

Niantic News

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Faith, Family, Farm

by Pat Moser

As our country celebrates its 250th anniversary, I find myself giving thanks for three blessings that have shaped my life: faith, family, and farm.

When I think about the beginnings of our nation, I think of those who left behind everything is familiar in homelands far across the ocean. They came not knowing what awaited them but trusting that a new home and a new beginning were possible. Surely there was fear in that journey, but there was also courage, hope, and faith.

Those early settlers built homes, worked the soil, learned through hardship, and prepared the way for generations to come. Their lives remind us that God often uses ordinary people, faithful work, and daily perseverance to build something lasting. As Psalm 90:17 reminds us, "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"

The words "Faith, Family, Farm" appear on a towel in my bathroom, and I was drawn to them because they describe my life so well. Faith grounds me and carries me through. Family—my husband, our children and grandchildren, their spouses, and now a great-granddaughter—is one of God's greatest gifts. Our farm is more than our livelihood; it is part of who we are, and a legacy entrusted to us.

Those same values sustained the early settlers of this country. They needed faith to keep going, family to share life's burdens and blessings, and farming as a means of providing for those they loved.

When I think about my own life, I also think of my husband's family and the generations who have lived and worked on our farm. Their ancestors came to this country, began farming, and endured hard work year after year. Because of their perseverance and God's faithfulness, they built a life and a legacy that continues today.

The Moser family first came to this country in the mid-1800's and settled in the Pikeville area. For several generations, they attended Hill Lutheran Church. Around 1900, Jonathan and Fiona Moser bought a farm and moved to this area. We believe it was around that time that the Moser's began attending Christ Lutheran Church. Members of each generation have been part of our church family ever since. As families grew, there are numerous farms in our area that were home to Moser families.

Our family farm has stood for many generations. Each generation has faced hard times, yet each has found a way to carry on. Faith in God sustained them then, and it sustains us now. I often think of something my grandson Jackson said when he was very young. He would wake up each day and say, "It's a brand-new day." What a beautiful reminder that each morning is

Faith, Family, Farm continued...

a gift from God. We try to greet each day with faith, thank God for it when it is over, and trust Him for strength when the day has been difficult.

Because of the choices those ancestors made, the family farm still stands today. That is something to cherish. It is even more meaningful to see three of our grandsons already showing interest in carrying that legacy forward. Their interest reminds me that faith, family, and farm are not only part of our past; they are also part of our hope for the future.

Our ancestors had faith in the land, in the work of their hands, in the animals they tended, and above all, in God. Without that faith, our farm would not be here today, and neither would the life we have been blessed to live.

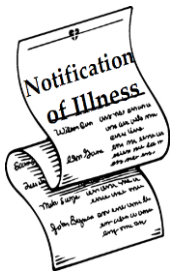
Faith, family, and farm remain woven together in our lives. They connect us to God, to one another, to those who came before us, and to the generations still to come. As we honor our nation's 250th anniversary, I give thanks for these enduring blessings and for the God who has guided us through every brand-new day.

Happy 250th Birthday to our country, and thanks be to God for the blessings of faith, family, and farm.

Official Pastoral Acts

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

Funeral of Polly Orner on July 15, 2026 with Pr. Eugene Zaiser officiating at funeral home.



Notification in Case of Illness

Christ Lutheran, Niantic 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!

Thank you...

...for your prayers and phone calls. It meant so much during a difficult time. Also, thank you for the kindness you showed hosting the luncheon after the funeral and the delicious desserts that were shared. Our family appreciated your generosity.

Linda Aston and family

Church Office Hours and Pastoral Emergency Info:

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

All non-emergency, non-pastoral calls can be called into the church office during or after office hours.

Pastoral emergency, please call our vice-pastor, Pr. Eugene Zaiser at 610-322-0901.

Thank you.

2027 Budget Requests

All 2027 Budget Requests are due into the Finance Committee by **Sunday, August 9.**

All Committees & Staff should have received a memo regarding this. If you have questions regarding your budget, please direct them to Sue Hoffman or Butch Fox.

From the Church Office:

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the September issue of the Niantic News is **due by Tuesday, August 11th**. 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 will be returned for reuse;
- ☑ Place your typed or neatly written copy in my mailbox in coat/mail room.



QUILT TYING

Join us on **Tuesday, August 11** at 10:00 a.m. for quilt tying in the room H. Followed by the...

Lutheran Ladies Lunch

Our August lunch date will be held on **Tuesday, August 11**. We will be going to Moccia's Train Stop, 1004 Gravel Pike (Rte. 29), Schwenksville. Please meet in the Welcome Center at 11:30 to carpool to Moccia's for lunch at 12 noon.

August Birthdays

- 3 Alliana Drury
- 4 Thomas Witman
- 5 Reed Stevens, Gary Wilkinson
- 6 Bruce Hoffman
- 7 Rachel Deery, Denise Hoffman, Krystal Witman
- 8 Amy Fluke, Peyton Terkowski
- 10 Charles Patt III
- 11 Patricia Borneman (1938)
- 14 Chershe Derr, Ashley Hare
- 16 Mary A. Ache (1944)
- 18 Devin Bauer
- 19 Rachel Murphy
- 21 Norman Hoffman, Margaret Mason
- 24 Lindsey Brown, Amanda Howard
- 25 Janet Schaeffer
- 28 Kathy Watts



Attendance

Worship

Confirmation



June 7	45	N/A
June 14	39	N/A
June 21	45	N/A
June 28	50	N/A

June 2025 Sun. Avg.:	50	0
June 2026 Sun. Avg.:	45	0

(Prior year averages are based on same time period)

Music News ~



- **August 2nd** - Joe DiCindio, guest organist w/ Tenor, Orin Strunk
- **August 9th** - Lili Sanderlin, guest organist
- **August 16th** - Lili Sanderlin, guest organist
- **August 23rd** - OPEN
- **August 30th** - Hymn Sing

First choir rehearsals will start on September 2nd from 7 – 8 p.m.

2026 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up Sunday openings...

The 2026 Altar Flower/Bulletin sign-up sheet are hanging up on bulletin board between the narthex and the parlor.

There are quite a few open Sundays to sign-up to get that special day! Flower/Bulletin questions should be directed to Sandy Gehman.

The **cost** of **Altar Flowers** is **\$40.00** and **Bulletins** are **\$20.00**.

	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
August 2	OPEN	OPEN
August 9	Sandy & Ralph Gehman	OPEN
August 16	OPEN	OPEN
August 23	OPEN	OPEN
August 30	OPEN	OPEN

*If you would like to sponsor either altar flowers or bulletins, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office. Thank you.

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

Re-dedication of St Paul's sanctuary

We have set the date for the re-dedication of our reconstructed sanctuary. The date will be **August 9** at our 10:30 AM Service.

We invite the members of Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic to join us for this day of celebration.

We will have special music, Holy Communion, the service of re-dedication, and a social hour following the service.

Summer Offerings

Before you go off on your summer vacation or you choose to stay home due to the current situation we are in, remember that our congregation's operations, mission, and ministries continue while you are away. That means that the expenses associated with our ministries go on as well. So before you head off on that "get away," place your weekly offering in the plate, drop it off or mail it into the church office.



Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain Initiator: While June is recuperating, please contact **Pat Moser** at (610) 823-7013 or email: patmoser102@gmail.com with all prayer concerns.

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

Health & Healing:

Jim Barr

Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy

Richard Campbell – Roberta Korsak's brother-in-law

Amelia Chalifoux - Mother of Tammy Hoffman (6/28)

Ron Conrad – uncle of Denise Hoffman and Gerry Flicker

Andrea Conti – daughter of friends of the Willman's

Eric and Jolene Eidle – friends of Pat Moser (son, Herman born 7/14)

Terry Flicker

Pat Gabel – Bob's wife

Gary – father of Megan, a friend of Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy

Greg Gennaro – former student of Heather Moser

Heather – daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt

Leroy Heissler – friend of Denise Hoffman's family

June Herb

Charlie Hoffman

Tim Hoffman – Denise Hoffman and Gerry Flicker's brother-in-law

Crystal Hughes - Friend of Laurie Stofflet

Tom Johnson - employee of Grant Willman

Judy Moser

Sandy Moser - Pat Moser's cousin - wife of Gordie

Otto Nuss

Bill Starrett – friend of Terry/Gerry Flicker, attends CLC

Mark Stofflet (6/28)

Tiffany - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter

Steve Wanders –brother-in-law of Roberta Korsak's sister

Joel Wiest - cousin of Pat Moser's children



Death (Family and Friends of...):

Barbara Geary – mother of friends of Amy/Mike Fluke (7/6)

Polly Orner (7/11)

Bruce Deeds – father of a friend of the Fluke family (7/13)

Brooke Miller – brother-in-law of Cindy Miller (7/17)

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 Pat/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.**

Mary Ache; Hilda Kolb (Frederick Living/Cedarwood Rm. 1309B);

Barbara Hoffman (Assisted Living in Wilmington, DE)

Mercy Ministry

Chershe Derr, Chairperson

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Social 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.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The August collection of food for local food banks will be donated to Open Link in Pennsburg. Any item is appreciated, but there is a special need for the following:

Food:

Kids cereal; condiments (mayo, mustard etc.); baking mix; pasta & rice sides; canned tuna; canned chicken; granola/breakfast bars; fruit juice; pet food

Personal Care and Cleaning Items:

Shampoo; conditioner; body wash; deodorant; cleaning supplies; diapers

Place items in designated boxes located in the coat/mail room.

**Please make sure all donated items are within a good expiration date.

Book Club

The Book Club will be reading the book:

"The Blessings" by Elise Juska.

The book can be borrowed from a local library or purchased at a bookstore or Amazon.

We will meet on **Tuesday, August 11 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.



Music has a unique way of speaking to the heart, carrying scripture and prayer in ways that words alone cannot. It strengthens our faith, comforts us in times of need, and lifts our voices in thanksgiving and joy. As we sing together, we join not only with one another, but with the whole communion of saints across time and space.

On **Wednesday, September 9th**, Senior choir rehearsals begin at 7:00.

Come and be renewed, inspired, and uplifted as we make a joyful noise to the Lord. Whether you join us for the entire choir year or during times that work for your schedule, all are welcome to experience the beauty and power of music.

Deb Matthews,
Parish Musician 🎵



Income & Expense as of June 2026

	Current Month	Year-to-date	Prior Year-to-date
Income	\$ 10,202	\$ 72,033	\$ 65,940
Expenses	\$ 7,308	\$ 71,355	\$ 96,096
Excess Income / (Expenses)	\$ 2,894	\$ 678	\$ (30,156)

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

Sunday, August 16 ~ Sundaes at Sunset (more info below)

Saturday, Sept. 12 ~ Iron Pigs Baseball Game
(more info below)



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



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

Sunday, December 13 ~ Miracle on 34th Street play

January 16, 2027 ~ Sportsman's Dinner



More details to follow on all activities!!



BRING A FRIEND TO SUNDAES AT SUNSET

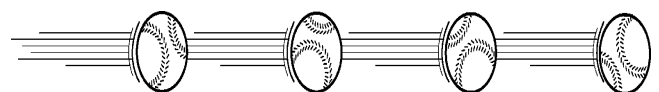
On **Sunday, August 16th**, we will be hosting our first ever "**Sundaes at Sunset**". Sunset that evening will be at 8:03pm and everyone is invited to bring a comfy chair and a friend to the church parking lot at 7 p.m. for a free sundae (or root beer float) to await what we hope will be a beautiful sunset over the hills of Niantic.

Ryan Houck will be providing music for us from 7-9 p.m.! We will also be holding a contest for the best photo of the sunset that evening! If it should rain, we will be enjoying sundaes and other "sunsets" in the Social Hall. Hope to see you and your friend on August 16th!

BASEBALL AT THE IRON PIGS

On **Saturday, September 12th**, the FUN Committee is planning a trip to see the Iron Pigs play the Red Sox AAA team at CocaCola Park in Allentown. Tickets are \$13. The game starts at 6:35 p.m. and ends with fireworks. We will be carpooling to the game, so please let us know if you need a ride. We need a **final count** by **Sunday August 30th**.

Please sign up for both of these events (Sundaes at Sunset and Iron Pigs game) in the narthex!





“Birthday Bags” for “God’s Work. Our Hands” September 13, 2026

The Mercy Ministry committee will be collecting and assembling items for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service “birthday bag” program. Listed below are suggested items for the bags. Each “birthday bag” can contain all of these items, some of these items, or additional appropriate items. We will be sorting and assembling the bags after church on September 13th (“God’s work. Our hands”) Sunday.

Cake mix and icing

*Aluminum cake pan**

**(sturdy 9” x 13” aluminum baking pan with lid preferred)*

Cake plates and napkins

Plastic forks

Birthday candles and holders

Colorful balloons

NOTE: Place all items in a sturdy 9” x 13” aluminum baking pan (with lid) or place everything in a gift bag.

For more fun, have your family assemble a bag yourself!

Collection of items will be the entire month of August.



Highlights from Council Meeting May 26, 2026:

1. Council Coffee Hour
 - a. June 28th after service
2. Vitality Survey Meeting- Pr. Linda Manson
 - a. Reaching out to plan an intentional meeting with her to discuss future steps.
3. Financial Data Reporting
 - a. Motion made by Roberta Korsak to allow the general fund to be posted in the bulletin/newsletter, seconded by Keith Folk. Motion passed.
4. Safe Place Policy Approval
 - a. Revised and reformatted safe place policy brought to the table, Will replace the 2015 version.
 - b. A motion was made by Pat Moser to approve the new safe place policy, seconded by Lori Ermold. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS

Plan to install window units in social hall as opposed to a new Air conditioner system.
A motion made by Roxanne Fox and seconded by Roberta Korsak. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Knaub
Council Secretary

Newsletter's Page 1

Do you like to write?

Do you have an inspiring story?

Memories of CLC that you'd like to share?

I am looking for volunteers to sign-up to write something for
Page 1 of upcoming Niantic News Newsletters.

If you'd like to do that, please email the church office
or call and let me know.

The deadline for the submission would be the
2nd Tuesday of the month prior.

Thank you, Melissa (Admin Assist)



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

	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$9,522.60	\$66,164.57	\$61,551.08
OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	610.00	4,771.00	3,757.84
INVESTMENT INCOME	43.48	1,072.14	654.30
OTHER INCOME	25.50	25.50	(23.07)
TOTAL INCOME	10,201.58	72,033.21	65,940.15
EXPENSES			
SALARIES			
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$1,902.95	\$17,470.04	\$26,747.31
OTHER STAFF	3,337.37	21,852.22	21,508.85
Subtotal Salaries	5,240.32	39,322.26	48,256.16
WORSHIP			
MUSIC	0.00	617.96	770.18
ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE	0.00	600.33	0.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	387.25	1,888.49	1,687.40
Subtotal Worship	387.25	3,106.78	2,457.58
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			
CURRICULUM MATERIALS	0.00	151.18	0.00
OTHER MINISTRIES	87.00	174.00	174.00
SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH			
COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY	0.00	0.00	51.42
ADVERTISING EXPENSE	220.40	410.80	149.94
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	422.39	523.78
INTERNET EXPENSES	320.92	2,028.28	2,009.63
Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach	541.32	2,861.47	2,734.77
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	196.23	963.13	1,095.97
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	0.00	1,227.92	831.48
Subtotal Church Administration	196.23	2,191.05	1,927.45
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS	396.15	10,862.14	10,332.90
CLEANING SUPPLIES	459.98	2,781.04	2,546.24
REAL ESTATE TAX	0.00	33.07	31.07
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	0.00	4,795.18	1,102.07
Subtotal Building Operations	856.13	18,471.43	14,012.28
INSURANCE	0.00	5,077.00	4,784.50
FUND EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	21,748.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,308.25	71,355.17	96,095.51
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$2,893.33	\$678.04	(\$30,155.36)

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: 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: Danny 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 ☒ Roberta Korsak Pat Moser
Norm Hoffman Marvin Steward ☒ _____ + (5/24 – 4/25)

(**non-council member / +youth member / ☒ second term)

Ministry Assistants for August 2026

	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assist	Assisting Minister	Ushers/Greeters
August 2 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Donna Menear	Heather Moser	Denise Hoffman	_____ * and _____*
August 9 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Heather Moser		_____*	Ginnie Wilkinson and Roberta Korsak
August 16 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Nancy Fioriglio		Denise Hoffman	Dave Fioriglio and _____*
August 23 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Diane Houck		_____*	Shirley and Merle Deery
Hymn Sing August 30 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Pat Moser		Terry Flicker	Gerry Flicker and _____*

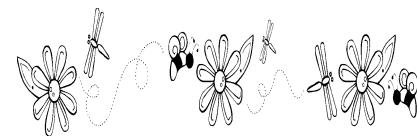
Altar Guild: Diane and Bruce Houck except August 30: Terry and Gerry Flicker

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

_____ * = Help needed. Please e-mail or call the church office if you are able to help.
Thank you.



August 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
W/C = Welcome Center						1
2 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Communion / Pr. Erika Wesch presiding / Guest Organist: Joe DiCindio w/ Tenor, Orin Strunk 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	3 6:30 Property (W/C)	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Pr. Scott Staub presiding / Guest Organist: Lili Sanderlin 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) * Deadline for 2027 Budget Requests.	10	11 Sept. Niantic News Articles are DUE 10:00 Quilt Tying (room H) 11:30 - Ladies meet in Welcome Center for Ladies Lunch at Moccia's Train Stop, Schwenksville (12 noon lunch) 7:00 Book Club (W/C)	12	13	14	15
16 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Pr. Dave Lutcher presiding / Guest Organist: Lili Sanderlin 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 7 – 9 p.m. Sundaes at Sunset (parking lot)	17	18	19	20	21 Melissa vacation day. Answering machine and mail will be checked.	22
23 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Pr. Erika Wesch presiding 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	24	25 7:00 Council (parlor)	26	27	28 10 AM Care Committee	29
30 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Hymn Sing Worship led by LaVerne Moser 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	31	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5