



The Chi-Rho
September 2024



Christ Lutheran Church
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:
Reflect God's love in the heart of York.

Our Vision:
To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of
York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

*Companions with the Itete Hospital of the Konde
Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*





September Readings

September 1

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-13

Mark 7:24-37

September 15

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 22

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 29

Michael and All Angels

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

Revelations 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20





Guys Night Out
Tuesday, September 3, 6:00pm

Blood Pressure Checks
Sunday, September 8, after worship

Finance Meeting
Monday, September 9, 7:00pm

Childcare Advisory Board
Tuesday, September 10, 9:30am

Saturday, September 14,
Youth Mini Golf, 4:00pm

Community Meal
Sunday, September 15, 12:00pm

Council Meeting
Monday, September 16, 7:00pm

Ocktoberfest
Sunday, September 22, 12:00pm

Social Ministry Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2:30pm

Greetings!

As the season of summer moves into autumn, we at Christ Church have much to look forward to as our educational and fellowship programs come back from their summer hiatus. September 8th is Rally Day and the kick-off for Sunday School for all ages. Many thanks to our dedicated group of Sunday School volunteers who have planned an engaging and fun year ahead. Adult Education begins on the 8th, as well, led by Terry Hoover. The first session of Adult Education focuses this year on "Making Sense of God's Will." Do think about joining this enthusiastic group in the parlor on-Sunday mornings before worship !

The month ends with a festival service of celebration for our 291th anniversary on September 22. Join us as we celebrate this milestone in our church history of spreading the good news of Christ and reflecting God's love to the City of York and beyond. Oktoberfest follows the service in the Parish Hall with lots of delicious food and beverages made by the Fellowship Committee, as well as music provided by the Dockenspieler. Dirndls and lederhosen are optional. Prost!

The last Sunday of the month will be St. Michael and All Angels Sunday (Michaelmas) where we will recognize the Lord's most powerful messengers glorifying God and bringing the good news of salvation to all.

Our yearly Stewardship campaign will begin in the middle of the month with special focus placed this year on the time and talents of our church family. Each week, during the service, we will hear from a dedicated volunteer from our congregation who will remind us of all the wonderful things we do and inspire anyone who may not know how to become more involved in the life of our church.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Marc Gross

Chair of the Worship & Music Committee



THE REV. DR. MARK OLDENBURG
Guest Preacher and Speaker
Anniversary Sunday, September 22nd

This year, on the occasion of the 291st anniversary of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, our guest preacher and lecturer will be the Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg. The Steck-Miller Professor Emeritus of the Art of Worship at United Lutheran Seminary, he is a graduate of Gettysburg College, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and Drew University. For over thirty years, he taught worship and served as chaplain and dean of the chapel at then Gettysburg Seminary. Along with hymns and sermons, Dr. Oldenburg has published articles on the church year and the history of worship among American Lutherans. He also coauthored several books, including *The Historical Dictionary of Lutheranism*. In retirement, he continues to serve as the chair of Music, Gettysburg!, a free concert series hosted by United Lutheran Seminary. Before teaching at the seminary, he served congregations in New Jersey, where he also worked part-time on the synod staff as the coordinator of Evangelical Outreach.

AN AMERICAN FAMILY: KRAUTHS AND SPAETHS
Parlor at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Oldenburg will present a lecture about four generations of theologians, hymn-writers, musicians, and a recently discovered family scandal. They helped to establish two seminaries, several hymnals, and the city of Cape May Point, NJ. They served as heads of colleges and edited weekly papers, brought deaconesses to Philadelphia, translated some hymns that we still sing, changed the shape of music in America, and (apparently) one of them rather dramatically lost the love of his wife. If you like history, theology, or gossip, this is your hour!



It's that time of year again! As we begin to head into Fall, the season of music ministry is returning to Christ Lutheran. As always, there are plenty of ways that you can participate.

1. The adult choir sings at each service. In addition to leading the hymns, the choir also presents an offertory anthem each week. Rehearsals are held at 9am each Sunday before worship. Rehearsals will resume for adult choir on September 15.

2. If a weekly commitment might be too difficult to fit into your schedule but you would still enjoy singing, perhaps you would be interested in a new offering. This year, we will offer a "Festchor" or Holiday Choir. During Advent and Lent, you can join the choir to participate in the singing for Christmas and Holy Week. We perform a good number of anthems and choral works during these times to elevate the sacredness of these events in the liturgical year and would love to have greater numbers for them! If interested in this, please reach out to me. Further announcements about when rehearsals begin will be sent out.

3. If singing is not your thing, perhaps you would be interested in ringing instead! The bell choir rehearses each week and plays at worship about once every four to five weeks. Rehearsals take place in the choir loft from 11:40am-12:10pm on Sundays.

4. If you have a child or young teen interested in the music ministry, they can join the children's choir and ensemble that meets directly after Sunday school and participates several times in worship during the year.

In the case for all of these ensembles, reading music is NOT required. Your colleagues and director are always there to help. There are lots of ways to participate in the music ministry here, and I invite you to send any questions about it to me at music@christlutheranyork.com.

Bless you all!

Scott Crowne



Beginning each Sunday starting September 15th, there will be short temple talks to promote ways for the congregation to become more involved and boost our number of volunteers.

Following is a list of dates, speakers and subjects of talks for September and the first part of October. There may be more to come.

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| September 15 | Larry Young |
| September 22 | Adrienne Brenner-Sunday school and youth fellowship events. |
| September 29 | Alexa-Nursery Duty |
| October 6 | Tom Keller-Community Meal |
| October 13 | Keith Stoltzfus-Music |
| October 20 | Rochelle Nyman-Prayer Shawls |



Come Join us for Oktoberfest. Sunday September 22nd after our Anniversary worship service in the Parish Hall.

Bring your Beer Steins and a healthy appetite for German Food!

Also come to enjoy the Dockenspeilers playing some great German Music (and maybe dance a polka or two)!

Look for a sign-up sheet in the lower narthex or sign up on the back of your attendance cards!

YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS
**SECOND SATURDAY
SOCIALS**



FUN, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP



**Miniature
Golf**

DATE: SATURDAY SEPTMBER 14
TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: JIM MACKS
COST: \$6.00 FOR ADULTS \$3.75 FOR KIDS UNDER 6
RSVP: BY SEPTEMBER 7TH
RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 15



**Finchbaugh's
orchard**

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 12
TIME: 10 AM
LOCATION: FLINCHBAUGH ORCHARD
COST: VARIES
RSVP: 10/05
RAINDATE: OCTOBER 13, @3:00 PM



**Open Mic
Night**

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
TIME: 6 PM
LOCATION: PARLOR
COST: FREE
RSVP: 11/02
RAINDATE: N/A

PLUS ONE SUNDAY EVENT: KIRCHENWALD IS HOSTING CAPTURE THE FLAG



**Capture the
flag
Spectacular**

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
TIME: 3-5:30 PM
LOCATION: KIRCHENWALD
COST: FREE
RSVP: 9/29
RAINDATE: N/A

RSVP: ADRIENNE BRENNER

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**INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
AND BLESSING OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES**

These two ceremonies will take place during the service of worship on Sunday, September 8th. Following worship, Sunday-school families will host the Fellowship Hour in the Lower Narthex.

**DEACON APRIL TROUT
Guest Speaker
Sunday, October 13th, at 9:00 a.m.**

Deacon April Trout of our Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS) will give a presentation in the Parlor during the Sunday School Hour. Representing LSS, she serves in our companion synod—known as the Konde Diocese—in Tanzania, Africa. Among other things, she will share information about the ministry of Itete Hospital, with whom Christ Church has a longstanding relationship.

Please be sure to mark this event on your Sunday calendar!



This month our child spotlight is on Kimberlia! Kimberlia is one of our older toddlers. She loves playing with dolls, dress-up, and building towers with blocks. Her teachers say that Kimberlia is a pleasure to have in class and is always willing to be a helper to her friends. She enjoys circle time, especially learning new words in Spanish. As always, we are in need of many snack items. Some items that we are specifically looking for are whole grain goldfish, whole grain cheezits, whole grain saltines, wheat thins, SunChips, and graham crackers. With the change of seasons approaching quickly, we are also in need of tissues. Thank you to those who have made such generous donations, we appreciate your support of our center!

END OF MONTH GIVING REPORT

July 2024 Report

Actual envelope giving for the month	19,051
<u>Budgeted envelope giving for the month</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Monthly deficit in envelope giving	-8,449
YTD actual envelope giving	192,871
<u>YTD budgeted envelope giving</u>	<u>192,500</u>
YTD surplus in envelope giving	371

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