

# THE PARISH VOICE

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

October 2016



**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 October 20th**

Please **e-mail** [secretary@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto: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!



## **In The Beginning Was The Word.**

On October 31, 2016 we will celebrate 499 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg and the start of the Reformation. November 1, 2016 marks the beginning of the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation and we at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and in the Milton Lutheran Parish will be planning events and activities highlighting the reformation and what it means to be Lutheran. We have a rich history of faith rooted in Scripture. As part of the celebration we will be having activities for families, like “Flat Martin”. It is just like the Flat Stanley activities that children have done for some years in school. We took a Flat Martin with us on vacation to Kansas and Minnesota this summer and will be sharing all the places Flat Martin visited along the way.

For Martin Luther nothing was so precious and informing as Holy Scripture. In our Lutheran tradition we have the three Solas; Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, and Sola Gratia; Scripture Alone, Faith Alone and Grace Alone. It looks simple and easy to understand that Scriptures Alone informs our faith, it is our Faith Alone that brings us into God’s Grace and it is by God’s Grace Alone that we are justified and saved. Scripture is the foundation here, not church tradition, nor societal norms, nor secular progress. Martin Luther risked his life to reform the Roman Catholic Church of his day and sought to return the church to the witness of Scripture rather than the traditions and superstitions that had corrupted it. As we look forward to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation I hope and pray that we strengthen our faith through the study of Scripture and our Lutheran Heritage.

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; Marie Burish; Ryan Byers;  
Betty Chapell; Ken Chappell; Lannie Davis; Shannon Dorwart;  
James Gautsch Jr.; Mindy Gemberling; Greg & family; Edith Getz;  
Kim Herr; Mary Wagner Hines; Kaylee; Carol J.; Bill Kriger; Tony  
Martello; Kellie Mason; 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; John & Tracy Supsic; James  
Walters; Shirley Wargo

***For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:***

George Bolich; Ed Coup; Robin Mensch; Nevin Mensch;  
Seleca Rovenolt; Mike Rudisill

***For those in sorrow:*** For Kay Dunn, Glen Dewire and 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;  
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; 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 Trinity & Grace, Point Township;  
Transformational Ministry Team; Mutual Ministry Team; Council;  
Spiritual Growth; Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry; Children,  
Youth & Family Ministry





A beloved member of our congregation completed her earthly journey and has joined the Lord in the Church triumphant:

Evelyn V. DeWire died on Monday, September 19, and was buried from Shaw Funeral Home on Friday, September 23 in Harmony Cemetery. Pastor Steve Middernacht officiated Evelyn's service here at Christ. We mourn with Evelyn's family, Kay Dunn and Glenn DeWire, and all who loved her and shared life with her.

This dear lady participated in many ways and for many years in the life and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. As a Sunday School teacher and a Vacation Bible School helper. May she rest in peace from her labors, and shine the light of Christ eternally in her 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 Evelyn, as we continue our pilgrimage and await the day you call us home with her and all your saints. Amen.”*

## Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aug. 28	29	8		37
Sept. 4	28	8		36
Sept. 11	19	10		29
Sept. 18	29	5		34
Sept. 25	25			25

## Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

### October– Blanket Sunday

*(envelope provided with newsletter)*

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

## Weekly Giving Per Envelope – September 2016

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
3	50.01 – 70.00
1	40.01 - 50.00
3	30.01 - 40.00
8	20.01 - 30.00
12	15.01 - 20.00
5	10.01 - 15.00
15	5.01 - 10.00
<u>59</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

# Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 8/31/2016

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	5,107	566		5,673	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	111			111	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	259			259	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	0			0	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	0			0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	5			5	1,100
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>5,482</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>156,833</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
CHRISTIAN ED	180			180	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	290			290	4,250
PROPERTY	2,454			2,454	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	325			325	10,175
WITNESS	137			137	900
CHURCH STAFF	2,243			2,243	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	928			928	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0		0	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,888</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,888</b>	<b>156,833</b>
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(1,406)</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(840)</b>	<b>0</b>



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*(submitted by Rich Handy)*

for the YTD ended 8/31/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	51,445	7,794		59,239	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	265		28,122	28,387	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,155			2,155	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	250			250	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	100			100	0
MISCELLANEOUS	637			637	1,100
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>54,852</b>	<b>7,794</b>	<b>28,122</b>	<b>90,768</b>	<b>156,833</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,544			1,544	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	67			67	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,576			1,576	4,250
PROPERTY	15,349			15,349	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	4,442			4,442	10,175
WITNESS	245			245	900
CHURCH STAFF	20,933			20,933	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	7,671			7,671	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	230			230	2,500
MISSION SUPPORT	2,865			2,865	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>54,921</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,921</b>	<b>156,833</b>
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(70)</b>	<b>7,794</b>	<b>28,122</b>	<b>35,846</b>	<b>0</b>



## **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?)

### **Church Humor**

**It was Palm Sunday** but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."



## **FUN FACTS ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER**

Martin Luther was born Martin Luder, but it is rumored he opted to change his name to something for academic sounding. Luther would later pursue law school but then forego that route to begin a spiritual journey he could have never planned for.

At one point, Luther oversaw 10 monasteries and worked as a district vicar.

When Luther became a priest and celebrated his first mass, in 1507, he trembled so much he nearly dropped the bread and cup. He became so terrified of the presence of Christ in the sacrament that he tried to run from the altar.

Luther was very keen on music. He composed countless hymns and is regarded as one of the most important German composers prior to Bach.

Luther's wife was an ex-nun who had managed to escape from her convent by hiding in a barrel that had once contained pickled fish.

Luther was paid no wage, and took no payment for his services. At the end of his life, with six children he installed a lathe and learnt woodworking in order to keep the money coming in. He was also a keen gardener, producing fantastic lettuces, beans, melons and cucumbers.

Before his death he said "When I die, I want to be a ghost... So I can continue to pester the bishops, priests and godless monks until they have more trouble with a dead Luther than could have had before with thousand living ones."



National Youth Gathering & Church Camp Funds Spaghetti Dinner will be held Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> here at Christ. Tickets will be \$7.00 each, Kids 3-10 \$4.00 each, under 3 will be free. Tickets will be available starting August 28<sup>th</sup>. You can see the Byers family, the Mitch family or the Rohland family to get your tickets, or call 570-490-2049



## **NORTHERN LIGHTS HAYRIDE**

***Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm***

***St. John's Lutheran Church in Potts Grove***

Hot dogs and refreshments will be served around 6:00pm.

Then we'll load into wagons and move out around dusk!

You are welcome to come and bring friends!



Your Prayers and Presence are Requested  
On The Eve of Reformation Sunday

Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m

*for the*

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

*for*

**THE REVEREND**

**BARBARA JEANNE COLLINS**

as Bishop of

The Upper Susquehanna Synod

Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

5<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets, Sunbury, PA 17801

*A time of fellowship and light refreshments  
will follow the service downstairs in the social hall.*

*Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process.  
The color of the day is red.*

*Please RSVP no later than October 15, 2016  
by calling the Synod Office at 570-524-9778  
or by e-mailing directly to: [brenda@uss-elca.org](mailto:brenda@uss-elca.org)*

*Additional parking available in city lot between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets and one block north on 5<sup>th</sup> street.*



**Food Bank** – The Milton Food Bank is collecting canned fruit *for October*. 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.



## **Red Cross**

Bloodmobile  
Wed., October 5th  
p.m. – 6 p.m.

## 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).



## 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.*





Scott & Deirdre Coup	10/8	5 years
Terry & Linda Valiquette	10/12	54 years
Kurt & Bethany Umholtz	10/15	11 years
Sharon & Ben Dollar	10/19	2 years
Rose & Ben Kerwell	10/22	5 years
Charles & Kim Mitch III	10/22	22 years



Deborah Greenly	10/11	Robin Mensch	10/28
Austin Mitch	10/13	Brittany Snyder	10/28
Kimber Williams	10/13	Ashley Fox	10/30
Justin Walls	10/14	Stephen Moll	10/31
Gabby Riccio	10/15	Sandra Snyder	10/31
Scott Coup	10/16	Crystal Spotts	10/31
Rich Handy	10/16		
Beverly Mertz	10/19		
Kathleen Burch	10/21		
June Mull	10/25		

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