

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and
Early Learning Center
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

September 2017

Everything and Everyone

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20

Backpack giveaways. Sales flyers. Yellow buses on the roads. Yep – you know what time it is. It's time for students to get back to school.

It's also back to school time at Christ Lutheran. September 10 is Rally Day. Classes for all ages begin. Teachers are installed and blessed. We celebrate the end of summer with a fellowship meal and some fun. Why do we do all this?

First, we punctuate the beginning of the education cycle at church because it's so easy to forget. Everybody's busy. There's lots to do. Lots to watch. Lots to read. Who has the kids this weekend? There's only so much time in the day and week. Young students *have* to go to school. Young adults *must* attend higher education if they want to fulfill their callings and get ahead. Yet it seems Christian education is optional. There's no public law that says you must attend a class or the authorities will be at your door. People won't look at you cross-eyed if you never attended a Bible class past confirmation. So, we have Rally Day to remind everybody about this other kind of learning.

Second, when we provide and participate in Christian education, God is fulfilling the Great Commission among us (quoted above). Jesus told His disciples to teach the people everything. It's always best to obey Jesus and do what He says. When our church provides quality spiritual growth and learning, and everyone becomes a part of it, we are walking in the footsteps that Jesus and His disciples have left for us. As your Pastor, I strongly encourage you to pick a Sunday class and join in – and enroll the children in Sunday school. See you there!

In the knowledge of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

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Education Committee News

The Education Committee welcomes everyone in the congregation to attend a Bible Study this Fall. There is a variety for you to select from. Hal Wagner will continue studying the pericopes in room 7. These are the lessons in the bulletin each week. The church service will only be enhanced by discussing the lessons beforehand. Barry Schoenthal is leading his class at the library table. They are studying the book of Esther. Pastor Bright will be leading the class called, "A Man Named Martin." Meet with him in classroom 9. The children will be meeting in the upstairs classroom to study the Reformation for the first four weeks. There will be fun crafts and songs related to our celebration. Teachers for the children will be Kathy Sourbeer, Kathy Hanley, and Gloria Stern.

Join us for the **Rally Day** on September 10, 2017. Sunday school and Bible studies will begin at 8:45 am and run until 9:45 am. The teachers will be installed at the 10:00 am worship service. Please come to the Fellowship Picnic following the church service. Meat, side dishes and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite desserts to share. We will play some Bingo when the tables are cleared.

We look forward to our Fall Kickoff!

Linda Bright & Gloria Stern

Education Committee

News from the Flock

NEWS

Barbara Urban became a great grandmother in July.

Artist, Arlene L. Popko, sister of Joyce Purucker, has the following art shows on the horizon. If in the area, please check them out. She has won numerous awards for her work over the year.

- * Peters Township Library 616 E McMurray Road, McMurray McMurray Art League - "Unexpected drama" July 26 - October 25 2017- During Library hours
- * ARTIST IN THE WINDOW -September McMurray Art League Studio McDowell Shops near Kmart and Atria's McMurray, PA
- * Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall September 28, 2017 6:30pm-9pm "Veteran Voices" - "WWI Dough Boy Statue" art work by Arlene L. Popko was donated in memory of Jesse Lozier who served in WWI France - father of Arlene L. Popko & Joyce A Purucker – proceeds from the sale of this painting will benefit the Veteran Breakfast Club. More info todd@veteransbreakfastclub.com
- * Galleria in Mt Lebanon Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 15

Linda Bright has a new job as a teacher's aide in the Preschool department of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD - Special thanks to Ruth Hirko and the group of women who change and take care of the altar paraments and sitting up for communion.

SONSHINE KITCHEN & HELPING HANDS-Even though we will not be serving the Sonshine Kitchen until Monday, October 2nd, we are still collecting toiletry items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, etc. or if you collected some of these items from your vacation hotels, etc.). Please put them in the Bible Study/Quilting room and label the container for Sonshine Kitchen or First Trinity in Oakland Homeless ministry.

QUILTING-We will resume Tuesday, September 12th and September 26th at 9 am. The quilting mouse was busy over the summer, sewing quilting squares together to make top, measuring and cutting quilt backs and piecing together mattress pads for the batting. We made about 20 quilts last year. Many hands make light work. When we tie the quilts it is like sewing on a button- push the needle in, pull out and make two knots.

PORTALS OF PRAYER-If you have back issues of the Portals of Prayers, bring them in. There is a bin in the library. Ruth Hirko sends them to the Rev. Debra L. Reitz at the Muncy State Correctional Institute. The women residents enjoy reading the daily devotions, they practice their reading skills and learn about Jesus and change their lives.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS- That little square, oval, triangle, oblong stamp that is on your envelope can also make a person in a third world country or a prisoner read about Jesus. Monies from these stamps enable the Canadian Bible Society to purchase Bibles for these people.

TELEPHONE & ADDRESS CHANGES- Christ Lutheran doesn't want its members to be listed as MIA -Missing In Action. If you have moved or changed from land line to cell phone, please inform the church of your new address, phone number, and/or e-mail address. Also, the church would like to have our college students' school addresses, phone numbers and/or e-mail address.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY- Christ Lutheran has several members who are unable to attend church and take part in church activities due to health issues. They do enjoy receiving cards and notes from congregational members. If you want to be part of the ministry contact Joyce Purucker. You will receive a name, address and birth date of a church member, a suggested mailing schedule and a prayer petition to be sent with their card.

PRAYER SHAWLS-If you know of a person who may be going through treatment for a devastating illness, death of a loved one, or depression and would be in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe, contact Linda Bright, Karen Hoblak, or Jayne Simpson.

MITE BOXES- Many of us toss our loose change in a can, jar, bottle, or it settles in the bottom of our purses. Why not collect these coins and put them in "blue" mite box in the narthex or put them in the small mite boxes. The Women's Service Guild collects these mites and sends them to the Lutheran Women Missionary League headquarters for mission projects that were voted on at the June 2017 Lutheran Women Missionary League convention.

RECYCLING-Don't want to go to a recycling center to get rid of your computer ink cartridges, cell phones i-pods, notebook, pagers.MP3 players, laptop computers, GPS systems, tablets, e-readers & notebooks, bring them to Christ Lutheran. Monies received from these items go towards LWML mission projects. Contact Linda Bright for more information.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM-If you missed the theater showing of Martin Luther in February, you can view it on your local PBS station-Channel 13 on Tuesday, September 12th at 8 p. m. Eastern time. This information is from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod news bulletin.

BULLETIN BOARD POSTING-The Reverend Dr. Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann's June & July 2017 newsletters are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. They are serving as missionaries in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

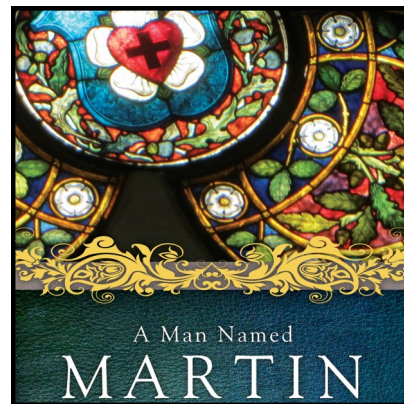
ALTAR FLOWERS-Do you want to honor a special person, occasion or in memory of someone, you can do this by placing flowers on the altar. The cost is \$30.00. An additional flower vase is \$15.00. Payment is due when flowers placed on the altar. Contact Kathy Sourbeer or Barb Mitchell for more information.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE FALL RETREAT WEEKEND is being held September 15-17, 2017 at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. Enjoy a inspirational, relaxing and fun filled weekend. Also, the LWML Summer (July-September) newsletter is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD-There is an important upcoming election. The following offices are open for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Growth, and LWML Liaison. The election will take place in September. The meeting date will be posted in the Sunday bulletin.

Fall Bible Class: *A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement* lead by Pastor Bright

From Luther's 95 Theses in 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, God was at work in the Reformation. Fierce debates over Scripture, church doctrine, and late medieval church practice led to theological positions articulating salvation as God's grace in action, with man being left to add nothing to his own salvation. In *A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement*, viewers will see how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression around the globe.



A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement will show how the Reformation accelerated the transformation of a world already in flux. While armed conflicts, theological disputes, and heated controversies marked segments of society throughout medieval Europe, the march of the Reformation left its imprint on the face of culture and citizen alike. Everything from education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family - and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God - came under the shaping and seminal influence of the Reformation.

European politics changed in that state-to-state relationships were increasingly governed by political concepts of state and not by notions of Christendom. Ultimately, the Reformation contributed a number of ideas that traveled across the Atlantic which, in turn, influenced our Republic via ideas of individual rights and representative democracy. According to Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, program host and Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour**, "The greatest thing about the Reformation are the solas: grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone because, in reality, what it does is it establishes the worth of a human being before God in a way that can't be done by people; it's done by God in Jesus Christ."

This class is scheduled for Sundays at 8:45am from September 10 through October 29, 2017. There is a pre-registration for this class so materials can be prepared for all in attendance. To register, please call the church office at (412)271-7173 or email assistant@christlutheranfh.org.

Serving Christ in September

Altar Guild: Kathy Sourbeer

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
September 3	10:00am	Steve Stern	Allison Stephens	Susan Wagner
September 10	10:00am	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Georgi Shirley
September 17	10:00am	Cal Eggers	Madison Stephens	Lois Frerking
September 24	10:00am	Al Dick	Timothy Bright	John Hoblak

Addresses for our shut-ins



Louise Garofolo
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Wayne & Fran Giesey
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Lorraine Giebel
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 Apt. 210
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Ruth Hudson
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 Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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 Concordia Monroeville
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 Room 126
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Allan Lindblom
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Clorinda Mastrocola
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 North Versailles, PA 15137

James & Ann Tubbs
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 N. Versailles, PA 15135-1101

Pam Viher
 406 Howard Street
 East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Tom Walton
 LGAR
 800 Elsie Street Room 202-B
 Turtle Creek, PA 15145

September Prayer Petition

Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd, children all are dear to Thee. Gathered with Thine arms and carried in Thy bosom may they be; sweetly, fondly, safely, tended, from all want and danger free. *(The Lutheran Hymnal, hymn 627, v. 1)*

Henry Watkins
 817 Alpine Blvd.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Bob Yazvac
 979 Wilkins Avenue
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Olga Zinn
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Shut-ins wishing to be added to the pastoral visitation schedule should call the church office at 412-271-7173.

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 615 Horizon View Drive
 Penn Hills, PA 15235

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Celebrating in September

Anniversaries



- 3 Carl & Edith Osterholm
- 9 Rob & Gina Egidio
- Gerald & Cathleen Williams
- 15 Daniel & Lee Hricko
- 30 Donald & Dianna Corbett



- 2 Lee Schoenthal
- Kathleen Sourbeer
- 4 Jonathan Bright
- 9 Robert Yazvac
- 11 David Garris
- 12 Katherine Mastrocola
- Dylan McNutt
- Allison Stephens
- Madison Stephens
- 13 Carol Sapanara
- 15 James Chick
- Diana Lydon

Birthdays



- 17 Anthony Egidio
- 20 Pauline Kuenzi
- 23 Edith Osterholm
- 24 Vivian Lehman
- 25 Lynn Fisher
- Martin Hornak
- 28 Stephen Giovanetti
- Michael March
- 29 Lori Logsdon
- Ryan MacNamara
- Cody Schoenthal

Important Dates

Rally Day-September 10th (Starting 8:45am)

Elders Meeting-September 11th (2:30pm)

Quilting-September 12th & September 26th (9:00am)

LWML Fall Retreat Weekend-September 15th-17th

Finance Committee Meeting-September 28th (7:00pm)

P. A. L. g. S. (golf outing)-September 30th (Starting 11:00am)

Sonshine Kitchen-October 2nd

Church Service Time

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service



Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday (Starting September 10th)

8:45am Sunday School ages 3-14

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups