



The Chronicles

May 2025

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



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President's Report

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:30-33)

For years we have been concentrating on the financial aspect. This year has shown some change in that. The first four months were okay. Thanks to those that helped make and sell the Easter Candy. Bringing this back helped us financially and the community was happy. Our finances never stop but now let us concentrate on making a stronger relationship with each other and the community. Pastor Saboe from Zion Hill Lutheran Church helped visit our shut-Ins and those in nursing homes. This has helped to make a positive impact on those people.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ... (Matthew 13:1-5)

As children of God imagine what we can do as a "TEAM." Let us be the seeds on those rocks. If we reach out to those in our community maybe we can spring up and grow. The Easter Egg hunt was successful again this year. I think the coffee, drink and pastry hour helped us make a connection with the community. We were able to make some connections during this time. I loved the enthusiasm the children had. Thanks to all that helped make the desserts or helped set up the Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Jim Black was there again with his daughter Abby to help support the egg hunt.

On Easter Monday Grady Reiss and Colin Cole cleaned the pavilion kitchen and the shed. Great job cleaning and organizing. The goal now is to keep the shed clean and organized. Our group of Confirmation students have completed their Church Community projects. Chris Gendeloff and Izabelle Fox participated in the Spaghetti dinner for their project.

There have been many changes and improvements to the outside of the church. There were some shrubs removed from the front of the church, The mulching was done and makes your church look clean and cheerful. We are looking to replace some old shrubs with smaller ones. If interested in donating to those shrubs earmark your envelope as so.

The Church Council is looking to sell the round tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in them, please contact me. Trumbauersville Community Day is coming. This will be their 25th Anniversary. Our annual Flea Market is on the same day June 7.

God Bless,
Paul Gerhart, Jr.
Council President



WORSHIP

2025 Average Sunday
Worship Attendance

March 37
Year to date 30



May Worship Services

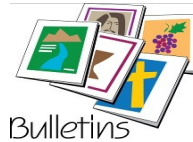
- Sun., May 4th
9:00am **Third Sunday of Easter**
Worship with Supply
Deacon Kathleen Afflerbach
- Sun., May 11th
9:00am **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Worship with Holy Communion
Pastor Rachel Scheible
- Sun., May 18th
9:00am **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Worship with Supply
Deacon Kathleen Afflerbach
- Sun., May 25th
9:00am **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Worship with Holy Communion
Pastor Rachel Scheible



Joyful Noise 10

Planning meeting for those interested in participating or volunteering for the Joyful Noise 10 Music Festival this June.

Meeting to be held on
May 4, 2025 at 11:00am at
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Applebachsville

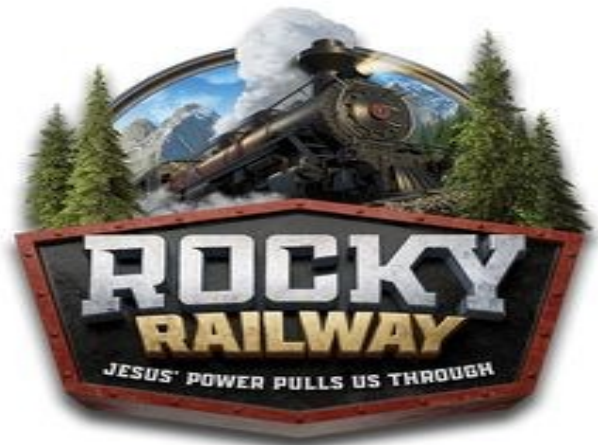


Bulletins

BULLETIN SPONSORS

- May 4 **Judy Stauffer** in loving memory of
Glenn Stauffer.
- May 11 **Linda & Dean Niemenski** in honor of
Ben & Syd's May Birthdays.
- May 18 **The DeReiter Family** in loving memory
Kim Mallery.
- May 25 **VFW Commander Paul Gerhart, Jr.**
in honor and memory of **all Veterans.**

The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$20.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

July 28th - August 1st
2025

9am - 12noon

Christ's Lutheran Church
218 E. Broad Street
Trumbauersville

Call 215-536-3193 for more info

INREACH Committee



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



May Lawn Mowing Sponsors

*Jack & June Grove, Don Mease,
Bob Christian, and Denise Heckler*

Thank you all for your contribution!

Easter Thanks!

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

We wish to sincerely thank:

- ◆ all the worship assistants for Holy Week and Sunday services.
- ◆ all who donated time, money or goods to our Easter Egg Hunt or Easter Coffee Hour.
- ◆ Paul Gerhart, Jr., Debbie Nace, and Cathy Heller for getting the altar, palms, and Easter flowers ready.
- ◆ Cathy for her dedication and hard work which was evident in the beautiful music she provided all season long!
- ◆ all who took the time to visit with our shut-ins and spread some Easter cheer.
- ◆ all who donated time, money or goods to the Easter Candy Sale!
- ◆ all who joined us in worship throughout the season.

Thank you everyone ♥



Financial Report March 2025 Statistics

MONTHLY

March Offerings (and other income)	\$ 8,942.58
March Expenses	<u>\$10,311.46</u>
Shortfall (-)	(\$1,368.88)

YEAR TO DATE

Income	\$20,104.
Expenses	<u>\$23,509.</u>
Shortfall (-)	(\$3,405.)

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

2025 EASTER CANDY SALE

A special **Thank You** to Loretta Brugger, Amy Wulffleff, Kayla Wulffleff, Gail Bambu, Judy Stauffer, Alicia Garges, Mary Roberts, Nicole DeReiter, Karen Bianco, Paul Gerhart, Jr., Joan Kratz, Jack & June Grove, **and anyone else** who donated time, money, or goods to making Easter Candy this year.

We are immensely grateful for your commitment. This was the first time since COVID that we resumed selling candy. It was a huge success as it brought folks together and achieved its goal of having a positive impact to the church's finances.

Total Candy Sales were: \$5,173

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.



ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 9am-2pm

Many hands make for an easy day! Pick one of the options below to help out your church on June 7th!

- ⇒ Donate food for our kitchen
- ⇒ Bake for the bake sale
- ⇒ Help sell our flea market or craft items
- ⇒ Pick a time to help out with parking, selling, or clean-up.
- ⇒ 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!

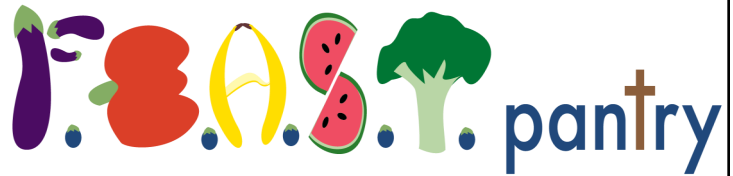
Church Office (215) 536-3193
with questions or to reserve a space.



Now Recruiting!

Searching for volunteers to assist at the Summer Drive-In movies.

Contact Nicole at (484) 951-4705 if interested.



News!

In **March** we served a total of **157 Households:**
95 Children, 189 Adults, 136 Seniors.

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

Current Needs are:
children's cereals
soups and crackers
canned chicken
ketchup and mayo

Deb & Gary Nace,
Social Ministry Chairperson
and FEAST Coordinator



Quakertown Ministerium FREE Community Dinner

May 1st at 5:30pm
(1st Thursday of each month)

at **Trinity Lutheran Church**
102 No. Hellertown Ave., Quakertown

All are welcome!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*June Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, May, 18th*



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 **June 8th**

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

The **order deadline** is **Sunday, May 18th**

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)

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 # _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____



Join us for

25th Trumbauersville Community Day

Where: Trumbauersville Veterans Park

When: Saturday, June 7, 2025

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Fireworks at 9:30pm

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 Christ's Lutheran @ (215) 536-3193



2nd Zac Carr

3rd Samantha Beck

Alexis Griffith

6th Harry Griffith, Jr.

Nate Sweigart

7th Marilyn Bobb

12th John Daley

13th Colleen Burgher

15th Braden Sell

17th Colin Kartsounas

19th Annabelle Fox

21st Crystal Benetz

22nd Sherri Voght

23rd Anastasia Kartsounas

27th Amanda Christian

28th Tori Rickert



CHURCH COUNCIL

Church:

Phone: 215-536-3193

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
Harold Jones*

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

*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.

Save the Date

**JOYFUL NOISE 10
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

SAT • JUNE 14
10AM - 7PM

THE PARK AT 4TH • UNIVEST PERFORMANCE CENTER • QUAKERTOWN

- Volunteers Appreciated
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Contact:
St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Applebachsville
215-536-5789 (church office)
stpaulsqtown@gmail.com
www.stpaulsqtown.org/jn10

**FREE
ADMISSION**

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.



Worship Volunteers

Date	Lectors	Usher	Acolytes	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Council Coordinator
May 4 9am	Becky Gerhart	Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Izabelle Fox			Gail Bambu
May 11 9am	Paul Gerhart, Jr.		Chris Gendeloff	Linda Niemensi	Linda Niemensi	Paul Gerhart, Jr.
May 18 9am	Linda Niemensi	Dean Niemensi	Colin Cole			Dean Niemensi
May 25 9am			Mia Bianco	Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Debbie Nace	Brian Fenstermacher



*Please join us on June 8th for Worship at 9:00am.
It is Pentecost Sunday.*

Please wear Red!

We will celebrate with Holy Communion & Confirmation.

Confirmation is a rite of baptismal affirmation and public profession of faith. Pastor Rachel Scheible will be presiding over the worship service and providing a blessing for the Confirmands:

- Colin Cole*
- Izabelle Grace Fox*
- Christopher Gendeloff*
- Grady Reiss*

After confirmation, we will welcome Colin, Izabelle, Chris, and Grady as full members of the congregation, with the right to vote and hold office.

They can also participate in other church activities and responsibilities, such as serving on committees or volunteering in the community.



Pentecost Sunday

Join us for worship at 9:00am on June 8th
Please wear RED!



Holy Trinity Sunday

Join us for worship at 9:00am on June 15th



The month of April was a good month financially. Your offerings and the sale of Easter Candy helped make it a good month. Coming up in the next few months there will be some ways to help support the church. During the months of July and August there will be a **TEAM** of people making Italian and Turkey Hoagies. The cost will be \$7 each. Order forms will be out soon.

If you know of someone looking for a place to hold an outdoor event, remember we have an outdoor pavilion for rent. This would include the use of that outdoor kitchen. For members it is free unless they want to donate. The cost for the community is \$125. The use of the Fellowship Hall would be \$125. The max amount of people would be 60 people. This is the reason in my Presidents Report that we are looking to get rid of the round tables. Reorganizing with rectangle tables gives us more capacity.

There is more exciting news about making relationships. Church Council is looking at the possibility of renting out one of our unused rooms. Most likely what we call the Youth Group Room. This will give us some added income. Our insurance company gave us some scenarios to use. No price has been set yet. If you know of someone looking for space to rent have them, contact Brian or myself. Council is working diligently on ways to succeed and still do God's work.

God Bless,
Your Stewardship Committee

May 11, 2025

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia.


Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday.

Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9am Worship with Supply Deacon Afflerbach Council Meeting 10:20am	5	6 11am FEAST Pantry	7 6:30pm Confirmation Class Trinity Lutheran Quakertown	1 5:30pm Loaves & Fishes Dinner Quakertown 6pm FEAST Pantry	2	3
11 9am Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Scheible Happy Mother's Day	12 1:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	13 11am FEAST Pantry 6pm Upper Bucks Code Blue Dinner 6pm Girl Scouts	14	15 6pm FEAST Pantry	16	17 11am FEAST Pantry
18 9am Worship with Supply Deacon Afflerbach Deadline for Flower Orders	19	20 11am FEAST Pantry	21 6:30pm Confirmation Class Trinity Lutheran Quakertown	22 6pm FEAST Pantry	23	24
25 9am Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Schieble	26 Happy Memorial Day Office Closed	27 11am FEAST Pantry 6pm Upper Bucks Code Blue Dinner 6pm Girl Scouts	28	29 6pm FEAST Pantry	30	31



**Happy Memorial Day
God Bless America!**

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 26, 2025!



Memorial Day 2025

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On Memorial Day weekend, we remember those veterans who served our country and have now departed this life, especially:

<i>Richard Andre</i>	<i>George Bedford</i>	<i>Jack Boylan</i>
<i>Brian Brooks</i>	<i>Ed Brous</i>	<i>John Buehrle,</i>
<i>James Burns</i>	<i>George Daniel</i>	<i>Ken DeReiter</i>
<i>Theodore Ewer</i>	<i>Willard Fluck</i>	<i>George Ford</i>
<i>Jack Forgash,</i>	<i>Sharon Fox</i>	<i>Terry Fox</i>
<i>Willard Gerhard</i>	<i>Paul Gerhart, Sr.</i>	<i>Harry W. Griffith, Sr.</i>
<i>Leon Hackney</i>	<i>Ken Heckler</i>	<i>James Horne</i>
<i>John Horne</i>	<i>Hewitt Hutchinson</i>	<i>Gordy Kissner</i>
<i>Henry Kline</i>	<i>Alfred Niemenski, Sr.</i>	<i>Dwight Rist</i>
<i>George Roberts</i>	<i>Earl Rush</i>	<i>Whitey Sveinbjornsson</i>
<i>Clifford Trumbauer</i>	<i>David Weaver</i>	<i>Elmer Weaver</i>
<i>Martin Weaver</i>	<i>Jeff Wentz</i>	

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