

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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Let the Children come

Christ Lutheran has a new opportunity to connect with our neighborhood and community. A local (Churchill) day care provider, Shannon Veltre (Shanny the Nanny), plans to lease three rooms in our educational wing. Shannon and her crew plan to move their operation into our building in October and commit to a three-year lease.

The rooms we plan to lease are already set up for child care, which works great for them, and we hope most of the regulatory requirements from our former center will be grandfathered into this new one. Shannon has expressed interest in buying quite a bit of our day care equipment, toys, etc., so that is a plus for us. New tile is being placed in the hallways and some areas are being painted during this time of transition. Please be patient when areas are blocked off and things are being moved around in the educational wing. There are still some legal requirements that need to be satisfied before all the papers can be signed and we can take the final steps in this new direction. Please pray to the Lord of the Church that all goes smoothly.

Bringing the new day care center into our education wing has a few potential benefits. First, the lease payments we receive can help us maintain and improve our aging buildings, which need to be heated every day in winter, and need constant and oftentimes expensive maintenance and improvements. Second, this opportunity provides a new doorway into our neighborhood and community. There are countless ways we, as evangelists, can use the opportunity of new parents and staff coming to our building every Monday through Friday, should we choose to do so. This requires some new and creative approaches which don't always come so easily to people set in their ways! Please also pray, therefore, that while the Lord has brought this opportunity to us, He also lead us into using it to build His kingdom on earth.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2017 to July 31 2018	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$15,896	\$17,300
Missions	\$0	\$0
Staff costs (pay, benefits, and taxes)	\$6,840	\$7,190
Utilities, maintenance, & other expenses	\$7,752	\$9,785
Total expenses	\$14,592	\$16,975
Net	\$1,304	\$325

News from the Flock

Deaths; Tom Walton father of Lee Hricko went to be with his Lord on August 13th . Funeral Services were held at Thomas L Nied Funeral Home in Swissvale on Thursday August 16th with the funeral following on Friday August 17th at 10:00 AM.

Baptism; Kendall James Kovalcik was baptized on August 12. She is the daughter of Michael and Karoline Kovalcik. Her sponsors are Joshu Tomkiewicz and Nicole Recek.

In the News;

Time for Sunday School and Confirmation class to begin. Rally Day will be on September 9th! Come join us. There are still children's books and toys available for purchase. They will be donated soon so if you are interested in purchasing anything come to Room 4/5.

PAL Golf Scramble

Saturday, September 29, 2018 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 37 years of golfing participation of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. This will be the 72nd outing held over the past 37 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience. 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 37th year milestone. **The registration fee is \$80 per golfer.**

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, September 24, 2018 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 29th! Registration for included.

Women's Service Guild

ALTAR GUILD - "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10 (Bible verses about serving and volunteering). Be a part of the Altar Guild team in changing the altar, setting up for communion. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information.

SONSHINE KITCHEN - 14. "Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." **Isaiah 58:10** (Bible verses about serving and volunteering.) The Christ Lutheran will be serving at the Sonshine Kitchen on Monday, October 29, 2018 More information will be posted in up coming bulletin notices and newsletters.

QUILTING - "A quilt is something you make to keep someone you love...Warm!" – Quilt Sayings Hopefully, quilting will resume Tuesday, September 11 and 25 at 9 a. m. The back, the middle and front are already sewn, we just have to have tie them together with yarn. It is like sewing on a button- push the needle in, pull out and tie two knots and cut the yarn.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY -One of the most powerful scientific tools ever invented is the telephone. John C.. Mather telephone quotes **TELEPHONE COMMITTEE** – Is your son, daughter, or grand children headed to college or has moved? Please give the church their address and e-mail address so we can keep our church directory up to date. The same goes if you or you know a church member has moved.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS - "Service to humanity is service to God." Lailah Gifty Akita, Think Great: Be Great! If you have received various invitations for bridal and baby showers, wedding, graduation, sympathy, birthday, anniversary cards, etc. and have saved the envelopes, please bring the canceled stamped envelopes so the "stamp cutters" can cut the stamps. Eventually, these stamps are given to the Canadian Bible Society and they can purchase Bibles for various mission groups.

SHUT-IN CARDS - "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." Booker T. Washington, Up from Slavery. Our shut-ins enjoy getting cards and notes from congregational members. Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to be "card sender."

PRAYER SHAWLS - "Service to others in their time of need is a privilege and an honor." Harley King. Many of the prayer shawl recipients have expressed thanks in getting them. They are lovingly and prayerfully knitted and crochet. Contact Jayne Simpson and Linda Breight for more information.

MITE BOXES -"The more you become aware of and respond to the needs of others, the richer your own life becomes." Mollie Marti. The the Summer 2018 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly shows the latest grants that were paid in full and partially paid grants. See the article posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

RECYCLING - "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." — Booker T. Washington, Up from Slavery Do you have a drawer or box full of various electronic gadgets that you don't use or have replaced them? Bring them to Christ Lutheran and put them in the box in library. See the list posted on the Fellowship hall bulletin board or on the box in the library. The LWML is able to receive money for these donated items that is used to fund various mission projects.

ALTAR FLOWERS – For happiness one needs security, but joy can spring like a flower even from the cliffs of despair. Anne Morrow Lindbergh (Brainy flower quotes) The following dates are open for altar flowers: September 16, October 7 and November 18. The cost is \$30. Additional flower vase is \$15. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. The flower chart is on the narthex bulletin board.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS – Ruth Hirko reported that the Sonshine Kitchen is able to accept the Portal of Prayers. We had to discontinue sending them to a local prison because every page had to be searched for drugs, etc.

DONATIONS - If you are making a special donation (Sonshine Kitchen, Mites, Seminary Student, etc.), please put it in one of the envelopes in the back of the church pew and mark what it is for and give to Kathy Sourbeer or Joyce Purucker.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE EASTERN DISTRICT “LINK” - The Pittsburgh Zone of the Lutheran Women Missionary League will be meeting at Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10 a. m. The Fall Pittsburgh Zone LWML Rally will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freedom, PA at 10 a. m. The Rev. Alex Knowles from Camp Pioneer will be the speaker.

WOMEN SERVICE GUILD hopefully will meet sometime in September. The meeting date will be posted in the Sunday bulletins. If you would like to serve as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, contact Joyce Purucker.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

KID’S STUFF; At a special voters’ meeting on August 12, Christ Lutheran approved leasing three rooms in our educational wing to a local day care provider. We expect our new tenants to begin operations in October. Please bear with us as new tile is installed in the hallways and some painting is done. Pray for the success of this new relationship we have established with our community.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS; We can no longer make outside calls with our central phone system. Rather than spending \$8-10,000 on a new system, a 2-line cordless unit has been installed in the front office. If you need to call out while at church, that is the phone you will need to use. The old system will remain in place for the time being, since it still works as an intercom.

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 & Cindy Hornak
635 East Waterfront Drive
Apt. 5111
Munhall, PA 15120

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

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

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Louise Garofolo
Independence Court
279 Center Road
Room 204
Monroeville, PA 15146

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Bob Yazvac
249 Lincoln Hwy Rm 110
North Versailles, PA 15137

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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200 Union Avenue
North Versailles, PA 15137

Lorraine Giebel
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Carl Osterholm
928 Rita Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Sept. Prayer Petition:

God, as we work our way through life, may we be faithful to the end. Amen
Portal of Prayers-
September 4, 2017

Celebrating in August



Birthdays

Anniversaries



9/3	Carl & Edith Osterholm III	9/2	Lee Schoenthal	9/23	Edith Osterholm
9/9	Gerald & Cathleen Williams Jr		Kathleen Sourbeer	9/24	Vivian Lehman
9/15	Daniel & Lee Hricko	9/4	Johnathan Breight	9/25	Lynn Fisher
9/30	Donald & Dianna Corbett Sr	9/9	Robert Yazvac		Martin Hornak
		9/12	Katherine Mastrocola	9/28	Stephen Giovanetti
			Allison Stephens		Michael March
			Madison Stephens	9/29	Lori Logsdon
		9/13	Carol Sapanara		Ryan Macnamara
		9/15	James Chick		Cody Schoenthal
			Diana Lydon		
		9/20	Pauline Kuenzi		

Serving Christ in September

Altar Guild: Kathy Sourbeer

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
9/2	Paul Simpson	Allison Stephens	Paul Simpson
9/9	John Hoblak	Meghan Elaschat	Barb Mitchell
9/16	Steve Stern	Madison Stephens	Neil Ackerman
9/23	Al Dick	Meghan Easchat	Lois Frerking
9/30	Glen Filler	Timothy Bright	Vinc Mroz

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service

Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

8:45am Sunday School ages 3-14

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

