

# THE PARISH VOICE

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

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May 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 ***10th of each month*** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

***Deadline for the next newsletter is May 10.***

Please **e-mail [secretary@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:secretary@christlutheranmpa.org)** with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

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## Prayers For The Future

As I write this letter the Call Committee is beginning the call process and preparing for names of potential pastors. At the same time our Milton Lutheran Parish Council and our Parish Mutual Ministry are beginning to meet and discuss out future ministry together. I know some people are a little anxious about the future, however, after the first meeting of the Parish Council I am excited that the Congregations are working together at this level and sharing so much more of our ministry and witness in the community.

I do have a request of all of you. I am asking that you pray for the ongoing ministry of our congregations and for our new Parish Council and Mutual Ministry. I would also ask that you pray for our Call Committee and the call process. We all have wants and expectation for whoever our new pastor may be and I encourage you to pray for those things (I pray for a pastor with a passion for ministry and heart for Scripture). After praying for those things we want in a new pastor, we should also ask that the Call Committee be open to the Holy Spirit's calling. As you pray, I encourage you to pray with Scripture and offer a few passages from Saint Paul as he wrote to instruct those who were leaders in the church:

1 Corinthians 12 – Verses 1-11 address Spiritual Gifts.

Verses 12-31 address the Church as the Body of Christ.

1 Timothy 3 – Verses 1-13 address qualifications for those with minister in the Church.

Verses 14-16 address the mystery of godliness.

Titus - Chapter 1 addresses qualification for ministry.

Chapter 2 addresses teaching sound doctrine.

Chapter 3 addresses living our faith and good works.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our future ministry as Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and as part of the Milton Lutheran Parish.

Yours in Christ,  
James Bartlett

***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; Ryan Byers;  
Betty Chapel; Lannie Davis; Shannon Dorwart;  
Ryan Fitzgerald; James Gautsch Jr.; Mindy Gemberling;  
Greg & family; Kim Herr; Chuck Ishler; Kaylee; Carol J.;  
Bill Kriger; Robert Lukens; Tony Martello; Kellie Mason; Larry  
Mensch; Nevin Mensch; Myron Messinger; Jack Mosier; 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

***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; Bebe Bolich; Evelyn Dewire;  
Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn; Charlene Francis; Nancy Mensch;  
Rob & Jacquee Hudson; Isaiah; Jane Ishler; Dan Kemrer;  
John & Arlene Lilley; Martha Lilley; Carol Ludewig; Kim Mosier;  
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:***

Betty Baumer; Kathleen Burch; Betty Callenberger; Betty Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Doris Heffelfinger; Violet Heimbach; Tom Kline; Mary Jane Martello; Betty Morgan; Arlene Rice; Connie Sholly; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson

***For those serving in the military:*** Kristen Bastian; Matthew Dorman; Patrick Fawess; 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 Grace, Point Township; Transformational Ministry Team; Mutual Ministry Team; Council; Spiritual Growth; Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry; Children, Youth & Family Minister



# Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apr. 3	26	6		32
Apr. 10	35	10		29
Apr. 17	34	7		41
Apr. 24	24			24

## Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

### May– Relay For Life

*(envelope provided with newsletter)*

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

## Weekly Giving Per Envelope – Apr. 2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
3	\$100.01 or more
1	70.01 – 100.00
3	50.01 – 70.00
0	40.01 - 50.00
6	30.01 - 40.00
8	20.01 - 30.00
8	15.01 - 20.00
7	10.01 - 15.00
11	5.01 - 10.00
<u>63</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

# Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 3/31/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	7,425	445		7,870	109,406
INVESTMENT INCOME	100		12,985	13,085	500
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	86			86	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	40			40	150
TRANSFERS	0			0	30,811
BEQUESTS	0			0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	500			500	0
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>21,581</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
CHRISTIAN ED	195			195	1,950
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	420			420	3,400
PROPERTY	938			938	26,800
OFFICE EQUIP	769			769	8,735
WITNESS	44			44	800
CHURCH STAFF	2,532			2,532	31,493
PASTORAL MINISTRY	928			928	75,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0		0	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	332			332	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>15,422</b>	<b>0</b>

# Treasurer's Report

*(submitted by Rich Handy)*

for the Year ended 3/31/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	20,974	1,751		22,725	109,406
INVESTMENT INCOME	104		12,985	13,089	500
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	603			603	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	125			125	150
TRANSFERS	0			0	30,811
BEQUESTS	0			0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	515			515	0
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>22,321</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>37,057</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
CHRISTIAN ED	949			949	1,950
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	53			53	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	582			582	3,400
PROPERTY	5,605			5,605	26,800
OFFICE EQUIP	1,610			1,610	8,735
WITNESS	81			81	800
CHURCH STAFF	7,842			7,842	31,493
PASTORAL MINISTRY	2,784			2,784	75,189
MISCELLANEOUS	129	0		129	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	999			999	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>20,634</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,634</b>	<b>155,867</b>
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>16,423</b>	<b>0</b>





Thank you Pastor Steve and the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church for the use of your room and all your assistance in preparation for after meal for Sandra Koser's funeral. Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation.

The Musgrave-Koser and Hagenbuch Family

## **Quotes from Martin Luther**

*Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.*

*I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.*

*You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.*

*Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.*

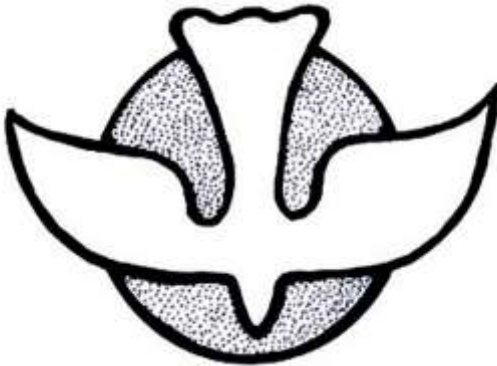
## *It Isn't The Church---It's You*

If you want to have the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like,  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike.  
You'll only find what you left behind,  
For there's nothing really new.  
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church;  
It isn't the church — it's **you**.  
When everything seems to be going wrong,  
And trouble seems everywhere brewing;  
When prayer meeting, Young People's meeting, and all,  
Seem simmering slowly — stewing,  
Just take a look at yourself and say,  
“What's the use in being blue?”  
Are you doing your “bit” to make things “hit”?  
It isn't the church — it's **you**.  
It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,  
That things go as well as they do,  
When we think of the little — the very small mite —  
We add to the work of the few.  
We sit, and stand around, and complain of what's done,  
And do very little but fuss.  
Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?  
It isn't the church — it's **us**.  
So, if you want to have the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like,

Put off your guile, and put on your best smile,  
And hike, my brother, just hike,  
To the work in hand that has to be done —  
The work of saving the few.  
It isn't the church that is wrong, my boy;  
It isn't the church — it's **you**.

— *Unknown*

*Different gifts but  
the same Spirit*



***Annual Community Yard Sale***  
***Saturday, May 7, 2016***



All proceeds from this year's sale will go to support our  
Children and Youth Programs

**Plus Food Stand and Bake Sale.**



This year's "May Event" was planned and organized by our  
Children, Youth & Family Ministry Group

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Church Website & Facebook

Go to [www.christlutheranmpa.org](http://www.christlutheranmpa.org) or [www.facebook.com](http://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](mailto:speardonna@gmail.com).



## ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2015 annual report is completed and available at the church office or on the stand in the narthax. If you would like a copy mailed to you-please call or email Donna Riccio @ the church office and one will be sent to you.

## 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



## Mothers Day Quotes

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. *Rudyard Kipling*



It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful? *Mahatma Gandhi*

Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.  
*Robert Browning*



I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.  
*Abraham Lincoln*

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child. *Sophia Loren*



The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness. *Honore de Balzac*

I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars. *E. M. Forster*

# Anniversary Blessings



Steven & Michelle Ishler	5/7	22 years
Robert & Stephanie Byers	5/12	26 years
Guy & Robin Mensch	5/13	38 years
Larry and Connie Mensch	5/16	57 years
Harold & Stella Webb	5/16	11 years



Alexa Mitchell	5/1	Roger Watts	5/25
Lois Berger	5/2	George Umholtz Jr	5/27
Evelyn O'Connell	5/5	Mae Jones	5/28
Laura Beck	5/6	Lexy Albertson	5/29
Kimberly Mitch	5/6	Curtis Schneider	5/29
Brett Hosterman	5/8	Brody Gray	5/30
Brian Herr	5/11	Ida Snyder	5/30
Ida Shuck	5/15		
Rusty Brouse Jr.	5/19		
Julia Spear	5/19		
Shelly Snyder	5/21		
Guy Mensch	5/23		

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