

The Chi-Rho
August 2026



Christ Lutheran Church
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401
Join us Sundays for worship at 10:00am.

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.

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of the Konde Diocese,
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*

August Readings

August 2

Pentecost 10

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 145:8-9,14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

Pentecost 11

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23

August 16

Pentecost 12

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 23

Pentecost 13

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Pentecost 14

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Finance Meeting
Monday, August 10, 7:00pm

Guys Night Out
Tuesday, August 11, 6:00pm

Pastor's Installation
Sunday, August 16, 5:00pm
Dinner to follow

Council Meeting
Monday, August 17, 7:00pm

Worship Meeting
Sunday, August 23, after worship

Community Meal
Sunday, August 23, 12:00pm



Dear people of Christ Church,

What a joy this past month has been! I am overwhelmed at your enthusiasm and excitement for my ministry to begin here. It was a long road to find my way to this call, but now that I'm here, I'm absolutely confident that this is the congregation the Lord was preparing for me—and, in turn, that I'm the pastor God has been preparing for you.

My husband Andrew and I have also been enjoying getting to know York city and the surrounding area. It's an interesting, unique, and beautiful place. We expect to be happy and engaged living in the area. We're also eager to introduce both congregation and city to our son Zeke, a rising junior at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota!

This congregation has a great history, and every potential for a great future, but it's clear that there's a lot of rebuilding to do. We will continue to hold firm and faithful to the unchanging aspects of our faith: worship of the Lord God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; attending to the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God; living in the gift of Holy Baptism and inviting new people into Baptism; receiving Christ's body and blood in Holy Communion; singing our praises with beautiful music, liturgy, and hymnody. Aspects of our life as a church need a refresher, but with good will and mutual commitment we can find our way to a once-again thriving common life in Christ. I'll be sharing ideas and plans for these things in the months ahead.

Meanwhile, I hope you will turn out in force for my installation Sunday, August 16. Yes, church twice in one day seems like a lot! But this is a special opportunity to pray together for the Holy Spirit's blessing on our new partnership in the gospel. God hears and responds fruitfully to his people's prayers. Let us raise our voices to him together!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Wilson



Sarah, Zeke, and Andrew Wilson

CHURCH COUNCIL

First and foremost, I hope we have all gotten a chance to welcome our new pastor, Pastor Sarah Wilson. In just her first month with us, Pastor Wilson has already made a tremendous impact. She has begun building meaningful relationships with our congregation and staff, and it is exciting to see the vision she is developing for the future of Christ Lutheran Church. Her enthusiasm, leadership, and care for our church family have been evident from day one, and we are grateful to have her with us.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 16, as we celebrate Pastor Wilson's official installation as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. Additional details will be shared as plans are finalized, but we hope you will join us for this special milestone in the life of our congregation.

I would also like to recognize and thank Marc Gross for his faithful leadership of our Stewardship Committee over the past several years. His continuous dedication and service have been vital to Christ church. As Marc steps away from this role to focus on the many other ministries he's involved in, Lynn Myers has graciously agreed to lead Stewardship moving forward. Lynn will help guide our annual pledge process while encouraging each of us to consider how we can share our time, talents, and resources in support of Christ Lutheran's ministry. Thank you, Marc and Lynn, for your willingness to serve our congregation.

Finally, I'd like to put an important date on everyone's calendar well in advance. Our annual Oktoberfest Celebration will once again be held on Anniversary Sunday, September 20th! This has become one of our favorite traditions, featuring delicious food, live polka music, and wonderful fellowship together.

Events like this simply would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of Cindy Cooley, Tom Keller, and our Fellowship Committee. We are also asking for your help. Please plan to join us on Saturday, September 19, at 9:00 a.m. as we prepare the food for the celebration. Many hands make light work, and we'd love to have as many volunteers as possible. If you're able to help, please let Cindy or Tom know.

God Bless,

Keith Stoltzfus
Church Council President



Come Join us for
Oktoberfest
Sunday September 20th

Come join us for our Annual Oktoberfest to celebrate our church's anniversary and our German heritage. The Dockenspieler will be there to provide great music, so bring your dancing shoes!

Bring your appetite and enjoy Brats and Kraut and don't forget your stein for some good German beer!

We could use some volunteers to help set up on Saturday 9/19 (starting at 9 am) and to clean-up on Sunday after the meal. Sign-up sheets will be in the lower narthex in August.

Thanks, Cindy Cooley



Do you love to sing? Have you wanted to sing at worship but don't have the time to commit to choir rehearsal every single week? This year at Christ Lutheran we are adding two new areas to our music ministry. In addition to the weekly choir and our bell choir, we will now begin cantoring and the Jubilee choir.

Cantoring means leading the congregation from the microphone in the liturgical portions of the service and the hymns. This would involve minimal rehearsal before the service and a schedule based on your own availability.

The Jubilee choir will inquire only brief periods of repeated rehearsals in preparation for major holidays and occasions. The first occasion for this will be Reformation Sunday, followed by Christmas Eve.

Of course, we always welcome new members to our existing choirs, but if you want to participate in the service musically and need a flexible schedule, perhaps these new avenues could work for you. If you have any questions, contact Scott Crowne at music@christlutheranyork.com. Blessings to you all!

Thank You for a Wonderful Vacation Bible School!

A heartfelt thank you to our church family for your generosity and support of this year's Vacation Bible School!

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and decorations. Your generosity transformed our church into the city of Babylon and helped bring the Bible story to life for our children. We are also incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers who gave their time each evening. Whether you served as a Bible character, led a station, or helped behind the scenes, your dedication made this ministry possible.

We were blessed to welcome 14 wonderful children each night as they learned from Daniel's story about remaining faithful to the one true God, even during times of change and challenge. Throughout the week, they enjoyed singing, crafts, games, and growing in God's love together.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and servant hearts. Because of you, Vacation Bible School was a joyful and meaningful success!

Alexa Scheaffer,
Youth and Family Coordinator



"Thank you to all who have contributed to the uniform collection for Hannah Penn School. These donations are greatly appreciated by the students and their families and the Social Ministry Committee appreciates your support of this project."

Thanks, Barbara Nixon



**Installation of
The Reverend Doctor Sarah Hinlicky Wilson
will be held on Sunday, August 16th, at 5:00pm
In the nave.**

A dinner will follow the service.

**Please plan to attend this very important step
in our congregation's life together.**

Child of the Month



This month our child spotlight is on Zay'Sean! Zay'Sean is one of our younger preschoolers. He joined our center a short time ago and has made an incredible transition into our program and daily routines. Zay'Sean enjoys making new friends, being a classroom helper, and playing outside. He also enjoys playing with his sister, blocks, pretending he's a police officer, and painting.

Attention Please....

Our snack donations have dwindled down to almost non-existent and we are currently in desperate need.

Our children love graham crackers, goldfish, cheezits, veggie sticks, and Chex-mix. Please consider making a donation to our center. Anything helps! As always, thank you for your support of our center!

Beth Barbato
Director of Christ Child Care Center

END OF MONTH GIVING REPORT

June 2026 Report

Actual envelope giving for the month	40,606
<u>Budgeted envelope giving for the month</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Monthly surplus in envelope giving	13,106
YTD actual envelope giving	158,176
<u>YTD budgeted envelope giving</u>	<u>165,000</u>
YTD deficit in envelope giving	-6,824

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