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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 (president), Dave Kisenwether, Tyler Russell, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-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, our 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.



**SUNDAY APRIL 7,
2024
PASTORAL
CANDIDATE**

**MEET & GREET –
WORSHIP – VOTE**

9:00am – The candidate will be here to hold a question-and-answer time. If you have any questions or concerns, please come at 9am. This time will be followed with fellowship and light refreshments until 10:15am.

10:30am – worship service led by the candidate.

After the worship service – important meeting with vote on the candidate.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be here for this important and exciting next step for our congregation!!!

NOTE – *NO Saturday service on Saturday April 6th*

Pastoral CARE

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or wish a visit, please contact the church office at 570-788-1572, email clccony@ptd.net.

In case of emergencies, you can also reach Cindy at 570-788-3708 or 570-579-7732 or Pastor Lupole at 570-708-1690.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Dawn, Bob, Betsy, George, Barbara, Frank, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Kim, Eileen, Samantha, Emily, Jarrod, Amanda, Dawn, Nancy, Rob, Violet, Scarlet, Robbie, Seth, Josh, Dick, Tom, Judi, Rodney, Pauline, Tom, Anita, Alex, Madison, Patti, Bob, Jean, Doug, Dolores, Gene, Donna, Bruce, Charlotte, Paul, Glen, Cindy and family and Rob. A copy of the prayer list is on the bulletin board in the parlor for you to take home.



2024 BULLETIN SPONSOR DATES ARE AVAILABLE

Look for the sign-up charts on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your dates to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece). Open bulletin dates are April 18th, May 26th, June 2nd, July 21st, August 11th & 18th, October 13th & 27th, November 10th and December 1st..





FAMILY FUN AND GAME NIGHT

All are invited to attend a Family Fun & Game Night on **April 14** from 5pm-?? in Roth Hall. 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 570-233-7675.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Articles for the May newsletter are due **April 21st**.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

BIBLE STUDIES



Wednesday night Bible Study is each week at 7pm. Currently, we are wrapping up Exodus and will be starting Leviticus shortly.

Wednesday morning Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 11am. We use the “Wired Word” current affairs material and discuss how it relates to the Bible and our lives.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Willing Workers Indoor Yard Sale and Vendor Fair was a huge success thanks to everyone who helped in preparing, donating, and attending the event. We appreciate the support!!!!

Thank
You

Please see the thank you letters in this newsletter received from the places where our Soup Sale money was donated!!!!!!

WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers will meet on **Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00pm**. We will discuss the Spring Fling which was held in March and upcoming events of our calendar. *After the meeting, several women who quilt are bringing in some of their quilts to talk about the history of the quilt. All members are encouraged to bring in their own special quilts or heirlooms to share their history of the item.* All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or msjonesncc@gmail.com



Ministry
Outreach Team

CASTING OUR NETS

The ministry group will meet **Sunday April 14th following** the 10:30am worship service.

Ladies LUNCHEON

MAY LUNCHEON
SATURDAY MAY 11TH - 12PM
LOOKOUT HOUSE
COST \$15 - PAY DAY OF
EVENT

Moms, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, all ladies of the church are invited. Bring your everyday and/or fancy apron!!! Meal includes sandwiches, soup, quiche, salad, beverage and dessert. For reservations call 570-788-1572 by **Sunday May 5th** or sign-up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. *If paying by check-please make payable tot the Lookout House.*



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Registration for Summer Camp is now open. See the poster on the bulletin board in the parlor for dates and take an information packet that shows costs, phone, e-mail and other information. Financial help is offered to campers from our congregation (see Cindy).

Thank you so much for your donation from your soup sale! We appreciate so much the continued support of your congregation and volunteers. All of their contributions, and hard work help make the meaningful experiences that happen here at camp possible!

- Charissa

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS



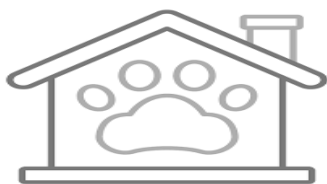
**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Why is it called Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry draws its name from the book of Acts. In chapter 6, Stephen was one of seven men chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need, particularly widows. Stephen was known as a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, full of God's grace and power, and performed great wonders and signs among the people. Stephen was also the first person in the Bible who was martyred for his conviction of his faith in Christ.

Caring ministry has been a feature of the Christian faith throughout history – and it is at the heart of what Stephen Ministers do. Stephen Ministry serves to bring Christ's healing love to those who are hurt. Jesus instructed his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Stephen Ministry, as a care-giving ministry, equips people to offer that love through their caring presence, listening, encouraging, and praying with and for their care receivers.

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 at 570-233-7675 for more information.

“PRAISE FOR PAWS!”



For the **month of April** there will be a collection box in the parlor to help the Hazleton Animal Shelter. Please see the list of items needed! Thank you. Any questions 570-710-8501

Rob & Nancy Lockwood

Hazleton Animal Shelter Wish List

- ***Clay & Clumping cat litter*
- *****Dry Purina Kitten Chow*
- *****Dry Purina Cat Food*
- Dry dog food & Dry Puppy food*
- **Canned Kitten food*
- **Canned cat food*
- **Canned Dog Food & Canned Puppy Food*
- Cat Treats*
- Dog Treats*
- Dog and Cat Beds*
- Dog and Cat Toys*
- Collars/ harnesses/ Leashes*
- Hand Sanitizer*
- Towels/ Blankets/ Sheets/ Comforters/ Quilts*
- Plastic Litter Pans*
- Floor Cleaners/ Mops/ Brooms*
- *****Paper Towels*
- Office Supplies (Computer Paper/ *Pens/Paper Clips/*Epson*
- 702 Ink)*
- *****Bleach*
- Step 2 Gerber Baby Food: Beef Only*

*Anything with a * next to it, is needed most. The more stars, the more needed.*



Thank you for our support!



UPCOMING Events

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Sharing the Journey

“Grief Shared is Grief Diminished”

The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco Church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions starting in April that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief.

The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one's grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain.

The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on Monday, April 1, 2024. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at (570) 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

VALLEY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MEAL

The next meal is Friday April 26th from 5:30pm-7:00pm at Black Creek United Methodist Church at 158 Golf Course Road in Sugarloaf. Tickets are available in the church office. There is no cost for the tickets but a free will offering will be taken. All proceeds go to fund the next meal. Please pick up your tickets by April 12th so they know how many to prepare for.

WORSHIP HELPERS SUNDAY – APRIL 2024

April 7

Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski
Asst. Minister	Nancy Centrella
Reader	Ashley Marsicano
Comm. Asst.	Nancy Centrella
Ushers	Maria Smith & Anita Urso

April 14

Acolyte	Elizabeth Davis
Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Reader	Sandy Fairchild
Comm. Asst.	Margie Yost
Ushers	Fred & Marian Jaxheimer

April 21

Acolyte	Ava Badamo
Asst. Minister	Russ Nyblade
Reader	Rosalie Wright
Comm. Asst.	Betty Anne Bernstein
Ushers	Tom & Cindy Thorne

April 28

Acolyte	Julia Bobrowski
Asst. Minister	Nancy Centrella
Reader	Fred Jaxheimer
Comm. Asst.	Shirley Ikeda
Ushers	Ken Ikeda & Mary Lou Keck

WORSHIP HELPERS SATURDAY – APRIL 2024

April 6 *NO worship service*

April 13

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

April 20

Readers	Ashley Marsicano
Acolyte	Ashley Marsicano
Ushers	Jay & Lisa Budgeon
Comm. Asst.	Ashley Marsicano

April 27

Reader	Tom Boock
Acolyte	Tom Boock
Ushers	Will & Carol Samler
Comm. Asst.	Tom Boock

Happy Birthday

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Rick Walck
4/3 Brian Bartal
Melissa Hare
4/5 Fred Jaxheimer
Kristy Welch
4/11 Cheryl Krystopa
Timothy Michalesko
4/12 Christian Smith
4/13 Brynn Lenko
4/15 David Antolick
Logan Frye
4/16 Nicholas Memis
4/19 Dylan Antolick
4/20 Deborah Antolick
Drew Detweiler
Sarah Michalesko
4/21 Parker Day
Rosalie Wright
4/23 Diane Kulengosky
Maizie Kurtz
Cindy Thorne
4/24 Jackie Ruch
4/28 Molly Barr
Alyssa Kuba
Joseph Matz
4/29 David Detweiler
Lew Dryfoos III

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/6 Millie Beach & Bill
Luchi
4/15 Larry & Debbie
Edwards
4/30 Leslie & Rick Mariano



"The Perfect Gift"

My Xmas bag with the

Amazilia from my friend
at Christ Lutheran Church it
was in a way no need to water.
I watered every day and nine
flowers opened on Xmas, I saw
two more stems coming up and
two more at the bottom. These are
rose flowers (white.) Maybe the
two on the bottom will also grow.
"Maybe for Easter" The flowers
are white and lovely. Also
thanks for all the Xmas gifts
in the Xmas bag.

God Bless all my
friends at Christ Lutheran

Dolores Yost

2/6/2024

Dear Brother Fred,



The Willow Foundation would like to express our gratitude for your generous donation of meals, hygiene items, and a small kitchen appliance to the Heartwood Center. Willow Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has a vision of honoring one's life experiences while focusing on holistic wellbeing.

Willow Foundation's Heartwood Center assists individuals and families in the Greater Hazleton Area who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, housing instability, and/or food insecurity. At the Heartwood Center, individuals are provided with basic needs such, access to breakfast and lunch served daily, personal hygiene items, and an on-site food pantry. Supportive services are provided as these basic needs are met, including housing assistance, peer support, employment development, financial literacy, life skills education, and recreational activities. To meet these overwhelming needs, support from the community is paramount.

Your generous donation supports the mission of Willow Foundation's Heartwood Center which is to strengthen and support the Greater Hazleton Area by providing a day shelter/resource hub for individuals and families experiencing, at risk of homelessness and/or food insecurity while advocating for locally driven, collaborative solutions to end homelessness.

Sincerely,

Melina Erok

Willow Foundation Heartwood Center
100 South Wyoming Street
Hazleton, PA 18201

COUNCIL CHAMBER

BOROUGH OF CONYNGHAM

INCORPORATED 1901

215 MAIN STREET - P.O. BOX 442 - CONYNGHAM, PENNSYLVANIA 18219
PHONE 570-788-4385 - FAX 570-788-0772

February 26, 2024

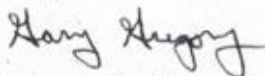
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Re: Police Donation

On behalf of Conyngham Borough Council, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generous donation of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars towards the purchase of essential safety equipment for the Conyngham Borough Police Department.

It is through collaboration with entities such as the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church that allow the Borough to continue to improve the quality of services we can provide. I look forward to working with you on future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Gary Gregory, President
Conyngham Borough Council

GG: If

Sugarloaf Township Supervisors

LUZERNE COUNTY

858 Main Street
Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania 18249

March 1, 2024

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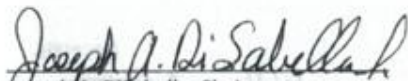
To our friends at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Sugarloaf Township Police Department and the Board of Supervisors thank you for your gift through your soup sale in the amount of \$500.00.

This generous gift will allow the Police Department to purchase much needed supplies to help them keep our communities safe.

We greatly appreciate your donation.

Best Wishes,


Joseph A. DiSabella, Chairman
Sugarloaf Township Board of Supervisors


Chief Joshua Winters
Sugarloaf Township Police Department

CC: File



BUTLER TOWNSHIP POLICE

LUZERNE COUNTY

83 CORPORATE DRIVE • DRUMS, PENNSYLVANIA 18222
PHONE: (570) 788-4111 FAX: (570) 788-5351

March 11, 2024

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Po Box 494
467 Main Street
Conyngham, PA 18219

On behalf of the Butler Township Police, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks for your donation to our department.

Our officers take pride in serving our community and keeping our entire region safe. Each year we respond to thousands of calls for service and every gift, *such as yours*, will help officers obtain the necessary resources to effectively carry out its mission.

I sincerely appreciate your generosity in thinking of us. Please convey our thanks to your entire organization.

Sincerely,

William J. Feissner
Chief of Police

April 2024

Monthly Planner

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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.