7pm
- September 25th Education Committee 7pm
- September 28 Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble



Serving Christ in September

Altar Guild: Kathy Sourbeer

| | | Worship Assistant | Acolyte | Lector |
|------|------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 9/1 | 10am | Cal Eggers | David Carmichael | Susan Wagner |
| 9/8 | 10am | Al Dick | Alana Donolo | Steve Stern |
| 9/15 | 10am | John Crawford | Tim Bright | Darlene James |
| 9/22 | 10am | Glen Filler | Allison Stephens | Georgi Shirley |
| 9/29 | 10am | Cal Eggers | Dylan McNutt | Tammy Donaldson |

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:am Divine Service

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study
Groups



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30am Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday

7:00pm Bible Overview

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Womens' Service Guild Picnic

Special thanks to Dee Law for hosting our picnic at her house. A good time was had by all.



Pastor examines one of the brochures in our new track rack.

Sonshine Community Ministries

8th Annual

Golf Outing

Join Us...

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Butler's Golf Course
Lakeside Course
Elizabeth, PA
Shotgun Start

Registration @ 7:00am

Tee Time @ 8:00am

Entry Fee \$85pp

Dinner only \$30pp

To register visit www.sonshinecm.org

Or contact Bobby Madden 412-401-4671

Tyler Kefalos, a graduate of Christ Lutheran School, built a free library for his senior project and installed it in the side yard of Christ Lutheran. You can learn more about these libraries which are springing up all over the country at: Littlefreelibrary.org. You're most welcome to come and borrow a book or leave one!



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.

NEW LCMS CONGREGATION IN CLARKSBURG, WV

In February, St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church of Clarksburg, WV was accepted as a congregation of the Pittsburgh Circuit of the English District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This is the first new LCMS congregation in the Pittsburgh area in the last 40 years. All are invited to a Service with the solemn rite of "Receiving a Congregation into Membership of the Synod" on Sunday October 6 at 4pm.

St. John's is only the fifth LCMS congregation in West Virginia. They believe God's time has come to reach out to their community and the surrounding region. They hope to call a pastor to Clarksburg next year. In the meantime, they are asking you to include St. John's in your prayers, to reach out to any unserved LCMS Lutherans in West Virginia who don't know St. John's exists, to please be generous in a special offering for this mission on Oct. 6, and to please visit St. John's on October 6 to be a part of the service.

Donations can be sent to St. John's, PO Box 709, Clarksburg, WV 26302.



74th Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble (P.A.L.g.S.)

Saturday, September 28, 2019

9:00 a.m. SHOT GUN Start

It's time for another P.A.L.g.S. (Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble) outing. It will mark 38 years of golfing of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. We will again be having sponsorship holes at different levels: **HOLE IN ONE LEVEL IS \$500 AND ABOVE, EAGLE LEVEL IS \$100 - \$499 and a BIRDIE LEVEL IS ANY AMOUNT UNDER \$100.** We will also put your name / company name on a sign and place it on different holes around the course. Let's see how successful we can be while having a great time as well. This will be the **74th** outing held over the past 38 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience.

If you or someone you know would like to donate an item for prizes or would like to sponsor a particular hole we certainly would appreciate your generous support. This item is tax deductible at its fair market value as a "Gift in kind". It is a donor's responsibility to establish the value of this gift for income tax purposes. If the value is in excess of \$5,000.00 an appraisal must be obtained by the donor and attached to the donor's tax return. This receipt will be signed by the representative of Christ Lutheran School when it is received and will be verification of receipt of the item by Christ Lutheran for the I.R.S. (FEIN#25-1182213)

Item Donated _____

Value\$ _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

Please make any checks out to CLC:

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Since 1984 the outings have been held at **Victory Hills** in Elizabeth, PA. To continue in the tradition the banquet will include the favorite and most delicious buffet, and recognition of participating golfers.

There will be special prizes and awards to mark this 38th year milestone. **The registration fee is \$80 per golfer.**

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, September 23, 2019 Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173), or send names and payment (**checks made out to CLC**) to:

GOLF

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400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

We encourage all golfers, past and present, to be a part of this memorable event, as we celebrate all those who have participated in these outings since 1983. To be part of this gala, to donate prizes, or to share memorabilia, please call 412-271-7173.

See you on Saturday, September 28th!