

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church  
400 Barclay Avenue  
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

**July & August 2026**

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## Staff

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## 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

*Celebrating 93 years in Forest Hills*

## An Official “Thank You.”

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who serve as officers of this congregation. Elections at the end of June have set our leadership team for the year ahead, and it’s a good time to pause and give thanks to God for each one who answered the call to serve. Serving as a church officer is no small thing. It means showing up faithfully, often behind the scenes, to care for the various needs of our congregation so that the work of the Gospel can continue without interruption.

To those completing years, even decades, of faithful service: thank you. Your steady hands, wise counsel, and quiet dedication have been a gift to this congregation, often seen by few but felt by all. To those newly stepping into office, I say welcome, and thank you for your willingness to serve in this season of the church's life.

Remember, dear saints: Jesus has served us from the beginning, serves us still today, and will serve us into eternity. As we serve one another, we simply follow in His way, by His power, with His blessing, and for His sake. God’s richest blessings be upon you all.

In the service of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot from July 1 2025 to May 31, 2026	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other income	\$222,016	\$228,090
Missions	\$3,600	\$5,600
Staff	\$59,008	\$72,252
Operations	\$110,391	\$126,642
Total expenses	\$172,999	\$204,494
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$49,017</b>	<b>\$23,596</b>

## NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

Aran McNutt graduated from Taylor Alderdice High School on June 10. He will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.



Reverend Vincent Mroz attended International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) meeting in Kentucky. He was asked to become the pastoral advisor for the organization and was installed in that position on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Outside of his ministry duties, he visited the Ark Encounter in Williams-town, KY. In the fall, Rev. Mroz will travel to India with ILDA.



# 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 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 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 #8

### Building a Place of Care

#### Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota — \$60,000

#### About This Mission Grant

Since 1952, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 43,000 at-risk children and their families. They bring Christ-centered hope and healing to children who have experienced severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, violence, and other heartbreaking traumas.

The Ranch is planning to build the Zurcher Cottage, a psychiatric residential treatment facility, replacing the current cottages. Within the Zurcher Cottage, they plan to create the Reflection Room, which will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of the children. Not only will this room benefit the children, but it will also directly support the staff during stressful work shifts and allow them to be more effective caregivers to the children in their care.

This grant will help fund the construction and furnishing of the Reflection Room on the Ranch's Minot campus.

## 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Festival

Sunday, July 26, 2026

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Lund Care Center Backyard, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Kids Fishing Derby & Activities

Pittsburgh Doo Wop Big Band, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Haven Apartments Open House, 1-3 p.m.

Car Cruise (weather permitting), 12:30-3 p.m.

Worship Service at 4 p.m. featuring  
Concordia Director of Chaplaincy Services Rev. Robert Zagore

Summer Picnic Themed Menu  
(cash only)



### MAIN TENT

Entrées - \$12 - Served with a choice of two sides, dessert & beverage

Rotisserie-Style Chicken

Smoked Brisket Platter

Hardwood slow-smoked sliced beef

Grilled 1/4 lb. Cheeseburger or All Beef Hot Dog

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich

Bbq pulled pork sandwich served on an onion bun

Sides: Fresh Cubed Watermelon, Homemade Mac & Cheese,  
Pasta Salad, Slow-Cooked Baked Beans, Sweet Cornbread

Desserts: Cherry Cobbler or Brownie

### QUICK TENT

Grilled Chicken Sandwich - \$4

Grilled chicken breast served on a Kaiser bun

Grilled 1/4 lb. Cheeseburger - \$4

Grilled All Beef Hot Dog - \$4

Homemade Mac & Cheese - \$4

Chicken Tenders - \$4

## Important Dates in July & August 2026

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

Jul 4 – Independence Day – USA 250th Birthday

Jul 8 – Education Meeting 4:30pm

Jul 10 – Squirell Hill Tunnel Closure begins

Jul 12 – Installation of New Officers

Jul 26 – Summer Festival in Cabot

July 30 – Outreach Meeting 4pm



Aug 3 – Squirell Hill Tunnel Closure ends

Aug 8 – Churchill Community Days

Aug 9 – Elders Meeting 11:30am

Aug 12 – Education Meeting 4:30pm

Aug 15 – Lamplighter Deadline

Aug 18 – Council Meeting 7pm

Aug 27 – Outreach Meeting 4pm

Full Calendar:



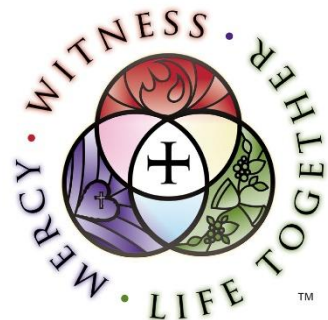
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## Church and Bible Class Times

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

**Ann Tubbs**  
41 Central Avenue  
N. Versailles, PA 15137-1101

**Lynn Fisher**  
159 Briarwood Dr  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

**Sandra Uram**  
1516 Brinton Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Robert & Bette Hamill, Jr.**  
1413 Maple Ave.  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

**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

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

**Katherine Mastrocola**  
200 Union Avenue  
North Versailles, PA 15137

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



**Summer Prayer Petition**  
Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.  
Mark 13:28

## Celebrating in July and August 2026

### Anniversaries

7/2 James & Janice Polidora  
7/5 Glenn & Rosalie Filler  
7/20 Ronald & Linda Breight  
7/23 Joseph & Tatia O'Connor  
7/28 Norman & Nancy Johnson  
  
8/6 John & Helen Crawford  
8/13 Miguel & Amanda Breight  
8/13 David & Colleen Giovanetti  
8/18 Barry & Barbara Schoenthal  
8/29 Calvin & Alma Eggers

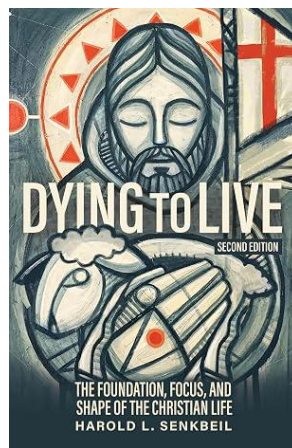
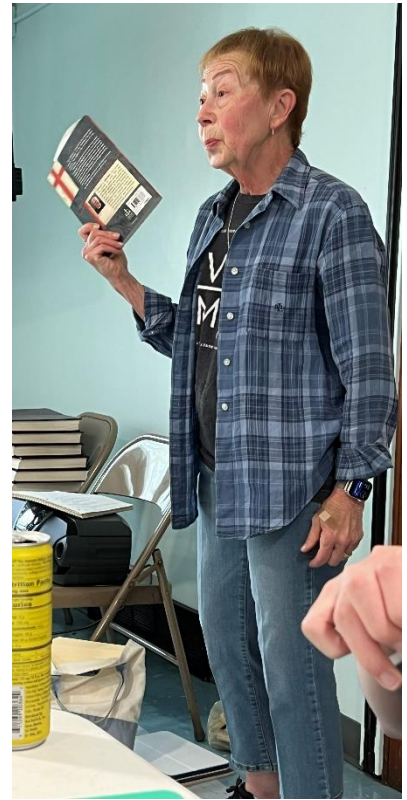
### Birthdays

7/1 Lois Frerking  
7/1 David Giovanetti  
7/4 Norman Johnson  
7/5 Dee Law  
7/5 Susan Robotzen  
7/7 Madeline Stoner  
7/10 Barbara Mitchell  
7/11 Katie Barch  
7/13 Vincent Mroz  
7/20 Aran McNutt  
7/21 Rosalie Filler  
7/24 Ruth Hirko  
7/30 Tabatha Law  
  
8/5 Jayne Simpson  
8/9 Carol Hubbard  
8/26 David Breight  
8/27 Lee Caton  
8/27 Kalie James  
8/29 Barry Schoenthal



# Vacation Bible School for Adults

Christ Lutheran Church in Forest Hills chose to hold a Vacation Bible School program once again this year, but this time geared toward our adult members and friends. The sessions were held during the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm. Each morning began with nostalgic songs remembered from past children's programs and then focused on the study of the recent revision of *Dying to Live* by Pastor Harold Senkbeil, which will certainly enrich the understanding of our Liturgical life in all its forms. After the study each day, the group enjoyed delicious lunches served by the members of the Education Committee. This was followed by group participation with service projects, which included marking Bibles for those incarcerated and fashioning glass cross necklaces with inspirational messages for victims of natural disasters. They also included some fun projects like building individual pizzas and learning to grow sprouts and microgreens. They found it to be a wonderful time of fellowship and faith. A special collection was taken to support our former vicar, the Rev. Vincent Mroz, now serving as Pastor and missionary to the deaf.





# Serving Christ in July and August 2026

Altar Guild  
 July: Kathy Kaclik  
 August: Susan Robotzen



Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
5-Jul	John Crawford	Annette Bowen	Nate Patsko
12-Jul	Barry Schoenthal	Annette Bowen	Julia Stoner
19-Jul	Rich Mueller	Zak D'Alessandro	Nate Patsko
26-Jul	Timothy Bright	Lois Frerking	Nate Patsko
2-Aug	John Crawford	Lois Frerking	Nate Patsko
9-Aug	Barry Schoenthal	Gloria Stern	TBD
16-Aug	Rich Mueller	Annette Bowen	Ryder Giovanetti
23-Aug	Timothy Bright	TBD	Madeline Stoner
30-Aug	John Crawford	Gloria Stern	TBD

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@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.

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. 