

Niantic News

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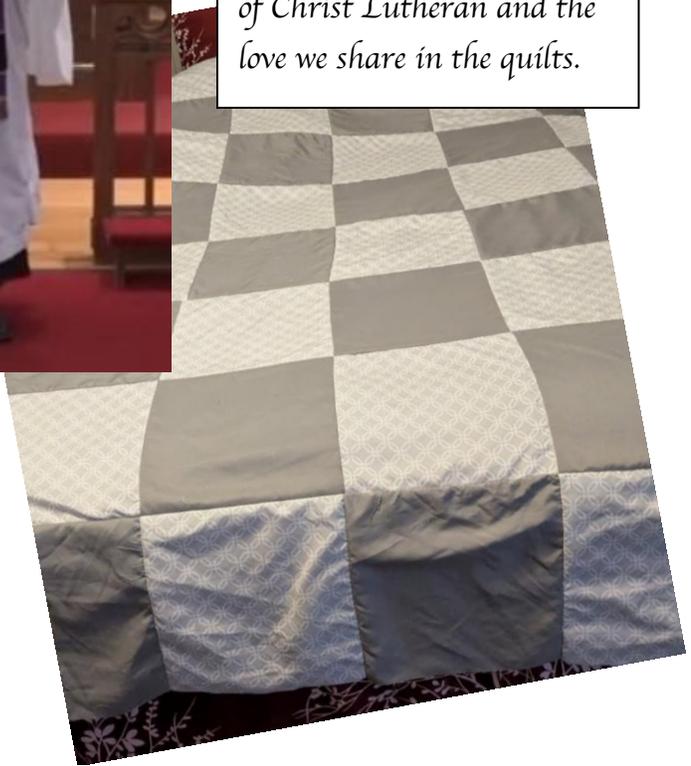
Saying Goodbye is never easy...



...as we said goodbye and thank you to Pr. Matt at a Pizza Party in honor of his 5 years at Christ Lutheran, we shared our memories, food, and fellowship with him,



On Sunday, March 8, Pr. Matt's last Sunday, he was presented this quilt made especially for him. It will remind him and his family of Christ Lutheran and the love we share in the quilts.



Official Pastoral Acts

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

None since February 24.



April Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Hoffman, Donna Menear, Gerald Shaner
- 3 Carol Berner*, Shelby Stevens
- 7 Judy Moser (1946)
- 8 Izabel Sandoval
- 9 Daniel Knaub, Jacob Knaub
- 12 Grant Willman
- 14 Callie Bartman, Jeff Stifnell
- 19 Dustin Lowery
- 25 Corrine Hoffman, Julissa Sandoval
- 26 Lori Brown, Tori Willman
- 27 Miles Lapinski
- 30 Nancy Folk (1945)



Notification in Case of Illness

Christ Niantic Lutheran hopes that all members will notify the church office if they become aware of any member who is ill or who may have other pastoral needs. Please do not assume that "someone else" has already called. We do not mind receiving multiple notifications. Thank you!



Office Hours and Emergency Care Need

The Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 – 2 p.m.

In case of an **Emergency Care Need**, please contact Sue Hoffman at (610) 310-8516.



Sunday Attendance:

Date	9:00 a.m.	Conf./Bible Study
February 1	50	0 / 11
February 8	53	6 / 0
February 15	47	3 / 15
February 22	47	6 / 16
2025 Sun. Avg.:	42	2
2026 Sun. Avg.:	49	4 / 14

(Prior year averages are based on same time period)



Quilt Tying

will be held on **Tuesday, April 14** beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

in the room H (across from Choir room). Then we will join the ...

Lutheran Ladies Lunch

which will be held on **Tuesday, April 14** meeting in the parking lot at **11:30 a.m.** to carpool to Toss of the Town, E. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown for a 12 noon lunch.

If you'd prefer to meet us there, we will see you there at 12 noon!



MEMBERSHIP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

VISITORS are always welcome to the Table!

MEMBERS (two types):
Voting & Non-voting

The only way you can ever be removed from the membership roll at Christ Lutheran, or any ELCA congregation:

- You request a transfer
- You ask to be removed
- You depart this life

VOTING members must make a record of having:

- Filled out a communion card and received the Lord's Supper ONE time per year
- Contributed ONE time per year, making sure your name or envelope number is included.

Holy Week Services

All Holy Week services will be led by Pr. Paul Townsend and joint with St. Paul's members.

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, which was the occasion for the institution of Holy Communion. We invite the members of St. Paul's Lutheran and the community to our church for a service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service – April 3

at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran. We invite members of St. Paul's Lutheran for a service of prayer and reverence at the cross.

Easter – April 5 with one (1) service at 9:00 a.m. *with members of St. Paul's Lutheran joining us. We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with a service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary.*

Join us during Holy Week!



FUN Event: CLC is going to the Movies!

Sight & Sound is releasing a film titled **"A Great Awakening!"** (<https://www.agreatawakening.com>) which honors America's 250th anniversary. The FUN committee invites members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church Niantic to view the film together on **Saturday, April 4, 2026** at AMC Pottsgrove 12, 110 Upland Square Drive, Pottsgrove, PA 19464 for the **12:45 p.m.** viewing.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time using online apps such as Fandango or Atom Tickets. You're encouraged to pick seats in rows G and H. After the movie, we'll gather at Longacre's Dairy for a mid-afternoon treat. If anyone has questions or needs a ride, please contact Diane Houck (610) 504-8204.

Mercy Ministry:

Chershe Derr, Chairperson

Food Bank Donations

Donations for April will go to Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Let's all make regular Food Bank giving a part of our weekly or monthly planning and shopping. Your donations help the pantry during this time, so please think about picking up one or more items when you do your weekly grocery run and drop it off at the church to help those in need!

Flip for Ronald

Little aluminum flip top soda pop tabs can add up to dollars for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

Tabs can be placed in the Plastic bin on counter in the Narthex.

**Redner's Save-A-Tape Program****Shirley Deery, Coordinator**

Please continue saving your Redner's Save-a-Tape receipts BUT make sure you DO NOT cut anything off the bottom of the receipt. We need the whole receipt in order to get the 1% back. Simply get a Save-a-Tape card from Redners, shop and turn your entire receipt into the box in the narthex. We earn 1% of all receipts we receive. Any questions, please contact Shirley Deery.

Mother's Day Collection

The Mercy Ministry Committee is doing a special collection to benefit the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

We will be collecting Feminine Personal Hygiene products during the month of April.

This includes items such as sanitary pads, panty liners, tampons and incontinence products.

All items can be placed in the box located downstairs by the water cooler.

NOTE: These items cannot be purchased using SNAP benefits.

Deadline for donations is April 26th!

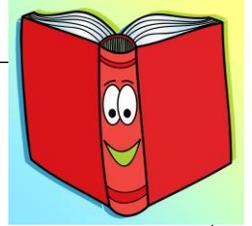
**Thank you...**

...for the generous donation of \$180.00. Your support provides families, elderly, youth and adults in our community with resources needed to face hunger, poverty, socialization and support during difficult times. Thank you for your support to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

Bob Varga, Executive Director

...for your generous donation of \$134.00 through your support of "Souper Bowl" Sunday that you donated to the Open Link. Your support helps community services, food and nutrition in the community, and adult education. Thank you for your generosity!

Marianne Lynch, Executive Director



Book Club

The Book Club will be reading the book:

“The Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt.

The book is a “Book in a Bag” book that can be signed out downstairs on the table in the Welcome Center.

We will meet on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Welcome Center to discuss the book.

Participants are asked to come with suggestions for future reads.

If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Fox.

Highlights of January 27, 2026 Council Minutes:

1. Election of president and VP
 - a. Dave Fioriglio, President
 - b. Bob Heydt, Vice President

A motion was made by Roberta Korsak seconded by Pat Moser to approve.

2. Terra Pact Update

Perpetual easement is the verbiage used by terra pact, which would give them a right to the land. Not the same as just signing over a lease. A general consensus to stay with Windstream. A motion was made by Roxanne Fox to remain with Windstream and decline Terra Pacts offer Seconded by Marvin Steward.

3. Update on St. Paul's

Pastor has a call vote at another congregation on February 8th. St. Paul's has not had annual meeting. Plan to make a first announcement at the congregational meeting Feb. 8th. Possibility to work with NE synods as well as SE synod.

4. Congregational meeting agenda items

- November minutes must be approved
- Other housekeeping items

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor met with Thrivent reps; St. Paul's will be hosting the meeting at St Paul's in March.
- Communion wine

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Knaub
Council Secretary

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain Initiator:
June Herb at (610) 754-7841
or Junerose56@aol.com



NOTE: Names on the prayer list remain on for one month, unless someone notifies June or the office to remain on longer.

Prayers for Safety:

Maria's family – Dave and Nancy Fioriglio's daughter-in-law

Direction

Barbara Wilkins - Lynn and Bill Starrett's daughter

Health & Healing:

Mary Ache
Jim Barr
Terry Flicker
Pat Gabel – Bob's wife
Heather – daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt
Leroy Heissler – friend of Denise Hoffman's family
Charlie Hoffman
Tim Hoffman – Denise Hoffman and Gerry Flicker's brother-in-law
Crystal Hughes - Friend of Laurie Stofflet
Raynell Jones – co-worker of Amy Fluke
Denny Kriczky – wife is a friend of Pat Moser
Addie Lorah – newborn daughter of a friend of Lindsey Mason
Barbara Moser – Lori Ermold's mother
Brenda Moser – Lori Ermold's sister-in-law
Otto Nuss
Polly Orner
Pr. Jennifer Phelps – former member at CLC
Rosalie Seasholtz – Melissa Seasholtz's mother-in-law
Todd (Scruffy) Slonaker – cousin of Gerry Flicker and Denise Hoffman
Mark Stofflet
Tiffany - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter
Steve Wanders –brother-in-law of Roberta Korsak's sister
Elaine Wolfe – friend of Linda Hoffman

**Death (Family and Friends of...):**

Glenn Hoffman – Tammy's husband (3/20)

Military Deployed to Conflict Area/Serving in the Military*:

Owen Dietrich – cousin of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason;
Anthony Lester – friend of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Dustin Lowery – Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy's nephew; Quinn Mason - Lindsey (Riegner) Mason's stepson; Matthew and Joseph Schwenk - nephews of Amy Eichinger;
Nathan Powell – son of a friend of Amy Fluke

*If you know someone that is deployed or serving, please contact June or the church office to put them back on the list. Thank you.

Homebound Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

*For current addresses of our Homebound, please contact the church office.

Gerald Flicker (Grandview Manor in Fleetwood);
Sue Bendinsky (Chestnut Knoll - MC);
Hilda Kolb (Frederick Living/Cedarwood Rm. 1309B);
Barbara Hoffman (Assisted Living in Wilmington, DE);
Mary Ache

UPCOMING F.U.N. ACTIVITIES – Save the Dates!!

Saturday, April 4 ~
Movie Trip-A Great Awakening

Sunday, May 17 ~
Longwood Gardens Trip

Sunday, July 19 ~
Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 12 ~
Iron Pigs Baseball Game

October 2026 ~
Kick-off for Boyertown
Multi-Service Festival of Trees

Advent 2026 ~
FUN Committee's "100th Activity"
Extravaganza

January 16, 2027 ~
Sportsman's Dinner

More details to follow on all activities!!



Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic
Income and Expense Statement
 Consolidated - February 2026

	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$11,766.80	\$18,547.62	\$19,115.00
OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	657.00	999.00	1,202.84
INVESTMENT INCOME	268.95	346.07	212.83
OTHER INCOME	0.00	0.00	(23.07)
TOTAL INCOME	12,692.75	19,892.69	20,507.60
EXPENSES			
SALARIES			
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$4,556.57	\$9,113.14	\$7,265.57
OTHER STAFF	3,444.24	6,834.08	6,629.64
Subtotal Salaries	8,000.81	15,947.22	13,895.21
WORSHIP			
MUSIC	0.00	104.36	0.00
ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE	0.00	392.03	0.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	120.00	749.46	880.00
Subtotal Worship	120.00	1,245.85	880.00
OTHER MINISTRIES			
SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	87.00
ADVERTISING EXPENSE	0.00	133.40	99.97
STEWARDSHIP	422.39	422.39	523.78
INTERNET EXPENSES	370.07	740.14	599.64
Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach	792.46	1,295.93	1,223.39
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	58.48	289.41	431.64
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,004.05	1,074.00	800.00
Subtotal Church Administration	1,062.53	1,363.41	1,231.64
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS	4,388.32	4,801.09	5,975.34
CLEANING SUPPLIES	0.00	425.00	1,220.92
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	179.41	1,704.41	110.22
Subtotal Building Operations	4,567.73	6,930.50	7,306.48
INSURANCE			
FUND EXPENSES	2,536.00	2,536.00	2,389.25
	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,079.53	29,318.91	29,612.97
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$4,386.78)	(\$9,426.22)	(\$9,105.37)

Respectfully submitted
Susan Hoffman

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Worship:

9:00 a.m. ~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month and on all festivals.

Church Staff

Pastor: Currently Vacant ~ clcpastor@windstream.net
 Minister of Music: Deborah Matthews ~ debmatth@comcast.net
 Administrative Assistant: Melissa Seasholtz ~ christluthchurch@windstream.net

2026 Congregational Council

President: Dave Fioriglio Vice President: Bob Heydt
 Secretary: Dan Knaub Treasurer: Sue Hoffman**
 Assistant Treasurer: Nancy Fioriglio** Financial Treasurer: Kathy Watts**
 e-mail: clcfinancial@windstream.net

Braden Bartman Lori Ermold Keith Folk
 Roxanne Fox Norm Hoffman Roberta Korsak
 Pat Moser Marvin Steward _____ + (5/24 – 4/25)
 (**non-council member / +youth member / second term)



Ministry Assistants for April 2026



	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assist	Assistant Minister	Ushers/Greeters
Maundy Thursday April 2 7:00 p.m.	_____*	Diane Houck	Sue Hoffman	Denise Hoffman	_____ * and _____ *
Good Friday April 3 7:00 p.m.		Sue Prutzman and Geoff Littlefield			Lisa & Bob Heydt
Easter April 5 9:00 a.m.	Tenley Willman	Tori Willman	Sue Hoffman	Denise Hoffman	Lisa & Bob Heydt Willman Family
Sunday, April 12 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Diane Houck		Denise Hoffman	_____ * and _____ *
Sunday, April 19 9:00 a.m.	Tenley Willman	Tori Willman		_____*	Ginnie Wilkinson and Tori Willman
Sunday, April 26 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Bob Heydt		_____*	Lisa and Bob Heydt

Altar Guild: Kathy Watts

Counting Team: TEAM D – Jim Barr (capt.), Norm Hoffman, Dan Knaub, Gerry Flicker, Marvin Steward

_____ * = **Help needed** – please call/e-mail the church office if you can help.
 Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<h1>April 2026</h1>				
			1 7:00 Senior Choir	2 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service at Christ Lutheran	3 7:00 Good Friday Service at Christ Lutheran	4
5 Easter 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Communion 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	6 Office CLOSED in observance of Easter 6:30 Property (W/C)	7 7:00 Book Club (W/C)	8 7:00 Senior Choir	9	10	11
12 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Pr. John Hansen preaching 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	13	14 **May Niantic News Articles are DUE 9:30 Quilt Tying (rm. H) 11:30 Ladies Lunch – meet in church to carpool to Toss of the Town, Boyertown	15 7:00 Senior Choir	16	17	18
19 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Pr. John Hansen preaching 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	20	21 7:00 Finance (room H) 7:00 Endowment (W/C)	22 <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i> 7:00 Senior Choir	23	24	25
26 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	27	28 7:00 Council (parlor)	29 7:00 Senior Choir	30	May 1	May 2