

THE PARISH VOICE

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

November 2016



in all
things
Give
Thanks



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 ***20th of each month*** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

Deadline for the next newsletter is November 15th because of holiday.

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

DO YOU USE EMAIL?

We would like to start emailing the newsletter to people who are interested. If you are one of those people-please contact the church office, express your interest and give your email address!



From the Pastor's Desk

As we come to the end of the church year and reflect on our life in Christ Lutheran Church, let us ponder this ancient inscription from the Lubeck Cathedral in Lubeck, Germany.

Ye call Me Master and obey me not,
Ye call Me Light and see Me not,
Ye call Me Way and walk not,
Ye call Me Life and desire Me not,
Ye call Me wise and follow Me not,
Ye call Me fair and love Me not,
Ye call Me rich and ask Me not,
Ye call Me eternal and seek Me not,
Ye call Me gracious and trust Me not,
Ye call Me noble and serve Me not,
Ye call Me mighty and honor Me not,
Ye call Me just and fear Me not,
If I condemn you, blame me not.

Pr. Steven Middernacht, Interim

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

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

Eleanor Auman; Brenda Baker;
Harry Berger; Nancy Bleznuck; Marie Burish; Ryan Byers; Betty
Chapell; Ken Chappell; Lannie Davis; Shannon Dorwart; Linda
Emery; James Gautsch Jr.; Mindy Gemberling; Greg & family;
Edith Getz; Kim Herr; Mary Wagner Hines; Nicole Kahl; Kaylee;
Carol J.; Bill Kriger; Lillian Longenberger; Larry Mensch;
Nevin Mensch; Myron Messinger; Betty Morgan; Paula &
husband; Sally O'Fallon; Chris Rager; Wilma Rishel; Jeff Robol;
Sally Shade; John Shaffer; Maddox Shipe; Alex Shrawder; Tresha
Sudol; John & Tracy Supsic; James Walters; Shirley Wargo

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Pat Bender; George Bolich; Ed Coup; Robin Mensch; Seleca 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; Rodney Bastian; Betty Baumer;
Bebe Bolich; Betty Callenberger; The Deaner Family; Bill Dotts;
Kay Dunn; Charlene Francis; Sharon Hoover; Rita Lenig; Nancy
Mensch; Shannon Moll; Rob & Jacquee Hudson; Isaiah; Dan Kemrer;
John & Arlene Lilley; Martha Lilley; Carol Ludewig; Shannon Moll;
Charlie & Helen Napp; Kelly Packer; Edna Packer; Alice Roush;
Mike Rudisill; Greg Shive; Theresa Terroto; 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:

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

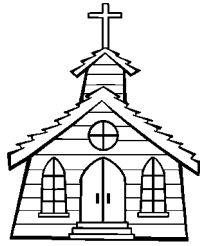
For those serving in the military:Kristen Bastian; Matthew Dorman;Jeremiah Fisher; Stephen Himes; Anthony Nudson; Cody Pursley; Cody Messinger; Trent Wargo

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.

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





CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

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Sunday, November 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Snow Date: November 20th

If we do not have enough voting members present for a quorum on November 13th, a congregational meeting is scheduled every Sunday thereafter until we do have a quorum to conduct the meeting and vote.

Meeting agenda:

- **Approval of 2016 church budget**
- **Election of new council members**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS, AND VOTE!



Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oct. 2	35	6		41
Oct. 9	33	8		36
Oct. 16	18	9		27
Oct. 23	36	8		44

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

November– Synod Support
(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope – October 2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
1	50.01 – 70.00
3	40.01 - 50.00
3	30.01 - 40.00
9	20.01 - 30.00
8	15.01 - 20.00
9	10.01 - 15.00
11	5.01 - 10.00
<u>62</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 9/30/2016

	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
Support and Revenue					
CONTRIBUTIONS	4,378	465		4,843	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	332		21,902	22,234	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	259			259	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	0			0	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	90			90	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0			0	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	5,059	465	21,902	27,426	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	19			19	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	43			43	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	146			146	4,250
PROPERTY	904			904	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	530			530	10,175
WITNESS	27			27	900
CHURCH STAFF	2,373			2,373	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	928			928	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0		0	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,305	0	0	5,305	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	(246)	465	21,902	22,122	0

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(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the YTD ended 9/30/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	55,823	8,259		64,082	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	597		50,024	50,621	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,414			2,414	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	250			250	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	190			190	0
MISCELLANEOUS	637			637	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	59,911	8,259	50,024	118,194	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,563			1,563	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	110			110	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,723			1,723	4,250
PROPERTY	16,253			16,253	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	4,973			4,973	10,175
WITNESS	272			272	900
CHURCH STAFF	23,306			23,306	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	8,600			8,600	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	230			230	2,500
MISSION SUPPORT	3,198			3,198	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,226	0	0	60,226	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	(315)	8,259	50,024	57,968	0



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of more people on our **prayer chain** to offer prayers for those who are ill or have special needs. It will take just a few minutes of your time, but it means so much to those in need. Men are welcome on our committee! Will you help? Call 57-742-7570, or speak with Mae Jones at church on Sunday!

We are also in need of **volunteers for Worship service**. If you are able to help out in any way-Usher, Lector, Server or Acolyte please call the church office and let Donna know. We don't like to use the same members over and over, so please think about taking a turn once a month! (Maybe twice?)

The number one item we need every year, every week and every day is volunteers! Please help our church grow and blossom by volunteering-even one day a month! Be a part of our solution!



Chairperson: Karen Martello

Council Representative: James Bartlett

Committee members: Kellie Brouse, Jenelle Rohland,
Kim Mitch, Nancy Mensch, Rose Handy, Jane Bloom, Edward Coup

Slowly but surely we are getting organized! We do have a few announcements!

We will be having an *Angel Tree* again this year.(Watch for it in the narthex!)

We are *collecting canned goods* on Christ the King Sunday, November 20th- for Feed a Friend.

The *Children's Holiday Play* will be presented on Sunday , December 4th.

Stay tuned for more announcements as we get everything ready! So much is in the works!

Sadie Hawkins Day

Sat. November 5th

Instead of asking someone on a “date”, invite them to come to church with you, for a “date” with our congregation!



Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting canned vegetables *for November*. 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.



Red Cross
Bloodmobile
Wed., December 7th
1p.m. – 6 p.m

Church Humor

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. “mind if I have a few?” he asks. “No, not at all!” the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl! “I’m terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few.” “Oh, that’s all right,” the woman says, “ Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them.”



“But when fall comes, kicking summer out as it always does one day sometime after the midpoint of September, it stays awhile like an old friend that you have missed. It settles in the way an old friend will settle into your favorite chair and take out his pipe and light it and then fill the afternoon with stories of places he has been and things he has done since last he saw you.”

— *Stephen King, Salem's Lot*

“I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

— *L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables*

“Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.”

— *Hal Borland*

“The gold and scarlet leaves that littered the countryside in great drifts whispered and chuckled among themselves, or took experimental runs from place to place, rolling like coloured hoops among the trees. It was as if they were practicing something, preparing for something, and they would discuss it excitedly in rustly voices as they crowded round the tree trunks.”

— **Gerald Durrell, My Family and Other Animals**

“And that afternoon, as the sun slanted low through the changing autumn leaves, I remembered to savor the moment, soak in the beauty, breathe deeply and feel the immensity of God.”

— **Cindee Snider Re, Discovering Hope**



Evening at Shade Mountain to Benefit Camp Mount Luther

November 4 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Come to Shade Mountain Winery to share fellowship, entertainment, and enjoy locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Van Wagner, a local musician who sings about life in Pennsylvania. The menu will include heavy appetizers, dessert, and one glass of wine per person. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Mount Luther. We ask all participants to make a donation to the camp that evening, equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided

Healthy Congregations Workshop

November 5 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Members of your congregation are invited to a Healthy Congregations Workshop on Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at St. Mark's, Williamsport. Pastor Tom Glasoe will be leading the workshop. This is a very interactive workshop designed to equip lay and rostered leaders with tools to help them lead in the midst of anxiety and change. The workshops are open to all members of your congregation. Teenagers and adults are welcome. All participants are charged \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to the Upper Susquehanna Synod and write "Healthy Congregations Workshop" on the check's memo line. The registration includes workbook costs. Register through the synod office.



Larry & Barbara Gray Jr	11/2	25 years
Rich & Rose Handy	11/5	5 years
Jay & Joan Trate	11/15	64 years
Glenn & Ida Snyder	11/23	59 years



Bill Sechler	11/1	Terry Deaner	11/23
Willard Bloom	11/7	Steph Byers	11/24
Betty Morgan	11/14	Donna Spear	11/25
Allene Engleman	11/20	Pat Bender	11/27
Daniel Hendershot	11/22	Jessica Yost	11/28

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