

# HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINGLESTOWN, PA

## JANUARY 2018

### A Heartfelt "Thank You"

A special "Thank You" from the Pastor and staff here at Christ Church for the generous congregational Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness and support is heartwarming, and a source of continuing inspiration to us all.

#### And, a Special Thanks ...

to everyone who was so generous with their time to make our Advent/Christmas seasons especially meaningful again this year: our Staff; our Vocal, Handbell and Tone Chime Choirs; our Worship and Music Committee; our decorators; our new St. Lucy, Addison Economopoulos, and our many, many worship assistants. To all of you, our sincere thanks.

**After-Five Group** will meet on January 17 (snow date January 24) for our annual book talk. This year we will be discussing A Piece of the World by Christiana Baker Kline. Dr. Donald Koones will guide our group. Join us at 7PM in the Great Room even if you have not read the book, but want to learn about another time and place. Everyone is invited for fun and fellowship. A copy of the book is available in our church library and don't forget the public library or all the other world wide web sources and downloads. If you have any questions, contact Bev Stickley, 717-545-3661 or bazstick@comcast.net.

#### AND. . .

the first luncheon of 2018 will be on January 3 at Panera Bread (Noon) on Jonestown Road. No reservations necessary, just show up!

### Snow Closings ❄️❄️

Check for closings on TV Channels 15, 21 or 27, or the web sites cbs21.com, cw15.com, or abc27.com. In addition, you may call the church office. We will do our best to leave a message on the answering machine when there are cancellations.

### Annual Meeting - Pt. 1 A Summary

At Part 1 of our Annual meeting on December 3, the 2018 Budget was approved as presented, and elections were held with the following results:

Elected to Congregation Council: Karen Holmes, Gail Hrobuchak, Brian Williams, Tony Wright, and Alan Wadsworth.

Elected to the Nominating Committee: Ed Holtzman, Lindsay Madara, Scott Stank, Alan Wadsworth, and Linda Weller.

Our congratulations to all and our sincere thanks to the following Council members who have concluded their terms: MaryAnn Albert, Ed Holtzman, Greg Miller, and Cyndi Stark.

Also, our thanks to this year's Nominating Committee: Beverly Stickley, (chairperson), Lindsay Madara, Karen Mummert, Alan Wadsworth, and Linda Weller.

We look forward to a full and challenging year of ministry in service to our Lord.

### Annual Meeting - Pt. 2 Sunday, February 4 (after the 10:30AM service)

Our Annual Meeting - Part 2 will be held on Sunday, February 4, following the 10:30AM worship service. We will receive reports from our committees and organizations, review our ministry, programs and finances for the year 2017 and look ahead to what is in store for 2018.

NOTE: Committee & Organization annual reports are due to Sherry in the church office by Monday, *January 15*. Thank you!

**NOTE!** 2018 Offering Envelopes Are Available in the Great Room!



### 2018 Bulletins & Flowers

The new Bulletin and Altar Flower Chart for 2018 is posted in the Great Room. The cost to sponsor remains the same, \$15 for bulletins and \$25 for flowers. Sponsoring these items is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, to honor someone, or to remember a special event. There is space allotted for, but not limited to, two sponsors per week. Dates tend to go quickly, so sign up for your special dates, now!

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

We have received smiles and many thanks for the Christmas gifts that have been delivered to our homebound members. Please remember our homebound members by sending them greetings throughout the year. They are listed on the board in the Great Room.

### NEIGHBORS

Who is your neighbor? What does a neighbor look like? How does your neighbor live? Are we open to all of our neighbors near and far? How do we serve our neighbor? Are we open to accepting any neighbor into our ministry and worship life? What questions can you add? More importantly what answers can you give?

### SIMPLY GIVING

Please consider enrolling in "Simply Giving", our electronic funds transfer program to join the families in our congregation who currently participate. Complete the form located on the table in the Great Room. Place in the secretary's mailbox or mail to the church office and someone will contact you. Thank you.

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**Two Service Schedule  
(8:30 & 10:30) & SCS (9:15)  
resume on January 7**  
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**2018 Flower/Bulletin  
Sponsor Chart is Posted**

## Youth Happenings —

### Christ Lutheran Youth (Grades 7-12)

- ◆ January 21 - CLY Meeting, 6-8:30PM

## Thank You . . .

- ◆ "A BIG thank you to Karen Holmes and her "crew". A lot of prep work & organization has to be done to accomplish this family-oriented evening of the potluck/covered dish, gingerbread house, centerpiece making event held on December 3. Good times and wonderful memories are made that night and we thank you!"
- ◆ "Dear Church family, thank you for the gift box and your good wishes. Penney Metzger"
- ◆ "Dear Christ Lutheran Church, thank you so much for the college care package! It was the perfect thing to brighten up midterms week. I'm so glad I have such a supportive church community! Love always, Hannah Wevodau"
- ◆ "It is the little things that you have done for me that makes school all the more enjoyable! Thank you not only the treats that you sent, but also the love and support that I get from the church! It is a continuous reminder that I am being thought of back home. Blessings, Patrick Howard"
- ◆ "Dear Congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, thank you so much for sending me a care package, I greatly appreciate you thinking of me. I miss attending the services and youth group. I am continuing to practice my faith at Mansfield University and often utilize all

that I have learned through God at Christ Lutheran Church with my decision making and studying. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Shayne Yonchiuk

- ◆ "Dear Pastor Kerns, our family would like to thank you for your faithful visits to Paul over the past two years. We so appreciated the services you provided at Hoover's and the gravesite. It was wonderful to meet you and share our stories. May the peace of God be with you. With gratitude, Deb & Keith Gingrich and Paula Kreiser"

**Luther's Breakfast Club** will meet Sunday, January 14, at 9:15AM in Room 4 on the lower level. Anyone post-confirmation and on is invited to join us and, as always, bring a friend.

## Rest Eternal Grant Them, O Lord

**Paul E. Kreiser**, a long-time member of our church family, died on November 18. Pastor Kerns officiated at his service at Hoover Funeral Home in Linglestown, on November 22. Our prayers are with his daughters, Deborah and Paula, his family, and all those who mourn.

**Wayne W. Weller**, a long-time member of our church family, died on November 23. Pastor Kerns officiated at his service at Ronald C. L. Smith Funeral Home in Duncannon. Memorial contributions may be made to his church, Christ Lutheran. Our prayers are with his wife, Faye, his family, and all those who mourn.