

THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
"God's work. Our hands."

August 2016

"IN *Happy*
MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET
MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

Mission Statement: We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings by worshipping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.



Public Office Hours – Mon-Fri.- noon to 4pm

Deadlines:

Bulletin announcements are due in office by ***Wednesday at 12:00 noon.***

Newsletter articles are due in office by the ***15th of each month*** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

Deadline for the next newsletter is August 15

Please **e-mail secretary@christlutheranmpa.org** with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

DO YOU USE EMAIL?

We would like to start emailing the newsletter to people who are interested. If you are one of those people-please contact the church office, express your interest and give your email address!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As I sit to write, yet another article for the church newsletter, my thoughts turn to children and Vacation Bible School.

Kate Wiggins Douglas expressed what went through my mind as I prepared for another year of VBS-“Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility.”

Many a sleepless night of tossing and turning was spent worrying and knowing that children are truly a gift full of possibility. Were we the staff to lead them? What did we have as a staff to give that would enlighten them and inspire them? What would they get from this year’s program that would inspire them to be true leaders for Christ?

Our program this year was called Cave Quest-Following Jesus, The Light of the World. We chose this theme because it was such a change from things done in the past. We had much more to incorporate into this year’s program including: Deep Bible Quotes, Cavern Café, Kid Video Cinema and Imagination Station.

Our leaders were very well versed in the program, points of each lesson, and the scriptures. They did an excellent job of “driving home” the key points of each day’s lesson, lively discussions were held, open ended questions were asked, and each child felt welcome and comfortable in their surroundings, as we gave them a chance to participate in their own unique learning style throughout the sessions.

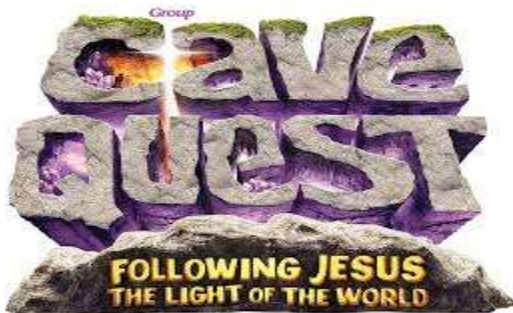
Our “Cave” was awesome. WE WERE READY!
Did we succeed? YES!!! YES!!! YES!!!

It could not have been done without the help of some very special people. Thanks to all the helpers, Team leaders, the decorating team, the music team leader, the Congregation, our wonderful

church council, our very supportive Christian Ed. Team and *Pastor Middernacht*, for his guidance and help!

A very special thank you goes out to *Donna Riccio*, for all her advice and organizational skills. *Paul & Olivia Rohland & Hope Harrington* for being there every day to help get everything ready! *Steph & Alyssa Byers* for sweating along with us getting everything set up. *Rose Deaner* for the food, *Kim Mitch* for helping with games and crafts and *Steph Ulmer* for being our “gopher” and all around helper. *Nancy Mensch*, my co-director and dear friend in Christ, who has been beside me every step of the way, *Don Fisher* for helping put my wacky ideas and dreams into reality for two years, and my wonderful, supportive husband, who helped out wherever I needed him, and never questioned why I seemed to never be home and why I seemed to live at the church for a month. Last , but certainly not least, a big THANK YOU to all the children, teens, parents, and grandparents who by their presence made Cave Quest so worthwhile.

Love in Christ,
Karen J. Martello



***Members, Friends and Family
of Christ Lutheran Prayer
List...***



***For those with ongoing health
issues/disability/illness:***

Eleanor Auman; Brenda Baker;
Nancy Bleznuck; Jilline Bond; Marie Burish; Ryan Byers;
Betty Chapell; Ken Chappell; Lannie Davis; Shannon Dorwart;
James Gautsch Jr.; Mindy Gemberling; Greg & family; Edith Getz;
Kim Herr; Kaylee; Carol J.; Bill Kriger; Robert Lukens; Tony
Martello; Kellie Mason; Larry Mensch; Nevin Mensch; Myron
Messinger; Betty Morgan; Paula & husband; Sally O'Fallon; Chris
Rager; Jeff Robol; Sally Shade; John Shaffer; Maddox Shipe; Alex
Shrawder; John & Tracy Supsic; James Walters; Shirley Wargo

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

George Bolich; Ed Coup; Robin Mensch; Nevin Mensch;
Seleca Rovenolt; Mike Rudisill

For those in sorrow: For all who have lost loved ones; All those in our
community and the world who are recovering from natural
disasters & tragedies.

For those needing daily strength:

Brittany Aikey; Preston Aikey; Rodney Bastian; Betty Baumer; Bebe
Bolich; Betty Callenberger; Evelyn Dewire; Bill Dotts;
Kay Dunn; Charlene Francis; Sharon Hoover; Rita Lenig; Nancy
Mensch; Shannon Moll; Rob & Jacquee Hudson; Isaiah; Dan Kemrer;
John & Arlene Lilley; Martha Lilley; Carol Ludewig; Shannon
Moll; Charlie & Helen Napp; Kelly Packer; Edna Packer; Gabrielle
Riccio; Alice Roush; Greg Shive; Theresa Terroto; Josh Trawitz; Curtis
Klodnikie; James & Jean Walters; Darlas Yost Lorraine Watson; Tyler
Watts & family; Gloria Weir

For the imprisoned: Jennifer Gregory; Aundre Moten

For those adjusting to life changes: All those affected by political & religious oppression.

For the homebound and those unable to be at home:

Kathleen Burch; Betty Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Doris Heffelfinger;
Violet Heimbach; Tom Kline; Mary Jane Martello; Betty Morgan;
Connie Sholly; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson

For those serving in the military: Kristen Bastian; Matthew Dorman;
Stephen Himes; Dan Moll; Anthony Nudson; Cody Pursley; Ken Ring;
Cody Messinger; Trent Wargo

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Steve;
Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop Robert Driesen,
Synod Staff; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & ELCA Staff,
Authorized Lay Worship Leaders.

For activities and events, and for those who are traveling:

Our faith partners at Trinity & Grace, Point Township;
Transformational Ministry Team; Mutual Ministry Team; Council;
Spiritual Growth; Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry; Children,
Youth & Family Ministry



Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 26	29	10		39
July 3	17	9		26
July 10	24	6		30
July 17	29	8		37

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

August– Synod Support

(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope – July 2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
3	50.01 – 70.00
2	40.01 - 50.00
4	30.01 - 40.00
7	20.01 - 30.00
9	15.01 - 20.00
8	10.01 - 15.00
10	5.01 - 10.00
<u>63</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 6/30//2016

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	6,386	1,110		7,496	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	38		15,137	15,175	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	517			517	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	0			0	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	0			0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0			0	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	6,942	1,110	15,137	23,188	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	0			0	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	214			214	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	22			22	4,250
PROPERTY	687			687	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	396			396	10,175
WITNESS	0			0	900
CHURCH STAFF	2,830			2,830	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	928			928	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	101	0		101	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,511	0	0	5,511	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	1,431	1,110	15,137	17,677	0

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the YTD ended 6/30/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	39,205	6,731		45,936	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	143		28,122	28,265	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,897			1,897	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	175			175	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	100			100	0
MISCELLANEOUS	616			616	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	42,136	6,731	28,122	76,989	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,165			1,165	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	267			267	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	953			953	4,250
PROPERTY	11,341			11,341	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	3,570			3,570	10,175
WITNESS	108			108	900
CHURCH STAFF	16,397			16,397	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	5,815			5,815	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	230			230	2,500
MISSION SUPPORT	1,998			1,998	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,844	0	0	41,844	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	292	6,731	28,122	35,144	0



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of more people on our prayer chain to offer prayers for those who are ill or have special needs. It will take just a few minutes of your time, but it means so much to those in need. Men are welcome on our committee! Will you help? Call 57-742-7570, or speak with Mae Jones at church on Sunday!



CAR WASH

On Saturday, August 6th there will be a car wash held to help our youth attend the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. The car wash will be held at Pizza Town in Milton and will run from 10-2. So come and get your car clean before you head to the church for the magician and ice cream social! Help our youth do something that will be life changing for them!

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

At Christ Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

**Everyone is Welcome
Open to the Public**

Saturday, August 6, 2016 2:00 pm

The Magic of Brent Kessler

Award Winning Magician Show

Followed by

Ice Cream Social & Backpack Giveaway



2016 Free Community Meal Schedule

Sunday, August 14, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 9, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 11, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Community Meal Project sponsored by: New Hope Ministry Center & Hand Up Foundation, Milton; Bethany United Methodist Church, Milton; United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg; Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton & Christ Lutheran Church, Milton



Fellowship Meal

**Free
Community Meal
Sunday, August 14th
5:00 pm**

At Christ Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning St, Milton, PA

***Open to the Public
Everyone is Welcome!***

2016 Community Meal Schedule

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Sunday, December 11, 2016



SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATION

On Sunday, August 14 we will have very special guests at our service.

Local group Milltown Melodies will be with us and performing the prelude, choir anthem and the offeratory! This is a group of local young men- Neal Hoover, Mark Artley, Aubyn Johnson, Bradley Dennis, Camden Choplick, Tim Hippensteel and Koy Guffey.

Those of you who have had the opportunity to see these gentlemen perform know what a treat this will be!

PERSPECTIVE

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school, and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child.

Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly, and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drove up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her.

"What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty; God keeps taking my picture."

May God bless you today as you face the storms that come your way.





Your Prayers and Presence are Requested
On The Eve of Reformation Sunday

Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

for the

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

for

THE REVEREND

BARBARA JEANNE COLLINS

as Bishop of

The Upper Susquehanna Synod

Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

5th and Market Streets, Sunbury, PA 17801

*A time of fellowship and light refreshments
will follow the service downstairs in the social hall.*

*Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.*

*Please RSVP no later than October 15, 2016
by calling the Synod Office at 570-524-9778
or by e-mailing directly to: brenda@uss-elca.org*

Additional parking available in city lot between 4th and 5th streets and one block north on 5th street.

Anniversary Blessings



John & Karen Martello	8/6	39 years
Pete & Florence Ishler	8/13	56 years
Robert & Deborah Greenly	8/18	32 years



Laurie Mull	8/5	John Martello	8/28
Stephen Albertson	8/7	Elijah Fox	8/29
Cortney Bennett	8/7	Craig McHenry	8/31
Donald Fisher	8/8		
Kellie Brouse	8/12		
Don Shipe II	8/13		
Kurt Umholtz	8/15		
Garrett Beck	8/18		
Carol Reed	8/18		
Patsy Aunkst	8/23		
Maddox Shipe	8/27		
Sandra Buck	8/28		

(If we missed your birthday, call the Church Office and let us know!)