

THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
"God's Work. Our Hands."

September 2015

WHAT IS LABOR DAY?

Labor Day in the United States is a holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It is a celebration of the American labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of their country.

Labor Day was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, who organized the first parade in New York City. After the Haymarket Massacre, which occurred in Chicago on May 4, 1886, U.S. President Grover Cleveland feared that commemorating Labor Day on May 1 could become an opportunity to commemorate the affair. Thus, in 1887, it was established as an official holiday in September to support the Labor Day that the Knights favored.

The equivalent holiday in Canada, Labour Day, is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. In many other countries (more than 80 worldwide), "Labour Day" is synonymous with, or linked with, International Workers' Day, which is observed on May 1.

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.



Public Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*unless previously noted in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter*). 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.

ADDRESS/EMAIL CHANGE/ADDITION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

email _____

You Never Know What God Has In Store For You

Sometimes we do not understand why things happen to us. We wonder “why did God let this happen?” “why me?”. As we all know, God has a reason for everything even though we do not always understand that reason. In the end, we just need to put our trust in the Lord and understand that He knows what is best for us.

An example of this occurred recently with my cousin. On August 1st 2014 my cousin and her husband were completely and utterly heartbroken after the delivery of their stillborn baby. They asked God, “why us”, “why did this happen?”. They never thought their hearts would be whole again. They, however, placed their worry and despair on God. They were faithful and knew that He had a reason for everything and that their child was in a wonderful and better place!

Now, fast forward to exactly one year later. My cousin delivered a healthy and beautiful little girl on August 1st, 2015. God blessed them with another child. Even though it would never replace her baby that passed away, it helped to fill a void in her heart. She told me that she would have never imagined being where she is today back on that horrible day last August. Her family once again can feel joy and happiness and know that God was with them all along; in both their worst of days and best of days.

Tiara Shipe



**If the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?
Psalm 11.3**



In Memory of September 11,2001

We remember the first time we heard the news.
We recall the first time we saw those images.
We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were
with those families who lost loved ones.
Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

***O God of Comfort – though the years have passed,
you are faithful still.***

***Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and
peace endure.***

We remember that you love the world.
We recall you sent your Son to bring reconciliation and
salvation.
We remember your Spirit inhabits your Church.
Help us bring your comfort and peace to all.

***O God of hope - fourteen years have passed.
Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and
peace endure.***

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



For the sick: Elijah Fox; William Wessner

For those with ongoing, extended illness:

Stephen Albertson; Eleanor Auman; Melody Baldwin; Pat Bender;
Nancy Bleznuck; Sherry Clark; Rich Engleman; Ryan Fitzgerald;
Larry Forrey; Jane Garrison; James Gautsch, Jr.; Clarence Gilnet;
Bonnie Heimbach; Brandon Hoffner; Chuck Ishler; Carol J.; Tristan
Lindenmood; Robert Lukens; Nancy Maturani; Rachel McDonald;
Linda Mowery; Charles Pyers; John Reeder; Mike Roush; Walt Scholl;
Sally Shade; Roy Shrawder; Polly Stackhouse; John & Tracy Supsic;
Cheryl Walters; Dale Williams

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery: Larry Graby; Jason
Heffelfinger; Gary Lenig; Jack Mosier; Nancy Wiles; Donna Stump;
Jim Sechler

For those in sorrow: 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: James Bartlett; Alissa Bartlett;
Betty Baumer; Bruce Bolich; BJ Callenberger; Evelyn Dewire;
Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn; Bradley Farrow; Vicki Frith; Kim Herr; Isaiah;
Michelle Ishler; Cathy Kime; Rita Lenig; Nevin & Nancy Mensch; Bev
Mertz; Betty Morgan; Kim Mosier; Dorothejean Poeth; Alice Roush;
Steve Scholl; Betty & Ray Shuman; Deb Snyder; Tom Snyder; Dorothy
Stevens; Doug & Jessica Weidman; 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; Trent Wargo

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Our lay worship leaders, Pastor Steve; Pr. Pat; Pr. Keith; 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

Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 26	38	*		38
Aug. 2	25	8		33
Aug. 9	30	9		39
Aug. 16	21	7		28
Aug. 23	26	7		33

* special event or no service

Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy...

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

September – CROP WALK
(envelopes provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope August 2015

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
4	50.01 – 70.00
2	40.01 - 50.00
5	30.01 - 40.00
8	20.01 - 30.00
10	15.01 - 20.00
6	10.01 - 15.00
12	5.01 - 10.00
<u>24</u>	.01 - 5.0
75	

Treasurer's Reports

(submitted by Rich Handy)

Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the month ended 07/31/15

	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
Support and Revenue				
CONTRIBUTIONS	6,206	437		6,643
SPECIAL SERV.OFFERING				
INTEREST INCOME				
INVESTMENT INCOME			1,790	1,790
PURCHASE OF SERVICES				
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS				
BEQUESTS				
MISCELLANEOUS	15			15
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	6,221	437	1,790	8,448
EXPENSES				
CHRISTIAN ED	264			264
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0
WORSHIP/MUSIC	423			423
PROPERTY	2,422			2,422
OFFICE EQUIP	547			547
WITNESS	0			0
CHURCH STAFF	3,072			3,072
PASTORAL MINISTRY	3,438			3,438
MISCELLANEOUS	174			174
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,672	0	0	10,672
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	(4,452)	437	1790	(2,225)

Treasurer's Reports

(submitted by Rich Handy)

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

for the year to date through 07/31/15

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
CONTRIBUTIONS	50,414	4,531		54,945
SPECIAL SERV.OFFERING	1,493			
INTEREST INCOME	81			81
INVESTMENT INCOME			17,983	17,983
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	7,500			7,500
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	114			114
BEQUESTS		3,241		3,241
MISCELLANEOUS	614			614
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	60,216	7,773	17,983	84,479
 EXPENSES				
CHRISTIAN ED CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	1,347			1,347
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,928			1,928
PROPERTY	13,540			13,540
OFFICE EQUIP	3,573			3,573
WITNESS	119			119
CHURCH STAFF	13,963			13,963
PASTORAL MINISTRY	41,756			41,756
MISCELLANEOUS	545			545
MISSION SUPPORT	2,333			2,333
TOTAL EXPENSES	79,289	0	0	79,289
 EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	 (19,073)	 7,773	 17,983	 5,190



Chairperson

By Glen Dewire,



Rally Day-Sunday, September 13, 2015

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church's *Gods Work Our Hands Sunday* takes place Sunday, September 13, 2015. It is not only *Rally Day*, the kick-off to our new Sunday School year, but also a day for **OUR** faith community to devote themselves to mission.

Our **MISSION** this year is in service to those in need in our community. In partnership with the *Hands-Up Foundation* throughout the year, we are asking our members to donate the items in shortest supply, most needed in the *Hands-Up Food Bank*. Those items are *toilet paper and paper towels*.

The way we at Christ plan to accomplish this **mission** is by asking our members to make donations of toilet paper and /or paper towels or monetary donations to purchase a whole case or part of a case of *toilet paper and/or paper towels*. Of course-to make it more interesting- we will have a competition between the men and the ladies for who donates the most. It is already heating up! The women as expected are far out in front-but we expect the men to close fast and hard in the home stretch! (Losers have to make dinner for the winners!) The vendor used is the same used by Rose Handy at Country Comfort Alternative Living.

Toilet Paper comes in 80 rolls per case for **\$36.53**. *Paper Towels* come 30 rolls per case and are **\$25.68**. *Toilet Paper and paper towels* will be distributed on September 13th along with laundry detergent and dryer

softener after the worship service. Any leftover donations will be given to the *Hands-Up Food Bank* to distribute to their customers.

Checks toward this important outreach ministry should be made out to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, with toilet/paper towel donation written on the memo line. Prices above reflect donations of entire cases, donations of any amount will be gratefully appreciated.

After the Worship service on Sunday, September 13, we will meet in the pavilion for a celebration of mission! A light lunch of grilled hot-dogs, chips, beverage will be served. Everyone in our community will be invited to attend the celebration on that day. So please plan to attend this important event to celebrate our **MISSION AND VISION!**

Please wear your yellow **Gods Work Our Hands** T-shirt on this day of celebration and outreach. If you do not have a T-shirt or need a new one, speak to Penny Coup or Rose Handy. They will make sure you receive one.

**WON'T YOU COME AND BE PART OF
Gods Work Our Hands
IN ACTION!**

REMINDER:

Starting this month, your Christian Education Ministry Team will be looking for additional Worship Participants. These important members of our Worship team include ushers, greeters, acolytes, crucifers, lectors, servers, sound system operators, and prayer team ministers. If you are discerning a call to serve in some way during the Worship Service be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to sign up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For those interested in serving as Sunday School Teachers or substitutes, please see any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team: Karen Martello, Nancy Mensch, Ed Coup, Glen Dewire, or Janie Bloom. Under Pennsylvania's new Child Protective Service Guidelines all volunteers who work with children will need to be trained (offered free and online) and are required to get two background checks (fees are charged.) Record of certification will be kept locked in the church office due to the confidential nature of the information(requires Soc. Sec. #). Look for an informational meeting to be held shortly on this matter.



Dear Members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The kids and I would like to offer our sincere thanks for allowing us the usage of the church for Raine's service. Also, for the delicious meal you provided after the funeral. This token of love and kindness is greatly appreciated! Thank you for comforting us during our time of need.

God Bless and with all our love,

Jonathan, Sydney & Cathy Kime



Rest In Peace

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

Mary Elizabeth Steeley died on Saturday, August 8, and was buried from Shaw Funeral Home on Friday, August 14. She was buried in Turbotville Cemetary. Pastor Middernacht officiated Mary's service. We mourn with Mary's family, and all of us who loved her and shared life with her. Mary participated for many years in the life and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. 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 Mary as we continue our pilgrimage and await the day you call us home with them and all your saints. Amen."

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
- Caps for Creation (box located to left of narthex door) – Update: Currently, we have recycled (and kept out of landfills) 1250 pounds of plastic caps! That's a LOT of caps! Keep the recycling for God's creation going!!!!



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
- Hand sanitizers – always needed to replace and refill the ones we use in worship and in the narthex, sacristy, and kitchen
- Dishwashing soap for the kitchen and sacristy
- Gallon-size ziploc plastic bags
- Aluminum foil



HandUP Foundation

Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting *canned meat, tuna, or chicken for August*. 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., and on the 3rd Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. It will be closed all other Wednesdays. 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. Please feel free to make use of these materials.



Christian Book Store here at Christ Lutheran Church

Have you checked out the books in our bookstore? The display case offers a variety of books and study resources which you can purchase to support your own spiritual growth journey. Selections are available for children, teens, and adults, and they will be changed periodically so you will need to keep checking back to see “What’s New.”



Bible Buddies

BEGINS

Friday, September 18, 2015

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

(Future sessions will be the 2nd Friday of the Month)

For Children up to 5th Grade

(Older Children are welcome to participate or serve as helpers)

Meal (Kid's Favorites)	5:30-6:00
Bible Story/Lesson	6:00-6:45
Crafts/Games/Music	6:45-7:30

PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND THEMES

September 18	The Story of Creation
October 9	A Man Named Noah
November 13	Baby Moses
December 11	The Birth of Jesus
January 8	Daniel and the Lion's Den
February 12	Jonah and the Whale
March 11	Feeding of the 5000
April 8	The Good Samaritan
May 13	Jesus Calms the Storm

PROGRAM LEADERS

Nancy Mensch	Storytime/Younger Group
Kay Dunn	Bible Lesson/Older Group
Jen Suarez	Crafts/Games
James Bartlett	Meal Preparation

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Calling All Youth!!!!

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING



What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

The ELCA Youth Gathering is a ministry of the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to, with and for high school-aged youth and their adult leaders. The Gathering, as it is known, is a triennial event that takes place over five days – Wednesday to Sunday – and includes opportunities for worship, service, fellowship, study and holy play.

Who Is Eligible To Attend?

Youth entering Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in 2018
and
2018 High School Graduates

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!!!!

If you are interested in attending, contact Penny Coup,
Children, Youth & Family Ministry Group Leader at
570-412-3926

Or

pcoup72@gmail.com

**Christ Lutheran Church,
New Hope Ministry Center
& the HandUP Foundation**

invites you to a

Free Community Meal
Sunday, October 18, 2015
5:00 pm

At Christ Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning St, Milton, PA

Open to the Public
Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers Are Needed

to help prepare and serve the meal.

If you can give a few hours to help support this community outreach effort, please contact Rose Handy or Penny Coup. Come and join us as we work side by side with volunteers from our partner organizations in providing this important ministry to the community.

Dear Christ Lutheran Family,

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



September 24th is the 15th anniversary of Pastor Pat's ordination. On Sunday, September 27, the altar flowers at St. Johns will be provided by our congregation in her honor. We are urging everyone in our congregation to send her an anniversary congratulatory card.

Her address is:

**Pastor Patricia Pittsnogle
St. Johns Lutheran Church
300 Queen St. Northumberland, PA. 17857**

Let's shower her with cards on this important day in her life!

Nancy Walters

After Salvation Word Search



Words to Find:

pray

serve

church

baptism

tithe

witness

Bible

minister

obey

devotions

worship

thankful

read



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Ronald & Deb Snyder	9/6	7 years
John & Tonya Wargo	9/10	27 years
William & Betty Dotts	9/22	31 years
Donna & James Spear	9/27	29 years
Kenneth & Penny Ulmer	9/29	36 years



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rodney Bastian	9/2	Hailey Bartlett	9/25
Pauline Reitz	9/2	Robert Greenly	9/25
John Wargo	9/5	Jody McHenry	9/25
Olivia Rohland	9/6	Rose Deaner	9/27
Alice Roush	9/8		
Patricia Hendricks	9/9		
Bret Johnson	9/10		
Rose Handy	9/12		
Steven Greenly	9/14		
Carson Berge	9/15		
Gavin Walsh	9/15		
Pam Walsh	9/15		
Elwood Engleman	9/17		
Gerald Greenly	9/17		
Connie Sholly	9/19		
Gregory Valiquette	9/22		

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Richard Handy, Jr., Treasurer

Barry Yeager, Custodian

Bob & Deb Greenly, Groundskeepers

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