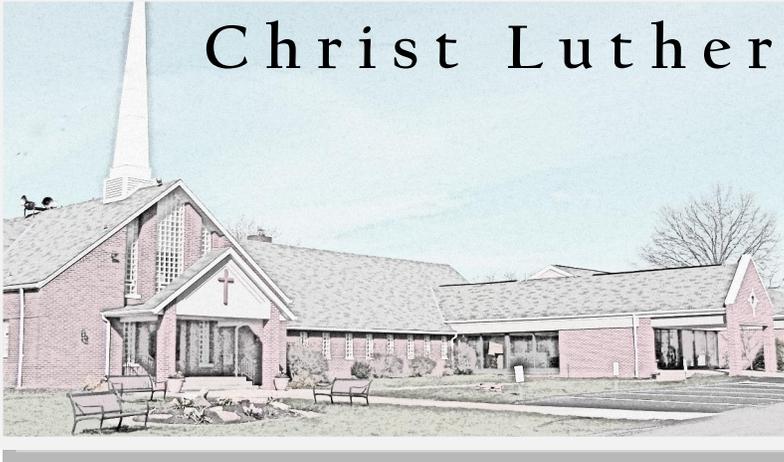


Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



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The Great Unknown

When I'm leaving the house, I always have to remember to quickly go through my checklist to make sure I have everything I will need: Keys, wallet, phone, glasses, briefcase, umbrella, etc. These last months we have all had to add another item to our list – masks.

How our lives have had to change because of this current virus outbreak! In this August newsletter we would usually have information on fall Adult and Children's Sunday classes, confirmation class, a Rally Day potluck celebration, and the like. Truth is, we just don't know enough yet about how serious the virus is going to be to make any of those plans. We may have some or all events on the "normal" fall list this year, but we can't be sure at the time of the printing of this newsletter.

Hopefully, we can continue having worship services as the core activity of our church, and right now that is the intention. The virus can make people extremely sick and even bring death, so it is understandable that some people continue to shelter in place on Sunday mornings. There are resources available that help fill the gap for those not coming to worship. The Sunday bulletin, weekly news, and sermon are all posted on our website on Thursdays. These publications are mailed to all our shut-ins and those who have requested them. The Sunday service is recorded and the video is available (usually by noon on Monday) on our YouTube channel which is [Christ Lutheran Forest Hills Pa](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). We have purchased an expensive camera to make these recordings and it is fairly difficult to edit, encode, and upload these videos, so I do hope people make use of them and make it worth our while.

As we make plans to enjoy the rest of summer and begin to look ahead to fall, we are truly facing a great unknown. The best we can do is place ourselves and our church in the hands of the Lord and pray that our lives together can return to normal very soon.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

Financial Snapshot		
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	\$248,636	\$247,300
Mission	\$3,592	\$3,882
Staff	\$89,072	\$98,258
Operations	\$84,042	\$92,586
Kitchen and other one time expenses	\$44,088	\$48,000
Total Expenses	\$193,839	\$209,574
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$27,842	\$4,574



News from the Flock

Congratulation to **David Breight** and his family on the occasion of his graduation from The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on Saturday, June 13, 2020. The school had individual ceremonies for each student to allow them to walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.



Congratulations to **Pastor and Linda Breight** on the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary celebrated on July 20.

Theresa Frankiewicz (office assistant) would like to thank everyone for the kind words and expressions of sympathy on the loss of her beloved companion, Martin Borkowski, who passed away suddenly on May 26, 2020.

The prayer chain was activated for **Larry Garris** who was injured in an auto accident and **Jonathan Breight**, who had an emergency appendectomy. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Deepest sympathies to **Jim and Dee Law** on the passing of Jim's sister, Bette Devine.

Christ Lutheran Church received a thank you letter from the Atlantic District of LCMS and New York for our donation of 400 hand sewn masks. You can track the masks on their website at [AD-LCMS.org/Happeningnow/handsewn mask ministry](http://AD-LCMS.org/Happeningnow/handsewn%20mask%20ministry)



Keretta K. Bruner age 92 of Penn Hills, formerly of Oil City, passed away on July 7, 2020. Beloved wife of Paul L. Bruner, Jr. for 72 years. Loving mother of Linda Bruner Pietrowicz and her husband, Daniel. Cherished grandmother of Billy Kimball and his wife, Nicole. Preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Helen Louise (Gaynor) Wagner. Keretta was an accomplished artist, specializing in oil painting, acrylic painting, China painting, sculpting, and collages, and was proud to have won awards for her watercolor pieces. She was also a talented pianist and organist. . A Graveside Service was held on Monday, July 13th, at The Franklin Cemetery, in Franklin, PA

75th Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Golf Scramble (P.A.L.g.S.)

Saturday, September 26, 2020

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 39 years of golfing participation of Lutherans and non-Lutherans from all over the Greater Pittsburgh area. This will be the 75th outing held over the past 39 years, where many golf enthusiasts have worked to make each outing a unique experience.

Since 1984 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 39th year milestone. **The registration fee is \$80 per golfer.**

Your guaranteed registration deadline is Monday, September 21, 2020 Call with your foursomes (412-271-7173), or send names and payment (**checks made out to CLC**) to:

GOLF

Christ Lutheran Church
400 Barclay Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

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, September 26th!

Women's Service Guild



ALTAR FLOWERS– You can place flowers on the altar to honor a loved one's memory, their birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. The cost is \$30 and the following dates are still available: August 16, 23, September 6, October 18 and November 22. If you share a date, an additional vase is \$20. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Contact Kathy Sourbeer for more information and payments.

ALTAR GUILD– Contact Ruth Hirko if you would like to help on the Altar Guild. They change the altar paraments for various church seasons and set up for Holy Communion. The altar guild is a ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. (Altar Guild Ministry quotes)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Even though school has not started or even if it may start up again, we at Christ Lutheran are still collecting Box Tops (General Mills) for Education. Lois Frerking can scan your grocery receipt. Funds raised enable Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont to get educational equipment for their classrooms. There is a box in the library.



GREETING CARDS– If you have been “spring housecleaning” your dresser drawers or cupboards and found cards that were sent to you and wonder what to do with them, bring them to church or give them to Susan Robotzen. She will take them to Concordia, Cabot. They “reuse” them to make other greeting cards.

HELPING HANDS– Hopefully in the near future we will be able to use our new kitchen facilities.

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS – Those small toiletry items that the hotels and motels supply can be used by organizations that help the homeless, have soup kitchens and help low income families, etc. There is a bin in the library or see Dee Law for more information. “

MITE BOXES– So far we at Christ Lutheran have collected \$46.85 in Mites. According to the Lutheran Women Missionary League April-June Newsletter, 15 organizations will receive grants from \$1,040 to \$5,000 .

PORTALS OF PRAYER – If you know of organizations or a group that would benefit using the Portals of Prayer, contact Ruth Hirko. “Oh give thanks in the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1 (Portals of Prayers for Saturday, May 9, 2020)

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP ROBE MINISTRY – There are still a variety of prayer shawls/lap robes available. Contact Linda Bright, Jayne Simpson or Alma Eggers for more information.

QUILTING– has been cancelled until further notice.

RECYCLING – The following items are being collected for Lutheran Women Missionary Guild Fundraiser: Ink jet cartridges, laser jet cartridges, cameras & video cameras, camcorders, cell phones, smart watches, game consoles, video games, pagers, MP3 players, Ipads, Ipods, ebook readers, tablets, MP3 players, kindles, PDAs, laptop computers, GPS devices, radar detectors, lithium batteries & chargers. There is a flier on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, and there is a box in the library. See Linda Bright for more details.

SHUT-IN CARD MINISTRY – Our home bound church members enjoy getting cards from church members. Also, if you know of a member who is not coming to church due to the Covid 19 outbreak, if possible, send them a church bulletin. Contact Joyce Purucker if you want to be part of the Shut-in Card Ministry.



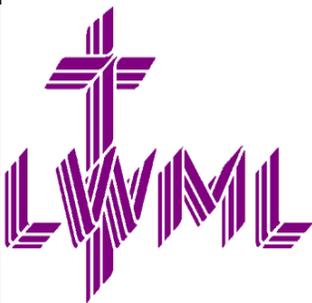
STAMPS– Even though many of us use computers and the internet to communicate, there are still some people that like to get mail the old fashioned way “through the United States postal service”. According to the the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Newsletter, “The Canadian Prison Chaplain wrote, “they have seen more men saved in jail in the last two years”. The Bibles are donated by the Canadian Bible Society. One pound of stamps=6 Bibles for distribution. Remember to open the envelope on the bottom and when you cut off the stamp leave 2 or more inches around the stamp.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE –Have you, a member of your family, or any congregational member moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses? If so, please contact the office and give them the new information. This information is used to send out the church newsletter and other pertinent church information.



AUGUST MISSION GRANT-In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of installing water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand washing stations and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya. In 2016, members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year, traveling to schools assessing their water needs. Teams from the United States install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Hand washing stations and clean water “buckets’ are placed in every classroom. They teach personal hygiene, handwashing and the importance of drinking only clean water. WASH clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program. The grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages.

WHEREAS, the children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water; and
WHEREAS, the pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) would like to provide sound biblical teachings in their sponsored schools; and
WHEREAS, the ELCK is in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and
WHEREAS, the LWML has been blessed richly by our Lord, and has a duty to spread his love and gospel; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya.



SONSHINE KITCHEN

The Women’s Service Guild served lunch at the Sonshine Kitchen on July 20 and also donated the diapers and Pull Ups that were collected at the church. The Women’s Service Guild would like to thank all those that generously donated towards and served the luncheon. Hope House is always in need of diapers sizes 3, 4, and 5 and Pull Ups.



Addresses for our Shut-Ins



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

Marty Hornak
Room 208
3522 Rt. 130
Irwin, PA 15642

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

Charles Koenig
Concordia Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 126
Monroeville, PA 15146

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Paul Bruner
615 Horizon View Drive
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Flo Kost
508 Marion Avenue
Apt. 2
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

August 2020 Prayer Petition
Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 1937
Cabot, PA 16023

Geraldine Hildebrand
Concordia of the South Hills
1300 Bower Hills Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Celebrating in August

Anniversaries

- 8/2 Adam & Staci Orbell
- 8/6 John & Helen Crawford
- 8/13 Migjuel & Amanda Breight
- 8/13 David & Colleen Giovanetti
- 8/16 Dean & Katherine Taylor
- 8/18 Barry & Barbara Schoenthal
- 8/29 Calvin & Alma Eggers



Birthdays

- 8/1 Loraine Geibel
- 8/3 Lauretta Critchlow
- 8/5 Jacqueline Matey
- 8/5 Jayne Simpson
- 8/8 Richard Lander
- 8/8 Tommy Zereselassie
- 8/9 Carol Hubbard
- 8/10 Zachary Matey
- 8/11 Charles Koenig
- 8/18 Jocelyn Lydon
- 8/25 Linda Kern
- 8/26 David Breight
- 8/27 Kalie James
- 8/29 William Marvenko
- 8/29 Barry Schoenthal



Important Dates in August

Please check your email and Church website for updates on cancellations.

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August 6– Finance 3pm

August 11–Council Meeting 7pm

August 12–Elders 2pm

August 15–Deadline for September Lamplighter

Installation of Officers was held on Sunday, July 5, 2020.

Prayers are asked for the following members as they lead our church into the next year: (no picture due to social distancing guidelines)

President: Jim Law

Vice President: Neil Ackerman

Secretary: Barbara Mitchell

Treasurer: Steve Stern

Elders: Senior-Cal Eggers

Al Dick

Glenn Filler

John Crawford

Finance Committee: Cal Eggers

Financial Secretary: Dee Law

Education Committee: Kathy Sourbeer,

Gloria Stern

Pat Lenhardt

Outreach Committee: Ruth Hirko

Jonathan Bright

Melissa Elaschat

Linda Kern

Trustees: Frank Elaschat

John Sourbeer

Howard Lehman

Endowment Committee: Cal Eggers

Neil Ackerman

Glenn Filler

Nominating Committee:

John Crawford

Glenn Filler

Georgia Hanley

Sunday bulletins, news, puzzles, and sermons are available on our website listed above. Video recordings of our weekly services can be viewed on our You Tube channel, **Christ Lutheran Forest Hills Pa.**

Church Service Times

Sunday– 10 am Divine Service

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups



Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study



Serving Christ in August

All Services are Tentative

Altar Guild

August : Susan Robotzen

	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
2-Aug	Cal Eggers		Joyce Purucker
9-Aug	Al Dick	Dylan McNutt	Darlene James
16-Aug	John Crawford		Barb Mitchell
23-Aug	Steve Stern		Paul Simpson
30-Aug	Paul Simpson		Neil Ackerman

Please contact the church office at 412-271-7173 if you cannot fulfill the duty to which you have been assigned or if you could volunteer to fill in on any of the blank dates.

If you are reading this newsletter in black and white, please consider giving us an email address so that we can send you the newsletter in living color. This saves on postage and you get the newsletter much faster. This newsletter can also be viewed on the website at:

www.christlutheranfh.org

30th Anniversary of Ordination



Pastor Bright was honored after services on June 28 in recognition of the 30th Anniversary of his ordination on July 1, 1990. Cupcakes were shared by members after the service. Cal Eggers presented Pastor Bright with a special gift.

Congratulations to Pastor Bright . May you continue to serve the Lord through your gift of ministry for many years to come.

