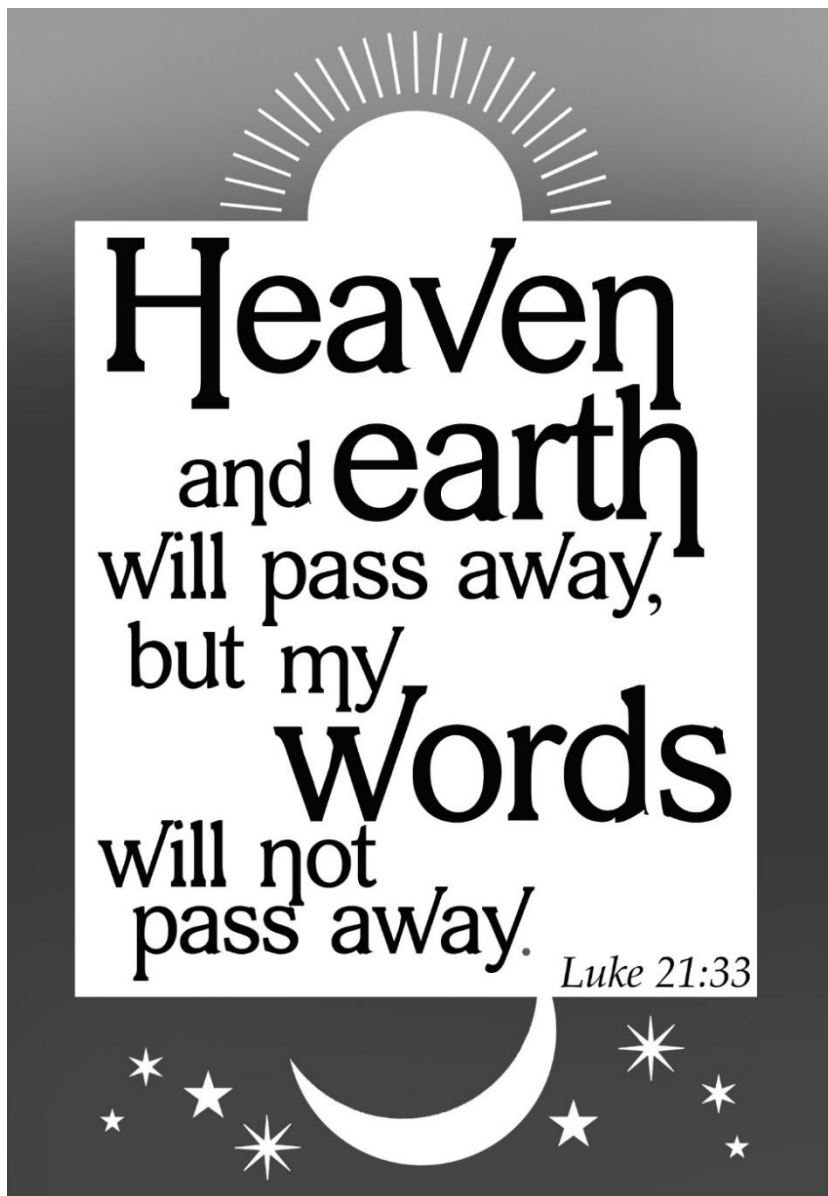


Sunday, November 16, 2025



***Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania***

“A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become”



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming, Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals to sing the hymns. Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube and your image may appear.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. You can either kneel or remain standing when you come to the altar. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice. If you would like to receive grape juice, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let Pastor Wayne know when he gives you the bread.

Children are always welcome! Please feel free to walk around in the rear area of our worship space if your child becomes restless. Rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. You can find cloth bags containing activities for children aged 3 and older in the back of our worship space. We ask you to please return the cloth bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates while you are worshipping) at the end of today's service.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Website: www.christsmurrysville.org

App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

L: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

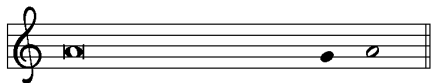
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GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



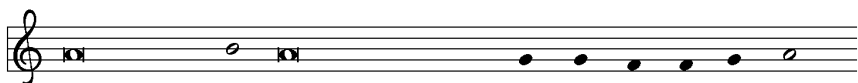
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



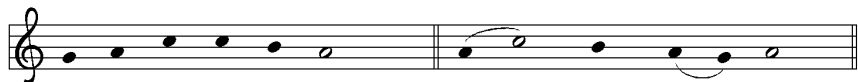
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

L: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

FIRST READING: MALACHI 4:1-2a

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.”

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Jennifer Schaffer

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Day By Day"

ELW #790

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy, (*after each petition*)

C: Hear our prayer.

**TODAY, WE ARE INCLUDING
THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Marilyn Colosmo, Arlene Eddy, Lisa Lehman, John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Lori Nicolette, Inge Pizzica, Denise Shanter, Lonnie Shurnia, Nancy Smith, Marianne Trainor, the family and friends of Pastor Thomas Moog, the family and friends of Richard Munro



PRAYING FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS AND FRIENDS:



Harry & Sylvia Replogle
Paul Rizzo
Rachelle Rizzo
Ann Rockette
Michael Rockette

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

Joann Hauger, Peggy Henry, Evan Pavloff, Paul Rizzo, Ron Spagna, and Sue Werner



L: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

To Support God's Work in Our Church and Beyond

This is a time in our service that we use to remember that all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, is an offering to God.

You can place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service,

You can scan this QR code to go to our online giving page,

You can use our app to send your offering,

or mail your offering to the church:



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OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

A: When our congregation gathered for Holy Communion last night, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With joy and thanksgiving, we remembered that "in the

night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.'" We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing to you, so that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

C: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

(When Communion is finished, please stand)

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

L: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

AARON'S BLESSING

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

**May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.
May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev'ry day.
May the Lord give you peace on your journey.
May God's love and peace fill your heart.
May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.**

SENDING HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW #367

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Rev. Wayne G. Gillespie

Email: revwaynegillespie@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Steven J. Myers

Organist

Joshua Beck

Pianist

Nancy Finke Sheehan

Parish Administrator

Laura Vincenti

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To order poinsettias in memory or honor of family and friends, which will adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve, please take an order envelope from the table in the Entryway. Poinsettias will be in 6" pots, each with 7-9 blooms. Plants are \$10.50 each and you can choose red, white or marble. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.



Absolute deadline for orders is Sunday, October 19th. Place your order envelope in the offering plates or drop off at the church office.



Please join us for a celebration luncheon to honor Pastor Wayne on November 30th. We hope you attend this special occasion to thank him for his 13 faithful years as our Pastor and wish him well on his retirement.

This celebration will be held after church in the upstairs fellowship hall.

Please sign up on the sheet in the entryway if you wish to attend.

We hope you come spend a little time with Pastor Wayne before he begins the next exciting chapter of his life where we wish him rest, renewal, and joy.

The people of Christ's Lutheran Church wish you many blessings for your future Pastor Wayne.



December 6th at 7:00 pm, **December 7th** at 11:00 am

- To accept 2026 Council Nominations

December 14th at 11:00 am

- Council elections
- Discuss and approve the 2026 budget

CLC's Church Council Nominations are Open

At Christ's Lutheran Church, we are committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship. Through this we are equipped to proclaim the Gospel and serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus.

Your commitment to our Christ's Lutheran community can include leading within our congregation through service on our Church Council.



Council members attend monthly Council meetings (in person or online), keep up to date on the functions of our church, set goals and establish priorities for the year, manage the administration of our church, and work with ministries as needed.

Most importantly, our Council helps direct the Lord's work in our church.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to service on our Church Council.

Contact Council President Barth Tamenne bctamenne@gmail.com or Vice President Kim Boyer kimccola@aol.com if you have any questions.



The Kiski Community Band
presents:

**The Sounds of
Christmas**

Saturday, Dec. 13th
7:30 pm

Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 16668

Proceeds will benefit
the Kiski Valley Food Bank and the Plum Food Pantry



Please help promote our concert by picking up printed materials from the table in the entryway ~OR~ by contacting the office for an electronic copy to share on Facebook or via email.

Light of Life Thanksgiving Boxes

It's that time of year again! Christ's Lutheran Church has donated to the Light of Life Thanksgiving boxes for many years. This year, Light of Life will prepare 2,800 boxes of Thanksgiving food that will serve a total of 22,400 people! They partner with organizations around the Pittsburgh area that are helping families in the community who have a home, but do not have the necessary means to purchase food for Thanksgiving dinner. **This year we**



are accepting monetary donations for Light of Life to purchase needed items.

Please donate by making a check payable to Christ's Lutheran Church and marking "Light of Life" on your check or offering envelope, or by using the app. **Light of Life has requested** your prayers that God will

provide for the needs of the families, and that these families will feel loved and cared for this Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support of this ministry! You can learn more about the Light of Life Thanksgiving programs at [Thanksgiving - Light of Life Rescue Mission](#)

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**Thanks** to everyone for your help with the bake sale -- the selection of baked goodies was awesome! We made \$438 and we couldn't have done it without you!

A special thank you to my kitchen helpers, Amy Lederer, Susie Lasher and Carol Hudson. Cindy Shaner



## **Ladies Brunch**



**Saturday, November 22nd 11:00 – 1:00**

Ladies of the church - Please join us for food & sistership on the **4th Saturday of each month** for all of us to enjoy our time together.

Any tasty treat you'd like to share is appreciated.

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Kindly register so we know how many to prepare for:

- Register on our website
[November Ladies' Brunch](#)
- RSVP on our app
- Sign-up on the sheet in the entryway

We look forward to seeing you!

2025 Toy Drive Begins

We are again participating in the annual Toy Drive with our mission partner, the Plum Food Pantry. As in the past, we are asking you for cash donations to help purchase gift cards to be given to help children have a Merry Christmas.

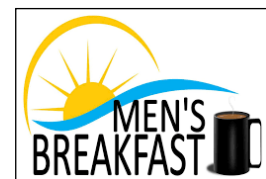
Donations can be included in your weekly offering, just write "Toy Drive" on your envelope! Any donations above the amount needed for the cards will be donated to the Food Pantry.

Any questions, please call Judy Bernardini at 412-795-6769.



Thank you in advance for your support of this Outreach Committee annual project.

And our thanks to everyone who participated in the Coat Drive! They really appreciated our coat donation!



Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am for a traditional breakfast and fellowship.

Our November breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 8:30 am in the downstairs social hall.

Come hungry for food and fellowship!

Teen Talk

A New Way to Explore
Life and Faith

6:00 pm
First Sunday of Each Month



Deadline for our December newsletter is

Thursday, November 20th



Email your article to office@christsmurrys ville.org or drop off at the office.

Weekend Worship Team



A Big Thank you to our worship assistants, greeters, ushers, all who set up and clean up for the services, reconcilers, and the tech team who offer their time and talents to make our worship services go smoothly.

We are looking for a few more Helpers for our weekend services. If you would like more information, please contact the office, or talk to one of our faithful helpers. To share your talents as part of Weekend Worship Team, you can sign up using the app:

Click on “Join a Weekend Worship Team.”

Or using the following QR code or link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48afac2ea0ffc25-clcservice1#/>



Thank you to all who help to make our weekend worship services possible!

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** and **THANK YOU** for recycling your plastic bags! We have reached our 1000 lb goal three months early and we’ve already received our new bench – it’s currently located in the foyer outside of the upstairs social hall. It is **fantastic** that we are doing our part to be good stewards by keeping plastic out of the landfills.



To continue this effort, we will now begin to collect plastic bags for our sister congregation, Trinity Lutheran on the Northside. We will have a year to recycle another 1000 lbs of plastic so that they can receive their own bench.

As a reminder, here is a chart of acceptable **clean and dry** plastic bags (no plastic containers): All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

CHRIST’S LITTLE PANTRY

*Are you, or someone you know, experiencing food insecurity?
If you need food, “Take what you need.”
If you have extra food to share, please “Leave what you can.”*

We’re so grateful to all who continue to donate to our Little Pantry! Each week, the food in the Pantry is going fast.

As we enter the Fall months, we’re hoping to add more variety to the items that people can find in the Little Pantry and are asking you to focus on cereal and other breakfast items, complete pancake mixes (made with water), syrup, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna & other canned meats, fruit (canned or in individual packs), lunchbox foods and baby food. Please remember that, when you bring your donations to the church, you can put your items directly into the Little Pantry or leave them in the grocery cart in our Entryway.



You can also support the Little Pantry with a cash donation that’s clearly marked, “Little Pantry.”

NOTE: We recently learned that we need to have special permits from the State and Health Department if we want to put any type of fresh food (fruit, veggies, eggs, potatoes, etc.) into the pantry. Your generous gifts of canned and boxed items continue to change the lives of individuals and families in our community. Thank you!

Please remember that our Little Pantry may provide the only food a family has to meet its needs — protein is very important.

Please continue to support this ministry, knowing that your generosity will help families right here in the Plum & Murrys ville area.

Let’s work together to keep our Little Pantry full every week!



Christ’s Lutheran’s 3rd quarter financial report is available in the rack outside the church office.



CLC's youth group is going great guns!

We've planned an activity for Sunday December 7th — **Christmas cookie baking** in support of the Caring Hearts & Hands ministry. We'll start at 1:00 pm in the downstairs social hall.

Spread the word to the teens in your life!

Amy Wineman at awineman@outlook.com for more information.



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We're collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Working with a local recycler, pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, pet food,

and other canned goods are turned into money to support RMHC.

That money helps RMHC provide comfort, care and support for families with children who are sick. You can help by depositing tabs you collect in the container in the church Entryway.

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We're sure that you are aware of the fact that churches, and other houses of worship, have become the targets of violence in these unusual times.

We've talked during recent Council meetings about ways that we can work together so that both you and your family can know that you are worshipping in a safe and secure place.



The most important thing we have decided to do is to lock the outside doors of our building during worship services. **To that end, we have begun to lock the outside doors during services and will continue to do so going forward.** We are asking you to please support our efforts to create a more secure place for all of us by doing your best to be inside the building when services begin. These efforts aren't intended to prevent anyone from joining us in worship. We simply want to do some of the things a security service suggested after completing a safety check in our building. Thank you, Your Church Council

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's)

Did you know those over age 70 1/2 can withdraw funds federally tax free from Retirement Accounts such as IRAs through a Qualified Charitable Distribution?



The withdrawal is made payable directly to the qualified charity by the IRA custodian and counts toward any federal annual Required Minimum Distribution.

Contributions made through QCD's are an available vehicle to support Christ's Lutheran Church's mission while reducing personal income subject to federal taxes.

Talk with your financial planner to learn more.



For children and adults.
New class members always welcome!



Our church **office is open** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm *and* 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Please call before coming to the church to be sure someone is available to help.

office@christsmurrysville.org 412-795-1212



WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 16th – November 23rd, 2025

Keep our Ministry and Community in Your Prayers Each Day This Week

Sunday 11/16

Those who are prayerfully considering service on our Congregational Council

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Monday 11/17

ELCA missionaries and their ministries throughout the world

5:00 pm Kindermuzik
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday 11/18

The ministry of Heifer International

9:00 am Stitched With Love
9:30 am Kindermuzik
10:00 am Congregational Life Team Mtg
5:00 pm Kindermuzik

Wednesday 11/19

Those who are moving through times of loss and grief

10:00 am Kindermuzik

Thursday 11/20

Our Congregational Council, as they help direct the Lord's work in our church

9:30 am Kindermuzik
6:30 pm Council Meeting

Friday 11/21

Our congregation, as we enter a time of transition

Saturday 11/22

Pastor Ed Sheehan, as he prepares for and leads us in worship

11:00 am Ladies' Brunch
6:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

Sunday 11/23

Those who serve as Worship Assistants (readers) for each of our services

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous