

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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

The Last Things: Beyond the Charts to the Christian Hope

This November, we are going to talk about the end of the world.

No, really.

For five Sundays, we will take on the millennium, the “rapture,” the return of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and the question Christians have been debating for centuries: What actually happens at the end?

Maybe you have seen the prophecy charts. Maybe you have read **Left Behind**. Maybe you have heard someone explain how today’s headlines fit into Daniel, Revelation, Israel, the Antichrist, the tribulation, and a very complicated calendar. But is that really the historic Christian faith?

The answer is more interesting than you might think. We will trace millennial ideas from Old Testament prophecy and Jewish apocalyptic expectations into the early Church. We will look honestly at Christians such as Justin Martyr and Irenaeus who expected a literal thousand-year kingdom. We will wrestle with Revelation 20, listen to Augustine, and hear the clear confession of Augsburg Confession Article XVII. And we will see how the modern system of dispensationalism, including a separate pretribulation “rapture,” arose much later.

But this series is not about winning an argument. It is about recovering our hope. The Church’s confession is beautifully simple:

Christ will come again.

The dead will rise.

Judgment will come.

Death will be destroyed.

God will dwell with His people forever.

That is plenty. No charts required. No secret code. No decoder ring. Just Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, reigning, and coming again. Join us Sundays this November for The Last Things: Beyond the Charts to the Christian Hope.

In the expectation of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

Financial Snapshot from July 1 2026 to September 30, 2026	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other income	\$56,971	\$58,481
Missions	\$0	\$0
Staff	\$17,324	\$18,175
Operations	\$28,690	\$37,375
Total expenses	\$46,014	\$55,550
Net Gain/Loss	\$10,957	\$2,931

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK



Diamond Art was available at Concordia Cabot's Octoberfest on October 3. Christ Lutheran was represented by Susan Robatzen's crafts to earn money for Redeemer Lutheran School's Library.

The WSG is again collecting items for the Penn Hills Food Pantry.

They accept clean, gently used medical equipment and supplies, along with non-perishable food, paper products, and personal care items. Let's share our blessings with others.



All Saints Day

The first Sunday in November, we recognize the deaths of our church members during this past year.

Patricia Lehnhardt – 11/5/2025

John Sourbeer – 1/1/2026

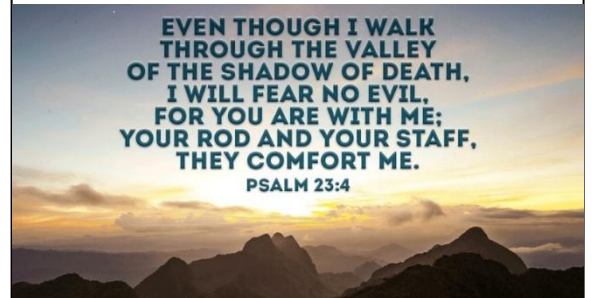
William Hite 2/3/2026

Frank Elaschat 7/20/2026

Russell Long 9/9/2026

Melissa Wise 10/ 4 /2026

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THROUGH THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL.
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,
THEY COMFORT ME.
PSALM 23:4**



Women's Service Guild

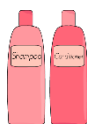
LWML MITES

In the past 12 months, the Women's Service Guild has collected \$384.17 for mission projects of the LWML Women in Mission. Thank you to all who support these missions. Anyone can contribute!! Mite boxes are available on the shelf in the narthex. Mites are collected in the blue treasure box on the shelf. Don't carry those heavy coins around! Put them in your mite box. And we still take pennies, too.

Lois Frerking, WSG Treasurer



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 #11
NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis
Lutheran Family Service, Iowa | \$92,500

About This Mission Grant

The number of serious mental health problems, suicide attempts, gender identity confusion and transition, and alienation from family and church is impacting young people and their parents. These cultural and mental health issues are destroying faith, lives, and families. Because of the stigma surrounding these topics, it is often difficult for Christian families to ask for help. They would like care that is scripturally sound, and Gospel-focused.

Lutheran Family Service (LFS) provides teams of LCMS pastors and licensed Christian mental health therapists who bring help through in-person and virtual education events, lead support groups, and provide individualized Gospel-focused care to the increasing number of families facing these mental health issues. Many LCMS parents facing these circumstances feel isolated and alone and are at risk of leaving the church.

This grant will fund teams of LCMS pastors and licensed mental health therapists to provide Gospel-focused care for families.

It's red stocking time again!

We are asking for Christmas donations for people at Concordia Cabot who don't have family. If you would like to participate, please take a small red stocking in the Fellowship Hall, fill it with your monetary donation and return it to the large red stocking.

Last day to give is
Sunday, November 15th.

On behalf of Cabot residents,
THANK YOU.



Cookie packing

We are again planning to send cookies to our shut-ins and to three Concordia homes.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall on the sign-up sheet if you can donate cookies. We gladly accept both store-bought or homemade treats, but please no anise or mint flavors.

Cookie packing will be
on Tuesday, December 1st at 10am.

Thank you for your help!



Important Dates in November 2026

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

Nov 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov 2 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Nov 3 – Election Day
Nov 9 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Nov 10 – Martin Luther’s Birthday
Nov 11 – Veterans Day
Nov 11 – Education Committee 4:30pm
Nov 15 – Lamplighter Deadline
Nov 16 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Nov 17 – Council Meeting 7pm
Nov 19 – Outreach Meeting 4pm
Nov 23 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm
Nov 26-27 – Thanksgiving – Office closed
Nov 29 – Advent Begins
Nov 30 – Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7pm



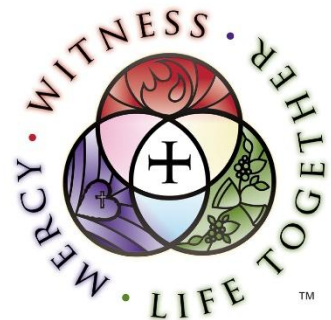
Full Calendar:



Church and Bible Class Times

Sunday
10 am Divine Service

Adult Bible Studies
8:45am-9:45am



Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Catherine Ertman
3000 Locust St. 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
Harmar Village
715 Freeport Rd
Cheswick, PA 15024

Carol Logsdon
Point Pleasant Asstd.Living, Rm 331
120 Mossie 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

David Wible
450 Sherrick Dr
North Huntingdon PA 15642

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

Katherine Mastrocola
200 Union Avenue
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.



November Prayer Petition
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

Celebrating in November 2026

Anniversaries

11/5 Robert and Bette Hamill



Birthdays

5-Nov David Lisovich
8-Nov Hunter Donikowski
9-Nov Barbara Schoenthal
10-Nov Risielyn Ackerman
10-Nov Betty Cottom
15-Nov Kathleen Hoblak
17-Nov Carol Logsdon
22-Nov Lee Hricko

Live Nativity

Come see a live portrayal complete with camels,
donkeys and sheep
of Christ's Nativity

outside of Christ Lutheran Church,

Forest Hills, Pa 15221

on Dec. 12, 2026 at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 PM.

Hot chocolate and cookies provided!





Serving Christ in November 2026

Altar Guild
November: Meghan Elaschat



Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
Nov 1	John Crawford	Annette Bowen	Ryder Giovanetti
Nov 8	Barry Schoenthal	Gloria Stern	Nate Patsko
Nov 15	Rich Mueller	Annette Bowen	Julia Stoner
Nov 22	Zak D'Alessandro	Lois Frerking	Nate Patsko
Nov 25	Timothy Bright	Lois Frerking	-
Nov 29	Lee Caton	Annette Bowen	Madeline Stoner

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. 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@christlutheranfh.org. Deadline is the 15th of the month. **NEWS**

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.christlutheranfh.org, under the news section. Home communion is also available to all members after each communion service. Ask someone from church to bring it to you or call the church office. If you would like a visit from Pastor Bright, please also call the church office at 412-271-7173.