

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

**June/July 2025**

*Celebrating 92 years in Forest Hills*

## Freedom and Faith in the Season of Pentecost

Summer ushers in a vibrant season, weaving together Memorial Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth of July during the sacred Season of Pentecost. These holidays, rooted in sacrifice, unity, and independence, reflect the transformative work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit's radiant presence.

Memorial Day calls us to honor those who gave their lives for our nation's freedom. Their sacrifice mirrors Christ's selfless act on the cross, granting us eternal hope. In this Pentecostal season, the Spirit stirs gratitude for both earthly heroes and our Savior's boundless love.

Flag Day celebrates the Stars and Stripes, a symbol of unity and resilience. Like the flag enduring storms, the Holy Spirit binds us as one body in Christ, our faith a banner waving proudly through life's trials.

The Fourth of July sparkles with the joy of independence, its fireworks echoing the Spirit's power that set the early church ablaze. Christ's victory over sin and death declared our spiritual freedom, inviting us to live boldly in His light.

As we revel in summer's warmth, let's keep our faith aglow by gathering for worship as best we can, even during the summer lull. The Spirit moves among us, tying our celebrations to Christ's eternal love. Whether honoring heroes, waving flags, or watching fireworks, may we reflect on the freedom Jesus brings. Let this Season of Pentecost be a radiant time of faith, hope, and gratitude, shining Christ's light in our hearts and community.

In the Spirit of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright



### Contact Information

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Facebook: [ChristLutheranChurchFH](https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchFH)

### Staff

**Pastor**-The Reverend Ronald Bright  
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**Vicar**-Vincent Mroz

**Assistant to Pastor**  
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**Office Assistant**  
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### Officers and Committees

**President:** Jim Law

**Treasurer:** Stephanie Lydon

**Secretary:** Barb Mitchell

**Financial Secretary:** Dee Law

**Elders:** Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, John Crawford, Richard Mueller

**Trustees:** Lee Caton, Frank Elaschat, Lynn Fisher, Dave Wible, Megan Elaschat, Michael George

**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 from July 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other income	\$213,757	\$221,122
Missions	\$4,000	\$5,600
Staff	\$79,062	\$87,966
Operations	\$112,470	\$113,609
Total expenses	\$195,532	\$207,175
Net Gain/ <b>Loss</b>	<b>\$18,225</b>	<b>\$13,947</b>

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Congratulation to Ryder Giovanetti who was confirmed on May 4 in our church!



Ladies from **Women's Service Guild** spent a morning with quilting. All crafty ladies are invited to join them—ask Dee Law about the next date or watch the announcements.



Vicar **Vincent Mroz** attended Call Day in St Louis, where he learned his first call once he is ordained missionary. He will be a missionary for the deaf in the Eastern District. 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.



**2023–2025 Mission Grant #16**  
**Care for Street Children of Western Kenya** Trinity HOPE — \$58,082  
Capstone Ministries — \$50,000

**About This Mission Grant**

Capstone Ministries helps enrich the lives of former street boys and girls who have been reconciled with their families. Capstone Ministries works in Western Kenya, an area where over 800 boys live on the street and survive by begging or stealing. They work to reconcile the boys with God and family.



This grant will provide educational scholarships for day and boarding school as well as vocational training for 52 children. It will also provide 100 Bibles and catechisms, translated into Swahili, for 17 Bible study groups.

Plus, it will support Capstone Camp which focuses on spiritual development, provides group counseling, scouting activities, and mentorship of primary school boys by secondary school boys. They invite 25 to 35 boys to participate in the one-week camp held at a rural university during the school break.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**



Join us for Food, Fun and  
Fellowship

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
1261 Pennsylvania Avenue in Oakmont (15139).  
Phone: 412-828-9323.

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Rain or shine!**

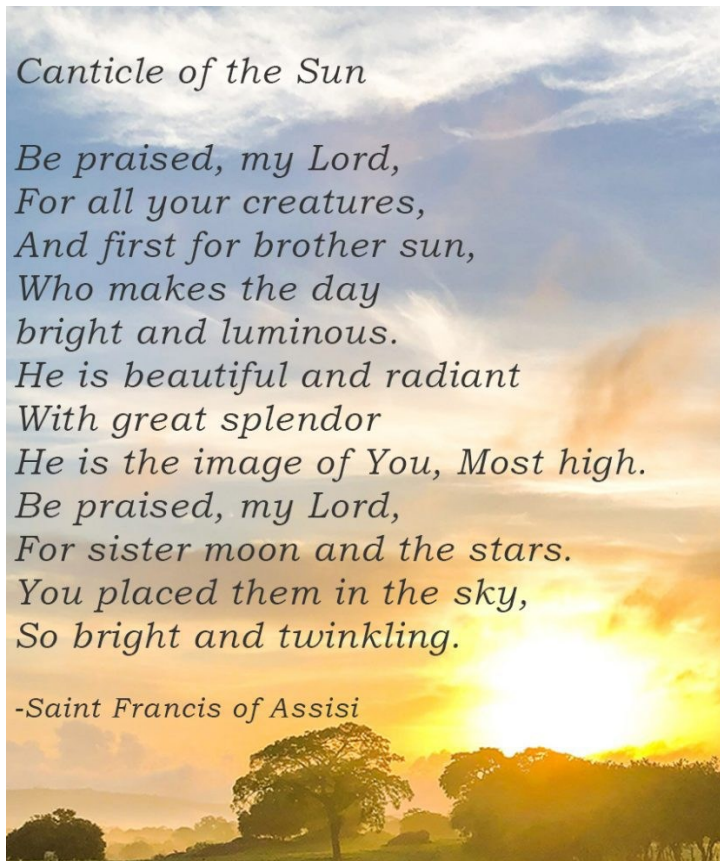
There will be Bratwurst, Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs,  
Strawberries, Pound Cake, and Ice Cream.  
***There will be games for the children.***

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Phone: 412-828-9323.

*Canticle of the Sun*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
For all your creatures,  
And first for brother sun,  
Who makes the day  
bright and luminous.  
He is beautiful and radiant  
With great splendor  
He is the image of You, Most high.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
For sister moon and the stars.  
You placed them in the sky,  
So bright and twinkling.*

*-Saint Francis of Assisi*



# Important Dates in June and July 2025

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

Jun 1—Ethiopia Presentation 11:30am  
Jun 2—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jun 6—Strawberry Festival at Redeemer 6pm  
Jun 7—Small Church Clarity Workshop 9am  
Jun 9—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jun 11—Education Meeting 4:30pm  
Jun 14—Flag Day  
Jun 15—Father's Day  
Jun 16—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jun 17—Council Meeting 7pm  
Jun 19—Juneteenth  
Jun 23—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jun 25—Elders Meeting 4pm  
Jun 26—Outreach Meeting 7pm  
Jun 30—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm



Jul 4—Independence Day  
Jul 7—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jul 9—Education Meeting 4:30pm  
Jul 10—Lamplighter Deadline  
Jul 14—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jul 15—Council Meeting 7pm  
Jul 21—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm  
Jul 23—Elders Meeting 4pm  
Jul 24—Outreach Meeting 7pm

## Church and Bible Class Times

Sunday  
10 am Divine Service

Bible Classes and Sunday School  
do 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.



## June Prayer Petition

"You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand."  
Psalm 16:11

## Celebrating in June and July 2025

### Anniversaries

6/9 Lee & Robin Schoenthal  
6/14 Kyle & Rebecca O'Connor  
6/15 Ben & Katie Barch  
6/24 David & Kathleen Kaclik  
6/28 Bill & Karen Dadey  
7/2 James & Janice Polidora  
7/5 Glenn & Rosalie Filler  
7/6 John & Kathleen Sourbeer  
7/20 Ronald & Linda Bright  
7/23 Joseph & Tatia O'Connor  
7/28 Norman & Nancy Johnson



### Birthdays

7/1 Lois Frerking  
7/1 David Giovanetti  
7/4 Norman Johnson  
7/5 Dee Law  
7/5 Susan Robatzen  
7/7 Madeline Stoner  
7/10 Barbara Mitchell  
7/11 Katie Barch  
7/13 Vincent Mroz  
7/17 Audrey Karpinsky  
7/20 Aran McNutt  
7/21 Rosalie Filler  
7/24 Ruth Hirko  
7/30 Tabitha Law

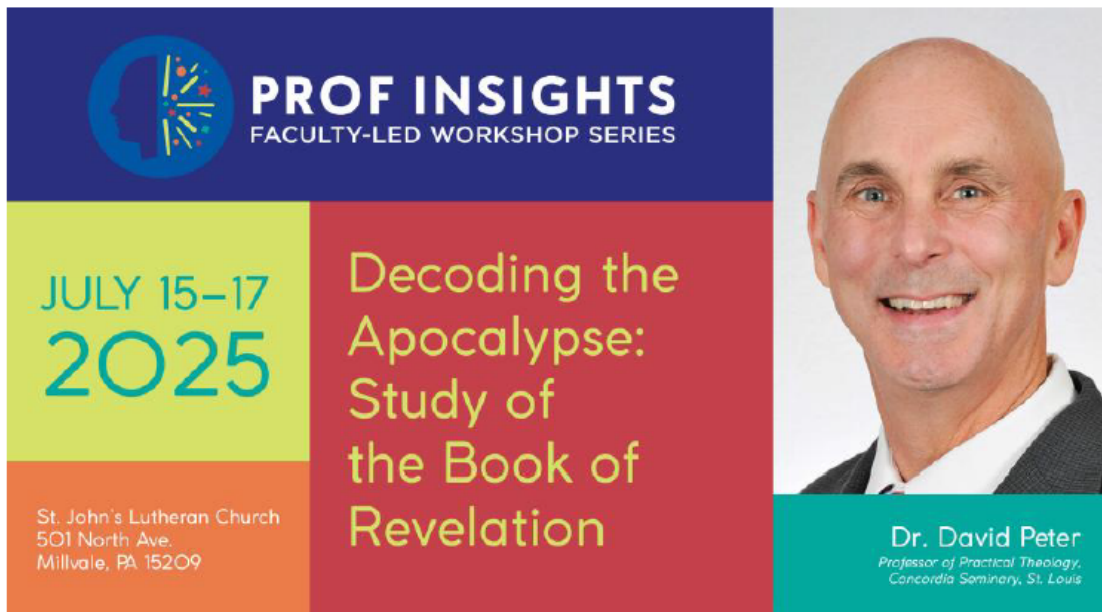


# P.A.L.g.S Golf Outing 2025



Thirteen foursomes attended the 83rd P.A.L.g.S Golf Outing in Elizabeth, PA. In total, they raised \$1,133.75 for Redeemer Lutheran School. 1st place men's team: Dan Chirdon, DJ Lang, Josh Hupe and Adam Brozda. 1st place mixed team: Anthony Bomer, Tony Mains, Megan Mains and Katie Bomer. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Susan Robatzen for organizing!





### Decoding the Apocalypse: Study of the Book of Revelation

The title of the last book of the Bible is translated as Revelation, but its original title was Apocalypse. This word literally means “the unveiling.” The purpose of this book of the Bible is to unveil the purposes of God in human history. For many people, however, it remains veiled — an obscure, mysterious and confusing book. The reason many people do not understand the Apocalypse is that it is written in coded language that can only be interpreted by decoding its symbolism. This study will look at the most significant coded symbols of the book and the keys to their interpretation. It will provide a broad sweep of the major themes and messages of Revelation to better understand this book of the Bible. This “unveiling” will enable you to see Christ, His church and history — past, present and future in a whole new light.

#### **Dr. David Peter**

Professor of Practical Theology; Dean of Faculty; and Alumni Relations Adviser at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Dr. David Peter has been a faculty member since 1998 and has led well-received lay studies on the book of Revelation — hence this workshop! He also has published a book on leading mid-sized congregations, “Maximizing the Midsize Church: Effective for Leadership for Fruitful Mission and Ministry.” Those who know him recognize that he brings a solid theological understanding of the church to the topic as well as an openness to how we live out our Lutheran ecclesiology in the world today.



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**501 North Ave. Millvale, PA 15209**

Organizer

Continuing Education ce@csl.edu / 314-505-7286

Location contact

Rev. Dan Hahn revdahjr@gmail.com 989-977-0166

Schedule

Tuesday, July 15	1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16	9-11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, July 17	9 a.m.-noon

Registration cost: \$150

Registration deadline: July 1, 2025

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Pastors, other church workers and laypeople

**FEE:**

\$150 for each three-day workshop

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

14 days before the start of each workshop

Learn more about each workshop and  
register at [csl.edu/workshop-series](https://csl.edu/workshop-series)

**SCAN ME!**



# ARE YOU A SMALL CHURCH LOOKING FOR SOME IMMEDIATE HELP?



## IF SO, SMALL CHURCH CLARITY PITTSBURGH IS FOR YOU!

**WHAT:** Small Church Clarity Pittsburgh consists of 4 (local & in-person) workshops spaced approximately one month apart. It is designed to guide small congregations to a solid ministry foundation amidst various challenges and transitions. It will provide best practices and resources to assist in executing a manageable ministry plan for years to come. These workshops afford the opportunity to learn and fellowship alongside other small congregations in the Pittsburgh area.

**WHO:** Any congregation with an average weekly attendance between 15 & 160.

**WHEN & WHERE:** (Please plan to attend all 4 Saturday Sessions from 9am – 12 noon)

<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1:	3/1/25	Barriers, Challenges & Visioning	Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills
<input type="checkbox"/> Session 2:	4/5/25	Ministry & Discipleship Planning	Ascension Lutheran, Pittsburgh
<input type="checkbox"/> Session 3:	5/3/25	Ministry & Financial Plans	St John's Lutheran, Millevale
<input type="checkbox"/> Session 4:	6/7/25	Master Plan & Communications	Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills

### REQUIREMENTS:

A team of 6-8 is ideal (including the pastor) to attend the full series. Even congregations without a pastor or where a pastoral change is on the horizon are all encouraged to participate.

### COST:

A one-time fee of \$250 per congregation. Scholarships are available upon request from the LCMS Eastern District)

### REGISTRATION:

Three Ways to Register:  
1. Email Bruce Sutherland: BruceLCMS@edlcm.org  
2. Text Bruce at 716.998.0225  
3. Call Bruce at 716.998.0225  
(Provide the name of your congregation, a contact person, phone number and email address)

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# STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

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FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS APPEARANCES OF  
JESUS DURING THE 40-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN  
HIS RESURRECTION AND HIS ASCENSION.

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ALL THE STATIONS ARE BASED ON SCRIPTURALLY RECORDED INCIDENTS  
IN THE FOUR GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF ACTS.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**  
3:30 P.M. | CHURCH SANCTUARY

*Reception follows in Undercroft*





# Serving Christ in June and July 2025

Altar Guild

June: Karen Dadey & Ruth Hirko

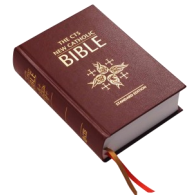
July: Kathy Kaclik



Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
1-Jun	John Crawford	Annette Bowen	TBD
8-Jun	Barry Schoenthal	Tammy Donaldson	Julia Stoner
15-Jun	Richard Mueller	Gloria Stern	Ryder Giovanetti
22-Jun	Cal Eggers	Lois Frerking	TBD
29-Jun	John Crawford	Annette Bowen	Madeline Stoner
6-Jul	Richard Mueller	Annette Bowen	TBD
13-Jul	Barry Schoenthal	Tatia O'Connor	TBD
20-Jul	John Crawford	Gloria Stern	Ryder Giovanetti
27-Jul	Cal Eggers	Tammy Donaldson	Julia Stoner

## 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](mailto:office-assist@christlutheranfh.org).



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 aluminium than the cans themselves. There is a box in the library. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

