



The Parish Voice

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
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DON'T FORGET ...

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON
AUGUST 12
TO VOTE ON CALLING PASTOR PAT AS
OUR PERMANENT PASTOR.** *See Page 3 for
further information.*

AND

**MEET OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER ON
AUGUST 14 FROM 12-2 P.M.
COME & MEET LOREI; SHARE SOME SNACKS,
DRINKS, SMILES, & SAY HELLO!**

**Mission Statement of
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

We are called by God to follow Christ's example
and teachings by worshiping, witnessing, learning,
supporting one another, and reaching out to others.



Public Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (unless previously noted in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter). Please feel free to stop by with bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter articles.

Deadlines are:

Bulletin announcements are due in office by Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm.

Newsletter articles are due in office by the 15th of each month (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar).

Deadline for the next newsletter is August 15 with assembly on Thursday, August 23.

Please feel free to e-mail secretary@christlutheranmpa.org with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me..." (Philippians 1:3-7a)

God has blessed our family with three miracles - three amazing, wonderful miracles this year. First, in February, Keith's daughter, Ashley, came through a blood clot in her lung. Second, in May, my youngest son, Justin, survived a broken neck in a truck accident. And now, this month, my oldest son, John, has survived a broken neck in a motorcycle accident. You have helped him and his family through so much - offering gifts of money as well to help his family in his unemployment. I know what St. Paul was feeling when he wrote the words above to his congregation in Philippi. You have made my ministry possible with your love and prayers. You have carried my family - held us up in the loving hands, arms, and heart of Christ's Church. I cannot thank you enough.

Please take time today, as you read this, to look in the mirror at another wonderful miracle God has given us. Smile at that wonderful miracle, and know that we smile right back at you, for the gift of grace that God reveals to us in you.

Pay attention to that cross embedded into your forehead at Baptism. That miracle of miracles is the one that binds us together as brothers and sisters, a family of faith, living in Jesus' love together every day.

God bless you - EVERY one of you.

With much, much love,
Your partner in mission and ministry,

Pastor Pat ☺

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Prayer Concerns . . .



Members, Friends and Family
Eugene Benfer; Maxine Bingaman; Gene & Sandy Buck; Ivy Butterworth; Karen Campbell; Miles Crawford; Rose Deaner; Tim Devane; Cy & Christine Eminhizer; Tony & Pat Fox; Simon Francis; Jeff Frederick; Joyce Frederick; Edith Gray; Shirley Gromlich; Barbara Guy; Paul Heimbach; Mindy Hewitt; Ben Housner; Vicki Jones; Taylor Klees; David King; Thelma Mauger; Audrey Miller; Marc Miller; Margaret Moll; Dan Morgan; Ken Mowery; Robert Newman; Sue Newton; Hunter Page; David Pisani; Jackie Reich; Lynda Phillips; Tony Randall; Florence & Dayton Reese; Jacquanna Reese; James Russell; Judy Schneider; Tammy Schneider; Glenn Snyder; Mackenzie Snyder; June Solomon; Betty Steele; John Taylor; John Tharp; Charles Umpstead; Walsh family; Audrey Wands; Gerald Wands; Bill Wargo; Tonya Wargo; Daniel Weiland; Beth Wertz; Jack Wertz; Bill Wessner; Family of Yvonne Williams; Kathy; Jennifer

Homebound & Special Concerns Members...

Carrie Bastian; Blanche and Kermit Benfer; Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Dr. Ken and Betty Jeanne Callenberger; Edith Coup; Anna DeHart; Gladys Fisher; Irmgard Gordos; Margaret & Tommy Kline; Mary Kathryn Leiby; Helen Manning; Dix and Pauline Reitz; Marguarite Ruth; Connie Sholly; Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Kenneth Webb; Josephine Yocum

Military...

Adam Arndt; Todd Beck Jr.; Amy Brown; Joshua Brown; B. J. Dellinger; Justin Dorman; Matthew Dorman; Daniel Gonzales; Gabriel Gonzales; Justin Gonzales; Christopher Grimsley; Jay Milinichik; Anthony Nudson; Dan Moll; Brandon Rathfon; Ben Rebuck; Glenn Snyder; Eric Strobeck; Todd Twist; Stephanie Ulmer

More prayers needed...

These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue: Kermit & Blanche Benfer; Angela Francis; William Sechler; Wendy Crebs & Alexis Albertson; Frank & Bessie Hartzel; Craig, Jody, Emily, & Sarah McHenry; Anthony & Brett Seibert; Pastor Pat & Family; James Patterson; Diane, Tyler, & Zachary Perrin; Jack P. Aunkst; Patricia Hendricks; Connie Sholly; Terry Benfer; Leroy & Bonnie Hauck; Linda Short

Also, please pray words of thanksgiving to the following leaders who have been such wonderful help to us in both the *transition to a new office manager* and in making our *Vacation Bible School* such a great success this year: Pray for Ruth Greenly, Mae Jones, Donna Spear, Mary Lazor, Mike Lazor, Cora & Bob Weiland, Kellie Brouse, Linea Brouse, Rose Deaner, Kay Dunn, Isobel Feehrer, Heather Martin, Kim Mitch, Betty Morgan, Julia Spear, Rachael Spear, Pam Walsh, and our custodian, John VanKirk.

Remember our leaders and congregational families as you offer your prayers.

Our prayers and love are with the family of Anna MacDonald, mother of **Alice** and **Jerry Roush**. Anna died on July 7, and was buried at Harmony Cemetery in Milton. *"Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen."*

Blessings and congratulations to Michelle & Ryan Maxwell, granddaughter & grandson-in-law of **Frank & Bessie Hartzel**, who were married on Saturday, July 14. *"Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down your grace upon Michelle & Ryan, that they may fulfill the vows they have made and reflect your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other ... use us to support their life together ... from your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage, and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."* (LBW, page 204)

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, August 12, our congregation will hold a special congregational meeting for the purpose of considering a call to Pastor Pat as our permanent pastor. Please plan to attend and offer your voice. In order to vote, you must be a voting member – meaning you are a confirmed member who during the current or preceding calendar year have both communed at Christ Church and made a contribution of record to Christ Church (this means you used your envelope to give an offering). And, according to our Church Constitution, you *must be present* to vote on August 12. There are no proxy ballots.

As you prayerfully consider whether to call Pastor Pat as our permanent Pastor on August 12, you may wish to have a copy of her professional profile that Church Council received when she came to us in 2005. If you would like a copy, please call the Church Office so we can provide that for you.

From the Office Manager

I would like to extend a *big* thank you to Pastor Pat and the members of Christ Church for the warm welcome and encouraging words. I do appreciate your kindness and offerings of assistance.

If you happen to stop by the Church during normal office hours (M-F 10 a.m. – 2 pm.) and find the door locked, please ring the doorbell or feel free to use your key if you have one.

Please note that I will be on vacation August 6-10. Pastor Pat will be in and out of the office. If you have any need to connect with the office while I'm away, please leave a message on the Church phone (742-7473) or call Pastor Pat at 570-768-6705.



Pastor Pat's son, Justin Tharp, is now back to work. Her son, John Tharp, is now at home recuperating and will be for a minimum of three months up to one year. We are all so very grateful for God's miracles and your love. Thank you for your continued prayers.

In the News . . .



Honor Roll:

Milton Middle School: **Linea Brouse, Lauren Byers, Ryan Byers, Brody Gray, Blake Kovilaritch, Kyle Kovilaritch, Rachael Spear, Grant Wargo**; Montandon Elementary: **Courtney Kovilaritch**; Baugher Elementary: **Chloe Abell, Sydney Blosser, Julia Spear, Ashley Winner**

Red Cross Volunteer Service: **Frank & Bessie Hartzel**

High School Prom Court: **Vanessa Schneider**

AARP Officers: **Kathleen Burch, Ida Snyder, Glenn Snyder, Betty Baumer, Jim Seidel**

If we've missed any newsmakers this month, please call or bring in your clippings so we can include them in next month's issue.

Thanks!

Thank You Notes

From our graduates:

Thank you so much for the book and keychain. They were thoughtful gifts and I'm sure the book will come in useful during college. Thanks. – **Vanessa Schneider**



Thank you very much for the card and graduation gifts, "The Student Bible Dictionary" and key ring. I'm sure the dictionary will come in handy in the next few years. – **Kevin Johnson**

Vets Helping Vets



Christ United Lutheran Church (Four Bells Church) has begun a ministry for our service veterans. Veterans from the congregation and Pastor John Yost

will host a group for veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. Meetings will be the first and third Thursdays beginning August 2 at CULC (Four Bells Church), Route 45, Millmont. The ministry is going to focus on Union County veterans, but will be open to all who wish to take part. Contact Mike Glennon at 966-9431 for more information.



Treasurer's Report for June

	Begin. Balances 1/01/07	Receipts thru 6/30/07	Expenses thru 6/30/07	Curr. Balances 6/30/07
Current Expenses	1,743.18	65,224.01	-64,759.15	2,208.04
Synod Commitment	0	0	0	0
Local Benevolences	0	5,755.20	-4,373.90	1,381.30
Building Fund	8,790.44	1,052.25	0	9,842.69
Parking Lot Fund	6,000.00	0	0	6,000.00
TOTALS	16,533.62	72,031.46	-69,133.05	19,432.03
Year-End Projections:				
Average Receipts per week				2,609.00
NEED per week to MEET Budget				-2,629.00
Year-End Projections	135,668	-136,693		-1025.00

August Anniversaries

Sonya & Michael Hamilton	8/3	5 years
James & Brenda Bartlett	8/4	6 years
Leroy & Florence Ishler	8/13	47 years
Dale & Patricia Bender	8/16	57 years
Robert & Deborah Greenly	8/18	23 years
Tracy & Pauline Guffey	8/21	25 years
Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger	8/25	60 years
Scott & Mary Freeman	8/28	9 years



August Birthdays

Roseann Walsh	8/1
Kathy Longenberger	8/3
Ryan Francis	8/4
Laurie Mull	8/5
Zachary Perrin	8/5
Stephen Albertson	8/7
Cortney Bennett	8/7
Donald Fisher	8/8
Betty Hagenbuch	8/8
Dix Reitz	8/8
Deana Kovilaritch	8/10
Kellie Brouse	8/12
Nathan Mullin	8/12
Kimberly Bastian	8/13
Karen Lubrecht	8/13
Kurt Umholtz	8/15
Maxine Jones	8/16
Anna Catherine Snyder	8/17
Garrett Beck	8/18
Blaine Poeth	8/18
Carol Reed	8/18
Margaret Kline	8/19
Patsy Aunkst	8/23
Kurt Seidel	8/27
Sandra Buck	8/28
Donald Steeley	8/30
Craig McHenry	8/31

Upper Susquehanna Synod Calls a New Bishop!

At Synod Assembly, God called the Rev. Robert Driesen, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, as our next bishop. Bishop-elect Driesen will begin his ministry Sept. 7, with his installation to be held on October 21.

Bishop Main will continue to serve us this summer and then begin his retirement. We give thanks for his ministry and that of his wife, Carol. We will miss them among us. A service to celebrate Bishop Main's ministry will be held August 18 at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, at 2:30 p.m.

Please pray for our Synod, for Bishop Main and Bishop-elect Driesen, and especially for our Synod staff, as we face both the blessings and challenges of change. God's Holy Spirit has led us here together and will continue to guide and direct our ministry together.

Looking for Work?

Country Comfort Assisted Living is hiring students for part time work on evenings Monday through Friday and days and evenings on weekends. The job includes food preparation, food serving, and dishwashing. No experience is necessary. You must be 16 years of age or older. If you are interested in completing an application, call Rose Bolich at 568-1090 or 568-8433

Choir Rehearsal Begins



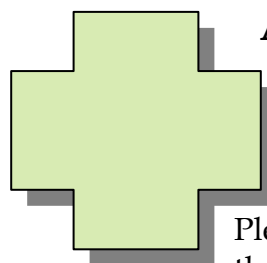
Senior Choir rehearsal will begin with practices on August 22 and August 29 at 7:30 p.m. Plan to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Military Packages

It is time again to honor our friends and family in the military. While we have kept them in our prayers, and will continue to do so, we will be gathering items for boxes to be mailed August 11, 2007.

Items requested are: disposable razors, tooth brushes/dental floss, foot powder, eye drops, saline drops/spray, Q-tips, baby wipes, gum, hand/body lotion, snack-pack size pudding (no jello) & small sewing kits. Please try and get travel size if available. A box will be placed in the Narthex for donations.

Please, if there is a change of address for any one, please contact Penny Ulmer at 437-3632 or pulmer@bucknell.edu of the change. We want to ensure the packages are received.



American Red Cross

Food Bank—The Red Cross is collecting cereal for the month of August. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Thank you.

Bloodmobile— August 1 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Tutors Are Needed

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Milton Area Homework Club sponsored by the Milton YMCA. The Club is for elementary and middle school students. The program starts September 4 and will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, contact Ann Lawton, Program Director, at 742-7321.

Another Thank You ... Thank you for the flowers, visits, cards, and phone calls while I was in the hospital and now at home. They were greatly appreciated. Thanks to Pastor Pat for her visits and phone calls. God Bless. -Joyce Frederick

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Cottage Meetings Results

Likes

Pastor	People are comfortable with her Personable Her work with confirmands Her Gift of Mercy
Congregation	Nurturing & Caring Able to speak openly and others listen Better attendance
General	Various Service Times Christmas Day Service

Dislikes

Pastor	Length of Children's Sermons Availability
Congregation	Lack of Commitment Lack of Youth Lack of Staffed Nursery Lack of Greeters Poor Stewardship
General	Length of Service Applause during worship

What We Are Frightened About

Dissention
Lack of Youth
Lack of Young Families
In five years time the church could be closed
Giving
Aging Congregation

Nominating Committee

After prayer and discernment, the church council selected the following people to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2007: Kellie Brouse, Rose Deaner, Ed Coup, Peggy Neuhard, Barbara Gray, and Mary Steeley.

Our Nominating Committee met in June and July to pray and discern God's calling for candidates to serve on our congregational council in 2008. Believing that the Church is under the direction of God, the process is surrounded and permeated with prayer for guidance in discerning those persons whom God is calling to his ministry. Ultimately, the nominating committee will present a candidate for every vacancy on the council (three people for 2008).

Thank you to all of you who have submitted names for prayer. You have been very helpful in the nominating process.

The committee will soon be contacting those whom God has led them to consider Council leadership ministry in 2008.

We will vote for Council members at our November congregational meeting. Nominations for Council will be received from the nominating process as well as any nominees that may be made from the congregation at that meeting.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance as all involved discern God's call.

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August Worship Participants

Altar Guild: Kay Dunn, Betty Baumer, Laurie Fisher

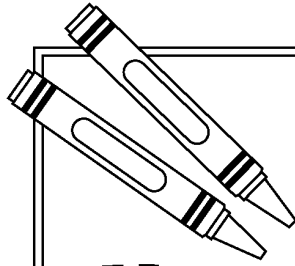
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Aug. 5	Larry Gray, Pete Ishler, Jack Plotts, Lee Yost	A - Ashley Winner L - Betty Eskildson S - Bebe Bolich & Rose Bolich SS - Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister - Kellie Brouse
Aug. 12	Don & Laurie Fisher, Glenn & Ida Snyder	A - Julia Spear L - Laurie Fisher S - Ed Coup & Penny Ulmer SS - Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister - Mae Jones
Aug. 19	Kellie Brouse, Kim Mitch, John & Trent Wargo	A - Grant Wargo L - Nancy Walters S - Heather Martin & Rose Deaner SS - Stephen Moll Prayer Team Minister - Mary Lazor
Aug. 26	Rose & Terry Deaner, Gerald & Ruth Greenly	A - Sydney Blosser L - Mary Lazor S - Bebe Bolich & Rose Bolich SS - Stephen Moll Prayer Team Minister - Rose Bolich

If you are unable to participate on the dates you are scheduled this month, we would ask that you please contact the following people so arrangements can be made for someone to take your place:

Altar Guild:	Rose Bolich	568-8433
Ushers, Lectors, Servers & Sound System:	Church Office	742-7473
Acolytes, Crucifers, & Torchbearers:	Kellie Brouse	742- 2115

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 2007			1 1-6 pm- Bloodmobile 4 pm-Quiet Communion	2 2 pm-Bible Study	3	4 7 pm- Worship
5 10th Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am-Worship at Trinity 10:30-Holy Eucharist at Christ	6 <i>10:30 am - ELCMA mtg. @ Synod Office</i> 8/6-8/10 Office Mgr. Vacation	7 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i> 6 pm-Potluck & Council @ Rose Deaner's house	8 4 pm-Quiet Communion	9 2 pm-Bible Study <i>10:30 am - Worship @ Kramm's, Milton 2:30 pm - Worship @ Kramm's, Watson- Town</i>	10	11 9-11 am- Leader- ship Retreat 7 pm- Worship
12 11th Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am-Worship at Trinity 10:30-Holy Eucharist at Christ w/ Congregational Mtg.	13 7 pm - Worship & Music Mtg.	14 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i> 12-2 p.m. Meet the Office Mgr.	15 4 pm-Quiet Communion	16 2 pm-Bible Study	17 <i>8/17-8/19 Pastor Pat away - son, Jeremy's wedding in VA</i>	18 2 pm- Retireme nt Service for Bishop Main @ Zion Lutheran, Sunbury 7 pm- Worship
19 12th Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am-Worship at Trinity 10:30-Holy Eucharist at Christ Home Communion	20	21 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	22 4 pm-Quiet Communion	23 9 am- Newsletter Assembly 2 pm-Bible Study	24	25 7 pm- Last Sat. Worship
26 13th Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 am-Worship at Trinity 10:30-Holy Eucharist at Christ	27	28 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i> 6:30 pm- Finance Mtg.	29 4 pm - Quiet Communion	30 2 pm - Bible Study	31	
Text Key: Bold - Christ Lutheran Events <i>Italics - Pastor Pat's Activities</i> Plain - Community Events						

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Just for **KIDS**

Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (*The bold letters are the first letters of the words.*)



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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."