

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

MAY 2024

Celebrating 91 years in Forest Hills

Growing in Service

This is the month of May. Trees are leaving out. Grass and Flowers are growing again. Bird eggs are hatching. Vegetables are soon to go into our gardens. It's also the season when our church is getting ready to enter a new year of its work and renew its roster of officers. Like last Fall's leaves, some may depart from boards and committees. Many will continue to serve and produce good work. Hopefully, like new buds on our trees, there will be a few new officers that will open up to service in the church and who will bring fresh eyes to the work of our church.

The nominating committee works hard to build a good list of volunteers to serve in all the positions at Christ Lutheran, of which there are many. Please consider what talents, gifts, and abilities the Lord has given you and where in our congregation you may best invest them. Then let the nominating committee know how you would like to be involved. If they call you first, please give serious consideration to taking on the officer position they request.

Jesus instructs us not to store up treasures on earth that cannot last. Rather, he wants us to build our treasure in heaven where it lasts forever. How exactly is this accomplished? By using our time, talent, and earthly treasure in the service of God and neighbor. What's the current balance in your account of heavenly treasure? It's hard to tell. However, as we dedicate ourselves to the Lord's service, we know our eternal reward grows.

In the Life of Christ,
Pastor Ron Bright

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Barb Mitchell
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Officers and Committees

President: Jim Law

Treasurer: Cal Eggers

Secretary: Barb Mitchell

Financial Secretary: Dee Law

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

Trustees: Lee Caton, Frank Elaschat, Lynn Fisher, Dave Wible, Megan Elaschat

Education: Annette Bowen, Lori Schriver, Gloria Stern

Finance: Cal Eggers, Michael Lis, Stephanie Lydon, Barry Schoenthal, Richard Mueller

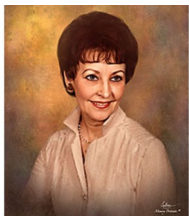
Outreach: Ruth Hirko, Jonathan Bright, Georgia Hanley, Kathy Kaclik

Endowment Committee: Cal Eggers, Glenn Filler, Kathy Sourbeer

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$191,897	\$189,350
Missions	\$3,600	\$5,100
Staff	\$90,182	\$91,664
Operations	\$84,370	\$98,737
Total Expenses	\$178,152	\$195,501
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$13,745	-\$6,151

NEWS FROM THE FLOCK

FLORENCE R. KOST (RIBOVICH)



Of Forest Hills, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2024, at the age of 90. Beloved mother of Kenneth and daughter-in-law, Janice Kost. Sister of Joan Ribovich. Loving grandmother of Kaelin, Olivia, Elizabeth and Clayton.

Also survived by her dear friend, Bob Serechin. Florence was a former administrative assistant with the Allegheny County CYS and a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Forest Hills. Services will be private. Entombment Jefferson Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made in Florence's name to support the wonderful caretakers at Rosecrest Assisted Living, 1000 Graham Way, Mars, PA 16046. Condolences may be left at:

www.swgfuneralhome.com

Congratulations and best wishes to **Linda Kuenzi**. She retired from Panera Bread on April 13.

Lynn Fisher is proud to announce the birth of her granddaughter, **Summer Fisher**. Summer was born on February 14. May Summer soon be brought to the waters of baptism.

Alyssa Crawford, daughter of **John and Helen Crawford** was named Teacher of the Year for her School. This honor carries forward to the next school year where she will have a designated parking spot for the entire year and will compete with others for the county designation. Congratulations, Alyssa!

High School and College graduates, please inform the church office so you can be recognized in the next Lamplighter.



FELLOWSHIP HALL UPGRADES

The ceiling in the fellowship hall recently underwent an upgrade with new lighting being installed and the old spaces for lights being patched, sanded and painted. Thanks to Dee Law, Jim Law, and Frank Elascat for all of their hard work.



VOTERS' MEETING
JUNE 30, 2024 11:30AM

Women's Service Guild

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.



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.



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.



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.

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.



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.



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.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY. – The new packet is ready. Included is a mailing schedule, names, addresses and birthdates. A book of stamps is being provided by Thrivent Care in Community. Contact Kathy Sourbeer if you wish to participate.



MITE BOXES–This loose change in your wallet or pocket can be put to good use. Monies collected from these Mite Boxes enable the Lutheran Women Missionary League to support a variety of their Mission projects. See the article in the LWML magazine. One mission per month is featured in this Lamplighter.

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.



RECYCLING–The following items are being collected for Lutheran Women Missionary Guild fundraiser: Ink Jet cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cameras and video cameras, camcorders, cell phones, smart watches, game consoles, video games, pagers, MP3 Players, Ipads, Ipods, e-book readers, tablets, Kindles, PDAs laptops, GPS devices, radar detectors, lithium batteries and chargers. There is a flyer on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and the box is in the library. See Linda Bright for more details.

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. Watch the bulletin for times and dates.



2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 5

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, TYLER, TEXAS | \$50,000

Serving Those Affected by Natural Disasters

The Disaster Response Team at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas, was established in 2017. They have approximately forty men and women from Trinity Lutheran Church on their team. Members of other LCMS congregations from the Texas District and other districts come and join them as they set up base camps to respond to natural disasters. They participate in the LCMS training, Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT). Natural disasters (hurricanes, tornados, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes) occur without warning. People are often unaware and ill prepared to respond to the disaster in a timely fashion. Natural disasters cause loss of lives, damage to property, roads, bridges, buildings, and powerlines. There is a lack of food and water. All these conditions can cause injuries and affect the health of those impacted by the disaster. In order to respond to a natural disaster, it is important to have equipment and trailers to haul the equipment. It is important to maintain the tools and equipment as well as purchase new updated equipment. When the team responds, some members stay for the duration and others rotate out on a weekly basis. The team equipment is also used by response teams from other areas as they work together to help the suffering community. Reflecting on the words of St. Paul, If one member suffers, all suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26), the Disaster Response Team responds to clean up the damage caused by the natural disaster, and they reach out to listen to the victim's stories and feelings of despair and hopelessness. They share Jesus' love, compassion, and concern. Victims hear the Words of Jesus that bring hope, healing, and comfort during their time of despair. In this time of suffering, they are directed to Christ. This mission grant will help maintain current equipment and purchase needed equipment to help the team as they respond to natural disasters and bring comfort, peace, and healing to the troubled hearts of victims of natural disasters.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont

*Come and meet our new Pastor,
Rev. Adam C. Koontz*



**Friday, June 7, 2024
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Rain or shine!

There will be Bratwurst,
Hot Sausage, Hot Dogs,
Strawberry Shortcake,
and Ice Cream.

There will be games
for the children.

1261 Pennsylvania Avenue in Oakmont (15139).

Phone: 412-828-9323.

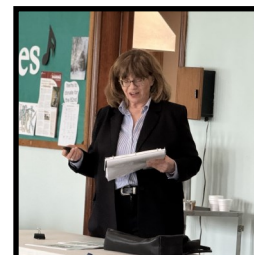
Bluey, aka church member, Jim Sheets, visited Shanny the Nanny Daycare. Everyone left that day with a smile on their face.



FOREST HILLS GARDEN CLUB



The Forest Hills Garden Club has been meeting monthly in our Fellowship Hall since the sale of Hope Lutheran. On March 7, their meeting included a speaker, Rebecca Sohn, pictured on the right, who is a Master Gardener.



Important Dates in May 2024

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

May 5-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 May 6-Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
 May 9-Finance Committee 4pm
 May 9-Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm
 May 12-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 May 12-Mother's Day
 May 15- Deadline for June/July Lamplighter
 May 16-Elders' Meeting 4pm
 May 18-Armed Forces Day Thank you for your service.
 May 19-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 May 20-Choir Rehearsal 6:30
 May 21 -Council Meeting 7pm
 May 23-Outreach Committee 7pm
 May 26-Handbell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am
 May 27-Memorial Day Office closed



News from the Education Committee

Watch the bulletin and the Lamplighter for more information.

The Education Committee is planning two pre-Sunday School events. One will happen on August 21 and the other on September 4. One of the children's favorite characters may be making a personal appearance.

Sunday School begins on September 8.

We are once again 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.



Church Service Times

Sunday
 Sunday- 10 am Divine Service

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

Sunday School/Confirmation
 Sunday-11:30am



Addresses for our Shut-Ins

Lauretta Critchlow
Concordia of Franklin
Park
Apt. 108 Garden North
1600 Georgetown Dr.
Sewickley, PA 15143

Catherine Ertman
3000 Locust Ave. Apt 319
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

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

Geraldine Hildenbrand
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Rm 312
Monroeville, PA 15146

Robert & Audrey Karpinsky
203 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry, PA 16066-2261

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

Bob Lindke
2190 Ipnar Road
Irwin, PA 15642

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

Russell Long
606 Filmore Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15221

Joyce Purucker
Juniper Village of Monroeville
Room 317
2589 Mosside Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146

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

Barb Urban
The Waters of Wexford
Apt. 3039
210 Fowler Road
Warrendale, PA 15086

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

Jim and Evelyn Wise
Sheridan @ Bethel Park
2000 Cool Spring Drive
Room 355
Bethel, Park, PA 15234

Lydia Yates
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 110
Monroeville, PA 15146

May Prayer Petition

"A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes
others will himself be refreshed." (Proverbs
11:25)



Celebrating in May 2024

Anniversaries

5/1 Lee & Wayne Bognar
5/17 Mike & Suzanna Lydon-George
5/19 Melvin & Majorie Itzel
5/31 Kevin & Katherine Hanley



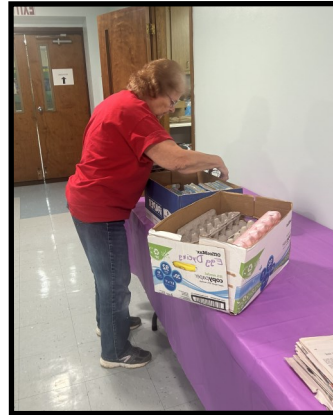
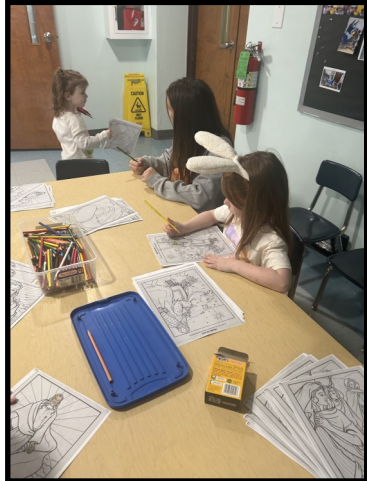
5/4 David Carmichael
5/5 Glenn Filler
5/5 James Wise
5/9 Frank Elaschat
5/12 Sirak Zerai
5/18 Kyle Schoenthal

Birthdays

5/22 Linda Bright
5/22 Karen Dadey
5/22 William Logsdon
5/22 William Hite
5/22 Alexa Kocher
5/23 Alma Eggers
5/23 Maisy Hanley
5/26 Gloria Stern
5/26 Kyle O'Connor
5/30 Megan Elaschat
5/30 Jim Law



2024 Family Easter Event



This year's event was a huge success with over 30 children participating. Thanks to the volunteers, Gloria Stern, Annette Bowen, Lori Schriver, Megan Elaschat, Conner Schriver, Dee Law, Debbie Galvin, Jim Sheets, Barb Mitchell, Tim Bright and Tatia O'Connor. The children enjoyed the activities and their escape from the Tomb Room where they learned about the resurrection.

Serving Christ in May 2024



Altar Guild

May: Lois Frerking



	Worship Assistant	Lector	Acolyte
5-May	John Crawford	Tatia O'Connor	Madeline Stoner
12-May	Barry Schoenthal	Gloria Stern	Julia Stoner
19-May	Richard Mueller	Gloria Stern	Conner Schriver
26-May	Cal Eggers	Tatia O'Connor	Makayla Schriver

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 Theresa know either by calling the church office or via email at officeassist@christlutheranfh.org. Thank you for your service.

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.

On April 21, Doug Skalka, our organist, was honored with a reception after the service for his 25 years of dedicated service to Christ Lutheran Church. Doug was presented with a certificate of appreciation and the congregation gathered in the fellowship hall to congratulate him on his accomplishment.



*Congratulations, Doug,
on 25 years of service.*