



# THE EXPRESSION

APRIL 2026 ~ NEWSLETTER

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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### Services

Saturday Evening – 6:00 pm  
Sunday Worship – 10:00 am  
Sunday School – 9:00 am

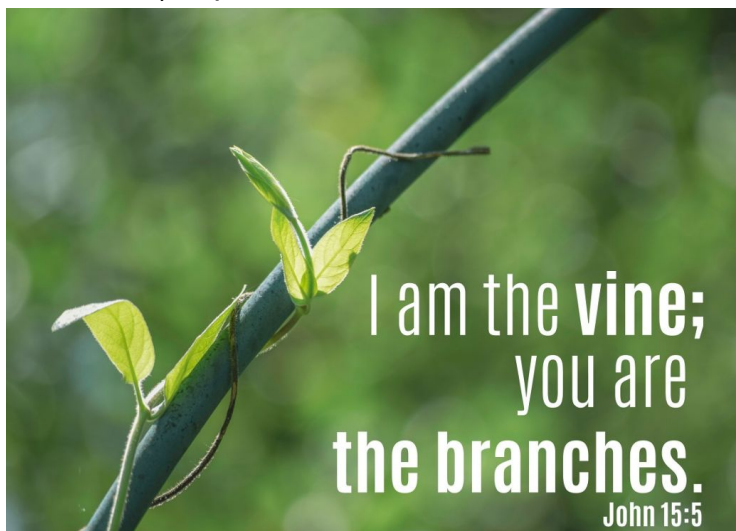
## Celebrate New Life this Easter!

While many of us think of Easter as one day of Easter baskets, joyful worship, and special dinners, in the church calendar Easter is a season like Advent or Lent. Easter lasts until Pentecost at the end of May! As we approach spring and think of the new life that is bursting forth as daffodils and other flowers bloom. We know that in Christ we have the promise of eternal and abundant life, too.

The death and resurrection of Christ allow us to be back into communion with God. We are being restored to what life was like in the story of the Garden of Eden, before the “fall” of Adam and Eve (and humankind) separated us from God. Jesus atones for our sins so we can again be *at one* with God.

And to illustrate the point, in the Gospel of John the resurrection happens in a garden!

Resurrection images that the Bible uses for the season of Easter are very earthy. They are images that show up in creation over and over again. Sometimes Christ is a light that shines in



the world. Sometimes he is a vine, connecting us to God the father. He is called the lamb of God and other times Christ is described as our good shepherd.

These images bring to mind things we see in spring. Like the daffodils that have been underground for the winter, we can be buried in our sin, kept in the dark and cold and feeling distant from

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# Celebrate New Life!

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God. But with the light of Christ, we can grow toward God.

Like a daffodil and the sun, we are in a relationship with Christ the Son. It is in his light that we grow and blossom. Without him we shrivel and eventually die. Being at one with Christ means new life can burst forth in us and we, too, can blossom where we have been planted. But unlike the daffodil, which fades and dies each year, Jesus promises us an eternal life. I pray that you will not just join us for



worship on Easter, but that your faith will blossom for the entire Easter season!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Washburn'.

Rev. Sue Washburn



## Holy Week Services

MARCH 28	6 PM PALMS AND PASSION
MARCH 29	10 AM PALMS AND PASSION
APRIL 2	7 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 3	7 PM GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 4	6 PM EASTER CELEBRATION!
APRIL 5	10 AM EASTER CELEBRATION!

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
A PLACE TO BELONG, BELIEVE, AND BECOME



# Easter FELLOWSHIP

*please join us after Services*

**Saturday, April 4 7:00 pm**  
**Sunday, April 5 11:15 am**

# EASTER EGG HUNT



2026



The Kiski Valley Community Band

presents

# Springtime Sounds

Saturday, April 25th 7:30 pm

a FREE concert

Christ's Lutheran Church  
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

Donations benefit: *the Kiski Valley Food Bank  
& Christ's Little Pantry*

RSVPs requested but not necessary

[office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or 412-795-1212



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

Christ's Lutheran Church will be receiving new members in June.

If you'd like to join the church or would like to learn more about

CLC before deciding to join, please pick up a New Member Questionnaire or Information Request in the Entryway. Or, contact

our church at

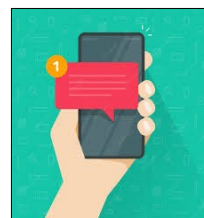
[office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)

**412-795-1212**

## Receive Important CLC Information Via Text

If you would like to receive notifications of CLC services and events on your smart phone:

- Download the CLC app on your smart phone.
- Update your profile in the app with your mobile phone number as the prime number - a land line phone number will not work.



- Make sure that you have not turned off the notifications in Settings on your Smartphone. The default is enabled.

If you have any questions or need assistance, any member of Council can help you, or contact the church office at 412-795-1212 or [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)



Thank you to all who support our Dine to Donate event at Applebee's. It was great to see so many CLC faces!

We won't know for a few weeks how much we raised, but we'll pass on the info when we receive the check.



**Flea market**

**& bake sale**

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM to 2 PM**

This year's flea market is rapidly approaching, so we hope you will keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning. You may drop off your items:

- Thursday, May 28 & Friday, May 29 between 9 am and 2:30 pm.
- Saturday May 30 & Sunday May 31 when you come to worship services.
- Monday, June 1, Tuesday, June 2 & Thursday, June 4 from 9 am to 2:30 pm **AND** from 6-8 pm.

We are not accepting flea market items on Friday, June 5, as this is strictly a workday for our volunteers. Please remember that volunteers must unload, sort and set up your items. Please make sure *your donated items are clean and usable.*

Please remember that **we cannot accept the following** due to the difficulty or cost of disposing of them if they do not sell; hazardous materials including automotive oil and lubricants, paints and aerosols, household cleaners, TVs, computers and related items, clothing, boots and shoes, large furniture or large exercise equipment such as weight benches, treadmills and ellipticals. Baby car seats and bike helmets have expiration dates, please check dates before donating, as we cannot sell them past expiration.

**Baked goods can be dropped off Friday, June 5**, during regular church office hours. Pre bagged cookies in either 1/2 dozen or dozen amounts, brownies, mini loaves of breads or cakes are great sellers.

Signup sheets for flea market and bake sale volunteers are in the Entryway. Help with set-up, day of sale or cleanup is welcome and appreciated!!

***Thanks for your support!***



**KIDS!**

Join us for a Palm Sunday parade in worship. We'll shout Hosanna and wave our palm leaves as we celebrate Jesus!

**March 29, 2026**



**2026 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Graduation is an important and exciting time; Christ's Lutheran's "Graduate Weekend" is coming up in late May. If you have a student that is graduating this year, please let us know! We hope you'll send us a photo and a summary of your graduate's future plans, activities, and interests.

Photos and bios will be posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary to share with our church members and will be featured in CLC's June newsletter. Contact the office for more information.

We're so grateful to Sylvia Replogle who answered our call for a church "historian."



Sylvia and her first lieutenant, Leslie Sill, have been working their way through the many pictures and documents that tell the history of Christ's Church. The end result is going to be terrific!

Calling a new pastor

EVERYONE'S INVITED  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MAY 31**

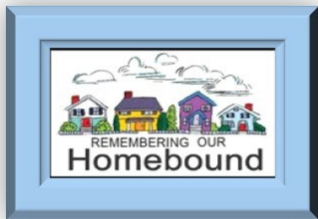
Sharing our stories of faith, identity, and resilience (and a free lunch!)





We kindly ask that you continue to pray for our Christ's Lutheran members, and family and friends of members that we've included in our weekly prayer lists:

Lindsey Boyer, Ron Brennan, Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, Pearl Elliott, Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Evan Pavloff, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Lonnie Shurnia, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Sue Werner, and family & friends of Donna Yoder



We continue to remember people who have been faithful partners in ministry for many years, but who are now homebound. Please include Janet Beall, Gail Byrne, Bob DeCecco, Robin DeCecco, Marlene Gerdes, Peggy Henry, John & Gertrude Laughrey, Jeff Pope, Fred Sr. & Barbara Salenske, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, and Michael & Sue Werner in your prayers.

We ask for continued prayers for family and friends of Brian Burton, Kraige Cutler, Shirley Daum, Bertha DeCecco, Bill Farrell, Richard Harvanek, John Heilman, Walter Luniewski, Linda O'Donnell, Tom Replogle, Donna Shaffer, Patti Smith, Helen Sward and Donna Yoder



Ann Rockette is our Prayer Circle Coordinator.

You can send your prayer request through CLC's website or app (click on Connect on the top menu and scroll down to Prayer Request) or by phoning the church office at 412-795-1212 or emailing the church at [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)

As you reflect on the prayer list this month, please let the Church Office know of any changes or updates that should be made: [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)



## WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### THE WEEK OF:

#### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Kevin, Lisa, Owen & Dylan Wissinger  
Jeff, Caron & Rachel Wolfe  
Chris, Nicole & Brooks Yankoski  
The Yurisinec Family

#### April 19<sup>th</sup>

Matthew, Rhiannon, Annie & Nolan Ackerman  
Tom, Karen & Jennifer Adams  
Denise Anderson  
Gary Anderson

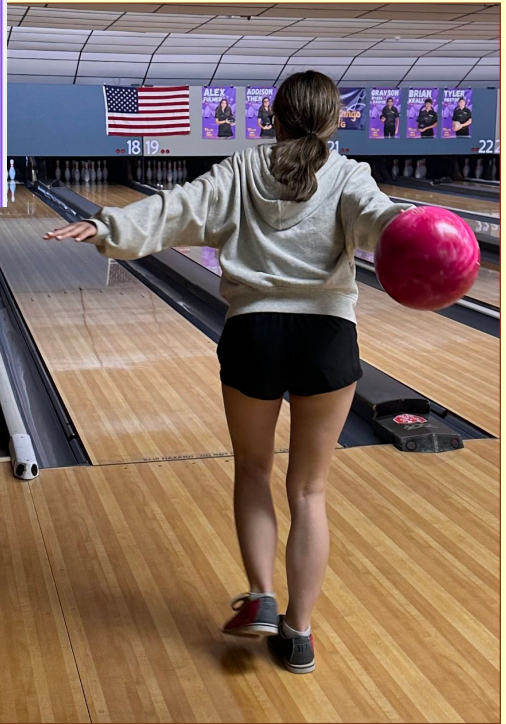
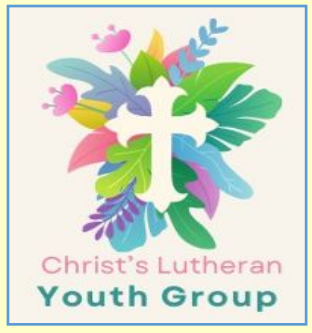
#### April 12<sup>th</sup>

Michelle Zajac  
Robert & Cheryl Zamule  
Caiden Zaph & Christopher Zapf, Jr.  
Nathan, Pam, Josh, Jacob & Noah Zimmerman

#### April 26<sup>th</sup>

Paul & Ellen Anderson  
Damien Arenth  
McKenzie Arenth  
David Armstrong

YOUTH GROUP  
**BOWLING**  
**March 22nd**  
**2026**



Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer.



# CampBlast!

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

11:00 am - 4:30 pm

*Campfire, crafts, archery, pony rides, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, disc golf, jump pillow, great food, worship, and MORE!*

**The best part.... EVERYTHING IS FREE!**

No registration needed.

[www.lutherlyn.com/programs/campblast.html](http://www.lutherlyn.com/programs/campblast.html)

for information

## Synod Youth Mission Trip

*youth trip!*



July 5th through July 8th working with Hossana Industries, Johnstown, PA

Open to youth who have completed grades 6-12.

Register by May 1

[www.swpasynod.org/calendar/youthtrip2026](http://www.swpasynod.org/calendar/youthtrip2026)

## Confirmation Class

### Teen Talk

*New Way to explore life and Faith*



**Sunday, April 12**

**6:00 pm**

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

# MEALS FROM THE HEART

JOIN US AS WE MAKE LUNCH FOR THE FAMILIES AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF PITTSBURGH. MUST BE AGE 13+ TO ATTEND



Christ's Lutheran  
Youth Group

## SUNDAY, MAY 3

Only 8 spots available due to space constraints - RSVP to Amy Wineman at [awineman@outlook.com](mailto:awineman@outlook.com)



# CHURCH COUNCIL

**Kim Boyer, President**  
**Carl Lingelbach, Member**  
**Natalie Kuehn, Member**  
**John Schultz, Member**

**Carol Tamenne, Vice President**  
**George Meade, Member**  
**Joyce Perrone, Member**  
**Sandi Shaffer, Member**

**Barb & Dave Hall, Treasurer**  
**Bela Molnar, Financial Secretary**

**Linda Paulovitch, Congregation Secretary**

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 19, 2026

- Income exceeded expenses for the month of January; at the end of the month there was a General Fund surplus of \$7,700.
- Sandi Shaffer reported that Souperbowl weekend was a success; Eric Waxbom will kick off the Heifer campaign in March; the annual Flea Market will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>; and the OWLS Luncheon will be October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Outreach and Congregational Life Teams are planning a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser in August; a craft show in October; and five dine to donate events with the first being March 26 at Applebee's in Murrysville.
- There was a discussion around statements of donations sent by CLC annually. Federal guidelines for nonprofits state that donations totaling \$250 or more should be acknowledged.
- John Schultz reported that he and Natalie Kuehn successfully set up push (text) notifications through the CLC app.
- Pastor Sue Washburn will be out of the office the last two weeks in June. Christine Weller has agreed to perform services; Pastor Linda Theophilus will be on call.

## *Christ's Steeple by Moonlight*



*Photo courtesy of Dave Hall*



### **Citizens With the Saints**

*Formerly, Lutheran Day in the Capital*

**April 20, 2026**

Gather with advocates from across the state to be grounded in our faith and equipped to act together on issues that make a difference to the wellbeing of all. This is will be a day of learning, community-building, inspiration, and advocacy.

[www.swpasynod.org/calendar/lampa2026](http://www.swpasynod.org/calendar/lampa2026)



# LOVE TO PUZZLE?

Join other puzzle lovers for fun and fellowship as we build together.

Or, the puzzle is in the downstairs social hall. Drop in at any time to work on it!

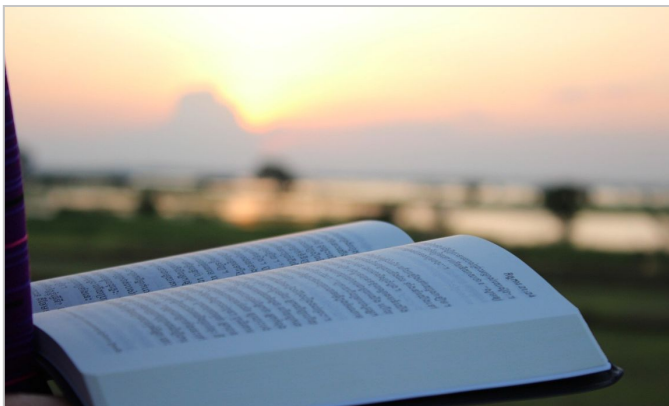
Churches and their members are a favorite target of phone scammers, and there has been an uptick in scammers spoofing church phone numbers and using AI to recreate a familiar voice.



Even if you receive a call from someone that sounds like someone from CLC or comes from a phone number that IDs as Christ's Lutheran or Pastor Sue, please know that neither our Pastor nor staff will call and ask you to share contact or personal information about other members of our church. This could include information you may know about someone because you worship or volunteer together, or information you'd look up in a church directory or other CLC resources.

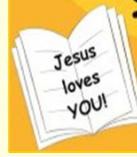
Nor will Pastor Sue (or other staff) call or text to ask you to buy a gift card or go to a bank for her. This is a scammer favorite!

**Stay safe!**



## Sunday School

9:00 AM



For Children and Adults

**Feel free to join a class anytime!**

## MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION!

**April 4th and 5th**



We celebrate the first weekend of each month with the donation of your loose change to benefit **our sister church**, Trinity

Lutheran on the North Side. Collection cans will be located on the offering table and up front by the baptismal font.

So, gather up your change and let's all make some **NOISE!!!**

## Reminder Corner

Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>
Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>
Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	<b><i>Easter Fellowship</i></b>
Apr 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Noise for Mission Wknd</i></b>
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	11:15 am	<b><i>Easter Fellowship</i></b>
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b><i>Stitched With Love</i></b>
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b><i>Property Committee Mtg</i></b>
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	<b><i>Caring Hearts &amp; Hands</i></b>
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<b><i>Men's Breakfast</i></b>
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Little Pantry Wknd</i></b>
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	<b><i>Confirmation Class</i></b>
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b><i>Stitched With Love</i></b>
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	<b><i>Outreach Team Meeting</i></b>
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b><i>Worship &amp; Music Comm</i></b>
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	<b><i>Stitched With Love</i></b>
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	<b><i>Congregation Life Team</i></b>
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	<b><i>Support Team Meeting</i></b>
Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	<b><i>Ladies' Brunch</i></b>
Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	<b><i>Springtime Concert</i></b>
Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b><i>Stitched With Love</i></b>

# Leave Your Legacy



Are you considering a special gift or an estate gift to Christ's Lutheran Church?

Gift planning services are available at no cost to you through the services of the ELCA Foundation and our Regional Gift Planner, Ryan Ebner.

Ryan can assist you with establishing a comprehensive estate plan that may include bequests, a charitable gift annuity, gifts of appreciate assets, a charitable remainder trust or other options that provides for your family and the ministries you care about.

See the "Legacy and Special Gifts" brochure in the rack outside of the office for more information. You can contact Ryan at (814)-823-3285 or [ryan.ebner@elca.org](mailto:ryan.ebner@elca.org).

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Caring Hearts & Hands is a volunteer group that keeps in touch with CLC families and friends who are on our Caring List who appreciate and enjoy knowing that others are thinking of them. This contact can be in the form of a phone call, a visit, a card, or even a box lunch! Our lunches are delivered in a beautifully decorated box that offers a delicious lunch with goodies and surprises!

CH&H meets on the second Thursday of the month; our next meeting will be at 9:30 AM, April 9th in the downstairs fellowship hall. The CH&H volunteers have planned a luncheon with Easter and Spring in mind, which they will pack and deliver on that day. To those of you on our delivery list, be on the lookout for a delicious meal, sweets, and some very special items created with caring love!



We always look forward to having more volunteers! Also, if you or someone you know could benefit from our outreach of Caring, or if you have any questions, please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.



## Christ's Prayer Circle

Ann Rockette is our Prayer Circle Coordinator. You can send your prayer request through CLC's website or app or by phoning or emailing the office: 412-795-1212, [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) **Do you want to be part of our ministry of prayer?** Contact the office to be added to the list of those notified of requests for prayers.

## Stitched With Love

If you enjoy knitting and crocheting, or would like to learn, our stitching group meets Tuesdays from 9 to 11 am in the downstairs social hall.



We make hats for cancer patients, baby blankets, prayer shawls, and other needed items. Or bring your own project to work on. It's a time to be creative & enjoy one another's fellowship. For information, contact Leslie Sill at [nonnasill@comcast.net](mailto:nonnasill@comcast.net).

## FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TO START YOUR DAY

Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am when we serve up a traditional breakfast and spend time in fellowship.



Our next breakfast will be on **April 11th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall.

**No RSVP, you're welcome anytime.**

# Ladies Brunch

Saturday, April 25th 11:00 - 1:00

Ladies of the church - Please join us for food & sistership on the **4th Saturday of each month** for all of us to enjoy our time together.



Any tasty treat you'd like to share is appreciated.

Kindly register so we know how many to prepare for:

- Register on our website  
[April Ladies' Brunch](#)
- RSVP on our app
- Sign-up on the sheet in the entryway

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## REMINDER:

Our church's exterior doors are locked at the beginning of services.



## What's a QCD?

If you are you over age 70 1/2, you can withdraw funds federally tax free from retirement accounts, such as IRAs, through a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Contributions made through QCDs are an available vehicle to support Christ's Lutheran Church's mission while reducing personal income subject to federal taxes.

The withdrawal is made payable directly to the charity by the IRA custodian and counts toward any federal annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

Talk with your financial planner to learn more.



## Weekend Worship Team

to our worship assistants, greeters, ushers, all who set up and clean up for the services, reconcilers, and the tech Team who offer their time and talents to make our worship services go smoothly.

If you would like to join our Weekend Worship Team, you can sign up using the app: Click on "Join a Weekend Worship Team"



Or using the following link or QR code.

[CLC Weekend Worship Team](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Thank you to all who help to make our weekend worship services possible!**

## THANK YOU for your donations to CLC's Ronald McDonald House pull tab project!

We're collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Working with a local recycler, pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, pet food, and other canned goods are turned into money to support RMHC's mission.



**Ronald McDonald House**

That money helps RMHC provide comfort, care and support for families with children who are sick.

You can help by depositing tabs you collect in the container in the church Entryway.



**Care Corner**

Care Corner is where we can connect with one another and share news about important events in each other's lives. If you have something that you would like to share in our next **Care Corner**, please email the church: [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)

# CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY weekend! April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

*Are you, or someone you know, experiencing food insecurity?*

*If you need food, "Take what you need."*

*If you have extra food to share, please "Leave what you can."*

THANK YOU to everyone who has been contributing to the success of our Little Pantry. We're so grateful to all who donate and for the blessings you give!

As food insecurity increases, variety is important in choosing the items to donate to the Little Pantry. For now, please focus on cereal and other breakfast items, complete pancake mixes (made with water), syrup, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna & other canned meats, fruit (canned or in individual packs), lunchbox foods and baby food. Please remember that our Little Pantry may provide the only food a family has to meet its needs — protein is very important.

When you bring your donations to the church, you can put your items directly into the Little Pantry or leave them in the grocery cart in our entryway.

You can also support the Little Pantry with a cash donation that's clearly marked, "Little Pantry."

Please continue to support this ministry, knowing that your generosity will help families right here in the Plum & Murrysville area.



**Let's work together to keep our Little Pantry full every week!**

## DEADLINES:



- ◆ **Monthly Newsletter:** on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- ◆ **Weekly Bulletin:** by end-of-day on Wednesdays.

Information must be submitted ready to print by deadlines posted.



[office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org)  
or drop off at the office.

## CONTACT US



Our church office is open:  
Monday 9 am - 2:30 pm  
Tuesday 9 am - 2:30 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 2:30 pm  
Fridays 9 am - 2:30 pm

*Please call before coming to the church to be sure someone is available to help.*

**412-795-1212**

[Click below for our April 2026 Calendar](#)

[Christ's Lutheran Church 2026 Calendar](#)

When you reach the bottom of the list, click on the right arrow to see more events!

