

# THE PARISH VOICE

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

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July 2016

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**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 July 15***

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

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## BLESSINGS

What if your blessings come through rain drops? What if your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know you're near? And what if trials of this life are His mercies in disguise?

These are some of the lyrics for the Christian song "Blessings" by Laura Story. I have been listening to it a lot lately. Many of you know that my 3 year old son Maddox was recently diagnosed with Autism. It has totally changed my life. It has changed his life in an even bigger way, however. He no longer just stays home or goes to the babysitter. Instead he has been introduced to countless different therapies, therapists, teachers, and new experiences. All of which will help to improve his language, communication, social skills, and sensory issues. He goes through it all like a trooper.

For me, it has been more of a struggle. It is hard to see your child not develop typically and struggle with what to us seems like the simplest things. What has helped me get through this? God! I can honestly say that I am closer to God than I have ever been. It took me a long time to realize that trials in my life, while difficult, have also brought positives into my life. It has made me closer to God, allowed me to appreciate that little things in life, and has most certainly made me a better person and mother. We all have bad things that happen to us in life. Things we cannot change. Things that don't seem fair. God, however, has a reason for everything. Maybe the purpose of these bad times are to draw us closer to Him. Look for the blessings in your life. They are everywhere, even in your darkest moments!

-Tiara Shipe

***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 Chapel; Lannie Davis; Shannon Dorwart;  
Ryan Fitzgerald; James Gautsch Jr.; Mindy Gemberling;  
Greg & family; Edith Getz; Kim Herr; Chuck Ishler; Kaylee; Carol  
J.; Bill Kriger; Robert Lukens; Tony Martello; Kellie Mason; Larry  
Mensch; Nevin Mensch; Myron Messinger; Betty Morgan; Paula &  
husband; Sally O'Fallon; Joanne Payne; Barry Pentz; 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; Wayne Croll; Richard Hollis ; Selea 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; Betty Baumer; Bebe Bolich;  
Betty Callenberger; Evelyn Dewire; Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn;  
Charlene Francis; Sharon Hoover; Rita Lenig; Nancy Mensch;  
Rob & Jacquee Hudson; Isaiah; Jane Ishler; Dan Kemrer;  
John & Arlene Lilley; Martha Lilley; Carol Ludewig; Kelly Packer;  
Gabrielle Riccio, Alice Roush; Greg Shive; 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; Mutual Ministry Team;  
Transformational Ministry Team; Council; Spiritual Growth;  
Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry; Children, Youth & Family  
Ministry



## PROCESS FOR NOMINATING COUNCIL MEMBERS

We want to share with you the process adopted by the Congregational Council for nominating council members.

Believing that the Church is under the direction of God, the process is surrounded and permeated with prayer for guidance in discerning those persons whom God is calling to his ministry. Ultimately, the nominating committee will present a candidate for every vacancy on the council.

The committee will meet to discuss procedures and members will pray individually for guidance in determining candidates. At a second meeting, they will pray together and share name of possible candidates. After the meeting, they will continue to pray individually for help in narrowing down the choices.

A third meeting will be held to pray and share the names of the candidates whom they believe God has chosen. Then by letter and personal visit, the committee will invite those candidates to answer the call.

Input from the congregation is asked at three points. If you have a name to suggest, please contact a member of the committee now. Please understand that your suggestion does not guarantee a nomination. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the congregational meeting where we will vote for those nominated. We ask that you also pray for the Nominating Committee and possible candidates.

Members of the nominating committee are:

Ed Coup, Ruth Greenly, Mae Jones, Nancy Mensch, Tiara Shipe, and Donna Spear.



Dear Friends:

Thank you for hosting the group in Milton this past weekend and allowing us to share our program “His Family!” with your congregation and community.

This year Re-Creation marks more than 40 years of service to the men and women receiving long-term care in the VA Health Care system. Your generous contributions through the church offering will help to further that personal mission to America’s heroes!

We enjoyed visiting with you and thank everyone involved for their efforts in the arrangements for the program and meal.

Everyone was so welcoming and gracious.

We know this program would not be possible without YOU!

And we look forward to seeing you again soon!

If there is anything I can ever do for you or your fellow members, please let me know.

In Him,

Jay Muller, Director, Re-Creation USA, Inc.



Dear Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$112.75 to Snyder-Union-Northumberland Habitat for Humanity which now makes you a member of our Foundation Builder Club. Your name will now be listed as one of our "Foundation Builder Club" members in the newsletters, in our "Thank You Ad" and on our website, your certificate designating you as a Foundation Builder is enclosed, you have been placed on a special list for invitations to our events, and your name will be announced at each of these events.

As you know, Habitat for Humanity brings together volunteers of compassion to build simple, decent homes for families in need, and in the process, builds stronger families and stronger communities. Your donation will help this mission continue in Snyder, Union and Northumberland Counties and to insure that our affiliate grows and provides the support for those in need.

With this donation you have helped us to complete a home in the borough of Northumberland and begin a home in Hummel's Wharf. The Northumberland home was dedicated to the Lenker Family of four in March and we broke ground last month for a new home to be built in Hummel's Wharf. The walls and roof are in place and we are currently looking for a family to place in the home. If you would like to refer a deserving family please have them contact us to fill out an application.

We cannot build homes without businesses like yours that open up their hearts and support our cause. On behalf of our entire affiliation, I extend our gratitude.

Sandra Hopkins, Development Officer



## Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
May 29	20	9		29
June 5	17	8		25
June 12	25	8		33
June 19	*	9		9

\* community worship/picnic

## Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

**July– Habitat for Humanity**

*(envelope provided with newsletter)*

*Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”*

## Weekly Giving Per Envelope – June 2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
2	50.01 – 70.00
1	40.01 - 50.00
5	30.01 - 40.00
7	20.01 - 30.00
8	15.01 - 20.00
7	10.01 - 15.00
12	5.01 - 10.00
<u>64</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

# Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 5/31//2016

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	6,926	2,228		9,154	109,406
INVESTMENT INCOME	0		0	0	500
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	259			259	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	50			50	150
TRANSFERS	0			0	30,811
BEQUESTS	0			0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	116			116	0
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>7,352</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,580</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
CHRISTIAN ED	216			216	1,950
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	195			195	3,400
PROPERTY	3,894			3,894	26,800
OFFICE EQUIP	947			947	8,735
WITNESS	27			27	800
CHURCH STAFF	3,320			3,320	31,493
PASTORAL MINISTRY	1,174			1,174	75,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0		0	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,106</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,106</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(2,754)</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(526)</b>	<b>0</b>

# Treasurer's Report

*(submitted by Rich Handy)*

for the YTD ended 5/31/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	32,759	5,681		38,440	109,406
INVESTMENT INCOME	105		12,985	13,090	500
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,379			1,379	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	175			175	150
TRANSFERS	0			0	30,811
BEQUESTS	100			100	0
MISCELLANEOUS	616			616	0
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>35,134</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>53,800</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,165			1,165	1,950
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	53			53	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	931			931	3,400
PROPERTY	10,654			10,654	26,800
OFFICE EQUIP	3,174			3,174	8,735
WITNESS	108			108	800
CHURCH STAFF	13,568			13,568	31,493
PASTORAL MINISTRY	4,887			4,887	75,189
MISCELLANEOUS	129			129	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	1,665			1,665	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>36,333</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,333</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(1,199)</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>17,467</b>	<b>0</b>



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

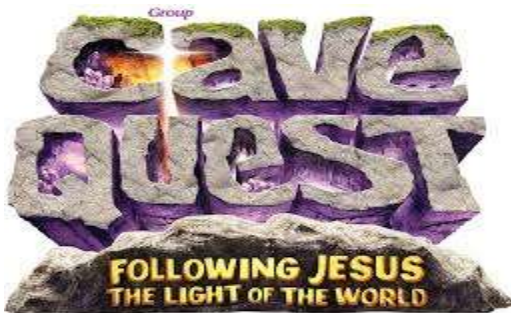
## Dates for Vacation Bible School:

***Vacation Bible School*** for children has been scheduled for the last week of July, Sunday, July 24 – Thursday, July 28. Hours remain the same and a light dinner will be offered to all participants and staff.

The theme for this year's children's VBS is ***Cave Quest – Following Jesus-the light of the world***. The children will be exploring the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the last day to register.

Please help out with VBS this year! When you get your groceries, please ask for at least some of them in **brown paper bags**! We need these bags for our Cave Quest!

The Christian Education Team holds regular meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Come and join us and see what your Christian Ed team is up to!



## 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
- Meal preparation for our monthly Bible Buddies youth group!
  - *We truly DO have children who come to Bible Buddies that have trouble getting a meal at home. Your contribution WILL feed others who have trouble putting food on the table.*
- Check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex for more ways you can offer your time and talent



## **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**



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### **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

# FAITH

All the scholastic scaffolding falls, as a ruined edifice, before one single word—faith. *Napoleon*

We cannot live on probabilities. The faith in which we can live bravely and die in peace must be a certainty, so far as it professes to be a faith at all, or it is nothing. *Froude*

Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows.- Standing outside, you can see no glory, nor can imagine any, but standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors. *Hawthorne*

Faith and works are as necessary to our spiritual life as Christians, as soul and body are to our life as men; for faith is the soul of religion, and works, the body. *Colton*

Faith is to believe, on the word of God, what we do not see, and it's reward is to see and enjoy what we believe. *Augustine*

Faith makes all evil good to us, and all good better; faith laughs at the shaking of the spear; faith finds food in famine and a table in the wilderness. In the greatest danger, faith says, "I have a great God." When outward strength is broken, faith rests on the promises.  
*Cecil*

Faith does nothing alone—nothing of itself, but everything under God, by God and through God. *Stoughton*

Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe, and you shall be saved, believe, and you will be satisfied; believe and you cannot but be comforted and happy. *Jeremy Taylor*

# Anniversary Blessings



Scott & Carol Reed	7/2	17 years
Peggy & Daniel Neuhard	7/7	26 years
Roger & Nancy Watts	7/7	59 years
Jack & Patsy Aunkst	7/10	57 years
Rusty & Kellie Brouse Jr.	7/23	28 years
Harry & Lois Berger	7/26	64 years
William & Stacey Winner Jr	7/27	25 years



Ellie Auman	7/1	Sharon Randolph	7/25
Leroy Hauck	7/1	Betty Baumer	7/26
Shawn Roush	7/4	Barry Yeager	7/26
Mackenzie Snyder	7/6		
Jeremy Herr	7/9		
Edward Coup	7/10		
Alison Auman	7/15		
Cody Winner	7/16		
Kenneth Ulmer	7/21		
Stanley Beck Jr	7/22		
Tatum Brittingham	7/22		
Isobel Fehrer	7/25		

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