

*Life Together at
Christ's United
Lutheran Church*



*Join us for Worship
Saturday 4:30 p. m. & Sunday 9:30 a. m.
Journey & Fellowship 10:45*





Christ's United Lutheran Church

One God. One People. One Purpose.

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August 2018

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The August Newsletter is sponsored in Loving Memory of Malcolm & Betty Boyer and Hilda Tielman by Beth & Ron Andrews



Status of Accounts as of June 30

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 32,782.02.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2018 Annual Budget of

\$202,057.36 is **\$16,838.11**

June income was \$10,910.41

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 5,413.00

36% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2018)



Message from Designated Pastor Brian



Grace and peace in the name of God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as your designated pastor for the past few months. In the time that I have been here, I have gotten to know many of you, and in some cases, I have a got to reconnect with people I have not seen in a very long time. I have awaken my time here as a sort of homecoming – although I was never connected with the congregation of Christ’s United aside from being a member of a neighboring Lutheran congregation, there have been so many shared contacts between us that it felt that way.

Now that my time is over, I want to wish you all well, and I also want to wish your new pastor well, and I am excited to meet her. Last month I gave you the whole “open mind” talk, so let me conclude our time together by encouraging you in other ways:

I encourage this congregation to continue it’s important work with our youth. Our youth are not just our future, they are indeed are present. Their opinions matter, and God is working through them.



I encourage this congregation to not be afraid of the future. In Scripture, Paul believed that Christ was returning in his lifetime, and that the world was going to end. Yet he was still willing to look at a hopeful future for the church. Ultimately, our story is a story that we believe wraps up with goodness winning and love prevailing.

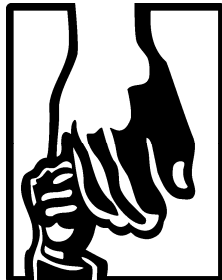
I encourage this congregation to seek more opportunities to serve the community. You already do that well – I saw how you operate your food ministry, and you collected for a lot of people in need around Christmas time, as well as other times. Your engagement of the community will only help you model further the love that Jesus has for all of us.

I encourage this congregation to put aside the hard feelings of the past. I understand how hard this is. I just saw somebody not long ago who wronged me along time ago. It was amazing how those old feelings that I thought had been put to rest came bubbling back up. Time and honest consideration of our neighbor heals much.

I encourage this congregation to not forget that productive play is important. I have no doubt that Jesus and the disciples learned to enjoy each other's company.

I could keep going. You are now in the very capable hands of someone else, and I wish you well on the journey.

Pastor Brian Beissel



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

Church Council Highlights from July:

- General Checking Account Balance as of 6/30/18: \$ 32,782.02.
- Kay and Council expressed their thankfulness and gratitude for Pastor Beissel's service to Christ's United while we have been in the call process.
- VBS meeting was held finalizing plans. Rev. Beissel will be available for the opening on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mark Vardell will do the opening on Monday and Tuesday.
- David Saul, Thrivent Financial Representative, will be at the church on Sunday, July 22 for a presentation about Thrivent.
- Personnel Committee would like to have a second council member on the committee. Jim Gruber volunteered.
- Council chose three dates as possibilities for Pastor Laura's installation service: September 16, October 7, or October 14.

August's council Member of the month is Jim Gruber.

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



**Council Member
of the Month**



Please get the word out to the Senior Youth in our congregation to join! We will have monthly trip, such as bowling, pizza parties, and more! Add Rhonda Cae on Facebook to join our page for announcements or sign-up at CULC!



August BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bianca McAndrew
- 2 Jada Habowski
- 3 Janice Brain
Brad Rickert
Kelly Troup
- 4 Greg Lindenmuth
- 6 Braedyn Lazor
Tyler McGrath
- 7 Gary Schneider
- 8 Carey Wahalec
Caiden Weikel
Dustin White
- 9 Kaitlyn Werner
- 10 Deb Berner
Mason Buhay
Larry Schneider
- 11 Diane Heidlebaugh
Elizabeth McGrath
Alivia Potteiger
Riley Whritenour
- 12 Jamie Dengler
Bill Miller
Janet Towey
- 13 William Coward III
Michael Lassen
- 14 Tammy Leshar
- 15 Angie Berger
Heidi Walsh

- 16 Allyson Stutzman
John Towey
- 17 Charley Demko
Seth Young
- 18 Zebulun Geedey
Melanie Schneider
- 19 Kimberly Shadle
- 20 Irene Morgan
Matt Wetzel
- 21 Kolby Cress
- 22 Alyssa Becker
Rebekah Garnes
- 23 Michael Monaghan
Dak Sisak
- 24 Louise Boyer
Keith Hostetter
- 26 Peggy Dziczek
Katelyn Huber
Zachary Hummel
Brandy Schreiber
- 27 Penny Troutman
- 28 Paige Garnes
James Houser
Dennis Marlow
Lauren Wagner
- 29 Desiree Dengler
Thomas Habowski
Mya Klouser
Morgen Sweitzer
- 30 Darlene Stank
Louise Lute





08/07/99	John & Janet Towey
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

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside – unless the waiter is bumped or trips.

If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?



To all my friends at Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry,

You can only imagine my surprise and delight when I received your card and read your heartfelt sentiments wishing me a complete and speedy recovery! Thank you, one and all. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Bible teaches that when you do something in the name of Jesus, your reward is ten-fold. I volunteer at your food pantry never expecting to be blessed with so many friends who are praying for me. Thank you again and God bless you. See you when I can walk without help, and please, keep those prayers coming.

Sincerely,
Diane Boczkowski

We Offer our Prayers to...



July 29 – Maura Sweitzer (T. Shilling), Family of Terry Yeagle (D. Heidlebaugh), Family of Chip Blair

July 22 – Family of Lonz Baldino, Luca Catizone (D. Gruber)

July 15 – Deborah Worhack (K. Berner), Family of Charles Hampton, Family of Michael Gurecki, Pearl Lute, Sandra Neumeister (P. Lute), Thailand soccer team & coach, Dave Bowen (D. Calhoun)

July 8 – Irene Morgan; Diane Calhoun, Olivia Kopitsky (I. Morgan); Dan Grow (J. Clark), Anna James (V. Brown),

Please continue to pray for our members: Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Ava Hubler, Dean Fetterolf, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Pete Waldick, Wendy Farnsworth

And our friends: Minah Horan (R. Berner), Sally Zaharick & Adam Zaharick, Lilly Hubler, Doloris Kulpcavage, Richard Berger, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Jesse Deeter, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Carol Romberger, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Paul Troutman, Darlene Hinkle (K. Berner)

*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 Brown Family — Vivian

The Johnson Family — Ralph & Eileen

The Pennypacker Family—Jane





Our bright beacon

We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our own private questions. ... But better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively ... without regard, first of all, to our own subjective needs.

Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory. Let them stay there permanently, like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life's problems — our own and everyone's. Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does “speak to our condition” and meet our needs, not just occasionally or when some emergency arises, but continually.

—Frederick C. Grant

Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As Christ's United it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.christsunited.org, locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, just scan this QR code to get started.





American Red Cross

The need is constant.
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Community Blood Drive

Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, August 2, 2018
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!

Serving Our Community of Faith in August:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
August 5	Mark Varndell	Lowell Martin Laray Klingler Dennis Wolfe Jim Gruber	John Denchak Jo-Ann Young Barb Anczarski	Ryan Walter	Jordan Walter	Kay Berner	Mark Varndell
August 12	Cheryl Varndell			Danielle White		Mark Varndell	Cheryl Varndell
August 19	Beth Andrews			Kaitlyn Werner		Pearl Lute	Beth Andrews
August 26	Barb Anczarski			Brian O'Connor		Nancy Lindennuth	Barb Anczarski



GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
29, 2018

4:00 pm, followed by catered meal by

“A Matter of Taste”



Join in the celebration and reminiscing of our church family life at Christ's United Lutheran Church. We have been blessed with a congregation and pastoral leadership that has worshiped and prayed, worked to serve others, and cared for our church building.

Come join in the celebration service with the buffet meal served at 5:30 pm.

Roast Chicken / Ham
Filling / String Beans / Mashed Potatoes
Gravy / Peppered Cabbage / Rolls
Dessert / Beverages

Tickets: \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children (10 years and younger)

HELP NEEDED

The committee planning the Good and Faithful Servant Celebration event are seeking out photos, program brochures, memorabilia, or personal reminisces of events from our years as GULC (1989 – present).



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CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 26

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

Picnic @ 12:00 Noon

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



Sunday, August 26

All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship service.

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



We will be collecting the following items for August:

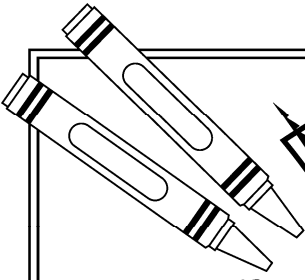
Juice

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, August 9, 2018





PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

CLUES

- 1. rhymes with cow
- 2. opposite of sour
- 3. pronounced "R"
- 4. rhymes with four
- 5. Letters create ____.
- 6. not too or two
- 7. rhymes with by
- 8. the tongue's job
- 9. more sweet
- 10. rhymes with pan
- 11. golden liquid
- 12. Pleased __ meet you.
- 13. rhymes with fly
- 14. body part



WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my

The honeycomb grid consists of 24 hexagons arranged in 4 rows and 6 columns. The hexagons contain the following content:

- Row 1: Hexagon 1 (number 1), Hexagon 2 (number 2), Hexagon 3 (number 3), Hexagon 4 (number 4), Hexagon 5 (number 5), Hexagon 6 (bee illustration)
- Row 2: Hexagon 7 (number 7), Hexagon 8 (bee illustration), Hexagon 9 (number 9), Hexagon 10 (bee illustration), Hexagon 11 (number 11)
- Row 3: Hexagon 12 (bee illustration), Hexagon 13 (number 13), Hexagon 14 (number 14), Hexagon 15 (bee illustration)
- Row 4: Hexagon 16 (number 12), Hexagon 17 (number 13), Hexagon 18 (number 14), Hexagon 19 (text: Psalm 119:103, NIV), Hexagon 20 (number 14)

Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

Endowment Scholarships



Endowment Fund Scholarships

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for 2018 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 18, 2018 to the church of-

fice 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.



Prayer for a College Student

Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know.

As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith.

As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears.

As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You.

Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home.

Amen.

The Recipe Swap

Share
Your
Recipes



This month's recipe: Taco Soup
Submitted by Deb Price.

TACO SOUP

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 cup diced onion | 1 tsp cilantro |
| 1 cup diced red / green pepper | 1 can of corn |
| 3 cloves garlic | 1 (10 oz.) can diced tomatoes
with green chilies |
| 2 lbs. ground beef | 1 pkg. taco mix |
| 2 cans diced tomatoes | |
| 1 can Dakota beans (black beans) | |
| 1 can chili beans / kidney beans | |

In a large sauté pan add ground beef, onions, peppers, and garlic stirring frequently for 15 to 20 minutes until beef is fully cooked. Place all ingredients except corn into a soup pot. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a low simmer. Add corn and simmer for about 20 minutes. Serve with shredded cheese and corn chips.

- Deb Price



Women of the ELCA



The next WELCA gathering will be AUGUST 1st at 6:00pm for the Annual Indoor Covered Dish Picnic.

Invitations have been extended to the women of Good Shepherd, Ashland / Zion, Minersville/ Friedens, Hegins/and St.James, Pitman to join us. Sign up for covered dish or dessert on bulletin board. A "Bingo" style game will be played so bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift if you wish to play along.



Save The Date
for **LADIES NITE OUT**
on August 5th
to RED LION CAFE.

The production of "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster is on our calendar for August 16th.



We will board the bus in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to have lunch at Shady Maple, then to the 3:00 p.m. show at Sight and sound. Cost per person (*lunch, bus, and show*):

Children (ages 3-12) - \$57.00

Adults - \$97.00.

Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. To ensure reservation, a \$25 deposit must be made. Final payment is due by July 16th. Any questions, call Jo-Ann Young at **570-875-2586** or the church office - 570-875-1591.

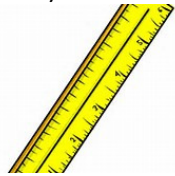


School Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief

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 12 - 26.

Thrivent Action Team will pack the bags.



Christ's United Ministry Teams

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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 undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.

A sermon on legs

I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day:
I'd rather one would walk with me
than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,
and more willing than the ear.
Fine council is confusing,
but example's always clear.



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