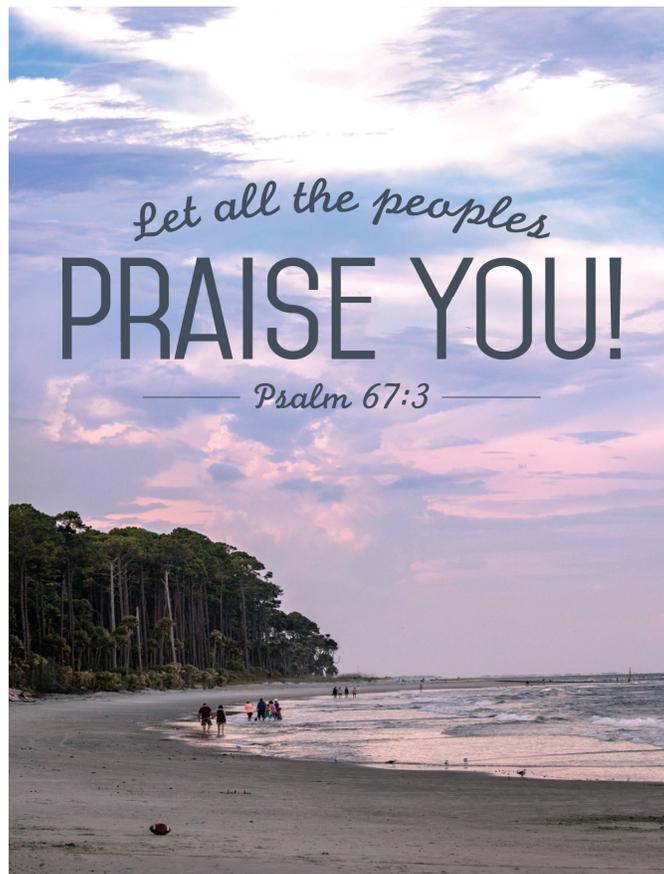


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**August 2017**

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**Status of Accounts as of June 30**

Balance in Checking Account.....-negative \$2,323.16  
 Total negative balance year to date – \$8,900.63  
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2017 Annual Budget of  
 \$179,318.00 is **\$14,943.17**  
June income was \$16,157.18  
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$8,593.73  
 (37.05% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2017)



## Pastor Mark's Message

God's Beloved People:

Hard to believe that Summer is soon drawing to a close, and we will be back in the school-year rhythm before we know it! I hope your summer has been renewing, relaxing and a good change of pace. I'm excited to offer in the fall a transformative survey of the bible course for adults that has enriched hundreds of participants in all the years I have presented it in congregations.

*The Divine Drama* is a 30-unit survey of the Bible and core biblical teachings. It was created by The Rev. Dr Harry Wendt, an Australian Lutheran pastor. The course has been used cross-denominationally around the world. The value of the *Divine Drama* is it helps us see the unity and scope of the biblical narrative. As we learn God's Story, dreams and passions, that will inform what a congregations goals and passions are likewise.

**Part 1 The Biblical Narrative** (the first 16 weeks of the course) is a survey of the biblical narrative. You will be enriched by gaining an understanding of how the narratives of both Hebrew and Christian Scriptures formed one epic, exciting narrative of God's sojourn with creation then with humanity, from the creation narratives, through Israel, and how Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled everything that Israel was supposed to be and was not. We learn how God, through Jesus Christ, fulfills his agenda by bringing all people in all things in heaven and earth back into union with Godself and each other through what was accomplished through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

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**Part 2 Our Narrative** is a 14-week follow-up journey through the biblical basis of core Christian teaching, including baptism, the Lord's supper, the Trinity, prayer, the Lord's prayer, our worship traditions, service, and stewardship. The goal is to teach and equip how core Christian teaching is informed by the word of God which is the basis for all things, faith and life.

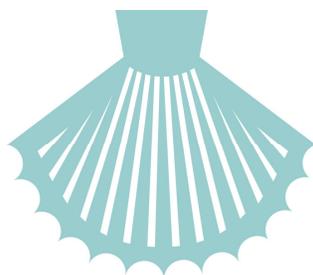
Using a combination of at-home preparation, Bible reading, in-class presentation and discussion, PowerPoint illustrations, and video clips, The Divine Drama will open up the Bible as the most incredible epic story of God's Story and Sojourn with God's people, so we know what our story is to be as God's resurrected people.

The Divine Drama will take place ***Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30 pm (bring snacks to share), and Monday mornings 9:30-11:00 am., starting September 10 and 11, 2017. You come to one weekly session, either morning or evening, per your personal schedule. Cost of materials for entire 30-unit course is only \$30.00.***

I look forward to your participation! Bring your bibles, snacks to share and your enthusiasm to be ready for an amazing, faith-building encounter with God's Word.

In Partnership,

*Mark Galbraith,*  
Interim Pastor



## Church Council Highlights from July:

- General Checking Account Balance as 6/30/17 – *negative* \$2,323.16
  - The total negative balance for the year is -\$8,900.63
- Pastor Mark selected and installed a mutual ministry committee. It includes the following: Jim Gruber, Maryanne Wolfgang, Gail Marquardt, Mark Varndell, Suzanne Peel, and Deb Price. If any member of CULC has concerns, please let one of the above committee members know.
- Money was given by WELCA to pay a mortgage payment.
  - Quilts and personal health kits were blessed.
  - The church men are continuing to work on the pavilion and preparing for the annual congregational picnic in August.
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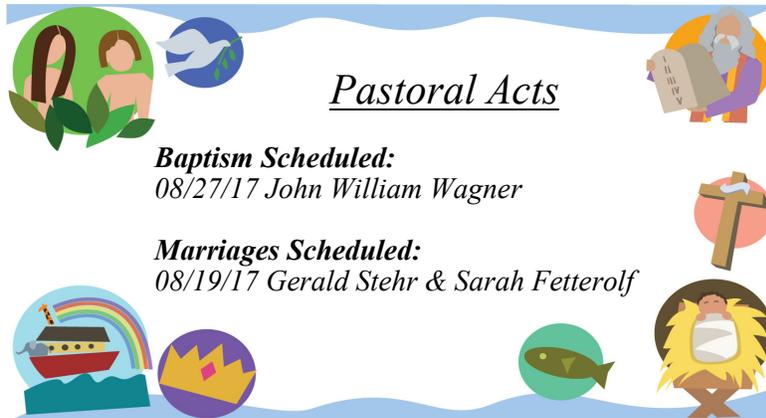


**Council Member  
of the Month**

August's council Member of the month is Erik Tice.

The Council Member of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), notice the church lights on at 11 p.m., or need access to the building.

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*Pastoral Acts*

**Baptism Scheduled:**  
08/27/17 John William Wagner

**Marriages Scheduled:**  
08/19/17 Gerald Stehr & Sarah Fetterolf





		16	Allyson Zimmerman
			John Towey
		17	Charley Demko
			Seth Young
		18	Zebulun Geedey
			Melanie Schneider
1	Bianca McAndrew	19	Kimberly Shadle
2	Jada Habowski	20	Irene Morgan
3	Janice Brain		Matt Wetzel
	Brad Rickert	21	Kolby Cress
	Kelly Troup	22	Alyssa Becker
4	Greg Lindenmuth		Rebekah Garnes
6	Braedyn Lazor	23	Michael Monaghan
	Tyler McGrath		Dak Sisak
7	Gary Schneider	24	Louise Boyer
8	Carey Wahalec		Keith Hostetter
	Caiden Weikel	26	Peggy Dziczek
	Dustin White		Katelyn Huber
9	Kaitlyn Werner		Zachary Hummel
10	Deb Berner		Brandy Schreiber
	Mason Buhay	27	Penny Troutman
	Larry Schneider	28	Paige Garnes
11	Diane Heidlebaugh		James Houser
	Elizabeth McGrath		Dennis Marlow
	Alivia Potteiger		Lauren Wagner
	Riley Whritenour	29	Desiree Dengler
12	Jamie Dengler		Thomas Habowski
	Bill Miller		Morgen Sweitzer
	Janet Towey	30	Darlene Stank
13	William Coward III		Louise Lute
	Michael Lassen	31	Jonathan Harhigh
14	Tammy Leshner		Kelly Long
15	Angie Berger		Michael Steinbauer
	Heidi Walsh		



08/07/99	John & Janet Towey
08/09/47	Jack & Beryl Stitzer
08/11/07	Dustin & Margaret Koons
08/12/72	Bill & Sandy Miller
08/13/04	Thomas & Barb Habowski
08/15/87	Jeffrey & Christine Brennan
08/16/03	Dean & Arlene Krise
08/19/72	John & Cheryl Denchak
08/24/63	Leo & Jo-Ann Young
08/25/73	Ron & Beth Andrews
08/28/76	Mike & Barb Stepanchick
08/29/81	Charles & Barbara Klauger
08/29/98	David & Renee Walter
08/30/08	Don & Lynn Dillman



## ***Give Electronically***

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out Christ's United's electronic giving Options by scanning this QR code.

*Thank you.*



## **2017 Sponsorships**

The 2017 sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

We especially need sponsors for:

**Newsletters** for October and November.

**Bulletins** for October 14 & 15 and 28 & 29  
November 25 & 26, Dec 2 & 3, 9 & 10.



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## We Offer our Prayers to...

**July 23** – Jim Hepler (B. Andrews), Richard Berger (J. Gruber), John Zerby (J. Zerby), Dr. Kim Hashin & Family (B. Liem), Jessica Marrone (B. Liem)

**July 16** – Laura Brennan (C. Brennan), Family of Nathan Bolich (C. Welker), Johanna Crist (S. Tice)

**July 9** – Elizabeth “Libby” Gable (T. Shilling), Matt Grosser (J. Gruber), Jake Wallace (L. Lute), Families of Randy Troutman and Ginny Stehr (L. Lute)

**July 2** – Wendy Farnsworth (E. Chappell), Donna Kehler & Family (T. Wolfe), Walter Wolfgang (S. Tice), Diane Zerby, Family of Shirley Felker, Carol Jean Stehr (L. Lute) Linda Zerby (J. Young), Scarlett Eecker (M. Grosser), David Hicks, Irene Morgan, Jesse Deeter (L. Lute), Robert Beecher (L. Lute), Joan Young Blevins (J. Young), Dean Fetterolf (B. Fetterolf), Karyssa Wenrich (J. Clark), Elizabeth Brown (G. Marquardt), Barb Fetterolf, Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Sandra Beecher (L. Lute)

*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 Hood Family — Thomas, Michelle, Brandon, Nikki  
The McNally Family — Shaun, Susan & Rhea  
The Peifer Family—Keith, Jessica & Autumn





*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you sing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God"*  
Colossians 3:16

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, consider sharing your musical gifts with your church family this summer. The choir is on a well- deserved break, and we are hoping to schedule a variety of special music throughout the season. Guitar, piano, flute, trumpet, harmonica, -all are welcome! Soloists, duets, quartets-we'd love to hear you! Gospel, Contemporary, Classical, Praise- all will enhance our worship!

A sign -up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front hallway. If you need accompaniment, have questions, or need additional information, please call Diane Calhoun at 570-874-2580.

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**Tuesday, September 5**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Come out and join the choir as we begin rehearsing for another season of leading worship and providing special music.

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

*In Memory of Judy Stepulitis to Christ's Cupboard by  
Connie Welker \$20.00*



The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for 2017 scholarships. If you are an ACTIVE member of the congregation who is furthering your education in a college, university, trade school, business school, nursing/medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by September 17, 2017 to the church office or one of the members of the committee - Barb Anczarski, Helen Wolfgang, Jo-Ann Young or Dr. Kay Berner.

In the letter please include: Your name and address; Name and address of school you are attending; your status (freshmen, sophomore, etc.); Projected time of certification or graduation; and Field of study/certification of degree you are pursuing.

**Please be advised, you must be an Active Member of the congregation and also be present in person on the date the scholarships are given out.**



Endowment Fund Scholarships



## Serving Our Community of Faith in August:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	2nd Acolyte/Tag-a-Long	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
<b>August 6</b>	Sally Tice	John Denchak Jane Pennypacker Dot Ziegenfuss John Kimmel	Jo-Ann Young Jim Gruber Irene Morgan	Nicole Hook	Brandon Hood	Erik Tice	Barb Anczarski
<b>August 13</b>	Donna Wallace			Zachary Hummel	Kaitlyn Werner	Steven Wolfgang	Beth Andrews
<b>August 20</b>	Mark Vardell			Steven Wolfgang	Ava Hubler	Cheryl Vardell	Deb Zaharick
<b>August 27</b>	John Towey			Kylie Mallams	Karleigh Economy	Angie Berger	Deb Berner



**WELCA**  
NEWS

## **NEXT WELCA MEETING**

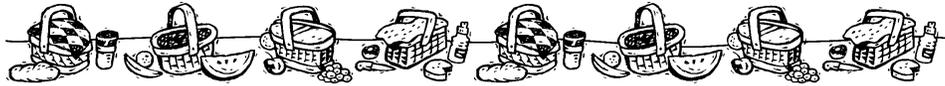


The annual Women's picnic will be held on August 2, 2017 at **6:00 p.m.**

All women and guests are welcome to attend and share in a fun evening of food and games.

The women of Good Shepherd, Ashland, Zion's Minersville, and Zion's Frackville have been invited to join us for this evening.

A sign up for covered dish or dessert is on the bulletin board. A "crazy bingo" game will be played so bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift if you wish to play along.



## **Ladies Nite Out:**

Save the date for Ladies Nite Out on August 6. We're going to Di Maio's Mustard Seed Café in Orwigsburg.



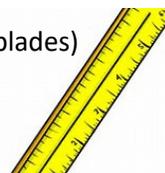
## School Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief



Education is important in every community but especially those where poverty or disaster limits the options of young people looking to improve their lives. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning despite the hardships they face. These supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.

### The supplies for each School Kit are:

- Four 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- One 30 centimeter ruler (or with inches and centimeters)
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with steel blades)
- One box of 16-24 crayons
- One 2 1/2 inch eraser
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- One sturdy drawstring back style cloth bag (14" x 17")



In the coming weeks the school supplies will begin to be in stores (much to the dismay of many children and adults) at great low prices so keep these items in mind.

Donations of any of these items should be placed on the table in the Narthex August 13 - 27.

Thrivent Action Team will pack the bags.



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# 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**  
**August—LCM/WELCA**  
September-Property Committee  
October—Stewardship  
November—Endowment Fund  
December—Church Council  
January-Choir/Worship & Music  
February—Social Ministry



We will be collecting the following items for August:

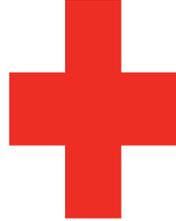
## Juice

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is  
Thursday,  
August 10, 2017





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### **Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church**

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

**Thursday, August 3, 2017  
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](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule an appointment.

**Open to the public and walk-ins are Welcome!**

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Sunday, August 27

Worship 10:30 a.m.

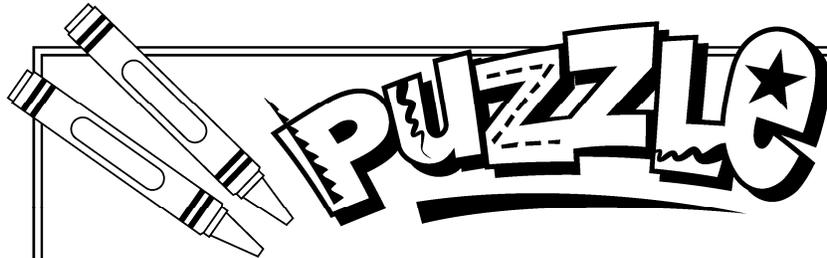
Please note time change & come to worship in  
your casual picnic clothes.

12:00 Noon

Food, Music, Games and More!

Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a  
covered dish, salad or dessert to share.





# BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

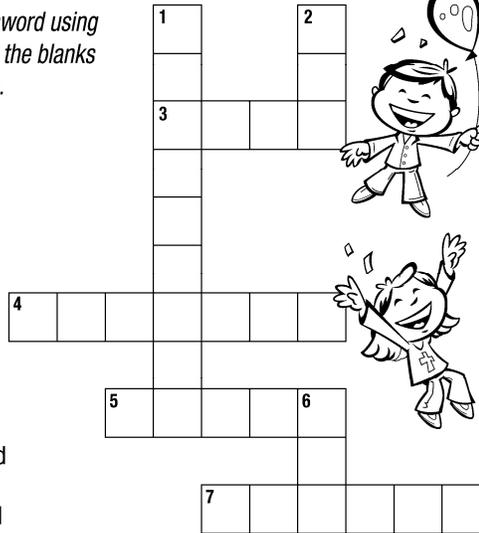
*Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.*

**ACROSS**

- 3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
- 4. What you do when you're very happy
- 5. A song written by David
- 7. Full of joy

**DOWN**

- 1. People who obey God
- 2. Our Creator
- 6. The month after April



“But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they  
 be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_.” 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may  
 “But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.” Psalm 68:3, NIV

## The Recipe Swap

Each time we get together here at Christ's United, many delicious covered dishes are brought to share. Wouldn't it be great if we could share the recipes for these yummy dishes. If you have a recipe you're willing to share please drop it off at the office and we will feature it in the new recipe section of an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Thanks for sharing!!

Share  
Your  
Recipes



**Sunday, August 27**

All youth are encouraged to bring their backpack to be blessed during the worship service.

School starts August 28 for North Schuylkill & Tri-Valley!



**The junior youth group is in need of an additional advisor. Angier Berger has been doing it on her own and really could use some help. So, if you like children and have some free time, please consider giving her a call at 570-875-3598 so activities and outings can be planned.**



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**Thank you,**  
*Kay Berner*

# Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse “mix” of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

## What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M’s
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

## What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!

## Know your target

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.



A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. “Draw someone who has upset you,” he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who’d mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull’s-eye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull’s-eye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus’ scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions – no matter the human target – remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let’s take aim with love, not hurt.

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Mission Statement***

*We the members of Christ's  
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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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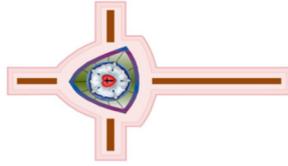
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