

Niantic News

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From a church member...

Dear Church Family,

At Christ Lutheran Church, we are entering a new season in the life of our congregation with grateful hearts and deep trust in God's guiding hand.

As Pastor Matt has followed God's call to serve another congregation, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the faithful ministry he shared with us. While we will certainly miss his presence among us, we also rejoice in the new work God has prepared for him and trust that the Lord will continue to lead and bless both him and the congregation he is now called to serve.

We thank God for the love, care, and leadership Pastor Matt gave throughout the five years he was with us. Through his preaching, prayers, encouragement, and faithful example, he blessed this church family in countless ways. He shared in our joys, stood beside us in our challenges, and helped lead us closer to the Lord. For all of this, we are deeply thankful.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence in God's faithfulness. The same Lord who brought Pastor Matt to our church will continue to bless and guide our congregation, filling this next chapter with grace, purpose, and peace.

In the days ahead, we will continue our ministry and move forward with hope in all that God has in store for us. Times of change can also be times of renewal, and Scripture reminds us that God is always with us and will never forsake us. Even now, He is leading us toward a new beginning. We will continue to be the church we have always been: a loving and faithful church family, united in Christ. With courage and trust, we will support one another, place confidence in our church leaders, and walk together through this season, knowing that God is our strength and our refuge.

I know we will continue to keep our church family in our prayer during this time of transition and know that the Lord will graciously guide and sustain us in the days ahead.

Faithfully yours,
Pat Moser

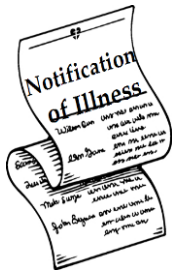
Official Pastoral Acts

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

Memorial Service for Gerald Flicker on Monday, August 27, 2026 with Pr. Ron Hughes officiating.

Wedding of Donna Ellmaker and Nathaniel Harmon on Saturday, May 16. Pr. Eugene Zaiser officiated.

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!

Church Office Hours and Emergency Pastoral Coverage

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. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pr. Eugene Zaiser at 610-322-0901. Thank you.



Summer Offerings

Before you go off on your summer vacation, remember that our congregation's mission and various 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.

From the Church Office

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the July issue of the Niantic News is **due by Tuesday, June 9th**. There are several ways for you to submit your articles.

- ✉ E-mail it to me at: christluthchurch@windstream.net;
- ✉ Submit it on a USB flash drive, which can be borrowed from the office and returned;
- ✉ Place your typed or neatly written copy in my mailbox outside of the offices.



Attendance

Date	Worship	Conf.
April 5 (E) w/ St. Paul's	175	0
April 12	48	3
April 19	48	3
April 26	44	4
Maundy Thursday (April 2) w/ St. Paul's:	34	
Good Friday (April 3) w/ St. Paul's:	41	
2025 Sun. Avg.	67	4
2026 Sun. Avg.:	79	3

(Prior year averages are based on same time period)
 (E) = Easter

June Birthdays

- 2 Hilda Kolb (1928)
- 4 Terry Flicker
- 6 Shirley Himmelberger (1935)
- 8 Linda Aston, Janine Davidheiser*, Samantha Johnson, Barry Zuber
- 11 Alec Barton
- 12 Bruce Updegrove (1939)
- 15 Ernest Derr*
- 17 Diane Houck
- 20 Athena Hoffman
- 23 Jason Witman
- 25 Kevin Nase
- 27 George Bernhard (1942)
- 29 Benjamin Deery
- 30 Lindsey Mason





2026 GRADUATES



Graduation Sunday is
Sunday, June 7!

Quilt Tying

On **Tuesday, June 9** beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will be tying quilts in room H in the church. Help is always needed!! Then we will go to the...

Lutheran Ladies Lunch

The June Lutheran Ladies Lunch will be held on **Tuesday, June 9, at 12 noon** at Doc's Irish Pub, 1080 E. Philadelphia Ave., Gilbertsville. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to Doc's for a 12 noon lunch or meet us at there at 12 noon.

Happy Birthday!

Our oldest member, Hilda Kolb, will be celebrating her 98th birthday on June 2nd. We would like to have a card shower for Hilda.

Cards can be given or placed in Kay Barr's mailbox.



Mercy Ministry

Chershe Derr, Chairperson



Food Bank

Donations for June will go to Salvation Army. Let's all make regular Food Bank giving a part of our weekly or monthly planning and shopping. The Food Bank collection box is located in the parlor. The collection is ongoing throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, NIAN TIC

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

Redner's Save-a-Tape:

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 at (610)367-0548.

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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)



**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>
June 7	Pat Moser	OPEN
June 14	Bruce & Diane Houck	OPEN
June 21	OPEN	OPEN
June 28	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.

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

- Sunday, July 19 ~ Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic at Green Lane Park
- 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!!

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain Initiator:
June Herb 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.



Health & Healing:

- Mary Ache
- Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy
- Diane Davidheiser – Janet Schaeffer's cousin
- Chershe Derr
- Pat Gabel – Bob's wife
- Heather – daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt
- Leroy Heissler – friend of Denise Hoffman's family
- Tim Hoffman – Denise Hoffman and Gerry Flicker's brother-in-law
- Crystal Hughes - Friend of Laurie Stofflet
- Brenda Moser – sister-in-law of Lori Ermold
- Otto Nuss
- Polly Orner
- Pr. Jennifer Phelps – former member at CLC
- Ron Reichart – Janet Schaeffer's cousin
- Rosalie Seasholtz – Melissa Seasholtz's mother-in-law
- Todd (Scruffy) Slonaker – cousin of Gerry Flicker and Denise Hoffman
- 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...):

- Arlene Melcher – friend of Butch/Roxanne Fox (5/10)

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

- Owen Dietrich – cousin of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason;
- Anthony Lester – friend of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason;
- Dustin Lowery – Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy'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 contact the church office.**

- Mary Ache; Hilda Kolb (Frederick Living/Cedarwood Rm. 1309B);
- Barbara Hoffman (Assisted Living in Wilmington, DE)



Highlights of Council Meeting: March 24, 2026**PRIORITY ITEMS**

1. Supply Pastors
 - a. Pastor arranged for holy week services (Paul Townsend)
 - b. Meeting between new Dean with Bob and Dave arranged (3/25/2026)
 - c. Meeting with Tom Lang to be held April 9th, Will work as a supply pastor between May and December. Lay leadership or supply pastors needed for other Sundays.
 - d. Potential to use supply pastors from episcopal, Presbyterian, and UCC churches.

2. Safe Place Policy
 - a. Revisions to specific grammar and verbiage in the document.
 - b. Specifications and clarification may need to be added on reporting process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastoral Gaps and Care team.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Knaub
Council Secretary

Music news:

June 28th – Let Deb know your favorite hymn requests for our first Hymn Sing of the summer.

**Book Club**

The Book Club will be reading the book:

“We Are Not Like Them” by Christine Pride

The book is a Book in a Bag book that can be picked up and signed out from the bag on table in Welcome Center.

We will meet on **Tuesday, July 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.

Attention...

to anyone who is willing and able to push a couple of buttons before and after the church service on a Sunday Morning. To ensure that we are consistently sending our service to those who cannot attend, we need a small team of people to activate the A/V system in the Finance Office prior to the service and deactivate it afterward. It is easier than turning off the upstairs lights. Documentation and personal training are available. If you are interested, please contact Dave Fioriglio, fiorigliod@comcast.net, or 484-680-3162.

Thank You!

Event in our community...



MMUP Sunday June 21st, 2026 ~ You are invited!

The 14th annual Make Music Upper Perk, on Sunday June 21, will be a magnificent and musical day, with over 300 people making music at 16 venues in 5 different towns from 11 a.m. till 9 p.m. The longest day of the year will be full of fun and tunes and free entertainment, all organized and run by volunteers!

Audiences will be able to enjoy a variety of styles of music; there will be keyboards and banjos, dulcimers and guitars, brass instruments and woodwinds, singers and ukuleles, large ensembles, garage bands and solos. There is something for everyone!

You can wrap up the evening at the New Goshenhoppen Park Bandshell for a Campfire or stop by Bike & Sol for a late-night serenade. In between those events, you can stop at one of the local businesses or community organizations listed below and take in some performances.
(**food available for purchase)

✓**Note: Ryan Houck** will be playing at **Chiaro's Pizza** (Green Lane) at **1:00 p.m.** and then again at **Palm Schwenkfelder Church**, 833 Gravel Pike, Palm) at **5:00 p.m.**
Ryan would love the CLC support!



**Sumneytown Hotel (Sumneytown)	11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
✓**Chiaro's Pizza (Green Lane)	11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
VFW Post 5954 – Perk. Valley (Red Hill) (New Venue)	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
**Raw Replenish (Pennsburg)	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
**The Lawn at Pennsburg UCC (Pennsburg)	12 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Upper Perk YMCA (Pennsburg)	11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church (Pennsburg)	12 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (outside/inside)
Yardley Antiques (Pennsburg) (New Location)	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
UPV Garden Club Community Benefits Garden (E.G.)	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bike and Sol (E. Greenville)	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
**Java and Friends (E. Greenville)	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (E.G.)	12 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
New Goshenhoppen Park Bandshell (E. Greenville)	5:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
**Mario's Cafe and Pizzeria (East Greenville)	11:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
**The Carriage House (Palm)	12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
✓Palm Schwenkfelder Church (Palm) (New Venue)	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Full details can be found at ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com. Check the above venues to pick up a printed program hanging on bulletin board downstairs outside of Welcome Center or look for it in the Town and Country newspaper on June 11th.

Make Music Upper Perk is all free, all over, all day....and all are welcome!

This event is held rain or shine!

MMUP is a 501c3, all volunteer, grass roots endeavor



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

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	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$10,612.84	\$42,490.05	\$41,984.20
OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	450.00	2,456.00	2,456.84
INVESTMENT INCOME	289.75	934.39	324.83
OTHER INCOME	(21.37)	0.00	(23.07)
TOTAL INCOME	11,331.22	45,880.44	44,742.80
EXPENSES			
SALARIES			
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$2,215.76	\$15,312.65	\$16,378.71
OTHER STAFF	3,337.36	13,508.80	13,109.28
Subtotal Salaries	5,553.12	28,821.45	29,487.99
WORSHIP			
MUSIC	449.00	608.43	286.73
ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE	0.00	392.03	0.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	86.53	955.99	920.00
Subtotal Worship	535.53	1,956.45	1,206.73
OTHER MINISTRIES	0.00	87.00	87.00
SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH			
ADVERTISING EXPENSE	19.00	171.40	99.97
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	422.39	523.78
INTERNET EXPENSES	320.92	1,380.28	1,274.74
Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach	339.92	1,974.07	1,898.49
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	152.89	628.38	688.27
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	153.92	1,227.92	831.48
Subtotal Church Administration	306.81	1,856.30	1,519.75
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS	3,396.43	10,118.75	9,649.09
CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,006.06	1,771.06	1,657.91
REAL ESTATE TAX	0.00	33.07	31.07
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,801.20	4,718.11	110.22
Subtotal Building Operations	7,203.69	16,640.99	11,448.29
INSURANCE	2,541.00	5,077.00	4,768.50
FUND EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	16,202.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,480.07	56,413.26	66,619.14
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$5,148.85)	(\$10,532.82)	(\$21,876.34)

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 when an ordained minister is presiding.

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: 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 _____ + (5/26 – 4/27)

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

Ministry Assistants for June 2026

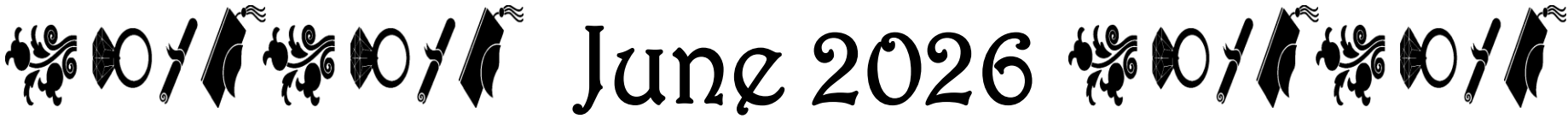
	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assist	Assisting Minister	Ushers/Greeters
Graduation Sunday June 7 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Diane Houck	_____*	Denise Hoffman	_____ * and _____*
June 14 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Donna Menear		Terry Flicker	Shirley and Merle Deery
June 21 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Nancy Fioriglio		Terry Flicker	Ginnie Wilkinson and Gerry Flicker
Hymn Sing June 28 9:00 a.m.	_____*	Bob Heydt		(Denise is leading worship)	Lisa and Bob Heydt

*updated since printing

Altar Guild: June 7: Diane and Bruce Houck; June 14: Shirley and Merle Deery;
 June 21: Gerry and Terry Flicker; June 28: Chershe Derr

Counting Team: TEAM B – Mike Knaub (capt.); Kathy Watts, Braden Bartman, Keith Folk

_____ * = **Help is needed.** If you can help, please call or e-mail the office. Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	1 6:30 Property (W/C)	2 10:00 a.m. Mercy Ministry (room H)	3	4	5	6
7 Graduation Sunday 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Holy Communion Worship / Pastor TBD 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	8	9 July Niantic News Newsletter Articles DUE 10:00 Quilt Tying (room H) 11:30 AM Ladies meet at church to carpool to Lutheran Ladies Lunch at Doc's Irish Pub, Gilbertsville.	10	11	12	13
14 Blessing of the Quilts 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Pr. Brad Mellon presiding 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship led by Pastor TBD 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Make Music Upper Perk in the Upper Perkiomen Valley <i>1st day of Summer</i>	22	23 7:00 Council (parlor)	24	25	26	27
28 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Hymn Sing / Lay Led worship: Denise Hoffman 10:00 Coffee Hour hosted by Council (W/C)	29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3 Office Closed In observance of July 4 th	July 4 <i>Independence Day (250 years!)</i>