

THE PARISH VOICE

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

March 2015

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2015
During Worship

Snow Date: March 22, 2015

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
AND PLAN TO ATTEND**

Copies of the 2014 Annual Report

Will be Available As Follows:

Handed out to those attending worship services in March
On the church’s website at www.christlutheranmpa.org
Upon request by calling the Church Office @ 570-742-7473

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.

Vision Statement: Christ Lutheran Church will be a congregation of strong personal relationships between members. We will continue to serve our community and reach out to our neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Public Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please feel free to stop by with bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter articles

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 March 8.

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

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Pillars of the Church

While looking through the Church directory for a number I needed, I started to think about pillars of Christ Lutheran both past, present, and future. Webster's Dictionary defines a pillar as an integral, supporting, upstanding member and indeed Christ Lutheran has had many.

As I reminisce as far back as I can remember (about 59 years) many people come to mind (I will apologize at the onset for people I have missed.) : Henry and Alma Heimbach, Franklin and Catherine Neuhard, Bill and Bessie Noraconk, Charlie Johnson, J.R. and Marion Reed, Ken and Louise Kriner, Lewis and Florence Jones, Mae Jones, Franklin and Bessie Hartzel, Alva Johnson, Dale and Mae Keefer, Glenwood and Evelyn Dewire, G.Lawrence and Elizabeth Brown, Dale Kriner, Todd and Laura Beck, George and Shirley Loreman, Donald and Anna Mae Harpster, Bill Strine, Lee and Darlas Yost, Paul and Nancy Weikel, Pete and Florence Ishler, Myron and Mary Catherine Leiby, Judy Snyder, Gerald and Ruth Greenley and so many more.

Some of these dedicated people still serve as guides for my generation and the next as they pass the torch to: Bob and Debbie Greenly, Ed and Penny Coup, Rich and Rose Handy, Don and Laurie Fisher, Laura Beck, Rose and Terry Deaner, Jim and Donna Spear, James Bartlett, Penny Ulmer, Steph Byers, Kim Mitch, Don and Tiara Shipe, Nancy Mensch, Jenn Suarez, Kay Dunn, Glen DeWire Jr. among others.

Looking to the future of the Pillars, I can't help but wonder, who will be there to support the Church? Are there enough younger people to replace the pillars of today as they age? Where will they come from? Will they be as dedicated as those from the past and present? Will the work of those who are trying to reform and grow with societal changes be enough to sustain, and reinforce or build new pillars? Will they answer God's call? Just think about it.

Submitted by
Karen Martello

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



For the sick: Sandra Aikey; Gene Caicco; Elijah Fox; Bob & Debbie Greenly; Anna Mae Harpster; Connie Mensch; Tiara Shipe; Darlas Yost

For those with ongoing, extended illness: Stephen Albertson; Melody Baldwin; Nancy Bleznuck; Aiden Brown; Gage Campbell; Karen Campbell; Cathy Carpenter; Sherry Clark; Dale Dickey; Kyra Longenberger Dodge; Ryan Fitzgerald; Larry Forrey; Jane Garrison; James Gautsch, Jr.; Clarence Gilnet; Bonnie Heimbach; Chuck Ishler; Carol J.; Raine Kime; Joann Klinger; Tristan Lindenmood; Robert Lukens; David Marks; Kathy Martin; Gary Mathias; Nancy Maturani; Kathy McClure; Rachel McDonald; Linda Mowery; Pastor Keith; Charles Pyers; James Reimensnyder; Lois Reimensnyder; Walt Scholl; Sally Shade; Jim Shambach; Roy Shrawder; Art Smith; Elizabeth Spickler; Polly Stackhouse; Mariah Streeter; John & Tracy Supsic; Larry Treas; Nancy Walters; Cheryl Walters; Stewart & Lorraine Watson; Dale Williams

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery: Mel Baker; Barb Gotaskie; Wendy Hosterman; Steve Ishler; Matt Kriner; Gary Lenig; Karen Martello; Tresha Sudol

For those in sorrow: 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: Betty Baumer; Doris Berry; Bruce Bolich; Lauren Byers; Ryan Byers; BJ Callenberger; Ed Coup; Rose Deaner; Evelyn Dewire; Glen Dewire, Jr.; Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn; Vicki Frith; Ben Grimes; Adam Hartzwick; Joy Hoke; Michelle Ishler; Camille Kreisher; Rita Lenig; Bev Mertz; Betty Morgan; Hunter Page; Zach Perrin; Dorothyjean Poeth; Mickey Renner; Alice Roush; Steve Scholl; Bill Sechler; Betty & Ray Shuman; Mackenzie Snyder; Tom Snyder; Mary Steele; Dorothy Stevens; Doug & Jessica Werdman

For the imprisoned: Jennifer Gregory

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

For the homebound: Kathleen Burch; Mary Burns; Evelyn Campbell; Betty Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Doris Heffelfinger; Violet Heimbach; Tom Kline; Pauline Reitz; Arlene Rice; Connie Sholly; Mary Steeley; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson

For those serving in the military: Matthew Dorman; Patrick Fawess; Stephen Himes; Dan Moll; Anthony Nudson; Cody Pursley; Ken Ring; Cody Messinger

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Pat; Pr. Keith; Sunday School, Youth Group, & Bible Buddies facilitators, leaders and helpers; Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop Robert Driesen & Synod Staff; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & ELCA Staff; Our Confirmation students, parents, and mentors

For activities and events, and for those who are traveling: Our faith partners at Grace, Point Township; Transformational Ministry Team; Mutual Ministry Team; Council; Spiritual Growth; Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry; Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Blessings and congratulations to Don and Tiara Shipe on the birth of their daughter, Delaney Harper Shipe, on Friday, February 13. Delaney weighed in at 8 pounds and 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She joins her big brother, Maddox, in their loving family. “Bless this little child, dear Lord, and help us raise her together to know and serve you with love. Amen.”

God’s blessings

and love to Jen



Suarez, Hope & Skyler at the death of their beloved Abe, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Abe was buried from St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church on Friday, February 6th. Inurnment was in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Milton. “Rest eternal grant to Abe, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him”.

Thanks to our hard-working Staff Support Team *for a job well done* on managing the interviewing and hiring process for our new Church Office Manager, Donna Riccio. Members of the team are Don Shipe, Penny Coup, Rose Deaner, Kay Dunn, Donna Spear, and Penny Ulmer.

**Our New Church Office Manager
Welcome Aboard Donna**

Donna Riccio of New Columbia is our new Church Office Manager and began her duties on Monday, February 23rd. Please take a moment to stop by or call the church office or email her at secretary@christlutheranmpa.org and welcome her to our church family and as a partner in ministry. Donna will be in the office Monday through Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jan. 4	38	4		42
Jan. 11	46	5		51
Jan. 18	27	0+		27
Jan. 25	32	7		39

+ No Worship Service

Weekly Giving Per Envelope

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
6	\$100.01 or more
1	70.01 – 100.00
1	50.01 – 70.00
3	40.01 - 50.00
6	30.01 - 40.00
9	20.01 - 30.00
2	15.01 - 20.00
7	10.01 - 15.00
6	5.01 - 10.00
7	.01 - 5.00
63	0

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

March – Missionaries

(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Treasurer’s Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

No Treasurer’s Report submitted this month.

2015 FINAL SCORE

TOMATOES – 91 + \$22.00

CHICKEN NOODLE – 42 + 42.01

Loose Offering - \$156.75

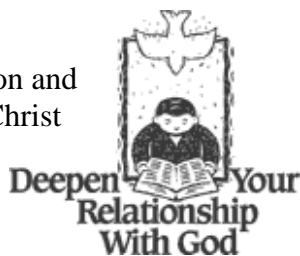
THE HUNGRY WIN!!!!!!

**Souper
Bowl Sunday**



Youth Education & Fellowship

- Confirmation w/mentors will meet on
 - Sunday, March 8th for confirmation and youth group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., @ Christ
- Bible Buddies – Friday, March 13, 2015 - 5:30-7:30 pm – Meal, Story Time and Craft/Games -
Last session until September.



Christian Education News

By Glen Dewire, Chairperson



Bible and Book Studies

Are postponed until further notice due to weather and health condition of participants.

Looking for Associate Director for VBS

We have a need for an “Associate Director” for the Vacation Bible School program. If you discern that you have a calling for this important ministry, please contact Glen Dewire, any member of the Christian Education Ministry team or the church office. Vacation Bible School is typically held the third week of June from 6 to 8 pm.

Homemade Easter Eggs!

Will be available Sunday, March 1st

\$7.00/Dozen

Peanut Butter and Coconut



Soup & The Word

Wednesday Weekly Lenten Luncheons
St Andrew's United Methodist Church
Lower Market St., Milton.



Join Christians from local churches as we travel through Lent together and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Again this year the luncheons will be at St Andrew's UMC at noon Wednesdays beginning Feb. 25th. The light luncheon is free and all are welcome. A devotional message is provided by a local pastor. The theme this year is the seven last words of Christ on the cross.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture Theme</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Soup, etc.</u>
3/4	Today...in Paradise	Steve Shirk	1st Presby.
3/11	Woman Behold your Son	Jill Bond	Revival Tabernacle
3/18	Why have you forsaken me?	Bob Barner	Comm. Mennonite
3/25	I thirst	Sheryl Hershey	TBA
4/1	It is finished	Dale Hippensteel	St. Andrews

*You are invited and most welcome to attend.
A free will offering is taken each week.*



Lenten and Holy Week Worship

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – 7 p.m., at Christ**
- **Good Friday, April 3 – 7 p.m., at Grace**
- **Easter Day Festive Communion: 8:30 a.m. at Grace; 10:30 a.m. at Christ**



Calling all Children and Youth... IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CHURCH CAMP!!!!

Camp Mt. Luther in Mifflinburg is gearing up to begin the camping season in June but it's time now for campers to sign up to attend. Early registrations are due by April 1st to receive a \$25.00 discount although applications can be accepted past that date. All programs have maximum enrollment so it is important to register as early as possible.

A Spring Open House is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th from 2:00-4:00 for those who are interested in going to camp this summer but want to get more information, ask questions, get a tour of the camp and see what it's like to be a camper.

Our Children, Youth & Family Ministry Group wants to assure that any child/youth who wants to attend camp is able to do so and will be working to secure funding to supplement or underwrite the cost. So pick up a camp brochure in the narthex today and check out all the camping opportunities. If you have questions, please contact Penny Coup who is our church's 2015 camperson. Camp registrations/health forms should also be given to Penny who will submit along with the required deposit.

February Youth Activities

February is normally when cabin fevers sets in for many of us, but for our youth it was an opportunity to schedule some fun events instead.

On Friday, February 13th youth members in 3rd through 6th grade gathered at the church for a sleepover. There was no room to walk in the church parlor as it was filled with sleeping bags, blankets and pillows. But before everyone settled in for the night, there were plenty of games, movies and snacks. A big thank you to Kim Mitch and Jenelle Rohland for serving as leaders and chaperones for the event.

On Saturday, February 21st it was time for the annual McDonalds Day with Pastor Pat for children in 2nd grade and under. After taking time to enjoy a Happy Meal or favorite McDonalds treat, it was off to climb, crawl, scream and laugh their way through the colorful tubes and tunnels of Play Place. Thanks Pastor Pat for hosting this event again this year.

Helping Others

- Campbell's Soup labels and Labels for Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission project
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- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Pennies for Social Ministry projects
- Recycling caps (box located to left of narthex door) – Update: Currently, we have recycled (and kept out of landfills) 1038 pounds of plastic caps! That's a LOT of caps! Keep the recycling for God's creation going!!!!



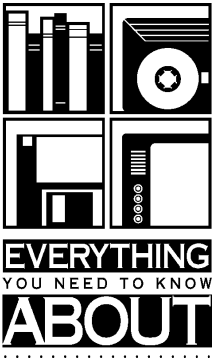
HandUP Foundation

Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting peanut butter & Jelly *for March*. 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.

Available on the Resource Table in the Narthex



Copies of USS ARK (Upper Susquehanna Synod news), CAMEL TRACKS (Camp Mt. Luther news), the LUTHERAN MAGAZINE, our PARISH VOICE NEWSLETTER, and also SYNOD & COMMUNITY INFORMATION, DEVOTIONALS, and PRAYER BOOKS. You will also find our SIGN-UP SHEET BOOK, CALENDARS, and other items of interest.

Please feel free to make use of these materials!

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
- Check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex for more ways you can offer your time and talents!





The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, in partnership with Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, will be launching a 30-hour online fundraising event on **March 11 & 12, 2015**. Total donations will receive stretching dollars from Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships.

The following local organizations have contacted us to make us aware of their participation in this event:

Camp Mt. Luther – A year round camp ministry serving the Upper Susquehanna Synod (ELCA) and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (ECUSA) providing resources and experiences in faith formation, worship, recreation, and intentional Christian community for all ages.

Kathryn's Kloset @ St. Matthew's Lutheran Church which helps to provide laundry detergent and other personal care items to those in need is participating in this online fundraising campaign, and we are hoping and praying for a huge success. Please consider supporting our work in the community by making a donation at this time and please help to spread the word.

Love INC (In the Name of Christ), a charitable 501c3 non-profit faith based organization located in Milton, PA whose primary purpose is to make connections between volunteers willing to help with specific needs and clients with those same unmet needs in the local communities we serve.

To make a donation:

- Go-online to www.raisetheregion.org starting at 6pm March 11 until 11:59pm March 12.

Other Upcoming Events

Contemporary Christian Music Artist Matthew West will be in Central Pennsylvania on **Sunday March 8th at 7:00 PM at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport.** WGRC is excited to be sponsoring this night of ministry and worship.

Tickets Available:
220 West 4th Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
570-326-2424
www.CACLIVE.com

10th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic
Monday, May 11, 2015
At Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Hummel's Wharf

Benefits Camp Mount Luther

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.



Anniversary Blessings



Patricia & Keith Pittsnogle	3/20	16 yrs.
Russell & Linda Bastian	3/26	49 yrs.



Brett Seibert	3/2	Benjamin Kerwell	3/17
Doris Heffelfinger	3/5	Alice Heffelfinger	3/18
Joyce Frederick	3/6	Terry Valiquette	3/19
Lindsey Fidler	3/7	Ryder Cipriani	3/20
Norah Bartlett	3/9	Corey Danowsky	3/20
Russell Bastian	3/10	Bailey Doherty	3/23
Harry Berger	3/10	Linda Bastian	3/25
Justin Winner	3/12	Penny Coup	3/25
Jerrold Roush	3/13	Bonnie Hauck	3/27
Bebe Bolich	3/14	Trish Long	3/27
Ryan Byers	3/14	Leroy Ishler	3/28
April Mullin	3/14	Rachael Spear	3/31
Vanessa Schneider	3/14	Stella Webb	3/31
Pastor Pat	3/16		

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