



The Chronicles

March 2025 A newsletter for the friends and family of Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church

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The last few months have brought some families in our congregation sorrow. I would like to send my condolences to the families of Annabelle Reith, Mary Daley, Vicky Griffin, Ruth Ann Stump, and June Fenstermacher. One can never prepare us for a loss of loved one. What we can do is create memories that will allow us to keep them in our hearts and minds. *“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4.* As the days go by it seems to make it easier, but we will always have our own private moments.

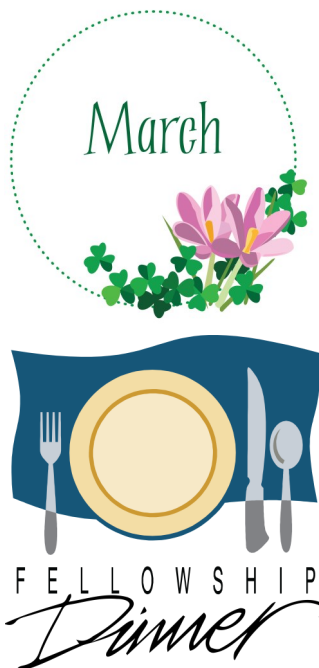
On March 22 with a snow date of March 29 we will be having a Spaghetti Dinner. This will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. There is no cost but a free will offering is appreciated. Towards the end of dinner, we will talk about where we stand for finances for the first quarter. If you have any concerns about our future that will be the time to share this. Your church Congregational Council is trying its best. With attendance and offerings being low it makes it a challenge.

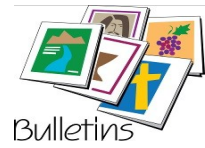
Coming soon there will be an easel in the Narthex. On this easel you will write your wishes for the future. There will also be a jar that you can put your thoughts into. This will stay up for a while. I will then gather the ideas and in the fall we will discuss this at a church service. Anyone can call or email me with their thoughts. My email is p_henny_hoppy@msn.com. Your church needs you to help us succeed in the future. *The Future is defined as the indefinite time yet to come: will try to do better in the future.*

Our youth have been busy. On Scout Sunday in February, one of the Scouts read the Gospel and gave a children’s message. Another scout acted as an Acolyte. The Wulffleff and Bambu families sponsored coffee hour that day in honor of the Scouts. Also, in February. There was an overnight lock-in. At the lock-in youth helped get our Easter Candy sale started. The youth that attended also had a refresher course on being an Acolyte. Our confirmation students have been busy also. Confirmands will be assisting with Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services and services during the season of Lent. Confirmands will be assisting with the Spaghetti Dinner. Confirmation students will be confirmed in June.

It was brought to my attention about having conversations during the Prelude. *Prelude: “Let us prepare our hearts and minds while we listen to the prelude.”* We need to be mindful of this. At the Christmas Eve Service we had a harpist. She played for 15 minutes and was paid. While she played there was quite a bit of white noise. Imagine how she felt. If you were at a winter concert or an opera you know that would have had feedback. The Sanctuary is a place for prayer and meditation. Whisper please. Coffee hour is the time to converse.

God Bless,
President Paul Gerhart, Jr.





Bulletins

BULLETIN SPONSORS

- March 2 **Jack & June Grove** in loving memory of **Bill & Florence Faulkner.**
- March 9 **Samantha & Paul Gerhart, Jr.** in honor of **Becky & Andy's Birthdays.**
- March 16 **Jack & June Grove** in honor of Jack's sister, **Pat Buxenstein.**
- March 23 **Becky & Paul Gerhart, Jr.** in honor of **Samantha's Birthday.**
- March 30 **Rose & Ted Fox** in honor of their **Wedding Anniversary.**

The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$20.

WORSHIP

2025 Average Sunday Worship Attendance

February	30
Year to date	25



March Worship Services

- Sun., March 2nd
9:00am **Transfiguration Sunday**
Worship w/Pr. Scheible & Holy Communion
- Wed., March 5th
7:00pm **Ash Wednesday**
Worship w/Pr. Lutcher & Holy Comm & Ashes
- Sun., March 9th
9:00am **First Sunday in Lent**
Worship w/Supply
Christine Moll
- Sun., March 16th
9:00am **Second Sunday in Lent**
Worship w/Pr. Guider & Holy Communion
- Sun., March 23th
9:00am **Third Sunday in Lent**
Worship w/Supply
Christine Moll
Bells of Blessings
- Sun., March 30th
9:00am **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Worship w/Supply
Deacon Kathleen Afflerbach

Midweek Lenten Suppers & Worship

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, you are invited to gather with folks from Christ's Lutheran and UCC in Trumbauersville, St. Paul's in Applebachsville, and St. John's Lutheran in Richlandtown. We'll share a simple meal together at 6:00pm, then share in Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm, reflecting on the themes of our Baptismal Covenant.

Worship dates and sites are as follows:

- 3/12 St. John's, Richlandtown
- 3/19 St. Paul's, Applebachsville
- 3/26 Christ UCC, Trumbauersville & Christ's Lutheran Church
- 4/2 St. Paul's, Applebachsville
- 4/9 St. John's, Richlandtown

Each host church is invited to provide food, beverages, and paper products for this simple dinner. 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
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 Spaghetti Dinner

Date: March 22, 2025

(with a snow date of March 29, 2025)

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

The meal will be a spaghetti dinner with a free will offering.

Plus, any desserts that you wish to bring.

At the dinner we will bring the congregation up to date with the 2025 finances.

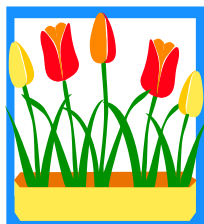
Please plan to attend!

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!



Financial Report January 2025 Statistics

MONTHLY

January Offerings
(and other income) \$ 6,744.38
January Expenses \$ 7,774.01
Shortfall (-) (\$1,029.63)

YEAR TO DATE

Income \$6,744.
Expenses \$7,774.
Shortfall (-) (\$1,030.)

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



Souper Bowl of Caring Thanks!

Thank you to all who donated for Souper bowl of Caring. We are thankful for the generous donation that helps FEAST to continue to serve our neighbors.



Lenten Love Offering During the 40 days of Lent, remember all that Christ gave for each of us and give up one small thing for him. And let whatever you give up benefit God's ministry at Christ's Lutheran Church!

All Lenten Love Offerings will be put in the deficit reduction fund. Please return your Lent offering envelopes by Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday is April 20th!

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.



Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 9th

Join us for worship as we recognize and celebrate current and former Girl Scouts!



Scrap Recycling Event

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

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
at the Pavilion

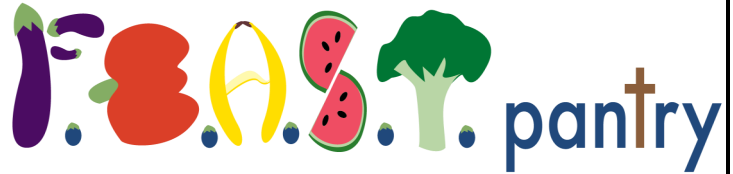
218 E. Broad St.,
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

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 **January** we served a total of
154 Households:

116 Children, 185 Adults, 141 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

March 6th at 5:30pm

(1st Thursday of each month)

at **Trinity Lutheran Church**

102 No. Hellertown Ave., Quakertown

All are welcome!



It was Christ's Lutheran's turn at "hosting" the dinner on February 6, 2025. We served 52 meals and I believe 19 were from Outreach.

We had planned for 100, however, the weather was bad that day. Many thanks to Debbie, Amy and Kayla for helping that evening! We took the left over hoagies that we had gotten from Dominick's to the St. Luke's Cancer Center the next day.

This meal is served monthly on the First Thursday of the month under the direction of the Quakertown Ministerium.



Easter Flowers



It's that time of year again to order flowers for Easter.

This year, we're offering ...

- Easter Lily** \$9.00
- Tulips** (6 Blooms: red, purple, yellow, pink) \$6.50
- Daffodils** (6" pot) \$6.50
- Martha Washington Geraniums** (6" pot) \$8.25

The order deadline is **Sunday, March 30th**

Please attach your payment to the form and mail to:

Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church
PO Box 569
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

Name of Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

- _____ Lilies _____ Daffodils
- _____ Tulips (Colors? _____)
- _____ Martha Washington Geraniums

Amount enclosed \$ _____

In lieu of Flowers,
 a Gift to the Following Fund (s)

Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$ _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Deficit Reduction Fund \$ _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Organ Fund \$ _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

FEAST Pantry \$ _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Memorial Fund \$ _____

In memory of: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____



MARCH Birthdays

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 st | Isaac Mallery | 11 th | Levi Bisbort | 25 th | Debbie Reith |
| 2 nd | Jacob Ogden | 12 th | Michael | 26 th | Loretta Reith |
| 3 rd | Becky Gerhart | 13 th | DiCarlantonio | 27 th | Cathy Heller |
| | Liane Reiss | 14 th | Alison Priolo | 28 th | Melanie Schantz |
| 5 th | Andy Gerhart | 15 th | Beth Bernabei | 29 th | John Hippeli |
| | Michele Jones | 16 th | Frank Trainer | 30 th | Zoie Kartsounas |
| 7 th | Heather Sweigart | 17 th | Darwin Gerhart | 31 st | Samantha Gerhart |
| 9 th | Cindy Brooks | 18 th | Tyke Kratz | | Kayla Wulffleff |
| | Justin Mallery | 19 th | Justin Rickert | | |
| | Susan Trainer | 20 th | Dean Niemenski | | |
| 10 th | Ezra Garges | 21 st | Paige Annalee Reiss | | |
| | | 22 nd | Ellen Brown | | |
| | | 23 rd | Ryan Hassler | | |
| | | | Hunter Spor | | |





**CHURCH
COUNCIL**

Church:
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E-mail: Christselca@verizon.net

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

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

Christ's Lutheran

Larry Sweigart

June Grove

Evelyn Smoll

Penny

Carol Bobb

Gary Atherholt

Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)

Sarah Wulffleff

Janel Kirlin

David Bobb

Family of Vicky Griffin

Family of June Fenstermacher

Family of Ruth Ann Stump

Family of Damon McDermott

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.



Easter Candy Supplies

The following items are needed to make the candy. Please check the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board for the quantity needed.

Also, please sign your name next to the item and the amount you are willing to purchase and donate.

Salted Butter (1lb. pkgs.)

Coconut (14 oz. pkgs.)

Confectioner's Sugar (1lb. pkgs.)

Cream Cheese (8oz. pkgs.)

Oreos (14.3 oz. pkgs)

Pretzel Rods (1lb, 11oz. tubs)

Sprinkles (26 oz. container)

Please speak with Amy or Kayla Wulffleff with any questions you may have.

Thank you all for your help with this!



Don't forget to turn
your clocks **AHEAD**
one hour on
Sunday, March 9th!



Worship Volunteers

Date	Lectors	Usher	Acolytes	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Council Coordinator
March 2 9am	Gail Bambu	Amy Wulfleff	Izabelle Fox	Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Heather Gendeloff	Kayla Wulfleff
March 5 7pm <i>Ash Wed</i>	Linda Niemensi	Dean Niemensi	Colin Cole	Linda Niemensi	Linda Niemensi	Dean Niemensi
March 9 9am	Amber Daniel Troop 21871	Loretta Brugger	Mia Bianco			Paul Gerhart, Jr.
March 16 9am	Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Dean Niemensi	Chris Gendeloff	Linda Niemensi	Linda Niemensi	Dean Niemensi
March 23 9am	Paige Reiss		Grady Reiss			Brian Fenstermaker
March 30 9am		Debbie Nace				Debbie Nace



Bells of Blessings

The bell choir will be rehearsing on Tuesdays, March 11th and 18th at 7pm.

They will be playing during worship on Sunday, March 23rd.

If you are interested in playing in the bell choir, please speak with the Music Director Cathy Heller.

Thank you!

Candy making Days!

Come on out to the Church to have some fun making candy for the Easter Candy Sale!

Monday Afternoons ~ Noon to 3:00pm

Feb 24 Mar 3 Mar 10 Mar 17
Mar 27 Mar 31

Tuesday Nights ~ 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Feb 25 Mar 4 Mar 11 Mar 18
Mar 25



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*April Newsletter
Deadline
Sunday,
March, 16th*



A Look Back at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church: 1925 People Spot: Reverend Daniel Henry Reiter

It is a delight to discover that our church library contains a fascinating collection of Parish Record Yearbooks that preserve the history of our church. Reading through the Parish Record Yearbook of 1925 gives us a detailed summary of the highlights and activities occurring at our church 100 years ago.

In 1925, the Parish Record for Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trumbauersville was published jointly with St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Richlandtown. The two churches together comprised a two-congregation parish. The 1925 Parish Record is dedicated to the memory of Reverend Daniel Henry Reiter, who served as the joint pastor for Christ's Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran churches beginning in 1883. After Pastor Reiter's passing in January of 1925, Reverend Elbert E. Landis accepted the call to become the new joint pastor and he was installed on May 7, 1925.

The Record begins with a Parish Directory of church personnel, including the Church Officers and Council, the Sexton and Organist, as well as members of the choir. In 1925, our church had four committees: the Current Fund Committee, the Membership Committee, the Church Property Committee, and the Luther League Committee. Next, important dates are noted, such as Harvest Home Services and Lenten Services. Our church had two worship services each month, and up until 1924, one of the services was in German. Communion Services were held a total of four times in 1925, celebrated in Mid-Winter, Spring, Mid-Summer, and Fall. A financial statement is listed in detail, including offerings received ("receipts") and the expenses for the year. Expenditures for our church totaled \$2,513.30 in 1925. Several of the expenses noted include \$26.31 for electric lights and \$3.25 for wafers and wine – and those costs were the totals for an entire year! Our congregation recorded the baptisms of seven babies, two weddings, and five deaths in 1925.

One of the highlights of the year was on August 1, 1925, when the Lutheran Rally and Orphans Home Day was held at Menlo Park in Perkasio. The orphans traveled in trolley cars from Philadelphia to the park, where hundreds of Lutherans from many area churches gathered to provide a wonderful picnic outing for the children. The day-long event was filled with prayer, hymns, bountiful meals and a special ride on the carousel for the visiting children. It is noted that the weather always seemed to be lovely for the orphans' special day and "on these occasions old friendships are renewed and new ones are made."

Our 1925 Parish Record includes a wonderful and touching Biographical Sketch of Reverend Daniel Henry Reiter. Born in Hoppenville, Montgomery County, he married Emma Catherine Gross and they had four sons. Reverend Reiter devoted his life to being a faithful servant of the Church. He was the joint pastor of Christ's Lutheran and St. John's for 43 years, serving both churches from 1883 until 1925. It was under the leadership of Reverend Reiter that the first Parish Record Yearbook for our church was published in 1887. Amazingly, for many years he served as pastor of two other area churches: Zion Hill Evangelical Church in Zion Hill and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton (known as Leidy's). But a fifth church was in Reverend Reiter's future: In the Spring of 1890, Rev. Reiter conducted Lenten services in the eastern portion of Quakertown and "these services aroused such interest that by October a new congregation was organized. On June 21, 1891, the cornerstone of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran was laid" and Rev. Reiter served as the pastor for Trinity Lutheran in Quakertown for twenty years.

In 1924, Reverend Reiter suffered a stroke and took a leave of absence to regain his health. Even during his convalescence, he continued to assist with church services, up until the last Sunday of his life. After helping at church on the first Sunday of January of 1925, Reverend Reiter's health took a turn for the worse. He passed away three days later. Described as "a man always ready to give, forgive when wronged and forget after an understanding and thus he was a kind neighbor, willing counselor and dependable friend" Reverend Reiter was fondly remembered as a devoted pastor who poured all of his heart and love into his 43 years of service in the ministry.

How wonderful it is to read about Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church 100 years ago and to think about past members who gathered together just as we do today! Several beautiful and inspiring poems are included in the 1925 Parish Record Yearbook. Included below are several verses of one of these lovely poems:


Peace

By Carolena E. Nolde

I know not where my troubled soul should go but unto Thee, for rest,
For Thou, oh heavenly Father, still dost know what is for me the best,
Doubt and despair, anguish of mind and fear, Thou only canst release
From these my soul, and once more let me hear My Savior saying, "Peace."

Written by: Beth Bernabei

Inspired by my son Leo who discovered the Parish Record Yearbooks in the church library and loved to read about the history of Christ's Lutheran.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11am Funeral Ruth Ann Stump Christ's Lutheran
2 9am Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Scheible	3 Noon to 3pm Candy Making Christ's Lutheran Kitchen	4 11am FEAST Pantry 6pm to 8pm Candy Making Christ's Lutheran Kitchen	5 7pm Ash Wed Worship Service w/Holy Comm Pastor Lutcher	6 5:30pm Loaves & Fishes Dinner Quakertown 6pm FEAST Pantry	7	8
9 9am Worship with Supply Christine Moll Girl Scout Sunday Daylight Saving	10 Noon to 3pm Candy Making Christ's Lutheran Kitchen	11 11am FEAST Pantry 6 Code Blue Dinner 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Candy Making 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	12 6pm Lenten Supper & Worship St. John's, Richlandtown Activity Center	13 6pm FEAST Pantry	14	15 11am FEAST Pantry
16 9am Worship with Holy Comm Pastor Guider	17 Noon to 3pm Candy Making Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 11am FEAST Pantry 6pm to 8pm Candy Making 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	19 6pm Lenten Supper & Worship St. Paul's, Aplebachsville	20 6pm FEAST Pantry Spring Begins	21	22 4pm Stewardship Spaghetti Dinner
23 9am Worship with Supply Christine Moll Bells of Blessings	24 Noon to 3pm Candy Making Christ's Lutheran Kitchen	25 11am FEAST Pantry 6p Code Blue Dinner 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Candy Making	26 6pm Lenten Supper & Worship Christ UCC, Trumbauersville	27 6pm FEAST Pantry	28	29 4pm Stewardship Dinner Snow Date
30 9am Worship with Supply Deacon Afflerbach	31 Noon to 3pm Candy Making Christ's Lutheran Kitchen					



IN LOVING
Memory

In Memoriam

Mary Daley

January 16, 2025

Annabelle Reith

January 20, 2025

Vicky Griffin

February 9, 2025

June Fenstermacher

February 16, 2025

Ruth Ann Stump

February 17, 2025

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