



# CHRIST CHURCH CRUX

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

[www.christgettysburg.org](http://www.christgettysburg.org)

May 2024

## SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

The Property Committee needs your help to finish some projects and work on some new ones on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 8:00a.m. – noon. You don't need to come and spend the whole day, just give one hour to help take care of our church facilities. The Property Committee will provide job cards and the supplies needed to do the job.

Some of the items that need to be done are:

- Cleaning Windows
- Uncovering air conditioners
- Distributing Fans
- Touch-up painting
- Painting a bathroom
- Washing exterior doors and windowsills
- Removing wax from pew cushions and reversing them.

- Cleaning and waxing the woodwork in the nave.
- Checking refrigerators
- Defrosting refrigerators
- Cleaning the stove and microwaves
- Decluttering where needed, in preparation for the Treasure Sale
- Checking and changing light bulbs



We all have our own homes to maintain, but we must work together to maintain God's house. If you have any questions call Bill Chantelau 337-9623. [william\\_chantelau@comcast.net](mailto:william_chantelau@comcast.net)

## TREASURE SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 8AM - 2PM

We are excited to learn that many are interested in participating in the Treasure Sale to be held at Christ Lutheran on May 18, the same day as the Gettysburg Antique Sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support historic Christ Lutheran Church. Ways to participate:

### **Bring your Items to Sell**

1. Contact a committee member (list below) and request a table(s) to display your items. Items should be clean and in good condition and able to be displayed on participant's table(s) or in boxes under table, visible to shoppers. All items should be priced by the participant. **Unacceptable items: Clothes** (accessories, such as purses, scarves, gloves are acceptable)
2. Deliver and arrange your priced items on the table(s) you requested during the week of May 13-17. Church will be open to receive items that week at any of the following times:
  - Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 1 -3 PM
  - Tuesday, Friday from 5-7PM
3. Pick up unsold items at one of the following times:
  - a. Saturday, May 18, 2-5PM
  - b. Sunday, May 19, 1-2PM (those items not picked up on Saturday will be available for sale Sunday morning after worship through 1:00).



### **Bake Cookies, Brownies, Fudge to be sold at the Treasure Sale**

1. Sign up on the Bridge
2. Prepare and package individual zip-lock bags, each containing two servings (reduces handling)
3. Deliver on Friday, May 17, 1-3PM or 5-7PM

### **Volunteer for a Two-Hour Shift on the Day of the Sale**

Sign up on the Bridge or contact a committee member (see below)

### **Shop on the Day of the Sale and Spread the Word**

#### **Questions: Just ask any Treasure Sale Committee member**

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## COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!



The Holy Scriptures depict God's Spirit in a variety of ways. In Genesis the Spirit moves across the waters at the dawn of creation. The angel Gabriel informs Mary that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and the power of the Most High will overshadow her to accomplish the birth of God's Son, Jesus. At our Lord's baptism the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove. Jesus described the Spirit as a Paraclete, an advocate, who would be with his followers after he was gone. After his resurrection Christ exhorts his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Triune name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Acts the Spirit comes to the early church in a rush of wind and in tongues of fire. The Spirit enables them to speak in other languages. The Spirit grants them understanding even as they speak of God's deeds of power in different languages they hear one another in their own native languages. The Spirit unites them on that first Pentecost Day in their mission to share the

Gospel. Paul notes that the Spirit is at work in our lives bearing fruit. The fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in the book of Galatians include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. The activity, presence, and impact of the Holy Spirit is significant. In faith we trust that God's Spirit is at work in the world and in our lives. It creates and nurtures our faith. It inspires us to faithful service, discipleship and to share God's good news. It moves in and through all creation throughout time and space cultivating peace, justice, and love.

Each Pentecost Sunday the church celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit. This year that is Sunday, May 19. We invite worshippers to wear red that day. Consider sponsoring a geranium (which you can take home after worship) to help decorate the sanctuary. The Pentecost account from Acts 2:1-21 accounts how the early church heard of God's deeds of power all in their own languages. Once again, this year the Scripture readings will be read in several global languages and please contact me if you are interested in helping with the readings that day.

We see the Holy Spirit at work at Christ Lutheran. This May and June we will receive new members and we look forward to officially welcoming them to this faith community. We rejoice and give thanks to God for the many gifts, talents, energy, and skills they have brought and continue to bring to congregational life.

On Pentecost Sunday we will recognize our congregation's high school graduates. These students have enriched our community of faith and the wider community throughout their lives. In 2019 many in this group of seniors were part of the largest confirmation class at Christ Lutheran since 1876. As they prepare for new endeavors, we will pray for them asking for God's Spirit to guide and be present with them.

The Spirit's work is visible as the congregation council has been leaning into a strategic planning process to offer direction and focus for the congregation as we move forward into the future. I see God's Spirit at work as the congregation gathers to worship, sing and ring, learn, and serve. The fruits of the Spirit that you each share makes a difference in our community of faith and in the lives of those in need here and around the world.

This month as we reflect on the work and presence of God's Holy Spirit, may that Spirit deepen your faith and inspire you to offer your Spirit-given gifts in service to God and others. Come Holy Spirit Come!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Stephen Herr

## MAY WORSHIP NOTES



### **PENTECOST SUNDAY: MAY 19**

\*Wear **RED**

\*Sponsor a geranium

\*Help read the Scriptures in a global language – contact Pastor Herr if interested

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY – MAY 19**

Join us at worship on Pentecost Sunday as we recognize this year's high school graduates at the 10:30 a.m. service. A reception will follow in the social room. Way to go Class of 2024! Godspeed and congratulations!



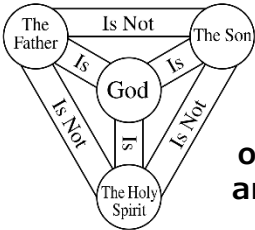
**Contemporary Worship - Sundays, May 5 and June 2.** Join us at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly contemporary service. Instrumentalists and vocalists interested in participating in the band are welcome and should contact Gretchen Carlson at [glm5cz@virginia.edu](mailto:glm5cz@virginia.edu)

**WORSHIP LEADERS** continue to be needed. Sign up at [www.christgettysburg.org](http://www.christgettysburg.org) or by calling the church office. Your help makes a difference!

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING**...if you are interested in serving as a lector, usher, assisting minister or communion assistant sign up for one of the following training sessions by contacting the church office.

Wednesday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary



### **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 26**

Join us for worship as we explore the mysteries of the Holy Trinity. We will be using the Athanasian Creed and need three readers at each service to help present it.

Contact the church office if interested.



Spring is here, and summer is not far behind. Now is the time to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for the summer months. Available dates are June 9, 30, July 7, 14, 28, August 18.



Sign up on the bulletin board on the bridge. Provide wording for the bulletin and billing information by either completing a paper form located near the calendar OR completing the form online: <https://forms.gle/mUKcrE4apgK8TR4N8> Please use a separate form for each date you'd like

to sponsor. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to the altar flower coordinator, Lori Lupolt, [lgupolt@gmail.com](mailto:lgupolt@gmail.com)

**Save the Date!**

**Flag Day**

**June 14, 2024**

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship. We will be having a potluck luncheon to celebrate Flag Day at 12 noon on June 14, 2024 in the Social Room. Think red, white, and blue in your food preparation and your attire.

## **MUSIC! Gettysburg!**

On May 5, the Gettysburg Children's Choir (a nationally acclaimed group) will end its season, and bid farewell to its director, Matt Carlson, as he ventures on to graduate study.

On May 12, the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra will be joined by the sterling pianist Thomas Pandolfi for its traditional Mother's Day concert.

On May 19, we'll welcome Eric Fennell, a Gettysburg College grad now a star of European opera theaters, in a concert with James Day, the director of the Sunderman Conservatory on the guitar.

**All of these are at 4 PM and all are free. Please join us at the Seminary Chapel.**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School concludes on May 19 and will resume September 8!**

### **Save the Date! - June 3-7, 2024**

Vacation Bible School

9:00 -11:45 p.m.

St. James Lutheran Church

Sponsored by Christ Lutheran and St. James Lutheran Churches

Thrivent members...if you are willing to help provide funding by using a Thrivent Action Team to support VBS - please contact Pastor Herr.



Register your child here.



Volunteer to help here.

**The Good Books Group** will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joe and Debra Vought (389 Friendship Lane, Gettysburg). The group will discuss the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Please contact Debra Vought (dvought56@verizon.net or 540-421-0896) if you have questions. In June, the group will discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. **Adult Forum** meets in the social room or on Zoom. **Sunday School for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** is held on the third floor of the Christian education building.

**ADULT FORUM** - Sundays May 5, 12, 19: 9:15-10:15 a.m. Social room or via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88632774631> Meeting ID: 886 3277 4631

In May we will conclude our introduction to Lutheranism course using Daniel Erlander's *Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*. All are welcome!

May 5: A Way of Teaching

May 12: A Way of Following

May 19: Wrap Up and Year in Review

**BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10:00am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86770814205>

Meeting ID: 867 7081 4205 By phone: +1-301-715-8592

**THEOLOGY STUDY *Into the Danger Zone***, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82470018992?pwd=Q1FmeWk5VG55U21Nb1FpbGdrenphdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 7001 8992

Passcode: 755815

**GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

Cost - \$6.00

Deadline to order – May 10

Please complete the form and mail to the church office.

No. of pots \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**



**THANKS** to all who helped with the **Ruth's Harvest** pack out on April 24 and throughout this school year.

**FINAL Franklin Friends Pack Out** for the school year will be on **Wednesday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m.** at

Flohr's Lutheran Church, 595 Flohrs Church Rd, McKnightstown, PA 17343.

This normally takes 30 -40 minutes. For more information contact Pastor Herr. Thanks for all who have helped this school year.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**God's Work Our Hands Service Day is Sunday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars now to help make a difference in our community!

**Youth News**

**FINAL RISE AND SHINE YOUTH BREAKFAST** on May 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the social room. Join us for a great breakfast as we celebrate the 2023-2024 school year. Breakfast will include homemade cinnamon rolls from guest chefs! Thanks to April Guest Chefs Andy Keyser and Toby Bortner who made Made To Order Omelets!



**ARCHIVES TOUR A FUN SUCCESS!**

Over twenty persons gathered at United Lutheran Seminary on April 17 for worship, lunch and a tour of the seminary archives by Christ Lutheran member and ULS archivist Victoria Jesswein. After participating in worship led by the Rev. Dr. Maria Erling (also a CELC member), Victoria, and Cantor Cathy Elkiss, the group enjoyed lunch in the Refectory catered by the Ragged Edge. An archives tour included the opportunity to see rare books including a first edition 1580 Book of Concord and several archival materials relating to Christ Lutheran Church. A tour of the facility afforded Victoria to share some of Samuel Simon Schmucker's China set and a Union Calvary sword both part of the ULS collection. All in all a great day! Thanks to all who planned, led and participated.



## April 21, 2024 Council Concisely

The April meeting of the congregation council was held on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 12:30

- The minutes of the Marh 19, 2024, meeting were accepted.
- Victoria Jesswein was elected as a voting member to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly.
- A congregation meeting was called to approve the 2024-2025 preschool budget for June 9 before both morning services.
- Pastor Herr's written report was accepted.
- Treasurer Lyle Ask's written report was accepted.
- The congregation council was authorized to develop a position description for an AV person to be written by representatives of both the Personnel and Worship & Music committees.
- A motion that the congregation council begin in the hiring process for AV after the job description is completed was approved.
- The meeting was adjourned, and the congregation council went into retreat mode at 12:45.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing:** Walt Hess, Larry Barbour, Rene Fredette, Virgil Gibson, Marty Schroeder, Jeff Evans, Karl Held, Dan Miller, Mike Ropka, Charles Bedsworth, Kelli Payne, Judy Champ, Len and Sharon Andrews, Avis Schwab, Gregory Kuzniar, Suzanne Schwarz, Sheryl Jesswein, Beverly Weisenreder, Kathy McKay-Siegel, Zac Gorsuch, Morris Richey, Brian Keller, Marilyn Szpakowski, Sharon and Chris Dougherty, Lois Wolf, Diane Curtis, Brian Keller, Ron Frew, Logan Miller, Linka Pospichalova, Shirley Gladfelter, Mary De La Cruz, John Heaton, Linda Sochowski, Rob Ferree, Kathy Johnson, Douglas Barbour, Andrew Nyblade, Jim Gallagher, Susan Kohler, Craig Ground, Donna Marie Bates, Will Chantelau, Bill Deptula, Lauren Hotaling

**We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces:** Chase David, Bryce Evans, Jacob Romero (grandson of Pat) and Mark Dende, Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law), Alex and Benjamin Vogel (grandsons of Martha and Roger Nelson, Nephews of Dave and Kris Nelson), Anthony Saunders (son of Mike and Sharon Saunders) Scott Wilkinson (Mary Jo Bedsworth's nephew), Lee Nyblade (grandson of June Nyblade)

**We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities:** Betty Myers, Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Walter Nyblade, Jane English, Pam Vingsness

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/4 – Norma Kumerow, Sharon Smith  
5/5 – Bryan Wasylyk, Bennett Mares  
5/7 – Yvonne Myers  
5/8 – Larry Conover, Eileen Luley  
5/10 – Russell Campbell  
5/11 –Melinda Warren-Elnaggar  
5/12 – Allison Scheungrab  
5/14 – Lori Lupolt

5/19 – Kaitlyn Hillis  
5/20 – Bryce Evans, Joanne Stenman,  
Nuam Hau  
5/21 – Harry Nelson, Angela Krapp,  
William Steinacker  
5/23 – Treva Bream, Ed McKay  
5/25 – Karen Williard  
5/30 – Kristin Rice

### MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

H. Lee and Ann Brumback	May 2, 1970	Geoffrey and Kaitlin Hillis	May 13, 2017
Pat and Rick Miller	May 3, 1974	Amy and Jeff Zimmerman	May 19, 2006
Tonia &Michael O'Donnell	May 4, 2012	Larry and Darla Conover	May 22, 1971
Karen and Keith Landry	May 5, 2001	Dave and Kristen Nelson	May 24, 1997
Dustin and Erin Rhoads	May 12, 2012	Joseph and Jennifer Blaney	May 27, 2000
Shaun and Camie Stouck-Phiel	May 12, 2012	Bruce and Leslie Carbaugh	May 30, 1992