



**CHRIST EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WELCOMING, WORSHIPPING, WORKING FOR
CHRIST...TOGETHER!!**



God is knocking...not to come in, but to get you out!

Wow, it is September and we are marking the 6th month of my pastorhood here at Christ Lutheran. I am called here to be your Redevelopment Pastor and to help us, together, step boldly into God's Mission for God's work in the world, through this faith community.

I begin this month with boldly calling each of you into action for the sake of the Gospel! What does that look like: become Disciples of Christ, work together in building the kingdom right here-right now, and figure out together God's preferred future for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shrewsbury, PA.

As you know I just returned from Redevelopment training in Portland, Oregon. Christ Lutheran! We have work to do! From where we have been, to here and now –into the future..... God is calling us into the world to answer the needs of our community and the world. Are you ready?

This month starts many "NEW" things, worship may feel different, and changes will be made in small and large ways. I am asking each of you to find a way to connect with a bible study, education opportunity or worship service. Here is some of what to look for.

Sundays: Worship at 9am (starting Sept. 20th also at 4pm)

Sunday School and Adult Ed at 10:30 each week

2nd Sunday – Confirmation

3rd Sunday –High School Gathering at Panera's

Tuesdays: 6pm Get Fit with Christ -Meet in the church parking lot to walk together *this is a change*

Wednesdays: 7pm Get Fit with Christ –Dwell in the Word. Meet in church lounge for Bible Study

Saturdays: Breakfast and Bible Study 9am with Pastor Grace – we will study Acts this Fall.

Part of being church is praying and studying scripture together, now is the time to live into who God has called each of us to be.

A few other things I am working on with the council is visiting each household of our congregation. I will have sign-up sheets at worship for each week's availability. I would prefer being invited to your house, but know this—I will be visiting each household in the next couple months. It is part of how we come to understand each other and what God is doing in the community. I will also be visiting with some of the local business leaders and school personnel to try and understanding the needs and joys of this community at large. If you have connections with any organizations that work in Shrewsbury I would love the opportunity to be at a meeting or function to meet leaders.

Lastly, for now, I am so proud of the work you all are doing here at Christ Lutheran, you are faith-filled people and even though things may get scary or uncomfortable, I am here to be your pastor and move us together into God's preferred future of the Kingdom.

Peace & Blessed Be,

Pastor Grace

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Christ Lutheran is planning the Annual Yard Sale for October 16 & 17. The reality of our yard sale depends on the help of YOU! Right now, our supply of yard sale items is low so please reach out to your friends, and neighbors too for items that are in clean, good shape. The fact of making a profit depends on the quality of what we have to sell. Only with everyone's help in some way will it be a profitable event for Christ Lutheran. Set up days will start on Monday, Oct. 12. Interested in helping or donating??

...call Phil Attig at 235-5560.

Christ Lutheran Church is excited to announce our newest employee! Cecily Amrhein has been hired as CLC's part time Communication and Outreach Specialist. Part of her duties will include communicating upcoming events in the local papers and on social media. She will also be a big part of the behind the scenes planning of upcoming community outreach and events. Cecily has been working and will continue to work at Christ Lutheran Preschool. She has been t Administrative Assistant for 7 years and prior to that she was an Instructional Assistant. She resides in Felton with her husband, Michael, and their three children, Kyle, Lindsay, and Andrew. Please welcome Cecily!

communications@clcshrewsbury.org

In the next couple weeks the Sunday bulletins will be changing. We have decided to print all the bulletins in-house and no longer get the covers from Augsburg Fortress. There are a couple reasons for this; 1) the cost of them is a small but significant savings, 2) printing our own will allow us the flexibility to live into our Redevelopment by allowing Pastor Grace to fashion worship to fit the needs of this community and where God is calling us. We will still be using the Lectionary as we always have, but not having the back cover printed with all scripture will allow us to focus on God's Word in this time and place.

Hospitality Helpers Needed

Christ Lutheran will be serving coffee and a cookie or pastry to parents of Pre-schoolers once a month this fall. If you can help by serving, donating food or coffee, Please call the church office.

September 13 - God's Work Our Hands

Yard work will be held at Karen Spicer's house – following worship – wear your yellow t-shirts, old pants, sneakers to worship (No tee shirt? – no problem! Come as you are). We'll be taking out a fence, fixing a shed & tearing out bushes. This will be followed by a pot luck lunch at the Hametown Park pavilion joining Hametown Lutheran. We have the opportunity to then go back to their church to pack up the backpacks for the food pantry at St. Johns in New Freedom.



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Our Prayers are with...

Pat Bird, Scarlette Bishop Amspacher, Barb Borkowski, Adam Bosley, Amy Combs, Maia Dayett, Damien and Michelle Digital and family, Diane Donahue, Dillan Dunaja, Jessica Godfrey, Patty Grieb, Lori Lebo, Kim Michalek, Suzy Queitzsch, Kathy Stevens, Dot Thompson, Molli Wallace, Steven Wirz, Thelma Wolf.

The men and women who are serving our country overseas and also for their safe return home.

**For phone prayer requests, call the church office Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm. For immediate email prayer requests, email Charlotte at charlotted@paladinofinancialgroup.com

SERVANT LEADERS FOR MONTH

Date	Acolyte	Announcer	Bell Ringer	Chancel	Communion	Counters	Hospitality
Sept. 6	Olivia Folfas	Ron Rohrbaugh	Eli DePalmer	Kim Martin	Laura Wagner, Dave Novotny	Evelyn Miller, Scott Watts	Charlotte Dubel
Sept. 13	Abigail Fisher	"	JJ Harvilicz	Carrie & Jade Reall	Kathy & Andy Suchko	Dee Behrens, Charlotte Dubel, Dan Stevenson	Kathy Rohrbaugh, Judy Wertz
Sept. 20	Ellie Dunaja	"	Dillan Dunaja	Carrie & Jade Reall	Gail Stevens, Rich Steines	Frances Wagner, Mike Swift, Evelyn Reh-	Kelly Gillispie
Sept. 27	Shaylee Passapae	"	Nevaeh Stewart	Dawn & John Harvilicz	Laura Wagner, Dave Novotny	Burnetha Reh-meyer, Vada Wales, John	Kathy & Andy Suchko

Date	Open/Close	Prayers	Readers	Sunday school / Nursery	Transportation	Ushers/Greeters
Sept. 6	Rich Steines	Bev Cronise	Bev Cronise	not held during the summer	"	Scott Watts, Stella Buntbach
Sept. 13	Scott Watts	Pastor	Pastor	not held during the summer	"	Bob & Kim Martin
Sept. 20	Phil Attig	Charlotte Dubel	Charlotte Dubel		"	Jim & Kathy Shifflett
Sept. 27	Dee Behrens	Larry Dubel	Larry Dubel		"	Gregg & Donna Shedly

BULLETIN / COFFEE / FLOWER SPONSORS

Bulletins

- 6 – open
- 13 – Gretchen Blasser
- 20 – open
- 27 – Alice & Wayne Hartenstein



Coffee: The Banchiere family

Flowers

- 6 – Mary Treffinger
- 13 – Larry & Charlotte Dubel
- 20 – James Sumej
- 27 - open



Bible Study & EDUCATION

Confirmation Classes will be held the 2nd Sunday of EVERY MONTH 10:30-12:45

Students are expected to be at each month's meeting. Books will be handed out on Sept 13th at 9am worship when we will commission the youth in their learning. Questions for each month's reading will be emailed to the students and parents. Reading and Questions are to be done prior to our class time. To sign up for confirmation please contact the church office.

Sept 13th- ALL Students will participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday with the entire congregation.

Oct 11th –We begin going through our workbook Manna & Mercy and complete a service project around the church. (make bookmarks for ELW's)

Nov 8th- Continue our learning and service to church

Dec 13th- Lesson and Christmas party

Sunday School *September 20 - Sunday schools begin for Children and Adults.

- Children ages 4 through 2nd grade will meet in the Parish hall using "What's in the Bible" by the creators of Veggie Tales.
- Grades 3 through 6 will be using "Sparks" from Augsburg Fortress. Anyone entering 3rd grade should contact the church office as we will have "Sparks" bibles ready for their use.
- *Nursery will be available starting Sept. 20th for infants through preschool age during the 9am service.

Youth and Young Adults

- All young people who have been confirmed. We will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month at Panera at 10:30am with Pastor Grace for Bible Study.

Adult Sunday School

- will begin Sunday Sept. 20 at 10:30 am using "The Wired Word".
- Wednesday evening 7pm "Get fit with Christ" Dwelling in the Word –church lounge

Youth Corner

Leaders for our youth met last week and started planning this school year's events. What a great group.

We will be partnering with other ELCA churches in our area for some activities. It should be exciting!

There is A LOT coming up, so stay tuned and get involved

Contact: Dan Stevenson if you have questions or

ONGOING MISSION MINISTRIES – EACH MONTH

1ST Sunday – S.O.A.R. (Support Our American Recruits)

2nd Sunday – Southern York County Pantry
(cart is located in the back of the Sanctuary)

3rd Sunday – Spare change for Tanzania



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

By Sept 6th – Parent of Preschoolers 1st week **Survival Kits**. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes 100+ preschoolers this fall. Please help us with the following items – Individual Kleenex packs; mini candy bars; financial contributions for supplies; welcome cards will be available in the gathering area starting August 30. You can include a bible verse, prayers, words of encouragement, etc... for any parent. These kits will be handed out on Tuesday evening, **September 8** during the Back to School Night.

***September 8** - Anyone needing their **fingerprinting** done (NOT required for S.S. or Nursery volunteers), they will be at the preschool to offer this service at 8:45 am. You need to go online to pay & pre-register before this date. Any questions, contact Becky Stevenson.

***September 13** – Eric Stevenson will be receiving his **Eagle Scout** rank at his **Court of Honor** on Sunday, September 13th at 3:00. This will take place here in the church with a reception following in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to attend this celebration. Please RSVP to Becky at 717-683-6935 or dan1becky@aol.com so I can plan for food.

***September 15 - Adult Choir** will resume practices on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, please call or see Helen Blasser, 235-2763.

***September 15** – Semi-annual **refrigerators and freezer clean out!** Please check if anything belongs to you, if so put your name along with that day's date on the item, if you want it saved. It will be greatly appreciated if most items can be removed as the YARD SALE AND BAZAAR are right around the corner. We need all the space we can get for those events. Also as a reminder for future use: Please identify with your name and date all items. Any questions or concerns see: Denny Wertz.

All outdated and items without someone's name or an organization claiming ownership will be put in the trash.

***September 20 – York Revolution Baseball Game** will be held on Sunday, September 20 starting at 2:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Youth. The Revs will be playing against the Somerset Patriots. Ticket prices: ticket only- \$7.00. \$12.00 per person includes hot dog, chips, drink (or \$5.00 food voucher). The Youth Group will receive \$3.00 from every ticket sold!! Please let Robyn Banchiere or Dan Stevenson know you will be going by **September 14**. Checks can be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church -Youth Group.

Around the Lower Susquehanna Synod

*September 18-20 - Attention Married Couples: Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are an opportunity for people to rediscover the person they fell in love with and to fall back in love with that person. They are something that every couple deserves! So have you scheduled your Weekend? Time is running out to plan to attend one of the fall Weekends which run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM. The fall Pennsylvania Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

September 18-20, 2015 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.

October 16-18, 2015 in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

So go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org today, and choose which Weekend works for you. The \$45 registration fee is in effect until September 1 at which time it will increase,

make your choice now. Additionally, at the end of the weekend, there will be an opportunity to make a confidential donation of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. For questions contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

*September 25-26 – Kathy Troccoli's "Among Friends Hope's Alive – AN EXPERIENCE" will be held at Grace Fellowship Church in Shrewsbury. For more information, go to www.beamongfriends.com

*October 4 – Capture the Flag Spectacular is being held at Kirchenwald Farm on Sunday, October 4 from 3-5:30 pm. This is a free event, but please RSVP by September 25 to 717-677-8211 or online at www.LutheranCamping.org

General Weekly Schedule



Sunday:

***9am** is a more traditional service with Holy Communion

***4pm** is a 45 minute, family focused-interactive worship in Parish Hall

~Confirmation-2nd Sun. of the month

*for all Junior and Senior high students not yet confirmed

~Youth Bible Study- 3rd Sunday of the month @ Panera's for those who have been confirmed

Youth Group-will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month

Monday:

9am-3pm Preschool classes

Tuesday:

9am-3pm Preschool classes

7pm- Get FIT with Christ!

*members will gather in the

*church parking lot to walk

together. *note change

Wednesday:

9am-3pm Preschool classes

7pm- Get FIT with Christ- Dwelling in the WORD.

* Gather to study scripture and how we tend to taking care of ourselves as stewards of God's creation.

Thursday:

9am-3pm Preschool classes

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday:

9am-Bible & Breakfast

*Join Pastor Grace for a morning of Bible Study and Fellowship. Coffee and a light breakfast snack will be offered. Meet in Gathering Area.

Start thinking about the Holiday Bazaar

Call Kathy Shifflett for info. 717-968-6233

YTD 1/1/15—8/15/2015

General Offerings:

Actual: \$69,576.00

Budget: \$77,246.61

Mission Support Offerings

Actual: \$3,601.50

Budget: \$3,460.79

Capital Improvements

Received: \$2,395.00

Total Income

Actual: \$93,913.57

Budget: \$97,676.43

Total Expense

Actual: \$121,087.76

Received: \$110,458.72

Net Income

Actual: \$-27,174.19

Budget: \$-12,782.29



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How can you help meet the needs of our congregation when you can't be in church on a Sunday morning? As you can see by our financial picture, we are running a considerable deficit this year. When we have outdoor worship services or during the summer when people are away on vacation, our charitable giving decreases significantly.

Please prayerfully consider setting up regular giving through a bank draft through Simply Giving. Brochures are in the gathering area but you can also email finance@clcshrewsbury.org for an application.

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Pastor: Rev. Grace Gravelle

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Christ Lutheran Preschool 235-0459

Preschool e-mail kidbits@clpskids.org

Web: www.clpskids.org

CHURCH LEADERS AND STAFF

Administrative Assistant—**Elizabeth** Boliek

Communication & Outreach Specialist—**Cecily Amrhein**

Council President—**Rich** Steines

Organist—**Helen Blasser**

Pianist—**Phil** Attig

Praise Band Coach—**Jon** Frey

Preschool Director—**Becky** Stevenson

Sexton—**Robyn** Banchiere

Treasurer—**Mike** Wirz

Worship/Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 4pm (beginning 9/20)

Children's Sunday school - beginning 9/13

Adult Sunday school - beginning 9/20

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Aug. 31 Preschool Camp 9 am to 1 pm	1 8:30-12:30 South York Conference meeting, using sanc., PH 7:30 pm AA, parish	2 10:00 am Staff meeting, office lounge 6-7:00 pm Yoga Melt, parish hall	3 7:00 pm Band practice, sanctuary	4 The Office is Closed	5
6 Worship 9:00 am	7 Labor Day The office is closed	8 8:45 am Finger-printing, gathering area 6:00 pm Get Fit w/ Christ, parking lot 7-8:30 Preschool Back to School Night 7:30 pm AA, parish	9 Preschool begins 6-7:00 pm Yoga Melt, parish hall	10 7:00 pm Band practice, sanctuary	11	12
13 Worship 9:00 am Confirmation Kick Off God's Work—Our Hands Sunday—see parish happenings 3:00 pm Matthew Stevenson's Court of Honor, sanctuary	14 6:30-8:00 pm Girl Scouts, parish hall	15 6:00 pm Get Fit w/ Christ, parking lot 7:00 pm Choir practice, sanctuary 7:30 pm AA, parish hall	16 6-7:00 pm Yoga Melt, parish hall 7:00 pm Long Range Planning, church lounge 7:00 pm Get Fit with Christ,	17 7:00 pm Band practice, sanctuary	18	19
20 Worship 9:00 am Children's Sunday school 10:10 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am 2:00 pm Revolution Game -Youth Fund-raiser 4:00 Family Focused Worship with communion, parish hall Pot luck dinner to follow evening worship	21 6:30-8:00 pm Girl Scouts, parish hall	22 6:00 pm Get Fit w/ Christ, parking lot 7:00 pm Choir practice, sanctuary 7:30 pm AA, parish hall	23 6-7:00 pm Yoga Melt, parish hall 7:00 pm Get Fit with Christ, church lounge	24 7:00 pm Band practice, sanctuary	25	26 9:00 am Breakfast and Bibles, gathering area
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It's not too soon to start thinking about our Christmas Craft Bazaar – to be held Saturday, November 14th. In order for the bazaar to be a success, we need your help and there are several ways for you to share your talents:

Consider **creating craft items** to be sold at the bazaar. Do you make a special Christmas ornament, paint, crochet or do other needlework or crafts?

Would you like to **join a group of other crafters** –no experience necessary, instruction and materials will be provided.

Would you be able to **make your special bake goods** for the bake table?

Would you like to **help in the kitchen or donate specific food items** needed for lunch – please contact Denny Wertz.

If you would like to **help with the gift baskets**, please contact Robyn Banchiere at 717-227-1843.

Do you know of someone who would like to **rent a table to sell their crafts** at the bazaar?

If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Kathy Shifflett at 717-968-6233 or kathyshifflett@zoominternet.net.