



The Chronicles

May 2024

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

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“Calls, Gathers, Enlightens and makes Holy”

On May 19, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost which many consider to be the birth of the Christian Church. Falling 50 days after the Jewish festival of Passover, (and Jesus’ resurrection), it was the day that the Holy Spirit suddenly came from heaven. It sounded like a rush of wind, and appeared as “divided tongues of fire,” with a tongue of fire resting on each disciple. In Acts 2:4, St. Luke writes, *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”* This Holy Spirit inspired Peter to openly proclaim the good news of Jesus to the Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem from every corner of world to celebrate the Passover. But, by the end of the day, about 3,000 of them were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well.

What’s important for us to notice, is the difference that baptism and the Holy Spirit has on the lives of those early Christian converts. The book of Acts records that they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayers. They don’t simply return to “life as usual” in some remote corner of the world. They form a community of faith, where they dedicate their lives to supporting one another and studying the apostles’ teachings, while living, eating and praying together. These believers know first-hand the challenges and perils of living in a *NON*-Christian world. This is why they gather together to form what we call “the communion of saints” in the Apostle’s Creed. It provides mutual support.

In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther recognizes the need for mutual support among those who believe in Jesus. He begins his explanation of the third Article of the Apostle’s Creed by admitting, “I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, ...” Luther further explains that the Holy Spirit, *“calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy* the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.” In other words, Christians need to be connected to other believers for their faith to remain effective and strong. This is especially important in our online and isolated world.

We all know the temptations of this world that St. Paul describes in Galatians 5:19. *“Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery,”* which seek to *separate* us from God while *“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”* (Galatians 5:22-23) These draw us *closer* to God and one another.

This year, my Pentecost prayer is that the Holy Spirit will call and gather *US* again, that we may be enlightened to love and serve all people in Jesus’ name. Come, Holy Spirit! Gather Christ’s Church!

~ Pastor John Hansen





WORSHIP

2024 Average Sunday Worship Attendance

March	35
Year to date	28

Average # of folks who worship via Facebook
Live in March: **37**



May Worship Services

- Sun., May 5th**
9:00am **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Worship w/Holy Communion
Rev. John Hansen
- Sun., May 12th**
9:00am **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Worship w/Supply
Rev. Shirley Guider
- Sun., May 19th**
9:00am **Pentecost Sunday**
Worship w/Holy Communion
Rev. John Hansen
- Sun., May 26th**
9:00am **Holy Trinity Sunday**
Worship w/Supply
Christine Moll

Discover your strength in God! Vacation Bible School



Dates:
July 29 to August 2
Time:
9:00am to Noon
Theme:
Hero Central



Bulletins

BULLETIN SPONSORS

- May 5 **Col. & Mrs. John E. Grove** in honor of Savannah Grove's High School Graduation
- May 12 **Michele Daley** in honor of John's 55th Birthday.
- May 19 **Pastor John Hansen** in memory of his mother, Harriet S. Hansen's Birthday.
- May 26 **Christine Moll** in honor of Cora Moll's 18th Birthday.

The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

- May 5 **Col. & Mrs. John E. Grove** in honor of Savannah Grove's High School Graduation.
- May 12 **Linda & Dean Niemenski** in honor of Ben & Syd's Birthdays.
- May 19 **Pastor John Hansen** in memory of his mother, Harriet S. Hansen's Birthday.
- May 26 **Christine Moll** in honor of Cora Moll's 18th Birthday.

The cost to sponsor altar flowers is \$15.



Happy Memorial Day God Bless America!

MEMORIAL DAY
Memorial Day began in the United States on May 30, 1868, after the Civil War had ended.

Flowers were placed on the graves of both sides, in order to help heal the nation. It was later expanded to include all who had died in America's wars. It is now celebrated on the last Monday of May.

Remember to fly your flags on
Memorial Day, May 27, 2024!

INREACH Committee



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



\$40 for Lent Thanks!

We offer our thanks to those who participated in this deficit reduction project. As of the end of March, we have received \$265.00



April & May Lawn Mowing Sponsors

*Cindy Brooks, Bob Christian
Jack & June Grove
Erika Krauthauser, Don Mease*

Thank you all for your contribution!

Financial Report February 2024 Statistics



MONTHLY

February Offerings
(and other income) \$ 5,168.19
February Expenses \$ 10,899.90
Shortfall (-) (\$ 5,731.71)

YEAR TO DATE

Income \$10,423.
Expenses \$22,290.
Shortfall (-) (\$11,867.)

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



Recycling Drive

Scrap Recycling Event

Saturday, June 8, 2024
9:00am to Noon

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
at the Pavilion

218 E. Broad St.,
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

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FREE—NO CHARGE—
BRING ANYTHING WITH A CORD!
Air conditioners, flat screen TVs (no older tube models please), computer screens, fridges, scrap metals, etc.

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.

Join us for

Trumbauersville Community Day



Where: Trumbauersville Veterans Park

When: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 3:00pm to 7:00pm

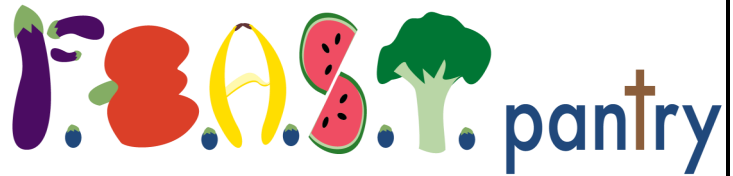
We will be handing out popcorn and mini soft pretzels.

If you are available to help, please contact either:

Nicole DeReiter @ (484) 951-4705 or

John Daley @ (215) 872-6160 or

Pastor Hansen @ (973) 580-3010



News!

In March we served a total of:

115 Households

74 Children

133 Adults

102 Seniors (*Over 60 years*)

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

Thank you all!

Gary Nace,

*Social Ministry Chairperson
and FEAST Coordinator*



Food
Pantry
Needs

Immediate needs are:

Cereal and Oatmeal
Soups

Canned potatoes

Tuna and canned meats

Canned pasta

Sides: rice or pasta

Ketchup



Quakertown Ministerium FREE Community Dinner

May 2nd at 5:30pm

(1st Thursday of each month)

at Trinity Lutheran Church

102 No. Hellertown Ave., Quakertown

All are welcome!



CHURCH COUNCIL

Phone: 215-536-3193

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

Church:

Church Officers:

Mike Patterson
President (215) 266-1318

Becky Gerhart, Vice President

Amy Wulffleff, Secretary

Brian Fenstermacher, Treasurer

Joan Kratz, Financial Secretary

Rev. John Hansen,
Bridge Pastor (973) 580-3010

Committee Chairpersons:

INREACH:

Communications *Becky Gerhart*

Finance Comm. *Brian Fenstermacher*

Memorial Garden *Paul Gerhart, Jr.*

Personnel Comm. *Paul Gerhart, Jr.
& Michele Daley*

Property Comm. *Brian Fenstermacher*

Stewardship Comm. *Paul Gerhart, Jr.*

OUTREACH:

Evangelism Comm. *Nicole DeReiter*

Parish Life Comm. *Dean Niemenski*

Social Ministry Comm. *Gary Nace*

UPREACH:

Bells of Blessings *Cathy Heller*

Worship & Music *Linda Niemenski*

Christian Ed. *Volunteer Needed!*

Youth Ministry *Kayla Wulffleff*

Please Pray For:

*All Military Personnel
Dorothy Brinkman
Kevin Fox
Vicky Griffin
Annabelle Reith
Bruce Faulkner
Gavin DeReiter
June Grove
Gary Nace
Rev. Erika Wesch
Evelyn Smoll*

*Christ's Lutheran
Ellen Brown
Larry Fox
Bob Hosier
Larry Sweigart
Loey Weggel
Bernie Wilkins
Sarah Wulffleff
Andrew Gerhart
Janel Kirlin*

*Gary Atherholt
Mary Jane Fitzgerald
Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)
Tom Karwowski
Mark Wilkins
Ron Struble
June Fenstermacher
Adam Schaffer
Dominick
Morag Lucian*

*Family of Paul Gerhart, Sr.
Family of Sue Buechler*

If you have a prayer request, please get the permission of the person you'd like us to include on the list. Names will remain for 3 weeks. You can notify the church office to let us know if you'd like them to continue on the list.



**ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
9am-2pm**

Many hands make for an easy day! Pick one of the options below to help out your church on June 1st!

- ⇒ Donate food for our kitchen
- ⇒ Bake for the bake sale
- ⇒ Help sell our flea market items
- ⇒ Pick a time to help out with parking, selling, clean-up.
- ⇒ Display a yard sign to advertise (pick up sign at church)
- ⇒ Reserve a space for only \$15 and sell your items.

Please help out! Your church family needs you! Sign up on narthex bulletin board. Any donation of time, talent, or offering will be greatly appreciated. Don't forget to drop off your baked goods! Come out and shop! We always have a variety of bargains!

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



**Next Church Council Meeting
will be held on
May 5th at 10:20am**

*June Newsletter
Deadline is
Sunday, May 12th*




**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



Worship Volunteers

Date	Lectors	Usher	Acolytes	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Council Coordinator
May 5 th 9am Rev. Hansen	Gail Bambu	Amy Wulffleff	Kayla Wulffleff	Linda Niemensi	Linda Niemensi	John Daley
May 12 th 9am Rev. Guider	Linda Niemensi		Mia Bianco			Loretta Brugger
May 19 th 9am Rev. Hansen	Gail Bambu	Amy Wulffleff	Tommy Gendeloff	Vincent Spiritosanto		Kayla Wulffleff
May 26 th 9am C. Moll		Debbie Nace	Mia Bianco			Gary Nace





2nd Zac Carr
Benjamin Christopher

3rd Samantha Beck
Alexis Griffith

6th Harry Griffith, Jr.
Nate Sweigart

7th Marilyn Bobb

8th Don Carty

12th John Daley

13th Colleen Burgher

15th Braden Sell

16th Sydney Christopher

17th Colin Kartsounas

19th Annabelle Fox

21st Crystal Benetz

22nd Sherri Voght


23rd Anastasia Kartsounas

27th Amanda Christian

28th Tori Rickert

30th Cora Moll


CELEBRATING *Pentecost Sunday*



Pentecost

Join us for worship at 9:00am on May 19th
Please wear RED!

Holy Trinity Sunday



Join us for worship at 9:00am on May 26th



Parish Life invites everyone to an afternoon of cantata music. "Glory Alleluia! Amen!" at St. John's UCC in Richlandtown, Sunday June 9th at 3:00pm. Afterwards we will gather at Alcamo's Italian Restaurant for dinner. Need a ride? Call the Niemensi's at (215) 536-1158. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.



Red Geraniums for Pentecost

If you would like to help decorate the Church in the festive color of Red – order Red Geraniums for Pentecost, which is **May 19th**

The cost for the geraniums this year is:
\$3.25 for a 4½” pot

The **order deadline** is **Sunday, May 5^h**

Name of Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____

In Memory of / Honor of

of plants _____ 4½” pot x \$3.25 each = _____

Total enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to Christ's Lutheran Church
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: _____

Envelope # _____

Belated Easter Thanks!

Belated but sincere THANKS to everyone who helped to make our Lenten and Easter seasons at Christ's Lutheran Church a blessed & meaningful time!

Although the April Chronicles was mailed before Easter, we wish to sincerely thank:

- all who participated in the Narrative Gospel Reading on Palm/Passion Sunday.
- all the worship assistants for the Holy Week and Sunday services!
- all who assisted with our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Brunch.
- Cathy for her dedication and hard work that was evident in the beautiful music she provided all season long!
- Dean and Linda Niemenski for getting the altar and Easter Flowers ready.
- ♥ A big thank you to Lansdale Amusement for donating the balls for our Easter Egg Hunt.
- ♥ A big thank you to Mayor James Black for donating the stuffed animals for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you everyone!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Summer Drive-in Movies

June 7th *BOLT (rated PG)*

August 2nd *The Incredibles (rated PG)*

Other movies to be scheduled at a later date.





Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 29, 2024 to Friday, August 2, 2024
9:00am-12:00pm

at

Christ's Lutheran Church

218 E. Broad Street
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

Student's Name: _____

Grade Completed: _____ Birth date: _____

Home Church: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____






Brothers & Sisters: _____

Please list any known allergies or medical conditions
that we need to be aware of:

(Please complete one form per child, copy as necessary.)

Registration deadline is July 26th

For more information call:
Christ's Lutheran (215) 536-3193

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Confirmation Class	2 5:30pm Loaves & Fishes Dinner— Quakertown 6pm FEAST Pantry <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	3 2024 Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly will meet at Franconia Mennonite Church, Telford, PA	4 2024 Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly will meet at Franconia Mennonite Church, Telford, PA
5 9am Worship Service with Holy Comm Rev. John Hansen <i>Council Meeting</i>	6	7 11am FEAST Pantry	8 6:30pm Confirmation Class	9 6pm FEAST Pantry 	10	11 8am to 12pm Scrap Recycling Event St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parking Lot 107 W. Lincoln Ave, Telford
12 9am Worship Service with Supply Rev. Shirley Guider <i>Mother's Day Newsletter Deadline</i>	13 7pm Worship & Music Mtg	14 11am FEAST Pantry	15 6:30pm Final Confirmation Class	16 6pm FEAST Pantry	17	18 11am FEAST Pantry
19 9am Worship Service with Holy Comm Rev. John Hansen <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 	20	21 11am FEAST Pantry	22	23 6pm FEAST Pantry	24	25
26 9am Worship Service with Supply Christine Moll <i>Holy Trinity</i> 	27 Office Closed <i>Memorial Day</i> 	28 11am FEAST Pantry 9am to 2pm Office Hours	29 9am to 2pm Office Hours	30 6pm FEAST Pantry 9am to 2pm Office Hours	31	

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and to **SERVE & WELCOME** all with God's grace.