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Worship Schedule

10:30am Sunday Worship/Sunday School 9:15am

(9:30am Sunday Worship June-Labor Day-No Sunday school)

5:00pm Saturday Worship

We are:

The People of Christ Church - Ministers in the World

Our Staff:

Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer

Cynthia Derr-Church Secretary/Cong. Council Secretary

Margie Yost - Sexton

Rev. Wayne Lupole—Designated Pastor

Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown, Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow, Dave Kisenwether, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president) and Ken Welsh (president)

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world. As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, out time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th FOLLOWING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM

Please mark the date and time on your calendar and attend this important meeting. Discussion and approval of the 2024 budget and election of Congregation Council and other committee members will be on the agenda. All confirmed members have a vote in these issues and are urged to be participants in the decision making of our church.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School will start at **9AM** that morning.

CHOIR REHEARSALS



are **Thursdays at 1pm**. Come join us as we raise our voices in praise to God and as we prepare for Advent & Christmas. See or call Patt (570-956-2068) for information.

THANKSGIVING VALLEY FOOD PANTRY BASKETS

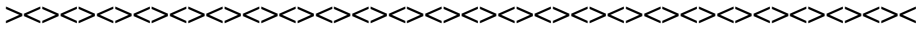
Our church has been asked to provide canned corn for the Thanksgiving distribution. Coffee and tea is always needed, too. **We are collecting for 60 families.** Please have them here at our church by **Sunday November 5th!!** Place your donations in the boxes next to the grocery cart inside the front door. Thank you.

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Boxes are due back by Sunday November 5th.

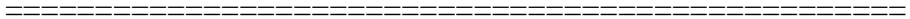
FAMILY FUN AND GAME NIGHT

All are invited to attend a Family Fun & Game Night **on Sunday November 12th from 5pm-??** in Roth Hall. We have a really great time. Feel free to bring your favorite game, a friend, and a snack to share. All ages are welcome-we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact the Fries (Chuck & Jean) at 570-788-5700 or Deb Jones at 570-233-767



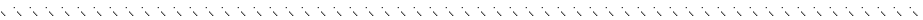
WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers will meet on **Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00pm**. We will hold elections for the upcoming year and discuss events for 2024. Money will be due for those planning on attending our Christmas Party on Tuesday December 12th at 12:00pm at Sally Purcell's Country Inn. The cost for the luncheon is \$30. All women of the church are invited. For more information, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675.



BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to attend Bible Study on **Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.** in the church parlor. We are reading the Bible from the beginning and have just finished Genesis and are now moving into Exodus. We keep it simple: just read from the Bible and discuss each chapter. There is no homework and no preparations needed beforehand. We listen to God's Word and let God speak to us.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the December newsletter is **November 19th!!**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 & 5
VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE NOVEMBER 11 & 12

On All Saints weekend please bring in a picture(s) of your loved ones to be placed in front of the altar in remembrance. We will be remembering those who died from our congregation since last year at this time

For the Veterans observance, please bring in a picture of your military loved one(s) who have served or are currently serving our country. Those pictures will be placed in front of the altar to honor them.

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POINSETTIAS AND HUNGER APPEAL DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Orders for poinsettias are now being taken. There will NOT be a sign-up sheet. Please use the envelopes from the basket on the table in the narthex. And, make sure the information on the envelope is complete and clear. Place it in the offering plate or return to the church office. Fifty poinsettias will be purchased and the balance of money received will go to the Hunger Appeal. All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. *The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00, but any amount of your donation is appreciated.* All donations must be in the church office by **Sunday December 17th.**

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UPDATE ON “CASTING OUR NETS”

“Progress”

“Elation” ***“Exciting”***

“Progressive”

“Hope”

.....these are a few of the words that have been used to describe the feelings and thoughts about what is happening at “Casting Our Nets“ gatherings. This ministry group is in the process of exporing what our vision, mission and goals are now and will be in the future. Please feel inspired to be a part of this new adventure. Please see Sandy Fairchild or call her at 570-788-1367 if you are interested or want more information

NEW THIS YEAR

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Prepare the way! Advent is a time to reflect on prophesies and events that foreshadow the coming of Christ.

On Wednesday, December 6th, there will be a time of fellowship and preparation featuring a Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with a ‘potluck’ dinner in Roth Hall. Lessons and Carols begin at 7:00 PM. Everyone, of all ages, is invited. Please feel free to attend the service even if you can’t make the dinner.

The Good News Translation of the Bible is the source for our readings. We begin with the Lord’s Prayer and continue with the prophesies of Isaiah. We will move to Luke and the angel Gabriel’s message to Mary, then to Matthew for the announcement of the birth of Jesus. Advent would not be complete without the story, from Mark, of John the Baptist. We will close with words of assurance, from Romans, of the love of God through Christ.

Take some time away from the busyness and business of this season to be calmed and refreshed with the words and music of Advent.

Jesus is coming and soon will be here!

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Holden Evening Prayer can best be described as a service of light and warmth.

For the third year in a row, we will experience it during the short days and cold nights of Advent, this year on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM, preceded by a ‘potluck’ dinner at 6:00 PM. Everyone, of all ages, is invited. Feel free to attend the service even if you can’t make the dinner.

Holden Evening Prayer was written by composer Marty Haugen during the winter of 1986 while he was at Holden Village, a remote wilderness community, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, in the North Cascade mountains of Washington state.

Please plan to attend and enjoy a calming evening with words and music reminiscent of a winter stay in a remote mountain community.

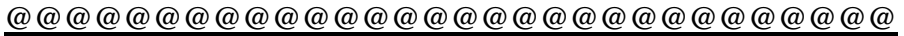
2024 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE

The 2024 Calendar of Word and Season is available to pick-up in the parlor. Please help yourself. Our calendars are sponsored again this year by Krapf & Hughes Funeral Home and Crematory. Our thanks to them.



DEVOTIONS COMING TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Be on the lookout for a new way to experience God's loving presence through a devotional reading that will be posted on our congregational Facebook page. Hopefully, you will be able to find devotions, read them and then share them beginning sometime in early November. Keep your eyes and hearts open to this invitation to strengthen your spiritual life.



APPLE FEST 2023

THANKS TO ALL! The enthusiasm and eagerness from our volunteers to do whatever job needed to be done while working together to make this event a success was amazing. A huge thank you to all of you and to all who came that day and supported the event.

Money from the event will be donated to: The Heartwood Center; Church Discretionary Fund; United Charities (both to the home and for Christmas Angel Tree gifts); Samatitan's Purse for Shoe Boxes; American Cancer Society; PA Wounded Warriors; Wilkes-Barre VA Nursing Home Center; Shine Women's Center, Shut-in Christmas gifts and some new items needed for the kitchen.

BOUNTIFUL GARDENS

Thank you to all who contributed to our Bountiful Gardens project. We donated a lot of produce and over \$28 to the Valley Food Pantry.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Funds are being raised to help the victims of natural disasters and war.

You may donate to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P. O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Give by phone at 800-638-8009 or online

earmark: ‘Hurricanes’

If you write a check to our church please designate 'Lutheran Disaster Response'

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Dear Church Family,

My children and I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness during our time of sorrow. Your cards and expressions of sympathy were a great comfort to us. Words cannot express how wonderful it is to have such a loving church family. We felt the warmth of your prayers surround us with the love of Christ that helped us get through the rough times. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Wright and Family

COMMUNITY EVENTS

November 3-Church Women United 'World Community Day' 1pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in St. Johns

November 4th – Conyngham United Methodist Annual Bazaar from 9am-3pm
Kiwanis Breakfast – 7am
CVHS Military History Comes Alive at 1pm

November 7th – Saint John Bosco Church, Conyngham, PA, will sponsor its annual Election Day Pasta and Meatball dinner on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 3-7 PM in the parish center. Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, salad, Italian bread and homemade dessert. Take-out dinners will be available. Tickets are \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 10 years and under.

November 11th – St John's UCC Chinese Auction and Tricky Trays

November 18th – 45th Annual American Cancer Society Telethon from 11am-11pm at the PTPA, 212 W. Broad St. Hazleton

Oct. 7, 2023
Dear Members of
Christ Lutheran,
The Valley Food Pantry
thanks you so much for
your donations from
The Beautiful Garden Table.
Our families were so
happy to get fresh
vegetables and fruits
this summer. We greatly
appreciate the monetary
donation from this
ministry, also.
Blessings,
Your Valley Food Pantry
Volunteers

THE DATES ARE SET AND HELP IS NEEDED

Our annual Living Nativity will be held Saturday December 2nd & Sunday December 3rd from 5pm-7pm each evening.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the parlor for the many areas where help is needed, such as outside set-up, supplies needed and cookies and snacks for the nights of the Nativity along with the poster boards for the scenes on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

MARK THESE DATES!

SET-UP:

Saturday November 25th at 9AM

Saturday December 2nd at 9AM

CLEAN-UP:

Saturday December 2nd at 7pm

Sunday December 3rd at 7pm

FINAL CLEAN-UP:

Saturday December 9th at 9AM

COSTUMES AND OTHER JOBS:

Thursday November 30th at 9AM

*Please mark your calendars and see where you can help before,
during and after the Living Nativity*

Stephen Ministry

What Does a Stephen Minister Do?

A Stephen Minister provides one-to-one, lay Christian Care:

* **One-to-one:** Each Stephen Minister is matched with one care receiver of the same gender. The two meet in person, typically once a week for about an hour, in a setting they have both agreed on. The caring relationship will be brought to closure when the need for care has been addressed.

* **Lay:** Stephen Ministers are well trained, supervised volunteers who provide a high level of care. They are not professional caregivers. Their role is different from that of a counselor, therapist, pastor, or physician.

* **Christian:** A Stephen Minister's care is an expression of Christ's love and an extension of the pastoral care we offer at Christ Lutheran-Conyngham. When it comes to spiritual matters, Stephen Ministers meet their care receivers where they are, helping them work through challenges without pressuring them or enforcing faith on them.

* **Care:** Stephen Ministers care by listening, supporting, praying, and helping their care receivers explore feelings without being judgmental, while offering emotional and spiritual support. Their role does not include providing other types of assistance such as shopping, transportation, childcare, and other such types of help, although at times they may help care receivers identify ways to fill those needs.

We ask you to continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers and to help those with the gifts for this ministry to hear God's calling and step forward so that we may reach out with compassion to those who need it most. You can contact Deb Jones through the church office for more information.

WORSHIP HELPERS – NOVEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY

November 5

Asst. Minister	Nancy Centrella
Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski
Reader	Cindy Thorne
Comm. Asst.	Betty Anne Bernstein
Ushers	Rusty & Linda Beishline

November 12

Asst. Minister	Tom Toth
Acolyte	Elizabeth Davis
Reader	Carol Crawford
Comm. Asst.	Nancy Centrella
Ushers	Joanne & Dave Getz

November 19

Asst. Minister	Fred Jaxheimer
Acolyte	Julia Bobrowski
Reader	Jo Cvammen
Comm. Asst.	Fred Jaxheimer
Ushers	Gary Houseknecht & Henry Heller

November 26

Asst. Minister	Marty Kellow
Acolyte	Eden James
Reader	Marian Jaxheimer
Comm. Asst.	Gary Houseknecht
Ushers	Barry Simmons & Margie Yost

WORSHIP HELPERS – NOVEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY

November 4

Reader	Nancy Lockwood
Acolyte	Scott Steiner
Comm. Asst.	Lori Steiner
Ushers	Scott & Lori Steiner

November 11

Reader	Christine Chegwiddden
Acolyte	Ian Chegwiddden
Comm. Asst.	Ian Chegwiddden
Ushers	Eli & Dylan Chegwiddden

November 18

Reader	Patt Derr
Acolyte	Dennis Mallams
Comm. Asst.	Deb Jones
Ushers	Dennis Mallams & Deb Jones

November 25

Reader	Chris Kuba
Acolyte	Scott Steiner
Comm. Asst.	Tom Chegwiddden
Ushers	Scott & Lori Steiner

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01	Parker Bobrowski
11/04	Allan Chivers, Jr. Anthony Cussat Andrew Cwierniewicz
11/05	Steven Marchetti Dorothy Petersen
11/06	Nancy Dietterick Kayla Kisenwether
11/07	Betty Konjusky
11/08	Jay Budgeon
11/09	Stephanie Williams Margaret Yost
11/10	Pamela Jacobsen
11/11	John Kurtz
11/12	Jason Boock Diana Jessel
11/14	Anna Cabell Barbara Hunsinger
11/15	Susan Boyer Frank Gaval Ruth Torphy
11/16	Curtis Pick Bonnie Whitebread
11/19	Mabel Welsh
11/20	John Ruch Michael Sarno

11/22	Noney Yazwinsky
11/23	Alice Konar Susan Martinelli Stephanie Parrish
11/25	Byrne Nenstiel
11/26	Megan St. Clair
11/28	David Antolick
11/29	Kyle Buck Annie Moran

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/1	Marilyn Filizof
11/9	Jeff & Toni Schmidt
11/14	Robert & Donna Broadt Troy & Beth Topolski
11/15	John & Jackie Ruch
11/18	Rob & Nancy Lockwood Stephanie & Mark Parrish
11/21	Kengo & Shirley Ikeda
11/25	Aaron & Grete Floryshak David & Joanne Getz
11/27	Gerald & Beth Henderson
11/28	Alan & Jane Houseknecht



Founders:

Michael J. Ogurkis, Sr.
Lorine Angelo Ogurkis, Esq.
Soot Burkhardt
Honorable Sarah Toohil

Board of Directors:

Brittany Sarosky
Dyllan Ogurkis
Maximo Almanzar
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Anthony Scalcione, MBA
Bill Hartley
Jennifer Molsey
Karen Hayden
Anthony Bartoli

Brandon's Forever Home

187 North Church Street

Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

PH: 570.599.88FH

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www.brandonsforeverhome.com



September 27, 2023

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467 S. Main Street
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DONATION

Dear Members:

Thank you so much for the donation of diapers that were delivered to Brandon's Forever Home today and for again thinking of us! Your support and generosity is very much appreciated. It is acts of kindness like this that help us to continue supporting the children in Luzerne County.

Thank you and God Bless!

Lorine Ogurkis
Lorine Ogurkis
Co-Founder

P.S. Please pray a special prayer for all of the neglected, abused, abandoned children in the world - may they know God!

"We are helping children in need - Together!"

Address Changes

Has your address changed or will it be changing? If so please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the church. You may mail it, put it in the collection plate or place it in the secretary's mailbox outside the office door.

Thank you for helping keep our mailing list up to date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday/Anniversary Date Information

Name _____

Birth _____/_____/_____

Wedding Anniversary Date _____/_____/_____

Please help us keep our birthday and anniversary dates up to date. If you do not see your special date noted on the birthday/anniversary page, please use this form to let us know. Return the form to the office or drop it in the collection plate. We want to be sure to include everyone's birthday and/or anniversary in the newsletter and we apologize if yours may have been missed.

November 2023

Monthly Planner

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