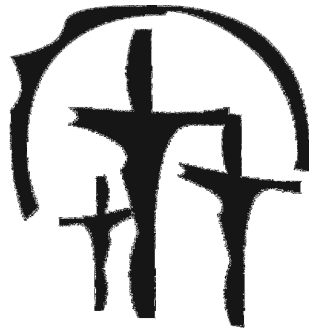


*Life Together at
Christ's United
Lutheran Church*



ACTS 10:43



"EVERYONE
who **believes** in him
receives forgiveness
of sins through his name."

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





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April 2019

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Status of Accounts as of FEBRUARY 28

Balance in Checking Account.....\$20,601.66

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2019 Annual Budget of

\$203,448.31 is \$16,954.03

February income was \$16,174.74

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 2,072.00

13% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)



Pastor Laura's message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For Christians, every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's mighty rising "on the first day of the week". Even Sundays in Lent are a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The Rev. Dr. Philip H. Pfatteicher, once a Professor of English at nearby East Stroudsburg University and widely respected as a liturgical scholar, writes, "Easter is the central feast of the Christian year... it is a time of glad and joyful celebration marked not by obligation and duty but by willing and eager participation in the recreation of the universe". Wow!

Yes, every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. But this month of April we begin the 50 great days of Easter, a time to party hearty and rejoice that the risen Lord Christ is in our lives, congregation, community and world.

First, though, participate in the Great Three Days.

- ◆ Step out of the box and have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday, then be moved by the stripping of the Altar later in the service.
- ◆ On Good Friday, come into the sanctuary anytime between 7 am and 7 pm for prayer. Printed prayer resources will be on hand for you. This Vigil is an opportunity for you to reflect that, as 19th century Philadelphia-born Baptist pastor Robert Lowery once put it, "Low in the grave he lay – Jesus, My Savior! Waiting the coming day – Jesus, My Lord!" Wait with Christ's United Church and Christians around the world.

Then rejoice together on Easter Sunday. This holy day – and every Sunday – is not just a commemoration of a historical event but a realization of union with the risen and reigning Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Can I get an "Amen?"

Pastor Laura+

Church Council Highlights from March:

- Income for the month of February was \$16,174.74.
- Expenses for February totaled \$19,722.15, leaving a deficit for the month of \$3,574.41.
- Pastor Carl Shankweiler has stepped down as Associate to the Bishop. Pastor Kathy Ash-Flashner is the new Associate to the Bishop for our Mission District. Pastor David Rowe from Jerusalem Lutheran in Schuylkill Haven is our new Dean.
- Easter Egg Hunt planning has begun. All are invited to help fill bags and color eggs on Friday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- Beth Andrews has revised the Prayer Chain Circle to make it more current and correct.
- A Mutual Ministry Team has been formed –John Towey, Vivian Brown and Suzanne Peel. Pastor Laura will convene the team right after Easter unless something urgent occurs.
- Lois Sterling needs to resign as Parish Visitor due to a part time job which limits her time availability.
- Jim Chappell has repaired the vacuum cleaner. Pastor Laura thinks it would be good to get a new one and Susan Herb would be the best person to give input. The cost of a brand new industrial vacuum might be \$300-\$400. Barb Liem offered to donate \$50 toward the cost of a new vacuum.
- Anyone who has contact with children such as Sunday School or VBS needs background checks and fingerprints. Background checks can be done online. PSP (Pa. State Police) clearance and child abuse clearances are free. FBI clearance is \$22.60.
- Johnson Controls fire protection service found an error message on the fire alarm panel that needs a new part which we might not be able to get because the system was installed 27 years ago. They recommend an entire system upgrade. A recommendation was made to solicit some quotes from other companies.
- Of the 9 students in the two year Confirmation program, four will be serving as Lectors and the other five will be Ushers.



2019 Church Council officers:

President/Vice President: Erik Tice
Secretary: Beth Andrews.
Treasurer: Anne Marie Dillman,

Council Liaisons

The following are the new Council liaisons to CULC's teams and committees. Contact information is also listed to reach them if you have a question or suggestion for that team or team's ministry:

Ministry Teams

Christian Education: Jim Gruber—570-875-2805
Evangelism/Outreach: Kay Berner—570-875-1035
Lutheran Church Men: Ted Ambrose—570-449-2193
Social Ministry: Barb Stepanchick—570-875-1114
Stewardship: Jim Gruber—570-875-2805
WELCA: Beth Andrews—570-874-2381
Worship and Music: Terry Shilling—570-875-0412
Youth: Steven Wolfgang—570-875-9660

Operational Committees

Auditing: Helen Wolfgang
Endowment Fund: Suzanne Peel—570-875-2218
Finance: Anne Marie Dillman—570-875-2422
Mutual Ministry: Pastor—570-875-1591
Nominating: Erik Tice-570-875-2681
Personnel: Anne Marie Dillman-570-875-2422
Property: Ted Ambrose-570-449-2193

April Council Contact of the month is Jim Gruber.



**Council Member
of the Month**

The Council Contact of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building.

If you need to contact Jim, he can be reached at 570-875-2805.



- 2 Gail Lorady
Arianna McAnnaney
- 3 Lewis Pennypacker
Robert Rock
- 4 Heather Klinger
Marisa Seritsky
- 5 Margaret Conner
Bryce Hummel
- 6 Barbara Brown
Darcie Gruber
Courtney Krise
- 8 Marjorie Lally
Ivan Sweinhart
- 9 Stephen Harhigh, Jr.
- 11 Kaitlin Neumeister

- 13 Natalia Mulhall
Aaron Pancher
John Wagner
- 14 Ryan Wolfe
Dorothy Zangari
Jessica Wright
- 16 Jeremy Knorr
- 17 Barb Liem
Aaron Pancher
John Wagner
- 18 Caleb Dietrick
- 20 Russell Hummel
Shale Waldick
- 21 David Pennypacker
Dustin Schreffler
- 24 Amanda Dillman
- 25 Dianna Monaghan
- 26 Azure Waldick
- 27 George Hepler
- 28 Samantha Brennan
Jill McNeal
Marcus Peel
- 30 Joseph Anczarski
Dena Guenther



- 04/05/86 Ann Marie & William Dillman, Jr.
- 04/16/15 David & Nancy Cunningham
- 04/21/71 Daniel & Bonnie Sisko
- 04/23/60 Jim & Darcie Gruber
- 04/26/01 Mark & Cheryl Varndell
- 04/29/00 Stephen & Jennifer McGrath

CONGRATULATIONS:

IT'S A GIRL -

To Brandy Speer and Joseph Schmidt on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte, who was born on Friday, February 8. Charlotte's grandparents are Bryon and Jessica (Boyer) Wallace and her Great-grandmother is Louise Boyer.



2019 Church Directory Update

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

(Please print all information)

Family's Last Name: _____

	MEMBER OF CULC?	Yes or No
Head of Household: _____		_____
Spouse: _____		_____
Children: 1) _____		_____
2) _____		_____
3) _____		_____

Home and Mailing Address:

_____ Zip code _____

Phone #:

HOME: _____
Cell #: _____ Name: _____
Cell #: _____ Name: _____
E-mail Address: _____

**PLEASE INCLUDE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE FOR
CHURCH RECORDS.**

SAVE THE DATE:

PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AUGUST 13, 14, & 15, 2019

Need further info? Contact Dorothy Kessler - 570-985-4260



We Offer our Prayers to...

March 24 - Family of Rebecca Yorty (D. Gruber), Tommy Green, Emerson Wolfgang (H. Wolfgang), Bob Kahler (D. Wallace), Mary Towey (P. Lute / N. Lindenmuth), Family of Ken Moyer (E. Chappell), Tina (D. Price)

March 17 – Nancy Kessler, John Kimmel, Tommy Green, Family of Robert Reichwein (N. Lindenmuth), Barbara Stanell (B. Andrews/D. Calhoun), Family of Dean Fetterolf, Lucielle Ludwig (A. Berger), Family of Leon Fertig (E. Werner)

March 10 – Family of Louis Swatski (D. Wallace), Stephanie Soblesky (K. Berner),

March 3 – Family of Bobbie Lerch, Victims of Ashland Fire, Rebecca Yorty (Grubers), Mary Lou Johnson (J. Towey), Family of Tom Brocker, Mary McAloose (D. Zaharick), Linda Shoop (L. Wolfgang), Michael Laudeman Jr. (K. Berner), Barb Anczarski, LouAnn Olson (T. Shilling)

Please continue to pray for our members: Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Pete Waldick, Wendy Farnsworth, Dot Zeigenfuse, Barry Martin,

And our friends: Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Paul Troutman, Dave Bowen, Keith Morgan, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Richard Berger (J. Gruber), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Diane Klem (L. Klinger), Kathy Ahrensfield (C. Varndell),

*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 office in order that the list is always current.** If you would like someone added, please call the office or write their name on the Prayer Request sheet found on the Prayer Podium.*



Praying Through the Directory

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families. We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their needs and spiritual journey.

This month we pray for:

The Klase Family — Timothy

The Quirk Family — Janet

The Schneider Family — Melanie



PRAYER CHAIN



Each day members of Christ's United bow their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for the ministries of this congregation and people in need. For the past several years these Prayer Teams have been silently serving God, the world, and us.

If you are committed to the power of prayer, please join one of these teams. Prayer lists are available at worship services each weekend, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



We will be celebrating Holy Communion at our 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening worship throughout the Easter season. Afterwards, our Worship and Music team will seek your feedback on this.

On Thursday, April 18, we will be holding Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m. As Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, so too will Pastor Laura wash the feet of 12 representatives of Christ's United. If you would be willing to participate in the foot washing, please see Pastor Laura.



Parents of Elementary School and Sunday School children:

We would like to have a Youth Choir Anthem as part of the Easter Morning Special Music on April 21st. We are practicing on Sunday mornings immediately after worship.

Please have the children here so they can participate in the Celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

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

In Memory of Connie Welker by:

Richard Berner	Edward and Joanne Welker
Suzanne Peel	John & Janet Towey
Doris Buseck	Carol Adukaitis
Jo-Ann & Leo Young	Gordon Area Seniors
Joseph Coddington	Carol Neumeister
Jacqueline & Michael Deibert	Dan & Chris Brennan
Marge Bolich	Gail Marquardt
Ellie & Jim Chappell	Michael & Donna Lassen
Nelson & Angie Berger Family	

In Memory of Dean Fetterolf by:

Dr. Kay Berner	Kenneth Welker
Sandy & Grant Marlow	George & Jennie Kosmisky
Laray & Don Klinger	Nelson & Angie Berger Family
Eileen & Ralph Johnson	Bill & Sandy Miller
Ralph, Jen & Ralph Johnson	Beryl Stitzer
Ellie & Jim Chappell	Norman & Sandy Stitzer
Gail Marquardt	Joann & Frank Woodward
Berniece Fegley	David & Margaret Slotterback
& Mr. & Mrs. Chester Peachy	

In Memory of Barrie Neumeister, Walter Wolfgang, Jack Stitzer, Dorothy Shadle, Gerry Dillman Sally Zaharick, Robert Berger, Connie Welker & Dean Fetterolf by:

Nancy Lindenmuth, Greg & Penny Lindenmuth
and Lisa Archer

Donations to CULC Capital Campaign

M.O. Connie Welker by:

Ron & Beth Andrews
Don & Laray Klinger
Donna & Ron Wallace

M.O. Dean Fetterolf by:

Beth & Ron Andrews
Donna & Ron Wallace
Dorothy & Terry Kessler

Donations to CULC Endowment Fund

M.O. Connie Welker by:

Beryl Stitzer

M.O. Dean Fetterolf by:

The John Wolfgang Family
Suzanne Peel

Donation to CULC Music Ministry

M.O. Connie Welker by:

Wendy & Michael Wojtaszek

Donation in Honor of Oliver McCormick's Baptism by:

Katelyn, Tyler and Oliver McCormick

Serving Our Community of Faith in April:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter-Door
April 2							

April 3 Mid-Week	Becky Spencer	Lowell Martin Laray Klinger David Hall Jim Gruber						
April 7	Angie Berger	Barb Stepanchick p-w Donna Wallace o-b John Towey o-w	T.J. Heidlebaugh	Nathan Berger	Ted Ambrose	Angie Berger		
April 10 Mid-Week	Beth Andrews							
April 14 PALM SUNDAY	John Towey	Dennis Wolfe o-w John Denchak p-b Angie Berger p-w	Ava Hubler & Bianca Mcandrew	Amy Johnson	Barb Stepanchick	John Towey		
April 18 MAUNDY THURS.	Kay Berner	Dennis Wolfe p-w Jo-Ann Young o-b Darlene Stank o-w	Steven Wolfgang	Blake Olayo				
April 19 GOOD FRIDAY	Mark Varndell				Angie Berger	Mark Varndell		
April 21 Easter 6:30	Erik Tice	Allen Johnson Barb Stepanchick Darlene Stank John Kimmel	Tyler Wolfgang	Ralph Johnson	Mark Varndell	Erik Tice		
April 21 Easter 9:30	Darcie Gruber	Dennis Wolfe Angie Berger Robert Carl Terry Neumeister	Tanner Walacavage	Logan Walacavage	Deb Hall	Darcie Gruber		
April 28	Sally Tice		Nelson Berger & Kayla Werner	Dylan Buhay	David Hall	Sally Tice		



American Red Cross

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Give blood.™

Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

Community Room
437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, April 1, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Debbie Hall or call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appointment.

Open to the public and walk-ins are Welcome!



Save the date

Be included in the new
Christ's United Lutheran Church
directory.

Photography dates:

Tuesday, August 13th
Wednesday, August 14th
Thursday, August 15th



2019 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$25.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00

Special service bulletins \$10.00, Sanctuary Candle \$10.00

Children's Bulletins \$10.00, Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.



Payments for Altar flowers should be made payable to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made to the church and given to Deb Hall in the church office.

Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card

Christ's United

now accepts electronic donations

Participate Today.

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to www.christsunited.org or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura performed the following

Baptism:

3/3/19—Oliver McCormick

Funeral:

3/10/19 – Dean Fetterolf



SOCIAL MINISTRY



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

- April—LCM
- May—WELCA
- June – Christian Education/Youth
- July—Choir/Worship & Music
- August—LCM
- September– WELCA
- October—Church Council
- November—Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship
- December—LCM
- January—WELCA
- February—Social Ministry
- March– Church Council



We will be collecting the following item for April:

Canned Fruit

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is
Thursday,
April 11, 2019



Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday's at 6:00
Sign up on the bulletin board to provide soup or bread for our meal.
Each week the Social Ministry Team will have a

Our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on **Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m.**

We will meet in the church and have a prayer by Pastor Laura, a short video, and instructions, before beginning the egg hunt. We will be having registration and pictures with the “bunny” starting at around 10:00 a.m.

We will have donation baskets in the narthex on the weekend of April 6th & 7th and April 13th & 14th as well as on the 20th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the egg hunt gifts.

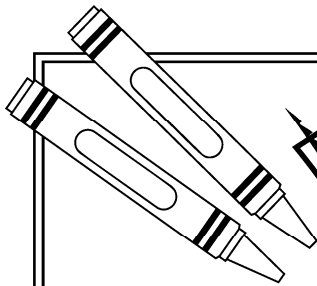
Signup sheets are on the bulletin board to sign up the children. The age limit is 11 years old. **The cutoff date is April 12th** so I have time to ensure enough gift items are purchased. We will also have a signup sheet for cooked egg donations-colored or uncolored. If uncolored, please have them at the church by 5:00 p.m. on April 12th so they can be dyed. Dyed eggs should be at the church by April 20th by 9:00 a.m. so the eggs can be hidden by the youth groups.

We will be packing the egg hunt bags and having the junior Youth group dye the eggs on the 12th as well as having a pizza party for all those helping out. We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Easter egg hunt committee and all those who would be willing to help out will be meeting at 7:30 a.m. on the 20th to begin preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Any help by anyone for any amount of time would be greatly appreciated to make this day a success for the youth in our community.

Thank You,

Barbara Stepanchick





PUZZLE

Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linen, spices, shroud



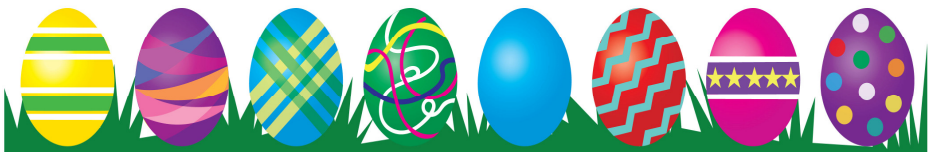
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Butter Cream	Cherry

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or 570-875-1591



Women of the ELCA



LADIES NIGHT OUT

March 31, 2019

We are going to Mar Lin to **Palermo's**. We will be leaving CULC parking lot at 3:30. **PLEASE SIGN UP** on the bulletin board to attend so reservations and transportation plans can be made.

WOMEN of ELCA SCHUYULKILL CLUSTER SPRING EVENT

MAY 4, 2019 (9:00-12:00)

St. Paul's Lutheran, Auburn (Summerhill)

Program Topic: OPIOD CRISIS
presented by Monsignor William Glosser

Bible Study presenter is
Pastor Laura Csellak

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the office by April 17th
to register and arrange transportation.

Personal Care Kits

During Lent, we are collecting items needed to assemble Personal Care Kits by Women of ELCA.

The collection of dark colored bath towels (maximum size 52" x 27"), wide toothed combs, nail clippers, and bars of soap to assemble the Personal Care Kits will continue until April 14th.

Here's the 2019 collection schedule:



BASKETS OF PROMISE



This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble _____ LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

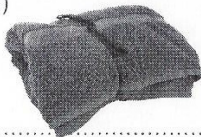
MARCH 10

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



MARCH 17

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



MARCH 24

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



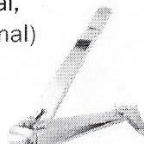
MARCH 31

Combs



APRIL 7

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY

Bars of Soap



For more information contact _____

Donna Wallace

