

June 2026

Christ Lutheran Church Christ Chronicles

Mark your calendars!

- **Bible Study** is held every Thursday at 10:00 am both in person and online via zoom.
- **Evening Bible Study** will have started and will continue every Wednesday at 7:00pm. We will start our study in the book of Matthew. All are welcome to join, either in person or via Zoom. Please contact the office if you need the Zoom link!
- **Food Pantry** is also held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We are in need of donations due to being used heavily. Hours are 9:00am-10:30am.
- **Choir practice** is on hold for the summer! Any questions contact Sue Hand or the office.
- **Wild Church** has returned! Will be held at Weiser State Forest the 1st Sunday over every month at 4:00pm and also the 3rd Sunday at Stormy Acers at 4:00pm. If interested please contact the office or Pastor John.
- **Grace Notes** will meet on Thursdays around 6:30. If you are interested in joining the band please contact Dave for more info: daverepecki@yahoo.com or 570-401-7662
- **Sunday School** has concluded for the season and will resume in the fall. We encourage our youth and families to stay connected by participating in upcoming fellowship events and activities throughout the summer months.
- **Vacation Bible School** is being held July 20th– July 24th from 9am-12pm. All 4 years and older are welcome. Please see the Facebook page to register!
- **Confirmation Class** is completed for this year! Congrats to all who were confirmed!
- **Men's Breakfast** will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Terra Cottage, Lake Harmony at 9:00am.
- **Community Breakfast** is held on the 3rd Sunday of every month! All are welcome to join and cost is by donations as you are able! **NO BREAKFAST IN JULY!**
- **Ladies Luncheon** will be held on the 3rd Monday of every month at Terra Cottage, Lake Harmony at noon!

Altar Flowers

Flowers are available to be sponsored on throughout July and August. If you are interested in sponsoring one week, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office. The price is \$27 for vases.

June Weekly Offerings:

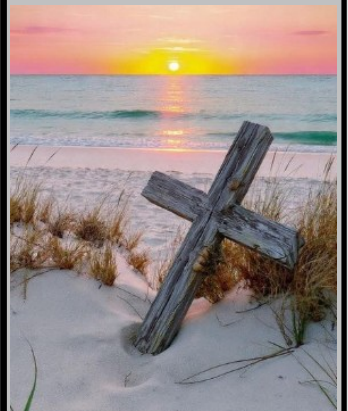
These amounts are what we collect in the offering plate and also simply giving.

June 7th- \$1,239.37

June 14th- \$3,246.79

June 21st- \$1,107.54

June 28th- \$788.37



"He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son."
Proverbs 10:5

"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."
Psalm 113:3

"for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."
Psalm 107:9

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."
Genesis 8:22

"but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John 4:14

WORSHIP SERVICES are held every Sunday at 9:00 am

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes have ended for summer! See within for VBS information!

Important Information

From the Food Pantry:

Thank you to those of you that donated food or money to our food pantry recently. We are giving out an average of 25 food boxes each pantry day and our recipients are expressing gratitude. This is just a reminder that the need is ongoing and any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Here is a list of items we can always use: Cereal Boxed, potatoes or stuffing, Spaghetti Sauce Canned vegetables Pasta Canned tuna Rice/Noodle packet or bag of rice Peanut butter Macaroni and cheese, Jelly, Canned beans, Crackers, Canned fruit Pancake mix, Canned soup, Syrup. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated! Thank you.

From the Choir:

You may have noticed that our choir is in need of female singers. Ladies, If you like to sing and can hold a tune, we could really use your help. Gents are welcome too, of course. The choir is not rehearsing over the summer but we are still singing on our assigned Sundays. We hold a short practice at 8:30 am. See Sue Hand (570-325-4888) if interested or talk to any choir member. Thank you.

From the Band:

If interested,
please contact Dave Repecki at (570) 401-7662.
They practice every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. Locations do change, so for more information,
please contact Dave at daverpecki@yahoo.com or call 570-401-7662.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes:

VBS info was sent by email and posted on Facebook! Contact the office with any questions!

Wild Church:

Wild Church is a return to nature as a spiritual practice. We gather in nature for prayer, meditation, songs, wandering and wondering and communion with nature and with each other. Services have restarted! Every one is welcome to join!

Memorial garden update:

dedication was held on May 31. The burial area is currently in need of weeding. The committee will take care of cleaning this up. We are also waiting for the installation of the name plaque sign. An update will go out once we have notice of delivery.

Property Committee:

Several interior areas of the church are in need of attention. We are seeking volunteers willing to assist with cleaning, organizing, and minor projects. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

The playground is also in need of attention. Council is reviewing options and will provide updates as information becomes available.

Gardening/Landscaping – Our church grounds will be receiving a refresh over the coming months. Council recently met with a landscaper to review the proposal and approved moving forward with the project. Funding will be provided through the Delores Anello account. Tracy will be assisting with and overseeing the project.

Outreach & Community Care:

- Community Breakfast: Sunday, June 21st
- Family Promise: Raffle going through the summer, see Sally for details.
- Homebound: Pastor is making visits

Worship & Music Committee:

Two council members and Pastor attended the 2026 Synod Assembly. A new bishop was elected, the first female bishop in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Discussion centered on synod restructuring, potential staff reductions, and the proposed "6-2-6-1" plan. It was also reported that 50–70 individuals are currently pursuing lay ministry certification, with two candidates moving forward to seminary in preparation for ordained ministry.

Church Picnic:

will be held at Knoebel's this year on Sunday, July 19th! We will begin the day with worship service at Pavillion T-9.

FROM SUE: Just a quick word of thanks to my church family for your prayers and cards last month when my mother passed away. Your love and support mean so much!

Council Meeting Highlights

Committees

Finance Committee

- ⇒ May Income: \$10,858.79
- ⇒ May Expenses: \$10,586.86

- **Youth Council Representative:** Stacy Bos as joined council as the Youth Representative.
- **Youth Group** – Pastor is currently working on reorganizing the Youth Group and planning for future activities and opportunities for our youth.
- **Youth Spiritual & Craft Night** meetings scheduled to resume in September.
- **Book Club** has been going well and will pause for the summer months. We look forward to resuming discussions and fellowship in the fall.
- **Investments:** Experienced a small increase.
- **Attendance** – We're seeing encouraging growth in attendance at our in-person services!
- **Facebook**– Events have been added to the CLC Facebook page.
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- **Homebound** - Pastor has been meeting with our homebound members. If you know of anyone needing assistant please reach out to the church office.
- **Food Pantry Here to Help, Here to Serve**
At Christ Lutheran Church, we believe that no one in our community should go hungry. If you are struggling to put food on the table, please know that our Food Pantry is here for you—open to all who are in need, no questions asked. Our pantry is not government-funded; it is a labor of love, stocked entirely by the generosity of our neighbors to support those in need. If you would like to help, donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that no one in our community goes without. Thank you for being a part of this mission, whether as a recipient or a supporter.
- **Prayer Chain – Help Needed!**
Our Prayer Chain is an important ministry that provides comfort and support through the power of prayer. We are still looking for someone to assist with this effort. If you feel called to help coordinate and share prayer requests with our church community, please consider volunteering. Your support can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need of prayer. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the church office. Thank you for helping us lift others in prayer!
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry – Sharing Comfort & Love**
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is a beautiful way to share God's love and comfort with those in need. Each shawl is lovingly handcrafted and blessed before being given to individuals facing illness, loss, or difficult times. These shawls serve as a tangible reminder that they are wrapped in prayer, support, and God's Grace. If you or someone you know would benefit from a prayer shawl, or if you'd like to contribute by knitting or crocheting, please contact the church office. Together, we can offer warmth, hope, and healing—one stitch at a time.
- **Youth Group – Join the Fun and Fellowship!**
Our Youth Group is a place for young people to grow in faith, build friendships, and serve the community—all while having fun! Whether it's games, service projects, Bible studies, or special outings, there's always something exciting happening. All youth are welcome to join us as we learn, laugh, and grow together in Christ. Stay tuned for upcoming events and gatherings!
For more information, contact the church office. We can't wait to see you there!

Council Meeting Highlights

Connecting Our Community Through Communication

We are working to increase awareness and participation in church activities by improving how we share information with our congregation and community. A monthly schedule of events will be posted on the front entrance and both lower doors to help keep members and visitors connected to all that is happening at our church.

We are also looking into more youth activities and family events. Please share any suggestions you may have.

Ministry Teams:

- ♦ **Social Ministry** - The various social ministries are going well.
- ♦ **Visitation Team** - Pastor is in the process of setting this up. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to the church office.
- ♦ **Youth Group** - We are looking for a Youth Group Leader. If anyone is interested in this position, please reach out to the office. In the meantime, council is working on organizing some events in the upcoming months. Suggestions are always welcome.
- ♦ **Youth Craft and Scripture** - This program is on break for the summer and will resume in September when Sunday School begins. The event will be held during one Sunday School class each month and will be open to all youth. Details will go out closer to the start of the school year.
- ♦ **Homebound** - Members are watching services via Facebook. Pastor made home visits with everyone for Easter
- ♦ **VBS programs** will be held July 20–24! Children ages 4 and older are invited to join us for a fun-filled week of faith, fellowship, games, and activities. Registration is available through the link on our Facebook page, or by contacting the church office. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events:

- * CLC Day at Knoebels: July 19th– Contact Anita!
- * Mini Golf and other activities - 940 Golf and Fun - Looking to book early July.
- * Bowling - Cypress Lanes *Not booked yet*; will book closer to fall
- * Roller Skating - LaRoses *Not booked yet*; will book closer to fall

Outreach:

Family Promise– send requests to individuals for donations

Homebound is good.

Food Panty is in need of donations!

Community Breakfast - Our community breakfasts are going wonderfully! We've had an amazing number of volunteers, great feedback, and generous donations.

Thank you to everyone for your support. **The next breakfast will be held in August!**

Next Council Meeting

CLC Council Meeting - Tuesday July 21st 2026 at 7:00 pm

Collaborating with St. John's Lutheran Church

We are working closely with St. John's on joint events and services, as well as exploring ways to better meet the needs of our local community. Together, we aim to strengthen our outreach and community presence.

Visioning Committee

Pastor is in the process of organizing a Visioning Committee. The purpose of this committee will be focused on shaping the long-term direction of the church. They help define the church's mission and goals, plan for future growth, and ensure that all efforts align with the church's purpose.

Youth Fund MCT	\$ 10,491.04	Thrivent Building FInd	\$42,786.84
ELCA Endowment	\$684,693.75	Thrivent MSK Scholarship	\$37,628.58
Thrivent Total DA	\$138,973.75	Thrivent Youth	\$63,783.30

Financials

Full financial statement is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

May 2025 attendance— 55

May 2026 attendance— 77

2026 Council Members

President/Worship—John Willaims beelee.williams@gmail.com

Vice President/Financials/Property - William Kovolenko wkovolenko@gmail.com

Treasurer/Financials – Anita Repecki anitarepecki@gmail.com

Secretary/Youth Member- Abby Kuhn abbybball89@icloud.com

Council Member/Scholarships/Property - Luke Eggert lukeeggert123@gmail.com

Council Member/Property - John Strupcewski dj86@ptd.net

Council Member/Property - Serge Hill - shill60@ptd.net

Council Member- Jordan Behrens— jbehrens93@gmail.com



Congratulations to our Seniors! Abbey Kuhn, Gretchen Cox, Connor Polk