

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

**NOVEMBER 2024**

*Celebrating 91 years in Forest Hills*

## Change of Plan

At the October 20th Voters' meeting, we decided to move forward with a new plan regarding how I will serve our congregation. On January 1, 2025, I will shift much of my time to working as a chaplain for Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM). That work involves doing services and working with residents at various CLM locations and visiting people who are residents or being served by CLM. I will also continue to pastor our church by leading worship on Sundays, seeing to administrative tasks and projects, attending meetings, and conducting pastoral visitations.

This new venture will allow us to redirect all the money we now spend on my benefits and a large portion of my salary to significantly pay down or even eliminate the large debt we acquired with the recent roof and HVAC replacements over the next few years. That will put us in a much better position to meet the challenges of keeping our church going into the next generation.

I will do my best to be available when needed, but it will be harder since I will be working more hours than now. I will be off-campus during a large part of the day on Monday through Friday, but I'm confident we can make it all work. It will take diligent time management and organization on my part, and patience, flexibility, understanding, and extra help when needed on yours. We ask the Lord of our church to bless and prosper our plans to His glory and the good of Christ Lutheran.

In the blessings of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight



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## Staff

Pastor-The Reverend Ronald Breight  
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## Officers and Committees

President: Jim Law

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Education: Annette Bowen, Lori Schriver, Gloria Stern

Finance: Cal Eggers, Stephanie Lydon, Barry Schoenthal, Richard Mueller

Outreach: Ruth Hirko, Kathy Kaclik

Endowment Committee: Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, Kathy Sourbeer

Financial Snapshot through September 30, 2024	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	61,397	58,405
Missions	0	0
Staff	27,651	31,101
Operations	33,558	31,788
Total Expenses	61,209	62,889
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>-4,484</b>

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

### GERALDINE HILDENBRAND OBITUARY

Geraldine "Gerry" Hildenbrand, age 78, passed away at Concordia of Monroeville on Saturday, October 5, 2024. She grew up in Forest Hills, the daughter of the late Ludwig and Helen (Ignac) Pasecny. She started attending Sunday school at age 10 at Christ Lutheran Church. She was then confirmed and baptized at Christ Lutheran and became a lifelong member.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David Hildenbrand. Together they enjoyed travel, fishing, their cat "Hon", and just being together.

Gerry enjoyed working at Sally's Beauty Supply, and after her husband's death, she worked at the Visiting Angels where she lovingly cared for elderly people in their home. Her Bible was her treasured possession. She read and studied it daily. Because of the use her Bible received, it finally was held together with glue, tape, and rubber bands. She had a very strong faith and was prepared to go to Heaven.

She is survived by her brother-in-law Gary Hildenbrand and his wife Linda, and also by her brother-in-law Robert Hildenbrand and his wife Margaret.



Jonathan Bright aka Peter Pan and Colin McCaslin (Captain Hook) visited local station WQED to talk about their Peter Pan performance with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.



We send our best wishes to Edith Osterholm on her recent move to Florida. She is going to be living with her daughter Nicole and her husband and living close to her daughter Michelle. Edith has been a long time member of Christ Lutheran and will be missed.



# 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. New members are needed.

**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.



**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.



**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.



**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 Breight if you know someone who may need one or enjoy getting one.

**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.



**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.

**SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY** – The new packet is ready. Included is a mailing schedule, names, addresses and birthdates. A book of stamps is being provided by Thrivent Care in Community. Contact Kathy Sourbeer if you wish to participate.

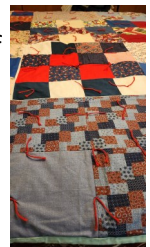


**MITE BOXES** – This loose change in your wallet or pocket can be put to good use. Monies collected from these Mite Boxes enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to support a variety of their Mission projects. See the article in the LWML magazine. One mission per month is featured in this Lamplighter.

**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.



**QUILTING** – 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. Pictured is the latest quilt made for the veterans. Contact Dee Law if you will be able to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates.



**UPDATE TO RECYCLING** – The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is still accepting ink cartridges for recycling, but they are no longer accepting electronics. Thank you for all your help in the past.



## 2023–2025 Mission Grant #10 Set Apart To Serve LCMS Office of Pastoral Education — \$100,000

### About This Mission Grant

Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide initiative that focuses on forming and recruiting fulltime church workers to teach the saving faith to God's people. Since Christ provides workers for His church through His people, every congregation needs to talk intentionally to our youth and adults about church work to stimulate enrollment in Christian education, deaconess, director of parish music, director of family life, and seminary programs.



This grant will partially fund anticipated expenses of a broad, rigorously planned, and well-constructed, multi-year sustained effort across the LCMS to affect a positive, cultural change in the way church worker vocations are perceived. Prospective students will be encouraged and inspired to consider and prepare to serve the Church in lifelong professions that advance the Gospel both in the U.S. and abroad.

### All Saints Day

The first Sunday in November we recognize the deaths of our church members during the past year.

Mila Eggers McNutt—December 21, 2023

Albert Dick—January 21, 2024

Florence Kost—March 26, 2024

Joyce Purucker—May 26, 2024

Barbara Urban—September 20, 2024

Geraldine Hildenbrand—October 5, 2024

*"Blessed are the dead  
that die in the Lord."*

*Revelation 14: 13b*

### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The congregation is again collecting canned food, pasta, cereal, personal care items, and paper products for the Food Pantry on Universal Road in Penn Hills.

They also take clean, gently used medical equipment such as canes and walkers.

Please place items in the boxes in the narthex now through Thanksgiving.



Happy  
Thanksgiving

# Important Dates in November 2024

Check the online calendar on the church website for up-to-date information

- Nov 3—All Saints' Day
- Nov 4—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
- Nov 5—Election Day
- Nov 11—Veterans Day
- Nov 11—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
- Nov 14—Finance Committee 4:00pm
- Nov 14—Education Committee 6:30pm
- Nov 15—Lamplighter Deadline
- Nov 18—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
- Nov 25—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
- Nov 27—Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
- Nov 28-29—Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!



We are collecting the brown pill bottles for the McKeesport Lions Club. Please remove the labels and wash them out. There must be a cap for each bottle and no vitamin bottles will be accepted. Thank you for helping with this ongoing project. Please put them in the box in the library.



The Lions are also collecting the pop tabs that are then given to Ronald McDonald House. They use the tabs because they are more pure aluminum than the cans themselves. There is a box in the library. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

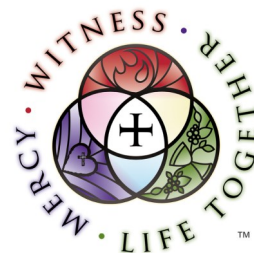


## Church and Bible Class Times

Sunday  
10 am Divine Service

Adult Bible Studies  
8:45am-9:45am

Sunday School/Confirmation  
Sunday-11:30am



# Addresses for our Shut-Ins

**Lauretta Critchlow**  
 Concordia of Franklin Park  
 Apt. 108 Garden North  
 1600 Georgetown Dr.  
 Sewickley, PA 15143

**June Kolb**  
 Goodwill Retirement Rm 4106  
 891 Dorsey Hotel Rd.  
 Grantsville, MD 21536

**Russell Long**  
 606 Filmore Ave.  
 Pittsburgh PA 15221

**Catherine Ertman**  
 3000 Locust Ave. Apt 319  
 Braddock Hills, PA 15221

**Bob Lindke**  
 2190 Ipnar Road  
 Irwin, PA 15642

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

**Robert & Bette Hamill, Jr.**  
 1413 Maple Ave.  
 Turtle Creek, PA 15145

**Pat Lehnhardt**  
 813 Larimer Ave  
 North Versailles, PA 15137

**Lydia Yates**  
 Concordia of Monroeville  
 4363 Northern Pike  
 Room 110  
 Monroeville, PA 15146

**Robert & Audrey Karpinsky**  
 203 Stockton Ridge  
 Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

**Carol Logsdon**  
 Point Pleasant Asstd. Living  
 Room 331  
 120 Mosside Blvd.  
 North Versailles, PA 15137

**Jim and Evelyn Wise**  
 Sheridan @ Bethel Park  
 2000 Cool Spring Drive  
 Room 355  
 Bethel, Park, PA 15234

Anyone wishing to be added to the pastoral visitation schedule please call the church office at 412-271-7173.



## November Prayer Petition

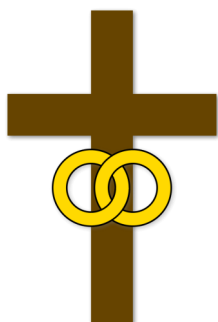
“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

# Celebrating in November 2024

## Anniversaries

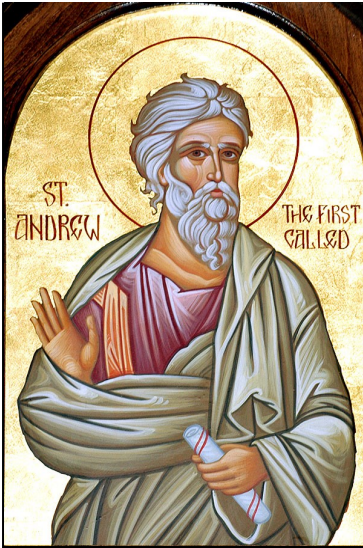
5-Nov Robert & Bette Hamill (70)



## Birthdays

5-Nov David Lisovich  
 8-Nov Hunter Donikowski  
 9-Nov Barbara Schoenthal  
 10-Nov Risielyn Ackerman  
 10-Nov Betty Cottom  
 12-Nov Pat Lehnhardt (75)  
 15-Nov Kathleen Hoblak (60)  
 17-Nov Carol Logsdon (85)  
 22-Nov Lee Hricko





**November 30**  
 Feast of St Andrew,  
 Apostle

**Christmas crafts for Shut-Ins**

All women of the church are invited to a craft Saturday with a potluck lunch on **November 9 at 11:30am**. Christmas crafts for shut-ins will be made.



**Hope and Healing Through the Holidays**  
 A Holiday Grief Workshop hosted by Good Samaritan Hospice

**Saturday, Nov. 9**  
 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Middlesex Office Location  
 116 Browns Hill Road, Valencia, PA 16059

The event will provide guidance and support to help individuals cope during the holiday season after the loss of a loved one and will include a craft. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos of their loved or mementos for this craft.

Breakfast will be provided. All ages are welcome, and special breakout sessions with age-appropriate activities will be held for youth. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is strongly encouraged by Nov. 4.

For more information or to register call 1-800-720-2557.

  
 Good Samaritan Hospice  
 A mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries

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**Consider joining Buy Nothing Project.**

This project allows you to locally donate stuff that you don't need anymore and would otherwise throw away. Instead of taking up space in your basement or adding to the landfill, you can help your neighbor. Remember that One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure. Clothes your children grew out of? Holiday decor you don't use anymore? Cardboard boxes someone could use for moving? Tickets to a show you can't attend last minute? Someone else can!

Search for your local group on Facebook. Look for Buy Nothing and the name of the neighborhood or borough you live in. There are groups for many neighborhoods in the Pittsburgh region. More info: [www.buynothingproject.org](http://www.buynothingproject.org)

**BUY NOTHING PROJECT**

*Give. Ask. Gratitude.*  
[www.buynothingproject.org](http://www.buynothingproject.org)

Sunday bulletins, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website  
[www.christlutheranfh.org](http://www.christlutheranfh.org).

Video recordings of our weekly services can be viewed on our You Tube channel,  
**Christ Lutheran Forest Hills Pa.**

Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page  
**ChristLutheranChurchFH.**





# Serving Christ in November 2024

Altar Guild  
November: Meghan Elashat

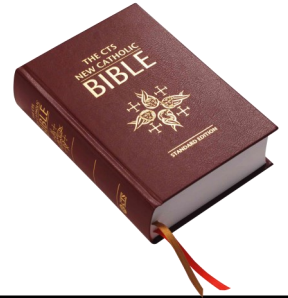


	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
Nov 3	John Crawford	Gloria Stern	Julia Stoner
Nov 10	Barry Schoenthal	Tatia O'Connor	Ryder Giovanetti
Nov 17	Richard Mueller	Tammy Donaldson	Madeline Stoner
Nov 24	Cal Eggers	Gloria Stern	Conner Schriver

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. If you are able to volunteer for any of these services, please let Jana know either by calling the church office or via email at [officeassist@christlutheranfh.org](mailto:officeassist@christlutheranfh.org). Thank you for your service.

## LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of a few volunteers to be trained as lectors for our services. It is not a difficult task and you won't be called upon that often if there are more volunteers. This is your church! Please contact the church office or see Pastor.



Visit of Jordan Peiser  
from Apple of His Eye

