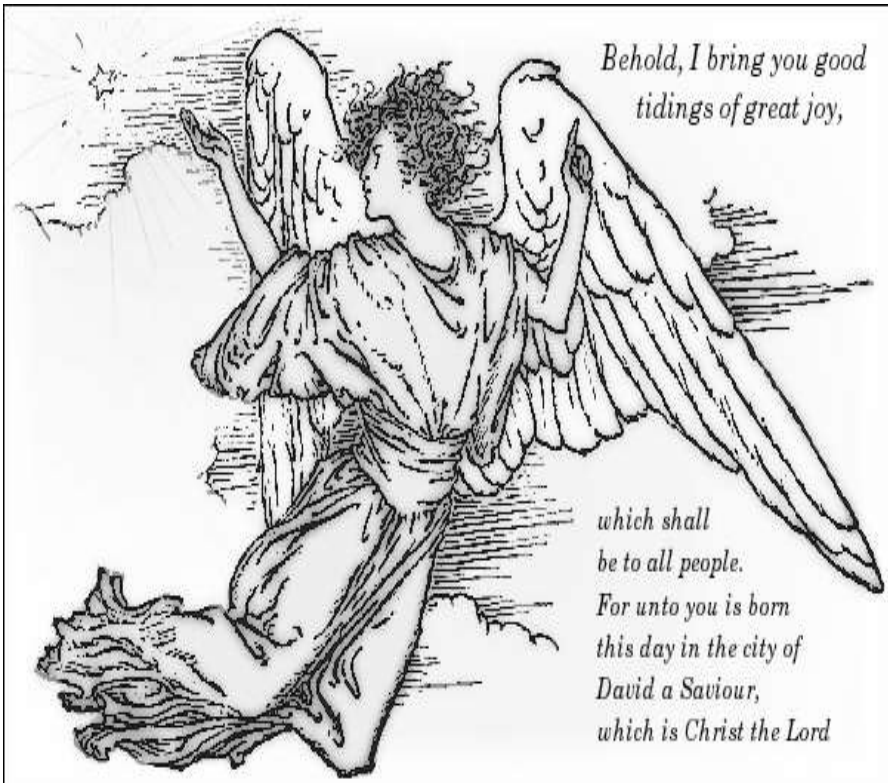


THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
“God’s work. Our hands.”

December 2016-January 2017



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 ***20th of each month*** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

Deadline for the next newsletter is January 20th

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!



The Bells on Christmas Day

*“I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet their words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to all men.”*

Really?! Peace on earth, good will to all men.? Have you read or heard all the news and political commercials on the T.V.? If not here is a quick overview of some of the headlines:

- “Tuesday won’t end animosity between parties.”
- “As killings surge, police solve fewer homicides.”
- “10 migrants die, 2,200 survive crossing.”
- “Two police sergeants shot, 1 killed.”
- “Four die in three unrelated crashes.”
- “Black Lives Matter.”

Then there is the animosity between almost all of the political candidates. The excerpts will not be repeated here!

How in the world does this beloved poem apply here?

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the beloved American poet, was greatly distressed in 1864 by the cruel miseries caused by the civil war. With a heavy heart, he put his thoughts into words. Longfellow was said to have brought fresh courage to many of his fellow Americans who read this poem.

*“I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom
had rolled along th’ unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to
men*

*“And in despair I bowed my head:” There is no peace on earth,” I
said; “hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth , good
will to men.”*

Yet, through despair, the message echos clear-“Peace on Earth, good will to all men.”

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“Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth , good will to men.”

May Christmas and the New Year give us all a reminder of the blessed promise of Christmas, an antidote for any fear or hysteria that enters our lives. Let this poem ring true.

“Then ringing, singing on it’s way, the world revolved from night to day- a voice , a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good will to men!”

Karen Martello



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

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

Eleanor Auman; Brenda Baker;
Harry Berger; Nancy Bleznuck; Ryan Byers;
Betty Chapell; Ken Chappell; Lannie Davis; Shannon
Dorwart; Linda Emery; James Gautsch Jr.; Mindy Gemberling;
Greg & family; Edith Getz; Kim Herr; Mary Wagner Hines; Nicole
Kahl; Kaylee; Carol J.; Bill Kriger; Lillian Longenberger; Larry
Mensch; Nevin Mensch; Betty Morgan; Paula & husband; Sally
O'Fallon; Chris Rager; Wilma Rishel; Jeff Robol; Sally Shade;
John Shaffer; Maddox Shipe; Alex Shrawder; Tresha Sudol; John
& Tracy Supsic; James Walters; Shirley Wargo

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Pat Bender; George Bolich, Ed Coup; Robin Mensch;
Seleca Rovenolt;

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; Betty
Callenberger; Linda Danley & family; Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn;
Charlene Francis; Sharon Hoover; Rita Lenig; Nancy Mensch;
Rob & Jacquee Hudson; Isaiah; Dan Kemrer; John & Arlene Lilley;
Martha Lilley; Carol Ludewig; Shannon Moll; Charlie & Helen Napp;
Kelly Packer; Edna Packer; Helen & Leroy Reinard; Alice Roush;
Mike Rudisill; 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:

George & Bebe Bolich; 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;
Jeremiah Fisher; Stephen Himes; Anthony Nudson;
Cody Pursley; Cody Messinger; Trent Wargo

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Steve;
Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop B.J. Collins,
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;
Mutual Ministry Team; Council; Spiritual Growth; Stewardship;
Christian Ed Ministry; Children, Youth & Family Ministry





Christmas Prayer

by Robert Luis Stevenson

"Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!"

Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oct. 30	32	7		39
Nov. 6	32	8		40
Nov. 13	28	8		36
Nov. 20	36	*		36

* service after newsletter mailing

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

December– Hand UP Foundation
January-SOUPER Bowl of Caring
(envelopes provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope – November 2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
1	50.01 – 70.00
3	40.01 - 50.00
4	30.01 - 40.00
10	20.01 - 30.00
10	15.01 - 20.00
6	10.01 - 15.00
13	5.01 - 10.00
<u>59</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 10/31/2016

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	8,077	1,138		9,215	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	0		0	0	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	259			259	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	0			0	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	145			145	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0			0	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	5,059	465	21,902	27,426	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	18			18	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	0			0	4,250
PROPERTY	710			710	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	333			333	10,175
WITNESS	0			0	900
CHURCH STAFF	3,786			3,786	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	928			928	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0		0	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,108	0	0	6,108	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	2,373	1,138	0	3,511	0

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the YTD ended 10/31/2016

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	63,900	9,382		73,282	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	597		50,024	50,621	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,673			2,673	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	250			250	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	335			335	0
MISCELLANEOUS	652			652	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	68,406	9,382	50,024	127,813	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,582			1,582	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	110			110	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,723			1,723	4,250
PROPERTY	16,962			16,962	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	5,780			5,780	10,175
WITNESS	272			272	900
CHURCH STAFF	27,091			27,091	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	9,528			9,528	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	230			230	2,500
MISSION SUPPORT	3,531			3,531	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	66,809	0	0	66,809	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	1,598	9,382	50,024	61,004	0



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are also in need of **volunteers for Worship service**. If you are able to help out in any way-Usher, Lector, Server or Acolyte please call the church office and let Donna know. We don't like to use the same members over and over, so please think about taking a turn once a month! (Maybe twice?)

The number one item we need every year, every week and every day is volunteers! Please help our church grow and blossom by volunteering-even one day a month! Be a part of our solution!



Red Cross
Bloodmobile
Wed., December 7th
1p.m. – 6 p.m



Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting *jello and pudding for December* and *cereal for January*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairperson: Karen Martello

Council Representative: James Bartlett

Committee members: Kellie Brouse, Jenelle Rohland,

Kim Mitch, Nancy Mensch, Rose Handy, Jane Bloom, Edward Coup



The *Angel Tree* is in the narthex- so please take a tag and help make a child's Christmas a little brighter!



The *Children's Holiday Play* will be presented on Sunday, December 4th at 5:30pm. It will be followed by a potluck dinner. Watch the bulletins for further details.



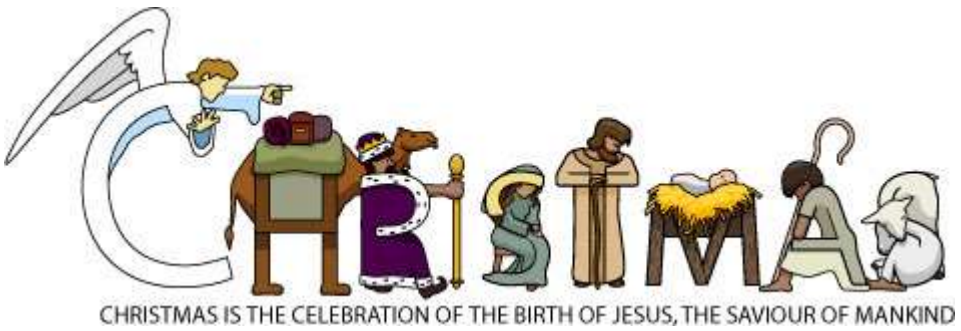
WATCH OUT! A NEW YEAR IS
RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Recipe For a New Year

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past-have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time(so many persons spoil the entire lot this way!) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest.),hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing-don't do it!), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor!





In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.





Willard & Janie Bloom	12/16	49 years
Dana & Kelly Schneider	12/17	28 years
Jerrold & Alice Roush	01/04	58 years
Leroy & Bonnie Hauck	01/08	35 years



James Bartlett	12/01	George Bolich	12/29
Jennifer Bartlett	12/02	Anna Mae Harpster	12/29
Connie Mensch	12/02	Paul Rohland	12/30
Charlene Francis	12/03	Ronald Snyder	01/03
Ruth Greenly	12/07	Betty Dotts	01/04
Florence Ishler	12/07	Sydney Blosser	01/05
Kenneth Snyder	12/07	Jack Aunkst	01/08
Kim Herr	12/11	Kristen Bastian	01/15
Nancy Manning	12/11	Eric Fisher	01/17
Janice Reaser	12/11	Kay Dunn	01/18
Grant Wargo	12/13	Dwayne Mull	01/19
Penny Ulmer	12/17	Peggy Neuhard	01/23
Linda Valiquette	12/17	William Winner Jr.	01/30
Scott Reed	12/18		
Alyssa Byers	12/21		
Janie Bloom	12/22		
Blake Wargo	12/22		

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