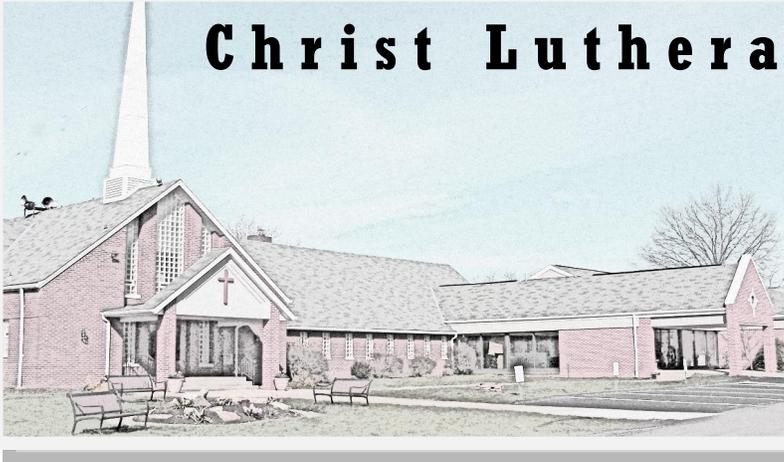


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

September 2022

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pastor@christlutheranfh.org

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Continuing Education

"Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" Acts 8:3031

It's back-to-school time again. The proper education of our children is a paramount endeavor. Imagine a society where few could read, write, do arithmetic, or where few had a basic understanding of literature, history, and the arts. We are all God's children, and therefore, like the young people, He wants us to learn what He says in his Word and also how to apply it to ourselves and others, so we are not an illiterate and unappreciative people. This is the primary purpose of pastors – to teach the Word of God. This is a vital task! Our spiritual ancestors had the Word, but most couldn't properly apply it. The result? They crucified their own Creator, Lord, and Redeemer.

We still need the proper teaching of God's Word so we don't make cataclysmic errors either on a personal or cosmic scale. When Martin Luther re-introduced a proper understanding of God's Word, Luther changed the world. We can expect the same results in our church and individual lives. It doesn't come easy. The words of the Ethiopian in the above scripture apply to all of us, including me. How can we understand the Bible unless someone explains it to us? As pastor, I spend eight to ten hours preparing each weekly sermon. That's a lot of time. Imagine spending that much time preparing a special meal for your family and then only a fourth to a third came to your house and joined in the meal. True, they didn't *have* to come, yet we understand what that does to the family bonds. Or do we?

Jesus told a parable about an important man who prepared a great feast, but none of his invited guests came to dine. He was upset. Since those on his guest list refused his hospitality, he invited others who then came and enjoyed the feast. All members of our church are invited to feast on the Word of God every Sunday. If we decline the invite, we should not be surprised when, as in the parable, the Host passes us by and moves on to people who are less busy, preoccupied, disobedient, and unthankful. God grant us all the grace to hunger for His Word, come to church where it is taught and explained, and abide in its life-changing power.

In the Word of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2022 to JuLY 31, 2022	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$16,694	\$21,688
Missions	-	\$592
Staff	\$8,998	\$9,933
Operations	\$8,411	\$8,714
Total Expenses	\$17,409	\$19,239
Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$715)	\$2,449

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

WILLIAM A.. "BILL" MARVENKO, Age 84, of North Versailles, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022. He was born August 29, 1937, in Pittsburgh, the son of the late Fred and Theresa (Pecora) Marvenko. He was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills. Bill worked as a roller for over 38 years at the Edgar Thompson Works in Braddock before retiring. He is survived by his wife of over 65 years Audrey (DePalama) Marvenko; children, Antoinette Connelly of North Versailles, Margaret Englert of McKeesport, William (fiancé Lori) Marvenko of North Huntingdon, Mark (Renee) Marvenko of Aliquippa and Joseph (Arlene) Marvenko of North Versailles; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. His funeral was held on August 1, 2022 at Christ Lutheran. Interment with military honors was held at Monongahela Cemetery in North Braddock. Memorial contributions can be made to Christ Lutheran Church. Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Harold and Susan Wagner have moved to Maryland to be closer to family. We thank them for their service to our Lord here at Christ Lutheran and wish them many blessings as they continue the next chapter of their lives. Buzz has been the Youth leader and Bible Study leader for young adults (post high school and post college), youth and adults. Susan has used her musical talent with the cello to participate in worship services, been the school principal, been on the school board, served as the Sunday School Superintendent, and served on the Education Committee.

BAPTISM-Abraham Jayce Kocher was welcomed into the flock through the waters of baptism on July 31, 2022. Abraham is the son of Lauren Berthold and the late Adam Kocher and the sibling of Austin, Alexa, Milee and Sophia. Sponsors were Dylan Akarman and Laurie Gast. May God bless this family.



Pictured: Sponsor Dylan Akarman holding Abraham, Milee, Sophia, Mom Lauren Berthold and Sponsor Laurie Gast.

Great to see **Pastor Emeritus Ernest Knoche** and his wife Donna that joined us for worship August 14. They are visiting the area from their retirement home in Georgia. Joining them was Jessica and Donny's son Jacob.

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.



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.

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

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.

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.



QUILTING will resume Monday, September 13, 2022 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: September 13 & 27, October 11 & 24, November 8 & 22, and December 6 at 9AM.



2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant #15

The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy — \$42,000



About This Mission Grant

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy is located in a poor Dallas community of mostly unchurched families and offers the only Christ-centered preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic and Bible classes. The Academy uses Christian books, music, and Bible stories. There are regular devotional services, and families are encouraged to attend worship. St. Paul is outgrowing their current facility after a single year of operation. Going forward, more space is needed for the preschool, nursery, and after-school educational enrichment. The kitchen serving meals needs to be upgraded to a commercial kitchen. The funds will help with these expenses and will allow the Academy to further expand their mission in the community and bring more to Christ.

Approved Resolution at the LWML Convention

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has called us to *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 19:14); and

WHEREAS, Christ has called us to serve the least of these brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:40) as we live as His followers, not as hearers only but as doers of the Word (James 1:22); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy is located in a poor community of mostly unchurched families and offers the only Christ-centered preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic and Bible classes; and

WHEREAS, a renovation of the fellowship hall at St. Paul Christian Academy will serve more children as well as the aged, handicapped, lonely, and impoverished "least of these" with the saving Gospel of Christ in Word and deed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2021 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention scheduled for Lexington, Kentucky, vote the sum of \$42,000 to help fund **The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas.**

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.



HAPPY
Grandparents
DAY

Sept. 11, 2022

Wednesday Evening

Worship Service

September 14, 2022

7pm

Holy Communion



SAVE THE DATES

Celebration of Pastor Mark Ruppert's 25th Anniversary of Ministry

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
711 Chestnut St.
Johnstown, PA 15906

Sept. 18, 2022
Church Service 10am
Dinner Following Service 12 noon

RSVP requested by Sept. 3 to
Jayni Blough
626 Thomas Road
Holsopple, PA 15935
(507)829-9959
janiblough@gmail.com



*Raise the Praise
Pignic!*

Come Join Us!

It is Free!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Where: **Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church**
301 Scott Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116

When: **Sunday September 11, 2022**

2:00 pm to 7:30 pm

RSVP to: 412-486-5777

*You are invited to come and join
Bethel and Zion Lutheran
Churches in our praise, roasted
pig, food, and music! celebration*

Live Music!

Pig Roast for all
to enjoy!

Wonderful
Fellowship!

Steeler's Game
live in Fellowship
Hall!

Food!

Games for
Children!

Foosball!

A

Short Service for
all at 5:00 pm!

A Wonderful
Time for All!

Did you know that the Quilting Committee made 14 quilts last year to give to the veterans?

They make 60"x 80" quilt tops. Queen and king Sized mattress pads are used for the batting. Queen and king sized sheets and other material are used for the backing. Quilt tops are made by sewing together 48 eleven inch squares, 12 twenty one inch squares and 108 eight inch squares. Joyce Purucker does all the measuring, cutting and sewing of the quilt squares. Dee Law, Carol Sapanara, Carol Logsdon, Alma Eggers and Joyce do the 9 stitches (in and out like sewing on a button and tying 2 knots) in each square to sew the quilt top, batting & back together. Joyce threads the needles and Dee takes the quilts home and sews the binding.

The quilts are donated to the South Western Veteran's Center in East Liberty and they give them out at their annual Christmas party.

Anyone can do this and all are invited to join them on their quilting days at 9am.

Sept. 12 and 27

Oct. 11 and 25

Nov. 15 and 29

Dec. 6



Important Dates in September 2022

Check the online calendar for up-to-date information

Sept. 5-Labor Day Office Closed
 Sept. 11-Rally Day, Classes Resume, Pot Luck at 11am
 Sept. 13-Endowment Committee 10am
 Sept. 13-Education Committee 7pm
 Sept. 14- Wednesday Night Service 7pm
 Sept. 15-Lamplighter Deadline
 Sept. 15-Elders' Meeting 1pm
 Sept. 24-PALS Golf Outing
 Sept. 25 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Sunday. Special Speaker during the service.
 Sept. 20 -Council meeting 7pm
 Sept. 29- Outreach Committee 7pm



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

Wednesday
 10:30am Ladies' Bible Study

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

Ed & 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.



September 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 August 2022



Birthdays

9/2	Richard Mueller	9/20	Pauline Kuenzl
9/2	Lee Schoenthal	9/20	Lori Schriver
9/2	Kathleen Sourbeer	9/23	Edith Osterholm
9/4	Jonathan Breight	9/24	Vivian Lehman
9/12	Katherine Mastrocola	9/25	Lynn Fisher
9/12	Dylan McNutt	9/28	Stephen Giovanetti
9/12	Allison Stephens	9/28	Michael March
9/12	Madison Stephens	9/29	Lori Logsdon
9/13	Carol Sapanara	9/29	Ryan Macnamara
9/15	James Chick	9/29	Cody Schoenthal

Pittsburgh 78th

Area

Lutheran



Scramble



Saturday, September 24, 2022

Please guarantee your participation by **Monday, September 19, 2022**

Call/send registration/check to:

Attention: **Golf
Christ Lutheran
Church**

400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
412-271-7173

Check payable: CLC

\$90.00 per person provides:
Support for Lutheran Education
Green Fee & Riding Cart

Our Buffet Dinner

*Chicken, baked ham, kielbasa & kraut,
baked beans, cheese & salami tray, rigatoni,
macaroni salad, coleslaw, relish tray, bread,
beer, pop, coffee, tea...PLUS!*

and...

HOTDOG @ THE TURN!!!



**SPECIAL GIFTS
AND PRIZES**

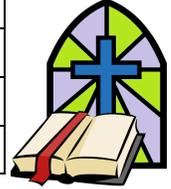
Serving Christ in September 2022

Altar Guild

September: Kathy Sourbeer



	Worship Assistant	Lector
9/4	Cal Eggers	Rick Kern
9/11	Barry Schoenthal	Darlene James
9/18	John Crawford	Rick Kern
9/25	Glenn Filler	Annette Bowen



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.

Mark your calendars for the next Voters' Meeting Sunday, October 16, 2022

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
- ¼ 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
- ¼ 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





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**To Christ Lutheran Family and Friends,
 IT'S TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 11th
 Classes meet from 11:30am to 12:30pm
 We saved a seat for you.**

We've been off all summer and now it is time to grow our faith! What better place than Sunday School.

Classes for children Kindergarten through 6th grade feature the
Growing in Christ Curriculum

Confirmation Class is held at 11:30 am on Sundays.
 Junior and Senior High School Youth are encouraged to join
 Confirmation or an adult class.

Adult classes are held on Sundays from 8:45am-9:45am
Ezekiel led by Barry Schoenthal is held in the library
Spiritual Growth led by Rick Kern in the Fellowship Hall Annex
Bible Overview led by Pastor Bright is in Room 4/5

We'd like you to come back or come for the first time and here's why:
 Depending on your age group, we have crafts, pictures, songs and group discussion that help teach each lesson in a manner not available to us at home or in worship! You have the opportunity to get to know other church members. Sunday School gets children and parents in the habit of coming to church on Sunday mornings and not just for church! That's one of the most important lessons of all. Lutherans are all about education, so it makes sense to come to Sunday School to learn! Please join us!

Rally Day is September 11. We will have a special installation of Sunday School staff at the 10am service. There will be a Rally Day Pot Luck meal following the service to celebrate Christian Education.

The purpose of this congregation shall be to seek the honor and glory of God. The congregation exists to this end as a community of baptized Christians wherein the following is provided for worship, nurture, fellowship, outreach and service.