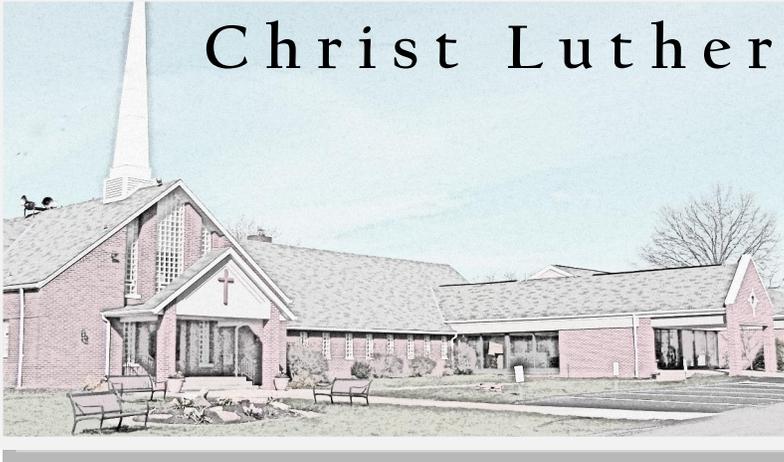


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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Back to School with the Psalms.

Since children and teachers are heading back to school, it only seems right that we in the church should put on our thinking caps and pick up a book. This fall that is the book of Psalms. We use the Psalms in all our worship services. If you are a good boy or girl and include the Psalms in your morning and evening prayer like I taught in the last series on prayer, you read or hear them every day. Even if you listen to hymns or sacred music, much of that is based on the Psalms.

But how many of us know much about them? With our religious culture so deeply steeped in the Psalms, it seems like a good idea to get to know them better. The Psalms are poetry. To that many say yuck. But hold on – no other literature on earth carries the same emotional feeling and expression than these verses which cover (pre)birth, death, and all points in between. Once embraced, the Psalms will take you to higher highs and lower lows like nothing else can. They are a veritable mirror into our own souls, and they provide us with the words we have been searching for to say to God but have not been able to find on our own.

Join us in church or online starting Sunday, September 13 as we unwrap the book of the Psalms which is glorious yet raw, lofty but uncensored, fathoming the depths and covering the breadth of the full human experience, much of which is yet unknown to us living in our safe and controlled twenty-first century.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot		
July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$16,086	\$19,181
Mission	0	0
Staff	\$3,283	\$8,869
Operations	\$9,353	\$10,039
Kitchen and other one time expenses	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$12,636	\$18,908
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$3,450	\$273

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 Birthday Lauretta

Lauretta Critchlow celebrated her 96th birthday on August 3, 2020. She wants to thank all that sent her cards and good wishes. She enjoyed reading each and every one of them. She also saved the stamps from each one so they could be brought to church. Blessings to Lauretta and her family and wishing her many more birthdays.



For church history buffs Christ Lutheran was mentioned in the November 3, 1941 edition of the School Herald. This was the monthly newspaper of Forest Hills Junior High located in Atlantic Avenue School before the fire. Students in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade could go to our church, located on Atlantic Avenue, for a 45 minute class once a week. They would get a half credit for each semester. Also participating was Forest Hills Presbyterian Church located next to the school on Atlantic Avenue. Of course there would have still been Sunday School and confirmation classes held.



We have a celebrity in our midst. **Jim Tubbs** has been spotted hanging around North Versailles near The Lincoln Highway Hub! Thank you, Jim, for your service.

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@christlutheranfhn.org.



Women's Service Guild

ALTAR FLOWERS-The following dates: September 13, October 18, and November 22 are available to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, honor someone's birthday, anniversary or special occasion, etc. The cost is \$30. If a particular date is shared, an extra vase costs \$20. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Give your check to Kathy Sourbeer and mark "Altar Flowers" on the envelope.

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-from hotels and motels are used by organizations that help the homeless, have soup kitchens and help low income families. There is a bin in the library to deposit these items or see Dee Law for more information.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotions inspire you to live each day in Jesus' name. Choose from a variety of options to fit your devotional needs (Concordia Publishing House) If you know of an organization that could use the "Portals of Prayer", contact Ruth Hirko.

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP ROBE MINISTRY-there are still a variety of prayer shawls and lap robes available or if you would like to make one, contact Linda Breight, Jayne Simpson or Alma Eggers.

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 homebound church members enjoy getting cards from church members. Even members are hesitant to come to church during this Covid 19 situation would enjoy getting a card. Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to send cards to our shut ins.

STAMPS-They come in all shapes, sizes and various prices. They can do so much to lift a person's spirit, give them comfort, joy, good news, etc. These canceled stamps have a second use. They enable a Canadian Prison Chaplain to give Bibles to prisoners, missionaries in third world countries to purchase Bibles in a person's native language. Remember to open the envelope on the bottom and leave 2 or more inches around the cut stamp. There is a bin in the library or just put the whole envelope in the bin.

SONSHINE KITCHEN & HOPE HOUSE-Christ Lutheran will be serving at the Sunshine Kitchen on Monday, September 28, 2020. Also, diapers are being collected for Hope House. Sizes 3, 4 & 5 and pull ups are being collected. There is a table in the Fellowship Hall. See Dee Law for more information.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE-Have you, a member of your family, or a congregational member moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses? If so, please contact the church office. This information is used to send out the church newsletters and other church information.



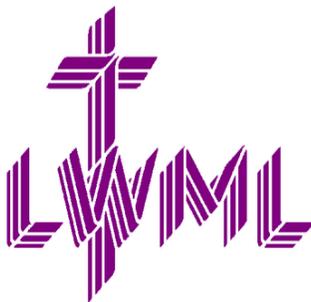
WSG Newsletter continued

LWML INFORMATION AND MITE BOXES- Using a web-based survey tool, delegates voted to approve a 2020-2022 Mission Goal of \$134,400, a Mite Goal of \$61,000, and a Grant Goal of \$30,500. Seven (7) projects for a total of \$30,500 will be funded over the next two years. The projects to be funded include:

1. GRANT # O. Request to purchase material to sew & other supplies to complete 500 feminine hygiene "kits" by the women at Valencia Days for Girls, Valencia, PA for girls living in poverty around the world. \$5,000
2. GRANT # L. Request to purchase 2,600 meals for those in extreme poverty who are homeless or housing insecure in Philadelphia through Broad Street Ministry's Hospitality Collaborative program. \$5,000
3. GRANT # C. Request to provide food and hygiene products for over 400 widows in southern Malawi, Africa through Climbing for Christ. \$5,000
4. GRANT # M. Request to purchase mattresses, box springs, bed frames, pillow(s), bedding, and blankets for children in need of a bed through Calvary Lutheran's Barnabas Project in Waterloo. \$5,000
5. GRANT # I. Request to complete funding to purchase and install a vinyl play set specifically designed to be handi-capped accessible at Christ Memorial Lutheran School in Malvern, PA. \$4,000
6. GRANT # K. Request to purchase Bibles, devotions, & other materials to further the ministry for those with substance abuse, gambling, anger issues, etc. through Celebrate Recovery at Hope Lutheran, Levittown, PA. \$5,000

SEPTEMBER MISSION GRANT

2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #12 Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 2017, LSEM successfully launched entry into preschool education for exceptional children with learning needs by establishing the Let It Shine Academy. This academy was designed to administer intervention strategies and address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder in an early learning environment. By reaching out and serving these children early in their learning years, they provide tools, strategies, and support to help these learners succeed now and as their education continues. They help them to be successful learners. This preschool creates a place where God’s Word can be shared with these children. LSEM is currently directly serving children at 59 schools and churches in 11 states. LSEM has received special requests by schools to present preschool specific training for their staff. They have completed school visits to perform observations and assessments numerous times. With statistics stating that one in five children have a learning need, and many more areas across the United States where LSEM sees the need to serve preschool and early childhood children with learning needs, there is great need for growth and expansion of their services. Organizations professing their faith



within the context of academic instruction are not eligible to receive financial support from the government through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. LSEM, unable to receive public funding, relies on partnership fees and donations. Mission Grant #2 would provide funding to:

- Support educational and spiritual growth among preschool aged children by growing the Let it Shine Academy to include more students, being a witness of God’s love for ALL his children.
- Provide scholarship funding for children in need whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine program.
- Support children and families who need assistance and education but are not part of an LSEM partnership program.
- Educate preschool teachers in methods of early intervention for children who have a learning need.

www.lwml.org/missions Mission Grant Story · September 2019

TEACH ME TOO — PRESCHOOLERS WITH LEARNING NEEDS Lutheran Special Education Ministries

HEALTH NOTE: There will be free Covid testing on September 8 from 9am to 12pm in the Westinghouse Lodge Parking lot. This is sponsored by the Squirrel Hill Family Health Center. Testing is free, but you must register. The link for registration will be in the bulletin and on the website in the upcoming weeks. The first hour and a half will be specifically for Forest Hills residents.



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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

September 2020 Prayer Petition
You have given me your shield of victory. Your right hand supports me; your help has made me great. (Psalm 18:35)

Celebrating in September

Anniversaries

9/9 Gerald & Cathleen Williams, Jr. 25 years



Birthdays

- 9/2 Lee Schoenthal
- 9/2 Kathleen Sourbeer
- 9/4 Jonathan Bright
- 9/12 Katherine Mastracola
- 9/12 Dylan McNutt
- 9/12 Allison Stephens
- 9/12 Madison Stephens
- 9/13 Carol Sapanara
- 9/15 James Chick
- 9/20 Pauline Kuenzl
- 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 Macnamara
- 9/29 Cody Schoenthal



Important Dates in September

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

- September 15-Council Meeting 7pm
- September 15-Deadline for October Lamplighter
- September 24 Finance Meeting 3pm
- September 26- PALS Golf Outing



In this time of Covid, the Education Committee, consisting of **Kathy Sourbeer**, **Pat Lenhardt**, and **Gloria Stern**, meet to discuss the education needs of the congregation while remaining socially distant.

What about Sunday School?

This year we must take a different look at how we can offer the Bible teachings about Jesus to our children and our congregation. The exact format of blended, virtual or flexible classes still needs to be determined. For that reason, we will be sending out a survey asking parents which format would be best for their child and family. These will be mailed to each family and followed up with a call to find out their preferences so that we can more efficiently plan for materials they will need.

This is an important part of our church's ministry and vital in today's cultural climate. We hope our members will support these efforts by praying and encouraging parents to make God's Word available to their children and families in new and renewing ways.

Sunday bulletins, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website listed above. Video recordings of our weekly services can be viewed on our YouTube channel, **Christ Lutheran Forest Hills Pa.**

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 September

All Services are Tentative

Altar Guild

September: Kathy Sourbeer

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
Sept. 6	John Crawford		Barb Mitchell
Sept. 13	Al Dick		Neil Ackerman
Sept. 20	Steve Stern		Joyce Purucker
Sept. 27	Cal Eggers		Darlene James

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:

www.christlutheranf.org



The Garden of Eatin'

The crops have been good this year. The produce is donated to Rankin Christian Center.



Cancelled until 4/21/21

**75th Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble
(P.A.L.g.S.)**

Saturday, September 26, 2020

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 39 years of golfing participation of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. This will be the 75th outing held over the past 39 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 39th year milestone. **The registration fee is \$80 per golfer.**

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, September 21, 2020 Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173), or send names and payment (**checks made out to CLC**) to:

GOLF

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221.