

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
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Celebrating 93 years in Forest Hills

Adult Vacation Bible School is Here!

For years, Vacation Bible School has been a beloved summer tradition for our children. This June, we are doing something we have never done before: bringing that same spirit of learning, serving, and fellowship to adults.

Our first-ever Adult VBS runs Monday through Friday, June 15 through 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You do not need any prior Bible knowledge to attend. You only need a willing heart.

Each day will center on a Bible study entitled "Dying to Live," written by the Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil, a gifted teacher and theologian whose work has blessed countless Christians and has been a great personal mentor for me. Together we will open the Scriptures, ask honest questions, and discover what God's Word says to us here and now. We learn best when we study and discuss the Bible together, and this program is built around exactly that kind of conversation.

Each morning will also include a service project, giving us the opportunity to put our faith into action by helping others in practical and meaningful ways. And because no good gathering is complete without a shared table, lunch will be provided every day, free of charge.

You are welcome to attend all five days or as many days as your schedule allows. Every session stands on its own.

To help our Education Committee plan accordingly, please register using the form in the Sunday bulletin, by visiting our website, or by calling the church office.

Come learn. Come serve. Come share lunch together. Support the work of our Education Committee. We hope to see you there!

In the truth of Christ,
Pastor Ron Bright



Financial Snapshot from July 1 2025 to April 30, 2026	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other income	\$205,020	\$209,958
Missions	\$3,500	\$5,600
Staff	\$53,886	\$65,683
Operations	\$101,499	\$115,575
Total expenses	\$158,885	\$186,858
Net Gain/Loss	\$46,135	\$23,100

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Congratulations to Madelyn Stoner on being inducted into the Norwin National Honor Society!



Congratulation to Julia Stoner who was confirmed on May 3rd, 2026!



Tatia and Joe O'Connor traveled to Myrtle Beach, NC for Bike Week.



Suzie Lydon-George was pleasantly surprised on Mother's Day by her twin grandsons Matthew and Luke joining her for church. Smiles all around. What's not to love when babies are brought to church.



Congratulations to Katie and Ben Barch on the birth of Gavin John Timothy. Proud grandma is Kathy Sourbeer. May Gavin soon be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism.





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.

 **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.

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 remains \$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 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.

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.



2025–2027 Mission Grant #7

Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers

A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Wisconsin — \$75,000

About This Mission Grant

A Place of Refuge (APOR) is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless pregnant women and their preborn children. Both mom and baby are equally worthy of Jesus' love, as He commands their safety and protection, which motivates APOR to offer valuable services.

Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth of the child. APOR teaches life and parenting skills.

The women attend worship at a local LCMS congregation every Sunday. The current staff is teaching the Catechism to the moms. The Holy Spirit has brought many moms and babies to the baptismal font.

This grant will fund the purchase of a new van for transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors' appointments, and grocery shopping, plus a set of five parental skill books to be gifted to each new mom.



Important Dates in June 2026

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

- 5-Jun – Strawberry Festival at Redeemer
- 10-Jun – Education Meeting 4:30pm
- 14-Jun – Flag Day
- 15-Jun – 19-Jun – Vacation Bible School for Adults, 10am-1pm
- 15-Jun – Lamplighter Deadline
- 17-Jun – Elder’s Meeting 6pm
- 21-Jun – Father’s Day
- 21-Jun – First Day of Summer
- 25-Jun – Outreach Meeting 4pm
- 28-Jun – Voters Meeting 11:30am

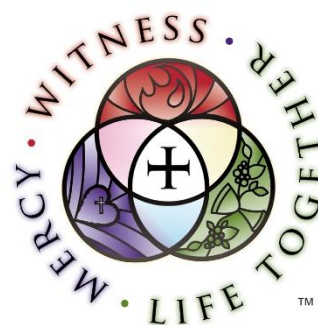


Full Calendar:



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

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 Mosside Blvd.
North Versailles, PA 15137

Sandra Uram
1516 Brinton Rd
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.



June Prayer Petition
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul. (Psalm 23:2-3)

Celebrating in June 2026

Anniversaries

6/14 Kyle & Rebecca O'Connor
6/15 Ben & Katie Barch
6/28 Bill & Karen Dadey

Birthdays

6/10 Eugene Klebingot
6/17 Catherine Ertman
6/25 June Kolb
6/29 Annette Bowen





STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship

Redeemer Lutheran Church

1261 Pennsylvania Avenue in Oakmont (15139).

Phone: 412-828-9323.

Friday, June 5, 2026

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.

Vacation Bible School

for Adults



June 15th - June 19th, 10am – 1pm

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To register, please call 412-271-7173 or scan the QR code:



We will study a book *Dying to live* by Harold L. Senkbeil: Even while the world is dying, Christ's death brings about life. True life. One that He offers to you.

This new life stands the test of time and endures through the challenges of our dying world. While paradoxical, Christ's death is necessary for Him to guide you through death to life everlasting. Explore how this truth informs your entire Christian life, providing the Incarnational foundation, Sacramental focus, and Liturgical shape for your day-to-day.

Delicious lunch will be provided. You can look forward to sliders, hot dogs and sloppy joes. We are planning to make our own pizza during our last session!



We will choose from various service projects: collecting food for food bank, creating prayer flip notebooks, making cards with Bible quotes for shut-ins, creating Forged by Fire crosses, growing microgreens, marking Bibles for prison ministry, and more!



So much talent! Nate Patsko (on the left) played Bill Sykes in Trinity Christian School's musical Oliver! and Emily Pollitt (on the right), Kathy Kaclik's granddaughter, was part of the ensemble in Woodland Hills musical Young Frankenstein. Congratulation to the cast of both plays for excellent performances!



Thirty-eight golfers headed to Victory Hills for 85th P.A.L.g.S. Golf Outing.

Over \$350 was collected for Redeemer Lutheran School.

Congratulations to the winners of highest score and longest putt!

Many thanks to Susan Robotzen, Annette Bowen and Georgia Hanley for organizing another great golf outing!





Serving Christ in June 2026

Altar Guild
June: Lori Schriver



Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
7-Jun	Rich Mueller	Lois Frerking	Nate Patsko
14-Jun	Timothy Breight	Annette Bowen	Madeline Stoner
21-Jun	Rich Mueller	Zak D'Alessandro	Nate Patsko
28-Jun	Cal Eggers	Gloria Stern	Ryder Giovanetti


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 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@christlutheranhf.org. Thank you for your service. If you are interested in serving your church as a lector or an acolyte, please contact the office.

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, or send it directly to Jana Savelkova at officeassist@christlutheranhf.org. Deadline is the 15th of the month. 

How to Stay Connected to Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran has help for those who are institutionalized or staying at home. Sunday services are available on our Facebook page, ChristLutheranChurchFH. You can view the service live on Sunday mornings at 10am or watch a recording of the service later at your convenience. Bulletins, sermons, worship service booklets, and puzzles are mailed each week. If you would like to receive this weekly mailing, please call the church office. All of these resources are also available on our church website, www.christlutheranhf.org, under the news section. If you would like a visit from Pastor Breight, please also call the church office at 412-271-7173.