

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



“Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” (John 15:4b) Jesus word rings true. We are called to bear fruit in this world yet doing so is impossible without being tied, connected with Jesus.

In Galatians Paul writes about the fruit of the Spirit as *“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”* (Galatians 5:22-23)

I must say that even though the circumstances this past year have been far from perfect, I have seen you bear these fruits time and time again. What a wonderful witness to our connection and our hope that is Jesus Christ that even under these challenging times with the ongoing pandemic, you have been bearing abundant fruit.

It is often easy to bear fruit when life is going well. What this past year has shown is that it is possible to bear good fruit even when our lives are not the way we would hope them to be.

What I believe that shows is that even when we had to suspend in-person worship for many months you still made the effort to stay connected with Christ.

That connection enabled you to witness to me and to the rest of the world that God is love.

I cannot help but think of Jesus on the cross and asking, *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”* (Luke 23:34) In one short statement, during a time of immense pain and suffering, Jesus summed up all of the fruits of the Spirit. Amazing!

I want to thank you for continuing to witness about God’s presence in your life via the bearing of these same fruits. May God continue to strengthen and guide us as witnesses of the faith.

Peace,

Pastor Jim

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CHURCH COUNCIL

2021

President: Lori Abel (717- 586- 6459), Vice President: Jean Quickel (717- 757- 2872), Treasurer: Bill Paules (717- 792- 5411, Secretary: Joan Caruso (717- 781- 3705), Cindy Druck (717- 741- 0419), Dan Gibbs (443- 604- 2462, Mervin Kashner (717- 578- 3790), Sue McLaughlin (717- 741- 2626), Doug Miller (717- 900- 8150), Elaine Trimmer (717- 741- 1537), Randy Witt (717- 891- 2018), Patti Young (717-885-7546) Pastor Jim 717-741-4639 (Office), 717-757-1917 (Home), 717-654-8850 (cell)

Pastor's report: Pastor Liz will be on a three year call. We will share health care costs with St. James Lutheran Church.

New Business:

Unfinished Business: Pastor is working on the church's 125th anniversary events.

Committees: Property - Joan is getting estimates on the boiler and water heater replacement. These will be paid from Memorial Fund and Strawberry Festival funds.

Treasurer's Report: Filed for review.

Next meeting: May 25, 2021 7:00 PM

BIRTHDAYS

May

May 2
May 5
May 6

May 7
May 12
May 14
May 15
May 17
May 18
May 22
May 24
May 27
May 30

Brian Campbell
Daniel Leese
Brady Deck, James Marsteller,
Joyce Paules, Scott Stambaugh
Barbara Slenker
Ryan Snider
Kathleen Henry
Mary Holtzapple
Carolyn Wert
Jean Quickel
Emily Boyer, Andrea Hauri
Sean Paules
Curtis Ferree
Lester Miller

June

June 3
June 5
June 6
June 8
June 15
June 18
June 19
June 21

June 22
June 23

Sandra Sweitzer
Nicole Figdore
Saige Gundel
Timothy Hauri
Bettie Lentz
Joseph Zegarski
Joyce Fengfish, Doris Geesey
Mervin Kashner, Ronald Markey,
Laura McGowan
Keith Winters
Anita Campbell, Margaret McFadden

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS

**Christian Education, Endowment, Finance,
Worship & Music**

Property Joan Caruso (717-741-1626)

Strawberry Festival Joe Smith (443-695-2669)

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours

9:00 am – 3:00 PM Monday - Thursday

Phone 717-741-4639

Email christspry@yahoo.com

DIRECTORY

Please make the following address change to your directories:

Margaret (Maggie) McFadden
700 Lower State Rd, Apt 24B8
North Wales, PA 19454-2147

Be sure to notify the church office (717-741-4639) if your address and/or phone number changes.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

We are hopeful that we will be able to disburse funds in fall 2021. Please remember that there are no guarantees. Just as a reminder, the funds are disbursed based on the following: 30% will be reinvested for future needs, 10% will be designated for outside benevolence, and the final 60% will be disbursed based upon church member requests.

Applications should be received at the church no later than July 31, 2021. Endowment guidelines and an application are on the next two pages. Any questions may be directed towards any of the committee members: Donna Fulton, Kathy Henry, Judy Hess, Joe Smith or Pastor Jim.

FACILITIES CALENDAR

There is a calendar in the church office to be used by each committee as it sponsors an event. The event(s) should be listed on the calendar under the room(s) that will be used for the event.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Budget Update

Our monthly income needed to meet our 2021 budget is \$20,430. In March our income was \$15,465 and our expenses were \$19,138. Please remember to mail your offering if you do not make it to church.

FOOD CLOSET

The food item needed is canned corn. Please mark the bag "Food Closet" and place it in the church.

Questions: Church Office (717-741-4639).

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

The newsletter is available electronically on our website at christspry.org or request an emailed copy by emailing the church at christspry@yahoo.com Paper copies will be available for pick up at each entrance. For those who are unable to pick one up at the church or download one from the internet, contact the church office (717-741-4639) for other options. The deadline for each bi-monthly newsletter is the 15th of the prior month. If there is information you would like to have put on the website (christspry.org), email the information to the church office at christspry@yahoo.com

PRAYER VENTURES

Prayer Ventures can be obtained through the elca website: www.elca.org/prayerventures

When viewing the newsletter on the website or in email, both Prayer Ventures will not be included. However, Prayer Ventures is easily obtained through the above elca website.

Mabel Grove Trust Guidelines

Deadline for the application is July 31, 2021

The funds are designated to fulfill the mission of the congregation.

Mission Statement

Centered in Christ to gather, grow and go.

The application shall be placed in the Endowment Committee mailbox or mailed and received by the church office by July 31, 2021. The Endowment Committee will forward the respective application to the appropriate committee for review and for them to make a recommendation. The recommendations shall be sent to the Endowment Committee by August 31st and they will be reviewed and recommendations made for the Church Council appropriate to the amount of funds available. **The Church Council will make the final decisions for these funds.**

Additional application forms may be created by copying the enclosed form or contacting the church office. After this process is complete we will have future disbursements, as funds allow, every six months.

Just a reminder that 30% of the gain in the fund will be reinvested to help grow the fund for future ministry. 10% of the increase has been designated towards ministry outside of this congregation. That could be something in our community, synod, nation or world. The remaining 60% will be disbursed this fall.

Any questions may be directed towards the Endowment Committee members: Donna Fulton, Kathy Henry, Judy Hess, Joe Smith, or Pastor Jim.

With the volatility of the stock market, there is no guarantee that funds will be available.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SPRY

2385 South Queen Street, York, Pennsylvania 17402

MABEL GROVE ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Mission Statement

Centered in Christ to gather, grow and go.

Please DO NOT sign contracts, make purchases or promises for these requested funds UNTIL the church council has approved them. Adequate funds may not be available and not all requests may be approved. General Fund expenses may NOT be paid for through this fund.

Name of Committee or Individual Requesting Funds: _____

Phone Contact Number: _____ Date of Request: _____

Describe how the funds will be used:

How will this project further the mission of the Church?

List the items and approximate cost of the items needed to complete this project:

Item Needed	Approximate Cost

Total amount requested _____ Date needed: _____

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To be completed by the Endowment Committee

_____ Request referred to Committee Committee Name: _____

_____ Request approved for Council review Amount suggested: _____

_____ Request denied _____ Request approved _____ Amount approved

Comments:

PRAYER REQUESTS

In the Military

Brendan Willett, grandson of Elaine Trimmer, is in the Marines.

To have prayer requests included in the newsletter, please provide the information on the Welcome Sheet inserted into the weekly bulletin or call the church office (741-4639). Prior to including names on our prayer list, it is required that you receive the person's permission.

Those added to the prayer list will be removed after three months, unless asked to be placed on the list again or updates are added. They will however remain in our hearts & personal prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS continued

Call the Church Office at 717 741-4639 when:

- A member of your family or a church friend is admitted to the hospital (so that visits can be made and the proper people notified)
- There is a change to either your name, home or work phone number, e-mail or address (so that the church records and directory can be changed).
- A new baby arrives in your family
- A member of your household leaves for college or establishes a new residence
- You desire to join Christ Lutheran or are planning a wedding or baptism
- There is a death
- Upcoming surgery
- You would like Pastor Jim to visit

If not during regular business hours, call

Pastor Jim at 717 757-1917 when:

- A member is hospitalized in an emergency
- A death occurs

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Camp Myers Retreat Center

Reserve the church's Camp Myers Retreat Center for your family reunion, picnic, group meetings, etc.

Call the church office (717-741-4639) to check availability, reserve the facilities or with any questions.

An application for reserving Camp Myers is on the church website (christspry.org) for your convenience.



DIRECTIONS TO RETREAT CENTER

From Christ, Spry, North 83 to U.S. 30 West, right on North 74 through Dover, to Mockingbird Road (which is 5 miles from Dover square), right on to Mockingbird Road. Retreat Center is on the left at the end of the road.

-or-

North on 83 to Newberrytown Exit.

Turn left on to Route 382, go to blinking signal light, turn left on to Route 177, go to signal light in Rossville. Turn left, go 1/4 mile to Mockingbird Road, turn left. Retreat Center is on the left at the end of the road.

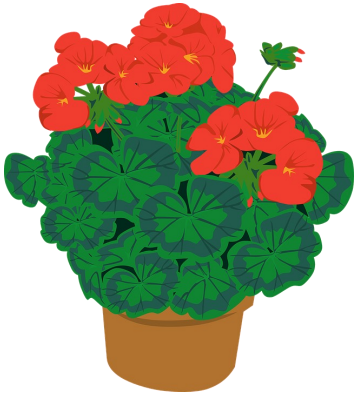
WELLSPAN eGREETING

If you know of a church member, family member or friend who is a patient at the York or Gettysburg Hospitals WellSpan offers a free service to deliver a personal message on select stationary. These *greetings may be sent on* "Thinking Of You" "Get Well Soon", or "New Baby" stationary. It is a nice way to let others know that you care. Simply go to <https://egreeting.wellspan.org> for details.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Reminder

If you are scheduled to serve in some capacity during the worship service and find you are unable to serve at that assigned time, please find a replacement and notify the church office (717-741-4639) so that worship can proceed smoothly. Thank you.



**Pentecost Red Geranium
Order Form**

(Pentecost is May 23, 2021)

The cost is **\$4.50 each.**

Checks payable to:
Christ Lutheran Church of Spry

If you would like to order geraniums for Pentecost,
please fill out this form and place it, and your payment,
in the offering plate or return to the church office by
May 9, 2021
(NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!)

Your name: _____

of plants: _____

In honor of: _____

of plants: _____

In memory of: _____

of plants: _____ to the glory of God.

Check # and \$ amount: _____

Cash: \$ _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	3	4	5	6	7 Gibbs Wedding Rehearsal	8 Gibbs Wedding Ceremony
9 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22 9:00 am Altar Guild - geraniums
23 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	24	25 7:00 PM Council meeting	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	31 Church Office Closed <i>Memorial Day</i>					

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SPRY

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	21	22 7:00 PM Council meeting	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 am SCS 10:00 am Worship	28	29	30			

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY/JUNE 2021

If you are unable to serve on the Sunday assigned to you, please trade days with someone else or find a substitute and notify the church office (717-741-4639) with the revised schedule.



Date	Altar Guild	Reader	Ushers
05-02	Darlene Winters	Lori Abel	Betty and Bill Stone
05-09	Vicki Dill	Ken Billet	Betty and Bill Stone
05-16	Cindy Druck	Doug Miller	Betty and Bill Stone
05-23	Doris Geesey	Bill Paules	Betty and Bill Stone
05-30	Andrea Mumford	Jamie Zwally	Betty and Bill Stone
06-06	Elaine Trimmer	Shawn Smith	Betty and Bill Stone
06-13	Darlene Winters	Bob Quickel	Betty and Bill Stone
06-20	Vicki Dill	Randy Witt	Betty and Bill Stone
06-27	Cindy Druck	Dave Seigel	Betty and Bill Stone
07-04	Doris Geesey		Betty and Bill Stone