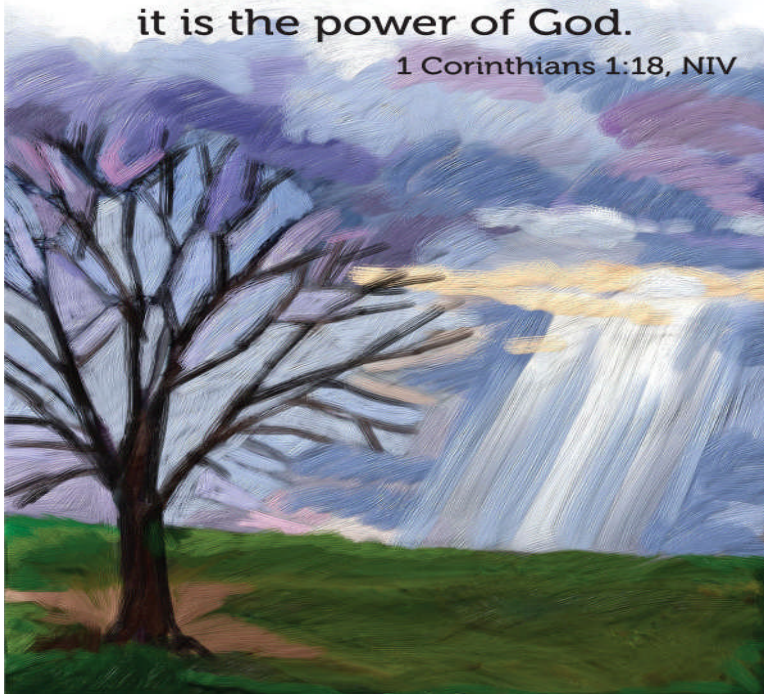


# *Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church*



For the message of the cross  
is foolishness to those  
who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved  
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, 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 September Newsletter is sponsored in Memory of Grandparents, Ethel & Marcus Artman and Great-grandparents, Blanche & Peter Eister by Ruby, Amy, Anita, & Douglas Fegley.*

## **G R O W in God's Word! Jesus who?**

Committing ourselves to Christ is easier if we know who He is. Join in the exploration of the person and ministry of Jesus the Christ in this five week course based on the book "Why Jesus?" by William H. Willimon. All you need to bring is an open heart; no experience necessary. This study will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 p.m. beginning on 25 September.

# Christ

### **Status of Accounts as of July 31**

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$16.13**  
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget  
of \$169,305.70 is **\$14,108.81.**  
July income was **\$11,289.24**  
Benevolence Gifts.....\$10,964.00  
(51% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





## **Pastor Kim's Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*“Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory...”*

*“Our Father who art in heaven...”*

*“Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, fill to the brim our cup of blessing...”*

You might have kept going after the intro's above: we know those songs and the Lord's Prayer so well, having said them throughout our lives each week when we gather in Sunday worship and as we pray... we can say them without looking, without thinking, and even without feeling...

Its not just us; the people of ancient Israel also had become used to their worship and faith routines. In response the prophet Isaiah carried to them these words:

*The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote;*

Isaiah 29:13-14

Words Jesus then repeated to the disciples and followers recorded in Matthew 15, as they were so accustomed to the “how's” of doing things that they lost touch with the “why's”. They had lost the feeling – the passion – of being in love with God, and it showed in their words, in their understanding, and in their daily lives.

What about you?

— continued on page 4



Has worship grown dull with the passing years, becoming more of a faithful duty rather than a joyous response, just something we do rather than something we are? Have you lost that passion, that feeling, of the love that God envelopes you in, the passion that God has for you as Jesus offered up His life for you, the desire that God has for you as He reached down into the depths of Hell to grab you out and hold you in His arms, the love that never ends but only grows... do you feel it?

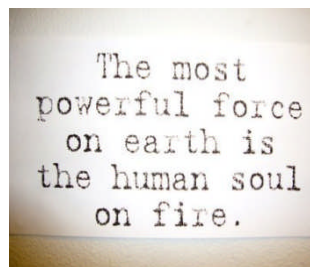
Do you want to?

Do you want to fall in love again, be swept off your feet, feel the excitement and the passion as you open your heart and grasp the hands with which God is reaching out to you? Do you want to know the depth of love that is behind those words you now just ramble off?

Come, and commit yourself to Christ. Starting this month our congregation will begin a conscious program of inviting people – you - to search hearts and open them to God by pledging your life to Jesus Christ each day in and by God's love. We will begin by committing ourselves to prayer, conversation with our Lord, and grow by connecting each part of our lives to the source of life, Jesus Christ.

Please open your heart. Join with us this week and every week and learn the wonder of those old words. Learn to live in the wonder of God's love.

Peace,  
Pastor Kim



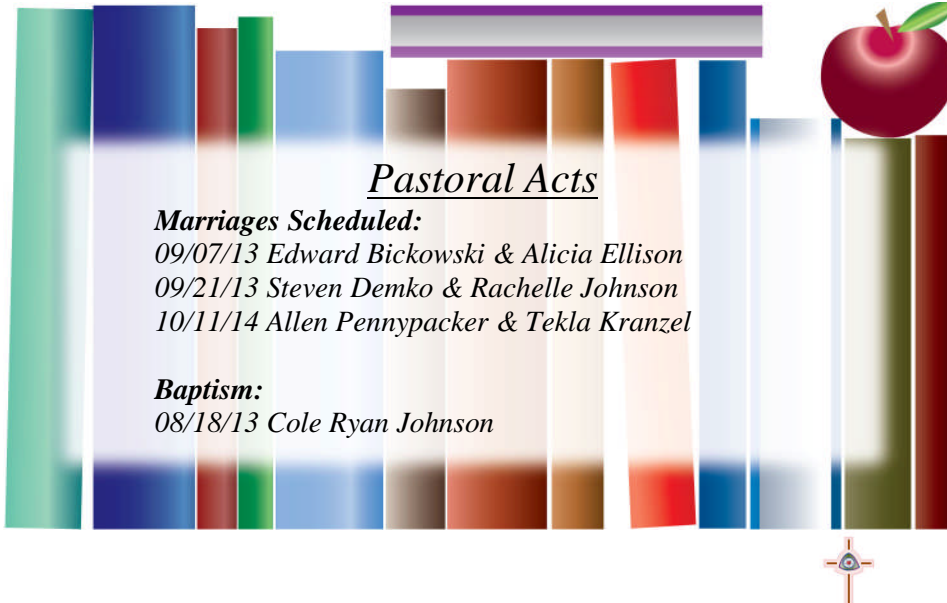


## **Church Council Highlights from August:**

- The Personnel Committee is looking to hire a new Choir Director.
- The Ministries Team is working with existing Committees in transitioning to involve more people in hands on ministry and facilitating outreach.
- The Evangelism Ministry Team is working on reaching out to all inactive members of Christ's United.
- The Personnel Committee will begin evaluations of all employees.
- Six youth from Christ's United attended the Lutheran Community Day event sponsored by the Schuylkill Mission District.



**Our annual Education kick-off will be on Sunday, 8 September immediately following worship. All classes, children and adult, are invited to join in the celebration.**



*Pastoral Acts*

***Marriages Scheduled:***  
09/07/13 Edward Bickowski & Alicia Ellison  
09/21/13 Steven Demko & Rachelle Johnson  
10/11/14 Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel

***Baptism:***  
08/18/13 Cole Ryan Johnson

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

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

Gail Marquardt, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jennie Kosmisky, Norene Stoker, Jim Hepler, Dean Fetterolf, Tom Lazor, David Pennypacker, Barry Martin, Jim Gruber

### **Family & Friends:**

Catherine Beury, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Harris, Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, Donna Harpster, Amy Miner, Tim Varndell, Glen Geist, Mike Smith, Margaret Huhn, Dawn Huntzinger, Harry & Marie Lengert, Dorothy Shadle, Colleen Flail, Audrey Pillman, Fred Pillman, Ada Miller, Dan Krynak, Betty Green, Bill Dean, Robbie Krick family, Kayla Kelly, Evelyn Myers, Nada Matthews, Joe Klamanski, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Williams, Halley Zerby, Tricia Block, Louis Poda, Dianne Rhoades, Annie Smith, Gary Kehler, Mildred Keiffer

*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, Mt. Carmel Nursing  
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living  
Betty Miller, Broad Mtn. Nursing  
Glenn Pennypacker, Trevorton  
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing  
Randy Troutman  
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab  
Jeanette Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing  
Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing  
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living  
Linda Zerby







Thank You to all those that participated in the District Youth day! We had a great time interacting with members of Trinity Lutheran, Pottsville. The youth did an amazing job painting. The wall looks awesome!! A few paint brushes, a little bit of paint and a whole lot of love made for a great recipe to brighten up the neighborhood. They have asked us to return to finish the rest of the massive wall. Next time we hope to have more youth participating from other congregations. We can't forget a big Thank You to the ladies of WELCA for a delicious meal. That was a great way to end our painting adventure.

**Junior Youth**  
**Scavenger Hunt September 21**  
**3:00 p.m.**



**Senior Youth**  
**September 21, 5:00 p.m. Worship service, 6:00**  
**p.m. dinner and some prep work for fall fest.**





To the Congregation of Christ's United,

When I first walked into Christ's United 20 years ago, I got the feeling that I had come home. I have all of you to thank for making me feel so welcome. Thanks also for the farewell reception and the delicious cake.

I am now settled in my new apartment, with my family nearby, and would love hearing from you.

My new address and phone numbers are as follows:

Valley View Apartments  
3109 State Route 209, Apt. 2B  
Kingston, NY 12401  
Phone: (845)-687-6110



Sincerely yours,  
Janet Quirk

God Bless all of you!

Have you "Liked" us on Facebook?

Christ's United Lutheran Church is on Facebook! We have a page and a group by which we share information about upcoming Church and community activities, as well as keeping up with each other. This is one of the first places to check to get information on new programs and special situations (flooding, snow, etc.). Sign on to Facebook and search for Christ's United Lutheran Church – and "Like" us when you get there! And visit our website, [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org)!







Saturday, September 14, 2013  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Christ's United Lutheran Church**  
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**COST \$8.00**



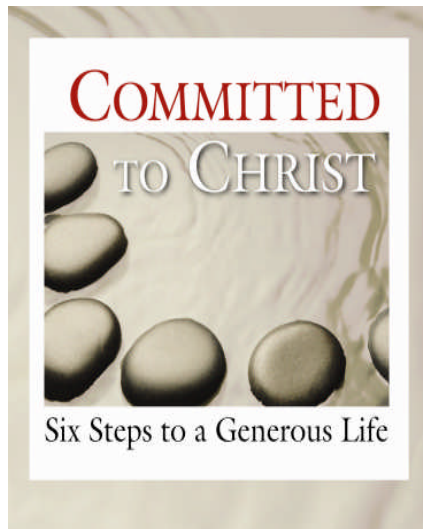
**MENU**

½ Barbecued Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Corn  
Dinner Roll  
Butter  
Dessert  
Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from LCM members, or call the Church Office.

**Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men**  
**Bake Sale sponsored by WELCA**  
***Everyone Welcome!***





## **Committed to Christ!**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Do you want a deeper relationship with God?

Do you want to know the peace and joy that God gives?

Committed to Christ is a program designed to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ by connecting our behaviors with our beliefs. The message of this program is so powerful that it has already begun to affect the lives of those working to bring it to our congregation, and will offer participation activities in our worship services, congregation groups, committees, and in our homes. Guide booklets will be provided for each household through the mission of our Lutheran Church Men and Women of the ELCA to help us relate scripture to daily living. A special Bible Study led jointly by Jim Gruber and Kay Berner will give us deeper understanding of God's call for our lives. Presentations by several of our members on the affect their faith has in and on their daily lives will be shared. The preparation for our September 15<sup>th</sup> start date is speeding up, so watch for ways you can grow!







## Serving Our Community of Faith in September:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
<b>Sept 1</b>	Erik Tice	John Denchak Irene Morgan Melanie Bendinsky	John Wolfgang Richard Berner Robert Carl John Kimmel	David Hall	Tanner Walacavage	Ian Bendinsky	Dean Fetterolf
<b>Sept 8</b>	Cheryl Vardell			Azure Waldick	Ralph Johnson	Dean Fetterolf	Erik Tice
<b>Sept 15</b>	Mark Vardell			Trevor Wilson	Jordan Walter Jesse Cascarino	Barb Fetterolf	Richard Berner
<b>Sept 22</b>	Donna Wallace			Deidre Dengler	Amy Johnson Nicole Hood	Connie Welker	Jane Pennypacker
<b>Sept 29</b>	Connie Welker	Barb Stepanchick Jo-Ann Young Kay Berner		Sierra Wagner	Lauren Wagner	Darcie Gruber	Angie Berger



# SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>1</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Communion Service	<b>2</b> <b><u>Office Closed</u></b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>  7:00 WELCA	<b>5</b> 7:00 <i>Evangelism Outreach Meeting</i> 7:30 Schuylkill Mission District Meeting @ St. John's
<b>8</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service, Installation of Sunday school teachers 10:45 Rally Day, New Members Class 3:30 Ladies Night Out <b>Grandparent's Day</b>	<b>9</b> Erik Vacation  7:00 <i>Church Council</i>	<b>10</b>  7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service <b><u>Harvest Home</u></b> 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation, New Members Class	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:30 <i>Stewardship Meeting</i>	<b>17</b>  7:00 Choir Rehearsal <b>Citizenship Day</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  7:00 <i>Personnel Meeting</i>
<b>22</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service, Welcome New Members 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation  <b>Fall Begins</b>	<b>23</b>  6:00 <i>Mutual Ministry Meeting</i>	<b>24</b> 9:30 Newsletter Assembly  7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>  7:00 GROW in God's Word	<b>26</b> 12:00-2:00 Food Pantry
<b>29</b> <b>St. Michael and all Angels</b> 9:30 Communion Service, Blessing of Emergency Personnel <b><u>Good Samaritan Fund Offering</u></b> 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation	<b>30</b>  6:30 Grief Support Group			



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# SOCIAL MINISTRY



**Ashland Area Food Pantry**  
We will be collecting the following items for  
September:

## **Peanut Butter & Jelly**

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.

**Coming Soon!**  
**New Items from Lutheran  
World Relief**

Join us for a taste test of some  
new treats.

**Saturday, September 7 &  
Sunday, September 8**

### **Committee Schedule**

- September—Property Comm.
- October—Stewardship Comm.
- November—Endowment Fund
- December—Church Council
- January—Choir
- February—Social Ministry







S H A R E  
GOD'S  
B O U N T Y

### Harvest Home

Saturday, September 14

Sunday, September 15

Bring in any non perishable item  
for the Ashland area Food Pantry.  
Place your donations in front of the  
altar for our celebration.

**September 28 & 29—Good Samaritan Fund  
Special Offering**

### **Wanted! Your old Books**

Have you read that book sitting on the living room table? Do you have shelves or boxes full of books you no longer want?

**We want them! We will be accepting book donations from September 7-22.**

Please place your donations on the table in the Narthex.

The Social Ministry Team is collecting any book, as long as it is not wet or moldy, for Opportunity House. By donating your used books you will help them start an online book business that will assist in providing permanent jobs in the community.



## September Anniversaries & Birthdays



			Cheryl Varndell
			Tanner Walacavage
			Hailey Sisko
		10	Bryon Rusinko
			Shawn Romberger
			Josie Economy
		11	Ken Dengler
		18	Traci Smith
		20	Renee' Walter
			Holly Bolich
			Ted Ambrose
		23	Ava Hernandez
		24	David Walter
		25	Tyler Wolfgang
			Nelson Berger, Sr.
		26	Susan Merwine
		29	Keith Laudermilch
		30	Leo Young
			Rick Fritz
1	Brianna Kodack		
2	Bud Hall		
3	Elizabeth Gable		
4	Frank Dziczek		
6	Donna Lassen		
7	Carolynn Long		
8	Kay Berner		
	Mark Sharp		
	Sophie Harper		
9	Dorothy Zeigenfuse		
	Terry Shilling		

### Anniversaries

09/03/11	Keith & DruAnn Laudermilch
09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/18/10	Matthew & Tangie Wetzal
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummell



If you would like to have your Anniversary/Birthday added or removed from the list, please contact the church office. 875-1591. You are not automatically added when you join the church or when you get married. This is by request only.



**Sunday, September 8  
3:30**

The fire will be hot and fueling our fun as we gather together around the new Uma Hibachi Grill in St. Clair! We have 35 seats reserved so please sign up on the bulletin board in the

hallway soon – this promises to be one of our BEST adventures yet! Bring a friend!

### **Welcome Home!**

*Christ's United Lutheran Church strives to follow Jesus by being a family of faith, created by God and living by the blood and body of Jesus the Christ. We invite who follow Jesus (or want to) to be a member of His family at Christ's United. An introduction to the Lutheran understanding and the ministries of Christ's United will be held on Sundays, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September, with a welcome of new members during services the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in joining this family of faith, please talk with Pastor Kim.*

### **New Members Class**





# Women's Retreat

WOMEN OF THE  
ELCA  
FALL FUN WEEK-  
END AT BEAR  
CREEK CAMP

**SEPTEMBER 13 -14, 2013**  
**FRIDAY 6 PM** (optional) –  
**SATURDAY 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Stay overnight or just come for the day.**

Something for every girl/woman!  
Hiking, quilting, bible study, service project, boating,  
evening vespers, crafts, speaker on CSA organic farming

**COST: \$25**  
**Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast**  
**& lunch included**

Make check (\$25 per person) payable to  
“NEPA Women of the ELCA”

Contact Donna Wallace for registration form by August 30.



**KNOTTED QUILT PROJECT**  
**The “Knaughty Knotters” of Christ’s United**  
**will resume in September**

Donations of new or, clean used blankets, mattress pads, comforters, quilts (not knitted or crocheted), flannel and cotton sheets, fabric pieces or yardage, curtains (no fiberglass), and quilt batting are needed to continue with the project.



Please drop off in box on table in social hall next to walk-in closet.

Check out [lwr.org/kits](http://lwr.org/kits) and [LWR Quilters on Facebook](#)

Women of the ELCA  
Schuylkill Cluster Fall Event  
October 12

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church  
Reinerton, PA

8:30-9:00 Registration  
9:00-12:00 Program

Young Adults in Global Mission  
Speaker: Michael Lengel YAGM volunteer  
Bible Study Session  
Lunch

Cost: \$7.00 (includes lunch)      Sign up by October 2



## Ministry Teams

The folks of Christ's United are an active bunch, whether it be studying God's Word or living it! The ways that we grow closer to God – or help others do so – are ministries. They are ways that “give back” the gifts God has given to us, whether they be our time, talents, or treasures. Those who share in a common ministry are members of the Ministry Team, whether it be by serving as a Communion Assistant or a Knaughty Knotter. Please take time to consider how you can be a part of the ministries of Christ's United. A complete listing is available either via our website or the Church Information booklet located on the information rack in the main hall. If you do not see a ministry you believe we should be participating in, please start it!



**Unearth Your Talents**

## *Blessing of First Responders*

Christ's United invites all Fire, Police, and Emergency Personnel to participate in the annual Blessing of First Responders on the Day of St. Michael and All Angels, the last weekend in September. Please let all the First Responders among your family and friends know! Watch for details

**Honoring Our  
Police and  
Firefighters**



posted on the bulletin boards near the church entrance.





# WHO ARE

## These People???



At times 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.

The answers from the August "Who are These People???" are from left to right: Shirley Wolfgang, William Welliver, Larae Scheuren, Charles Klauger, Caroline Lubold, Don Snyder, Jeanette Wolfgang, & Rev. C.E. Rudy. Confirmation 1951.

We need more pictures! If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the chapels that formed Christ's United, please bring them into the office. Please also provide the peoples names that are in the pictures.

Your picture will be returned to you. Thank you.



**Christ's United Committees**

Auditing Committee

Christian Education  
education@christsunited.org

Endowment Fund

Evangelism/Outreach  
evangelism@christsunited.org

Finance

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)  
lcm@christsunited.org

Mutual Ministry

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Personnel  
personnel@christsunited.org

Property  
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Social Ministry  
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Stewardship

WELCA  
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Worship & Music

***Christ's United Lutheran Church***

**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.*

**~~oops!~~**

From a worship bulletin in Austin, Texas:

~~invite your friends to our fall concert.~~

~~Our choirs perform with excellence.~~

~~Thanks for your support!~~

We can't wait to hear these musicians *perform!*



## **CHURCH COUNCIL 2013**

**council@christsunited.org**

	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Ian Bendinsky</b>	<b>875-0646 (Youth Rep.)</b>	<b>Sept. 2013</b>
<b>Melanie Bendinsky</b>	<b>875-0646</b>	<b>Feb. 2014</b>
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<b>vicepresident@christsunited.org</b>		
<b>Donna Lassen</b>	<b>875-1530</b>	<b>Feb. 2016</b>
<b>Nancy Lindenmuth</b>	<b>875-3138</b>	<b>Feb. 2014</b>
<b>Gail Marquardt</b>	<b>497-5337</b>	<b>Feb. 2015</b>
<b>Deb Price</b>	<b>875-4272</b>	<b>Feb. 2015</b>
<b>Terry Shilling</b>	<b>875-0412</b>	<b>Feb. 2014</b>
<b>Barb Stepanchick</b>	<b>875-1114</b>	<b>Feb. 2016</b>
<b>Helen Wolfgang</b>	<b>875-0758</b>	<b>Feb. 2016</b>

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Dr. Kim L. Lengert**  
**(610) 823-1960**  
**pastorkim@christsunited.org**

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<b>treasurer@christsunited.org</b>		
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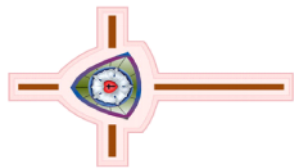
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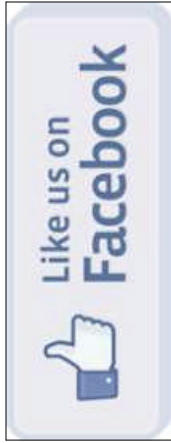
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