



THE EXPRESSION

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Services

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

Greetings from Pastor Sue

Hello neighbor! Warm greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! I'm excited to join your ministry as the intentional interim pastor. We will be worshipping, learning, and praying together to discover how God is calling Christ's Lutheran to worship and serve in the future.

I live nearby in Washington Township, so I know my way around Murrysville and Holiday Park. I've been a member at the YMCA for about 25 years and know where to find the coffee aisle in the Shop 'n Save. I've been an interim in a few churches in the region and love the opportunity to practice discernment with congregations in transition. I'm also working on my Doctor of Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Christian Spirituality.

As your intentional interim, you can think of me like John the Baptist. I'm NOT your new called and installed minister, nor can I be. Instead, I'm the one who sets up camp by the river for a time, helping you to articulate what God is doing and look out for the pastor that is coming after me. I will encourage you to get ready for your new pastor by asking you to examine who you are and where God is calling you in your congregational life.

You may be thinking—I heard she's Presbyterian! The PC(USA) and the ELCA are full communion partners. That means clergy are fully empowered to serve in a partner church. Our theology is similar, our worship services mirror one another, and our communion and baptism liturgies are almost identical (though Presbyterians only celebrate communion monthly). Some Presbyterian services

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Our gratitude to Pastor Ed Sheehan and to Lay Worship Leaders Christine Weller and Jennifer Schaefer for continuing to lead our services during this time of transition. And to Pastor Linda Theophilus for her ongoing support and service to Christ's Lutheran Church

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are highly liturgical, and the pastors wear robes (like your Sunday services). Others are more casual (like your Saturday night service). One of the major differences is that Presbyterians almost never chant or sing the liturgy and many Lutherans do. Please know that I will seek to honor the traditions that have sustained the faith at Christ's Lutheran for many years.

My role is not to force changes upon you, nor is it just to be a warm body until a new pastor is hired. I practice a specialized leadership that is meant to encourage you in faith, strengthen you in ministry, and help you discern where God is leading so that Christ's Lutheran can hire a pastor with the skills for your mission. The interim time can lead to changes when that change is discerned by the leadership and congregation. Our shared work is less about my ideas and more about yours. Our ministry begins in God and depends upon you! Your prayers. Your stewardship. Your leadership. Your participation. Your love of God. I'm excited to be worshiping and working with you!

In Christ,



Please join us in welcoming Pastor Sue Washburn to CLC at a fellowship gathering on Sunday, March 1st in the upstairs social hall, following the 10 am service. We hope you'll take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself.

"Coffee & Conversation" with Pastor Sue

Drop by to join Pastor Sue for coffee & casual conversation, open house style in her office. There's no agenda – it's an opportunity to chat with Pastor Sue, and for her to learn a bit about what makes CLC tick!

March 10th at 11:00 am

March 12th at 11:00 am

March 17th at 11:00 am



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday *	April 2 7:00 pm
Good Friday *	April 3 7:00 pm
Easter Worship (Saturday)	April 4 6:00 pm
Easter Worship (Sunday) *	April 5 10:00 am

*streamed online on YouTube

CLC presents a free

Spring Concert with the

Kiski Valley Community Band

Saturday, April 25 7:00 pm

Donations benefit the Plum Food Pantry and the Kiski Valley Food Bank



Saturday, April 4 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 11:15 am

Why Easter Matters

“Jesus said, “It is finished.”

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ”

John 19:30

Now, if this is where our story stopped, we would not be living as people of the resurrection. We would be stunted at the crossroads, having no clue where to go and what to do. We would not know who we are or where we were going. But, thanks be to God, that is not where our story ends, that is just the beginning. God does something miraculous through Jesus Christ, so we are able to shout with joy-filled hearts on Easter Sunday, "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

“He is not here; for he has been raised.”

Matthew 28:6

This is what we proclaim on Easter Sunday and every day following. Because of God's greatest promise, that he is not dead, but Christ lives! And through Christ's life, death and resurrection we are granted grace upon grace. Through this unfailing, unfaltering, unparalleled love, we are set free to be people of the resurrection, covered by grace and forgiven. No longer finding ourselves at a crossroads, but rather, covered in grace.

Therefore, in this grace we receive from Christ Jesus, we give God our praise and thanksgiving. For the light of Christ is found in the resurrection, we see Christ in his glory and we receive the gift of grace. We sing and we trust the light of Christ will never burn out, it will never be dim, it will not let us stumble in the darkness, no Christ's light will shine and guide our steps. This is why Easter matters. Because we are never to be forsaken, we will never be left alone to wander in the darkness. True light has come and God has done something extraordinary through Jesus Christ. God, the creator of the world and liberator of all people has brought Christ to new life, and through the resurrection of Jesus we are freed from our fears, and ignited with the light of Christ. It is through Jesus Christ that we are forgiven, set free and saved by grace. There is no greater love than this and nothing compares to this grace. Almighty God has restored humanity and in God's mercy, we are called to share this love and grace with all whom we encounter. Let the light of Christ shine in your hearts, illumine your path and guide your comings and goings so that you might always know the way, the truth and the light. Because we know this only through Jesus Christ, who is, who was and who will always be our Savior and Lord. Thanks be to God.

Remember the true meaning of Easter, which is the resurrection. As the world brings out fluffy bunnies, sweet treats and eggs, be rooted in the promises of forgiveness and grace that comes from a crucified and risen Savior. Remember that when you come to worship, we worship together, with trumpets and song a God of unparalleled love. We worship a God who gave everything so we might know the comfort and promise of grace. Remember that when the trumpets and fanfare fade away and the work week resumes that we are still covered in God's abundant grace. Remember that as we go about our daily lives and the glorious nature of Easter Sunday fades in your memory, God is still loving us and Christ still died and rose again so we might know this AMAZING GRACE! Savor the sacred moments of Holy Week and let the Holy Spirit wash over you as you worship on Easter Sunday and know that God's love is why Easter matters. Thanks be to God. I look forward to Easter Worship and the blessed sacred journey of Holy Week.

*Reprinted courtesy of Pastor Greer
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Warren, MI*

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 9 AM – 10 AM



CANDY, SNACKS, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES



Bring a basket or bag, bring a friend, and come join the fun! Ages 1-15



Donations of individually wrapped fun size and small candies would be appreciated. A basket for donations is in the church entryway by the office.

Volunteers, hop on into the fun!
Sign up on the sheet
in the entryway



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, Thursday, March 12 in the downstairs fellowship hall. Along with other organizational topics, we will be planning April's box lunch.

Following the meeting we will gather at 11:00 AM for brunch at a local restaurant. Mark your calendar and join us for the meeting and/or the brunch where you are guaranteed fellowship with a lot of laughs!!

If you have any questions about our mission or the location of the brunch, please call Romaine Miller at 412-996-4915.



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 whatever gift you'd like to make 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.

So, what is an “Intentional Interim?”

Intentional Interim pastors are traditionally called to do five things. We will do these over the next year or so.

Explore the past. What has the church done well? Where has it struggled? Are there hurts that need healing? What can be celebrated? What might need to be changed?

Discover a new identity. Pastor Wayne faithfully shared his gifts and vision for over a decade. What changes when he is no longer in the mix? What are the strengths and values of the congregation? How can we adapt to glorify God and serve a changing world?

Examine leadership and structures. Is the church “right-sized” or is it struggling to maintain programs that worked when attendance and volunteerism was different? Does the leadership structure (paid or volunteer) need to adapt to changes? Are the roles accurate?

Strengthen denominational ties. How can we fully participate in our shared ministry in the synod and beyond? How might we partner in ministry with other congregations or take advantage of synod offerings to become a stronger congregation?

Create an updated mission. Retirements,

AI, changing demographics, and other changes mean congregations must adapt. What does it mean to participate in God’s mission in this hybrid world? How can we make a big impact with smaller resources? What kind of pastor can help you achieve that mission?

What this list does not include is the most important thing an interim pastor can offer—the love of Christ. All that we do together (the good things, the mistakes, the successes, and the challenges) will be done for the love of Jesus Christ and true to his gospel.



Christ’s Prayer Circle

Ann Rockette is our Prayer Circle Coordinator. You can reach Ann by phone at 412-334-9607 or 412-793-0108, or via her email at annrockett@aol.com, or



You can also send your prayer request through CLC’s website or app—click on Connect on the top menu and scroll down to Prayer Request.

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

Easter Flowers



We are taking orders for Spring flowers to adorn our sanctuary during Easter Services. The deadline for placing ordering is **Sunday, March 8th**. Pick up order

envelopes in the church entryway, complete the form and enclose your check, then drop it into the offering plate.

If you’re not able to pick up an order envelope, contact the church at 412-795-1212 or office@christsmurrysville.org

LILIES \$12.00 each

TULIPS AND DAFFODILS \$11.00 each

HYDRANGES \$22.00 each

CLC is looking for a church “historian.” We have many pictures to be sorted (and identified, if possible) and documents that should be preserved. This is a project that can be done at home, or here in the church.

If you want to learn more, contact the church office at office@christsmurrysville.org or 412-795-1212



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL DURING LENT

Heifer is a nonprofit organization in its 82nd year. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty in a way that is sustainable while caring for the Earth. Heifer is currently in 19 countries, including the United States, and in four continents.

Since Dan West started the program in 1944 after working with refugees of the Spanish Civil War, 59.8 million households have been helped. In 2025 Heifer helped 1.4 million households.

Heifer's program is not just a handout. They support and invest in local, small-scale farmers and in their communities to end food insecurity. People are taught to become self-reliant and to make living incomes. Heifer starts with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture and mentors farmers to build businesses, then to gain access to markets. About 2/3 of the participants are women who reinvest up to 90% of their incomes back into their families. In 2025 total sales were \$51 million. Some of the profits can be used to build schools to educate their children and to buy medicine.

Heifer has 12 cornerstones including Passing the Gift in which at least one animal or assets must be passed along to other families. Knowledge and training are also passed along so the recipient becomes the donor.



Spirituality is another cornerstone in which the love of Jesus is shared by serving others.

Charity Navigator rated Heifer 4 of 4 stars with a 98% rating.

Last year our church donated \$1,217 which was DOUBLED by businesses and individuals supporting Heifer. And our donation will be MATCHED again this year. We've given \$41,807 since 1992.

You can make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check to Christ's Lutheran and writing "Heifer" on the memo line or by using our church's website or app.

You can find more information at heifer.org or from the bulletin board in the Entryway. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



“Souper” Bowl weekend

Looks like everyone was rooting for the Seahawks and predicted the winner! The **REAL WINNER** is CLC's Christ's Little Pantry which gets all of this bounty to share with families in need of food.



Are you a PUZZLER?

Would you like to join other puzzle lovers for some time of fun and fellowship? If so, please contact the office. We are in the planning phase of starting a group.

Christ's Lutheran will not be celebrating an Easter Sunrise service this year.

Confirmation Class Teen Talk

New Way to explore life and Faith



Sunday, March 1 6:00 pm



Thanks to all who attended our annual congregational meeting. For those who missed it, CLC's 2025 Annual Report is available in the Church Entryway

When Thrivent donors direct their Choice dollars through the Thrivent Choice program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. **Christ's Lutheran is an eligible recipient.**

2025 Choice dollar allocations must be made by **March 31, 2026** or the allocations will expire unused. **Please consider**



Christ's Lutheran as your designee.

For additional information, contact Erich Sill.

Thank you!

How to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Online:

- Step 1**—Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Step 2**—Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register" to register.)
- Step 3**—Look for your designated Choice Dollars on the right side of the screen.
- Step 4**—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice® box on your MyThrivent page.
- Step 5**—Search the catalog of organizations to find the organization you want to select.
- Step 6**—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit that organization.

By phone:

- Step 1**—Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."
- Step 2**—When prompted, say "Choice Dollars."
- Step 3**—Say or enter your Social Security number.
- Step 4**—Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.
- Step 5**—A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Recommend where Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gives back!

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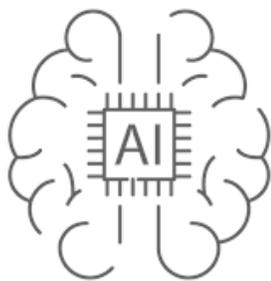
The Hidden Dangers of AI

And How to Stay Safe

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is everywhere. From voice assistants like Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant to chat tools like ChatGPT, technology is becoming more helpful, conversational, and realistic every day.

For many people, AI can be empowering — helping with reminders, medical information, connecting with family, and even reducing loneliness. In short, AI is becoming a valuable tool for all generations.

But alongside these benefits come real risks.



According to Steven Bradley, Certified Law Enforcement Professional and International Trainer on Cybersecurity, the last decade has seen an unprecedented rise in financial and technology-related crimes against the elderly.

Elder financial abuse is not a new phenomenon, but AI has made it harder to detect and easier to pull off. According to the FBI's Elder Fraud Report, Americans over 60 lost more than \$3.4 billion to scams in 2023 —a 14% increase from 2022. The true numbers are likely higher, as many victims never report the crime out of embarrassment or fear.

Scammers today don't just rely on sweet-talking or intimidating victims over the phone. They use spoofed caller IDs, phishing emails, fake websites, and even deepfake videos to impersonate family members, government officials, and tech support agents, making scams much more believable.

Understanding how these scams can work is the first step toward staying safe.

AI scams are more convincing than ever

AI can mimic voices and writing styles, and these scams are harder to detect than traditional fraud. Scammers now use AI to create highly realistic phone calls, emails, and even voice messages that sound like someone you love is in distress. A “deepfake” call may claim a family member needs money urgently.

How to stay safe:

- If you receive an urgent call for money immediately, hang up and call (or text, it's faster) your loved one directly using a trusted number.
- If you get an email, text, or voice message asking for money, again contact your loved one directly to verify.
- Create a “safe word” to use with your family, and another to use with trusted friends, for emergencies. Regularly remind friends and family what the safe word is. If you don't hear the safe word during an “urgent” phone call for money, don't trust it.

Scams using urgent or confusing technology

Criminals often rely on confusion, and these scams can come as pop-ups on your computer. AI messages make these scams more polished and convincing. You can see things like: “Your bank

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account has been compromised!” Or “Check out this new investment opportunity!” Or “Here’s the miracle cure you need!” Or “Click here immediately!”

Be aware: These scams can also come over the phone or through email.

How to stay safe:

- Never send money or share financial information based on **one** pop-up, email or phone call.

- The rule of thumb: Legitimate companies/people do not ask for immediate payment via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.
- If it’s about your bank account, call your bank to verify that the issue is real.
- Don’t make financial decisions without talking first with someone you trust, like a smart friend or family member, or a financial advisor.
- Before buying, double-check information with trusted sources. Family and friends can offer good advice or can point you to someone who can provide guidance.
- If you get a message that says “Your computer has a virus!” or something similar, ignore it or at least do some research. Just don’t go messing around with your computer.
- The internet can be a useful resource for information, but don’t bother researching the company that contacted you; they’ve likely set up a fake website.
- Do check out these sites for quality information on current scams:

The Office of the Inspector General [OIG scam info](#)

The FBI [FBI info on common scams](#)

For information on spotting medical scams, take a look at :

The Federal Trade Commission [FTC common health scams](#)

AARP [AARP vitamin & supplement frauds](#)

Think you got scammed?

Here are resources for getting and sharing information:

National Elder Fraud Hotline: **1-833-FRAUD-11**

AARP Fraud Watch Network: www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork

FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.ic3.gov

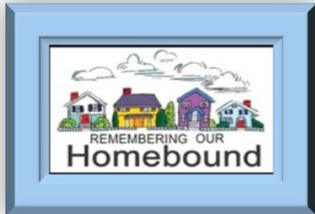
Be aware of privacy risks

AI uses data to work effectively, and scammers can find information about you when you’ve put personal information “out there.” Be cautious about what information you share when using smart phones and devices, or online platforms. Without realizing it, you may share sensitive details such as: birthdates, addresses, banking information, and health information.



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

Joel Erwin, Pearl Elliott, Lisa Homberg, Peggy Henry, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Evan Pavloff, Betty Reagan, Paul Rizzo, Lonnie Shurnia, Ron Spagna, Barth Tamenne, Marianne Trainor, Sue Werner, family & friends of Shirley Daum, and family & friends of Richard Harvanek



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, Geny Harvanek, Peggy Henry, John & Gertrude Laughrey, Jeff Pope, Fred Sr. & Barbara Salenske, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Michael & Sue Werner and Donna Yoder in your prayers.

We ask for continued prayers for family and friends of Brian Burton, Kraige Cutler, Shirley Daum, Bertha DeCecco, Norma Delligatti, Bill Farrell, Richard Harvanek, John Heilman, Walter Luniewski, Audrey Mauro, Tom Replogle, Donna Shaffer, Patti Smith and Helen Sward



Anne Rockette is our Prayer Circle coordinator. You can reach Ann by

email: annrockett@aol.com (please indicate on the subject line that it relates to the prayer circle), through CLC's website or app (click on Connect on the top menu and scroll down to Prayer Request) or phone Ann at 412-334-9607.



As you look at the prayer list this month, please let the Church Office know of any changes or updates that should be made: office@christsmurrysville.org



WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

THE WEEK OF:

March 1st

Jennifer Gerdes & Mila Van Horn
Matt & Kristen Van Orden and Family
Katie & Jeremiah Vergona
Laura Vincenti

March 8th

Bob & Sue Walters
Reverend Sue Washburn
Jack, Paula & Julie Wasko
Eric Waxbom

March 15th

The Weis Family
Mary Wentroble
Mike & Sue Werner
The Westerlund Family

March 22nd

David Willome
The Wilson Family
Jessica Wimer
Scott, Amy, Abby & Jacob Wineman

March 29th

Kevin, Lisa, Owen & Dylan Wissinger
Jeff, Caron & Rachel Wolfe
Chris, Nicole & Brooks Yankoski
Donna Yoder

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Sandi Shaffer, Member

Linda Paulovich, Congregation Secretary

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 22, 2026

- For the month of December, there was a General Fund surplus of \$5,000. The deficit for the year is now \$27,000.
- Interim Pastor Linda Theophilus reported that she presided over the funeral of William Farrell in January, and that Bertha DeCecco just passed away; no funeral arrangements have been made as yet. She is also working to visit all CLC members requesting pastoral service.
- George Meade reported that Pastor Sue Washburn has signed the contract with CLC and it is on its way to the Synod for its sign-off. Pastor Sue's tentative start date is March 1.
- Council discussed procedures for notifying the Congregation in the event a service or event is cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Joyce Perrone proposed that Council meet for a focused session on working toward a balanced budget (a deep dive into the weeds). She also proposed that detailed financial information could be shared in each newsletter.

March 14th & 15th

CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY weekend!

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!

As food insecurity continues, 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), lunch-box 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!**



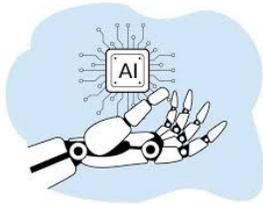
The Hidden Dangers of AI And How to Stay Safe

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This data can be stored, sold, or exposed in a data breach.

How to stay safe:

- Avoid entering Social Security numbers, banking details, or passwords on unfamiliar websites.
- Avoid entering personal or financial details into AI chat tools (those boxes that pop up on websites that say things like “chat with us now” or “how can I help” especially if you’re on a website for a company, organization, etc. you don’t know.
- The same AI chat tools can be used over the phone - be wary of the human-sounding voices that ask for personal information during a call from a person or company you aren’t familiar with. Even if it’s a real person, be careful.



The Bottom Line

AI is not something to fear — but it is something to understand.

When used wisely, Artificial Intelligence can improve daily life. But awareness, skepticism and verification are essential. By staying informed, asking questions, and verifying information, you can enjoy the benefits of AI while avoiding its dangers.

Information from:

Steven Bradley, Certified Law Enforcement Professional and International Trainer on Cybersecurity
[www.americanbar.org › groups › law_aging](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_aging)
Behind the Screen: Elder Financial and Technology Abuse in the Age of AI
 Jun 24, 2025

OpenAI, ChatGPT, February 21, 2026, <https://chat.openai.com/>

Sunday School

9:00 AM



For
Children
and
Adults

Feel free to join a class anytime!

MAKE NOISE FOR MISSION!

March 7th and 8th



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

Mar 1 st	11:00 am	Welcome Reception
Mar 1 st	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Mar 3 rd	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Mar 4 th	9:00 am	Property Committee Mtg
Mar 7 th & 8 th		Noise for Mission Wknd
Mar 10 th	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Mar 10 th	6:30 pm	Worship & Music Comm
Mar 12 th	9:30 am	Caring Hearts & Hands
Mar 14 th	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Mar 14 th & 15 th		Little Pantry Wknd
Mar 17 th	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Mar 17 th	10:00 am	Congregation Life Team
Mar 17 th	10:00 am	Outreach Team Meeting
Mar 17 th	6:30 pm	Support Team Meeting
Mar 19 th	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Mar 22 nd	2:00 pm	Youth Group Bowling
Mar 24 th	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Mar 26 th	All Day	Applebee's Fundraiser
Mar 28 th	11:00 am	Palm Sunday Weekend
Mar 28 th	11:00 am	Ladies' Brunch
Mar 29 th	9:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt



**Thursday
March 26th!**

Copy our flyer and share with your family and friends. Tell them it's Applebee's for lunch, for dinner, for late night snacks.

Need an electronic copy of the flyer to email, text and put up on Facebook? Contact the church office

office@christsmurrysville.org

For dine-in and To Go orders placed over the phone, guests must show event flyer, either paper or electronic, to server at time of order or To Go Specialist at order pickup.

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.



DINING



to DONATE

Join us for a fun night at Applebee's all while raising money for

Christ's Lutheran Church

Thursday - March 26, 2026

All Day

4920 William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA - 15668

Available **TO GO** with code **DoinGood**

*Doin' Good in
the Neighborhood*
Applebee's

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TO START YOUR DAY

Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am for a traditional breakfast and fellowship.



Our next breakfast will be held on **March 14th** at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall.

Come hungry for food and fellowship!

Ladies Brunch

Saturday, March 28th 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 [January 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.



Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's)

Did you know those over age 70 1/2 can withdraw funds federally tax free from Retirement Accounts such as IRAs through a Qualified Charitable Distribution?



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

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

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

NexTrex Recycling Challenge 2026

Thank you for continuing to bring your plastic bags for recycling. This year, we are collecting bags to benefit our sister church, Trinity Lutheran, on the Northside.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge



Starting in 2026, Trex has changed their recycling challenge:

The revised challenge runs from January to December. More bags collected means more entries go into the quarterly drawings. While the new challenge does not guarantee a prize each year, remember that we are keeping the bags out of landfills.



How does the challenge work?

Bring your bags to church and place them in the bins labeled for plastic bag recycling. The bags will be weighed and taken to a recycling drop-off site.

- 25 participating organizations are randomly selected each quarter and rewarded with a gift, valued at \$500
- Each 250 pounds is an entry into the drawing

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters
- Each participating organization receives a gift from Trex when they reach the first 250 pounds (annually), valued at \$100

What can I win?



Trex Bench



Solo Stove



Life-Size Jenga



Life-Size Connect 4



Pop-Up Theater

What can be recycled? *All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*

						
Grocery bags	Bread bags	Bubble wrap	Dry cleaning bags	Newspaper sleeves	Ice bags	Plastic shipping envelopes
						
Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags	Cereal bags	Case overwrap	Salt bags	Pallet wrap & stretch film	Wood pellet bags	Produce bags

Do something drastic, cut the plastic!

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING

NESBIT'S LANES
MARCH 22ND 12-2 PM
\$18/PERSON PIZZA AND SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED
RSVP BY 3/15 - AWINEMAN@OUTLOOK.COM

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DEADLINES:



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

Information must be submitted ready to print by deadlines posted.



office@christsmurysville.org
or drop off at the office.

Thanks for your submissions.

Click below for our March 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!



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 <https://get.theapp.co/rdgs>
- 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@christsmurysville.org