

THE PARISH VOICE

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

February 2017

LOVE

is patient

is kind

it does not envy

it does not boast

it is not proud

it is not rude

it is not self seeking

it is not easily angered

it keeps no record of wrongs

never fails

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-F-noon to 4pm

Deadlines:

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

Newsletter articles are due in office by the ***10th of each month*** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

Deadline for the next newsletter is February 9.

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

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Come And See

Here we are in the midst of Epiphany. An Epiphany is a revelation and during this season, we experience Christ's revelation as the Messiah. One of the Gospel readings this year comes from John. I hadn't paid much attention to it until I heard the words "Come and see". It's an invitation and one that's repeated throughout John.

As Christians, we are privileged to know that Christ is the Lamb of God, the Messiah. Many of us were born into families of faith and learned of Jesus from childhood. Not everyone is so lucky. In the text, Jesus didn't wander around proclaiming himself the Messiah. Instead The Baptist did that for him. When two of The Baptist's followers approached him, Jesus invited them to join him.

I'm not a person who runs around asking people if they are saved, I don't tell people my way is superior to theirs. Who am I to judge the comparison? As one who is strongly introverted, I'm not likely to run around knocking on doors inviting people to worship.

Instead I try to model what I believe Jesus would want me to . How I treat people and how I behave. I hope I may serve as a witness with my actions rather than my words. Be polite rather than rude. Learn patience with others. Always strive to understand why another person may hold an opinion. Do not condemn something because it is new or different. Do not belittle another person who does not share your level of ability. Lift up the weak and celebrate where they are strong....Sometimes I succeed, sometimes I fail.

In the end, should any ask me why I do as I do, I hope to enthusiastically respond "Come and See" so that I may share the revelation of the Messiah.

Stephen Moll



2016 Council Highlights

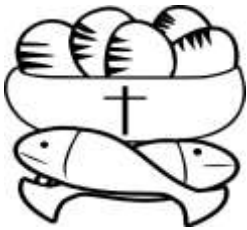
- Elected members to Parish Council- 3 members from each congregation. At least 2 to 3 of the council members should be a congregational council member.
- Chose members for the Call Committee- 3 members from each congregation. No more than one from each may be serving on congregational council.
- Approved new office hours for Donna Riccio- She will be working mornings at Trinity and afternoons at Christ.
- Decided on joint Ash Wednesday Service with Trinity to be held at Trinity. The Wed. evening Lenten service will be held here at Christ.
- Discussed approval to conduct a Congregational Support Campaign to sponsor youth members planning to attend camp or the 2018 National Youth Gathering.
- Witness team planned dates for 2016 Community Meals to be held here with the support of other area churches.
- Worked on PA Child Safety Laws compliance.
- Elected Nominating Committee
- Approved and signed Purchase of Services agreement with Grace.

- Parish Mutual Ministry team formed with Trinity.
- Approved proposal for new security system.
- Approved the 2016 backpack Give-away and ice cream social
- Met with Headstart to implement them using our facility.
- Approved CYF fundraisers-candy, hoagies an spaghetti dinner.
- Had fire detection equipment replaced.
- Had parking lot sealed.
- Joined with Trinity for service to celebrate the forming of the Milton Lutheran Parish and celebration of Bishop Driesen's retirement.
- Discussed new church computer hardware
- Elected new council members-Kellie Brouse, Tonya Wargo and Jennifer Bartlett.



Ash Wednesday Service

On March 1, we will be doing a joint Ash Wednesday with Trinity Lutheran Church. Service will be held here at Christ at 7pm with Pastor Wayne Muthler presiding.



Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church starting on March 1 and continuing through March 22nd.

A light soup supper will be served at 6pm , followed by a brief worship and then presentations on the Catechism by Chad Hershberger as a prelude to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Milton Community Soup and Word Luncheons

	<u>Speaker</u>
Mar. 08	Damien Brooks
Mar. 15	OPEN
Mar. 22	Linda Meckley
Mar. 29	Kingdom Kidz
Apr. 05	Salvation Army
Apr. 12	Cynthia Kirk

Services will be held at noon at
First Presbyterian Church
47 Walnut St., Milton

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

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

Eleanor Auman; Brenda Baker;
Laura Beck; Harry Berger; Marie
Burish; 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; Danny Leitzel,
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; Dorothy Stevens; Tresha Sudol; John & Tracy Supsic;
James Walters; Shirley Wargo

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Seleca Rovenolt; Laura Beck; Glen Dewire

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; Harry Berger

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



Thanks!

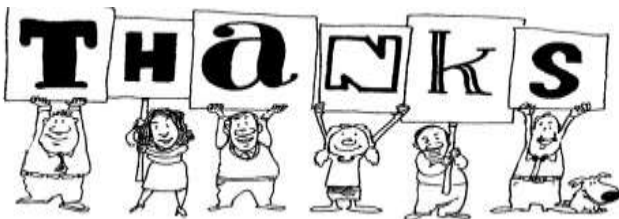
To Staff Support: Thank you very much for the generous gift I received from Christ Lutheran and Staff Support. It will definitely be put to good use!
-Barry Yeager

To Everyone At Christ Lutheran: Thank you to Staff Support for the generous gift!! And Thank you to Steph Byers for the cookies, Karen Martello for the greenery and gift card, Mae Jones for the pecans, Rich and Rose Handy for the lovely statue, Pastor Middernacht for being such an inspiration and for the beautiful baptism of my daughter, and Kellie Brouse for helping me “clean slate” for the new year! Most of all- an enormous thank-you from my heart for all the prayers and concern, when Gabrielle was going through the worst patch of her life. It meant so much to her and to her father and I. You have all changed our lives! Donna Riccio

To Staff Support & my CLC family,
Thank you SO much for my generous Christmas gift and may you all have a healthy, happy and blessed New Year!
Nancy Walters

To Everyone at Christ Lutheran Church and Staff Support,
Thank you very much for the generous gift. It will definitely be put to good use!
Rich Handy

To Everyone At Christ Lutheran:
Thank you so very much for the generous gift and the lovely flowers on Christmas Eve from the members of the congregation! Both are much appreciated!
Pastor Steve and Barbara



Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov.27	19	7		26
Dec. 4	21	8		29
Dec.11	21	7		28
Dec.18	24	9	* 33	66
Dec.25	13	6		19
Jan. 1	12	7		19
Jan. 8	33	**		33
Jan.15	23	7		30
Jan. 22	23	9		32

* Christmas Eve/Christmas Day ** no service

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

February – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund
(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope – Dec.2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
3	70.01 – 100.00
2	50.01 – 70.00
1	40.01 - 50.00
4	30.01 - 40.00
9	20.01 - 30.00
10	15.01 - 20.00
7	10.01 - 15.00
14	5.01 - 10.00
<u>58</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

Weekly Giving Per Envelope – Jan. 2017

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
3	\$100.01 or more
1	70.01 – 100.00
0	50.01 – 70.00
1	40.01 - 50.00
7	30.01 - 40.00
6	20.01 - 30.00
3	15.01 - 20.00
3	10.01 - 15.00
5	5.01 - 10.00
<u>81</u>	.01 - 5.00
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Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

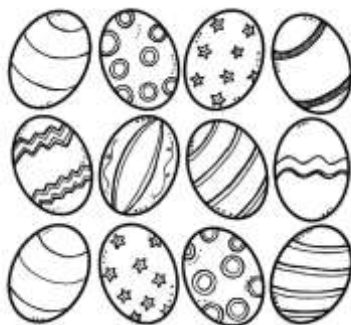
No Treasurer's Report this month because the final bank statements have not been received from the bank. December and January Treasurer's Report will be in the next newsletter.

ITS TIME TO MAKE EASTER EGGS!

The Church is looking for donations to benefit the Relay for Life Team and the MS Walk:

- 2 lb. bags of confectionary sugar, wax paper, paper towels, 48 oz. or larger Jars of JIFF Peanut Butter (Requesting Jiff Brand ONLY)

Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Donations need to be dropped off at the church kitchen by March 5th. We are looking to make the eggs at the church on March 11th(5:30pm -10:00pm) Anyone wanting to help is welcome! Questions call Stephanie Byers 570-490-2049.



HandUP Foundation

Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting cake and brownie mixes *for February*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community!!



Hours: The Food Bank will be open **only** the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Qualified recipients are still eligible to receive their food allotment once per month. Questions, call 742-3000.



Red Cross

Bloodmobile
Wed., February 1st
1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Church Website & Facebook

Go to www.christlutheranmpa.org or www.facebook.com and search for “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church” for up-to-date Church information! For postings/ideas/suggestions regarding the website, contact Donna Spear, Webmaster, at speardonna@gmail.com.





Join us the 2nd Friday of every month at 5:30pm for Family Movie Night! A special movie every month and supper is provided! So make the time and join us for fellowship and fun!

Little Needs... Little Things...

Little Ways You Can Help!

The church needs these items on a regular basis. If you can provide any of them, THANK YOU!

- Paper napkins
- Boxes of tissues
- Dishwashing soap for kitchen and sacristy
- Cascade powder for the kitchen dishwasher
- Gallon-size ziploc plastic bags
- Aluminum foil
- Sunday School snacks and breakfast items



Volunteers!



We are in need of members to serve on the following committees:

- *Nominating Committee*
- *Synod Delegates*
- *Audit Committee.*

Please call or email the church office if you are interested in being a part of these vital groups or would like to help with any other church committee. There is plenty to do! We always need the following also:

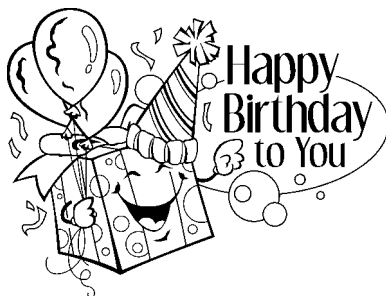
- *Ushers*
- *Servers*
- *Lectors*



Anniversary Blessings



Jason & Elizabeth Walls	2/14	13 years
Allene & Elwood Engleman	2/22	58 years
Nevin & Nancy Mensch Jr.	2/24	16 years
Terry & Rose Deaner	2/25	44 years



Dianne Perrin	2/1	Tanila Ramos-Valentin	2/15
Travis Bartlett	2/5	Kristie Ishler	2/18
Joanne Seidel	2/5	Nancy Mensch	2/20
Trent Wargo	2/5	Jack Plotts	2/24
Darlas Yost	2/5	Jeannine Wilkerson	2/25
Logan Faust	2/7	Amy Auman	2/26
Hope Harrington	2/10	Karen Martello	2/28
Gillian Mitchell	2/10	Joan Trate	2/28
Camille Kreisher	2/11		
Harold Webb	2/13		
Skyler Harrington	2/15		
Dale Kriner	2/15		

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

A Prayer For Every Day

Make me too brave to lie or be unkind.
Make me too understanding, too, to mind
The little hurts companions give, and friends,
The careless hurts that no one quite intends.
Make me too thoughtful to hurt others so.
Help me to know
The inmost hearts of those for whom I care,
Their secret wishes, all the loads they bear,
That I may add courage to their own.
May I make lonely folks feel less alone,
And happy ones a little happier yet.
May I forget
What ought to be forgotten; and recall
Unfailing, all
That ought to be recalled, each kindly thing,
Forgetting what might sting.
To all upon my way,
Day after day,
Let me be joy, be hope! Let my life sing!

Mary Carolyn Davies

