

THE EXPRESSION

JULY / AUGUST 2019 ~ NEWSLETTER



CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Services

Saturday Contemporary – 6:00 pm

Sunday Worship – 10:00 am

Sunday School for Children & Adults: 9:00 am

Bela Molnar — President/Financial Sec
 Judy Bernardini — Vice President
 Michelle Gravante — Secretary
 John “Kip” Cooper — Treasurer
 Kris Meade — Parish Administration

Wally Utley — Finance
 Cindy Lott
 Dave Hall
 Scott Ritenbaugh
 Ron Spagna

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Meeting Highlights **June 17, 2019**

- ELCA Mission Interpreter Event scheduled for August 17, 2019
- Flea Market raised \$2,290.50 to help pay down the mortgage
- A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Property Team for their help and partnership during the Flea Market
- A special thank you to Youth Member Ruby McClintock for her help the day of the Flea Market
- Plum Food Pantry is need of paper products, specifically paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper
- VBS will be held July 8 - 12
- Sunday school teachers for the Pre-K/Kindergarten class and a team teacher for the 1st/2nd graders are needed in the upcoming year
- An audit of the church’s financial records will be conducted by the Finance Committee’s Audit team on June 27, 2019
- The recycling program will expand with the addition of bins located throughout the church
- We are seeking a Treasurer - be on the lookout for more information on this exciting opportunity!

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, JULY 15, 2019

CHRIST’S CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE



WE PRAY FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS:

JULY 7

Roland, JoAnne, Christina, Jason, Justin Pastucha
Lisa, Alexis, Rachel Pattock
Eleanor Patton
Stephen and Linda Paulovitch

JULY 14

Jan and Ben Peters
James and Sharon Pfeiffer
Justin and Avery Piper
Inge Pizzica

JULY 21

Patricia Plucinski
David Polhamus
Enid Polhamus
Joshua and Jenessa Porter

JULY 28

Larry and Nancy Potochnik
Betty Reagan
John and Linda Reed
Harry and Sylvia Replogle

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Please join us in extending the happiest of Birthday Wishes to the following Mission Partners who celebrate Birthdays in the month of **JULY**:

JULY 1-9

Tessa Van Orden
 Alan Marian, Jr.
 Cooper Suhadolnik
 Cameron Guercio
 Aaron Madden
 Paul McClintock

Jeff Ferris
 Marjorie Wagle
 Fran Spagna
 Gloria Zagorac
 Barb Hall
 Kelly Roperti

JULY 10-17

Jesse Scanga
 Brady Yurisinec
 Sandra Thompson
 Kate Kelly
 Nancy Holland

Brett Andree
 Joseph Lasher
 Erich Sill
 Edna Dymond

JULY 18-25

Dean Cook
 Julie Lascek
 Jan Peters
 Marti Hinkelman
 Jacqueline Stempfer

Karen Palestra
 Brandon Towle
 Erin Guzzie
 Mike Werner

JULY 26-31

Ed Buehner
 Jordan McCormack
 Emma Lyons

Ian Kaniecki
 Madison Gestrich
 Aaron Tamenne

If you don't see your name, and you have a JULY birthday, please forgive the oversight and give the church office a call so that we can record your birthdate in our parish records.



2019 Flea Market Huge Success!!!!

2019 was another fantastic year for our annual Flea Market, with \$2290.50 in flea market and bake goods/concessions sales!!! This year's proceeds will help pay down the church mortgage!

Our parking lot was crammed with bargain hunters waiting for our doors to open! Thank you to all of our hard workers who spent countless hours unpacking, cleaning, sorting, pricing, selling and packing up after the sale. Our Concessions/Bake Sale crew was ready to feed our hungry shoppers and our Outside crew was busy selling all of those larger items that didn't fit inside! Special thanks to youth member, Ruby McClintock for helping with the Bake Sale! This year, we again had many first-time helpers who, hopefully, will come back next year! (This is a great way to get involved with our church and meet other CLC members. Whether it's for an hour or several days, all help is greatly appreciated!)

We thank all of you at CLC who parted with your "treasures", donated baked goods and purchased some of the many items we had for sale or made a cash donation to help support our worthy causes!

Since 2008 (when we started recording our sales), the Flea Market has raised \$24,027.50!!!

Judy Bernardini
Social Ministry Committee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019-

Lift off with us for an intergalactic adventure this year at Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World VBS. Each day we learn about God's amazing plan of salvation for us. The fun takes off on **Monday, July 8th-12th from 9am to Noon.**



We kindly ask that you continue to pray for our CLC members, family, and friends of members who are included in our weekly bulletin prayer list.



Thank you.

Pat Andelmo - friends of Marianne Trainor
Damian Arenth - grandson of Holly Kirsch
Chris Bante - son of Nancy Smith
Dorothy Beacom - CLC member
Linda Bradish - mother of co-worker of Sandy Buehner
Ed Budinsky - stepfather of Michelle Gravante
Vicki Cohill - Pastor Wayne
Judy Daum - daughter of Shirley Daum
Beth Ann DeSimone - daughter in law of Gloria Frick
Edna Dymond - CLC member
Marlene Earl - CLC member
Chuck & Irene Evans - CLC member
Julie Fallin - friend of Dwight & Carolyn Schuetz
Bob Glunt - son of Nancy Glunt
John Heilman - brother of Jane Montgomery
Peggy Henry - CLC member
Maureen Horansky - friend of Gerry & Cindy Lott
Donna Hubert - friend of Kris Meade
Cyril Hornyak - friend of Nancy Sheehan
Abby Johnson - friend of Wally Utley
Hendrick, Erin & Andy Jinkens - friends of Winemans
Kayla - friend of Marion O'Donnell daughter
Holly Kirsch - CLC member
David Little - son of Roger and Barb Little
Grace Lucas - CLC member

Bob Lyons - CLC member
Emma Lyons - CLC member
John MacDonald - brother of Tammy Wilson
Donna Magerl - friend of Sandy Buehner
Peggy Matz - CLC member
Audrey Mauro - sister of Louise Fitz
Derek McClemens - son of Greg & Debby McClemens
Christopher Molnar - son of a friend of the Marion O'Donnell
Jennifer Cohill O'Connor - Pastor Wayne
Debra Pavlock - friend of Gloria Frick
Rich Radcliffe - former co-worker of Wally Utley
John Ring - brother of Mary Wentroble
Howard Rittenbaugh, Jr - father of Scott Ritenbaugh
Diane Rurpert - CLC member
John Russell - son of Theresa Russell
Theresa Russell - CLC member
Tony Santacasa - friend of the Bernardini & McClemens
Linda Saville - friend of Oren Keibler
Harry Shkuratoff - brother of Mary Huffman
Patti Smith - daughter of Frieda Cushing
Mary Sorrells - request from Pastor Wayne
Wilma Stewart - mother of Tammy Scanga
Arlene Switzer - friend of Oren Keibler
Dawn Werner - niece of Sue & Mike Werner
Gloria Zagorac - CLC member

Pray for Us

Thank You for Your Service

Although the gratuitous expression “thank you for your service” is usually directed to our military veterans and active duty personnel, there’s no reason why it can’t be extended to others who in the performance of their duties and assigned responsibilities fulfillment exceeded mission requirements.

During an announcement at March weekend worship services, the church’s deteriorating financial situation with its inability to meet monthly operating and debt expenses primarily as result of our required monthly mortgage payments was briefly discussed. In response to that situation, an anonymous donor offered to match any new donations to the Endowment Fund up to \$10,000.00 since a \$20,000.00 addition to the fund’s then current value would raise it to a level of \$100,000.00, which, by charter, would enable the Endowment Committee to authorize fund dividends for use in partially offsetting the church’s monthly deficit.

As of the end of May, the \$10,000.00 challenge was not only met, but exceeded as a result of new donations received totaling approximately \$13,000.00.

Many, many thanks to those members who, out of their generosity, made this possible. Additionally, “a special thank you for your service” is extend to the entire Christ Lutheran Church’s membership in view of its continued financial support, volunteerism, and participation in our weekly worship and other church-sponsored activities. Those actions have been of vital importance in furthering the mission of our church.

Finally, any continued contributions to the Endowment Fund are always welcomed as would be contributions designated for the repayment of the church’s mortgage. Currently valued at roughly \$190,000.00, the mortgage is being repaid at the rate of approximately \$3,000.00/month.

Again, thank you for your service!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Please join us in extending the happiest of Birthday Wishes to the following Mission Partners who celebrate Birthdays in the month of **AUGUST**:

AUGUST 1-12

Holly Kirsch
Pam Kuhn
Marianne Trainor
Robert Wilson

Mirabella Andree
Joseph Markiewicz
Cara Monroe

AUGUST 13-16

David Hall
Anna Sheasley
Scythe Ho
Denise Shanter

Noah Madden
Santini Ho
Audrey Mauro

AUGUST 17-25

Gavin Rodgers
Justin Pastucha
Mackenzie Favero
Adrienne McCurry

Jason Pastucha
Ed Rupert
Ruby McClintock

AUGUST 26-31

Joshua Porter
Miranda Crofutt
Jamie Koteles

Amy Heberling
Eric Ruzomberka
Maxwell Martin

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WE PRAY FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS:



AUGUST 4

Barbara Rioja
Scott Ritenbaugh and Michelle Gravante
Howard and Ann Rockette
Kelly, Collin, Gavin Rogers

AUGUST 11

Kelly, Courtney, Nicholas Roperti
Ed, Susan, Logan Rupert
Theresa Russell
Roy, Mimi, Lauren Eric Ruzomberka

AUGUST 18

Fred and Barb Salenske
Fred, Lisa, Lucas, Levi Salenske II
Daniel Santimauro
Kim and Matt Sarnowski

AUGUST 25

Debra Saula
Jim, Tammy, Abigail, Jesse, Anna Scanga
Dwight and Carolyn Schuetz
John and Kathy Schultz



The next ***Caring Hearts & Hands*** gathering will be ***JULY 18th*** at 9:15 am. We will be preparing, packing and delivering box lunches to our shut-ins.

(There will be no August meeting.)

All are welcome to share in our fellowship and ministry. Please contact Romaine Miller at 412-795-6473 if interested.

This month and next month ***SCRAPBOOKING*** gathering will be on Friday, ***July 12th & August 9th*** at 6:00 pm!

We usually meet on the second Friday of every month.

Please contact Betty Molnar at 724-327-3437 with questions.



The Annual **Men's PICNIC** will be on Saturday, July 20th at 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Sign-up sheets are in the hallway.



Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday morning, **AUGUST 17th** at 8:00 am in the Lower Social hall.

The Sewing Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Come join us !

Please contact Leslie Sill at 412-793-2546 for additional information.



We are starting a monthly collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. Wait...Christmas? Yes, Christ-mas! If you are not familiar with Operation Christmas Child, it is a project of Samaritan's Purse, and is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. Each month, we will be collecting specific items that can be placed in the collection bins in the lobby of the church. Our collection schedule is:



July - toothbrushes and toothpaste

August - small balls all kinds for boys and girls
and decks of playing cards (regular, Old Maid)

September - hairbrushes, combs, hair ties

October - snack foods: raisins, nuts, gum, hard candies

November - put boxes together and drop off at collection site!

***Each box is a true blessing to the child receiving it.
Help us make a bigger impact this year!***

Plum Food Pantry, our Mission Partner, has a need for paper products, specifically, paper towels, napkins and toilet paper. With children being home for the summer, the need for these products increases! Over the summer months, we are asking for your help in meeting their needs.



Thank you!



Thank you, church family, for your unwavering support of our youth as we continue to plan for our upcoming mission trip on June 23. Whether you have written a check, allocated Thrivent dollars, or offered kind words of encouragement and/or support, we cannot be more grateful. We are so blessed to have such a kind, thoughtful and generous congregation behind us moving forward. This generosity is not surprising to me. As a lifelong member of Christ's Lutheran, I've seen firsthand how this congregation rallies to support and lift up its own. This church has again risen to the challenge for the sake of these outstanding kids. They will have an opportunity to experience God's love and serve others in an entirely new way! We owe that opportunity to each and every one of you!

We're excited about our trip and can't wait to come back and tell you all about it!

Sincerely, ~ Trish Lasher

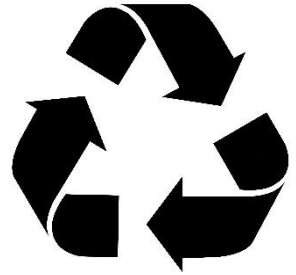
Help Wanted: Church Treasurer

The Parish Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day financial activities of the church. The duties of the Treasurer take a few hours per month and consist of reconciling two bank accounts, reviewing general ledger accounts, and generating 4 reports for monthly council meetings. Experience with QuickBooks and Excel spreadsheets is preferred, but not required. Training is free! Please contact the church office if interested.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 8th is Rally Day (first day of Sunday School). There's a Sunday School class for everyone from pre-kindergarten to adult. Hope to see you there!

We have started a recycling program here at the church. Please use the blue bins located by both kitchens and by the pop machine to recycle aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles/jars, clean paper, clean cardboard, and clean plastic items with number 1 through 6. The aluminum cans and paper will be donated to Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley, New Kensington to support their programs. The steel cans, glass, cardboard, and plastic will be recycled to keep them out of our landfills and oceans. Please rinse cans, bottles, and containers. Oily or greasy items can't be recycled (no pizza box bottoms). Please recycle and help us be better stewards of this amazing world God made for us. Thanks,



Dave Hall

Plans for the OCTOBER OWLS LUNCHEON will be made at the Caring Hearts & Hands meeting on September 5, at 9:15 at the church.

What's Your Story?

Everyone has a story. As members of Christ's Lutheran Church, each one of us has a unique story to tell of how our faith led us to be part of this ministry. Many of our members practice their faith right here by serving on council, teaching Sunday school, assisting in worship, or working behind the scenes on Altar Guild or property maintenance. Others put their faith in action by volunteering at food banks, Light of Life, and mission trips, and many other worthwhile causes. What part of our ministry touched you the most? How has your faith encouraged you to choose your particular area of ministry? We would like to hear your story. If you are moved to share your story with others please contact a member of the Stewardship Team.

The Stewardship Team

Kris Meade

Harry Replogle

Wally Utley

Pastor Wayne

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 GRADUATES !!**BRYCE AIDAN SUKEL**

Gateway High School class of 2019

Played on the varsity soccer and swim teams

Member of the Snow Sports Club

Part-time jobs as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor

Plans to attend Robert Morris University to study
Finance

CARA NICOLE MONROE

A 2019 graduate of Penn-Trafford High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, CAP and Junior Achievement. In her senior year, she was co-chair of P-T's first mini-thon which helped raise over \$ 21,000 in the fight against pediatric cancer. Cara also played Varsity Tennis and works part-time at the Crafty Shack. She loves teaching our children music during Sunday School and at VBS. Receiving two external scholarships, she will attend Carlow University in the Fall to earn a Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

The Shofar

Week #123: July 7 – July 13

Sun: Proper 9 (14)
Mon: 2 Kings 5:15-19a, Acts 19:21-27
Tues: 2 Kings 5:19b-27, Acts 19:28-41
Wed: 2 Kings 6:1-7, Luke 10:13-16
Thurs: Amos 1:1-2, James 2:14-26
Fri: Amos 2:4-11, Acts 7:9-16
Sat: Amos 2:12-3:8, John 3:16-21

Week #124: July 14 – July 20

Sun: Proper 10 (15)
Mon: Amos 3:9-4:5, James 2:1-7
Tues: Amos 4:6-13, 1 John 3:11-17
Wed: Amos 5:1-9, Matthew 25:31-46
Thurs: Amos 5:10-17, Hebrews 5:1-6
Fri: Amos 5:18-27, Ephesians 3:14-21
Sat: Amos 6:1-14, Luke 8:4-10

Week #125: July 21 – July 27

Sun: Proper 11 (16)
Mon: Amos 7:1-6, Colossians 1:27-2:7
Tues: Amos 8:13-9:4, 1 John 2:1-6
Wed: Amos 9:5-15, John 6:41-51
Thurs: Hosea 4:1-19, Acts 1:15-20
Fri: Hosea 5:1-15, Acts 2:22-36
Sat: Hosea 1:11-2:15, Luke 8:22-25

Week #126: July 28 – Aug 3

Sun: Proper 12 (17)
Mon: Hosea 2:14-3:5, Colossians 2:16-3:1
Tues: Hosea 6:1-10, Romans 9:30-10:4
Wed: Hosea 6:11-7:16, Matthew 5:43-48
Thurs: Hosea 8:1-14, Romans 11:33-36
Fri: Hosea 9:1-17, Ephesians 4:17-24
Sat: Hosea 10:1-15, Mark 10:17-22

Week #127: Aug 4 – Aug 10

Sun: Proper 13 (18)
Mon: Hosea 11:12-12:14, Colossians 3:18-4:1
Tues: Hosea 13:1-6, Colossians 4:2-6
Wed: Hosea 14:1-9, Luke 12:22-31
Thurs: Isaiah 9:8-17, Romans 9:1-9
Fri: Isaiah 9:18-10:4, Acts 7:1-8
Sat: Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23 Matthew 6:19-24

Week #128: Aug 11 – Aug 17

Sun: Proper 14 (19)
Mon: Isaiah 2:1-4, Hebrews 11:1-7
Tues: Isaiah 24:1-13, Hebrews 11:17-28
Wed: Isaiah 24:14-23, Luke 12:41-48
Thurs: Isaiah 2:5-11, Hebrews 10:26-31
Fri: Isaiah 3:1-17, Hebrews 10:32-39
Sat: Isaiah 3:18-4:6, Matthew 24:15-27

Week #129: Aug 18 – Aug 24

Sun: Proper 15 (20)
Mon: Isaiah 5:8-23, 1 John 4:1-6
Tues: Isaiah 5:24-30, Acts 7:44-53
Wed: Isaiah 27:1-13, Luke 19:45-48
Thurs: Jeremiah 6:1-19, Hebrews 12:3-17
Fri: Jeremiah 6:20-30, Acts 17:1-9
Sat: Jeremiah 1: 1-3, 11-19, Luke 6:1-5

Week #130: Aug 25 – Aug 31

Sun: Proper 16 (21)
Mon: Jeremiah 7:1-15, Hebrews 3:7-4:11
Tues: Jeremiah 7:16-26, Revelation 3:7-13
Wed: Jeremiah 7:27-34, Luke 6:6-11
Thurs: Jeremiah 11:1-17, 1 Peters 3:8-12
Fri: Jeremiah 12:1-13, 1 Peters 4:7-11
Sat: Jeremiah 2: 1-3, 14-22, Matthew 20:20-28

Week #131: Sept 1 – Sept 7

Sun: Proper 17 (22)
Mon: Jeremiah 2:23-37, Hebrews 13:7-21
Tues: Jeremiah 3:1-14, Titus 1:1-9
Wed: Jeremiah 3:15-25, Luke 14:15-24
Thurs: Jeremiah 15:10-21, Philippians 2:25-30
Fri: Jeremiah 16:14-17:4, Colossians 4:7-17
Sat: Jeremiah 17:14-27, Matthew 10:34-42