

Christ - Our Savior's Lutheran Parish



Growing New Life

New life is reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. For Christians living together in the Lutheran expression of the faith, this means engaging the gifts of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A sacrament can be defined in different ways. Martin Luther defined a sacrament when these three things are present

1. An action commanded by Jesus Christ in scripture
2. Action commanded is accompanied by a tangible sign; something that can be physically touched
3. Command of Christ (action) and the tangible sign(s) are a means of God's grace; specifically grace that promises the forgiveness of sins.

In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism , we are reborn into new life. New life as a child of God. Growing new life as a baptized child of God is relationship building guided by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the Word (Gospel). New life as a child of God calls us to prayer, study and actions witnessing merciful grace that glorifies God's Holy Name.

Summer months provide a special opportunity for families united by the waters of Baptism to pray, study and work together in growing relationships with our Lord Jesus Christ and each other. This gift is guided by the Holy Spirit rooted in divine love found in the Word and the Sacraments.

As we grow in love and forgiveness, we become a family serving others in need of God's healing mercy, reconciliation—growing new life in the church and the world.

Prayer for Mission to share the Gospel:

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal -page 75.

The Bible witnesses that Jesus practiced communal worship with his disciples. He observed sabbath rest. Jesus often went to pray alone and opened the disciple's minds to understanding the scriptures.

Following this example we strive to grow faith by grace given through the Holy Spirit into a relationship of profound love.

The parish of Christ and Our Savior's builds faith as a family through liturgical worship, prayer, Bible study and in ministries of compassion for all in need.

The church is a community of the baptized, believers in Christ—living together as a new creation to grow new life for all in bondage to death.



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Thank you to...

All Rummage Sale participants-donations, set up, pack up and devoted coordinators. \$867.00 was raised.

All contributing to special appeal to replenish the Memorial Fund/Savings at Christ Baden.—over \$6,200 of contributions were recorded in 2018—44% of our goal.

Bill & Becky Shrader for caring for flower beds.

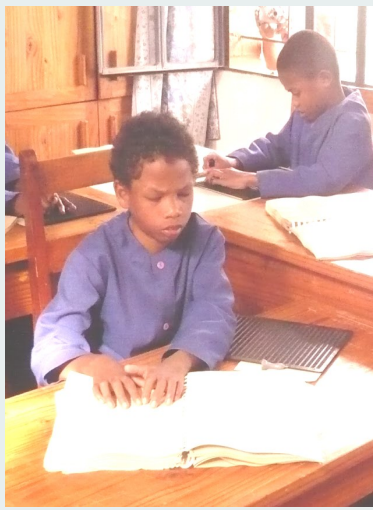
Redmond Landscaping for care of Our Savior's lawn.

All who serve and support the worship life of this parish.

All who faithfully count weekly offering, and administer finances for each church and parish.

Those who help maintain and care for church facilities.

VBS Mission Offering:
Madagascar School for
the Blind



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VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Any time or talent can help share the Gospel - we welcome the opportunity to work with you!

Specific volunteers needed:

First Aid/Nurse/EMT – volunteer to be present for medical needs. Time 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm daily. (can work with daily scheduling needs)

Team leaders/Guides – volunteer to facilitate safely moving groups of children to and from activity sites. Time 5:15 pm – 8:30 pm daily. (can work with daily scheduling needs)

Meal servers – volunteer to help serve food and drinks for light supper. Clean up after supper. 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Safety monitors – volunteer monitors are needed to be stationed at stairwell, restrooms and for street-crossing during registration and pick-up. Daily needs. Flexible timing.

Join the joy of sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with youth and children of our area – contact Becky Shrader to volunteer call church office 724-869-7635 or register online at <http://bitly.com/christoursaviorsvbs>

View VBS preview online <http://vbs.cph.org> }

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION –VBS

What will VBS students learn at Splash Canyon?

Day 1 Exodus 2:1-10 God is with Baby Moses

Memory verse: God said, “But I will be with you.” Exodus 3:12

Day 2 Joshua 3-4 God’s People Enter the Promised Land

Memory verse : “And this is the promise that He made to us—eternal life. 1 John 2:25

Day 3 2Kings 5:1-14 God Heals Naaman

Memory verse : Let us hold fast the confession of our hope...for He who promised in faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Day 4 Acts 27:13-44 God Saves Paul from the Sea

Memory verse: God promises: When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.” Isaiah 43:2

Day 5 Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus is Baptized

Memory verse: For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. 1 Corinthians 1:20

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Beach towels, lanterns, artificial greenery, inflatable rafts & paddles, inner tubes and swim rings, life jackets, wicker baskets, clear plastic drop cloths, blue plastic table cloths (banquet size), foam core board, packing tape, blue painter's tape, sponge paint brushes, brown Kraft paper rolls, 3M poster tabs, gray and white plastic grocery bags, nylon zip/cable ties, large cardboard boxes 2-3 feet high with flaps attached, Spray paint - tan, medium brown, dark brown and black, Fabric paints - bright colors, Card stock paper - white and colors 8.5 x 11 in.

We will return any item loaned after VBS concludes just put your name on the items. If you can provide any of these items, please contact Becky Shrader or inform the church secretary. **If you would like to volunteer to help design and create decorations – please contact Becky Shrader 724-869-1374**

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved Children of Light:

The journey of life is never easy. We live in a world polluted by the prince of darkness. Yet amid the challenges, the baptized faithful persist in finding goodness, kindness and even peace. How can this be? We are baptized into Christ! We are claimed by the One whose way was the cross. Growing new life means we die with Him and rise to new life with Him. Rising anew out of sin, evil and death, healed for new life. The family of baptized is called to witness God's everlasting Kingdom. This calling and ministry is witnessed in a wide variety of forms—education, leadership, mission, evangelism to mention only a few. One is not more important than another, all work together. And all are needed to bring the hope of the Gospel to those captivated by darkness. I am grateful for so many who persevere in faith even when it is not easy to press on. Growing new life has profound challenges. However, the challenges before us are never more powerful than the Lord God who is with us.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit guide and be our faith. Faith that is alive now and forever!

– Pastor Jill

UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS Team Planning

7:00 p.m. July 24, 2018
at Christ, Baden

VBS Decorating / Set Up

7:00 p.m. July 25, 2018
at Christ, Baden

Young Faith Women's Bible Study

Parsonage, 399 State Street Baden
Reconvenes September 24 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Our Savior's Council Meeting—7:00 P.M.

Thursday, July 5, 2018

Christ Baden Council

Meeting— 7:00 P.M.

Monday, July 16, 2018

Parish Council Meeting

Monday July 9, 2018
7:00 p.m. Christ, Baden

Parish Celebration Week July 29-August 5, 2018

July 29, 2018 9:30am
One worship @ Our Savior's

VBS July 30-August 3
6:00-8:30 pm (light supper at 5:30 pm)

August 5, 2018 9:30am
One worship @ Christ, Baden



July 30-August 3, 2018

6:00-8:30pm

MINISTRY OF MUSIC— SUMMER RECITALS , BRENDA’S NOTES



Brenda Menjivar owner of Brenda’s Notes in Ambridge and a wonderful friend to our Parish will be holding summer recitals at Christ, Baden. Please come and support young talented musicians!

July 11, 2018 7:00-8:30 p.m. [Younger students]

July 12, 2018 7:00-8:30 p.m. [Older students duet/trio]

Christ Evangelical Lutheran [Sanctuary]

399 State St. Baden Pray for the Ministry of Music to grow the Gospel at Christ Our Savior’s parish.

SPLASH CANYON—God’s promise on life’s wild ride.

Key Bible Verse : For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Busy schedules

demand easy access to what, where, when and how?

Christ Our Savior’s Parish website offers a calendar that is updated as things change or can be accessed to confirm schedules.

Bookmark:

christoursaviors.org

Christ, Baden also offers a Facebook page:

Christ Lutheran Church – Baden

Your faith family is continually seeking to better support needs in the context of life today. We are committed to growing the Gospel with all. Suggestions in support of spreading the mission of grace through faith in new life are encouraged and welcome!

SERVING JESUS CHRIST—GROWING NEW LIFE

Pray over these ministries to grow faith in new life:

- Neighbors in need (families or persons) - For support call Pastor Jill 724-480-5040
- Ministry Opportunities for church to serve community needs - For support contact Church Office/Council President
- Bible Study leaders. Host a bible study for friends and names. Pastor Jill is available to provide support.
- Growing Service opportunities—
 - Our Savior’s : Worship Assistant Ministers.
 - Christ, Baden : Cleaning support. Usher leader.
 - Christ & Our Savior’s: Choir/music volunteers

Is there something you see...that we missed? Please let us know --- growing the Gospel is a team effort! Grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ with you.

An hour or two per week or month sharing your passion and talents grows the Gospel in you & others. *Thank you to the many volunteers that are dedicated to ministry support!*

SWPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

This parish is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA] From www.elca.org/about/churchwide: *the ELCA has been one church body organized in three expressions — congregations, synods and the churchwide organization. Each expression has its particular functions but all three together share a common mission of doing God's work in the world and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.*

The ELCA, entrusts the Southwestern Pennsylvania (SWPA) Synod with oversight for congregations in this region. There are 169 churches with a total baptized membership of 61,234 and average worship attendance of 69. [2016 data] The SWPA Synod has operated with a deficit budget for more than ten consecutive years and has a practice of covering revenue shortfall with investment income. In 2017, the synod deficit was \$153, 579 compare to \$136,480 in 2016.

Pray for the church and its leaders to trust the promises of God, and be inspired by the Holy Spirit rooted in the Gospel.

LOOKING AHEAD -

VBS Decorating and set up --- July 25, 2018.

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PARISH CELEBRATION WEEK



July 29 – August 5, 2018

ONE WORSHIP@ Our Savior's 9:30 AM July 29, 2018

VBS July 30-August 3

6:00-8:30 p.m. (light supper at 5:30 p.m.)

Early Registration at: <http://bitly.com/ChristOurSaviorsVBS>

ONE WORSHIP@ Christ, Baden 9:30 AM August 5, 2018 [VBS closing]

Prayer for Church:

O God, increase the faith and energy of your Church to desire and work for the salvation of all people, that they might be freed from sin and that hope be renewed in many hearts, to the increase of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for the oppressed:

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us eliminate cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the abundance of this land; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**CHRIST - OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN PARISH
LEADERS & STAFF**

Council Presidents:

Jerry Droz—Our Savior's

Bill Shrader—Christ, Baden

Pastor Jill—Parish

Staff:

Office Secretary

Amy Fodor

(Monday & Thursday mornings)

Organist: Phil Cynar

OS Sexton—Cathy Redmond

CB Sexton—volunteers

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN PARISH

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Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

Our Savior's 9:30 a.m.

Coffee hour and adult bible study 10:30 a.m.

Christ, Baden 11 a.m.

Children/Youth Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. is off for the summer but resumes on Rally Day, September 9th.

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