

# Niantic News

A monthly publication of Christ Lutheran Church

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## A Message from the Pastor...

Giving thanks is at the heart of faith. Thanksgiving is what God seeks from us. When we gather to worship God, we offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, so thanksgiving is at the heart of worship. When we give thanks, we turn our attention away from ourselves and toward the one who has given to us. It is easy to get caught up in thinking about all the things we lack, but to cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving fights against this all too human tendency. When we reflect on all the ways we are thankful in our life it helps us to see all of life with a healthier perspective.

To cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving takes time. It is not something we can decide to do and then achieve instantly. It is like a diet or exercise program. Things do not change after a day or two, but consistency over time brings results. Like anything worthwhile in life, it is about “showing up” day in and day out. When we practice thanksgiving, life begins to look differently. We see our blessings and our setbacks with new eyes.

So how can we cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving? We practice. Practice with prayer. It is easy to be focused on the things that are not going well when we pray. Of course, we need to pray about these things, the sickness, the stress, and the struggles of life, but we also need to take time to thank God for the blessings and joys of life. Individual prayer is essential and so is corporate prayer. Each week when we gather for worship, we collectively offer God our thanks and praise. It is important to spend time around other thankful people and join with them in offering thanks. Just like if you were trying to eat a healthy diet it would be more difficult if those around you ate nothing but junk food, so too if you are cultivating an attitude of thanksgiving but surrounded by those who are constantly focused on the negative and ungrateful it is more difficult to practice thanksgiving. Another way to practice thanksgiving is to serve others. By taking the time and effort to do something for another you give them an opportunity to be thankful, and you share the blessings that you have first received. Again, this helps us to focus on what we have over what we lack and changes our outlook on life.

A great place to practice thanksgiving is within your community of faith. For most of you reading this that would be Christ Lutheran Church. Here we practice prayer. We begin our worship by sharing “joys and concerns”. Then we pray for one another. In worship, we offer our thanks and praise each week. We have opportunities for service to others throughout the year. We have a community of thankful people around us to help us as we cultivate thanksgiving. Most of all we have the power of God given to us. If we ask God to give us a spirit of thanksgiving, then God will grant it to us.

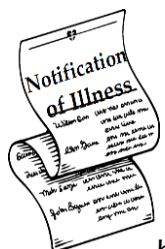
Finally, we are blessed to be the host of this year’s community thanksgiving service. People from congregations throughout the Bally area will come to Christ Lutheran to offer their thanks and praise to God. It is a great opportunity for us to be reminded of all that we are thankful for and to be surrounded by those who also practice an attitude of thanksgiving. The service will be on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. After the service, we will host refreshments in the fellowship hall. Please join us and take advantage of this opportunity to give thanks to God!

In Christ, *Pr. Matt*

**Official Pastoral Acts**

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

None since September 21, 2023.

**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!

**Attendance**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>
September 3	54
September 10	46
September 17	42
September 24	45
2022 Sun. Avg.:	38
2023 Sun. Avg.:	47

[Prior year averages are based on same time period]



Sunday, November 5  
Don't forget!

**All Saints' Sunday**

Sunday, November 5, 2023

On November 5, we remember all those members of the Christian Church who have entered the Church Triumphant, and especially those members of Christ Niantic or persons closely connected to it who have died during the past year. *During the service on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will dedicate memorials and gifts received during the year and remember those who died in the Lord in our prayers. Join us this special day.*

**From the Church Office:****Office Hours**

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

Pr. Matt is typically in the office on Fridays from 10 AM – 1 PM.

Pr. Matt's cell number is: 484-587-6506 for pastoral emergencies.

**Newsletter Deadline**

Information for the December issue of the Niantic News is due by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are several ways for you to submit your articles:

- ☒ E-mail it to me at:  
christluthchurch@windstream.net;
- ☒ Submit it on your USB flash drive, which can be borrowed from the church office and returned with article saved on it;
- ☒ Place your typed or neatly written copy in my mailbox in old room B.

**2023 Worship Helpers Needed**

Would you like to serve as an Acolyte / Lector / Assisting Minister / Usher/Greeter for the remainder of 2023?

Help is needed in all of these assisting positions.

Please contact the church office to sign up.  
Training can be arranged!

**November Birthdays**

- 1 Gerald L. Flicker (1932), Dawn R. Hoffman
- 2 Wally Updegrove (1942)
- 4 Johanna Benner
- 6 Robert Borneman (1943), Kathy Nase, Debbie Pienta
- 10 Aaron Hoffman, Denise Witman
- 11 Kurt Davidheiser, Melissa Seasholtz
- 12 Sandra Moll (1942)
- 13 Hattie Terkowski
- 16 Phyllis Hartenstine
- 17 Matthew D. Hoffman
- 18 Leigh Ann Roberts
- 22 Emily Francisco
- 29 Jason Carter, Lisa Knaub
- 30 Clark Yoder





### **Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

This serves as official notification that a meeting of this congregation will be held immediately following the worship service at **9:00 AM** on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Copies of the 2024 Budget are enclosed in this newsletter or pick up a copy in the narthex. Please bring the copies with you to the meeting. Nominations for 2024 Council will be announced/voted on at the meeting.

### **Join us for a "FUN Style" Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **First Course: 4 - 4:45 PM**

We will start with appetizers, hors d'oeuvres and fellowship in the Welcome Center!

#### **Main Course: 5 - 6 PM**

We will move on to a delicious meal in the Social Hall followed by a short musical program based on the Hope, Peace, Love and Joy of the upcoming Advent season!

#### **Final Course: 6 PM**

We will complete our meal in the Parlor with coffee, desserts and an easy Advent decoration for you to make and take home with you!

**Please sign up in the narthex** (because we want to make sure that we set up enough seats and have enough food for everyone). If you would like to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share, it can be dropped off between 10 – 11 AM in the Welcome Center. And if you need a ride to the dinner or have questions, please speak to any member of the FUN committee.

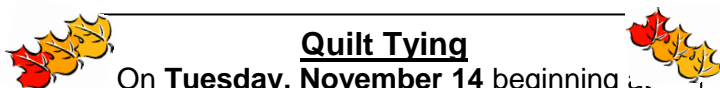
We hope that you will come out and join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> for some food, fellowship and FUN!



### **Christ the King Sunday**

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

On this last Sunday of the church year, we honor Christ, who reigns as king from the cross. The Lord Jesus was not wealthy or famous. He did not promise his followers that they would possess riches, power, or prestige. He was named a king only in his death. He left his disciples the treasure of his body and blood. As we gather this day, we wear the crown of baptism and trace his royal sign—the holy cross—over our brows and bodies. We leave here strengthened to serve those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, and imprisoned. We look for the day when all earth's people will see him coming with the scepter of peace and the crown of justice.



### **Quilt Tying**

On **Tuesday, November 14** beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will be tying quilts in the social hall.

Help is always needed!!

Then we will go to the...

### **Lutheran Ladies Lunch**

Our next lunch will be **Tuesday, November 14** at 12 noon. We will be going to Tosco, Pennsburg. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. to carpool or meet us at Tosco at 12 noon.

Hope you can join us!

# Thank you...

...for your kind donation to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service food pantry. Your donation combats food insecurity and hunger experienced by your neighbors and community members who are facing difficult season of life. We are ever so grateful.

**Jocelyn Charles,  
Executive Director at  
Boyertown Area  
Multi-Service**

## Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain Initiator:  
June Herb 610-754-7841 or  
junerose56@aol.com

### Joy:

- ...birth of Oscar Linwood Topping to Amy (Reichert) and Jake Topping on 10/4/23. Proud grandparents are Kathy Bittner and Dale Reichert.
- ...birth of Macie Lee Barrett to Alli and Drew Barrett born on 10/14/23. Proud great-grandmother is June Herb.
- ...birth of Colton Paul Carter born to Jason and Amanda Carter 10/18. Herb and Diane Carter are the proud Grandparents

### Health & Healing:

Laurel Arbogast - Aunt of Lisa Knaub  
Janet Behel - Shirley Deery's sister  
Mark Belt - Terry Flicker's brother-in-law  
Kim Blair - cousin of Pr. Matt Finney  
Dorothy Davis - sister of Barb Hoffman  
Gerald Flicker  
Margret Freeman - daughter of Nancy Folk's cousin  
Kaden Gabel - grandson of Bob and Pat Gabel  
Lorraine Gehringer - friend of Charlie & Betty Hoffman  
Don Gerhart - brother of Sue Hoffman's friend, Mary  
Rev. Arlene Greenwald - former member of Niantic  
Heather - daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt  
Betty Hoffman  
Philip Hoffman  
Katie - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter  
Mark Kengle - family friend of the Fioriglios  
Tricia Korutz - Lisa Knaub's sister  
Charlie Orner  
Pr. Jennifer Phelps - former member at CLC  
Fran Reismiller - wife of former sexton at Niantic, Bob  
David Renn - friend of Nancy/Dave Fioriglio  
Kathy Romich - cousin of Lisa Heydt  
Todd (Scruffy) Slonaker - cousin of Gerry Flicker and Denise Hoffman  
Bill Starrett - friend of Gerry and Terry Flicker  
Tiffany - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter  
Alma Willard - friend of Nancy and Keith Folk  
Holly Wood - owner of Book Nook/friend of Pat Moser  
Harold Worrall - Lisa Knaub's father



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

Gary Barna, Sr. - father-in-law of friend of Amy Fluke (10/1)  
Joe Melcher - friend of Chelsea Hoffman (Denise Hoffman's daughter-in-law) (10/10)

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

Owen Dietrich - cousin of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Anthony Lester - friend of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Dustin/Lisa Lowery - Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy's nephew/wife; Quinn Mason - Lindsey (Riegner) Mason's stepson; Ryan Watts - nephew of Kathy Watts; William Zearfoss - Deb Matthew's nephew; 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 look in the 2023 Membership Directory or contact the church office.

Gerald Flicker (\*moved on 9/26 to Grandview Manor in Fleetwood); Phyllis Hartenstine; Beatrice Lukens (Saucon Valley Manor, Hellertown)

## Mercy Ministry

Chershe Derr, Chairperson

### Salvation Army Thanksgiving Food Donations, Christmas Food Boxes

During these difficult times, let us not forget our local food banks and donate to the Salvation Army during November and December.

This food drive will benefit their **Thanksgiving Drive Thru Meal** on Thanksgiving (donations accepted through **November 12**), the **Christmas Food Boxes** (donations accepted through **December 10**), as well as stocking their food pantry. All types of canned goods or other non-perishable food items are needed. Items especially needed are as follows: canned vegetables, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, mac and cheese dinners, soups, canned chicken or tuna, cereal and pancake mix.

Donations of **hams** or turkeys for the Christmas Food Boxes may also be donated, and again should be taken directly to the Salvation Army because of the need for refrigeration. Please deliver to Salvation Army directly by December 11. If this is a problem, please contact Kay Barr.

They ask that you please do not donate out dated items. All donated items will go to help people in need throughout the Boyertown Area.

**Please place items in designated boxes located near the water cooler just outside the Welcome Center. Thank you!**

Let us help our neighbors in need especially this year!

### Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Mercy Ministry is still collecting Redner's Save-a-Tape BUT when submitting your receipts, I have to have the bottom part that says "Today's Contribution - \$XX.xx" or Save-a-Tape with the dollar figure. Without this on the bottom, Redner's will not give us the 1% back. So, all you need to do is get a Save-A-Tape card from Redners, go shopping at Redner's and deposit your complete receipt in the box in the narthex. Redner's will send us a check for 1% of the receipts! It's that easy! Any questions, please contact Shirley Deery at (610) 367-0548.



Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service

Wednesday, November 22  
at 7:00 p.m. at  
**Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic.**  
More information will be  
forthcoming.

Christmas Card Exchange

SHARING CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS WITH CHURCH  
FRIENDS HELPS FUND MERCY  
MINISTRY PROJECTS

The annual **Christmas Card Exchange** begins **Sunday, December 3**. Place Christmas cards, addressed to congregation members, in the box in the Parlor. Then put the amount you saved on postage in a pew envelope and mark it, "Christmas Card Exchange." Cards will be sorted by the Mercy Ministry committee. Don't forget to stop in the Parlor to see if "you've got mail!"



## Keystone-Miller BLOOD DRIVES

Local churches/businesses are  
hosting Keystone-Miller Blood Drives on the  
following dates:

**Saturday, November 4** from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
at St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church, 244  
Koch Road, Boyertown

**Wednesday, November 29** from 1 – 7 p.m.  
at Bally Mennonite Church, 1481 Route 100,  
Barto.

Register via the internet at:  
[www.giveapint.org](http://www.giveapint.org) or  
call 1-800-B-A-Donor (223-6667).  
**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

*From the Minister of Music...*

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, I attended a one-day workshop sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Musicians at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. At this **Hearts • Hands • Voices** workshop, musicians explored questions around songs and hymns sung together in assembly.

- Why do we sing?
- What is a good hymn text?
- A good hymn tune?
- How do we move from likes and dislikes to using the gift of discernment in choosing hymns?

In the afternoon, we spent some time considering descants and write some as a group. We sang together using hidden treasures in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and introducing new hymns from other hymnals including All Creation Sings and Songs for the Holy Other.

I look forward to sharing the highlights of this workshop with you.

*Deb Matthews*

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
**Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 AM – 5 PM**  
(last shift is 5 – 6 PM)

**WalMart (grocery side/outside)**  
Sign-up sheet on bulletin board downstairs.  
Any questions, please contact Terry Flicker.



**Highlights of the Council Meeting on August 22, 2023:****1) Planning Committee update:**

Event scheduled for Sunday October 8th

There will be a short service scheduled for 10/8 followed by a breakfast/brunch in the Social Hall. Results of the survey taken earlier this year will be discussed.

Bring a friend Sunday

In collaboration with the church picnic on Sunday 9/17 will be "Bring a Friend Sunday".

Children's Chapel will occur on the first Sunday of most months during the school year, with a few exceptions.

After the start of the service, children may go downstairs with a lay leader before the Scriptures and Sermon for a children's version of the service. Children would return for the end of the service.

Volunteers may be needed as lay leaders.

More information can be found in the Message from the Pastor in the September Newsletter.

**2) Safe Place Policy:**

The Safe Place Policy was distributed for review.

We may want to change the Policy to match State law requiring clearance renewal every 5 years. Presently we require 3 year recertification.

**3) Church Rolls:** Bob G, Pat M and June H along with Bob H at the last meeting are working to consolidate the Power Church Plus lists into something usable. A great deal of discussion including discrepancies in the lists due to undocumented communions or donations and voting / active vs. inactive members.

Communication with folks we have not seen for a while is definitely needed and being worked on.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Pastors Discretionary Fund, follow up needed? A line item in the budget should be fine. Finance will meet in September to work on 2024 Budget.

The cleaning of the church sign has been completed. Is there a way of updating the sign without spending the money to go digital?

**NEW BUSINESS**

Other churches that members have visited have something for visitors to take home, coffee cups with our church name and information. Pens were also mentioned. Is this something we might want to do?

A suggestion to have Coffee Hour with snacks once a month was mentioned. Volunteers will be needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry Flicker, Council Secretary

*If you would like either your cell number and/or your e-mail information published in the 2024 Membership Directory and have not done so in prior years or if info has changed, please fill out the form below and place in Melissa's (Administrative Assistant) mailbox. Thank you.*



### Membership Directory Update

After receiving many requests' for member's e-mails and cell phone data to be listed in the Church Membership Directory that is published in January of each year, below is your permission to have this information listed in the directory.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my permission to have my  
(name)  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or  
 cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ published.

Please complete as much information as you would like listed in the directory.  
 Please drop off or mail back to the church office by Friday, December 15. Thank you.



Beautiful poinsettias will once again adorn our chancel for our Christmas Eve Services and you are invited to sponsor one or more plants in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please use this form to indicate your desires. Place the form in an envelope along with your check (payable to: "*Christ Lutheran Church*" for \$13.50 for each plant you order. **Deadline to order is Sunday, December 11, 2023.**

**Please use one form per plant.** Attach the form(s) to payment.  
 Cost per plant: **\$13.50.**

Given in Memory/Honor of (circle one):

\_\_\_\_\_

by: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the church.  
 Checks should be made payable to: "*Christ Lutheran Church*" 222 Niantic Rd – Barto, PA 19504.  
 Please **take your** Poinsettia(s) with you on **Christmas Eve** if possible or contact the church office to make arrangements for pickup. Thank you.



Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic  
**Income and Expense Statement**  
Consolidated - September 2023

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	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
<b>INCOME</b>			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$10,199.51	\$97,927.61	\$95,978.83
OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	463.00	5,310.00	37,479.14
INVESTMENT INCOME	579.18	1,038.30	0.00
OTHER INCOME	0.00	0.60	(8,867.99)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,241.69</b>	<b>104,276.51</b>	<b>124,589.98</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>SALARIES</b>			
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$4,302.30	\$39,939.60	\$39,672.33
OTHER STAFF	3,311.00	30,141.63	29,879.68
Subtotal Salaries	7,613.30	70,081.23	69,552.01
<b>WORSHIP</b>			
MUSIC	20.00	1,607.97	974.63
ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE	0.00	300.00	615.68
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	140.00	1,535.55	2,195.63
Subtotal Worship	160.00	3,443.52	3,785.94
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
CURRICULUM MATERIALS	0.00	127.50	0.00
OTHER MINISTRIES	0.00	206.00	294.50
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH</b>			
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	400.98	0.00
INTERNET EXPENSES	338.12	2,191.08	1,915.68
Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach	338.12	2,592.06	1,915.68
<b>CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</b>			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	164.91	1,474.44	1,319.36
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	0.00	242.08	241.83
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	194.55
Subtotal Church Administration	164.91	1,716.52	1,755.74
<b>BUILDING OPERATIONS</b>			
HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS	433.09	9,777.35	12,325.35
CLEANING SUPPLIES	765.00	3,398.70	2,269.34
REAL ESTATE TAX	0.00	134.37	128.55
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,529.43	1,998.25	961.55
Subtotal Building Operations	2,727.52	15,308.67	15,684.79
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
FUND EXPENSES	0.00	5,724.00	3,547.25
	0.00	3,385.71	113.20
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,003.85</b>	<b>102,585.21</b>	<b>96,649.11</b>
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$237.84</b>	<b>\$1,691.30</b>	<b>\$27,940.87</b>

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Susan Hoffman*



## 2024 Proposed Budget page 1

### 2024 Proposed Budget (Christ Lutheran Church, Barto) General Fund

Account#	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	\$ Change
<b>Salaries</b>						
	<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>					
5201			Salary & Housing	31,691	31,691	-
5205			Pension	5,319	5,194	(125)
5206			Health Insurance	14,678	15,965	1,287
5210			Social Security Allowance	2,424	2,424	-
5215			Cont Ed	500	500	-
5220			Supply Pastor	700	700	-
5228			Auto Expense - Pastor	1,250	700	(550)
			Discretionary Fund		1000	1,000
	<b>Sub Total Pastoral Ministry</b>			<b>56,562</b>	<b>58,173</b>	<b>1,611</b>
	Defined Compensation			34,115	34,115	
	<b>Other Staff</b>					
5405			Director of Music	17,559	17,998	439
5450			Supply Organist	300	300	-
5500			Office Manager	19,502	19,990	488
5550			Supply Secretary	-	-	-
5750			Director of Christian Ed	-	-	-
5850			Supply Sexton	-	-	-
5900			Payroll Taxes - employer share	3,698	3,698	-
5910			Workers Comp Insurance	900	900	-
5920			Continuing Education	450	450	-
	<b>Sub Total Other Staff</b>			<b>42,409</b>	<b>43,336</b>	<b>927</b>
<b>Sub Total Salaries</b>				<b>98,971</b>	<b>101,509</b>	<b>2,538</b>
<b>Worship</b>						
<b>6100 Music</b>						
6110			Adult Choir	150	200	50
6130			Bell Choir	60	150	90
6145			Praise Ensemble	-	-	-
6151			Special Music Support & Damp Chaser	491	100	(391)
6150			Special Music	60	500	440
6160			Copyright Expense	650	650	-
	<b>Sub Total Music</b>			<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>189</b>
	<b>Organ &amp; Piano Maintenance</b>					
6310			Organ	-	-	-
6320			Piano	500	500	-
6330			Bell Maint (2018 Carillon)	-	-	-
	<b>Sub Total Organ &amp; Piano Maintenance</b>			<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Worship Supplies</b>					
6410			Bulletins	-	-	-
6420			Special Bulletins	200	200	-
6430			Altar Flowers	700	700	-
6440			Special Flowers	-	-	-
6445			Special Occasion Flowers	-	-	-
6450			Candles	200	200	-

## 2024 Proposed Budget page 2

### 2024 Proposed Budget (Christ Lutheran Church, Barto) General Fund

General Fund				2023	2024	\$ Change
Account#	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Budget	Budget	
6470			Other Worship supplies	500	250	(250)
	Sub Total Worship Supplies			1,600	1,350	(250)
Sub Total Worship				3,511	3,450	(61)
Christian Education						
	Educational Materials					
6710			Sunday School	750	750	-
6720			VBS	-	-	-
6730			Confirmation	750	500	(250)
6740			Other Educ. Material	-		
	Sub Total Education Materials			1,500	1,250	(250)
	Supplies					
6810			Christian Ed Misc	-	-	-
6820			Cradle Roll	-	-	-
6910			Library	-	-	-
	Sub Total Supplies			-	-	-
Sub Total Christian Education				1,500	1,250	(250)
Fellowship/Other Ministries						
7010			Youth	-	-	-
7020			Womens Ministry	-	-	-
7040			Fellowship / FUN	250	250	-
7041			Kitchen Kapers	-	-	-
7050			Men's Ministry	-	-	-
7070			Devotional Booklets	300	300	-
			Picture Directory			-
Sub Total Fellowship/Other Ministries				550	550	-
Lay Ministry/Leadership Training						
7514			Lay Leaders - Training	50	50	-
	Council expenses					
7511			Retreat	-		
7512			Safe Place/Leadership Training	75	75	-
7513			Other expenses			
	Sub Total Council expenses			75	75	-
Sub Total Ministry/Leadership Training				125	125	-
Social ministry/Outreach						
	Community Service Agency					
8011			Boyertown Area Ministerium	-		
8012			Boyertown Multi Service	-		
8014			Habitat for Humanity	-		
8015			Salvation Army	-		
8017			Misc. Other	-		
8019			Volunteer Home Care	-		
	Sub Total Community Service Agency			-		

## 2024 Proposed Budget page 3

### 2024 Proposed Budget (Christ Lutheran Church, Barto)

#### General Fund

				2023	2024	\$ Change
Account#	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Budget	Budget	
8025	<b>Miscellaneous Social Ministry/Outreach Expenses</b>					
8026			Evangelism Committee	200	200	-
	<b>Sub Total Miscellaneous Social Ministry/Outreach E</b>			<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	
	<b>Church Growth</b>					
8021			Church growth expenses	-	200	200
	<b>Sub Total Church Growth</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>
	<b>Advertising</b>					
8032			Advertising	900	900	-
	<b>Sub Total Advertising</b>			<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Social Ministry Stewardship</b>					
8051			Stewardship Programs	100	100	-
8052			Offering Envelopes	500	500	-
	<b>Sub Total Ministry Stewardship</b>			<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Internet Expenses</b>					
8061/8571			Comcast (+phone)	2,800	2,800	
8062			Web Hosting Fee	150	150	
	<b>Sub Total Internet Expenses</b>			<b>2,950</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Sub Total Social Ministry/Outreach</b>			<b>4,650</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>200</b>
	<b>Church Administration</b>					
8510	<b>Admin Expense</b>					
8511			Paper	400	400	-
8512			Postage	600	600	-
8513			Office supplies	150	150	-
8514			Film & Developing	-	-	-
8520			Other Admin	300	300	-
8521			Payroll Service	800	800	-
	<b>Sub Total Admin Expense</b>			<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Equip Maintenance</b>					
8538			Copier Supplies	-		
8539			Copier Maintenance	1,400	1,400	-
	<b>Sub Total Equipment Maintenance</b>			<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>
8545	<b>Other Office Equipment</b>					
8546			Computer Supplies	350	350	-
8547			Computer Software	300	300	-
8548			Computer Maintenance	250	250	-
	<b>Sub Total Other Office Equipment</b>			<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>
8551	<b>Professional Expenses</b>					
8557			meals			
8558			Other - Professional expenses	50	-	(50)
	<b>Sub Total Professional Expenses</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(50)</b>

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### 2024 Proposed Budget (Christ Lutheran Church, Barto) General Fund

				2023	2024	\$ Change
Account#	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Budget	Budget	
8565	Auto Expense					
8567			Other Staff	50	-	(50)
	Sub total Auto Expense			50	-	(50)
8560	Synod Assembly					
8561			Synod Assembly	300	300	-
8562			Convocation	325	325	-
	Sub Total Synod Assembly			625	625	-
8570	Telephone					
8571	(moved to internet)		Church phones	-	-	-
8572			Cellular	-		-
	Sub total Telephone			-	-	
Sub Total	Church Administration			5,275	5,175	(100)
Insurance						
8900	Insurance					
8905			Com. Pkg/Umbrella Policy	7,400	7,400	-
Sub Total	Insurance			7,400	7,400	
Building Operations						
8610	Heat, Elec, Gas					
8611		Oil				
8612			Church	14,000	12,000	(2,000)
8613			Social Hall	3,000	2,500	(500)
		Sub total Oil		17,000	14,500	(2,500)
8620		Electric				
8621			Church	2,700	2,500	(200)
8622			Social Hall	720	800	80
		Sub Total Electric		3,420	3,300	(120)
8630		Gas				
8632			Social Hall	500	500	-
		Sub Total Gas		500	500	-
	Sub Total Heat, Elec. Gas			20,920	18,300	(2,620)
8650	Cleaning					
8651			Cleaning Service	5,200	4,500	(700)
8655			Supplies	250	250	-
	Sub Total Cleaning Supplies			5,450	4,750	(700)
8700	Real estate Tax					
8701			Real estate Tax/Vacant Lot	130	140	10
	Sub Total Real Estate Tax			130	140	10
8800	Building Maintenance					
8810			Church Building	1,250	1,250	-
			Reserve for roof and gen repairs			-
8850			Social Hall	500	500	-
	Sub Total Building Maintenance			1,750	1,750	-
Account#	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	2023	2024	\$ Change
				Budget	Budget	
Sub Total	Building Operations			28,250	24,940	(3,310)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES				150,232	149,249	(983)
Benevolence goal				15,000	15,000	-
Building Fund goal				6,000	6,000	-
Grand Total all funds				171,232	170,249	(983)

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Worship:** 9:00 a.m. ~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month and festivals.**Children's Chapel:** Sundays: November 5 and December 3**Church Staff**

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**2023 Congregational Council**

President: Bob Heydt Vice President: Dave Fioriglio  
 Secretary: Gerry Flicker ☒ Treasurer: Sue Hoffman ☒  
 Assistant Treasurer: Nancy Fioriglio\*\* Financial Treasurer: Kathy Watts\*\*  
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Robert Borneman ☒ Merle Deery Keith Folk  
 Roxanne Fox Bob Gabel Dawn Sandoval  
 Marvin Steward Izzy Sandoval+ (5/22-4/23)  
 (\*\*non-council member / +youth member / ☒ second term / ♦ completing a term)

**Ministry Assistants for November 2023**

	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Communion Assist</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>
<b>November 5 9:00 a.m.</b>	_____*	Diane Houck	Sue Hoffman	Terry Flicker	_____*
<b>November 12 9:00 a.m.</b>	_____*	Sue Hoffman		Denise Hoffman	Roberta Korsak and Ginnie Wilkinson
<b>November 19 9:00 a.m.</b>	_____*	Bob Heydt		_____*	Bob and Lisa Heydt
<b>Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22 7:00 p.m.</b>	_____*			_____*	_____*
<b>November 26 9:00 a.m.</b>	_____*	Denise Hoffman	Sue Hoffman	Denise Hoffman	Shirley and Merle Deery

**Altar Guild:** Diane and Bruce Houck**Counting Team:** TEAM A – Butch Fox (capt.); Bob Heydt, Lisa Heydt, Judy Moser, Ken Moser

\_\_\_\_\_ \* = Help needed. If you can help, please contact the church office.  
 Thank you.

