



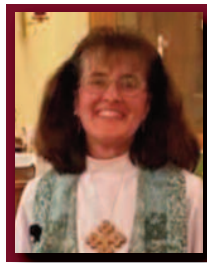
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The Herald



Pastor's Reflection

Wilderness Temptation

This season of the church year often feels as though it flies by. It does not seem that long ago we were celebrating Christmas and the coming of Jesus into the world as a newborn baby, but we quickly find ourselves standing along the banks of the Jordan River, watching as John the Baptist calls the people of God to repentance. John exclaims for all to hear, “Repent – prepare the way of the Lord.” John, the prophet who is to prepare us for the Messiah, is baptizing those who come from near and far. And then one day, Jesus, himself, appears, coming to the waters of baptism – not for forgiveness but for preparation. Jesus approaches John and says that it is the will of God that this be done – to fulfill the prophetic proclamation.

Jesus is submerged in the waters of the Jordan River with crowds gathered around, and as he arises from the water, “the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit and receives the blessing from God. We might wonder what it all means. Surely the crowds gathered that day must have been filled with shock, amazement, surprise, wonder, befuddlement, uncertainty, doubt, revelation. But, I think this day was not for the crowds – although, surely they

were witnesses to a miraculous experience. The blessing given was for Jesus from his Father and Lord as he prepares to begin his public ministry. God surely knew that it would not be an easy road that lay before Jesus. God offers Jesus what any parent would – reassurance and support, a reminder that God will be alongside him all of the time – even on the hardest and most difficult days that surely were to come. Perhaps, even on that day, God knew that the specter of betrayal and sacrifice loomed somewhere in the future. God offers to Jesus the reminder that he is God’s son, and he is beloved, and that God is pleased with him – before the work of ministry even begins. It is a sign of love and support, for Jesus as a gift of grace.

Then Jesus is sent into the wilderness for forty days for a time of temptation and testing. For some, this may seem strange, to think that Jesus could be tempted. We might be tempted to ask, ‘Isn’t he the sinless Son of God? How can he be tempted?!’ It is true that Jesus is the Son of God, but he is also fully human. We confess Jesus to be 100% human – 100% divine in his nature and character – all of the time. Jesus is susceptible to sin and temptation just like any of us are. Jesus shares the difficulties of the human experience, and that is why the testing was important.

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President's Paragraph

Happy New Year to one and all!

It's hard to believe another year is gone and we're well on our way into 2026.

Although 2025 was a busy year at CLC, 2026 is looking even busier. In addition to the many worship opportunities provided by Pastor Jenn, all committees are beginning their planning for the year, especially the fundraising committee.

Thank you to this congregation for your support of every committee activity in 2025. Thank you to Pastor Jenn and Lisa as you lead us through worship each week.

To keep you up to date re-

garding Mt. Zion, over the past several months, our executive committee has been meeting with Mt. Zion, Churchtown, regarding the shared ministry contract. Discussions have centered around making this arrangement long term. At our January council meeting, an agreement was approved to make this possible. When Mt. Zion, CLC and the synod agree on the terms, a congregational meeting will be called for your approval.

Let me make this crystal clear....this agreement changes nothing here at CLC regarding our worship or our day to day operations. We are still in a 75/25 split of the pastor's time.

What this **WILL** do is give Mt. Zion the security of having the continuity of the same pastor each week. In addition, financially it is a help to CLC.



*Bill Brookhart
Council President*

The complete agreement will be shared with the congregation prior to the congregational meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please see me.

Bill

Pastor's Reflection

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The tempter (sometimes called the devil) meets Jesus in the wilderness – seeks him out when he is tired and hungry and vulnerable. The tempter wishes to draw Jesus away from God, and, therefore, away from his mission and work to bring good news of salvation and liberation to God's people. The tempter offers hungry Jesus bread. Jesus rejects it despite his physical need. Then the devil dares Jesus to throw himself down from atop the temple, knowing that God's angels would save him from harm. Jesus declared, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." And finally, the greatest temptation of all, the one that humans are loathe

to reject....the devil offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world – all the power, glory, and wealth of the world if Jesus will worship the devil to which Jesus proclaims, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him!" Jesus survived the tests through obedience and commitment to the will of God.

Jesus chose the way of God, not because it was easy, but because it was the right thing to do. Jesus knows who he is – the beloved Son – and the work that he is called to. Jesus's faith leads him to obedience not for his own sake but for ours. Jesus overcame the temptations of power and wealth and domination because God called him to the way of sacrifice, mercy, and service. Jesus came to earth, relinquishing

his own divine power for a time, in order to save a dying humanity. We claim allegiance to this one and pray fervently as we come into the Lenten time of preparation that we will be moved to obedience and repentance, turning away from sin to live for God alone, for the sake of Jesus who sacrificed everything for us. We will not get it right all the time. We are not perfect as Jesus was. We will fall prey to sin, but Jesus invites us to come toward him where there is forgiveness and new life, always.

May this Lenten season be meaning-filled and guide you toward the resurrection dawn.

Amen.

Dinner Church

Many in the congregation are familiar with Dinner Church. CLC began this beautiful tradition in 2022. On the chance there are some who don't know or have never attended Dinner Church, this description bears repeating.

Meals have a great tradition in the church, from potlucks, to picnics, to the meal we share each week at communion. Dinner Church seeks to feed us both spiritually and physically.

Jesus used the dinner table to share his ministry. He liked to have dinner with people who were on the edge of society; those who were looked down upon.

Christians in the early church gathered together around a meal, telling the story of Jesus' last supper, breaking bread and sharing the cup. They set tables that included the stranger and the poor.

On Wednesday, during Holy Week (April 1), you are invited to gather together for Dinner Church here at Christ Lutheran. This is not a pot

Shared Ministry Action

With approval from both Christ Lutheran and Mt. Zion Lutheran congregations, work is being completed on the Shared Ministry Agreement which will create a long-term agreement to share pastoral resources between the two congregations. Pastor Jennifer will continue to serve Christ Lutheran at 75% time and Mt. Zion Lutheran at 25%. The congregations will work together annually on the pastoral compensation and any other shared expenses. The Mutual Ministry committee will become a joint committee with members from both congregations once the Shared Ministry Agreement has been finalized.

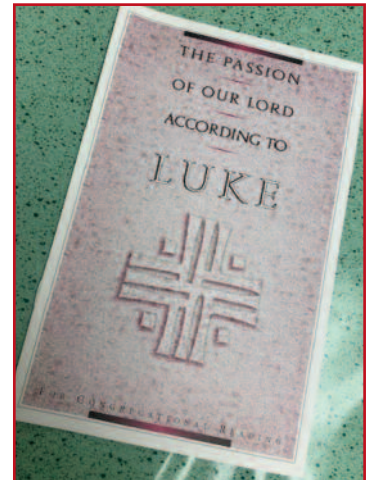
We lift up our prayers for the Holy Spirit's work among the congregations as we enter into this new season of ministry with faith in Christ's guidance of our work to live out the gospel.

luck/covered dish dinner. You are asked to bring only yourselves. This is not a re-creation of Jesus' Last Supper. This is a meal where you will share food, sing hymns, light candles, and experience fellowship.

Jesus' Passion according to St. Matthew will be read during the meal and the holy Eucharist will be celebrated within the reading.

We will also join together to assemble the Blessing Bags for our neighbors in need.

We will worship together in this simple way as we anticipate the coming of our Lord's Passion. This is a time together to support one another for what is to come, and to remind each other that, together, we are the light of Christ that will continue to shine despite the dark and weary days ahead.



In Memoriam

Gracious Lord,
in sure and certain hope of the
resurrection to eternal life through our
Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to

God's loving care,
our sisters,

Marian Carnes

Rev. Irene Dussaq

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord;

And let light perpetual
shine upon them.



Once again this year, Christ Lutheran Church will host a month-long video series and discussion celebrating and honoring Black History Month. This year, our focus will be on the "Stories of Women."

For too long, the stories and contributions of women and people of color have been dismissed, diminished, and ignored. Black History Month allows us to shine a light of truth, inquiry, and growth so that we might be better informed and a source of healing for the sake of our shared future

together. This engagement fulfills God's call to love our neighbor, and we do so with confidence that our shared life together can be improved as we learn and grow in faith by the light of Christ.

Our program will be held at the church beginning at 7:00 pm.

February 9 - Harriet

February 16 - Six Triple Eight

February 23 - Hidden Figures

March 9 - An Ordinary Hero: Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland

Join Hands Ministry Program Brings Joy

This past Christmas season, Join Hands Ministry celebrated another year of incredible generosity, community spirit, and heartfelt compassion. Through the dedication of volunteers and the overwhelming support of donors, the 2025 Christmas Program provided gifts for 523 children and 141 elderly neighbors, a remarkable total of 664 individuals blessed by your kindness.

Each year, the Christmas Program reaches some of the most vulnerable in our community, ensuring that no child wakes up without a gift and no elderly individual feels forgotten during the holiday season. What begins as tags on a

tree or names on a list transforms into warm coats, toys, cozy blankets, essential household items, and other meaningful gifts, each one a symbol of love and hope. Behind every wrapped package is someone who cared enough to give, and Join Hands Ministry could not fulfill this mission without the unwavering support of the community.



Thank you CLC for being a part of this worthy cause. You certainly helped brighten the day for many people.

Mark your calendars so that you do not miss any opportunities to worship during Holy Week, beginning with Jesus's arrival into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and culminating in the joy of the resurrection dawn on Easter morning.

- † Palm Sunday Worship – Sunday, March 29 – 11:00 am
- † Dinner Church with Passion Reading – Wednesday, April 1 – 6:00 pm
- † Maundy Thursday with Communion – Thursday, April 2 – 5:00 pm
- † Good Friday – Friday, April 3 – 5:00 pm
- † Easter Sunrise Service with Communion – Sunday, April 5 – 7:00 am
- † Easter Sunday Worship with Communion – Sunday, April 5 – 8:30 am



Prayer Persists Despite Religious Decline

In a culture defined by distraction and disconnection, one quiet practice remains remarkably steady: prayer.

According to a 2025 Pew Research Center study, two-thirds of Americans pray regularly. Forty-four percent pray daily, and another 23 percent pray weekly or monthly. These prayers — whether whispered in the dark, shared around the dinner table, or spoken in moments of need — reflect the many ways Americans seek divine connection, comfort and guidance.

And while formal religious affiliation has declined significantly in recent decades, prayer remains a surprisingly persistent part of American life.

Who Is Praying?

For every generation, prayer remains a source of comfort, hope and spiritual grounding. Older Americans lead in prayer frequency, but younger people say they pray too, suggesting that even as religious participation fluctuates, the desire to connect with a higher power still resonates.

Black Americans (64%) report the highest levels of daily prayer. Women pray more than men, but men pray also. And those who pray say that the practice helps them navigate stress, family life and major decisions.

The Wellness Benefits of Prayer

Beyond tradition, prayer offers something deeply healing. Multiple studies have found correlations between prayer and reduced stress, improved sleep and emotional resilience. It is also linked to lower blood pressure, stronger immune response, a deeper sense of peace, and even a longer, more meaningful life.

Prayer may be quiet, but its effects are far reaching. It can calm the mind, restore emotional balance, and offer a sense of stillness in a fast-moving world.

And the benefits of praying are not limited to the person speaking the words. A recent study in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* found that most people pray not just for themselves but also for others. That form of intercessory prayer can be seen as a spiritual expression of empathy — a way to help lift someone else's burden. Those being prayed for report a feeling of solidarity and love.

Such a practice contributes to what researchers call spiritual wellness — a sense of meaning, connection and calm that helps people stay grounded. And in uncertain times, that is something many are seeking.

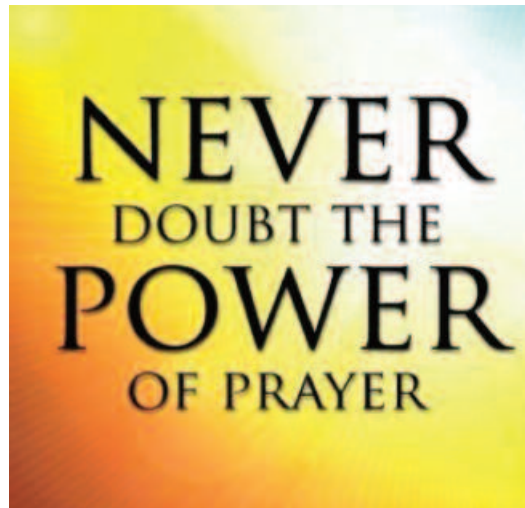
Why It Still Matters

Prayer creates space to pause, reflect and reconsider one's relationship with God. It fosters gratitude, builds compassion and helps reset the day. And it requires nothing in return — just presence. Even when people hope for answers, the act itself offers peace.

In a world of increasing distraction and demands, prayer remains the quiet rhythm helping many return

to comfort, clarity, connection, and ultimately, wellness.

Reprinted from the *Wellness insider*. August 2025.



Fundraising Committee Recap and 2026 Plans

The Fundraising Committee wishes to thank everyone for your support in 2025. In total, \$7,636.77 was raised to help supplement our Current Fund. These monies were generated from 25 various sales, events and activities. This averages more than two fundraisers each month!

Thank you, because without you these fundraisers would not be possible.

Additional thanks is extended to all who completed the survey the committee created. Completed surveys allowed the committee to gauge interest in new fundraising opportunities.

Below is a list of planned fundraisers for this year. More details will be announced as we get closer to the dates.

February 15

Ham and Green Bean Dinner
after church
\$10 a ticket
See Becky or Terry for tickets

March

Butter Braid fundraiser

March 5
\$16 per braid
\$6 profit
delivery will be around 4:30

Marianna's sub and salsa sale

March 11
delivery at 5 pm

June

Harshbarger's restaurant
a portion of your meal cost is given to the church

July

Whoopie Pie sales

Red Robin fundraiser

August

Taste Around the World
August 22

Harshbarger's restaurant
a portion of your meal cost is given to the church

September 19

Apple Dumplings

October

Marianna's fundraiser

November

Marysville Zeiderellis Fundraiser

December

Cookie Sale & Bazaar
Dec 4 and 5



April

Harshbarger's subs/pizzas/ baked goods gift certificates

(We make \$3 on each gift certificate sold, and they can be used when you go to the restaurant in June/August for our fundraiser at the restaurant)

May

Twin Kiss Fundraiser
Shermans Dale

Harriet Tubman Freedom Trail Overnight Trip

This spring Pastor Jennifer will be taking a group to Maryland for an overnight visit to the Harriet Tubman Museum & Educational Center and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park.



If you are interested in going or would like more information, please see Pastor Jenn.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

At the November Congregation meeting, you re-elected Bill Brookhart and Brianne Chubb to the 2026 Council. They along with the existing members, were officially installed as the 2026 Church Council during a recent worship service.

The officers for this calendar year are President, Bill Brookhart; Vice-President, Terry Kuhn, Secretary, Charlene Lentvorsky; and, Treasurer, Ann Fleisher.

Twenty twenty-five Council updates were provided at the annual meeting. Thus far in 2026, Council can report that a long-term agreement is in the final stages of clarification regarding our relationship with Mt. Zion. As stated in the President's Message, once approved by both churches, the agreement will go before each congregations for approval.

Committees have begun to meet and implement 2026 plans. The Building Committee is reporting that the toilet issues have been resolved, and the yard has been cleaned of leaves and trees. More work will need done in the spring.

The Fellowship Committee reports that the CLC had a wonderful Christmas season and thanks everyone for their participation, no matter the capacity.

This is the first newsletter of 2026, with three additional ones scheduled. The web site task force met to discuss a web refresh. You will begin to see small changes to the site throughout the next few months. The first press release has been sent to the county newspapers regarding our Black History Month educational series.

Other marketing and public relations efforts are underway for Lent and Easter season.

The Faith Formation Committee completed the Giving to God book review and will be discussing ways to use the valuable information they learned.

The Fundraising Committee has put together their 2026

event calendar. Details can be found on page six of this newsletter.

As of this newsletter completion date, the Community Outreach, Social Ministry and Worship and Music Committees did not meet but yet, but have scheduled meeting dates.

As you know, 2025 was a busy year for our church. Hold on tight because 2026 will certainly rival last year!

Council would like to thank everyone, once again, for all the time, effort and financial support you have provided to our church.



Council members for 2026 recently installed by Pastor Jen are Charlene Lentvorsky, Sandy Hoover, Becky Meisel, Kendra Masser, Sue Landis, Bill Brookhart, Clyde Tota, Joe Kistler, and Terry Kuhn. Missing is Brianne Chubb.



Pastor Jennifer was one of many who attended the recent installation the new Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop, Rev. Stephen Herr.

Send a Holiday Card to Brighten a Day

Shirley Hoffman
Messiah Lifeways
100 Mt. Allen Drive
Asper Hall #45W
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Peggy Paden
Transitions at Allen Cove
25 Cove Road
Room 118
Duncannon, PA 17020

Karen Ersoz
P.O. Box 67
New Buffalo, PA 17069

Joanne Speis
Stonebridge Health &
Rehabilitation Center
102 Chandra Drive, Room 28
Duncannon, PA 17020

Charlotte Dyer
Messiah Lifeways
222 Messiah Circle
Upper Laurel
Room 464
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Millie Bell
Transitions at Allens Cove
25 Cove Road, Room 3
Duncannon, PA 17020

Cathy Cavanaugh
202 Park Drive
Marysville, PA 17053

Ron & Nancy Moore
21 Thomas Drive
Duncannon, PA 17020

Supporting CLC, Local Communities and the World

Christ Lutheran Church continues to be a virtual partner with Community Aid. For some who aren't familiar with this term, it simply means we no longer have a donation box where you can drop off your items. A virtual partner must drop off donations at any Community Aid donation center using **CLC's Partner Number: 10119**. Our church accumulates credit and we receive a check in the mail at the end of each quarter.

In 2025, CLC received \$20 for the first quarter, \$51.09 for the second quarter, and \$373.88 for the third quarter. We should be receiving payment for quarter four at the end of January. This money becomes part of our current fund.

Community Aid made a change to the dona-

tions they will accept this past year. You may now donate items with padding and cushions, ie: pillows, quilts, sleeping bags, etc, as well as clothing, shoes, and household items.

If there is ever a time that you have donations but are unable to get them to Community Aid, please notify the church office and we will make arrangement to transport them.

Thank you for your donations and your commitment to helping support CLC, local communities and the world.



Financial Statement

Christ Lutheran Church Financial Summary As of December 31, 2025

CLC's Current Fund income is \$139,113 for the full year of 2025, which is \$9,176 less than in 2024. During the full year of 2025, our total Current Fund expense is \$142,040, which is \$6,574 higher than 2024. Combined, this amounts to a \$15,751 Current Fund profit shortfall compared to 2024.

A gift of \$20,000 received from St. Matthias is not included in our Current Fund Income. This gift was allocated to other funds as follows: \$2,000 to Other Benevolence; \$6,000 to a new Outreach / Education Fund; and \$12,000 to the Furnace Fund.

- Of the \$2,000 designated to Other Benevolence, a \$500 contribution was made to each of the following organizations: Perry County Literary Council, Lutheran Camping Corporation, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Reconciling Works.
- Of the \$6,000 designated to the Outreach / Education Fund, amounts were spent on events such as the "Rock the Block" Outreach event, the Fall Festival event and the Duncannon Tree Lighting event. This fund has a current balance of \$6,289.
- Of the \$12,000 designated to the Furnace Fund, this project was completed in September, with an excess of \$2,236 to be allocated to future building needs.

As of December 31, 2025, our Current Fund loss is (\$2,927), however during 2025 our current fund received \$7,637 fundraising income and \$23,647 salary income from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. We are grateful for those who contributed their time and / or resources toward each of our fundraising events, as well as for our Shared Ministry relationship with Mt. Zion. Excluding these 2 sources of income, our Current Fund loss for 2025 would be (\$34,211), which highlights the importance of both.

It should also be noted that during 2025, our current fund expense is aligned closely with our budget. Our total 2025 expense was \$1,472 (1%) higher than our annual expense budget of \$140,568.

Our total assets are currently \$82,174, which is \$2,324 greater than a year ago. Our Current Fund Balance is a positive \$19,412, which is \$2,927 less than December, 2024.

Summary of Income and Expenses

(Excluding St. Matthias gift)

	2025 December YTD	2025 Expense Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Total Current Fund Income	\$ 139,113	\$ 140,568	\$ (1,455)
Total Current Fund Expense	\$ 142,040	\$ 140,568	\$ 1,472
Net Income (Loss) - Current Fund	\$ (2,927)	\$ -	\$ (2,927)

Summary of Assets

	Dec. 31, 2025	Dec. 31, 2024	YOY Change
Checking - Members 1st	7,381	17,760	
Savings - Members 1st	2,154	2,082	
Money Market - Members 1st	21,423	10,131	
Mission Investment Accounts	51,216	49,877	
Total Assets	82,174	79,850	2,324

Summary of Current Fund Activity and Balance

	1/1/2025 Beg Balance	Profit (Loss) YTD July 2025	12/31/2025 End Balance	12/31/2024 End Balance
30100 - Unrestricted Current Fund	22,339	(2,927)	19,412	22,339

WISH LIST

- Dishwasher Detergent
- Antibacterial Hand Soap (pump)
- Paper Dessert Plates (6"-7")

*"Do small things
with great love."*

-Mother Teresa-



Thank You for Helping Me Celebrate the 5th Anniversary of My Ordination

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to plan or attended my ordination anniversary celebration at the beginning of December.

I was ordained on December 6, 2020 amidst the ongoing COVID pandemic. Due to the gathering restrictions at the time, I was able to have only about six people in attendance as guests. There could be no congregational singing. For safety reasons, my family who all would have had to travel from out-of-state could not be there but were able to watch remotely, and none of the members of CLC could attend either. Despite all this, the ordination service was deeply meaningful and a fulfillment of many years of study and discernment, but it was still tinged with disappointment in not being able to share it all with all of you.

It is hard to believe that five years have flown by. They have been wonderful years filled with meaningful ministry. It was a blessing and a gift to get the opportunity to celebrate with everyone who could not be there on the Ordination Day. With joy, we could finally sing and worship together and celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit among us, guiding and leading toward our life in Christ together as a community. I look forward with joy and anticipation to the next five years!

With love, Pastor Jenn



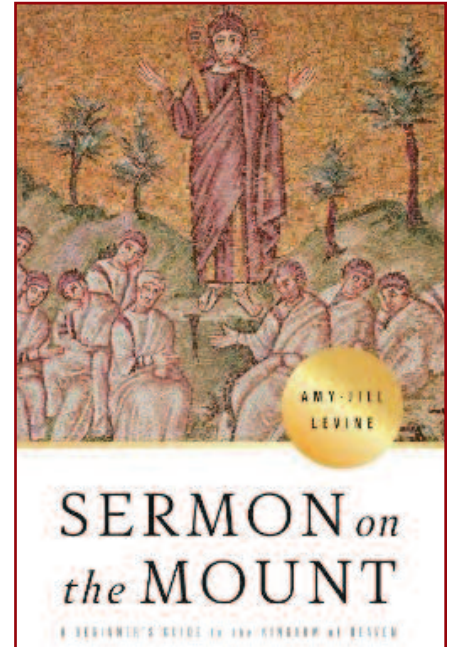
The Bible for Normal People

Want to learn more about the Bible? Join us through the season of Epiphany (thru February 15) for conversation as we explore a variety of online classes offered by the Bible For Normal People (check out their website here: <https://thebiblefornormalpeople.com/>) including “Who in the world wrote the Bible?”....not sure of the answer....come and find out!

During the Lenten Season, we will explore a special six-week series on Jesus’s Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven by New Testament scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. The Sermon on the Mount (as it is known in Matthew’s gospel) is arguably, Jesus’s greatest known sermon with powerful teaching about living a life of discipleship. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How do we become faithful followers? These are all wonderful questions to explore as part of our Lenten devotions. Jesus

says that in him, “the Kingdom of Heaven has come near” – a mysterious promise of grace that invites us to ask “what does this mean?”

For deeper engagement, you can purchase the text to read along with our conversation, but it is not required. Pastor Jenn will guide the conversation so that all can participate.



Memorial Blanket Initiative — 2026

Once again in 2025, the Lower Susquehanna Synod partnered with the Memorial Blanket Initiative which displayed the blanket installation in Denver, Colorado to raise awareness of the homelessness crisis in America. The event took place on December 21, the longest night of the year.

Several members of Christ Lutheran made blankets which were sent along to Denver and ultimately into the hands of a person in need. We pray that the Memorial Blanket Initiative will move people to greater awareness and a conviction that no person should live without access to safe, warm, secure shelter – no matter who they are or where they live. It is a basic human right.

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ (Matthew 25:38-40).

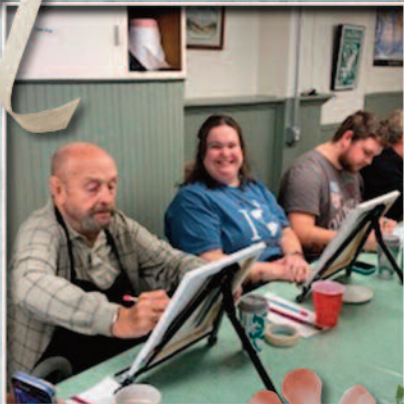
From the synod, “Your blankets were part of

that holy witness, surrounding the vigil with tangible care and compassion. Thank you for showing up with your hands, your time, your prayers, and your love. Thank you for helping us remember. Thank you for helping us bear hope into the cold.”

Watch for coming information on the Memorial Blanket Initiative for 2026. This year’s installation will be in New York. You are invited to join us to learn to crochet a square so that together we can assemble a CLC Blanket that will be part of the 2026 project! Details to come!



< The Things We Do >



Enjoying the annual turkey dinner, the Christmas tree is decorated, the Longest Night service, Christmas Eve Candlelight service, Cookie Sale & Bazaar, Christmas party, Sharing artistic talents at the paint party fundraiser

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GIVING BACK TO THE LORD



In Person

Sunday Service - 11:00 a.m.



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**The Community
is Invited to Our**

**LENTEN
BREAKFAST**

**Tuesday, February 17
9:30 am**

**Christ Lutheran Church
115 Church St.
Duncannon**

**Join us for breakfast and a short
devotional in preparation for Lent**

**A free will offering
will be collected to benefit
Loads of Love**

**In case of bad weather, a
cancellation notice will be
placed on the
This Is Duncannon
facebook page**

*This event is being hosted jointly by the
Duncannon Presbyterian Church and Christ
Lutheran Church*



BREAKFAST MENU INCLUDES:

- ☞ EGG CASSEROLE
- ☞ SAUSAGE & CHEESE PINWHEELS
- ☞ BAKED OATMEAL
- ☞ FRUIT SALAD
- ☞ BAKED GOODS
- ☞ JUICE & COFFEE
- AND, OF COURSE,*
- ☞ FASCHNAUTS!

Join Hands Steps to Stability 5K — Coming April 18

Join Hands Ministry and Perry Human Services are excited to announce their upcoming fundraiser, Steps to Stability 5K — a community event focused on keeping Perry County residents safely housed.

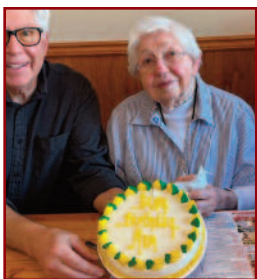
Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 10:00 am at Little Buffalo State Park! Whether you run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines, your participation will directly support local efforts to prevent homelessness and promote housing stability in Perry County.

All funds raised through this event will go toward helping individuals and families in Perry County stay in their homes.

We would love to get a group of folks from CLC to participate! Registration is \$25 per person.

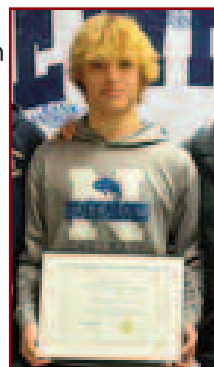
Register Here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Newport/StepsToStability>



Congratulations to Jessie Frye, who recently celebrated her 94th birthday!

Congratulations to Chris Imler on his scholarship award to attend the Wrestling With the Outdoors Leadership Summit in Rifle, Colorado. He is one of only 20 selected to attend this leadership summit. Chris is the grandson of Allan and Shirley Imler.

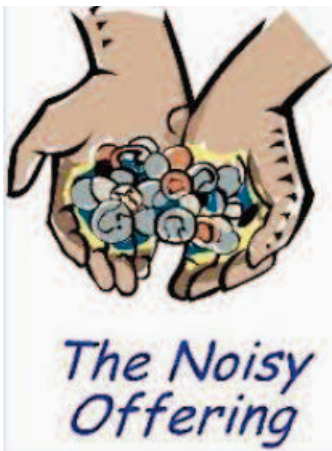


Congratulations to Lynn and Cathy Cooper on the birth their grandson. He was born on January 15 to Shawn and Kayla Cooper.



to Quin Masser, the son of Joni and Keith Masser, and brother to Colton.

Noisy Offering 2025



As part of our mission support, each month, the church council selects a ministry partner for whom we collect a special “noisy” offering on the third Sunday of each month. Listed below are the various ministries who received noisy offering gifts from CLC. If you have suggestions of other non-profit organizations that you would like to

see us support, provide their information to a council member.

- January – Loads of Love
- February – Quilter Fund
- March – Neighbor Helping Neighbor
- April – Lutheran Camping Corporation
- May – Duncannon Assembly of God – AT Hostel
- June – Lower Susquehanna Legacy Fund
- July – Lutheran Disaster Relief
- August - Join Hands
- September – Neighbor Helping Neighbor
- October – Loads of Love
- November – Perry County Literacy Council
- December – Lutheran World Relief

The grand total collected and distributed for the year was \$832.50.

Thank you for your continued contributions!

FAITH
makes all things possible

LOVE
makes all things easy

HOPE
makes all things work

FAMILY
makes life worth living



If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Giant Center, Zoo America or Hersheypark this summer while benefiting the church’s fundraising efforts, please see Sue Masser for more details, including signup dates and specific duties.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 8 - Sunday Evening Bible Study - 4:00 pm

February 9 - Black History Month Series

February 10 - Ham and Green Bean Dinner following worship service

February 12 - Council Meeting - 6:30 pm

February 16 - Black History Month Series

February 17 - Community Lenten Breakfast hosted by CLC

February 18 - Ash Wednesday Service - 5:00 pm

February 23 - Black History Month Series

February 25 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm

March 4 - Midweek Lenten Service - 5:30 pm

March 6 - Book Club - 7:00 pm

March 9 - Black History Month Series

March 11 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
Pastor Matthew Best, guest speaker, will talk about the Memorial Blanket Project

March 18 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm

March 25 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm

March 29 - Palm Sunday - 11:00 am Worship

April 1 - Dinner Church - 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

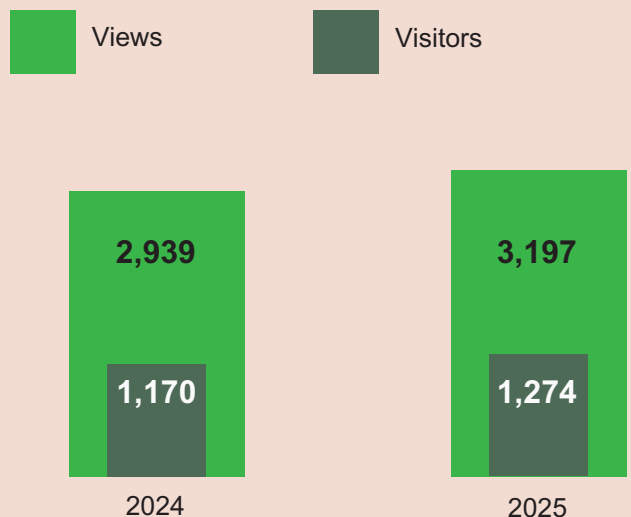
April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service - 5:00 pm

April 3 - Good Friday Service - 5:00 pm

April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 am
Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 am (note time change from normal weekly service)

Website Statistics - 2024 v 2025

As you can see, our website has grown in usage by approximately 9% between visitors and the number of views they transact while on the site. Our site is very interactive — you can find your bulletin there as well as past services with links to view any that you may have missed. The site also contains news feeds on the home page that contain current happenings around the church (see the Toys for Tots post to the left for a sample), and Bible study materials are also available for those wishing to view the readings in advance. Stay tuned for news regarding the refresh of the site planned for early 2026!



Be the Light

Homemade

Happiness



Beef and Tomato Macaroni Soup

1 pound ground beef	because I don't like large pieces of tomato in my soup
1 cup diced onion	½ cup catsup
3 cloves minced garlic	1 ½ tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
6 cups of beef broth	2 tablespoons brown sugar
1-28 oz can chopped tomatoes	1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1-28oz can whole tomatoes	3 cups cooked elbow macaroni
**I prefer using 2-28oz cans of crushed tomatoes	Salt & pepper to taste

Brown ground beef, add onion and garlic near the end. Drain the grease. Place in a crockpot. Add the broth, cans of tomatoes, catsup, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar and Italian seasoning. Add more sugar and/or Worcestershire sauce to taste if needed. Cook on low for 8-10 hours. Add cooked macaroni; let it heat through and serve.



Enjoy! - Cindy Brookhart



Cream of Wild Rice and Chicken Soup

1 Large onion, chopped	3 cups wild rice, cooked
1 Large carrot, shredded	6 oz, cooked, cubed boneless chicken
1 Large celery stalk, chopped	1/4 tsp salt
2 Tbsp Butter	1/4 tsp pepper
1/2 all purpose flour	1 cup fat free evaporated milk
8 cups fat free chicken broth	1/4 cup chives, fresh and snipped

1. In a large sauce pan sauté onion, carrots, and celery in butter until tender. Spoon in flour and stir until blended.

2. Gradually add broth. Stir in rice, chicken, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook and stir for two minutes or until thickened.

3. Stir in milk. Cook 3 to 5 minutes more, until heated through. Ladle into bowls and garnish with chives.



Enjoy! - Lisa Dubay

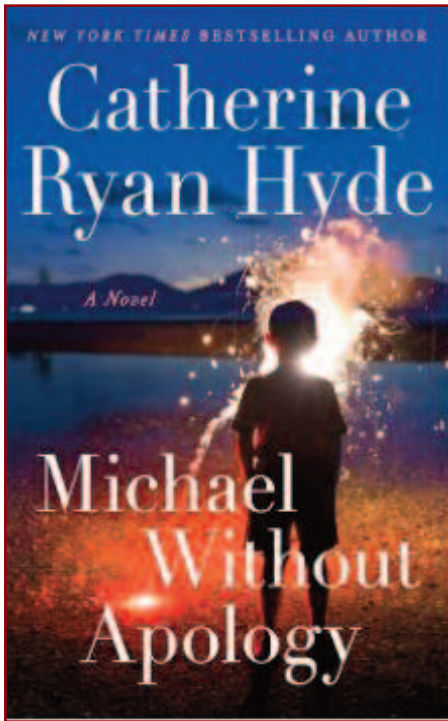


Your Next Read

Join us on March 6 for the next Book Club get together. We will be reading *Michael Without Apology* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. You won't want to miss this one. There is a link to purchase it through Amazon on our website.

Description

A film student struggling with self-acceptance finally stops looking away from his traumatic past in a powerful novel by New York Times best-selling author Catherine Ryan Hyde.



Michael Woodbine was seven years old when a near-fatal fireworks accident scarred him and led to his placement in foster care. Now a college freshman, he is still trying to hide the effects of his trauma from his classmates, his adoptive family, and himself.



When Michael signs up for a film class, he meets Robert Dunning, a teacher who wears his own scars unapologetically. Robert encourages Michael to make a documentary that explores body image and self-perception. Michael places an ad seeking people who feel unattractive and rejected by society—and is surprised to learn that this is essentially everyone. Although some participants are recovering from injuries or surgeries, others are dealing with more everyday factors like aging or the changes to a body from giving birth.

As he collects these stories—and finally tells his own—Michael feels more connected to the world than he ever has before. But he knows his journey of self-acceptance has one more obstacle: his crushing doubts about why his birth parents wouldn't fight to keep him.



CLC Donates to Toys for Tots

Beginning with our Christmas in July service, CLC started collecting unwrapped toys for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program. In early December, eight bags with approximately 50 toys were delivered to the Marine drop off center in Carlisle. The toys were distributed to those in need who live in Cumberland and Perry counties. This was the third year CLC participated in this program. A big thank

These Are Some of the Reasons We Do What We Do



Hello Amazing People of Christ Lutheran Church!
 I wanted to say thank you so much for the spaghetti dinner when I hiked through Duncannon. It was such a cold, Rainy day and as soon as I walked through your door, I was greeted with Warmth and Kindness. You even mailed a post card to my husband for me, and he keeps it displayed in his office because it meant so much to him!
 Thank you so much! Night owl.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor
 FOOD BANK INC.

December 11, 2025

Dear Donor,

On behalf of Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation to the food bank.

Your kindness helps ensure that individuals and families in our community do not go hungry. Because of caring supporters like you, we are able to serve about 1,500 local families in need on a monthly basis.

Your contribution is not only providing food—it's providing hope, dignity, and comfort to our neighbors who need it most. We are truly grateful for your partnership in the fight against hunger.

Please keep this letter for your records. Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and no goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation. Your gift may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. EIN: 85-1937099

Thank you again for your generosity and compassion. Together, we are making a real difference.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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Thank You!
 Food drive
 324 pounds
 \$638.28 value



Dear CLC Family,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gift. We are so grateful for your warm generosity. It has been a blessed year of ministry together & we look forward to the year ahead.

Love,
 Pastor Jenn + Lisa

Praise Be to God

