Christ Lutheran Lamplighter

Christ Lutheran Church

400 Barclay Avenue

Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

March 2020

Mark … My Words

Those interested and engaged in Christian piety (devotion) have long used God's Word on a daily basis. Every day the world beats on us and wears us down. The Word strengthens us and builds us back up and keeps us strong. We can use that kind of help each and every day.

Many people might not know where to start if they wanted to read some of the Bible every day – it's a pretty large book! The church has helped by putting together the Daily Lectionary. The Lectionary organizes the Bible into easily consumable bites, with a portion from the Old and New Testament for each day. When we have read the lectionary for a year, we have read from all the major sections of the Bible and heard all its major teachings. Then we start all over again.

Lent is a time to get back to the Bible if we have been away or never used it much on our own. I encourage you to consider looking into using the daily lectionary. You can find one version on page 299 in our pew hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB). To help you out, I will be using the Gospel reading assigned for the day as the text for the message at our Lenten Midweek services on Wednesday evenings. As the title of this article suggests, all the texts are from the Gospel of Mark. This Lent, please join me in using the Lectionary every day and together let's experience what countless clergy, saints, and pious folks have known for ages about the difference God's Word makes in daily life.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Breight

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News from the Flock

In the News

A big welcome home and thank you to **Miguel Breight** who is back home in the states after being deployed for almost a year. **Miguel and Amanda** are expected to stay in the area for awhile, however Miguel will be doing some training to advance his career in the Army. Miguel is the oldest son of Pastor and Linda Breight. One mom and dad are thrilled to have their family back together again.

Joe O'Connor, who has been making custom wood furnishings, is moving his shop out of his basement and into an industrial space. So much possibility, so much to do. His website is Oconnorcustomwooddesign.com <http://oconnorcustomwooddesign.com/> or eisenwood.com <http://eisenwood.com/>. eisenwood.com <http://eisenwood.com/> is the new website. Check out some of his work.

Jonathan Breight performed in Pittsburgh Ballet Theater Company's Production of Beauty and the Beast, which ran from Feb. 14 to Feb. 23. Check out PBT's website for more upcoming performances. Www.pbt.org

Joe and Kyle O'Connor worked on building the proscenium and other items for Shady Side Academy's February production of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

Barb Mitchell has almost completed updating the scrapbooks for the church. They are located on the rolling cart in the library. The pictures are now on acid free paper and in page protectors. If you have pictures that you want included in the scrapbooks, they can easily be added because the albums are 3 ring binders. Please include on a Post It note with the dates, names of the people, and event in the pictures.

As always, if you have any news that you are willing to share, please email or give it to **Kathy Sourbeer**, ksourbeer@aol.com or send it directly to **Theresa Frankiewicz** at officeassist@christlutheranfh.org.

Financial Snapshot July 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020	Actual	Budgeted
Offerings and other Income	$143,680	$138,948
Mission	$1,750	$1,750
Staff	$56,236	$56,472
Operations	$48,358	$51,747
Kitchen and other one time expenses	$29.542	$32,000
Total Expenses	$135,886	$142,469
Net Gain/(Loss)	$7,791	**-3,521**

ALTAR FLOWERS – Check the flower chart in the narthex to see what dates are available to place flowers on the altar. The following dates are available: March 22, April 5, May 3 & 10, June 14 & 28. The cost is $30, an additional vase is $20. Payment is due when flowers are placed on the altar. Give your check to Kathy Sourbeer.

ALTAR GUILD – There are several women who change the altar coverings, set up for communion, etc. Contact Ruth Hirko for more information and if you want to be part of the altar guild group.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION-GENERAL MILLS – Even though General Mills is phasing out their "Box Tops for Education" logo on their boxes, you can still help Redeemer Lutheran School to get educational equipment by saving your grocery receipts and giving them to Lois Frerking. She will scan them and the school will get credit. For more information go to BTFE.COM.

EASTER FLOWERS – Easter is almost here. Dee Law will be taking orders for Easter flowers to decorate the church chancel. An order form will be available soon. Watch the bulletin.

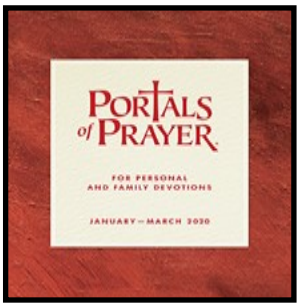
GREETING CARDS WANTED Concordia, Cabot recycles used greeting cards and makes them into new greeting cards. See Susan Robatzen for more information. There is a bin in the library for your donations.

HELPING HANDS – The women of the congregation prepare, serve, or help at funeral luncheons, serve for special occasions, etc. Contact Rosalie Filler if you can help in this very important ministry.

HOTEL TOILETRY ITEMS – Those small toiletry items that the hotels and motels supply can be used by organizations that help homeless and low income families. There is a bin in the library for donations of these items.

LENTEN DINNERS
The following **LENTEN DINNERS** will be served on Wednesdays: beginning at 5:45pm
March 4 – Congregational Pot Luck
March 11 – WSG will serve. Please bring sides and desserts.
March 18 – Linda Breight will provide main dish. Please bring sides and dessert
March 25 – Congregational Pot Luck
April 1 – Linda Breight will provide main dish. Please bring sides and dessert.

POP TABS for the benefit of Thrivent are still being collected. There is a bin in the library.



Start your day, end your day or just take a break in the middle. No matter when you need it, Portals of Prayer inspires you to live each day in Jesus' name. Current and back issues are on the table in the library. If you know of an organization or group that could use back issues, contact Ruth Hirko

Portals of Prayer has been a favorite of generations of readers, a timeless daily source of strength and comfort since 1937. (web site)

SONSHINE KITCHEN – On Monday, March 2, 2020 Women's Service Guild will serve hot ham & cheese sandwiches, potato salad, fruit cocktail, and chips at the Sonshine Kitchen. We thank you for your help and generous donations. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

STAMPS – If there is a postage stamp on an envelope you received, open it from the bottom. This way there is no damaged to the canceled stamp. Then cut the envelope in half, bring it to church and give it to Lois Frerking or put it in the bin in the library. The proceeds from this provides bibles to inmates.

WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD – Like an old military poster "We Want You", the Women's Service Guild wants you. All adult confirmed women of the congregation are automatically members of the Women's Service Guild. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins and newsletter for upcoming events and activities.

PRAYER SHAWL & LAP ROBE MINISTRY See Jayne Simpson or Linda Breight if you would like to help make prayer shawls or lap robes or know of someone who may need one.

QUILTING Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 17 and 31, 2020 at 9 a. m. for quilting. No experience needed. See Joyce Purucker for more information.

RECYCLING – Do you have a "catch all" drawer full of cameras, old cell phones with charging cords, smart watches, video games, & etc. The Lutheran Women Missionary League is collecting these items. Monies from these recycled items enable the LWML to secure funds for the various mission grants. There is a list of accepted items on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.

SHUT-IN-CARD MINISTRY – Contact Joyce Purucker if you would like to send cards, etc. to our church shut-ins. They enjoy getting notes and cards.

CONVENTION of the Eastern District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be held June 12-14, 2020 in East Syracuse, NY at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel. Registration form is in the winter LWML link posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. This year's theme is " Walk by Faith". Registration is due by May 10, 2020. See Linda Breight for more information. The latest issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is on the table in the library.

MITE BOX contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the *LWML* program. *There is a list on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board of the various mission grants.* There is usually one grant highlighted in each issue of the Lamplighter.

Check the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for **LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPDATES** and other upcoming events. There are a variety of past issues of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly on the table in the library and MITE boxes on the shelf in the Narthex.

LWML GRANT #7 The delegates gathered at the 2019 **Lutheran Women's Missionary League** Convention in Mobile, Alabama, voted the sum of $100,000 to help fund Grant #7-Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families. Detroit has experienced economic disaster and leads the nation with 57.3% of their children living in poverty without food or opportunity. Camp Restore Detroit provides a safe nurturing Christ-centered place for these children, their families, and other adults. This camp provides a place for the children to come and learn about God's love as they participate in art, theatre, and music classes and receive homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational and developmental skills. Additionally, adults are offered parenting, finance, and resume building classes. This grant will fund the renovation of two previously abandoned houses into community outreach centers, along with the house furnishings and outreach materials.

Addresses for our Shut-Ins

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

Paul & Keretta Bruner
615 Horizon View Drive
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Lorraine Giebel
134 Marwood Road
Room 1937
Cabot, PA 16023

Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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

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

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

Diana Lydon
503 Shelbourne Ave.
Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

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

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

March 2020 Prayer Petition

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy (Psalm 94:19)

Celebrating in March

Anniversaries

3/16 Eric & Devera Hoblak
3/18 Paul & Jayne Simpson
3/30 Neil & Risielyn Ackerman

Birthdays

3/2 Georgianna Hanley
3/2 Norah Orbell
3/5 Alana Donolo
3/8 Justin Polidora
3/9 Ann Tubbs
3/12 Gerald Williams, Jr.
3/14 Tabatha Law
3/15 Florence Kost
3/17 Robert Brecht
3/17 Jordan Stephens
3/17 Zachary Chick
3/25 Michael Lis
3/26 Lorna Schutte
3/26 Robert Stimmler
3/30 Paul Simpson

Track Rack

All are welcome to utilize the brochures in the track rack in the Narthex of the church. There is no cost to you for these brochures. There are many topics covered in these booklets. There are brochures dealing with everything from Anger, Alzheimer's and Addiction to dealing with Cancer, Caregiving, and PTSD and anything in between. If there is a topic you would like to see covered, please let the office know.

Important Dates in MARCH

March 4th Pot Luck Dinner 5:45pm and Service 7pm Please bring sides and dessert
March 8th Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring ahead)
March 11th Lenten Dinner by WSG 5:45pm and Service 7pm. Please bring sides and dessert.
March 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 17th Council Meeting 7pm
March 18th Lenten Dinner by Linda Breight 5:45pm and Service 7pm. Please bring sides and dessert.
March 19th First Day of Spring
March 25th Pot Luck Dinner 5:45pm and Service 7pm
April 1 Lenten Dinner by Linda Breight 5:45pm and Service 7pm. Please bring sides and dessert.

Serving Christ in March

Altar Guild: Lois Frerking

		WORSHIP ASST.	ACOLYTE	LECTOR
3/1/2020	SUNDAY	John Crawford	David Carmichael	Joyce Purucker
3/4/2020	WED. SERVICE	Glenn Filler		
3/8/2020	SUNDAY	Al Dick	Austin Kocher	Barb Mitchell
3/11/2020	WED. SERVICE	Al Dick		Neil Ackerman
3/15/2020	SUNDAY	Paul Simpson	Dylan McNutt	Lois Frerking
3/18/2020	WED. SERVICE	Glenn Filler		
3/22/2020	SUNDAY	Steve Stern	Dylan McNutt	Georgi Shirley
3/25/2020	WED. SERVICE	Al Dick		Gloria Stern
3/29/2020	SUNDAY	Cal Eggers	Dylan McNutt	Tammy Donaldson

Attention Acolytes and Parents: There is now a sign-up sheet in Room 4-5, so that you may choose the days that you would like to serve. Please fill in all available openings. This should alleviate any confusion. It is very important that we have an acolyte during the communion services.

Church Service Times

Sunday– 10 am Divine Service

Wednesday 7pm Lenten Service

Sunday

8:45am Adult Bible Study Groups

8:45am Sunday School Ages 2-18

Bible Studies

Wednesday

10:30am Women's Bible Study

Thursday

7:00pm Bible Overview

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

JOIN US for this Lent's all-church Sunday Study: ***Take My Life and Let it Be***
Find true joy in giving of ourselves for God and others.
Sunday mornings 8:45am Room 4/5.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

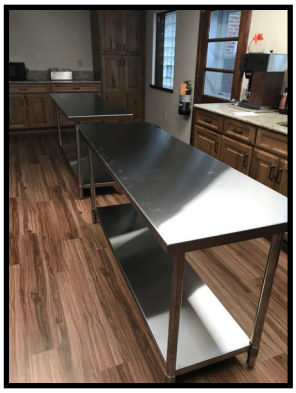
Lenten Midweek Series

Mark...My Words

Grab your Daily Lectionary and let's get into the WORD!

Kitchen Update

Finishing touches were put on the kitchen project with the addition of two stainless steel work tables.



Time to clean out your closets and participate in the

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

at Christ Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 16

8am to 2pm

To claim your free space as a seller,

Call **412 - 271 - 7173**

Rain or Shine!

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 newsletter can also be viewed on the website at:

www.christlutheranfh.org

If you have moved or any of your contact information has changed, please be sure to contact the church office at 412-271-7173 or email Barb Mitchell at **assistant@christlutheranfh.org**

March 8, 2020

Turn your clocks ahead

1 hour

2020 Easter Event for Children

Christ Lutheran Church's 2020 Easter Event for Children will be held on Saturday, April 4 From 10am until 11:30am. The goal is to let the children have fun while learning the true meaning of Easter. Registration is free and open to all children ages 1-11. There is a registration form attached to this newsletter. Please return the registration form by March 30 to the church office by fax at 412-271-4921 or email assistant@christlutheranfh.org or call the office at 412-271-7173.
Thee will be an Easter Egg hunt, the Easter story, egg dyeing, crafts, and games.

Winter Blues Luncheon

Sixteen ladies enjoyed their day out at the Winter Blues Luncheon at Palmieri's in Plum on February 1 sponsored by the Women's Service Guild. Several new faces were welcomed at the event.

Give your child the Gift of Easter. Bring them to Christ Lutheran Church's 2020 Easter Event for Children

Where: Christ Lutheran Church,
400 Barclay Avenue, Forest Hills, PA 15221
Who: Children ages 1-11 and their Families
When: Saturday, April 4, 2020. 10am-11:30am
Why: To have fun while learning the **true meaning of Easter**

Come join us for rotating stations based on age groups including an egg hunt, the Easter story, crafts, egg dyeing, and games. **There is no cost.** To register, return the bottom portion to the church office by **March 30,** call 412-271-7173, fax to 412-271-4921 or email assistant@christlutheranfh.org.

Easter Event Registration

Parent Name, Address, Phone, and Email

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Child(ren)'s Name(s) Age(s)

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Use one for your family

Easter Event Registration

Parent Name, Address, Phone, and Email

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Child(ren)'s Name(s) Age(s)

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Share one with a friend