

# HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINGLESTOWN, PA

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### Rally Day It's Sunday Church School Time!

Our Christian Education Committee will continue to have two classrooms; one for Pre-Kindergarten through 1st grade and another for 2nd through 6th grade this coming year. Our first class will be *September 8 in rooms 2 & 3 at 9:15AM* to kick off Rally Day. However, we will not meet on the

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### Annual All-Church Picnic September 8 12:30 - 3:30PM



Our "All-Church" Picnic is an event for *all* members of our church family & friends and will be held again at the Skyline Commons Community Park in West Hanover Township beginning at 12:30PM. As for what you may bring:

- If your last name begins **A through M** you will be asked to bring a **side dish** to share;
- and if your last name begins **N through Z**, please bring a **dessert** to share.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, water and lemonade will be provided. You should also bring recreational items, lawn chairs, and/or blankets. Frisbees, footballs and anything else you can think of are welcome. To sign up and get directions, check out the poster in the Great Room.

**NOTE:** We "picnic," rain or shine - if the weather does not cooperate, we will gather in Fellowship Hall.

### Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation class is for our youth in 7th and 8th grades or older. If you have not received information, please contact Pastor Kerns now! Confirmation preparation will take place *Sunday, September 8* immediately following the first service in classroom 9. We ask that **all students and their parents** be present. The first class will be *Sunday, September 15*.

### Luther's Breakfast Club

Watch for the Luther's Breakfast Club to start back up in the fall. They will meet at *9:15-10:15AM* in Room 4. It's an open discussion of current events and how the gospel relates to our lives now. Anyone who is post-confirmation and on is invited to join us.

Look forward to seeing you there!

### BIBLE STUDY

We will be offering a Bible Study with the Pastor beginning on **Wednesday morning, September 25 at 9:00AM**. The study will run until 10:30 and we will meet in the Great Room. Our study will be devoted to the book of Exodus. "In the story of the Exodus we discover that God prepares, calls, leads, and forgives a chosen people, then and now." (Study overview) Our last study was on the book of Genesis and that lead us to the beginning story of Moses and his calling by God. So bring a Bible and you may want to journal so bring a notebook and something to write with.

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### CHOIRS RESUME



Both our Handbell and Vocal Choirs will soon resume rehearsals.

- *Handbell Choir* meets on Tuesday evenings in Room 6, at 6:45PM, beginning *September 10*.
- *Vocal Choir* meets on Thursday evenings in Room 7, at 7:00PM, beginning *September 19*.

Both of these hard-working groups can always use new members (no prior experience necessary)! Anyone interested in *ringing or singing* should contact Alan Wadsworth for Handbells and Gail Hrobuchak for the Vocal Choir. The Vocal Choir will start singing on *Sunday, October 6 at the 10:30AM* service. Please speak with them if you are interested. "New members are always welcome!"

### After-Five Group

The After Five Group will meet in Fellowship Hall on *September 18 at 7p.m.* We will assemble four fleece quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All materials will be provided. Please bring scissors and a ruler. Also, please plan to donate money to cover the costs of the four quilts. If you have any questions, please call Bev Stickley, 717-545-3661.

**And...**

Don't forget we meet the first Wednesday of each month at Panera Bread at noon for fellowship and good food. Join us!


  
**WE WILL RETURN TO TWO SERVICES**  
 (8:30 & 10:30 AM),  
 on *Sunday, September 8, 2019*.

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third Sunday of each month due to church breakfasts. Please email or text Alissa Parker (*note new email address: christinglestownscs@gmail.com* or 717-903-2509) if you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer to teach. We are always looking for new volunteers to teach! We can't wait to see you in the classroom on *September 8th!*

## TONES CHIMES



Remember Tone Chimes meets at 10:00AM in room 6 for those children interested in playing. They will begin chiming on *September 8*. Bring a friend and stop by to see what it's all about!



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We will discuss the schedule on the first day and if you cannot make all of the studies, please attend when you can. We will have Bibles available, if needed. If you are looking to purchase a Bible, please contact Pastor Kerns. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Kerns.

## Adult Forum

...will begin on *September 22* in the Youth Room (Room 10) between the worship services. We begin with a video on the Bad Girls of the Bible.

Come and join us!

## Student/Military

### Addresses—

Help us keep our *college students and those serving in the military* in touch with the Christ Lutheran Church community! Please forward current addresses to the church office (call and leave a message 717-545-4211), write the name and address on the back of your attendance form, or email Sherry (secretary@churchonthehilltop.org) effective in September. We would like to update our mailing list for the Hilltop Herald and include them in future mailings.



And don't forget we also send out the ever popular "care packages". We don't want to miss anyone! Thank you!



## WOMEN'S PRAYER

## GROUP

The Women's Prayer Group will resume their meetings shortly. Watch for the date! They plan on returning to the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Great Room. The time has not changed, it continues to be held from 7:00-8:00AM. All women are welcome.

## School Kits for Lutheran World Relief



Our congregation; in partnership with Lutheran World Relief; cares for victims of war, disaster, poverty and disease throughout the world. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or disaster. You can help by donating any of the following items:

- ◆ (4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½" (no loose-leaf paper)
- ◆ (1) 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◆ (1) pencil sharpener
- ◆ (1) blunt scissors
- ◆ (5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◆ (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ◆ (1) 2½" eraser
- ◆ (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

The Church & Community Committee will assemble each school kit in a drawstring backpack. Please place all donations in the designated basket in the Great Room by **Sunday, September 15, 2019**. Your help in preparing these victimized children for school will be greatly appreciated.

*Your Church & Community Committee*



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Pastor Kerns is going to offer first communion instruction in the very near future. Please speak to him if you have an interest.



**NOTE:** If you would like to donate your time or a hot or cold breakfast item to support the Fellowship Team, please look for the poster to sign-up in the Great Room. We will notify you when you can sign up electronically at [www.timetosignup.com](http://www.timetosignup.com).

## Bits and pieces from the Pastor—

**MILWAUKEE (August 6, 2019)** — The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton was re-elected presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) August 6 at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. On the first ballot, 897 votes were cast and 670 votes were needed for election. Eaton received 725 votes, which is 81.19% of the vote. Eaton is the first ELCA presiding bishop to win re-election on the first ballot. She was elected to a first term as presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh. (From ELCA sources)

**September** is traditionally the beginning of the church cycle back into its regular routines. Some call it Rally Day and Sunday School begins again as does Confirmation Class, Adult Forum, choir practices, and the continuation of other events such as the Women's Prayer Group, After Five Group, and Fellowship Breakfasts. So my call to all of you is to find a place to jump in and be part of our church life. Our ministries include many aspects from feeding the hungry to serving the homeless. Collections for our supported ministries continue year round and so find ways to be involved.

**Our** property issues continue as we sought out a bid to take care of the water damage and seepage on the lower level of the facility and now it appears we have to regroup and find a new contractor to do the work as the first one has had some internal shake up and our contact person no longer works for that company. We did not have to give a down payment so we are not out any money. The parking lot is still a priority for us as well as updating our first floor bathrooms for handicap accessibility to name a few. There will be more information coming in the near future.

**We** worshipped this summer as one body having only one worship service. It seemed like it was well accepted and your input to any member of the Worship Committee is needed so that we can consider future summer worship experiences. We return to our normal schedule of 8:30 and 10:30 on September 8.

**Hope** to see all of you in worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, and any of the choirs this September and may the peace of Christ be with you.

Pastor Kerns



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2019**  
**1:00PM**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Members are invited to bring their pets to the courtyard at 1:00PM on Sunday, October 6, for our twenty-first 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 animal 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!

*"If you have men (women) who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men (women) who will deal likewise with their fellow men (Humanity)."*

(Quote attributed to St. Francis)



## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IS SERVED

**Sunday, September 15**  
**9:00AM-10:15AM**



Our Fellowship Team continues to put together a delicious breakfast (hot and cold items, breads, coffee, tea, etc.) for all comers between 9:00—10:15AM on the third Sunday of each month, and all for a free-will offering. Be sure to join us for great food, and lots of fellowship! Remember, half of the proceeds each month will go towards a local charity.

This month will benefit the Central Dauphin School District's NutriPacks program. If you can't join us for breakfast, please consider placing your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday and mark your envelope NutriPacks.

You have generously supported our quest in the past. We are counting on you. Thank you!

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**Return Service Requested**

September 8—  
 Rally Day/SCS @ 9:15AM  
 Confirmation Preparation  
 after 1st service  
 Church Picnic 12:30-3:30PM  
 CLY 1st Mtg 6-8:30PM  
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 September 15—  
 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00-10:15AM  
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 September 25—  
 Bible Study @ 9:00AM

**Youth Happenings . . .**

Christ Lutheran Youth (Grades 7-12)

- Sept 8 Attend the Church Picnic! (see article)  
CLY 1st Meeting, 6-8:30PM
- Sept 15 Parents' Mtg after both services Rm 10  
CLY Meeting 6-8:30PM
- Sept 27-29 *ALIVE!* Synod-Wide Middle School  
Retreat at Camp Nawakwa

Upper Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-6)

No meetings scheduled

**Thank You —**

- “Thank you to those who helped in some way (opening doors, greeting upon arrival, supplying snacks & drinks, monetary donations, preparing breakfast, packing lunches...) for the Joy Lutheran Church youth and their leaders. They very much appreciated our church’s hospitality as they traveled to Rhode Island for a mission trip.” (*visit the kiosk for individual handwritten notes of thanks*)
- “Special thanks to all my friends at Christ Lutheran for the words of encouragement, cards, flowers, and visits since my hospitalization. We really appreciated Pastor’s many visits with us and the opportunity to share in holy communion as well! I am coming along well, but I was not born with great patience. Thank you all for your continued support, friendship, and prayers. Love, Nancy DeSantis”

- “Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, thank you for your generous donation of \$250 to Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg. With the heat of the summer upon us, we have many people coming to the clinic who are ill, or need a cool drink, or just need to rest in the air conditioning. With your help, we are able to care for their needs, whatever they may be. Thank you for being our partner in mission. I can’t say it enough—thank you! This ministry exists only through the grace of God and the contributions of partner churches! We served 22,000 patient visits last year. This gift will help us provide the same care going forward. Thank you! Grace and Peace, Rev. Drew Stockstill”
- “Thank you for your contribution of \$125 to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It is encouraging that our organization has the support of generous people like you. Your donation allows us to provide help and create hope for individuals and families in need. Christopher P. Meehan, Director of Development”
- “Dear Christ Lutheran, thank you for your gift of \$305 to Lutheran Disaster Response. With your Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families & communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. In Christ, the Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director.”