THE EXPRESSION

NOVEMBER 2026 ~ NEWSLETTER

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Email:	office@christsmurrysville.org	Saturday Evening	6:00 pm
Website:	christsmurrysville.org	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
App:	Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)	Sunday School	9:00 am September through May

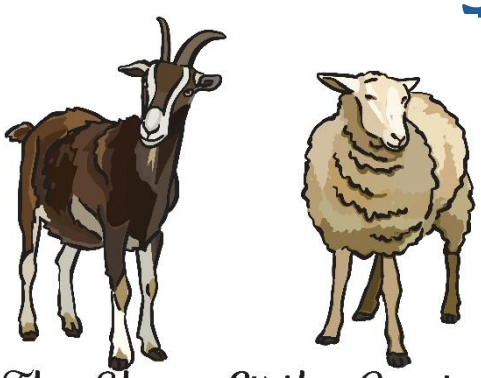
Do You Have A Go-To Bible Story?

One that has shaped your faith and influenced the way you live? For me, that story is the parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25.

The sheep and the goats parable is a symbolic story that takes place on Judgment Day. Jesus tells the sheep they are going to heaven and the goats they are going to eternal punishment because of the way they treated him. Both the sheep and the goats are surprised at their fate because none of them remembered seeing Jesus anywhere!

Jesus said that what they did to the least, the last, and the lost in their neighborhood is what they did to him. When they fed someone, they fed him. When they hurt someone, they hurt him. When they visited someone, they visited him. And when they ignored those people, they ignored him.

This passage has encouraged me to be a hands-on pastor, rather than a study preacher or a senior administrator. My faith



The Sheep & the Goats

My faith has been challenged and grown by serving people in Jesus' name.

Each time I see someone who seems to need help, I ask myself, "What if that were Jesus?"

What if that were Jesus suffering from mental illness and needing someone to help them stay safe? What if that were Jesus showing up as a person a substance use disorder?

What if that were Jesus who is lonely and can't drive anymore?

What if that were Jesus who called and asked for food or a place to stay?

This November, we will be using the stories from Matthew 25 as our focus for worship. These passages remind us that can't always know when or how Jesus will show up in our lives. But we can be on the lookout for him at all times, in all places and in every kind of person we meet.

Pastor Sue Washburn

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Election Day Bake Sale
Tuesday, November 3rd

8:00 am - 5 pm

Are you a veteran? We will be honoring members and friends of our church who have served our nation (during a time of peace or war) during our worship services on Saturday, November and Sunday, November 7th & 8th. If you served in the armed forces, please sign the sheet in the Entryway and share your branch of military service.

Please sign by **Wednesday, November 4th**. If you cannot get to the church, please contact the office and we'll make sure your name is added to the list: 412-795-1212 office@christsmurrysville.org

Thank you for your service to our country.





Welcoming God's Kingdom, In Worship & In the Voting Booth

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Office of the Bishop

Dear Family in Christ,

When we gather as the body of Christ together in worship, we pray the Lord's Prayer. This prayer that Jesus taught his disciples echoes through the generations to us now, and we add our voices to the great cloud of witnesses as we pray: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) The sure and certain hope of this prayer is that God is at work in the world to bring it into alignment with God's reign.

As we pray this prayer, we also trust that God's Spirit is moving in our own hearts, helping us to live a life committed to bringing God's kingdom into focus here on earth by caring for God's people and God's creation to the best of our ability.

As a society, we are in a season of great tension. We are not of the same mind on how our communities, institutions, or even our congregations are to align with God's will on earth. In recent decades, our electoral processes and civic life have become increasingly divisive—often focusing on name-calling and blaming rather than centering on authentic debate about the best way to care for the well-being of all.

As Christians, we are called to demonstrate through relationships with our friends, families, and neighbors that the kingdom of God draws near and is planted here on earth as it is in heaven. That is why I am writing to you as we approach yet another divisive election time. **Our faith has prepared us to engage and participate in our civic life together, for we bring our same values we hold in worship to the voting booth.**

While we may not agree on the detailed paths to welcome in God's kingdom here on earth, we believe and trust that we are one body in Jesus Christ with many members—seeking to learn and understand from one another's experiences, hopes, and dreams.

Our most recent **ELCA Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life** states, "The most radical feature of the Constitution is its first three words: 'we the people.'" When we, the people of God, turn our hearts toward both God's kingdom and care for our neighbors as citizens together, we come closer to glimpsing that kingdom here on earth.

- We seek to understand others in their differing opinions, where media and social media deal only in soundbites.
- We offer words of grace when the political discourse deals in "gotcha" moments.
- We enter the polling booth attentive to the needs and experiences of our neighbors near and far.
- We work to ensure that all citizens can use their voice and cast their vote.
- We remember that those who are running our elections, and those running for public office, are our neighbors. They are beloved in God's sight, deserving of respect and grace.

Our faith assures us that God's kingdom is with us now and into the future. May you be encouraged in your civic engagement over these coming weeks and beyond, praying fervently, voting faithfully, and proclaiming God's peace all along the way. And may you be encouraged in the ways you welcome in God's kingdom and will for this world: loving God and loving one another as Jesus loves us.

In Christ,

Bishop Melissa L. Stoller



Update from Property Committee

Several cracks were noticed around the rear of the sanctuary. A contractor was called in to give an estimate on the cost, if repair work would need to be done. The estimate was more than $70,000.00. An independent structural engineering firm was called for a second opinion.

The second opinion was that there are no foundation problems, just settlement cracks.

There will be a roofer working on the steeple Thursday 10-29-2026 to address the steeple leak.

In mid November a contractor should be at the church to work on the hallway. They will remove the two steps and install a 9 foot ADA compliant ramp.

Property is also looking for someone who could re-point the bricks from the settlement cracks.

If you have a name, please give it to a member of the property committee or the office.

Property Committee





Steeple Repair completed October 26th

Interim Activities Progress Report

Thanks to everyone who participated in both the survey and the focus groups as you discern what kind of gifts and skills you want your new pastor to have. Sixty-six people participated in the research; a good turnout for a congregation that has around 100 people in worship.

Here are the next steps in the interim process:

- ~ Council will read all your input to discern the direction of the congregation. They will pray over your responses and discover the mission and ministry priorities God has for the church to include on the job description.
- ~ The information from the survey and focus group will be shared once it is all compiled. This will likely happen at a congregational meeting since there are some coming up.
- ~ Council will appoint a Call Committee that will then begin the search process.
- ~ The Call Committee then works independently (secretly!) of the interim pastor and Council to recommend a pastor to the congregation. This process can take between 6 months and 2 years.



Again, thank you for your input as God calls Christ's Lutheran into the future.

An Eclectic Afternoon of Music

with Josh Beck

NOVEMBER 21 3:30 PM

Christ's Lutheran Church

Followed by a light dinner

Josh will play a mix of styles on organ and piano: classical, jazz, and some favorite hymn tunes. Highlights include Boëllmann's Suite gothique, selections from Bach's Well Tempered Clavier, and music from Mister Roger's Neighborhood.

The concert is free and open to the public.







Karaline with her proud mom Nicole Durkin and her grandmother Shawn Durkin

On October 25th, we shared the communion celebration of Karaline Durkin. May God bless you with faith, joy, and His loving guidance throughout your life.




WELCOME
Older
Wiser
Lutheran
Seniors

































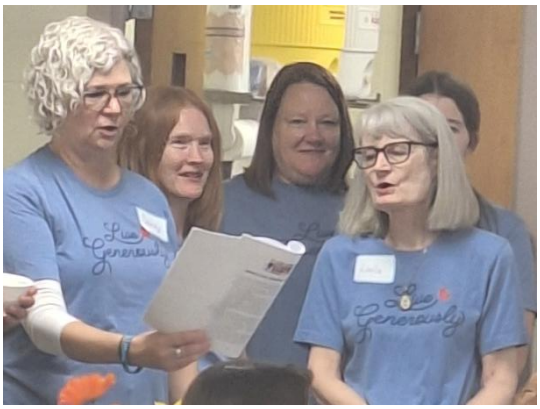



Thankful for
GOD'S
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BLESSINGS












Older
Wiser
Lutheran
Seniors
Luncheon
Sunday,
October 11
Worship Celebration
at 10 am
Luncheon at 11
For people over the age of 80 and ONE guest.
Contact the office for more information.





The Kiski Community Band
presents:

The Sounds of Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2026

7:30 pm

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

A Free Concert ~ donations will benefit the Blackburn Center

WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

THE WEEK OF:

November 8th
Irmgard Kuuskler
Kurt & Anita Landsberg
Jerry & Helen Lang
Marlin & Susie Lasher

November 15th
Andy, Trish, John & Joe Lasher
John & Gertrude Laughrey
Sandra Lee
Cindy Lemon

November 22nd
Karen Lemon
Sarah Lindey
Carl Lingelbach & Joyce Perrone
Jeff & Carol Long

November 29th
Jerry & Cindy Lott
Lena Lowenadler
Chris, Sara, Chelsea & Mason Lucke
Bob & Susan Lyons

October Round Up



"Thank you to everyone who participated in the Outreach Team's annual Coat Drive for our mission partner, the Plum Food Pantry! Your generosity provided 11 new coats!

Thanks, Judy B

Christ's Lutheran's members donated 241 pounds of food which has been put to work to providing food for hungry people in our County.

WESTMORELAND FOOD BANK



CLC's Craft Fair and Food Sale on October 3rd brought in over $1,000! There were 26 vendor tables to browse, a raffle of items donated by the crafters and hot dogs, walking tacos and baked goodies to enjoy. The craft vendors want us to do another one!



Throughout the month of October, members of our congregation donated *gently used coats and jackets* to benefit the Northside neighborhoods served by our sister church, Trinity Lutheran. We don't yet know the number of coats donated, but both large boxes in the Entryway were full!



About 20 pets and their parents came to be blessed at CLC's Blessing of the Pets on October 4th. Pastor Sue offered a liturgy for the different variety and breeds in attendance, including this sweet trio of King Charles Cavalier Spaniels.

We celebrated a beautiful All Saints Weekend, honoring the memories of those we lost this year, and the loved ones who have left us over the years. The candle lighting was a special touch. If you missed it, you can watch the replay of our livestream here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRXbfllS2oQ&t=16s



Lunch after Sunday Service, dinner before the Steeler game at 8 PM, or anytime in between!

DINING to DONATE

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

Christ's Lutheran Church

Sunday - November 15, 2026

All Day

4920 William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA - 15668

Available To Go with code DoinGood

Doin' Good in the Neighborhood
Applebee's





Harvest Home
A Lutheran Tradition

Grocery bags will be distributed
November 1 - 15
Return them November 21 & 22

Food drive benefits the Plum Food Pantry







The Seed Planters

It's harvest season here in the northeast and we at Christ's Lutheran are ready to harvest all the seeds that were planted among our congregation this year! The seeds we planted were with the prayer/hope that they would yield CLC members ready to help our church grow and reach others with God's word. For Christ's Lutheran to successfully do God's work we need leadership, and that leadership comes from our Church Council.

Please don't turn the page because you think you have nothing to offer or think you're too busy!

Council is made up of members from all walks of life who share their experiences, both at CLC and in the world, to add to discussions and decisions made at the Council table. They are spiritual and practical leaders who do everything from provide for worship, manage finances, oversee education, promote the church, and maintain the building.

Council work includes conversations and decisions about:

~ Who Christ's Lutheran is now, and who do we want to be?
~ How to get the word out about our church, as well as spread God's word?
~ How to spend and manage our money?
~ How best to serve the adults, youth and children of our congregation?
~ What are best practices in overseeing our church administration, including our staff?
~ Where should we invest time and effort to raise additional money?
~ Are our computers and software/apps up-to-date and functioning well for our needs?
~ How best to determine priorities in maintaining our building and grounds, including our cemetery?
~ And other topics regarding the needs of our church.

We are in an exciting time in our ministry—with 24 new members in the last two years and a new pastor search about to begin. We are praying that you have listened to God urging you to take a leap of faith and say yes to a Council position.

Members who have served in the past are welcome to serve again; your knowledge and experience are invaluable.

All member of CLC should be seriously contemplating their commitment to Christ's Church and understand that new, fresh perspectives help broaden discussions at Council meetings and will assist this church as we chart our future in this changing world.

There are quite a few members of Council who have reach their term limit, leaving only four people remaining on Council for the coming year (one of whom is serving a fifth term because of dedication to God and church).

There are many gaps to be filled.

If your concern about joining Council is that you won't know about anything that's going on, the members going off Council have committed to mentoring new Council members in their first year. So please don't let that hold you back.

Council service requires that you attend a monthly meeting (either in-person or online) and to be prepared for that meeting; information for discussion is distributed in advance of the meeting. You are also expected

The Seed Planters, cont.

You are also expected to chair or co-chair one of the Teams or Committees. Those groups meet monthly and perform/oversee hands-on work in their area of interest.

Please pray about saying yes. This is a critical need in your church that you can resolve.

We believe that many of the seeds we planted have taken root and have bloomed into a corps of CLC members ready to step up to serve their congregation. We welcome you!

Please contact Linda Paulovich lindajeanpaul@aol.com, Harry Replogle replogle4@verizon.net, or Carol Tamenne bctamenne@gmail.com to discuss your interest in becoming a member of CLC's Council.

PS: If you truly cannot serve on Council at this time, we will gladly accept your expertise for a short-term special project or one-time need.

PPS: We will happily welcome you to serve on one of our teams or committees. You all know that there is much happening at CLC, very visibly and behind the scenes. None of that happens without people who make it happen. Again, if your prayers are leading you to a different area of service to CLC, please contact Linda, Harry or Carol to talk about where you can help.



December 5th at 7:00 pm, December 6th at 11:00 am

- To Accept 2027 Council Nominations

December 13th at 11:00 am

- Council Elections
- Discuss and approve the 2027 budget

More information coming soon.

We want to remind you we have prayer shawls available for anyone who could use an expression of care in the form of a warm shawl. These shawls can be used by you personally or given to anyone you know who is going through a hard time, illness, grief or perhaps celebrating a newborn, milestone, or for any other reason you feel appropriate. Think of these shawls as a warm hug that lets someone know their thought of and cared for.



Here's how it works:

1. Find the Prayer Shawl poster in the church narthex. The shawls will be Displayed on a rack below it with explanatory gift cards and gift bags nearby. There will also be a pen and notebook attached to the rack with a ribbon.
2. Select the shawl you would like and place it and a gift card in a gift bag.
3. In the notebook, please indicate the date, who the shawl is for (just a first name is fine, if so desired). and their relationship to you.
4. If you would like the person added to our church's prayers, please let Laura know, along with any other information you would like to provide.

That's all there is to it! We hope these shawls will be a blessing to all recipients. If you would like more information about the Prayer Shawl ministry, please contact the office.

Thank you,
The Prayer Shawl Committee

Pastor Sue's Community Hours

In November, Pastor Sue will be holding drop-in hours at Dunkin on Rt. 286. 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.

November 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

10 am-12 pm

Dunkin

1803 Golden Mile Hwy

(Rt 286 in Holiday Park)

Pastor Sue's Open Office Hours at the Church

Fridays from
10 am to 12 pm

Please feel free to stop by to talk about what's on your mind. Or schedule time with Pastor Sue here.



Reminder Corner

Nov. 3rd		Election Day
Nov. 3rd	8:00 am	Election Day Bake Sale
Nov. 3rd		no Stitched With Love
Nov. 4th	9:00 am	Property Committee
Nov. 4th	10:00 am	Pastor's Community Hrs
Nov. 6th	10:00 am	Pastor's Office Hours
Nov. 7th & 8th		Veteran's Weekend
Nov. 7th	6:45 pm	Veteran's Fellowship
Nov. 8th	11:00 am	Veteran's Fellowship
Nov. 7th & 8th		Noise for Mission Weekend
Nov. 10th	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Nov. 10th	10:00 am	Congregational Life Team
Nov. 10th	6:30 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
Nov. 11th	10:00 am	Pastor's Community Hrs
Nov. 12th	9:30 am	Caring Hearts & Hands
Nov. 12th	11:00 am	Outreach Team Meeting
Nov. 13th	10:00 am	Pastor's Office Hours
Nov. 14th	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Nov. 14th & 15th		Little Pantry Weekend
Nov. 17th	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Nov. 17th	6:30 pm	Support Team Meeting
Nov. 18th	10:00 am	Pastor's Community Hrs
Nov. 19th	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Nov. 20th	10:00 am	Pastor's Office Hours
Nov. 21st & 22nd		Harvest Home
Nov. 21st	3:30 pm	Josh Beck Concert
Nov. 24th	9:00 am	Stitched With Love
Nov. 25th	10:00 am	Pastor's Community Hrs
Nov. 26th		Thanksgiving
Nov. 27th	10:00 am	Pastor's Office Hours
Nov. 28th		no Ladies' Brunch

Remember, you don't just GO to church, you *ARE* the church.

Please consider sharing your talents with your church family.

Here are some of our most pressing needs.

Ministry need	Info you need to know	Contact
Member of the endowment committee*	Meets electronically 4x a year to discuss the investments and dispersements	Harry Replogle
Worship helpers & Offering Counters	Volunteers make worship happen! We need greeters, people to prepare and clean up communion and serve as worship assistants. It's easy--you sign up to serve at your convenience. Offering counters must be approved by council.	Carol Tamenne OR Sandy Buehner
Council Members for 2027*	Spiritual leaders who meet monthly to guide the church decisions.	Linda Paulovitch, Harry Replogle OR Carol Tamenne
Nominating Committee members*	3 people meet 2-3 times in the fall to nominate candidates to congregational positions like council. They present the names at the congregational meeting.	Linda Paulovitch, Harry Replogle OR Carol Tamenne
New Pastor Call Committee	These 5-7 people will interview and present the pastoral candidate to the congregation. Must be a regular worship attender.	Any member of Council
Sunday School Teacher/Helper	Teachers work with the kids on a rotating basis.	Kim Boyer
Outreach committee members	This group plans church missions and outreach to the community and meets monthly.	Sandi Shaffer
Birthday Party for Jesus and Pageant Helpers	December 12-13 we will celebrate Jesus Birthday and prepare for a Sunday pageant. Need special help with costumes that can be done at home!	Kim Boyer

* Must be approved by congregation

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EVANGELISM MOMENT

In each bulletin and newsletter, there is a section requesting prayers "*for our church members and friends."* There are four individuals/ families listed for each week of the year that we ask you to remember in your prayers during that week.

We have been praying for our congregation's members and friends for many years. The Evangelism Committee faithfully hand signs and mails a card those listed to let them know that we at Christ's Lutheran are thinking of and praying for them; you have all received cards from us! Our heartfelt thanks to Jayne Gustafson who has done this volunteer task for many years.

As you know, Christ's Lutheran, like other churches, suffered a decline in membership and attendance after the Covid years. Many people we no longer see at Christ's Lutheran were our friends and sadly, we lost touch.

We still include those former members in our prayers and on our prayer lists, but we need to do more.

I think we can all agree that now is an exciting time at CLC and there is much energy and excitement. Most importantly, we're looking at our ministries and messages to make sure there is "spiritual room" here for everyone.

As you look over the prayers "*for our church members and friends"* for each week, keep an eye out for names you remember from the past. Please take the initiative and call or write to share the good things happening at Christ's Lutheran and invite them to come back for a visit.

Reaching out to old friends will be good for both of you. Plus, it's good for our church when our members communicate to others the welcoming and caring atmosphere of Christ's Lutheran.

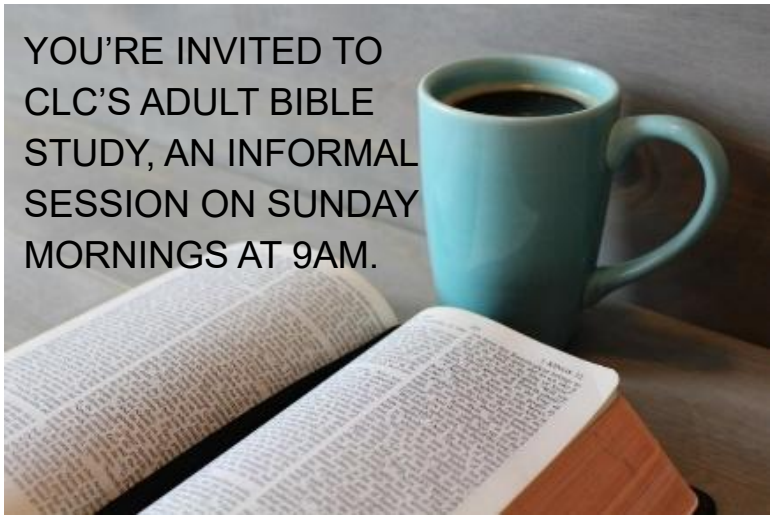
Evangelism can be a scary word, but it is really just about connecting with people; reaching out to remind others that God surrounds us with His love. It's also about taking care of each other inside the church. Sometimes, it means reminding an old friend that this church is eager for them to rejoin our family.

And, if you are reading this and seeing yourself (a former member or friend who hasn't been to Christ's Lutheran for a while) you are always most welcome.

No registration required.

Come anytime!





AN EXPLANATION OF CLC'STREASURER REPORTS

The following reports are provided to Council each meeting for their review. It is the responsibility of Council Members to understand the reports and to be on top of our church's financial position.

The reports are available to any member of the Congregation by request.

QB = QuickBooks, our accounting system.

Profit and Loss (P&L) – generated by QB. This report shows all donations and expenses for the month, categorized by budget line number. Note that if a budget line had no activity during the month, that line will not appear on that month's P&L report. At the end of the year, a P&L report will be generated for the entire 12-month period.

Committee Year-to-Date (YTD) vs. Annual Budget – generated by QB. This report shows all donations and expenses for the year up to the day the report was generated, categorized by budget line. It compares expenses to the amount allocated in each line to the approved budget and shows what percentage of the budgeted amount has been spent.

Fund Account Reconciliation (FAR) – generated in Excel using information from QB. This report shows total fund balances at the end of the current and previous month. The funds are divided into 1) Our General Fund where most of our money is deposited and from which most of our bills are paid. The lion's share of our income is given to support the church's day-to-day operations. 2) Committed/Reserved Funds and 3) Non-Specified Funds. Committed and Non-Specified funds are sub-divided; these divisions generally align with the Classes in QB.

Also shown on the FAR are the end-of-month bank balances for the Money Market and Checking accounts. The total amount of funds accounted for in QB (the top part of the FAR) must equal the total bank balance. If not, accounting discrepancies in QB must be corrected before the FAR is generated. At the end of the year, a FAR report showing a comparison of total funds between the current and previous years will be generated.

At the bottom of the FAR is a quarterly report on our Thrivent investment funds.

General Fund – generated in Excel using information from QB. This report shows Income vs. Expenses for the General Fund only. It was modified in 2022 to show that some expenses must be paid out of Non-Specified funds when General Fund donations for the month do not cover expenses. The bottom line of this report shows the difference in General Fund income and expenses for the year.

Treasurer Notes – Supplied to give additional information or explain things that may not be obvious on the above reports. This report will always include information about a General Fund surplus or deficit for the month and what funds were used to cover that deficit.

Quarterly Finance Reports – Reports are generated for each 3-month quarter of the year. The report is created after the last month of the quarter is closed out (all income and expenses have been accounted for). Copies of each quarterly report is placed in the rack outside the office when it has been completed.

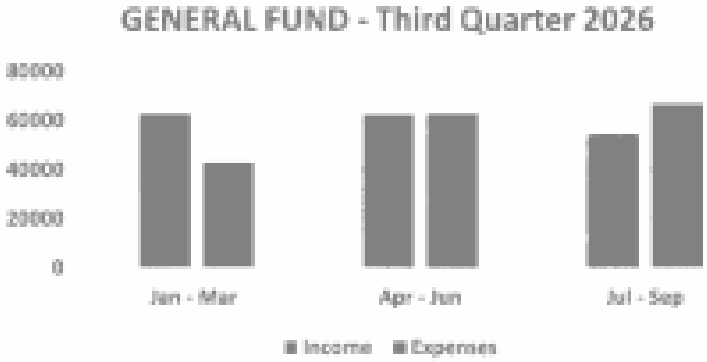
Our finances are managed by our Treasurer, Dave & Barb Hall and our Financial Secretary, Bela Molnar. Church members are welcome to speak to Dave, Barb and Bela if they'd like specific information or questions answered. There is much work that goes into the managing the finances at Christ's Lutheran and we appreciate the intense and attentive work done by Bela, Barb and Dave.



General Fund - Third Quarter Report 2026

	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	TOTAL
Income	$62,813.68	$62,443.22	$54,361.21		**$179,618.11**
Expenses	($43,014.61)	($62,709.02)	($66,829.98)		**($172,553.61)**
Difference	$19,799.07	($265.80)	($12,468.77)		**$7,064.50**
				Balance from 2025	**$5,305.07**
				Total General Fund	**$12,369.57**





- Expenses exceeded income in the third quarter by close to $12,500. This deficit was covered by the General Fund surplus, which now stands at $12,400.
- Giving in the third quarter was lower than in the previous quarters, while expenses increased slightly.



- The General Fund is the money used to keep our church building open and functioning. It pays for our staff salaries, utility bills, property upgrades and maintenance. It also pays for ongoing ministries of the church, including Sunday School and VBS. A healthy General Fund allows the church to reinforce and expand these ministries

Your steady and faithful contributions to the General Fund help our church to invest in ministries that support our congregation and community both now and in the future.

Thank you to all who continue to support the ministry of our church

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN PRAYER CIRCLE

Prayer Circle Coordinator: Ann Rockette

You can send your prayer request through CLC's website or app or by contacting the office:
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.

















November 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. 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 are blessed with an overabundance of canned vegetables.

So PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY CANNED VEGETABLES OR BEANS AT THIS TIME!

Thank you for supporting families who are experiencing food insecurity.



CARING HEARTS AND HANDS

will meet on Thursday, November 12, at 9:30 am in the downstairs fellowship hall. At that time, we will plan the menu for the box lunches to be delivered in December. Containers of home made Christmas cookies baked by our volunteers will be packed and delivered along with the December lunches. We welcome you to join CH&H as we reach out to those on our caring list with cards, visits, phone calls and every other month box lunches. If you know someone who should be included on our caring list, please contact the church office.

CLC has kicked off our fall **K9 Ministry** – we're training dogs and their human partners in the sport of scent work, a fun and challenging activity for dogs to use their sense of smell to search for and locate "hides." Based on the skills used by professional detection dogs, it's a wonderful sport for everyday family dogs of every breed and size.

Interested in learning more about Scent Work classes at CLC? Please contact **Joyce Perrone** at **JPerrone.JP@gmail.com** or **412-849-7750**.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge Update:

Thanks to everyone's very enthusiastic participation, we have collected 250 pounds of bags this quarter to have an entry in the $500 gift drawing that will take place at the end of September. Fingers crossed!

We have also earned a $100 voucher under CLC's account that will be gifted to Trinity Lutheran for their use.

Ladies' Brunch

We're going on hiatus during the busy months of November and December.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 23rd at 11 AM in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Enjoy the holidays!

Christ's Lutheran's partnership with our local Lions Club continues. To support their service work locally and abroad, the Lions accept donations of Cell Phones, Eyeglasses and Printer Ink Cartridges.

Drop off your items in the wooden bins under the coat rack.

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

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 appreciated assets, and/or a charitable remainder trust that provides for your family and the ministries you care about.

See CLC's ***Legacy and Special Gifts*** brochure in the rack outside of the office for information about making a gift to Christ's Lutheran. You can contact Ryan Ebner at 814-823-3285 or ryan.ebner@elca.org.

Thank you for your generosity.

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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 the deadlines noted above.

CONTACT US

Our church office is open:

ChurchOffice

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays
9 am - 12:00 pm &
12:30 am - 2:00 pm

The office is not open on Wednesdays

Click below for our November 2026 Calendar

Christ's Lutheran Church Calendar

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