

THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
"God's work. Our hands."

September 2016

Faith TO LIGHT THE DARKENED SKY,
Strength TO CARRY ON,
Love TO TOUCH AND HEAL THE SOUL,
Hope TO GRACE THE DAWN

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 September 20th

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!



A POINT OF VIEW

It is now September-a month which to me signals new beginnings and change. September reminds us that the leaves will soon be falling-making room for new leaves in the Spring. Our children are starting a new school year-with new classes, new teachers and new challenges. In a blink of an eye-it will be December and we will be preparing for a new year.

In so many ways the two churches of the new Milton Lutheran Parish are like the leaves, the students and the year. They must prepare for change. Two congregations looking forward with excitement and of course some trepidation! As we get older and settled in our ways we become more resistant to changes-especially large ones.

As someone involved with both congregations, I urge both churches to embrace this change. This is the time to put aside "our church" and "their church"- and start saying "our churches." As long time friends and neighbors, now is the time to join together as "us". Use each other's talents and combine our strengths to get rid of the weakness'. Both congregations have the same goal- to serve God in as many ways as possible and to grow a more vibrant Lutheran presence. Even before a new Pastor is found, this can be done! What could be better than to show prospective pastors that we are united and ready! What a wonderful goal! Let the coming year be the best ever for both of us-united as one as the Milton Lutheran Parish. I for one am excited to be a part of this new beginning!

Donna Riccio

Office Manager-Milton Lutheran Parish

***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 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; Evelyn Dewire;
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:

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



Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 31	20	8		28
Aug 7	24	*		24
Aug 14	17	6		23
Aug 21	*	8		8

* no service or service @ Trinity

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

September– Crop Walk

(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope – August 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
4	30.01 - 40.00
7	20.01 - 30.00
12	15.01 - 20.00
6	10.01 - 15.00
13	5.01 - 10.00
<u>60</u>	.01 - 5.00
110	

Treasurer's Report

(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the month ended 7/31/2016

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	7,133	587		7,720	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	10			10	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	0			0	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	0			0	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	0			0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0			0	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	7,143	587	0	7,730	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	199			199	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	333			333	4,250
PROPERTY	1,599			1,599	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	660			660	10,175
WITNESS	0			0	900
CHURCH STAFF	2,293			2,293	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	928			928	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0		0	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	333			333	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,346	0	0	6,346	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	798	587	0	1,385	0

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(submitted by Rich Handy)

for the YTD ended 7/31/16

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	46,338	7,228		53,566	96,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	154		28,122	28,275	700
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,897			1,897	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	250			250	200
TRANSFERS	0			0	43,259
BEQUESTS	100			100	0
MISCELLANEOUS	631			631	1,100
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	49,369	7,228	28,122	84,719	156,833
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,364			1,364	3,050
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	67			67	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,286			1,286	4,250
PROPERTY	12,940			12,940	26,900
OFFICE EQUIP	4,118			4,118	10,175
WITNESS	108			108	900
CHURCH STAFF	18,690			18,690	31,869
PASTORAL MINISTRY	6,743			6,743	72,189
MISCELLANEOUS	230			230	2,500
MISSION SUPPORT	2,532			2,532	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	48,078	0	0	48,078	156,833
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	1,292	7,228	28,122	36,641	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?)

Church Humor

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

FUN HISTORICAL FACTS

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children-last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor."

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a "thresh hold."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift" to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

Whoever said that History was boring?



The National Youth Gathering car wash held at Pizza Town on Saturday, August 6th raised \$317.00. A big thanks goes to Pizza Town for allowing us to use their facility to host the carwash! Another big thank you goes to Advance Auto Parts in Lewisburg for donating the supplies we used. Thank you to Jenelle Rohland for purchasing us pizza for lunch! The hard work of Alyssa, Ryan, Lauren, Bob & Stephanie Byers, Kim, Brent & Austin Mitch and Jenelle Rohland produced a successful day of washing 24 cars! Thanks to those folks that brought their cars out for us to wash! Looking forward to holding another carwash next year and we would love for more of our family, friends and congregation members to come out and support our kids!



National Youth Gathering Spaghetti Dinner & Chinese Auction will be held Saturday, October 8th 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 28th. You can see the Byers family, the Mitch family or the Rohland family to get your tickets, or call 570-490-2049



John & Tonya Wargo	9/10	28 years
William & Betty Dotts	9/22	32 years
Donna & James Spear	9/27	30 years
Kenneth & Penny Ulmer	9/29	37 years



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

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