

THE PARISH VOICE

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

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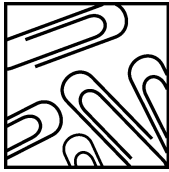


Show me your hands- do they have
scars from giving?
Show me your feet-are they wounded
in service?
Show me your heart-have you left a
place for divine love?

Fulton J. Sheen

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.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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).

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

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Interested in Learning More about Our Faith Partners in Liberia (West Africa) and Germany?

Perhaps you've followed on the news about the 15-year civil war in Liberia, plus our efforts at supporting their post-war reconstruction and renewal. More recently, we've mourned with our world's families in more than 14,000 affected by the Ebola virus and the nearly 3,000 deaths they have suffered in Liberia.

As a synod, we have sent funds, supplies, and people to share in the partnership of faith we celebrate, as well as the mutual worship and prayer ministry we offer each other every day.

In Germany, we also celebrate our mutual support and prayer, as well as the deep Lutheran worship heritage we share with our faith partners in Liberia, Germany, and Lutherans throughout the world.

We are even planning a synod visit to Germany from September 26 through October 5, **2017**, and invite you to join that educational travel tour to locations where Martin Luther lived and worked. This will be in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Would you like to consider being a congregational representative on our synod's global ministry team, learning and sharing information of God's work in our companion synods? You could be our congregation's personal connection to what God is doing in faraway places that blesses our own work right here in Milton!

Talk with me if you would like to consider this powerful ministry. You could broaden the understanding of your own church family in learning about and celebrating what our Lutheran Church family does every day in places far away. And...you could help us all grow in seeing just how big AND how wonderfully God brings us the good news of Jesus!

See you in church....

Pastor Pat ☺

"When the Gentiles heard...they were glad and praised the Word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the Word of the Lord spread throughout the region." --Acts 13:48-49

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



For the sick: Gene Caicco; Elijah Fox;
Larry & Connie Mensch; Tiara
Shipe; William Wessner

For those with ongoing, extended illness:

Stephen Albertson; Melody Baldwin; Reese Belkins; Nancy Bleznuck;
Aiden Brown; Gage Campbell; Karen Campbell; Cathy Carpenter;
Sherry Clark; Kyra Longenberger Dodge; Rich Engleman; Ryan
Fitzgerald; Larry Forrey; Pat Fox; Bonnie Gardner; Jane Garrison; James
Gautsch, Jr.; Clarence Gilnet; Bonnie Heimbach; Brandon Hoffner;
Chuck Ishler; Carol J.; Joann Klinger; Tristan Lindenmood; Robert
Lukens; David Marks; Kathy Martin; Nancy Maturani; Kathy McClure;
Rachel McDonald; Linda Mowery; Charles Pyers; Lois Reimensnyder;
Mike Roush; Walt Scholl; Sally Shade; Jim Shambach; Roy Shrawder;
Brenda Smeasted; Art Smith; Elizabeth Spickler; Polly Stackhouse;
John & Tracy Supsic; Larry Treas; Nancy Walters; Cheryl Walters;
Stewart & Lorraine Watson; Dale Williams

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Steve Ishler; Gary Lenig; Jerry Roush

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

For those needing daily strength:

Betty Baumer; Bruce Bolich; BJ Callenberger; Evelyn Dewire; Glen
Dewire, Jr.; Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn; Bradley Farrow; Vicki Frith; Anna
Mae Harpster; Joy Hoke; Michelle Ishler; Cathy Kime; Rita Lenig;
Nevin & Nancy Mensch; Bev Mertz; Betty Morgan; Hunter Page;
Dorothijean Poeth; Mickey Renner; Alice Roush; Steve Scholl; Bill
Sechler; Betty & Ray Shuman; Tom Snyder; Mary Steele; Dorothy
Stevens; Jennifer Suarez; Doug & Jessica Werdman; Darlas Yost

For the imprisoned: Jennifer Gregory

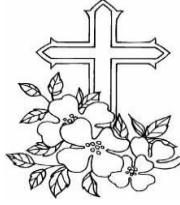
For those adjusting to life changes: All those affected by political & religious oppression

For the homebound: Kathleen Burch; 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.



Two beloved members of our congregation completed their earthly journey and have joined the Lord in the Church triumphant:

Mary Alice Burns died on Thursday, March 26, and was buried from Shaw Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 1. She was buried in Milton Cemetery. Pastor Pat officiated Mary's service. We mourn with Mary's cousin, Ruth Breon, and all of us who loved her and shared life with her.

Evelyn "Red" Christine May (Wix) Mensch Campbell died on Tuesday, April 7, and was buried from Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church on Friday, April 10. Evelyn was buried in Harmony Cemetery, Milton. Pastor Pat officiated Evelyn's service. We mourn with Nevin, Larry, and Judie, along with Kim and Brian and all the family – and all of us who loved Evelyn and shared life with her.

These dear ladies participated in many ways and for many years in the life and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. May they rest in peace from their labors, and shine the light of Christ eternally in their heavenly home.

“Lord God, you bind us together as children of God here and throughout the world you have given us. Help us shine our lights, as did Mary and Evelyn, as we continue our pilgrimage and await the day you call us home with them and all your saints. Amen.”



Our Congregation celebrates the first communion of three of our beloved children: Eleanor Auman, Olivia Rohland, and Paul Rohland. They completed their first communion classes and received their first communion on Sunday, April 26. Ellie is the daughter of Amy Auman. Olivia and Paul are children of Jason Rohland and Jenelle Rohland. We celebrate this growing disciple's milestone for them, their families, and all of us at Christ Church!

“Take and eat....Jesus says....Take and drink....Do this in remembrance of me.”



Thank you again and again! The shawl was beautiful. I use it every day! Joyce and Harry Holliday

Please note that the meal on Sunday evening April 19, 2015, was excellent. It has been awhile since I have had an old fashioned meat and potatoes supper. Thanks to all the people who helped prepare the food and serve. I am especially impressed that children took part in the serving. Everything was very well done. Great to see the entire Body of Christ working together. Please forward this note to the people from Hand-Up also. Marlin Hornberger

Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apr. 5	37	4		41
Apr. 12	21	8		29
Apr. 19	37	6		43
Apr. 26	37			37

Weekly Giving Per Envelope

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
4	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
2	50.01 – 70.00
3	40.01 - 50.00
6	30.01 - 40.00
12	20.01 - 30.00
4	15.01 - 20.00
4	10.01 - 15.00
10	5.01 - 10.00
<u>16</u>	.01 - 5.00
63	

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes May – Relay for Life

(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

for the month ended 03/31/15
and year to date through 3/31/15

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Year to date	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	10,584	1,384		11,968	24,941	109,406
INTEREST INCOME	46		4,961	5,007	14,929	500
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,250			1,250	3,750	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	60			60	60	150
TRANSFERS				0	0	30,811
BEQUESTS				0	0	
MISCELLANEOUS				0	0	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	11,941	1,384	4,961	18,285	43,680	155,867
EXPENSES						
CHRISTIAN ED	181			181	456	1,950
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	111			111	180	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	206			206	943	3,400
PROPERTY	3,118			3,118	6,430	26,800
OFFICE EQUIP	615			615	1,074	8,735
WITNESS	0			0	53	800
CHURCH STAFF	1,875			1,875	4,779	31,493
PASTORAL MINISTRY	6,187			6,187	18,820	75,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0			0	0	2,500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	1,001	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,626	0	0	12,626	33,735	155,867
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	(685)	1,384	4,961	5,660	9,945	0

Christian Education News

By Glen Dewire, Chairperson



Sunday, May 17 – Last day for Sunday school classes.

Recognition of all Christian Education volunteers for 2014-2015 during the 10:30 am Worship Service.

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday (Confirmation Rites) The Christian Education Ministry Team encourages all members and visitors to wear something “red” to symbolize the coming of the *Holy Spirit* on the believers! The Christian Education Ministry Team is also hosting a ***Pot-Luck Luncheon*** immediately after the Worship Service for Confirmands, family members, and members of the congregation. Won’t you come and welcome the new members of the church family and enjoy the fellowship? Details to follow.

Stories of Faith in Action

Dancing To Make A Difference

On a sunny day in Bellville South, South Africa, a sea of women, young and old, are dancing and singing — full of life. The lyrics “I dance ‘cause I love; dance ‘cause I dream; dance ‘cause I’ve had enough; dance to stop the screams” ring out.

Among them is a young woman from the United States, Abby Henderson, smiling and caught up in this one-day celebration of women’s empowerment that she helped organize. Abby is serving here through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program, where she is working at the invitation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa, learning about their challenges and joys. Along the way, she’s had an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young women through teaching dance.

In Bellville South, the challenges of hunger, homelessness, unemployment, rape, drug abuse and lack of education are widespread for women and men. “One of the most difficult parts of this year has been learning to see God in moments where I would be tempted to say God is not present. God is present everywhere, always,” Abby says. “I have begun to learn to see God in all the heartaches, as well as the joy.”

Young adults like Abby who are serving around the world are supported by contributions from family and friends, ELCA members, congregations and the ELCA churchwide organization through your Mission Support.

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For more Stories of Faith in Action, visit www.livinglutheran.com.

Helping Others

- Campbell's Soup labels and Labels for Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission project
- 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) 1098 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 pasta and macaroni and cheese for *May*. 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!



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.

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!



Other Upcoming Events

It's that time of year! Bring in your *donated treasures for our annual yard sale!* You may bring your items in any time and place them on the stage in the fellowship hall. The yard sale will be held on *Sat., May 2* – Milton's annual yard sale weekend.

Bowling Party!!

Sunday May 17 -5:30 to 7:30 pm

Imperial Lanes-Milton

Shoe rental, pizza and drinks are provided.

Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex!

Come join us for a time of fellowship and fun!

10th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic

Monday, May 11, 2015

At Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Hummel's Wharf

Benefits Camp Mount Luther

Anniversary Blessings



Steven & Michelle Ishler	5/7	21 yrs.
Robert & Stephanie Byers	5/12	25 yrs.
Guy & Robin Mensch	5/13	37 yrs.
Larry & Connie Mensch	5/16	56 yrs.
Harold & Stella Webb	5/16	10 yrs.
Ruth & Martin Trinidad	5/26	14 yrs.



Alexa Mitchell	5/1	Brody Gray	5/30
Lois Berger	5/2	Ida Snyder	5/30
Evelyn O'Connell	5/5		
Laura Beck	5/6		
Kimberly Mitch	5/6		
Brian Herr	5/11		
Ida Shuck	5/15		
Rusty Brouse Jr.	5/19		
Julia Spear	5/19		
Shelly Snyder	5/21		
Guy Mensch	5/23		
Roger Watts	5/25		
Mae Jones	5/28		
Curtis Schneider	5/29		

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