

SPRING

2019

CLC CHURCH CHATTER

Notes & News from
Christ Lutheran Church
Shrewsbury, PA



From Pastor Brian's Pen...

23 Then Jesus said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. 24 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

The celebration of Easter is filled with the imagery of new life: Jesus is risen from the dead. The tomb lays empty. And for those of us who live in the northern hemisphere, we are surrounded at Easter with new life in nature- flowers, plants, and trees are bursting with new growth all around us. But what does *our* new life in this joyous season look like? Certainly, in death we will be like Christ- laid in the tomb but graciously destined to eternal life through him. Yet throughout our lives on this earth, perhaps we are more like the trees and flowers that surround us. Sometimes we enter a "dormant period" where it might feel like our lives of faith have gone to sleep- never dead, but sometimes seeming so from the outside. But in these times, there is a place for new life and growth for us as well. Therefore, in the season of Easter, we might stop and ask ourselves, "How has my spiritual life gone dormant? What has the winter of my spirit been like?" Then we can ask God in wonder, "How are you breathing new life into me?" For the hope of the resurrection is not simply life after death. It is continued renewal, growth, and newness of life throughout our time in this world, because Jesus is always

raising us up, again and again and again. So in what ways have we gone dormant? In our personal lives? In the life of our congregation? In the life of the whole Church? And what is the new thing God is doing with us and through us? How can we begin, right now, to live in newness of life, sharing the Good News of the risen Christ with the world through our prayers, our words, and our actions? And how are we giving our lives to Christ so that the grace, mercy, and salvation of God might be known to the world in us as it was made known on the glorious morn when Christ conquered the grave?

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

Jesus^{is} Light
the World came so we could
'find our way to God.
Jesus the
Lamb of God, died upon the
✠ CROSS so we could receive
the Salvation of God.
Jesus^{is} Bright
and Morning Star,
ROSE from the
dead so we could
live forever
with God.

WELCOMING, WORSHIPING, WORKING FOR CHRIST...TOGETHER!



DWELLING IN THE WORD

Suggested readings for Spring are:

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| April 21 | ✦ | Luke 24:1-12 |
| April 28 | ✦ | John 20:19-31 |
| May 5 | ✦ | John 21:1-19 |
| May 12 | ✦ | John 10:22-30 |
| May 19 | ✦ | John 13:31-35 |
| May 26 | ✦ | John 14:23-29 |

FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) is a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for five to fifteen minutes a night. When done over time, the FAITH5™ carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, aid sleep, and promote mental, physical and spiritual health. The five steps are:

- **SHARE** your highs and lows
- **READ** a Bible verse or story together
- **TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
- **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows
- **BLESS** one another "God loves you and you are blessed!" Have the children bless the adults and vice versa.



Family & friends of Lois Meli, Dave Jones, Mark Townsend, Jenny Solomon, family & friends of Darryl Wilhelm, Russell Klein, Gary Blevins, Doug Freburger, Ed Bailey, Ted Wilhelm, Rheanna Rehmeier, Nick Wildasin, Terry Waltemire, Kenny Klein, Richard Burgess, Earl Yeckley, Jon Frey, Sarah Blessing, Bonnie Keeports, Ava Daniels, Meghan Keller, Lori Feaga, the Bates family, Glen Wertz, Dottie Fullen, Liam, Robert Monaco, Norma Howdyshell, Robert Wagner, Dagmar Wirz, Pam Vasilow, Stella Walmer, Doris Wilhelm, Jerry Adey, and the men and women who are serving our country overseas and for their safe return home.

For prayer requests, call or email Kelly in the church office at 717-235-2053 or admin@clcshrewsbury.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4/5 weeks unless you specify otherwise.

What's Happening

Sundays

Worship - 9 am, Sanctuary
 Sunday School - Held during worship

April 14 - Palm Sunday (Band Sunday)

April 21 - Easter Sunday
 - Special Music: Choir & Praise Band

April 28 - Second Sunday of Easter
 -Inspirational Video Sunday

May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter
 - Special Music: Choir

May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (Band Sunday)
 -Mother's Day Brunch (after worship)

May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
 - Special Music: Choir

May 26 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
 -Inspirational Video Sunday

Mondays

Office Closed

April 15 - Scout Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm

May 6 - VBS Meeting, 6:30 pm

May 13 - Council Meeting, 6 pm

Tuesdays

Choir Practice, 7 pm, Sanctuary
 AA - 7:30 pm, Parish Hall

Wednesdays

May 22 - Imagination Station Grad., Sanc., 2 pm

Thursdays

Praise Band practice - 7 pm, Sanctuary

April 18 - Seder Dinner, 6 pm, Service, 7 pm

May 2 - Girl Scouts, parish hall, 5-8 pm

May 16 - CLC Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary, 7 pm

Fridays

Office Closed

April 19 - Good Friday Service, 7 pm

May 17 - Women's Group, 6 pm, Parish Hall

Saturdays

Office Closed

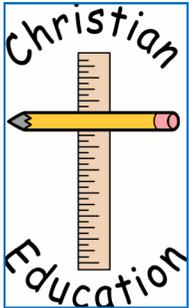
April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast, 8-10 am

May 4 - Family Movie Night, 6 pm, Parish Hall

May 18 - Parish Hall Rental, 10-8



The Bulletin Board



"Children's Church" Receiving Great Feedback!

As most of you know, we have been holding Sunday School for ages 3 and up during our 9 am worship time. The children begin in the church with their parents for the gathering hymn and children's message, and then leave with a teacher for a lesson tailor made just for them! The kids then return towards the end of the service to take communion with their families.

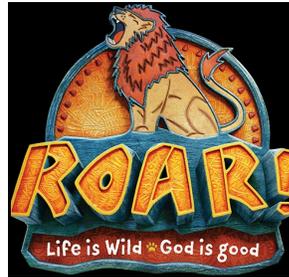
We have had a great year learning about God and the many awesome things he has done for us! Thank you to the following teachers for helping to share the message of God's love this year: Alana Amspacher, Robyn Banchiere, Holly & Matt Breault, Kelly Gillispie, and Kathy Rohrbaugh.

The last day of Sunday School for this school year will be June 2nd. Stay tuned for information regarding the Sunday School picnic and special summer activities for the kids. Sunday School will resume on September 8th.



The Preschool has had a wonderful year and is looking forward to exciting end of year activities! Graduation is planned for May 16.

The preschool will be closed for Summer break from May 15 through September 3. Call the preschool office, 717-235-0459, if your are interested in information regarding summer camps held throughout the summer or if you are interested in registering a child for the Fall. We wish all our preschool families a wonderful Spring & Summer!



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held June 17 through June 21 from 9 am to noon each day. 100 children will again fill our church with laughter and song! Our next volunteer meeting will be on May 6 at 6:30 pm. Be on the lookout for donation requests to help us make this a great week for the kids.

It's Movie Time!

The next Family Movie Night will be held on **Saturday, May 4 at 6 pm.** We will be showing the animated film, "The Emoji Movie". Hot Dogs, popcorn and water will be available. Bring your blanket, pillows, comfy chairs, and drinks if you would like. Don't miss out on the fun!



**Future Movies/Dates: June 1 ~ "Leap!"
July 6 ~ "The Lorax"**



The Annual Youth Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 20.** Breakfast will be served from 8-10 am. Egg hunts will be held at 9 and 9:30. We are in need of the following donations to make this event a successful fundraiser for our youth: Bisquick pancake mix (and/or any pancake mix that requires egg/oil), Eggs, Milk, Vegetable Oil, Brown & Serve Sausage, Syrup, Butter, Fruit Cocktail, OJ, plastic eggs and small trinkets/candy for stuffing Easter Eggs. Please see Becky Stevenson for more information.



Message from the Council President

Greetings everyone! Hard to believe we are already well into 2019. Seems like 2018 was just yesterday. Spring is here, and I know many of us eagerly await the new season. I am optimistic that 2019 will be a great year for our congregation, as we continue to grow in our faith and serve god. We are truly blessed to have such an energetic and talented congregation. I am excited to see so many of our members actively serving god and our community. I wish you all a very blessed 2019.

Welcoming, Worshipping,
Working for Christ...Together,
Dan Stevenson

Updates from the Church Council

The following officers were elected by Council:

- Vice President- Jennifer Osterhaus
- Treasurer- Carrie Reall
- Secretary- Bev Cronise
- President- Dan Stevenson (elected by the Congregation)

The Renewal Team has been moving forward with the suggestions from the Brainstorming Session in January. They have organized and disseminated the suggestions to the appropriate Ministry Teams.

Council continues to review the Church's Financial Statements.

Council has reviewed and updated the Parish Hall Rental Forms including rental of the Kitchen.

Council approved a contract for a for-profit rental of the Kitchen.

The following are the liaison representatives from the Ministry Teams to Council:

- Fellowship/Hospitality/Service** - George Westermeyer
- Financial/Stewardship** - Carrie Reall
- Personnel** - Connie Wood
- Property** - Ron Rohrbaugh
- Renewal** - Dan Stevenson
- Youth/Family/Faith Formation** - Jennifer Osterhaus

Lenten Event & Worship Schedule

April 18: Maundy Thursday, 6 and 7 PM
Dinner will be served in the parish hall at 6 PM.
A Service will follow in the sanctuary at 7.

April 19: Good Friday, 7 PM
The Service will take place at CLC.

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM - 10 AM (Hunts at 9 & 9:30 am)

April 21: Easter Sunday (at CLC, 9 am)



Support & Prayers Needed

Our Praise Band Leader, Jon Frey, is in need of a kidney transplant. A living donor's kidney is best. If you would be interested in donating and/or learning about what is involved in kidney donation, please call **Hershey Medical Center directly at 800-525-5395**. Jon is officially on the Hershey Transplant List to receive a kidney. This wait could be 3-5 years. Doctors project that he will possibly need to be placed on dialysis within three years without a living donor. Jon's blood type is A+ (positive), but a match is not always necessary with the Networks ability to trade donations for a match. Please keep Jon in your prayers as he and Debbie navigate through this time. Thank you!



Women's Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who attended the brainstorming session for our women's group. We had great attendance at the meeting and are looking forward to spending time together for fun and fellowship! **Our first meeting will be Friday, May 17 at 6 pm.** We plan to meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6 pm in the parish hall. For our first meeting, some expressed an interest in planting flowers in front of the church. We will also be playing games and having refreshments in the parish hall.



It's time for the Mother's Day Brunch, which will be held on **Sunday, May 12**, immediately following the 9 am service. **ALL ARE WELCOME** (people moms, pet moms, and anyone who "mothers"!)

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the congregation and participating in a **new members program** may contact **Pastor Brian** at **pastor.biery@gmail.com**. How the process will look, and when we will meet, will be built around those who are interested.

18 South York Project

Charlotte and her team of cooks have done a great job of feeding hungry teens at the Youth Center. Please stay tuned for details regarding food preparation dates & times. Monetary donations are also being accepted to support this ministry. A collection jar is located in the gathering area. Thank you!



We are in the process of creating a new "Family & Friends" directory and would love for you to be a part of it! Andy & Kathy Suchko have done a great job as our photographers! If you have not had your photo taken please contact the church office so we can arrange to have that done. Please be sure to pick up an information update form (located in the gathering area) if you have not done so already. You do not have to be an "official member" to be a member of our church family...all people who attend CLC are welcome!



It's Scholarship time! If you have a graduating senior in high school who is a member of CLC, you may pick up an application for the Gantz/Attig Scholarship in the gathering area or

request one from the church office. Applications should be completed and turned in to the office by June 2, 2019.

Would you or a friend like to hear Sunday's sermon? Pastor Brian posts his sermons on the CLC Facebook page. Check it out at: **Christevangelicallutheranchurch-shrewsbury** or **soundcloud.com/rev-b-4** to see previous sermons.



It's time to register for summer camp! The Lutheran Camping Corporation has two local camps for kids in grades K-12, Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. Our youth fund offers \$200 to members who would like to attend camp and need help with the cost. Brochures are available in the gathering area or speak with our camp expert, Pastor Brian! More information is also available at www.lutherancamping.org or by calling the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.





Being a sponsor is a great way to honor a loved one or special occasion. Sign-up now to reserve your Sunday date. Bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Coffee sponsorships begin at \$6. The cost of Altar Flowers varies depending on where you order, but are typically \$35/\$40 per Sunday and you can take them home after the service. We recommend using Flowers by Cindy as they are reasonably priced and familiar with our church (717-759-8367). Please see the binder in the gathering area or call the church office for more information.



Thinking of Our Friends



Helen Hoffman, will turn 100 on April 17th and we're joining together to shower her with birthday cards! Her address is: 800 Bollinger Drive, Rm #120 A, Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Please join us in sending good wishes to Helen on this milestone birthday!

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As you may be aware, Jeanelle Jones is now a resident of Colonial Manor, York. She enjoyed attending church with her sister, Lucille. While she will no longer be regularly attending Christ Lutheran, she would appreciate receiving an occasional card or visit from her friends here. Her new address is: **Jeanelle Jones, Colonial Manor, 970 Colonial Ave.-Room 306, York, PA 17403.**

| | April 21 | April 28 | May 5 | May 12 | May 19 | May 26 |
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| Flower Sponsor | Open | Open | Open | Larry & Charlotte Dubel | Open | Open |
| Bulletin Sponsor | Open | Open | Open | Dawn Harvilicz | Open | Open |
| Coffee Sponsor | Bob & Kim Martin | Bob & Kim Martin | Andy & Kathy Suchko | Andy & Kathy Suchko | Andy & Kathy Suchko | Andy & Kathy Suchko |

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Church Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Noon - 4 pm

For prayer requests, parish hall rentals, or questions, please call or email Kelly in the church office.

Church Leaders & Staff

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Council President: Dan Stevenson

Music Director: Laurie Kotter
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Pianist: Phil Attig

Treasurer: Mike Wirz

