

# *Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church*



*L*OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND  
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

MARK 12:30, NIV



*Join us for Worship  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.*





# Christ's United Lutheran Church

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- *The February Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of our 3rd Anniversary by Nelson & Angie Berger*

### Schedule of Events

- *Ash Wednesday, February 13*
- *Newsletter Deadline for March Newsletter, February 15*
- *Presidents' Day, February 18*
- *Soup Suppers begin, February 20*

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## New Year, New Look!

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the new look of our Life Together Newsletter. Many changes had to take place due to new federal regulations from the post office that took affect on January 5. Please let us know if you like the newsletter or if you have any suggestions for future issues.

Enjoy!!



## **Annual Reports Due!**



### **REMINDER**

All Committee Secretaries and Treasurers must have their reports

submitted to the church office by Monday, January 28. This is the deadline to submit all information or it will not be included in the annual congregational

report. Our annual meeting is on Sunday, February 17 after worship.



## **Pastor Kim's Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In getting ready to write my newsletter article for this month, I pulled up the February calendar to see what was coming up. Birthdays. Lots and lots of birthdays. Oh sure, there are meetings and services and outings and deadlines, but what fills our life together? Birthdays!

How wonderful in the midst of all the business of being the church we can celebrate the church itself – our lives, come together in worship and ministry - daily celebrations of the gift God has given us in each other. And while we may put off the cake due to the years and the calories, we should not, could not, must not, put off the celebration.

Too frequently we fall into sadness and depression as we become overwhelmed by the things we did not or can not do, mistakes that had been made, or angry comments made by another. We think that we have no value... that we are useless, having no impact on the world except to take up space... we think the only thing we should do is disappear, since we seem to be invisible anyway. Birthdays are not a cause for celebration, but just another day to slog through this existence we call life.

We lose sight of our identity. That we – you – are a gift. Not just any dime store variety gift either: you, my brother and sisters, are a gift from the almighty, all powerful, all knowing, creator of the universe and savior of all, true and living God.

After all, think about it. The psalmist in 139 wrote:

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me... For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

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That's you that they're talking about: You, with all your foibles and folds, blemishes and boo-boos. It was you that God cradled in His hands and shaped from the inside out, each little bit of you made with love while God just looked at you and smiling, brought you to your first birthday. You may not have come with a bow, but don't overlook that fantastic belly button!

So bring out the cake, blow out the candles, and give thanks...all of us, for each other... for you – we – are a precious gift. And every gift from God is just right; because, God certainly can't do anything wrong, now could He?

Happy celebrations!

Peace,  
*Pastor Kim*

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### **New Indoor Custodian**

Welcome to Cheryl Varndell, our new Indoor Custodian! A long time member of Christ's United, Cheryl is taking over from Sandy Marlow who resigned at the end of last year. Please take time to welcome her as she adjusts to this new position in the congregation!



### **Status of Accounts as of December 31**

Balance in Checking Account.....	<b>Negative \$2,164.60</b>
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget of \$169,305.70 is \$14,108.81.	
Benevolence Gifts.....	<b>\$19,443.00</b>
(% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2012)	





## **Church Council Highlights from December:**

- The Christian Education Committee is going to meet to discuss the Sunday school attendance, which has been very low.
- The Evangelism Committee has reviewed and made minor changes to the new directory and returned it to LifeTouch.
- Social Ministry distributed food to 8 families at Christmas.
- The Social Ministry Committee is going to partner with Evangelism in reaching out to our inactive members.
- Worship & Music is looking into having music at the Saturday night services.
- WELCA purchased and distributed gifts to all shut-ins. They also shared the Christmas dinner expense with the LCM.
- Our average weekly worship attendance for 2012 was 119.
- Dean Fetterolf met with Ted Shadle to discuss our current insurance policy and two recommendations were made one of which was tabled due to our current financial situation, the other was a new clause to be inserted into the fellowship hall guidelines.
- The property committee will meet to discuss security needs and improvements to the sound system.

**Pastoral Acts**

***Marriages Scheduled:***  
*05/25/13 Sean Britton & Nina Sisak*  
*08/03/13 Ricky Williard Jr. & Ashley Bitting*  
*09/07/13 Edward Bickowski & Alicia Ellison*  
*09/28/13 Steven Demko & Rachelle Johnson*  
*10/11/14 Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel*

***Funeral:***  
*01/09/13 Clarissa DeCarlo*



# **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

## Ashland Area Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following items for February:

### **Canned Soup**

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!



The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

### Committee Schedule

- February—Social Ministry
- March—LCM
- April—WELCA
- May—Christian Education
- June—Worship & Music
- July—Evangelism/Outreach
- August—Youth Group
- September—Property Comm.

## Lenten Focus

This year during Lent we will be collecting different items each week for Schuylkill Women in Crisis. We ask that you bring items in and place them on the table in the Narthex each week.

**February 17**—New Bath Towels & Washcloths

**February 24**—Adult & Children's Shampoo & Conditioner

**March 3**—Boxes of Cereal

**March 10**—Children's Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

**March 17**—Shower Gel or Bars of Soap

**March 24**—Sippy cups & Baby Wipes



**tackle hunger**  
WITH US!

**SUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Bring your donations to tackle hunger in **OUR COMMUNITY**.

Souper Bowl of Caring helps young people across America develop a stronger connection to their communities by caring for their neighbors in need. Join the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Learn more at [tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org).

Date / Time: Sunday, February 3, 2013  
 Location: Christ's United Lutheran Church  
 Collecting For: Ashland Area Food Pantry



### Flu Season

Several of our members and friends have been overcome by the flu. It is our hope as a congregation to always have all of our family together for worship, but please take care of yourself, recognizing that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and a gift from God. If you are ill and unable to attend worship, we are happy to drop off a recording and bulletin for you to listen to as you recover.





## Youth Group



**Christ's United Lutheran Church**

Contact Us: [youth@christsunited.org](mailto:youth@christsunited.org)

### First Communion

All youth in grades 1-3 who do not yet share in Holy Communion are invited to First Communion Class on Saturday, 9 March 2013 from 9:00 AM - Noon. At least one parent/guardian is required to attend. The class will involve Bible games that help learn the meaning of Holy Communion, a video about the importance of Holy Communion, practice at the altar, and even making our own Communion bread. Please register for the class by calling the church office, 875-1591. Please contact Pastor Kim with any questions.

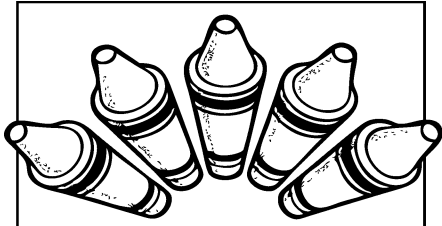


The Youth Group had a great time together celebrating Christmas at our December get together. We would like to send a big shout out of thanks to Angie Berger, Tammy Leshner, Gail Lorady and Maryann Wolfgang for their delicious contributions to our party. The Jr. and Sr. youth groups were blessed by a nice big present that mysteriously appeared in the office. The Sr.

Youth opened it together at their party and were quite enthusiastic to see that it was a theater style popcorn maker. We are sure it will be used quite often, so Thank You very much to Linda Brennan for your extremely thoughtful and generous gift.

February 16th will be our next shindig! 5pm worship service then pizza, a movie and a whole lot of fun . We will also be discussing Bowl For Kids Sake.





# Crayon Heart

Make heart-shaped crayons as a reminder that the things of God should be written on our hearts.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- Oven
- Oven mitt
- Heart-shaped silicon mold (available at craft stores)
- Old crayons

### What you do:

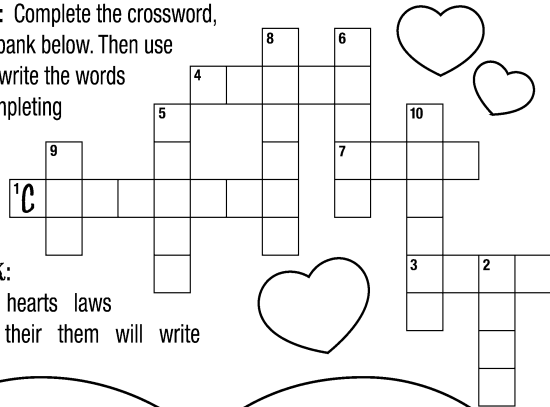
1. Heat oven to 230 degrees.
2. Remove paper wrappers from crayons. (This is easier if you soak crayons in cool water first.)
3. Break crayons into small pieces. Place pieces into heart-shaped mold, filling them about two-thirds full.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until crayons have completely melted.
5. When the heart-shaped crayons are cool, remove them from the mold.



# ON THEIR HEARTS

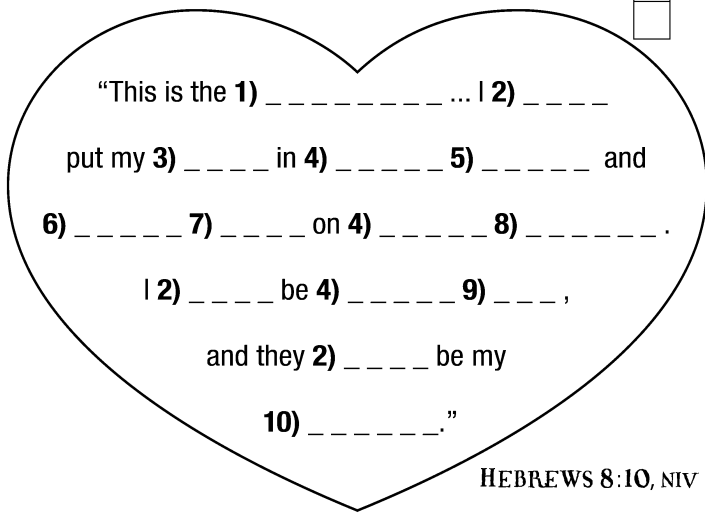
*God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.*

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.



### WORD BANK:

covenant God hearts laws minds people their them will write



"This is the 1) \_\_\_\_\_ ... | 2) \_\_\_\_\_

put my 3) \_\_\_\_\_ in 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_ and

6) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_ on 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_.

| 2) \_\_\_\_\_ be 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 9) \_\_\_\_\_,

and they 2) \_\_\_\_\_ be my

10) \_\_\_\_\_."

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: "This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Hebrews 8:10, NIV





WHO

ARE

These  
People???



A reminder that  
ALL  
confirmands  
are to



participate in worship either  
Saturdays or Sundays. You  
must attend worship weekly  
to pass confirmation! Parents  
– there is a homework  
assignment each week – is  
your confirmand doing his/  
her homework?????



Each month we have a different picture from long ago. See if you can guess who some or all of the people in the picture are. The answers will be in next months “Life Together” Newsletter.

Answers for the January edition “Who are these people??” - Left to Right: First Row: Michelle Smith, Holly Troup, Heather Schweinhart. Second Row: Rev. Werley, Michelle Meyers, Amy Newton, Rev. Pfeffer. Third Row: Jason Stank, Jacob Zak III, Jonathan Boyer. 19th Confirmation Class of Christ’s United, June 7, 1987.

## Serving Our Community of Faith in February:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
<b>February 3</b>	Donna Wallace	Irene Morgan Melanie Bendinsky Barb Stepanchick	Jane Pennypacker Becky Spencer Kay Berner John Kimmel	Sierra Wagner	Lauren Wagner	Deb Price	Darlene Stank
<b>February 10</b>	Melanie Bendinsky	Jo-Ann Young Lois Sterling Dean Fetterolf		Deidre Dengler	Desiree Dengler	Jim Gruber	Erik Tice
<b>February 13—7:00 pm</b>	Kay Berner	Connie Welker Donna Wallace Kay Berner		Ashley O'Connor	Lydia Price	Kay Berner	Janet Quirk
<b>February 17</b>	Donna Lassen			Rebecca Houser	Samantha Brennan	Connie Welker	Ian Bendinsky
<b>February 20</b>	Suzanne Peel			Nathan Smith		Jim Gruber	Cheryl Denchak
<b>February 24</b>	Becky Spencer			Rhonda Carl	Brandy Speer	Cheryl Varndell	Mark Varndell
<b>February 27</b>	Barb Stepanchick			Ian Bendinsky		Barb Stepanchick	Melanie Bendinsky

### What will you give up?




During Lent, some Christians give up a luxury or vice as a form of self-denial or to practice self-control. Ultimately, such a sacrifice should benefit one's spiritual walk with Jesus, who gave everything.

A Missouri teenager decided to give up talking for Lent. Decklan Conway, 13, communicated through dry-erase boards, going through three markers in less than a week. Although he lost a few friends because he wouldn't talk, Decklan wrote, "I'm doing it for a greater purpose." He added, "God gave up his only Son for us. ... What are you willing to give up?"





A worthy corollary to that question is "What will you take on?" What can you do for God's kingdom during this season of reflection and recommitment?

# FEBRUARY 2013

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## February Anniversaries & Birthdays

Friday	Saturday
1	<b>2 The Presentation of Our Lord</b>  5:00 Communion Service Groundhog Day
8	<b>9</b> 1:00 Social Hall Reserved 2:00 Marriage Preparation Classes  5:00 Communion Service
15 Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b>  5:00 Worship Service 6:00 Sr. Youth Group
22	<b>23</b> 10:00 Social Hall Reserved 2:00 Marriage Preparation Classes  5:00 Worship Service
	 <b>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</b>

02/13/93 Ron & Donna Wallace  
 02/14/10 Nelson & Angie Berger  
 02/16/95 Traci & Donald Smith Jr.  
 02/21/53 Cy & Joan Clark

- 1 Kim Walacavage
- Ross Sterling
- 4 Dennis Wolfe
- 6 Brian Bolich
- 9 Terry Kessler
- Allison Rusinko
- 10 Mark Vardell
- 12 Edward Stepulitis
- 13 Rhonda Carl
- Frank Dzikczek
- Deana Leshner
- 14 Bobbi-Jo Hummel
- 16 Lois Sterling
- 17 Randy Troutman
- 18 Cyrus Clark
- Jacob Tice
- 19 Shaun McNally
- Dean Leshner
- Pearl Lute
- 20 Cheryl Denchak
- Jim Chappell
- Mina Pennypacker
- 21 Jennifer Kunkelman
- Kylei Long
- 22 Teresa Ambrose
- Gavin Dwane
- Kolton Fetterolf
- Brielle Smith
- 24 Zalen Williard
- 26 Kathleen Miner
- 28 Dorothy Shadle





## Lenten Devotions

The Evangelism & Outreach Committee started a new tradition to help us grow during Lent last year. Our congregation and community were filled by the Holy Spirit through the Lenten Devotionals prepared by mem-

bers of Christ's United (more than 125 were distributed!). This year we would ask that more people participate sharing their insights of faith by

writing one or more days of the devotional. No prior experience or expertise is required. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



## Marriage Preparation Classes

We celebrate that there are three marriages scheduled for the new year. Sessions for the soon-to-be spouses will be held on various nights in an attempt to accommodate

various schedules. In February, we will meet on Saturdays, February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm, and in March on Mondays, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All

couples will need to attend all sessions. Please contact Pastor Kim for more information or with any questions.



*Premarital Classes*





## **ALL CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN**

As a committee of Christ's United Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church Men assist in the ministry of the church in the following ways.

1. We assist in the financial responsibilities as needed to complete needed repairs and improvements of the building and to purchase needed equipment for the operation of the church.
2. We provide fellowship to the members through our regular meetings, Easter morning breakfast, the Congregation picnic, and the sponsored dinners.
3. We assist with the outreach ministry of the church in providing scholarships to the youth of the church to attend the Bear Creek camp and, contributing to the fuel assistance fund, and special funds to assist families and communities that are experiencing difficult times.

As a male member of Christ's United YOU are also a member of the LCM and are invited to join us in fellowship at our regular meetings and sponsored events. We have four or five meetings a year which are held on Sunday evenings starting at 5:00 pm. The meetings open with fellowship and a meal, followed by a business meeting. We are usually finished by 6:00 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 3. A full schedule is posted on the enclosed bulletin board in the Narthex.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MEETINGS AND GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETINGS AND ANY ASSISTANCE AT THE DINNERS. SEE YOU THERE!!!



## **MEN'S GROUP**





The Red Cross will be holding four blood drives at our church this year.



We have been asked to sponsor the canteen each time. We need two people to be hosts/hostesses at the canteen where the beverages and cookies are given to the donors before they leave. The hours are 12:30 until 6:00, but if you can serve only part of that time, it would be a great help.



We do buy cookies, but it is nice to have homemade ones. If you would be able to donate cookies please drop them off at the church the day before or the morning of the blood drive.

If you would be willing to be at a blood drive, to help at the canteen, or if you would bake cookies, please contact Marge Bolich at 875-1765 We need to have about 120 cookies for each blood drive. Thank you for your help!



**Vacation Giveaway!**

January & February 2013  
Blood Donor Bonus

**SURPRISE**

Giveaway includes a 8 days  
7 nights' accommodations  
and a \$500 VISA Gift Card.  
The winner gets to choose  
the vacation destination.\*

**1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**American Red Cross**

## BLOOD DRIVE

Christ's United Lutheran Church  
Community Room  
437 Airport Road - Ashland

Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SPONSORED BY  
**THE CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please see Mr. Erik Tice, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment

The Entire Ashland Community Is Invited!





## **We Offer our Prayers to...**

### **Members of Christ's United:**

Gail Halye, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jack Houser, Jennie Kosmisky, Nancy Lindenmuth, Brandy Speer, Peggy Seiler, Betty Miller, Lois Sterling, Anna Harner, Pearl Lute, Kenny Dengler, Jeanmarie Brayford

### **Family & Friends:**

Judy Gross, Catherine Beury, Lois Blyler, Cameron Hemmingson, Mike Buriak, Barbara Nelson, Debra Welker, Brandon Harris, Bob Foose, Bob Berger Jr., Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Royal Miller, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Frank Ward, Fred Herb III, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, Mary Shinkus, John Hood, Faye Zimmerman, Donna Harpster, Plesnarski baby, Carl Ernest, Amy Miner, Rev. Paul Schaediger, Chris Varndell, Tim Varndell, Harry Lengert

*Please note that those experiencing a traumatic event are placed onto the Prayer List and will be kept on for one month and then taken off. Please provide updates to the pastor or the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added please call the office: if someone is added to the prayer list on a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the secretary's desk.*

### **Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:**

Howard Beury  
Marion Brennan, Providence Place  
Jean Cress  
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living  
Glenn Pennypacker, Treverton  
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing Home  
Randy Troutman  
Brenda Wolfgang  
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab  
Jeanette Wolfgang  
Ruth Wolfgang, Shamokin Hospital  
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living  
Linda Zerby





## Ash Wednesday/Lent

Lent is a time of preparation before the Easter celebration that has been observed by Christians since the fourth century. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days. The forty days of Lent recall the 40 day fast of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) and Moses' 40 day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28). It is a time of simplicity and preparation.

Our observance of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, with services both at noon and 7:00 PM. Each service will include the Imposition of Ashes. We will together deepen our faith understanding through Wednesday night worship focusing on the last words of Christ. Prior to worship on Wednesdays will be our traditional soup and bread suppers (please sign up on the bulletin board) organized by the Social Ministry Committee.

Then, after the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), we will enter the Triduum – the three days – beginning in worship on Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing and Holy Communion, continuing Good Friday with the Procession and Adoration of the Cross, and coming to a climatic conclusion with the Easter Vigil leading into Easter Dawn on Sunday morning. Please join us at all of these services.



**Join us!**  
For a soup supper

Each Wednesday in Lent  
Beginning February 20  
6:00 p.m.

Followed by Mid-week Lenten  
services at 7:00 p.m.





## **500,000 QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CHALLENGE**

LWR has been distributing quilts around the world for many years. In 2012, they shared 412,710 quilts with needy people. The quilts are used as beds and/or covers, shawls, baby carriers, sunshades, and ground cover for market goods.



The need continues so LWR has challenged the United States Lutherans to donate 500,000 in 2013. Our CU hopes to create several tied/knotted quilts and your help and donations are needed.

### **New or used but clean materials needed for the project are:**

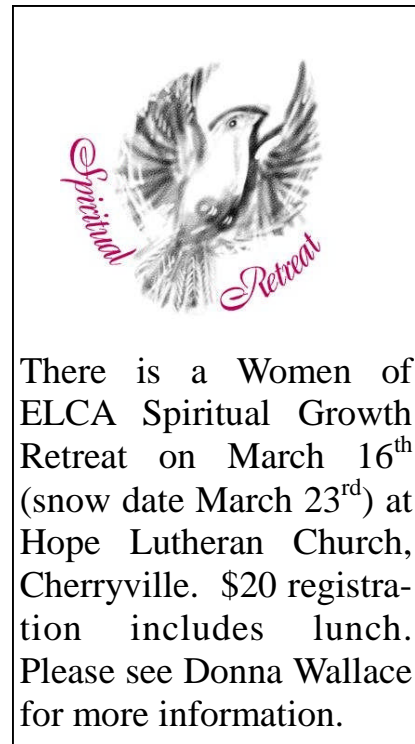
**Bed sheets, blankets, mattress pads, pillow cases, quilts (not knitted or crocheted),**

**fabric yards or pieces (cottons, corduroy, polyester knits, fleece), or draperies (no fiberglass content).**

**Crocheting thread for knotting.**

Please look around your homes or second hand shops for any of these materials and place them in the box in the social hall next to the walk-in closet. Assembly of quilts will begin in April.

WELCA will begin to make candy on Tuesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout Lent. Please come out and help if you can and sign up on the order sheet if you would like to order candy.



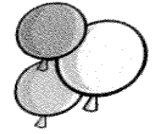
There is a Women of ELCA Spiritual Growth Retreat on March 16<sup>th</sup> (snow date March 23<sup>rd</sup>) at Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville. \$20 registration includes lunch. Please see Donna Wallace for more information.





# Farm Family Appreciation Celebration

## Saturday, March 16, 2013

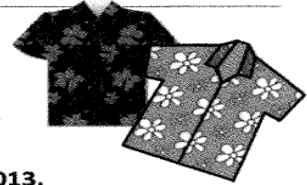
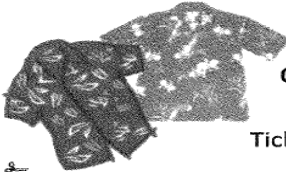


Sponsored in part by various religious, social and financial organizations

- What** Catered hot buffet meal, square dancing, and line dancing to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties and the surrounding areas. Purpose: to build community among farm families and citizens.
- Time** Doors open at 6:15 PM (but no earlier)  
Dinner buffet from 7- 8:00 PM (tables will be held for families that work late)  
A square dance and classic and modern country music by "The Majestics," with line dance music during intermissions - 8:00 to 11:00 PM
- Where** Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78
- Who** **Everyone** is invited—farm family *and* farm family supporters! Children welcome!
- Note** No political or other solicitations. No alcoholic beverages permitted.



This year we will have an "Island Theme," so feel free to wear your tropical shirts!



Questions? Call 610-378-1327 and ask for Donna or go to [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar).

Tickets and directions will be mailed out by **March 1, 2013**.

### Registration Form (Due March 1, 2013) Attendance Limited to 900

Name(s) of Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Farm Family Appreciation, Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County, Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Road, Suite 110, Leesport, PA 19533-9709

**Farm family** (no charge; free will donation at the door)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Adults  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-11)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (2 and under)

**Farm family supporter (make check payable to Berks Co. Ext. Program Acct.)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$15.00 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-11) @\$7.50 each..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (2 and under) @ No charge  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation .....

**Total amount enclosed..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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*The following Memorials were given to Christ's United since the issue of the last Newsletter:*

*\$100.00 in Memory of Hilda Tielman for the Good Samaritan Fund by:*

*Her Family*

*\$15.00 in Memory of Clarissa DeCarlo for the Endowment Fund by:*

*Ron & Donna Wallace*

*\$50.00 in Memory of Clarissa DeCarlo by:*

*Bill & Sandy Miller*

*Bill & Patricia DeNunzio*

To the Christ's United family and Pastor Kim,

I would like to sincerely thank the Christ's United family for the gift at Christmas. Special thanks to Pastor Kim for the luncheon. Your kindness throughout the past year was greatly appreciated.

God bless,  
Sandra Marlow



To everyone at Christ's United,

Thank you so much for all the Christmas gifts that were left on my desk in the office and for the monetary gift. I appreciate everything you have done for me and am very blessed to be working at such a wonderful church with so many caring individuals. I truly hope that your new year is blessed with God's presence.

Erik Tice





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**Mission Statement**

*We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will under gird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.*



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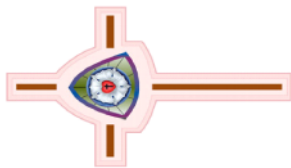
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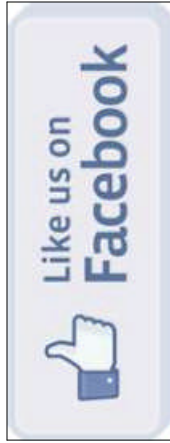
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