



# Milton Lutheran Parish Newsletter

*Serving God through faith formation, worship, service, evangelism, and fellowship*

November 2019

## A Brief Look . . .

Sunday Worship Services for the month of November are at Christ at 9:30 am.

Mid-Week Worship service is each Wednesday at 3 pm at Christ Lutheran.

Weekly Bible Study is held Mondays at 7 pm at Christ or Tuesdays at 9:30 am at Trinity. Pick your time!

Annual Organ Recital is Sunday, November 3, at 2 pm at Christ Lutheran.

Councils meet Tuesday, November 19, at Christ Lutheran. Parish Council is at 5:30 and Combined Council is at 6:00.

Congregational Meetings are Sunday, November 24

Next Free Community Meal at Christ is Sunday, December 8 at 5 pm.

Visit the Milton Lutheran Parish Website for more information!

[miltonlutheranparish.faith/](http://miltonlutheranparish.faith/)

## Message from Deacon Schaeffer

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying this beautiful fall weather. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, I wanted to take some time this month and offer a word of Thanks.

Thank you all for being so inviting and welcoming since my arrival in September. It has been a wonderful gift to get to know so many of you. I'm thankful for the opportunities for us to gather in worship, bible study, committees, fellowship, and individual conversations.

I am also thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit that is alive and well in the Parish. It's exciting to see the joy and excitement that comes when the Parish participates in ministry together. It's also exciting to see people from both churches growing closer together in their relationship with God and one another.

As we look forward into November, I'm thankful for the opportunity that we have to continue our conversations with each other. We are also looking forward to doing more work together as a community of faith in preparation for when you call your permanent Pastor.

My prayer for us this month is that we all find a sense of belonging and purpose as a community as we be reminded of all the things we have to be thankful for.

With God's Love,

Gary

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## November Congregational Meetings

On Sunday, November 24, meetings for both Trinity and Christ congregations will be held during our combined service at Christ Lutheran. Annual budgets for 2020, constitution updates, and Parish council member are topics for discussion and vote.

### Family Christmas Eve Service

The time is fast approaching to prepare for the children/youth led Christmas Eve worship at Trinity. We are seeking kids to serve as leaders, readers, ushers, acolytes, and share their gifts of music and/or dance. If you know of another way you may like to participate that would be great too. Participants will have their materials in advance and a practice will be held on Saturday, December 21, time to be determined. Please contact Mindy at [mindelle2@ptd.net](mailto:mindelle2@ptd.net) or 570-742-7146 if you would be interested in participating. All are welcome.

### Christmas Cookie Bar & Cookie Exchange

There will be a Christmas Cookie Bar and cookie exchange at Trinity on December 15<sup>th</sup> after the combined service. Make your favorite cookie to enjoy and share. See Bridgette Reish Coup for more info. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule at Christ. Or call Donna at the office.

### Bible Study

It is not too late to be a part of this year's bible study. The book, "A Jesus Shaped Life" can be purchased (or downloaded for Kindle app) on Amazon or through Donna Riccio at the church office. Bible Study is Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm at Christ Lutheran or 9:30 to 11 am at Trinity Lutheran. Pick your preferred time and come and join the conversation.

### USS ARK

USS Ark is a monthly newsletter highlighting ministries in the Synod. Visit this link at the Upper Susquehanna Synod website to read the latest edition <https://www.uss-elca.org/uss-ark/>. Or, pick up a copy at either church building.

### Constitution Update

Christ Lutheran's constitution has been updated to reflect the changes recommended by the ELCA, and will be discussed and approved at our November 24 congregational meeting. The updated draft can be viewed on the Parish website on the Documents page (<https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/documents>). You may also request a hard copy prior to the November meeting from our Parish Office Administrator by calling either office.

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## Mission Trip to Liberia

Claire Weisner will be going on a mission trip to Liberia in January 2020 to learn more about what our synod and the church in Liberia are doing together. If any member of either church would like to contribute to help her with this trip, please indicate on your envelope a special offering and how much. Checks can be made out to Trinity and the total of the gifts will be added to the \$500 donation the church is giving. Please make your gift no later than 12/29/19 to support Claire on this amazing mission trip.

## Happy Birthday Dr. Klinetob

Dr. Richard Klinetob is turning 100 years old on November 14. He will not be in the area, so we cannot have a party! But, it would be wonderful if everyone could take time to send him a card. The address is: Richard Klinetob, c/o the Harrisons, 2026 Upper Lake Drive, Reston, VA 20191

## Worship Service Schedule

All Sunday Morning Services are at 9:30 am!

November – at Christ Lutheran  
December – Services at Trinity Lutheran  
January – Services at Christ Lutheran  
February – Services at Trinity Lutheran  
March – Services at Christ Lutheran  
April – Services at Trinity Lutheran

Times and locations of special services such as Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, etc. will be announced ahead of time.

## Spooky Indoor Trick or Treat

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Thank you to everyone who gave their time, support, and candy for this year's Spooky Indoor Trick or Treat! It was a fun and sweet time for all!! Boo!! To see more pictures of this event, visit the Parish website's Photo Gallery Page:

<https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/photo-gallery>



## Milton Lutheran Parish Fellowship Ministry Kickoff Event

"Dessert Fellowship Night"

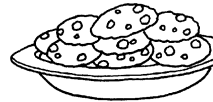
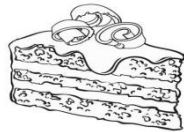
Sunday, November 17

6:00 – 8:00 pm

At Christ Lutheran Church

Bring a dessert to share ~ Drinks will be provided

Invite friends, family, and other members of the parish. Assist in providing transportation for others, if needed. Please plan to attend to enjoy each other's company and a variety of dessert options.



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

Matt Trapane 11/2

Susan Trate 11/3

Bill Bloom 11/7

Alice Parsons 11/7

Heather Reitz 11/8

Caitlyn Solomon 11/8

Lynnette Weisner 11/10

Richard Klinetob 11/14

Connie Stover 11/15

Cindy Kopyscianski 11/18

Bill Heimbach 11/19

Allene Engleman 11/20

Mary Solomon 11/21

Chris Trate 11/22

Terry Deaner 11/23

### **Anniversaries**

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Rich & Rose Handy 11/5

# prayer Requests



Matt & Laura  
Spangler  
11/10  
Nick &

Donna Riccio 11/22

John & Sue Warfel 11/22

Stephanie Byers 11/24

Donna Spear 11/25

Pat Bender 11/27

Ron Mull 11/29

## Milton Lutheran Parish Prayer Concerns

*Members, Friends and Family of Milton Lutheran Parish Prayer List*

Wanda Aikey, Glenda Arnold, Patsy Aunkst, Linda Bastian, Rodney Bastian, Betty Baumer, Carolyn Beach, Pam Belkins, Julie Benshoff, Karen Bergan, Harry Berger, Mary Billhime, Georgia Boyer, Brian Breed, Betty Callenberger, Caroline Jean Carter, Tracy Coleman, Donna Collins, Barbara Coup, Mary Jane & Melvin Crist, David, Rose Deaner, Terry Deaner, Jordan Deitrick, Travis Deitrick, Anthony DeLong, Ken Delp, Frank Dominick, Peggy Drum, Matt Edinger, Terry Eisenhuth, Deniene Enders, Quentin Erb, Jaime Evock, Jim Evock, Judy Farr, Teresa Feese, George & Joanie Fisher, Helen Fisher, Charlene Francis, Robert Francis Jr., Friends, Ken Gaugler, Sean Gay, Ann Gelnett, Edith Getz, Martha Jean & Gary Gill, Patricia Gitschlag, Gerald Greenly, Kimberly Handy, Valerie Handy, Neil Hauger, John Heffelfinger, Doris Heffelfinger, Emily Heintzelman, Mary Wagner Hines, Florence Ishler, Evelyn Kelley, Ronnie Kessler, Curtis Klodnikie, Bill Lebard, Ray & Dottie Leeser, Brookson Lehman, Danny Leitzel, Tom Martin, Marvin, Nancy Mensch, Shannon Moll, Rod Moore, Ron Mull, Ed Nelson, Jonathan Noaker, Mark Nolder, Oren Oberlin, Linda Parrish, Dorithi Jean Poeth, Bob Queen; Helen & Leroy Reinard, Henry Reinsborrow, Nick Riccio, Bill Rothermel, Alice Roush, Mark Rudisill, John Shaffer, Jean Shirk, Connie Sholly, David Seibert, Barb Smith, Cathy Smith, Gordy Smith, Janet Smith, Janet Timms, Keisha Trimble, Fran Valentine, Karen Walters, Nancy Walters, Shirley Wargo, Nancy Weikel, Mike & Lynnette Weisner, Linda Wenrich, Ava Westhaupt, Jeannine Wilkerson, Erick Wood, Sheri Yingling, Darlas Yost, Harold Webb, George Zeyn.

### **Those serving in the military:**

Kristen Bastian, Matthew Dorman, Jeremiah Fisher, Stephen Himes, Cody Pursley, Cody Messinger, Tyler Sokolas and Trent Wargo.

### **Our leaders, guides, & activities:**

Deacon Schaeffer, Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries, Bishop B.J. Collins, Synod Staff, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, our Parish Call Committee, Mutual Ministry Team, Parish Council, Parish Stewardship, Christian Ed Ministry and Spiritual Growth Ministry.

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**PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST EACH WEEK IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN AND LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANYONE WHO NEEDS ADDED OR CAN BE REMOVED.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PRAYER WARRIORS!**

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**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE** **Office Hours** – 8 am-3:30 pm  
Trinity-Mon.-Fri. mornings  
Christ- Mon.-Fri. afternoons

**Deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 20. Any items received after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will not be in the newsletter.** Please **e-mail** the Parish Office Administrator with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles or drop them off at either church.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 Church Phone- 570-742-7473  
Parish Office Administrator – [driccio@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:driccio@christlutheranmpa.org)

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 Church Phone-570-742-4601  
Parish Office Administrator- [tlcmilton@ptd.net](mailto:tlcmilton@ptd.net)

Milton Lutheran Parish Website: <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/>

Deacon Gary Schaeffer – Interim

Parish Council Members

Don Fisher - President  
Bill Heimbach - Vice President  
Joe Yaiko - Secretary  
Rich Handy - Treasurer  
Donna Spear  
Lynnette Weisner

2019 Christ Council Members

Donna Spear - President  
Tonya Wargo - Vice President  
Penny Ulmer - Secretary  
Rich Handy, Treasurer  
Kellie Brouse  
Kay Dunn  
Don Fisher  
Nancy Mensch  
Nancy Walters

2019 Trinity Council Members

Jeff Coup, President  
Krista Yaiko, Vice President  
Lynnette Weisner, Secretary  
Kevin Fry  
Crystal Gnidovec  
Bill Heimbach  
Tiffany Heimbach  
Seth Reitz  
Dawn Russell

Church Staff

Donna Riccio, Parish Office Administrator  
Donna Spear, Parish Webmaster  
Bob Greenly, Christ Groundskeeper  
Rich Handy, Christ Treasurer  
Nancy Walters, Christ Church Music Director and Choir Director  
Helen Billhime, Christ Custodian  
Charles Stahl, Trinity Sexton  
John Warfel, Christ Organist & Trinity Organist, Choir and Bell Choir Director  
Carol Yost, Trinity Treasurer

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 <b>All Saints Sunday</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:30am At Christ</i>  <i>Organ Recital 2pm</i>	4 <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>  <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	5 <u>Bible Study</u> <u>9:30am</u>	6 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>  <u>Bell Choir 6pm</u>  <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	7	8	9
10 <b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:30am At Christ</i>	11 <u>Book Group</u> <u>10am</u>  <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>  <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>  <i>Parish Stewardship 6pm</i>	12 <u>Bible Study</u> <u>9:30 am</u>	13 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>  <u>Bell Choir 6pm</u>  <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	14	15	16
17 <b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:30am At Christ</i>	18 <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>  <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	19 <u>Bible Study</u> <u>9:30 am</u>  <i>Parish Council 5:30pm Combined Council 6:00pm</i>	20 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>  <u>Bell Choir 6pm</u>  <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	21	22	23
24 <b>Christ the King Sunday</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:30am At Christ (Congregational Meetings)</i>	25 <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>  <i>Bible Study 7pm</i>	26 <u>Bible Study</u> <u>9:30 am</u>  <i>Stewardship- 6:30pm</i>	27 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>  <u>Bell Choir 6pm</u>  <i>Choir- 6:30pm</i>	28 <u>Offices Closed</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u>	29 <u>Offices Closed</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u>	30

At Trinity Lutheran Building-Underlined      At Christ Lutheran Building-Italics

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