



# THE EXPRESSION

June/July 2026 ~ NEWSLETTER

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## Services

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

***This newsletter was intentionally published late so that it would include experiences from the All-Church gathering on May 31st as well as information on the next steps in the pastor search process.***

## Sharing Stories and Faith

When my kids were little, a friend and I were out having coffee, and she mentioned that her husband was babysitting the kids.

What? I thought. He's the father. He's not babysitting. He's parenting! That was 20 years ago.

In today's world where both partners work, both parents share more childcare responsibilities than ever before. The idea of fathers "babysitting" or "watching" *their own* children is outdated.

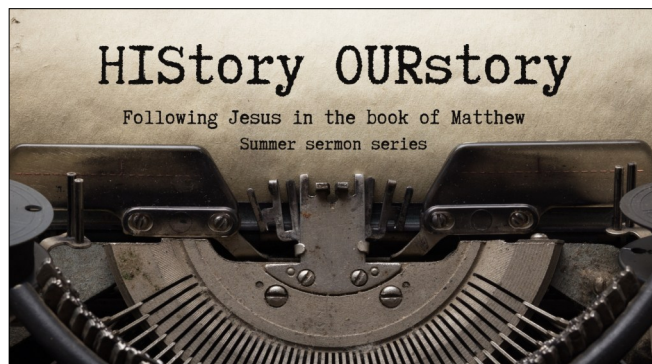
Babysitting implies that the person watching the child is an outsider, someone who comes in to do a job and then is done. It implies he (or she) gets to walk away when the other parent comes home. But we know parenting is a lifelong commitment to helping our little ones grow. Parenting doesn't happen in a day; it happens daily. Children learn and grow with both parents' words and actions.

This is true in the life of the church as well. The idea that the pastor is responsible for church growth while everyone else occasionally helps is outdated. Spiritual and numerical growth aren't created by a pastor or committee. Everyone participates! We are a church family that nurtures through our daily and weekly words and actions. The responsibility for discipling belongs to all of us. But to do this, members have to be willing to talk about their faith and lead prayer groups and spiritual classes. This begins with confidence in sharing our own experiences of God.



This summer in worship, I hope to highlight the way our stories and God's stories intersect. I invite you to share your stories and faith with me and with each other so that you can help each other grow. If you have a story about how God has worked in your life, let's grab a coffee. I'd love to hear your

experiences of God!



# New Member Weekend

Celebrate what God is doing at Christ's Lutheran

June 13 & 14



## Introducing...

Christ's Lutheran's Newest Members

Join us for

**NEW MEMBER WEEKEND**

as we welcome and celebrate those who are joining our congregation



Reception  
for New Members  
following both services

**June 13 & 14 all are welcome  
to join the receptions**

Backyard Bible Study  
Wednesday Evenings at 6PM in July  
God's Creation

We will gather around the fire pit (weather permitting). Bring your own chair!

## Pastor Sue's Community Drop Ins

Pastor Sue will be holding drop-in hours in community locations most Wednesdays throughout the summer. Stop by to say hello, to chat, to ask theological questions or any kind of questions! Feel free to bring friends to meet and talk with Pastor Sue.

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am- 12 pm**  
**Dunkin**  
**1803 Golden Mile Highway (Route 286)**  
**in Holiday Park**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am-12 pm**  
**McDonald's**  
**1865 New Texas Road**  
**(At Route 286**  
**in Holiday Park)**

**July 15 10 am-12 pm**  
**Groove Coffee**  
**4453 Wm Penn Highway**  
**Near Shop 'n Save, on the**  
**opposite side of Rt 22)**  
**Murrysville**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 am-12 pm**  
**Dunkin**  
**1803 Golden Mile Highway (Route 286)**  
**in Holiday Park**

Stay tuned for more dates and locations coming soon.



**The Church office will be closed**  
**on Friday, July 3rd in observation**  
**of Independence Day.**





# Congratulations CLC Graduates

## Class of 2026



### JJ Tensuan

JJ graduated from Franklin Regional High School with highest honors with distinction. He will be attending Penn State University

in the fall to study kinesiology and plans to play on the men's ice hockey team.

### Collin Rogers

Collin has been in the marching band as a percussionist for 4 years, and in the band for 8 years. He has played varsity tennis for 3 years

– lettering 2x. He is an officer of the French club and got to use his foreign language skills on the French club's recent trip to Paris. He loves to travel, and besides France, also got to visit Iceland 2 years ago with his Plum classmates. Collin will be attending Slippery Rock University and will be majoring in secondary education in social studies. He also plans to study abroad while in college and try out for the marching band.



### Paige Van Orden

Paige enjoys cozy games and painting. During her high school career, Paige served as the president of Knitwits, and won awards in several art competitions. Next year, Paige will be attending Penn State University to earn a B.S. degree in astronomy.



### Lucas Salenske



Lucas was graduated from Franklin Regional on June 5, 2026. He is planning on working in construction with his father. All of his family is so proud

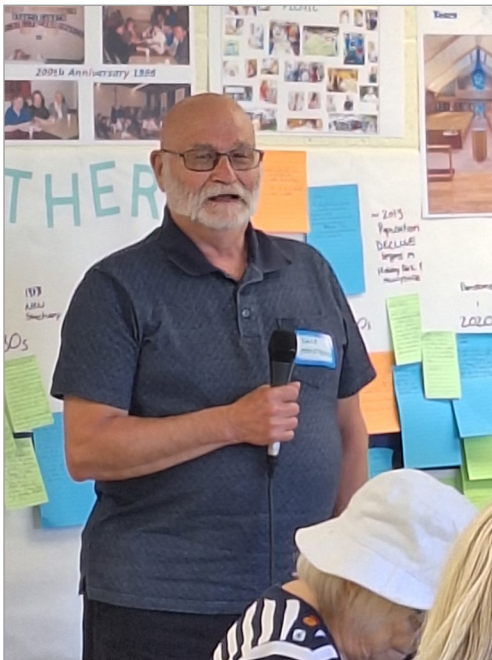
proud of his accomplishments.

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## The Next Step

What a joy to hear your faith stories as part of God's big story! The congregational kickoff event for calling a new pastor brought together almost sixty people for a meal and a reflection on God's faithfulness, the congregation's connections to each other, and an exploration of what draws people to Christ's Lutheran. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the historical timeline, the room set up and food prep! You are a gift to the church!



The conversation revealed that CLC's greatest strengths are its welcoming culture, deep personal relationships, care for people during difficult times, commitment to service, and ability to help people find a sense of belonging. Members consistently described the church as a place where faith grows through relationships and participation. The discussion also identified ministry with families, particularly those with special-needs children, as both a current strength and a significant opportunity for future mission and outreach.



The greatest opportunities for growth and formation lie in transforming these strengths into a clear vision for outreach, leadership development, accessibility, and ministry with families — especially those who are often underserved by other churches.

The next phase of the congregational input for calling a new pastor will be for each person to attend a small focus group where we will explore your sense of who God is, God's vision for Christ's Lutheran, as well as the makeup of the community that surrounds the church and the way to reach them with the Good News of the Gospel!

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# The Next Step continued from page 4

The magic of small group discussion lies in interaction. Participants build on each other's ideas, open up about their opinions and invites people to participate in a way they may not have felt comfortable doing in the larger group.

Focus groups are schedule for the dates and times listed below. You can register online or on a sign-up sheet on the table in the Entryway at the church.

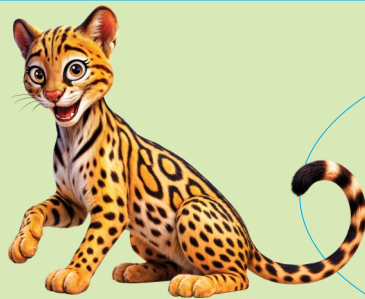
Click here to register online: <https://forms.gle/7SDpyg2r3vp3Xrn16>

**Mission Study**  
We want to hear from you!

- Wednesday, June 10 @ 6:30 pm In-Person
- July 8 @ 10:00 am **FULL**
- Thursday, July 16 @ 10:00 am In-person
- Tuesday, July 28 @ 10:00 am In-person
- Wednesday, August 5 @ 6:30 pm ONLINE ONLY
- Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:50 pm ONLINE ONLY



**Volunteer needed!** Would you be willing to type up the stories that members shared into a Word document so that we can put them in a booklet to share with the new pastor? This will help them to get to know the congregation at CLC. If so, please talk to Pastor Sue!



Dottie

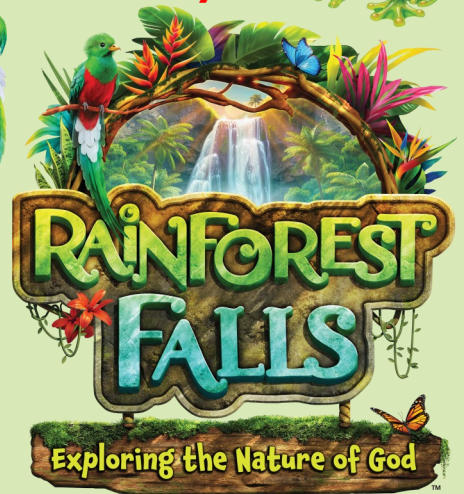
Hey Kids, It's me, Howie! Me and all my friends are looking forward to seeing you at VBS!!!



Tango



Seymour



Caper



Tia and her baby



**July 27 – 30**  
**9 am – noon**

Click or scan to register

# All About The O.W.L.S.

Attention all prospective new members of our **Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors**, otherwise known as O.W.L.S., an elite group of people age 80 and older.

If you have turned 80 in the last two years, or will be turning 80 between now and December, please let us know so we can be sure to include you in our celebration.



And those of you who are, or will soon be, 90 are respectfully and lovingly referred to as our HOOT OWLS! Please let us know that you've reached this milestone.

Christ's Lutheran's Caring Hearts and Hands Committee will be hosting an O.W.L.S. Recognition Luncheon in October and we would like to invite you to attend this special and much anticipated event. But we can't invite you if we don't know who you are!

We will be sending invitations for the luncheon in September. If you are of OWL age and don't receive an invitation, please contact the office and we'll get an invitation out to you immediately. Most people are aware that, unfortunately, CLC's records aren't great (a project that will be addressed as part of our interim process). We're sure there are some folks who have slipped through the cracks and we don't want to leave anybody out.

This is a fun event, a wonderful time to get reacquainted with other O.W.L.S. and meet new members of this elite group. We guarantee a good meal, many laughs, time to reminisce, and a warm feeling of goodwill and friendship.

Even if you have been invited to the O.W.L.S. luncheon in the past, please feel free to check with the office to make sure you're still on the list.

You can reach the office at [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or 412-795-1212.

We're so looking forward to celebrating YOU this October!

## 2026 CLE Confirmands

### Brady Yurinec



Brady attends Plum Middle School and enjoys playing soccer, futsal and baseball. Brady is proud to be a fourth-generation member of this church.

"Through my confirmation, I hope to deepen my relationship with God and strengthen my faith."

### Isabel Nazak



Isabel, aka Izzy, attends Plum Middle School and enjoys playing soccer and swimming

Wishing Isabel a joyful confirmation and God's blessings

in all the years ahead





A special THANK YOU to the wonderfully industrious people who showed up for the Garden clean up day on May 16 2026:

Larry Breitenstein	Ed Buehner	Jim & Adrienne McCurry
Rebekah & Jim McKenzie	Joyce Perrone	John Schultz
Erich Sill	Jim Stuckert	Eric Waxbom
		Pastor Sue

A lovely luncheon prepared and set up by Adrienne helped to refresh all who worked so diligently. Trees were trimmed, shrubs were trimmed and fed, weeds were pulled and all around big clean ups! Adrienne & Jim McCurry so generously in paying for the removal of the dying Dawn Redwood tree. We are looking to take that whole island out and flatten it to just be plain lawn for easier care.



So much focused work was put out that day. It was a total vision and incredible stewardship of our lovely grounds.

If YOU would like to be a Gardening Angel, let me know—Joyce Perrone [jperrone.jp@gmail.com](mailto:jperrone.jp@gmail.com) or 412-849-7750. I'm happy to meet you that the church and go over what will need ongoing care. Let's keep showing the love to God's creation!

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# VBS Celebration Sunday!

## & Millie's Ice Cream!

### August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10AM

*Join us as our VBS children share some of their favorite songs during worship and celebrate all they've learned throughout the week!*

*Stay after the service! Millie's Ice Cream Truck will be on-site with ice cream available for purchase. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come support our amazing kids!*



# CLC Youth Group “Our Lord was at work”



For the Youth Group’s service trip this May, we prepared and served lunch at the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh. Families from far away who have hospitalized children in Pittsburgh are welcome to stay at the Ronald McDonald house free of charge.

While we were there, we prepped and served a lunch of macaroni and cheese, fruit kebabs, salad, rolls, and chocolate chip cookies. We also packaged leftovers before we left in

order to allow families who could not join us for the afternoon to enjoy the meal at a later time.

Throughout the experience, God was with us at every turn, helping us to thoughtfully and efficiently prepare the food. Our Lord was at work in the community of the Ronald McDonald House, with everyone, both residents and staff, constantly supporting and uplifting one another, even in their darkest



moments. Overall, the experience not only helped us to share God’s love with others, but also see and appreciate His power in the world around us.

Welcome!



Children, Youth, and Young Adults  
-at-  
Christ Lutheran Church

Thank you for lunch Sunday!

**Pastor Sue’s Drop-In Office Hours**

***Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm***

***Please feel free to stop by to talk about what’s on your mind.***

You can also schedule time with Pastor Sue by using this link to her calendar, where you can set up a specific time and location:

<https://calendar.app.google/HfC4jyoazNMnGwnW6>

*Pastor Sue will not be available for drop-in hours on Friday, June 12*

# WESTMORELAND FOOD BANK



Please join us on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

from 9:00 am -11:30 am at the Westmoreland County Food Bank to pack food boxes for seniors in our community. Youth over 14 years of age are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Kris Meade is coordinating volunteers, email her at [kmeade@medbrokersllc.com](mailto:kmeade@medbrokersllc.com) to be added to our team

We have a total of 15 volunteer slots to fill. If you've volunteered with the Food Bank in the past, you can login to <http://www.westmorelandfoodbank.org/> to register for the event.



## JOIN US FOR A CLC BIKE RIDE on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

We're riding the Murrysville Trail – we'll be meeting in the parking lot behind Hoss' Restaurant on Rte. 22 at 10:00 am and may have lunch or stop for ice cream after our ride. Please sign up on the sheet in the entryway. Or, find the Bike Ride on CLC's website calendar of events and register there. If it rains, the ride will be postponed to a future date.

## CLC Bike Ride



on the Murrysville Trail

## Many hands make light work...



We invite you to share your time and talents to help to make our worship services go smoothly.

- ◆ Worship Assistants read the lessons and assist Pastor Sue with communion. *If you would like to be a reader but not serve communion*, we can team you up with someone to share the Worship Assistant duties;
- ◆ Greeters and Ushers welcome people to service and assist with passing the collection plates;
- ◆ Camera operators prepare the camera and laptop, then monitor the camera to livestream for those who worship online (don't be intimidated – you'll be well trained and an experienced live streamer will be with you your first couple of times);
- ◆ You can also set up the altar for services, and/or put away communion elements and extinguish candles after services.



If you would like to join our team, click on this QR code. You can also sign up using our app: Click on "Join a Weekend Worship Team," Questions? Contact the church office. [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org).

## We Broke Our Record!

We raised \$1,485 for Heifer this Lent breaking our record for donations in a year since I took over in 2018. The previous record was \$1,455 in 2019. Heifer has again arranged for this year's gift to be **DOUBLED**.

Our total amount raised since 1992 is now \$43,292.

I want to thank everyone who was caring and able to donate this year. Your generosity will help many people as they work to become self-reliant and to make living incomes.

We will fund one \$525 microloan that will help



people, mostly women, in Nigeria to buy solar-powered water

pumps and to establish credit when they repay the loan. (And since it is doubled we will ultimately fund two microloans.)

We will donate the remaining \$960 to the regular fund which will be doubled to \$1,920. We can think of this contribution as buying 16 sheep OR 96 flocks of chicks OR sending 7 girls to school.

I also want to thank Pastor Sheehan and Pastor Washburn for letting me speak at both services, Dave and Barb Hall, and Sheri Seigel. It truly was a group effort as we continue our Heifer International ministry here at Christ's Lutheran. Sincerely, Eric Waxbom

A huge Thank You to Sylvia Replogle and the team of volunteers who worked for a week accepting and sorting donations, and displaying them in the social hall.



And thanks to the Bake Sale bakers, the hot dog & beverage team and, of course, those who came and shopped!

Info on the results in upcoming bulletins and the August newsletter.

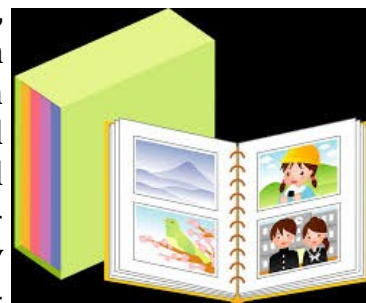


Thanks so much to Cindy Lemon, who has accepted the volunteer position of managing our Cradle Roll program.

Cradle Roll is a faith formation ministry within CLC that focuses on caring for young children from 1 month to 3 years old by providing resources for parents and helps connect young children to the church community.

And, we offer our deepest appreciation to Marlene Gerdes who managed our Cradle Roll for **years**. We are so grateful.

Earlier this year, Christ's Lutheran was looking for an angel who would take the boxes and boxes of CLC photographs (many



thrown in the boxes in a jumble and most not labeled) and try to make some sense of them.

In stepped Sylvia Replogle.

Sylvia and Leslie Sill worked their way through the photographs, sorting them, determining the approximate dates of the photos and could identify most of the events pictured. Others lent their knowledge of CLC history to the project and the end result is a treasure.

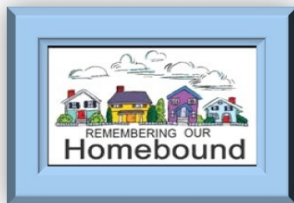
In our Parlor, there is now a set of binders containing a pictorial history of Christ's Lutheran. There are very old documents, confirmation pictures dating back to the 1930s, and lots of pics from different decades. Stop in and browse through the binders, but please be gentle as some of the pictures can easily fall out.

Thanks to Sylvia and Leslie and the rest of their team for their hard work in creating this gift to our church.



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:

Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, Pearl Elliott, David Favero, Joseph Grabowski, Sr., Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Al Matz, Adrienne McCurry, Derwood Montgomery, Michael O'Donnell, Evan Pavloff, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Brana Shoemaker, Lonnie Shurnia, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, and Sue Werner



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:

#### June 7<sup>th</sup>

Ed and Sandy Buehner  
Dana Bufalo  
Gail Byrne  
Karen Byrnes

#### June 21<sup>st</sup>

Jennifer, Wyatt, and Ryan Casella  
The Cass Family  
Breana Cass Howard and Family  
Joe, Michele, & Michelle Cepicka and Josh Myers

#### June 14<sup>th</sup>

Debrah Byrum  
Jeffrey and Julie Cable  
Rob, Susan, Serena, & Zack Carnahan  
Barbara Carney

#### June 28<sup>th</sup>

Sue Cicero  
Ross and Diana Citriniti  
Jamaris Colon  
Kathy Conville

# 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

April 16, 2026

*Council minutes are public information and approved minutes are available by request.*

- For the month of March, there was a General Fund surplus of nearly \$10,000, bringing the General Fund balance to approximately \$25,000.
- John Schultz presented a bid for cleaning services from Amato Cleaning that had been received by Kathy Schultz. After discussion John Schultz moved to accept the bid from Amato Cleaning and to terminate the services of Spotless Solutions, seconded by Sandi Schaffer, motion carried. This change of cleaning companies will be a savings of \$600 a month
- There was a brief discussion around CLC's requirements regarding certificates of insurance; it was agreed that there should be investigation of what is covered under the church's policy and what the church will require of vendors and others who would not be covered under the church's insurance.
- There was a discussion around replacing carpeting in the church, now to include the nursery. Natalie Kuehn moved that an interior ramp be installed at the end of the hallway to the upstairs social hall. Seconded by Kim Boyer, motion carried. Carol Tamenne stated that the costs of the entire project (carpeting and installation, ramp and related expenditures) be put together as one package before presenting it to the congregation.
- Joyce Perrone asked whether, as part of CLC's internal financial planning, escrows funds for major annual expense. Joyce will begin a conversation with treasurers Dave and Barb Hall.

*Summer brings longer days and the hope of lots of sunshine. We take time for trips with our families, cookouts and taking walks on the beach or in the mountains. I have convinced myself that an ice cream cone on a hot summer evening is less fattening than at any other time of year!*

*I love to reflect on all the wonderful summers God has given me over the years. Each one is a treasure as I remember the fun and special times that have blessed me.*

*Ask God to help you create new memories this summer. Whether you travel or stay close to home, get physically active or spend lots of time on the porch with a good book and an iced tea – connect with the special people in your life. Create memories that will warm your heart all winter.*

*Summer is a great time for us to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting funny stories with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do.*

**Lord God, thank You for the unique blessings of summer. You are so good to us as we celebrate this season. Amen.**

Chris McKinstry, Pastor  
St. James Lutheran Church, Limerick, PA



## 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!

### Receive Important CLC Information on Your Smart Phone

Scan the QR code or search your app store for Christ's Lutheran (ELCA) to download the CLC app to your phone. Set up your profile, then follow the steps below.



*Even if you previously downloaded our app and created your profile, there are a few things to be done to receive notifications:*

- Open the app and click on your initials in the circle on the top right to go to the settings for the CLC app. Check your Profile to make sure your mobile phone number is correct.
- Go back to the settings, scroll down to App Settings and click on Notifications. Make sure Notifications in the CLC app is set to ON (the button should be slid to the right).

When you receive a notification from CLC, it will pop up briefly on your screen then download to where your unread texts, social media messages, etc. are stored until you read them. You'll also see the church icon in the notifica-



tions bar on your phone screen. Tap or swipe your notifications bar to read what we've sent.

Messages from CLC are not texts and the message won't appear in the app you use to send/receive texts.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at 412-795-1212.

## Reminder Corner

June 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Noise for Mission Wknd</i>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Stitched With Love</i>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	<i>Outreach Team Meeting</i>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	<i>Congregation Life Team</i>
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm	<i>Worship &amp; Music Comm</i>
June 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 am	<i>Caring Hearts &amp; Hands</i>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am	<i>Men's Breakfast</i>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Little Pantry Weekend</i>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>New Member Weekend</i>
	<i>New Member Receptions</i>
June 16 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Stitched With Love</i>
June 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm	<i>Support Team</i>
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Westmore Food Bank</i>
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Stitched With Love</i>
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	<i>CLC Bike Ride</i>
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 am	<i>Ladies' Brunch</i>
June 30 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Stitched With Love</i>
July 1 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Property Committee</i>
July 1 <sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm	<i>Backyard Bible Study</i>
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm	<i>Council Meeting</i>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Office Closed</i>
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July 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 am	<i>Ladies' Brunch</i>
July 27 <sup>th</sup> through 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>
July 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	<i>Stitched With Love</i>
July 29 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm	<i>Backyard Bible Study</i>

June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

## CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY WEEKENDS

*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, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to

everyone who has been contributing to the success of our Little Pantry. The food in the Pantry goes quickly and we have been replenishing our Pantry almost daily. If you are interested in more information and want to see a list of our current needs, you can click on this QR code or contact the church office.



*We currently have an overabundance of*



*canned vegetables. **PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY CANNED VEGETABLES AT THIS TIME!***

*On behalf of the families served, thank you.*

## 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).



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.**

## **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 contacting the office: [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) or 412-795-1212,



**Do you want to be part of our ministry prayer?** Contact the office to be added to the list of those notified of requests for prayers.

## **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 breakfasts will be on **June 13th and July 11th** in the downstairs social hall.

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

# Ladies' Brunch

Saturday, June 27th 11:00 – 1:00

Saturday, July 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

[June Ladies' Brunch](#)

[July Ladies' Brunch](#)

- RSVP on our app
- Sign-up on the sheet in the entryway

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## **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.



Caring Hearts & Hands is a volunteer group that keeps in touch with CLC families and friends 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, **June 11th** when will be packing our lunch boxes with food prepared by CH&H volunteers and delivering to those on our care list.

On **July 9th**, we'll be meeting at 9:30 am in the downstairs fellowship hall. Along with organizational topics, we will be planning August's box lunch.

Following the meeting we'll head out for brunch at a local restaurant. Join us for the meeting and/or the brunch where you are guaranteed fellowship with a lot of laughs!!

If you or someone you know could benefit from our outreach, or if you have questions, please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.

## **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

# The New NexTrex Challenge:

Organizations that submit 250 lbs of plastic bags per quarter earn an entry into a nationwide drawing.

25 organizations will be randomly selected each quarter to receive a gift valued at \$500. Gifts include a Trex bench, a Solo stove, life-size games, and a pop-up theater.

The first 250 lbs submitted (annually) earns a \$100 voucher, redeemable at the online NexTrex Swag Gift store.

**Thank you** for continuing to support this effort to reduce the plastic in our environment and to help both Christ's and Trinity Lutheran!

**Plastic that can be recycled:** Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc & other resealable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, ice bags, salt bags, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pellet bags, produce bags. **All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.**

**Things that cannot be recycled:** Frozen food bags, hot dog or meat wrap packaging, candy bar wrappers, pet food bags, plastic tablecloths, PPE items, shiny & crinkly film like floral wrap, degradable/compostable bags or film packaging, hard or soft plastic containers.



## 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 June & July 2026 Calendar](#)

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

