



Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

September 2025

Celebrating 92 years in Forest Hills

Welcoming Our New Senior Elder: Rich Mueller

We are thrilled to introduce Rich Mueller as the new Senior Elder of the Board of Elders at Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills. Rich's steadfast faith, leadership, and dedication make him a true blessing to our congregation.

Originally from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Rich brings a wealth of experience and a heart for service. He was a devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Monroeville, where he actively participated in worship and community life. When Trinity closed, Rich seamlessly transitioned to Christ Lutheran, quickly becoming a cherished part of our church family. His commitment to living out his faith has been evident in every step of his journey.

As an engineer in the power-generation industry, Rich demonstrates a sharp mind and a problem-solving spirit, qualities that will undoubtedly strengthen his leadership as Senior Elder. His professional expertise, paired with his deep-rooted faith, equips him to guide our congregation with wisdom and compassion. Rich has consistently shown his dedication to serving Christ through his involvement in various church ministries, and now he steps into this vital role with humility and enthusiasm.

The role of Senior Elder is one of great responsibility, overseeing the spiritual direction of our church and supporting our members in their walk with Christ. We are confident that Rich's servant heart and faithful leadership will inspire and uplift our community. Please join me in celebrating Rich Mueller's new role and in praying for God's guidance as he serves. Let us give thanks for the blessing of Rich's leadership and look forward to the ways God will work through him at Christ Lutheran Church!

In the love of Christ

Pastor Ron Breight



Contact Information

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Staff

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pastor@christlutheranfh.org

Vicar-Vincent Mroz

Assistant to Pastor
Barb Mitchell
assistant@christlutheranfh.org

Office Assistant
Jana Savelkova
officeassist@christlutheranfh.org

Officers and Committees

President: Jim Law

Treasurer: Stephanie Caton

Secretary: Barb Mitchell

Financial Secretary: Dee Law

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

Trustees: Lee Caton, Frank Elaschat, Megan Elaschat, Michael George

Education: Annette Bowen, Lori Schriver, Gloria Stern, James Sheets

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

Outreach: Ruth Hirko, Kathy Kaclik, Karen Dadey

Endowment Committee: Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, Kathy Sourbeer

| Financial Snapshot from Jul 1 2025 to July 31 2025 | Actual | Budgeted |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Offerings and other income | \$16,113 | \$18,809 |
| Missions | \$0 | \$0 |
| Staff | \$5,234 | \$6,568 |
| Operations | \$6,562 | \$8,451 |
| Total expenses | \$11,796 | \$15,019 |
| Net Gain/ Loss | \$4,317 | \$3,790 |

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Robert Karpinsky Obituary

Robert "Bob" Karpinsky, 85, of West Mifflin, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025

Robert was born in McKeesport to Frank and Helen Karpinsky in 1939. His life was lived with dedication. He graduated from Duquesne High School in 1957 and enlisted in the Air Force where he served for six years. Bob worked for US Steel prior to retiring from a 30 year career as a telephone technician for Bell Atlantic (later Verizon) telephone company.

An active member of Christ Lutheran Church, Robert dedicated much of his time serving as an elder, usher, and on the church council. He loved spending quality time with his family, enjoying fishing and camping trips. A devoted sports enthusiast, Robert was an ardent supporter of Pittsburgh sports, proudly holding Steelers season tickets.

Robert was a loving husband to Audrey (Sarosi) Karpinsky, dedicated father to sons, Greg (Ann) Karpinsky, Robert (Kristine) Karpinsky and Chris (Laura) Karpinsky, cherished grandfather to Ryan Karpinsky, Eric Karpinsky, Nico-le (Brandon) Karpinsky-Mos-ley, Natalie (Stefon) Stile, Jared Karpinsky, Stephen Karpinsky and Michelle Karpinsky; and great-grandfather to Sophia, Heath, Elijah and Mila.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Helen (Bak) Karpinsky as well as his brother, Frank Karpinsky.



Dylan McNutt is attending Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa, after spending a "gap year" after graduation from High School working for a catering company in Pittsburgh, travelling to Greece and Italy, and a five-day bike ride to Washington, DC on the "Gap Trail".



A former teacher of Christ Lutheran School, Reverend Peter Rickert, visited our church along with his wife Vicky and son Emelio.

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.



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.

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 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.



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.

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 #18
Zoe's Home Support
Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO — \$75,000

About This Mission Grant

Zoe's Home, a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Missouri, helps homeless and at-risk pregnant and parenting women in need. The home enables women at risk of abortion or losing parental custody to overcome their current life situations and obstacles.



Residents of Zoe's Home engage in spiritual care through church activities and required Bible studies. The women participate in activities and classes to grow life skills in parenting, finances, cooking, and hygiene.

After a one-year stay in Zoe's Home, the residents' goals are to complete their education, find steady employment, procure reliable transportation, attain financial independence, find independent housing, and actively engage in church and community support services.

This grant will provide funds to meet the costs to ensure housing, food, transportation, life skills education, case management, and staffing for Zoe's Home.



Barbara Mitchell celebrated her 15th anniversary as our office assistant in August. Congratulations, Barb!

Education Committee will host a **rally day luncheon** after the service on September 7th for our congregation. We hope to start our new adult and children's Bible Study and Sunday School classes that day! Join us for a delicious meal to celebrate another year of religious education.



Important Dates in September 2025

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

Sep 1—Labor Day
Sep 7—Rally Day & Luncheon
Sep 7—Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School start
Sep 10—Education Committee Meeting 4:30pm
Sep 11—Patriot Day
Sep 11—Finance Committee Meeting 4pm
Sep 15—Lamplighter Deadline
Sep 15—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Sep 16—Council Meeting 7pm
Sep 22—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Sep 24—Elders Meeting 4pm
Sep 25—Outreach Meeting 7pm
Sep 29—Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm



Please note!

There is no choir rehearsal on September 1 and September 8. Practices will resume on September 15.



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

Catherine Ertman

3000 Locust Ave. Apt 319
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

Pat Lehnhardt

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

Audrey Marvenko

846 Joan Drive
North Versailles PA 15137

Robert & Bette Hamill, Jr.

1413 Maple Ave.
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Bob Lindke

2190 Ipnar Road
Irwin, PA 15642

Katherine Mastrocola

200 Union Avenue
North Versailles, PA 15137

Audrey Karpinsky

203 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

Carol Logsdon

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

Ann Tubbs

41 Central Avenue
N. Versailles, PA 15137-1101

June Kolb

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

Russell Long

606 Filmore Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15221

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.



September Prayer Petition

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase
the harvest of your righteousness."
2 Corinthians 9:10

Celebrating in September 2025

Birthdays

9/2 Richard Mueller
9/2 Kathleen Sourbeer
9/4 Jonathan Breight
9/12 Katherine Mastrocola
9/12 Dylan McNutt
9/12 Allison Stephens
9/12 Madison Stephens
9/13 Carol Sapanara
9/14 Carolyn Burr

9/15 James Chick
9/20 Pauline Kuenzi
9/20 Lori Schriver
9/24 Vivian Lehman
9/25 Lynn Fisher
9/28 Stephen Giovanetti
9/28 Michael March
9/29 Lori Logsdon
9/29 Cody Schoenthal



Vincent Mroz's Ordination



More photos:





Serving Christ in September 2025

Altar Guild
September: Kathy Sourbeer



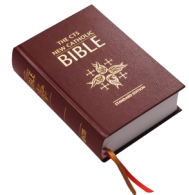
| Date | Worship Assistant | Lector | Acolyte |
|--------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 7-Sep | John Crawford | Tammy Donaldson | Madeline Stoner |
| 14-Sep | Barry Schoenthal | Annette Bowen | TBD |
| 21-Sep | Richard Mueller | J. Sheets & A. Bowen | Julia Stoner |
| 28-Sep | Cal Eggers | Lois Frerking | Ryder Giovanetti |

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

Services are also streamed on our Facebook page
[ChristLutheranChurchFH](https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchFH).

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.



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.



Pittsburgh
Area
Lutheran
Golf
Scramble

84th

9:00AM
Shot Gun Start



Please guarantee your participation by
Monday, September 22, 2025

Call/send registration/check to:

Attention: **Golf**
Christ Lutheran
Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
412-271-7173

Check payable: CLC

Saturday, September 27, 2025

\$90.00 per person provides:

Support for Lutheran Education
Green Fee & Riding Cart

Our Buffet Dinner

Chicken, pulled pork, kielbasa & kraut,
green beans, rigatoni, coleslaw,
beer, pop, coffee, tea...**PLUS!**
and...

HOTDOG @ THE TURN!!!



**Any monetary or
prize donations are
very much
appreciated**

84th

Pittsburgh

Area

Lutheran

YES! I plan on
celebrating 43 years at the
84th PAL_gS!

The following will be playing @ \$90.00
per golfer on September 27, 2025 at
9:00am at Victory Hills Golf Course

357 Pineview Drive Elizabeth PA 15037:

Golf

Scramble

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I would like to **ADDITIONALLY** support
Christian Education for P.A.L.g.S. with my gift of
\$_____, in celebration of the many
years of enabling Christian Education for children.



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84th Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble (P.A.L.g.S.)

Saturday, September 27, 2025

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 43 years of golfing participation of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. This will be the 84th outing held over the past 43 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience.

Since 1983 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 43 year milestone. **The registration fee is \$90.00 per golfer.**

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, September 22, 2025 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.

We encourage all golfers, past and present, to be a part of this memorable event, as we celebrate all those who have participated in these outings since 1983. To be part of this gala, to donate prizes, or to share memorabilia, please call 412-271-7173.
See you on Saturday, September 27th!

Reverend Ronald Bright, Pastor



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HOLE IN ONE LEVEL IS \$500 AND ABOVE

EAGLE LEVEL IS \$100 - \$499

BIRDIE LEVEL IS ANY AMOUNT UNDER \$100.

We will also put your name / company name on a sign and place it on different holes around the course. Let's see how successful we can be while having a great time as well. This will be the 84th outing held over the past 43 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience.

If you or someone you know would like to donate an item for prizes or would like to sponsor a particular hole, we certainly would appreciate your generous support. This item is tax deductible at its fair market value as a "Gift in kind". It is a donor's responsibility to establish the value of this gift for income tax purposes. If the value is in excess of \$5,000.00 an appraisal must be obtained by the donor and attached to the donor's tax return. This receipt will be signed by the representative of Christ Lutheran when it is received and will be verification of receipt of the item by Christ Lutheran Church (for the I.R.S. # please call the Church)

Item Donated _____

Value\$ _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

Please make any checks out to CLC:

GOLF

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Oktoberfest 2025

Saturday, October 4, 4 - 8 p.m.
Haven I



For your Enjoyment: The Mikey Dee Polka Band

For your Appetite: German-Themed Menu, Bake Sale

For your Kids: Bouncy Castle, Balloon Artist, Games, Pumpkin Decorating, Free Food and much more

For your Curiosity: Haven I Open House

Fireworks at 7:45 p.m.

Flu Shots (4-6 p.m.)

For more information call 724-352-8268

www.ConcordiaLM.org • Haven I - 112 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023