

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

**April 2026**

## Contact Information

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## Staff

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## Officers and Committees

**President:** Jim Law

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**Endowment Committee:** Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, Kathy Sourbeer

## *Celebrating 93 years in Forest Hills*

### More Than a Holiday: Rediscovering the Sacred Heart of Easter

The Easter baskets are in the stores, the egg hunt is being planned, and someone is already thawing the ham. All of that is wonderful — family, food, and springtime joy are genuine gifts. But before the Sunday feast, something extraordinary happens. Three days that changed everything. We call it the Triduum, and it is the heartbeat of our faith.

It begins on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM, when we remember Jesus washing his disciples' feet and sharing that final meal — God on his knees before the people he loves. Then comes Good Friday at 7:00 PM, the day we dare to call good because of what it accomplished. We sit with the cross, because the depth of Easter joy depends entirely on how seriously we take Friday's gravity.

Then join us Easter Sunday at 6:00 AM in the library, where floor-to-ceiling windows frame the world outside. We begin in the full black of night — and as the service unfolds, the sky slowly catches fire. By the time we proclaim the resurrection, the sun is rising right before our eyes. No sermon could say it better. Then return at 10:00 AM when the full congregation joins the chorus: He is risen!

Consider this: Christmas gets twelve days. Easter gets seven weeks — fifty full days of Eastertide. The Church is telling us something. This is not a one-morning holiday. This is the axis on which all of history turns.

So enjoy the brunch, the baskets, the family around your table. But come Thursday. Come Friday. Come Sunday at dawn, or 10, or both — because the more of us gathered together to shout He is risen, the more we feel the thunderous weight of what those words mean. Jesus is not the footnote to Easter. He is Easter. We hope to see you — all three days.

In the life of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright



Financial Snapshot from July 1 2025 to February 28, 2026	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other income	\$155,081	\$161,334
Missions	\$3,500	\$3,600
Staff	\$42,643	\$52,546
Operations	\$68,841	\$84,998
Total expenses	\$114,984	\$141,144
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$40,097</b>	<b>\$20,190</b>
Additional budgeted Principal only payment	\$14,000	\$14,000
<b>Remaining Net Gain</b>	<b>\$26,097</b>	<b>\$6,190</b>
Additional donated debt reduction (not budgeted)	\$8,939	\$0

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

### Barbara Peterson Obituary

Barbara Peterson, age 87, of Concordia Lutheran Havens, Cabot, PA, formerly of Forest Hills, passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Beloved wife of the late William D. Peterson. Loving mother of Joanna Blazeck (John) of Mt. Lebanon and Julie Donolo of Turtle Creek. Dear sister of the late George Patterson, Jr., and Suzy Weber (Dan). Cherished grandmother of Olivia, Alana, and Ashley. Barb, "Mrs. Pete," loved serving the Lord and was a long-time devoted member of Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills. She was always busy coordinating Vacation Bible School, teaching confirmation classes, or organizing events during her many years of service. Barb was always busy serving others. She loved reading and leading the Bookworm Group in her community. Her passion was always caring for others through her faith as her church "family" was always expanding. Her enthusiasm, generosity, faith, and ministry touched numerous lives. She was surely a blessing to all. Barb enjoyed numerous hobbies including gardening, bird watching, and reading. She also adored golfing and travel, especially trips to Otter Lake in Canada.



Thanks to Women's Service Guild for organizing Lenten Suppers!



# 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 paraments, 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 Breight 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 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 2026 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.



**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.



**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.

**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.



**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 remains \$40. Make checks payable to WSG and put check in locked mailbox by the far office door.



**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.



**2025–2027 Mission Grant #5**  
**Growing Together to Share Braille and Large Print**  
**Lutheran Braille Workers, U.S. \$100,000**

**About This Mission Grant**

Millions of people around the world are blind or visually impaired and are seeking to strengthen their Christian faith but find it difficult to access scripture-based reading materials. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is committed to providing Christian materials in braille and specialized large print worldwide at no cost.

With a part of the grant funds, LBW will establish five new Ministry Production Centers in the United States. LBW will hold five related servant events at LWML conventions, Lutheran universities and schools, and district youth gatherings. Service opportunities provide young people with the chance to grow in their God-given gifts and share the Gospel.

This grant will allow LBW to produce and freely distribute approximately 10,000 additional volumes of Bibles and other Christian materials. This grant will be used to purchase specialized paper, card stock, braille plates and equipment, and for training and shipping costs.

**Holy Week 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

March 29 – Divine Service at 10am

**Maundy Thursday**

April 2 – Worship at 7pm

**Good Friday**

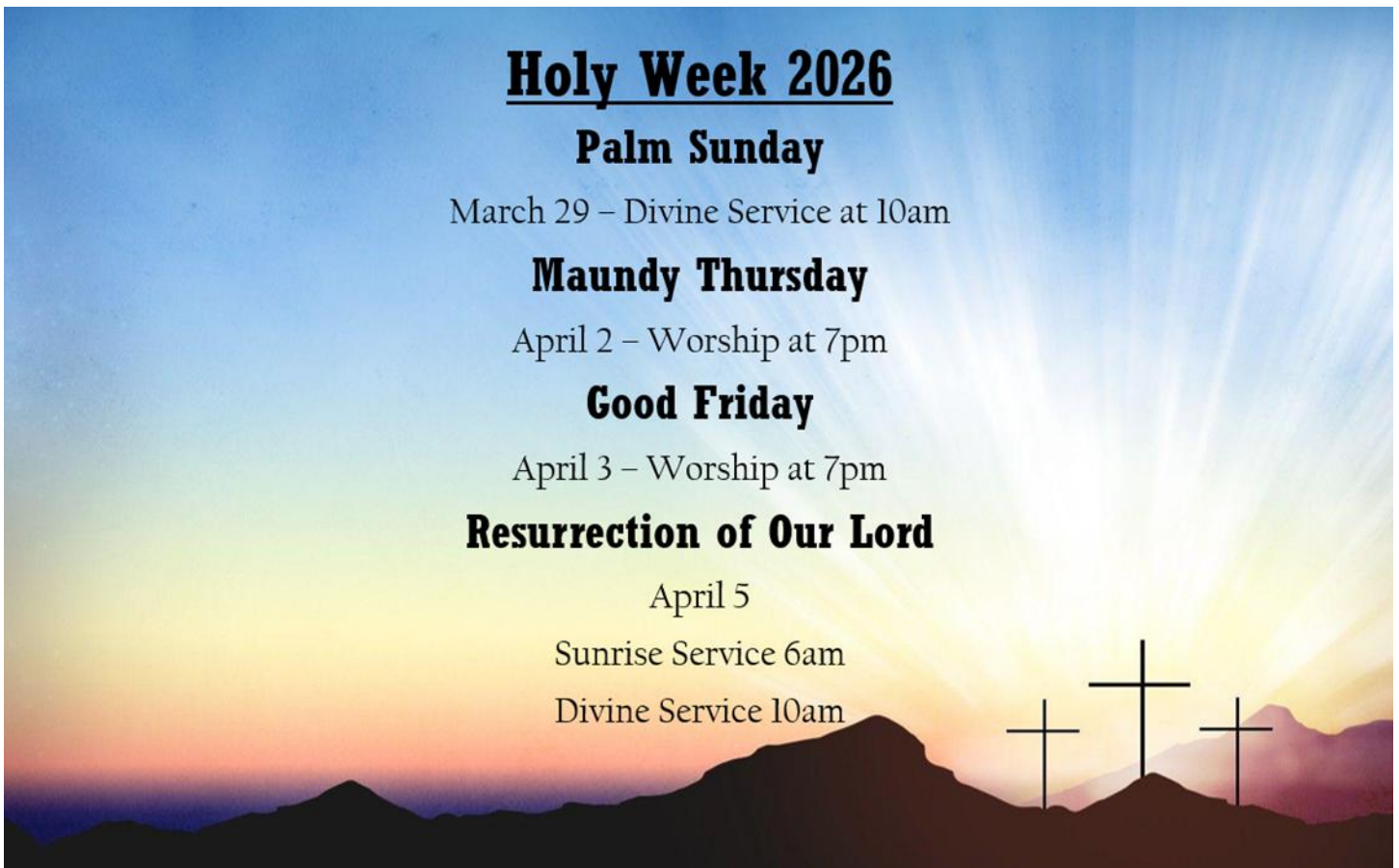
April 3 – Worship at 7pm

**Resurrection of Our Lord**

April 5

Sunrise Service 6am

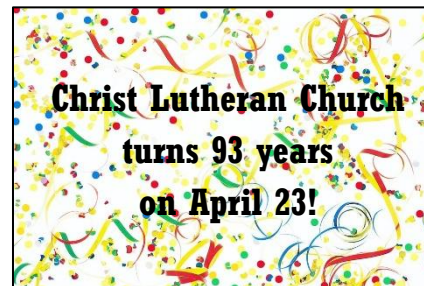
Divine Service 10am



## Important Dates in April 2026

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

- Apr 2 – Maundy Thursday – Service at 7pm
- Apr 3 – Good Friday – Service at 7pm
- Apr 5 – Easter Sunday – Services at 6am and 10am
- Apr 8 – Education Meeting 4:30pm
- Apr 15 – Lamplighter Deadline
- Apr 15 – Tax Day
- Apr 20 – Golf Outing Registration Deadline
- Apr 20 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
- Apr 21 – Council Meeting 7pm
- Apr 22 – Elders Meeting 4pm
- Apr 22 – Outreach Meeting 4:30pm
- Apr 25 – P.A.L.g.S Golf Outing
- Apr 27 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm



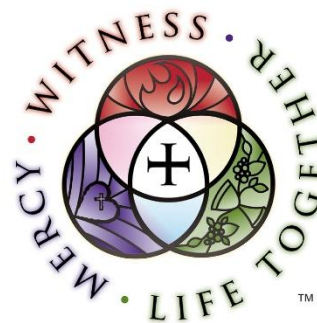
Full Calendar:



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## 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

**June Kolb**

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

**Katherine Mastrocola**

200 Union Avenue  
North Versailles, PA 15137

**Lynn Fisher**

159 Briarwood Dr  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

**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

**Carol Logsdon**

Point Pleasant Asstd.Living, Rm 331  
120 Mossid Blvd.  
North Versailles, PA 15137

**Sandra Uram**

1516 Brinton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Audrey Karpinsky**

203 Stockton Ridge  
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

**Audrey Marvenko**

846 Joan Drive  
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.



**April Prayer Petition**  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24

## Celebrating in April 2026

**Anniversaries**

- 4/21 Russell & Judith Long
- 4/23 James & Evelyn Wise

**Birthdays**

- 4/3 Amanda Breight
- 4/4 Kevin Hanley
- 4/4 Jim Schorr
- 4/5 Makayla Schriver
- 4/11 Emily Pollitt
- 4/13 Julia Stoner
- 4/23 Janice Polidora
- 4/28 John Crawford



**Trinity Christian School Presents**

by special arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh

**LIONEL BART'S**  
**OLIVER!**

Featuring  
Nate Patsko  
as Bill Sikes

Book, Music  
and Lyrics  
by Lionel Bart

**April 30, May 1, May 8 - 7:00 PM**

**May 2 & 9 - 2:00 PM**

**All Tickets \$10**

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI).  
All authorized materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

**P**ittsburgh **85<sup>th</sup>**  
**A**rea  
**L**utheran  
**G**olf  
**S**cramble



**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

Please guarantee your participation by  
**Monday, April 20, 2026**  
 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, 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**

85<sup>th</sup>

Pittsburgh

Area

Lutheran

YES! I plan on celebrating 43 years at the 85th PALgS!

The following will be playing @ \$90.00 per golfer on April 25, 2026 at 9:00am at Victory Hills Golf Course

357 Pineview Drive Elizabeth PA 15037:



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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### 85th Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble (P.A.L.g.S.)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

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 85th 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, April 20, 2026 Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173), or send names and payment (**checks made out to CLC**) to:

#### **GOLF**

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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, April 25th!



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

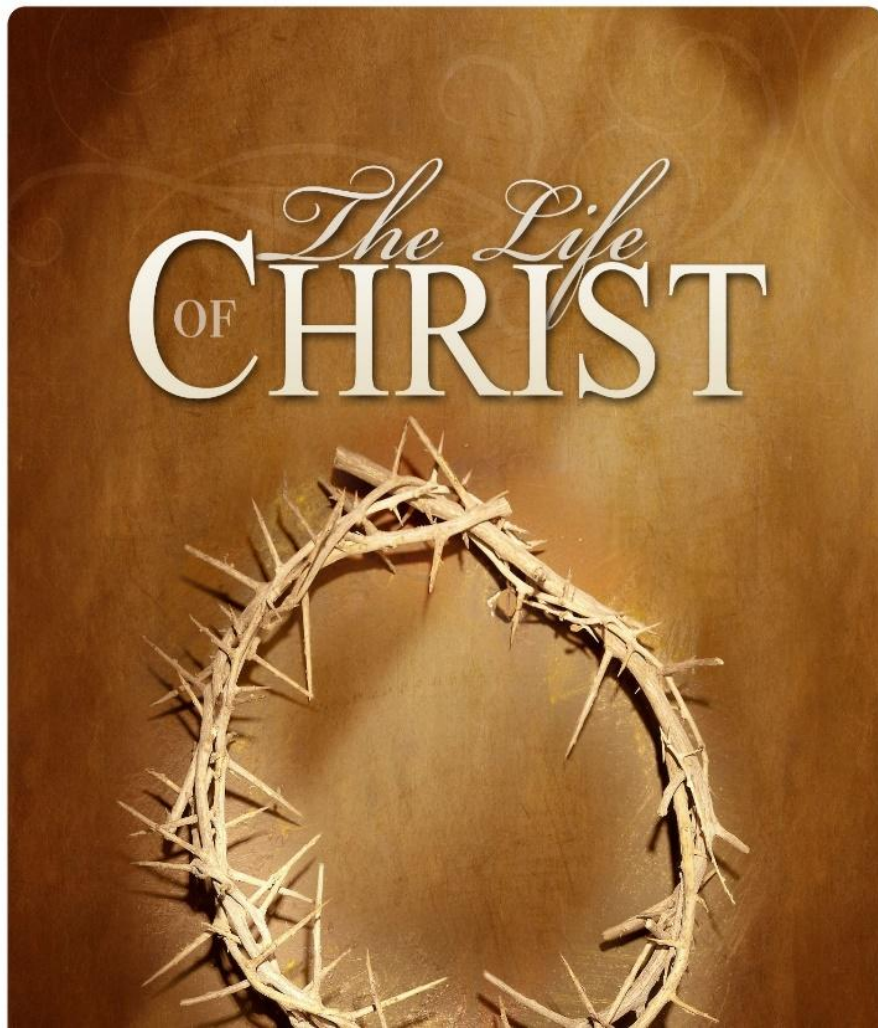
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

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Reverend Ronald Breight, Pastor



A PRESENTATION IN WORD AND SONG  
BY

*The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus*

**Sunday, April 12**

Concordia at Rebecca Residence Chapel @ 2 p.m.

Highpointe at Rebecca Chapel @ 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 19**

Concordia Haven 2 @ 4 p.m.

**Sunday, April 26**

Concordia of Monroeville @ 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 3**

Harmony Room, Concordia of the South Hills @ 2 p.m.



# Serving Christ in April 2026

Altar Guild  
April: Gloria Stern



Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
2-Apr	Rich Mueller	Annette Bowen	Nate Patsko
3-Apr	Barry Schoenthal	Tatia O'Connor	Nate Patsko
5-Apr 6am	TBD	TBD	Ryder Giovanetti
5-Apr 10am	John Crawford	Zak D'Alessandro	Connor Schriver
12-Apr	Timothy Bright	Lois Frerking	Nate Patsko
19-Apr	Rich Mueller	Tammy Donaldson	Madeline Stoner
26-Apr	Cal Eggers	Gloria Stern	Nate Patsko

**UPDATE: WE DO NO LONGER COLLECT PILL BOTTLES.  
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIONS IN THE PAST.**




The McKeesport Lions Club is still 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.



Please remember to update your address and/or email address if you move. If you have an email address you can share with us, it makes it easier to communicate with members.



As always, if you have any news you are willing to share, please email or give it to Kathy Sourbeer, [ksourbeer@aol.com](mailto:ksourbeer@aol.com), or send it directly to Jana Savelkova at [officeassist@christlutheranfh.org](mailto:officeassist@christlutheranfh.org). Deadline is the 15th of the month. 

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. If you are interested in serving your church as a lector or an acolyte, please contact the office.