



Milton Lutheran Parish Newsletter

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

October 2019

A Brief Look . . .

Sunday Worship Services for the month of October are at Trinity at 9 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!

Next Free Community Meal at Christ is Sunday, October 13 at 5 pm.

Combined Councils meet October 22 at 6:00 at Trinity Lutheran.

Spooky Trick or Treat is Saturday, October 26, at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran

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

Congregational Meetings are Sunday, November 24

Visit the Milton Lutheran Parish Website for more information!

miltonlutheranparish.faith/

Message from Deacon Schaeffer

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish,

It has been a great first few weeks as I begin my call to serve this community as your Interim Pastor.

I love getting to know new people and learn about how God is working in the faithful communities all over the world. It has been life giving to hear your individual stories and learn about the amazing ministry you do together.

God has placed on your hearts certain gifts, passions, and desires. At the same time God has chosen someone that will come to walk alongside you as your permanent Pastor. This person will help you to accomplish your mission, deepen your relationships, and strengthen your connection with God.

While I know many of you are anxious for that time to come, I am excited for the opportunity to serve you during this season of your faith community. Please know that my 'door' is always open at either Christ or Trinity. You are welcome to reach out to me anytime. You can stop by the church office, send me an e-mail or give me a call. I would love to get to know each of you, and be helpful in any way that I can.

Yours in Christ,

Gary Schaeffer



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Church Council News

At our September 24 meeting, Parish Council and the Combined Trinity and Christ Lutheran Councils had a lengthy discussion regarding joint worship services. Pros and cons were presented and Deacon Gary presented information explaining that effective evaluation of a change requires a six-month minimum trial. The result of these discussions was that we will continue to hold combined worship services for a six-month trial beginning in November. Services in October will be joint services at 9:00 AM held at Trinity as previously scheduled. Beginning in November, services will be at 9:30 AM and will rotate location monthly through April. November services will be at Christ. December at Trinity and so on.

Our intention of this six-month trial period is to receive feedback about the worship schedule we have been using since the formation of the parish. So that after this time, we are better positioned to make a long-term decision on the worship schedule that will best accommodate the needs of our parish and help us to work toward accomplishing our mission.

We recognize that the changes in the worship times and schedule has been challenging for many of you. It has also been a blessing to our community as we work toward growing together in our relationships. During this six-month trial period, we ask that you remain open. We also plan to hold meetings and provide other opportunities for people to provide feedback on the worship schedule and plans for the future of the Parish.

November Congregational Meetings

On Sunday, November 24, congregational meetings will be held during our combined service. We will review and vote on annual budgets for 2020.

Parish Stewardship News

The parish stewardship team would like to thank everyone who helped with the meal for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, and for all the help with the float for the Harvest Festival. We could not do any of it without you!

The parish stewardship team is working on coordinating volunteers from the parish to help with the food distribution at the Milton Food Bank, starting in October. The Food Bank operates from 9 AM-3 PM on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month. We can break the time period into shifts of 2-3 people if you are not able to help for the entire day. If you prefer to help get the food ready for distribution on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday prior to the Wednesday Food Bank, they can use volunteers that day as well. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider helping our community in this way. For more information talk with Penny Coup or Lynnette Weisner.

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Spooky Indoor Trick or Treat

Spooky Indoor Trick or Treat will be held again this year at Trinity. It will be on Saturday, October 26, from 7 pm-9 pm. Please sign up or contact Tiffany Heimbach @ 570-412-5838



Annual Organ Recital



The Annual Organ Recital is scheduled for November 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran. This event features area musicians and is a once-a-year special opportunity to see all the musicians together. A free-will offering will be accepted. Please plan to stay after the recital for light refreshments and fellowship.

Milton Lutheran Parish Harvest Festival Float



Milton Lutheran Parish won 3rd place in our category at the Milton Harvest Festival Parade and was awarded \$50.00. Thank you to Lorraine Lawler, Joe and Krista Yaiko, everyone who walked the parade route passing out candy and especially the children who were real

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troopers for hanging in there. Thank you also to those who gave a cash donation. We had a lot of fun and hope to do it again next year. Thank you everyone!

Constitution Update

Christ Lutheran's constitution team, Kellie Brouse, Don Fisher, and Donna Spear, updated the CELC constitution to reflect the changes recommended by the ELCA. This process included following the adopted Model Constitution that was approved at the 2016 Church-wide Assembly as well as reviewing the existing continuing resolutions to make relevant updates. Yes, we are a little behind on this. However, these are the most recent approved ELCA updates. The revisions were reviewed by all of our Christ Council members and is ready to be reviewed by all congregation members for approval at our November 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.

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.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Isaac Yost 10/2
Sharon Greiner 10/5
Deborah Greenly 10/11
Rick Coup 10/12
Austin Mitch 10/13
Jared Moser 10/14
Gabrielle Riccio 10/15
Rich Handy 10/16
Beverly Mertz 10/19
Amy Solomon 10/21
Margie Pahl 10/23
Lynda Shappell 10/25
Paul Stover Jr. 10/26
Craig Lawler 10/27
Stephen Moll 10/31

Anniversaries

Stanley & Carole Bower 10/2
Terry & Linda Valiquette 10/12
Bean & Carol Yost 10/15
Ron & Cathy Moser 10/21
Charles & Kimberly Mitch 10/22

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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, Carson Berge, Harry Berger, Mary Billhime, Georgia Boyer, Brian Breed, Betty Callenberger, Colleen Cameron, 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, 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 Litzel, 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, 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, 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.

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 October 15. Any items received after the 15th 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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 Church Phone-570-742-4601
Parish Office Administrator- 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
		1 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>	2 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	3 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>	4	5
6 17th Sunday after Pentecost <u>Combined Service 9:00am At Trinity</u>	7 <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>	8 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>	9 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	10 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>	11	12
13 18th Sunday after Pentecost <u>Combined Service 9:00am At Trinity</u> <i>Community Meal- 5:00pm @ Christ</i>	14 <u>Book Group-10am</u> <i>ARC- 6-8pm</i> <i>Parish Stewardship-6pm</i>	15 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u> <i>Stewardship- 6:30pm</i>	16 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	17 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>	18	19
20 19th Sunday after Pentecost <u>Combined Service 9:00am At Trinity</u>	21 <i>ARC -6-8pm</i>	22 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u> <u>Combined Council 6:00pm</u>	23 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	24 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>	25	26 <u>Spooky Indoor Trick or Treat- 7:00pm</u>
27 Reformation Sunday <u>Combined Service 9:00am At Trinity</u> <u>Parish Stewardship following service</u>	28 <i>ARC- 6-8pm</i>	29 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>	30 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	31 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>		

At Trinity Lutheran Building-Underlined

At Christ Lutheran Building-Italics

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