



Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

MAY 2025

Celebrating 92 years in Forest Hills

Special Presentation: Ethiopia Mission Experience

You're invited to a special presentation by Pastor and Linda on Sunday, June 1, as they share stories and reflections from their recent trip to Ethiopia. Their travels included visits to several Compassion International program sites, where they witnessed firsthand how the Gospel is changing lives and lifting children out of poverty in Jesus' name.

The presentation will begin immediately following the worship service and will last approximately 60 minutes. You'll hear about the people they met, the churches and communities they visited, and the powerful work being done through Compassion's ministry.

After the presentation, please join us for a luncheon in the fellowship hall, sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It will be a time for food, fellowship, and further conversation. A free-will donation will be received to support the work of Compassion International. Your generosity will help continue their mission of hope and transformation in Ethiopia and beyond.

Come be encouraged, inspired, and reminded of the ways God is at work around the world!

In the risen Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight



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Outreach: Ruth Hirko, Kathy Kaclik

Endowment Committee: Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, Kathy Sourbeer



Financial Snapshot from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other income	\$187,739	\$191,989
Missions	\$4,000	\$3,600
Staff	\$72,628	\$81,541
Operations	\$98,673	\$100,206
Total expenses	\$175,301	\$185,347
Net Gain/ Loss	\$12,438	\$6,642

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

**Congratulations to Lee Caton and Stephanie Lydon
who got married in Christ Lutheran Church on
March 29!**



Makayla Schriver started to work at Concordia at Weatherwood in Greensburg, PA. She plans to start nursing school in fall. Congratulations!



Women's Service Guild

LWML MITES—If you think pocket change is insignificant, just look what the Women's Service Guild has done! **We have collected \$515.41 in change to support missions.** If you have a heart for missions, you can pick up a Mite Box in the narthex or in the entry area by the office. One hundred percent of the money collected is sent to missions voted on at the district and national level. To drop off your money, put it in the blue box in the narthex. No amount is too small. Together Women in Mission make extraordinary things happen.



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.



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.



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.



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.



SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – A new packet for 2025 is available. Included in the mailing is a mailing schedule, names, addresses, and birthdates. Participants are asked to mail only one or two cards a month. Contact Lee Bognar or Kathy Sourbeer if you wish to participate this year.

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.

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. **Next quilting will be on Monday, April 28.**



2023–2025 Mission Grant #15
Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals
Trinity HOPE — \$58,082

About This Mission Grant

In Haiti, 4.4 million people suffer from acute hunger; the cycle of poverty is almost never broken. Haitian children attending school have trouble learning with empty stomachs. Trinity HOPE daily feeds and shares the Gospel with children, teachers, and cooks in Christian schools throughout the country.



This grant will be used to feed approximately 538 children, teachers, and cooks each school day for two academic years at Paul et Isabel Lutheran School in Hinche, Haiti.

Children are taught to pray before they eat and when not hungry, are better prepared to participate in classroom activities. They are fed physically and spiritually every day they are in school and become missionaries to their families, bringing them out of the darkness of voodoo, a national religion, and into the light of Jesus.

We hosted about a dozen children for our annual Family Easter Egg-stravaganza. They enjoyed a Bible story, crafts and an egg hunt.



Important Dates in May 2025

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

April 28—Quilting 10am
May 4—Confirmation Day 10am
May 5—Cinco de Mayo
May 5—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
May 11—Mother's Day
May 12—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
May 14—Education Meeting 4:30pm
May 15—Lamplighter Deadline
May 15—Finance Meeting 4pm
May 17—CLM Spring Fling Luncheon in Butler
May 20—Council Meeting 7pm
May 22—Outreach Meeting 7pm
May 26—Memorial Day
May 28—Elders Meeting 4pm



Church and Bible Class Times

Sunday
10 am Divine Service

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

Sunday School/Confirmation
Sunday-11:30am



**Please note:
Bible Classes and Sunday School will not meet over the summer.**

Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Catherine Ertman

3000 Locust Ave. Apt 319
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

Bob Lindke

2190 Ipnar Road
Irwin, PA 15642

Audrey Marvenko

846 Joan Drive
North Versailles PA 15137

Robert & Bette Hamill, Jr.

1413 Maple Ave.
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Pat Lehnhardt

Concordia of Fox Chapel
931 PA-910, Room E6
Cheswick, PA 15024

Ann Tubbs

41 Central Avenue
N. Versailles, PA 15137-1101

Robert & Audrey Karpinsky

203 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

Carol Logsdon

Point Pleasant Asstd.Living Room 331
120 Mossie Blvd.
North Versailles, PA 15137

Jim and Evelyn Wise

Sheridan @ Bethel Park
2000 Cool Spring Drive, Room 355
Bethel,Park, PA 15234

June Kolb

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

Russell Long

606 Filmore Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15221

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



May Prayer Petition

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

Celebrating in May 2025

Anniversaries

5/1 Lee & Wayne Bogнар
5/17 Mike & Suzanna Lydon-George
5/19 Melvin & Majorie Itzel
5/31 Kevin & Katherine Hanley



Birthdays

5/5 Glenn Filler
5/5 James Wise
5/9 Frank Elaschat
5/12 Sirak Zerai
5/18 Kyle Schoenthal
5/22 Linda Breight
5/22 Karen Dadey
5/22 William Hite
5/22 Alexa Kocher
5/23 Alma Eggers
5/23 Maisy Hanley
5/26 Gloria Stern
5/26 Kyle O'Connor
5/30 Megan Elaschat
5/30 Jim Law



Coming Up Roses

Concordia Lutheran Ministries 2025 Spring Fling Luncheon

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Butler Country Club

310 Country Club Lane, Butler, PA 16002

10 a.m.

\$45 • Tables of 10: \$400

Basket Auction • Mystery Bags • Shopping (clothes and accessories)

Lunch

Chicken Romano, Sour Cream and Chive Whipped Potatoes,
Glazed Baby Carrots, Triple Layer Lemon Shortcake

Freeport Area High School Music Performance

All proceeds benefit the Concordia Lutheran Ministries Good Samaritan Endowment Fund, providing charitable care to residents and patients in need.

Seating is limited and available by RSVP and advance payment only by **April 26, 2025**.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

To make your reservation:

- Make check payable to CLM Foundation and send to: 134 Marwood Rd, Cabot, PA 16023;
- Call 724-352-1571, ext. 8355; or
- Go online at Give.ConcordiaLM.org and select "Events."



Serving Christ in May 2025

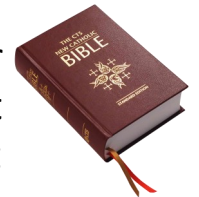
Altar Guild
May: Lori Schriver



Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
4-May	John Crawford	Tammy Donaldson	Madeline Stoner
11-May	Barry Schoenthal	Annette Bowen	Conner Schriver
18-May	Richard Mueller	Gloria Stern	Julia Stoner
25-May	Cal Eggers	Annette Bowen	Ryder Giovanetti

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.



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 **office-assist@christlutheranfh.org**.

Sunday bulletins, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website
www.christlutheranfh.org.

Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page
ChristLutheranChurchFH.



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 have more pure aluminum than the cans themselves. There is a box in the library. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

