

# HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LINGLESTOWN, PA

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## OCTOBER 2020

### Council or Nominating Committee, Anyone?



This is the time when our Nominating Committee seeks members who are interested in serving on Congregation Council or on the next Nominating Committee.

Council *normally* meets on the third Sunday of each month, at 11:35AM. Meetings usually last about 45 minutes, (sometimes a little less, sometimes a little more). Council terms are three years, Nominating Committee terms are one year.

If interested, please contact a member of the committee: Karen Economopoulos, MarLee Kertulis, Bill Noonan, Sarah Wadsworth, and Linda Weller, or contact the office for more information.

### FROM THE PASTOR...

I read this on a Facebook post recently, "Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts." The author was not listed but it came from a site entitled Positive Outlooks Blog.com. As I read it I had the second reading from the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost on my mind. It was from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:1-13. The specific verse that stood out was verse 4, "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

We are reminded almost on a daily basis how there are people who are struggling because of the pandemic and now the wildfires and hurricanes that have affected parts of our country. People are lining up to receive much needed food and people are seeking financial help just to stay afloat. As the people of God, we are called to bear witness to our faith and stepping up to help someone in need it may be just the little thing that someone needs; the thing that will occupy a place in their hearts.

Paul in the passage from Philippians continues in the next verse, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Amen.

Pastor Kerns



### A Blessing of the Animals

October 4  
11:30AM

(\*note new time)

We are going to move forward with the blessing of the pets' service again this year which will be held outdoors at the church. Members are invited to bring their pets to the west side parking lot at **11:30AM on Sunday, October 4**. We will ask that you come with a mask and that we will be socially distancing as we gather. This will be our twenty-second annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** (in case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall). If you are unable to bring your pet, you may bring a photograph of your pet and join in the service. Participants will

have the opportunity to share how their pet has been a blessing to their lives. Pastor Kerns will preside at this brief, popular service, and *all* pets are welcome — from dogs to frogs, from cats to rats, and even horses! The more the merrier! Join us!



### THANK YOU!

I want to lift up the staff and volunteers here at the church who have been working diligently as possible during this pandemic and the restrictions that are in place. Members have stepped up to help sanitize after worship on Sunday mornings and folks have volunteered to usher and be at the check-in table each week to monitor folks coming in for worship. Members have also volunteered to be the lectors each week and folks are still sponsoring the bulletins each week. We continue to be able to record thanks to our recording team. This has been valuable in our ability to have in person worship each week.

Thanks, Pastor Kerns

### ZOOM IS COMING!

(TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!!!)

We now have a church ZOOM account and offer it for committees or groups wanting to set up a ZOOM meeting. Contact Tony Wright or Pastor Kerns for more information.

**Covid-19 and us:** the Covid-19 Task Force met recently to discuss how things have been going and what our next steps may be. The discussion centered around how to move to the Nave safely, do we begin to consider having communion in a modified form, and how many worship services will we have if the attendance increases. A survey was suggested and so one was devised and sent out in an email and in the mail to those without computers. We ask that you seriously consider filling it out and making sure you turn it back in. Be assured if we move the same safety precautions will still be in place. Thanks for your consideration.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Contact Information Requested

We're updating our Church Directory and would like you to be a part of it! Due to COVID, we will **not** be doing a photo directory this year. The directory will only be member contact information and distributed to Church members in late November. You will have a choice of receiving a copy electronically or in print. A form will be distributed by e-mail, on Facebook, and in person at Sunday services. Only contact information provided on the form will be included in the directory. There is an option to keep some or all information provided private. If private is selected, the information will only be used to update the Church's records. Please take a moment to fill out the form by *Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>*. You may email the information to: [Lyndahoward@verizon.net](mailto:Lyndahoward@verizon.net), or [secretary@churchonthehilltop.org](mailto:secretary@churchonthehilltop.org). Please return completed copies to the church office or place in the basket marked "Church Directory." Extra copies will be available to be completed.

## Thank You!

- ◆ "Dear Christ Lutheran Church members and friends, thank you for the cards and continued prayers for our son, Brandon. We want to personally thank each and every one of you who donated to Brandon, after he lost everything, when the house he was living in

was destroyed by one of the worst California wildfires on record. Thank God, Brandon and his dog, Murphy, are safe as they now try to move forward. Our Church family means so much to us and we are sincerely appreciative of your generosity. God's peace be with you, Sherry, Bill, & Lindsay Madara"

- ◆ "Christ Lutheran Church, thank you for all your support this past year! We did not expect a public health crisis to change our world. We have made contingency plans to continue to feed these children if schools are temporarily closed. WITH YOUR HELP we will continue to provide food for the students of Central Dauphin School District and attempt to alleviate some of the burden already place on their families by this pandemic. Sincerely, Pam Jones & Linda Dallago/Co-Directors"
- ◆ "Dear Friend of the Food Pantry: On behalf of the Ecumenical Food Pantry, and those who benefit by your generosity, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 received in August 2020. Without generous contributions and over 200 volunteers supporting the Pantry, we would not be able to provide food assistance to the greater Harrisburg community five days per week. We thank you for your commitment and hope that you will continue to support the Ecumenical Food Pantry during these challenging days and in the future. Stay well, Emilie M. Tierney, Corresponding Secretary"
- ◆ "To my Church family, you are so very thoughtful and kind. I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers. I have my new knee back in, and getting my new hip back in October. I'm feeling better each day, but still have a long road ahead. Sam Mummert"

## Congratulations!

Penny & Tom Boran are first-time, proud grandparents of Rylie Elizabeth Boran who came into this world on August 24. She is the newborn daughter of their son, Sean and daughter-in-law Janai (Curtis) Boran. Rylie's vital statistics: 8.1 lbs., & 18 3/4 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great!

