



# The Chronicles

April 2025

A newsletter for the friends and family of Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church

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### President's Report:

There is a saying one must pick and choose their battles. Well, I would like to focus on all the positive things going on at church. On Saturday March 22 we had our first Stewardship dinner in years. We were able to feed over thirty people. It was great to see an old new tradition started. Some of our confirmation students helped serve drinks and cleaned up. We plan on doing this again in the fall. We have had some challenges in the last few months. The generosity of our parishioners has helped make this a strong first quarter. If you have not been able to make your donation so far, please consider donating as soon as possible.

The church has been making some positive changes. Just recently the carpets have been cleaned. They look great, let us make every effort to keep them clean. If a mess is made, please clean up after oneself. The front of the church is in the middle of a transformation that was needed. Some old bushes and trees were removed. Thanks to mayor Jim Black for removing them for free. We will be planting some new shrubs. If you want to donate to the new shrubs, earmark your envelopes as so. Thank you to those that donated their time and talent pruning the shrubs around the church. These same people donated the funds for the mulch. On the church bulletin board is a list of things that a person can sign up for and take care of. The ark found a new home right down the street. This family will put this to good use.

The Easter candy fundraiser is off to a good start. We will be selling the candy at a few places. Thanks to those that are prepping and making the candy. Thank you to those that donated supplies or donated to kick start the candy fundraiser. The funds raised for this go towards the church's deficit. After the Easter Service we will be having a coffee hour. There will also be an Easter Egg hunt. Children will also have a picture taken with the Easter Bunny for free.

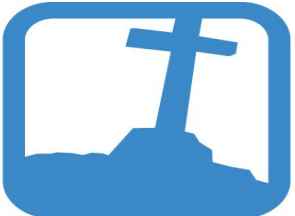
As we all know, times have been tuff financially. With us using supply pastors we can save some money. Your council is working on new ways that may seem different. To maintain our future as a Team, we need to stay strong and positive. We need to maintain a path that changes within society. Saying that, we may see services that may have different techniques. In the near future we may be looking for joint services with other churches. Jesus took on many challenges. Just imagine if he just threw up his hands and stopped dead in his tracks. Maybe our church needs to be the catalyst for the Lutheran Churches and change with the times.

If your talent is being musical inclined, please reach out to me. Bells of Blessings just played. Their talent does not go unnoticed. Your church is Blessed with those that have been able to support it in one way or another.

**Let's fill our church on Easter!**



*God Bless,  
President Paul Gerhart, Jr.*





# WORSHIP

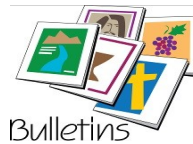
2025 Average Sunday  
Worship Attendance

March 35  
Year to date 28



## April Worship Services

Sun., April 6 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> Worship w/Pr. Rachel Scheible & Holy Communion
Sun., April 13 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship w/Pr. David Lutcher & Holy Communion
Wed, April 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> at St. Isidore's Church Pumping Station Rd.
Thur., April 17 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship w/Pr. David Lutcher & Holy Communion
Fri., April 18 <sup>th</sup> 12:00pm	<b>Community Good Friday Service</b> at First UCC in Quakertown
Fri., April 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	<b>Good Friday Tenebrae</b> at Christ UCC, Trumbauersville
Sun., April 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday Eucharist</b> Worship w/Pr. David Lutcher
Sun., April 27 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Worship w/Supply Mrs. Bridget Galvin



Bulletins

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

- April 6      **Marilyn Bobb** in loving memory of  
Gerald Parvin's Birthday.
- April 13      **Sponsor needed.**
- April 20      **Jack & June Grove** in loving memory  
of Jack's sister, Alice Keefer.
- April 27      **Linda & Dean Niemenski** in honor  
of their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$20.

## Lutheran Day at the Iron Pigs

**April 27, 2025**

**Game Start: 1:35pm**

(gates open at 12:30pm)

**"Pigs" (Phillies)**

**vs**

**Columbus Clippers**

This function is sponsored by the  
Upper Bucks Conference.

All local Lutheran churches and friends are invited!

## Midweek Lenten Suppers & Worship

Continuing on Wednesday evenings during  
Lent, you are invited to gather with folks  
from St. Paul's in Applebachsville, and  
St. John's Lutheran in Richlandtown.

We'll share a simple meal at 6:00pm, and  
share in Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm.

Worship dates and sites are as follows:

4/2      **St. Paul's, Applebachsville**

4/9      **St. John's, Richlandtown**

The host pastor will guide our  
reflections on the Scripture passage and  
theme for the evening.

If you have any questions about this Lenten  
worship series, please contact me at  
(570) 470-0716 or [prdaveheckler@gmail.com](mailto:prdaveheckler@gmail.com)  
Pastor Dave Heckler

# INREACH Committee



The *INreach Committee* will meet as needed. Please keep an eye out in your email for meeting dates & times.

## Stewardship Message

We are committed to keeping the congregation informed of the church's state of finances. We will be holding a dinner in the fall to let the congregation know where we stand financially. We are "TEAM STRONG".

Your financial support will help us.

Thanks to those that supported the mower schedule, bulletins and work repairs.

This helps your church financially.

Look for something new and something old. In the Narthex there will be two easels. One will show what programs we have brought back in the last few years. The other one you will have the chance to write down what you want to see done and can help support.

You can also write something down and put it in the wish jar. Remember no idea is a bad idea, but some may need more time than others to accomplish.

If there is a concern about our future now is the time to help change our future. I hear the reasons why people do not come. Some of those reasons have long since passed us. Easter is upon us. I would love to see our church full on Easter Morning. Jesus died for our sins. Let all of us rejoice and "Say He Has Risen indeed" in harmony.

The church is moving in a positive direction. We may not have a pastor of record, but we do have many interesting, caring supply pastors. Our doors are open and that is a positive thing. I need you to help me make a difference in our future.

President Paul Gerhart, Jr.



## Financial Report February 2025 Statistics

### MONTHLY

February Offerings (and other income)	\$4,416.83
February Expenses	\$5,423.59
<b>Shortfall (-)</b>	<b>(\$1,006.76)</b>

### YEAR TO DATE

Income	\$11,161.
Expenses	\$13,198.
<b>Shortfall (-)</b>	<b>(\$2,037.)</b>

Offerings can be placed into the offering plate on Sunday, mailed to the Church or dropped off when Cheryl is in the office. We ask for your continued help to support our ministry.

Yours in Christ,  
Brian Fenstermacher, Treasurer



If you are in need of **Pastoral Care**.

We are pleased to announce that  
Pastor James Saboe  
(215) 206-8566  
has volunteered to help parishioners of  
Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church.



## April Lawn Mowing Sponsors

*Jack & June Grove,  
Cindy Salatino,  
Bob Christian  
Mike Bianco*

## OUTREACH Committee



Parish Life



Social Ministry Team

Stitches of Love 

The *OUTreach Committee* will meet as needed. Please keep an eye out in your email for meeting dates & times.

## CELEBRATING

a LIFE & LEGACY

My brother and I would like to thank the congregation, staff, and Council for all of their support to have my mother, Vicky Griffin's funeral at the church. Everything you did made the funeral so much easier for us as a family.

Thank you!

Amy Griffin-Otterberg & Kurt Griffin



## Scrap Recycling Event

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
9:00am to Noon

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
at the Pavilion

218 E. Broad St.,  
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

christslutheran.com | 215-536-3193

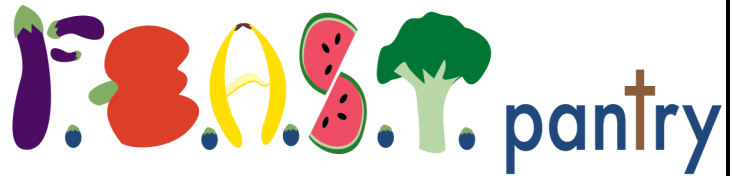
**FREE—NO CHARGE—**

**BRING ANYTHING WITH A CORD!**

Air conditioners, flat screen TVs (no older tube models please), computer screens, fridges, scrap metals, etc.

*Plus!*

*Easter Candy Sale*



## News!

In **February** we served a total of  
**145 Households:**

89 Children, 165 Adults, 129 Seniors.

We are grateful for the amazing group of volunteers and those who continue to donate to the Pantry. Thank you all!

Deb & Gary Nace,  
Social Ministry Chairperson  
and FEAST Coordinator



**Quakertown Ministerium  
FREE Community Dinner**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm**

(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

at **Trinity Lutheran Church**

102 No. Hellertown Ave., Quakertown

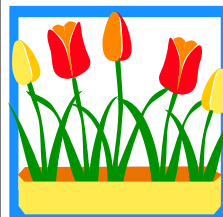
**All are welcome!**

Trumbauersville  
Fire Company



## Easter Flower Sale

April 16	9:00am to 7:00pm
April 17	9:00am to 7:00pm
April 18	9:00am to 7:00pm
April 19	9:00am to sell out!



We will be selling  
our candy!



## Easter Flowers



**The flowers in the chancel on Easter Sunday are given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of:**

*Gary Atherholt in loving memory of Harold, Mary, Sylvia, and Jim Atherholt.*

*Marilyn Bobb in loving memory of C. Wallace Bobb and Loved Ones.*

*Marilyn Bobb in loving memory of Virginia & Jerry Parvin.*

*Gina Debaz in loving memory of Remo Debaz, Louis Debaz, Ernesta Debaz, and Theresa Debaz.*

*DeReiter Family in loving memory of Loved Ones.*

*Becky & Paul Gerhart, Jr. in loving memory of Post 11322 Veterans.*

*Christine Conz Moll in loving memory of her Grandparents.*

*Linda & Dean Niemenski in loving memory of their Parents.*

*Judy Stauffer in loving memory of her husband, Glenn and Loved Ones.*



**The flowers in the chancel on Easter Sunday are given to the Glory of God in Honor of:**

*Marilyn Bobb in honor of Wesley Davis Henry and Elliot Jane Henry.*

*Marilyn Bobb in honor of David Bobb.*

*Evelyn Gerhart in honor of my Sons' Families.*

*Becky & Paul Gerhart, Jr. in honor of Samantha Gerhart.*

*Judy Stauffer in honor of Gary, Deborah, Cole, Elise, Daniel, Traci, Tobin, Jacob, Elliot, and Olivia.*

*Amy & Bill Wulfleff in honor of Jonathan & Kayla Wulfleff.*

**In lieu of Flowers, a Gift to the Deficit Reduction Fund was received by:**

*Gail Bambu in memory of her husband, Richard Bambu.*

*Gail Bambu in honor of my parents, George & Doris Ford.*



- 1<sup>st</sup> Steven DiCarlantonio  
John Herzstein, III
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Stauffer
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nichole Mallery

- 7<sup>th</sup> Dick Stump
- 8<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Fox  
George Koschorreck
- 11<sup>th</sup> Amanda Howatt
- 12<sup>th</sup> Larry Sweigart
- 15<sup>th</sup> Joe Keim
- 16<sup>th</sup> Shane Burgher
- 17<sup>th</sup> Joseph Bianco  
Jim Reith

- 18<sup>th</sup> Ellery Fox
- 21<sup>st</sup> Arie Rickert
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Michele Daley
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jacob Seifert
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mike Griffith
- 30<sup>th</sup> Brigid Sweigart



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Web Site: <http://www.christslutheran.com>

**Church:**

**Church Officers:**

Paul Gerhart, Jr., President

Loretta Brugger, Vice President

Amy Wulffleff, Secretary

Brian Fenstermacher, Treasurer

Joan Kratz, Financial Secretary

Bridge Pastor                      TBD

**Committee Chairpersons:**

**INREACH:**

Communications                      *Becky Gerhart*

Finance Comm.                      *Brian Fenstermacher*

Memorial Garden                      *Paul Gerhart, Jr.*

Mutual Ministry                      *Paul Gerhart, Jr.  
& Michele Daley*

Property Comm.                      *Brian Fenstermacher*

Stewardship Comm.                      *Paul Gerhart, Jr.*

**OUTREACH:**

Evangelism Comm.                      *Nicole DeReiter*

Parish Life Comm.                      *Dean Niemensi*

Social Ministry Comm.                      *Debbie Nace*

**UPREACH:**

Bells of Blessings                      *Cathy Heller*

Worship & Music                      *Linda Niemensi  
& Gail Bambu*

Christian Ed.                      *Loretta Brugger*

Youth Ministry                      *Kayla Wulffleff*

***Please Pray For:***

*All Military Personnel  
Mary Jane Fitzgerald  
Loey Weggel  
Bernie Wilkins  
John Daley  
Harold Jones*

*Christ's Lutheran  
Larry Sweigart  
June Grove  
Evelyn Smoll  
Penny*

*Gary Atherholt  
Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)  
Sarah Wulffleff  
Janel Kirlin  
David Bobb*

*If you have a prayer request, please get the permission of the person you'd like us to include on the list. The names will remain for a month unless a further request is received.*



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

*April 20, 2025*

9:00am

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

*April 20, 2025*

10:30am

**Christ's Lutheran Church**

218 E. Broad Street

Trumbauersville

**Come meet the Easter Bunny  
Free Photos with the Easter Bunny**



Join us at 2:15pm to leave for ***Easter visits to our shut-Ins*** at Phoebe, Saucon Valley, Lifequest, Bell Haven and Independence Court, as well as a few personal home visits on **Sunday, April 13, 2025.**

Any questions speak to  
Michele Daley (215) 527-5295 or Paul Gerhart, Jr.



# Worship Volunteers

Date	Lectors	Usher	Acolytes	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Council Coordinator
April 6 9am	Gail Bambu	Loretta Brugger	Colin Cole	Linda Niemenski	Linda Niemenski	Gail Bambu
April 13 9am <b>Palm Sunday</b>			Mia Bianco		Debbie Nace	Becky Gerhart
April 17 7pm <b>Maundy Thur</b>	Becky Gerhart	Debbie Nace	Izabelle Fox	Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Debbie Nace	Debbie Nace
April 20 9am <b>Easter</b>	Liane Reiss	Kayla & Amy Wulffleff	Grady Reiss Colin Cole Paul Gerhart, Jr.		Debbie Nace	Nicole DeReiter
April 27 9am	Linda Niemenski	Loretta Brugger				Loretta Brugger



## Annual Flea Market & Craft Fair

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025**  
**9am-2pm**

*Located at Christ's Lutheran Church  
218 E. Broad St., Trumbauersville  
Parking Lot*

Come out and shop!  
We always have a variety of bargains!

*Call Church Office (215) 536-3193  
with questions or to reserve a space.*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July 28<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>*

**2025**

**9am - 12noon**

**Christ's Lutheran Church**  
**218 E. Broad Street**  
**Trumbauersville**

**Call 215-536-3193 for more info**

## People Spot: Evelyn Joan Gerhart

**Hello! My name is Evelyn Joan Gerhart.** I was born in Steinsburg, Pa. on August 19, 1942. I was born in my grandparents' house, Helen and Elmer Weaver. My parents were Tillie and Elmer Weaver. I was the second oldest of 13 children. My twin sister Satie passed away from pneumonia at the age of 2. My parents built a house up the street from my grandparents. I lived there until I graduated from Quakertown Senior High School. While I grew up, we lived a life without modern amenities. My parents had no running water and minimal heat. Most people around here will probably never experience that. Growing up I helped raise all my younger siblings.

My father was in WWII. My mother and my 2 sisters; Elsie and Sandy went by train to Texas. They went to see my dad before he went to war in Europe. I stayed home with my Aunt and Uncle. I was two years old at that time. My nickname growing up was Shorty. I was never really that short though. All my relation calls me either Shorty or Aunt Shorty to this day. I met my husband Paul Gerhart, Sr. at Hofner and Rayon. At that job I spun thread. Paul's sister Marion introduced us. I worked with his sister. One of my dates was at the drive-in movie theater in Montgomeryville. The movie was "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. I had my first son on July 13, 1963. We were in an apartment that still stands till this day. The building is near Spors General Store back parking lot. His name is Paul Gerhart, Jr.. On March 3, 1966 I had my second son Andrew Russel Gerhart.

I was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Blue Church, Coopersburg. My family joined Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church when my boys went to confirmation classes. We went with the UCC Church on North Main St. until the new one was built in 1979. Paul Senior and I were the Sextons at the new church for a few years.

My first school was the Brick Tavern School. My teacher was Mrs. Mulhall. The middle school I went to was the Hunsberger Middle School. For high school I went to Quakertown Senior High School. Some of my classes were also held at the Central School. In 1959, the Superintendent was Joseph Neidig and Principal was Mr. A.F. Hunsberger. I graduated in 1961. Central School was torn down years ago.



**Quakertown, Lincoln, and Central Schools**


**Hello! My name is Paul Gerhart, Jr..** Evelyn's first job was at Hoffner and Rayon. She spun thread there. While working there she became friends with a lady named Marion Schaffer. Marion introduced Evelyn to her brother Paul. Yes, this is the same Paul that is my dad. My mom also worked at Quakertown Manufacturing. She made suits. Evelyn worked for a man named Clarence Boardman. She would help clean ducks, chicken and turkeys. I remember getting off the school bus and watching my mom work. The work she did helped people put food on the table.

Evelyn had a few hobbies. She loved to make crafts and sell them at yard sales. She collected coupons to help save money at the grocery store. She would also save the UPC code from various things. Years ago, one could get free things by saving UPC codes. My mom got a lot of things by doing this. Evelyn used to work for the Quakertown Free Press. She wrote articles for them. She also used to sell items for a Company called Signet Club and The Friendly Bookstore. So as not to confuse things not the bookstore in Quakertown. This was a catalog company that sold Christmas Toys.

My mother is an amazing person. She raised two boys to be respectful and kept us in line. What I can tell you is that she kept the house running. That was full time job by itself. My brother and I had the Free press paper route for at least 5 years. Back then the paper came out 6 days a week. We delivered at least 60 newspapers every day. My mom would fold them every day before we got home from school.

**Written by: Evelyn & Paul Gerhart, Jr.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
6 9am Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Scheible <b>Council Meeting</b> 10:20am	7	8 <b>11am FEAST Pantry</b> 6pm Upper Bucks Code Blue Dinner <b>6pm Girl Scouts</b>	9 6pm Lenten Supper & Worship St. John's Richlandtown Activity Center	10 <b>6pm FEAST Pantry</b>	11	12 9am Scrap Recycling Every thing w/cord <b>Easter Candy Sale</b> <b>Easter Candy Pick-up</b>
13 9am Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Lutcher <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>Easter Shut-In</b> Visits 1:30pm	14	15 <b>11am FEAST Pantry</b>	16 6pm Stations of the Cross St. Isidore's Church Pumping Station Rd.	17 Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Comm 7pm Pastor Lutcher <b>NO FEAST Pantry</b>	18 12pm Community Good Friday Service First UCC in Quakertown <b>7pm Good Friday</b> <b>Tenebrae</b> at Christ UCC, Trumbauersville	19 <b>11am FEAST Pantry</b> 7pm Great Vigil of Easter at St. Andrew's Lutheran, Perkasie
20 9am Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Lutcher <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 10:30am	21	22 <b>11am FEAST Pantry</b> 6pm Upper Bucks Code Blue Dinner <b>6pm Girl Scouts</b>	23 6:30pm Confirmation Class Trinity Lutheran Quakertown	24 <b>6pm FEAST Pantry</b>	25	26
27 9am Worship with Supply Mrs. Galvin <b>Lutheran Day with</b> <b>the IRON PIGS</b> 1:35pm	28	29 <b>11am FEAST Pantry</b>	30			

*On Your*



*First Holy  
Communion*

Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which  
Christ comes to us in bread and wine.

“This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you.”

We believe those words to be true.

Christ is truly present in Holy Communion.

When we receive the bread and wine of this meal,  
we receive his body and blood.

Come and celebrate with our students who will be making  
their first communion during Worship Service on April 6, 2025.

Pastor Rachel Scheible will be presiding over this service.

**Class of 2025**

*Justin Cole*

*Ryan Cole*

*Annabelle Fox*

We gather to **WORSHIP** God, **EQUIP** people with a faith that works in everyday life,  
and to **SERVE & WELCOME** all with God’s grace.