

THE PARISH VOICE

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

May 2017

Happy Mother's Day



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 May 15.

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

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A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH COUNCIL

As our relationship in the parish grows, and as we seek to strengthen our ministries together, we will be making some changes. The Parish Council asked the Congregational Councils to do a joint newsletter for the whole Parish, rather than two newsletters. We realized that much of the information in the two newsletters is the same and so in the future you will be receiving a Parish newsletter. You will also notice that the envelopes that the newsletters come in will say Milton Lutheran Parish and bear the address for Trinity Lutheran Church. I do not want there to be any confusion about why that is the address on the envelopes. Sometime ago the Parish Council decided to use Trinity's address for all correspondence and business for the Milton Lutheran Parish. The newsletters will contain all of the information that our newsletter currently delivers to you. There will be articles by council members, financial updates, a prayer list for those in need, events for both congregations, community events, thank you notes, updates from the ELCA, the upper Susquehanna synod, our missionaries, and our ministry partners in Liberia.

It is our sincere hope that this is experienced by everyone as a positive change and that you find more ways to participate in the life and ministry of the parish.

Yours in Christ,
James Bartlett
Parish Council President

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

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

Wanda Aikey; Eleanor Auman; Brenda Baker; Laura Beck; Harry Berger; Bill Bloom; Marie Burish; Ryan Byers; Betty Chapell; Lannie Davis; Linda Emery; George & Joanie Fisher; Mindy Gemberling; Greg & family; John Heffelfinger; Kim Herr; Mary Wagner Hines; Noah Joy; Nicole Kahl; Kaylee; Jean Labar, 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; John & Tracy Supsic; Karen Walters; Shirley Wargo; Alta Mae Whitmoyer...



For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Seleca Rovenolt; Ed Coup; 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; Charlene Francis; Sharon Hoover; Rita Lenig; Nancy Mensch; Rob & Jacquie 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; 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 Messenger; 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, Parish Call Committee

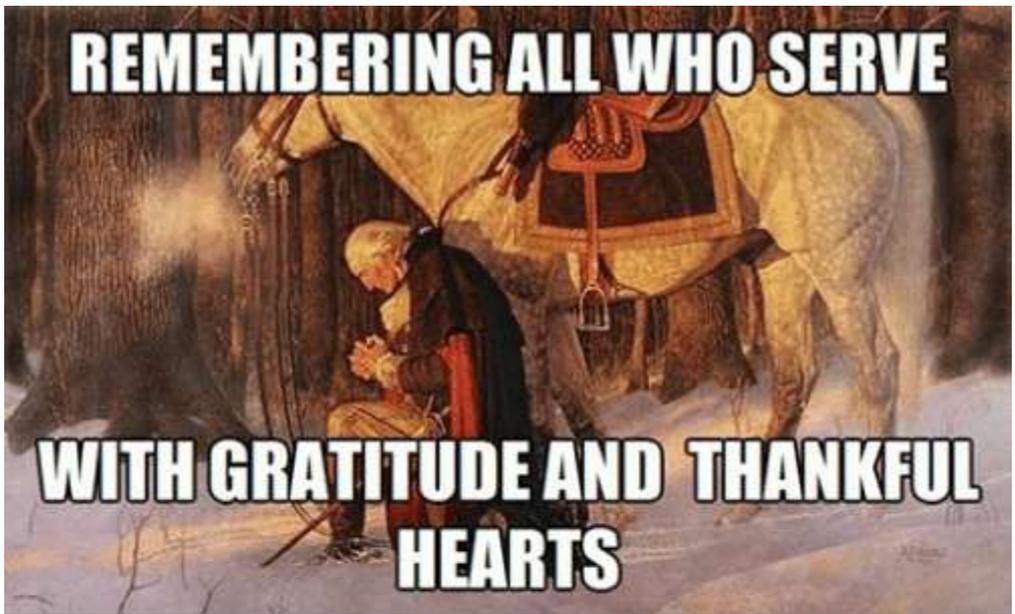
For activities and events, and for those who are traveling:

Our faith partners at Trinity & Grace, Point Township; Mutual Ministry
Team; Council; Spiritual Growth; Stewardship;
Christian Ed Ministry; Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Please pray for our confirmands:

Austin Mitch, Olivia Rohland, Paul Rohland, Skyler Harrington





God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country: For those who have fought...

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 29, 2017

Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mar . 26	14	5		19
Apr. 2	34	7		41
Apr. 9	27	9		36
Apr . 16	19	7		26
Apr. 23	22	10		32

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 – April 2017

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
1	70.01 – 100.00
4	50.01 – 70.00
4	40.01 - 50.00
7	30.01 - 40.00
9	20.01 - 30.00
3	15.01 - 20.00
7	10.01 - 15.00
6	5.01 - 10.00
<u>67</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

SAVE THE DATE

Members of Trinity/ Christ and the local Lutheran community will have the opportunity to participate in a historic worship with our brothers and sister in Christ from St. Joseph's Catholic Church on **June 4 at 3:00pm**. The Lutheran –Catholic Common Prayer service to be held at Trinity is the culmination of 50 years of dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics. It is a celebration of what we hold in common. The Reformation 500 years ago marked the split that has divided the two churches ever since. This year, as Lutherans celebrate the Reformation, we also use it to recognize how far we have come in recognizing members of the Catholic Church as our brothers and sisters.

This service will be held at Trinity and follow “the Common Prayer liturgical guide, developed for the joint ecumenical commemoration held in Lund, Sweden, on Oct. 31, 2016, co-hosted by The Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church.” Father John Hoke, of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Milton and the Rev. James Fladland, Trinity interim pastor and the pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran, Watsontown will serve as co presiders. Father Hoke and the Rev. Thomas Glasoe, pastor of Follmer Lutheran Parish and interim pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church will serve as co-preachers. Also participating will be the Rev. Steven Middernacht, interim pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and music director of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Turbotville. Members of each congregation represented will participate in reading, and prayers.

The Holy Spirit is surely up to something in this community. It is a wonderful opportunity to begin to share ministry for the sake of God's people. Please pray for our brothers and sisters at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and plan to attend this service; bring a friend or two.



Together in Christ
Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation



"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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HAND UP
Rebuilding Hope

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

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!

Free Community Meal **Schedule for 2017**

2017 Community Meal Schedule

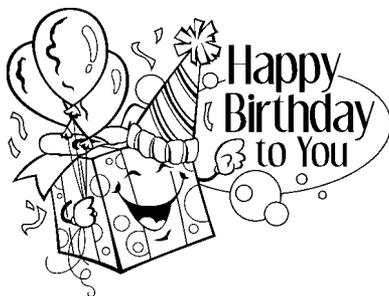
Saturday, June 17th
Sunday, August 13th
Sunday, October 8th
Sunday, December 10th

All meals are at 5:00pm
(Except June 17- @ Bethany UMC During
Bicentennial Parade-free hot dogs, fries and drink)

Anniversary Blessings



Steven & Michelle Ishler	5/07	23 years
Robert & Stephanie Byers	5/12	27 years
Guy & Robin Mensch	5/13	39 years
Larry & Connie Mensch	5/16	58 years
Harold & Stella Webb	5/16	12 years



Alexa Mitchell	5/1	Rusty Brouse Jr.	5/19
Lois Berger	5/2	Julia Spear	5/19
Evelyn O'Connell	5/5	Guy Mensch	5/23
Laura Beck	5/6	Roger Watts	5/25
Kimberly Mitch	5/6	George Umholtz Jr	5/27
Brett Hosterman	5/8	Mae Jones	5/28
Brian Herr	5/11		

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

Motherhood- by Eleanor Agnes Lee

Mary, the Christ long slain, passed silently,
Following the children joyous astir
Under the cedar and the olive tree,
Pausing to let their laughter float to her--
Each voice an echo of a voice more dear,
She saw a little Christ in every face.
Then came another woman gliding near
To watch the tender life which filled the place.
And Mary sought the woman's hand and spoke:
' I know thee not, yet know thy memory tossed
With all a thousand dreams their eyes evoke
Who bring to thee a child beloved and lost.
' I ,too, have rocked my Little One.
And He was fair !
Oh, fairer than the fairest sun
And , like its rays through amber spun,
His sun-bright hair.
Still I can see it shine and shine.'
Even so, the woman said, 'was mine.'
' His ways were ever darling ways'-
And Mary smiled -
So soft, so clinging ! Glad relays
Of love were all His precious days.
My Little Child !
My vanished star! My music fled ! '
' Even so was mine,' the woman said.
And Mary whispered : Tell me, thou
Of thine.' And she :
' Oh, mine was rosy as a bough
Blooming with roses, sent, somehow,
To bloom for me !
His balmy fingers left a thrill
Deep in my heart that warms me still. '
Then she gazed down some wilder, darker hour,
And said -when Mary questioned, not knowing :
Who art thou, mother of so sweet a flower?'--
' I am the mother of Iscariot.'



A few months ago we started a new ministry at Christ Lutheran Church. We have taken the opportunity to help those in need by starting a food pantry. We are starting off small with the hopes of a growing the food pantry over the next year. We have already assisted people seeking help and have identified some opportunities to serve people who regularly visit the church during the week. If you would like to donate any non-perishable items or toiletries here is a list of some of the things that we are in need of:

- Tuna or canned chicken
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Olive, canola, or vegetable oil
- Spices
- Cereals
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

As James Bartlett said in his article at the beginning of this newsletter, we will be starting a joint Parish newsletter with our sister church, Trinity Lutheran.

This is just the next step in becoming a working Parish. It is exciting and a little scary at the same time. But it is a step that will make it that much easier for a Pastor when God feels the time is right to give us one. We need to prove that as friends, neighbors and fellow Lutherans that we are ready to be a true Parish.

So, in that spirit, I would like to make this newsletter what you as readers would like it to be. What do you want to see in it? More stories, more synod news, puzzles, member profiles, local items....? What parts do you enjoy the most? The least?

Let me know what you would like to see and I can make it happen. Let's make this a true joint newsletter. There are so many amazing members in each congregation – let's try to make this an amazing newsletter also. I don't want it to just be boring financials and what's happening-let's learn from each other!

Give it some thought and contact me at either:

tlcmilton@ptd.net

driccio@christlutheranmpa.org

or drop a note at either office!

I look forward to this new adventure!

Donna Riccio
Office Manager
Christ Lutheran/Trinity Lutheran

Mothers

When Eve was brought unto Adam, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and gave her the most sanctified, the most glorious of appellations. He called her Eva, that is to say, the Mother of All. He did not style her wife, but simply mother,-mother of all living creatures. In this consists the glory and the most precious ornament of woman.

Martin Luther

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers.

C. Simmons

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.

Abraham Lincoln

A man never sees all that his mother has been to him, til it's too late to let her know that he sees it.

W. D. Howells

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.

H. W. Beecher

Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother. As if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought-the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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