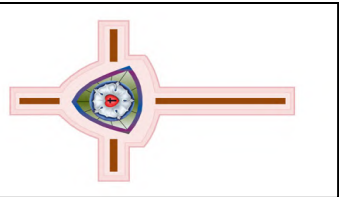


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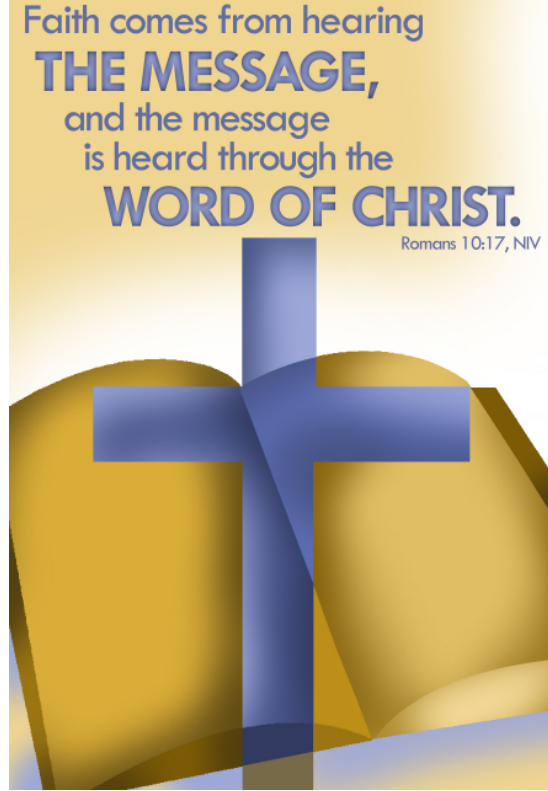


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Youth Representative - Vacant

DESIGNATED PASTOR

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570-875-0792

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Status of Accounts as of June 30

The June Status of Accounts information was not available to include in this month's newsletter.



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Evangelism/Outreach
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

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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.



My fellow members of Christ's United,

A year has passed since Pastor Laura left. A year without a pastor! Some of you may think that's a long time, and in a sense it is. Time passes by so quickly as I get older, at least that is how it seems. I guess it's just because there are so many responsibilities and other things going on as we age.

We are a church without a pastor, however, there are many churches without a pastor. In our mission district and synod alone, there are numerous churches with no pastor. It is not just here in Northeast Pennsylvania that there is a shortage of pastors. It is all over the United States and the world. There are churches that are just forming that do not have a pastor but have committed members that want to worship Christ. There are churches meeting in secret because of persecution, some have no pastor but have a will and desire to worship God. Many people think it's terrible that a church doesn't have a pastor. We get used to coming to worship and seeing the same familiar face up front preaching, teaching, and leading us. While it is hard to no longer have the same constant leader, we have many leaders within our congregation who have done wonderful jobs in helping us this past year. Many people attend church and think "My if we had no pastor, what would we do?" What does Christ's United do? We teach, we preach, we welcome, we baptize, we invite new members, we have ministry meetings, we have Sunday school, we have ladies' night out, we have dinners, we do all the things we did before and more! Just because we don't currently have a full-time pastor doesn't mean our ministry doesn't continue.

When I was leading worship this past Lenten season, I arrived at the church to an empty parking lot one Wednesday. Someone said to me, how many people do you need to lead worship. My reply, only two. For Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." A church with only two or three people!? Yes! If we have no pastor, or only two or three people, our ministry goes on. (And, yes more people did show up — continued on page 4 that Wednesday.)

Christian symbol



RAM—This Old Testament symbol of Christ represents him as the leader of the "herd," as well as a sacrifice for people's sins. Jesus' sacrificial death is foretold in Genesis 22, when God instructed Abraham to kill his only son, Isaac. But God provided a ram to take Isaac's place, just as he provided Jesus, God's only Son, to take our



The CHC People did show God's Work, Our Actions

It is difficult for us as a congregation to reach out to everyone like a pastor would. Our Social Ministry & Evangelism/Outreach teams are working together to come up with some ideas to reach out to those who have not worshipped with us in a while. If you have some ideas, please speak to one of us or a council member. If you are one of those members that have not worshipped with us in a while, we invite you to come join us again in worship and fellowship. We miss you!

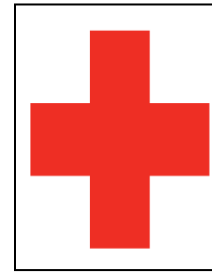
Continue to pray that God sends us a full-time pastor, but also continue to pray for the leaders of our congregation and pray for the ministries of Christ's United. We have Christ's work to do, and we need you to help us do it. It is because of our faithful members that we have a thriving, strong congregation. We are still the church. No pastor, it's not the worst thing that could happen to us. What is – if we had no God! Thankfully, we have a loving, caring God who is with us on this journey. Amen to that!

In Christ,



August Council Contact of the month is Deb Price

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



American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, August 1, 2022
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.



Sunday, August 28
10:30 a.m.

All youth are encouraged to bring their backpack to be blessed during the worship service. Please note change of Worship time for this week. Our annual picnic will be held immediately

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Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!



Church Council Highlights from July

- Christian Ed. - Sunday school possibly will be only two Sundays a month beginning this fall.
- Church picnic will be August 28.
- Schuylkill Mission District will be having the Youth Group Lock-in at CULC on August 12th and 13th.



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

In Memory of
 William Denchak
 by Susan Denchak
 William Denchak & Lois Tiley



We Offer our Prayers to...



July 24 - Kay Berner
Leroy Berner
Dorothy Zangari (P. Shoudt)
Richard & Darlis Berger (Grubers)
Barry Oswald (J. Towey)
Christina Dudly
Maryanne Culter
Ruth Berner (K. Berner)
Karen (G. Marquardt)
Tracy Maurer (C. Neumeister)
Kelly Barnes (C. Neumeister)
Diane Reed (C. & T. Neumeister)
Amy Ney (J. Babb)

Family of Jerry Piaskowski (C. Varndell)

July 17 – Grandson (Michael) of Donna Houston (T. Wolfe)
Jamie Johnson (E. Tice)
Richard Shoup-health concerns (H. Shoup)

Family of Danny Quick

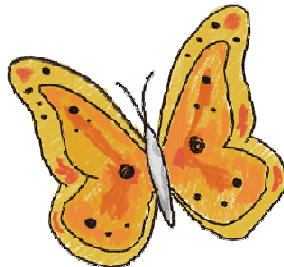
July 10 – J.R. Tomalavage (C. Varndell)
Rick (Fish) Herring (E. Tice)
Debbie Moyer (C. Carl)
Theresa Mock (D. Zaharick)

Family of Jewel Wetzell

July 3 – Ruth Berner (K. Berner)
John Kimmel (F. Shadle)

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler, Annette Houser, James Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Cheryl Varndell, Jo-Ann & Leo Young, Linda Zerby

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, Sister-in-law & Niece of Mary Davis, Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn, Bob Griffiths, Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer, Tracy Maurer, Lou Ann Olson, Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman, Karyssa Wenrich



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2022 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board. Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$35.00*
Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Special service bulletins \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00
Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

*2022-New Altar Flowers Procedure:

Please sign up by the bulletin board for week(s) you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers and call "Flowers From the Heart"

570-339-2519

to place order.

Cost is now \$35.00.

Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.

Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card
Christ's United accepts electronic donations

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.



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CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities

Schuylkill Mission District

Youth Group Lock-in



When: Friday, August 12 to
Saturday, August 13

Time: 6:00 pm Friday – 10 am
Saturday

Who: Open to all youth ages 8 – 18

Where: Christ's United Lutheran Church, 437 Airport Rd,
Ashland

If you would like to attend, please contact the church at
570-875-1591

Bring your favorite board game or cards to play. We will have a
selection of movies to vote on, on Friday night to watch. Snacks
and drinks will be provided please bring your own if you would
like. Make sure to bring a sleeping bag or blanket and a pillow.



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 Miller Family - Nicholas, Kayla & Alanni

The Vardell Family - Gwendolyn

The Zaharick Family - Deborah

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.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Mondays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of

ATTENTION:

7TH and 8TH GRADERS or any Student 12 years or older who hasn't been confirmed yet.

COME OUT AND JOIN IN THE 2022-2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

build your Faith on what you have learned in Sunday school plus so much more. God has an exciting plan for all of us!

Classes will start in Sept. 2022

Please contact the church office if you have an eligible student, more information to come at a later date. (570) 875-1591

Be strong and courageous for the Lord will be with you where ever you go. Joshua 1:9

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ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: ARE YOU ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS (college, university, trade school, nursing/medical school, business school, ENTERING THE MILITARY SERVICE, OR ARE STARTING A JOB?

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2022 scholarships of \$500 for full time students/military service and \$100 for employed graduates.

ADULT MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENROLLED IN POST SECONDARY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Active members of the congregation are eligible to receive a scholarship by submitting a letter of request by OCTOBER 3rd to a committee member: Terry Ambrose, Carrie Hummel, Becky Spencer, Morgen Sweitzer, or Jo-Ann Young.

The letter should include: Your name and address, name of the school attending, or military branch, or employer, your status (freshman, senior, etc), field of study/certification or degree, and projected time of graduation.

Please be advised, anyone requesting a scholarship from Endowment must be an active member. Persons who were never confirmed need to apply to become a member by Affirmation of



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School Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief

Items may be brought in August 7 thru 21.

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 7 - 21.

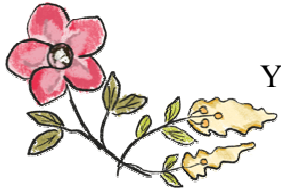
Thrivent Action Team will pack the bags.



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Women of the ELCA



Attention ALL sisters of CULC!
You are invited to a **Garden Party**, the annual indoor covered dish picnic on

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd
6:00 PM**

Sign up on the bulletin board to attend and indicate what food you will bring to share.

We will have a White Elephant Gift Game so each person is to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the game (if you wish to participate).

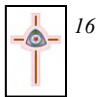
We have also invited women from Good Shepherd, Ashland; Friedens, Hegins; St. James, Pitman; and Zion, Minersville.



CHURCH Sunday, August 28 at
12:00 Noon
Worship 10:30 a.m.



Please note time change & come to worship in your casual picnic clothes.
Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share.



Serving Our Community of Faith in August:

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte
August 7	Rev. Robert Reier	Angie Berger	Barb Stepanchick	Darlene Stank Barb Stepanchick Allen Johnson c/d Dennis Wolfe so	Erik Tice AM Donna Wallace Barb Anczarski	Mackenzie Miller	Emily Miller
August 14	Kay Berner	John Denchak	Erik Tice			Kayla Werner	Maura Sweitzer
August 21		Angie Berger	Sally Tice				Logan Walacavage
August 28	Pastor Dana	Jacob Tice	John Towey			Mason Buhay	Dylan Buhay



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

- 14 Tammy Leshner
- 15 Angie Berger
- 15 Heidi Walsh
- 16 John Towey
- 17 Charley Demko
- 17 Seth Young
- 18 Melanie Schneider
- 19 Kimberly Shadle
- 20 Irene Morgan
- 20 Matt Wetzell
- 21 Kolby Cress
- 22 Alyssa Becker
- 22 Rebekah Garnes
- 23 Michael Monaghan
- 23 Dak Sisak
- 24 Louise Boyer
- 24 Keith Hostetter
- 26 Peggy Dziczek
- 26 Katelyn Huber
- 26 Zachary Hummel
- 26 Brandy Schreiber
- 26 David Heyer
- 27 Penny Troutman
- 28 Paige Garnes
- 28 James Houser
- 28 Dennis Marlow
- 28 Lauren Wagner
- 29 Desiree Dengler
- 29 Thomas Habowski
- 29 Morgen Sweitzer
- 30 Darlene Stank

Confirmands' Statements of Faith

As a requirement for Confirmation, each Confirmand writes a personal "Statement of Faith". Each month one will be printed in the

World Hunger Book & Puzzle Exchange



Do you love books? Do you have extra books you no longer want?

The Social Ministry team has a book & puzzle exchange table in the Narthex for the summer.

Bring in any of your soft or hard cover books that you no longer want and place them on the table. Then, if there are other books on the table you would like to read, take them home and enjoy the stories. We are looking for children's books, fiction, novels, mystery, non-fiction or others that you think would be of interest to someone else. If books aren't your interest, we will also be collecting puzzles! When you take a book or puzzle, leave a donation for world hunger to support the many ministries they have throughout the nation and world. We will



Sunday school

Sunday School will start fresh again in the fall in September.

We offer classes for all ages, from Nursery and Pre-K up to and including 6th grade.

It would be great to have a count as soon as possible, so that learning materials, snacks, and scheduling can be established.

This very important Youth Ministry is in DIRE need of teachers and helpers.

Anyone willing to help out our youth, as they are the future of our Church. Please contact the office.



Classes will start in Sept. 2022

Please contact the church office if you have an eligible student, more information to come at a later date. (570) 875-1591

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month September through May. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

~ 2022 ~

June/July/August -
No Social Hour

September- Choir/Worship & Music/LCM

October- Church Council

November - Evangelism/



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



- 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
- 08/19/17 Gerald & Sarah Stehr
- 08/19/00 Richard & Jackie Babb
- 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



My Statement of Faith

Joseph McAndrew

I'm Joseph McAndrew and to me faith is trusting in the way God made you. For most of my life I've been told by people (not my family) that because I like to stay up late and wake up late I'm lazy and unproductive, and to some it may seem like that because I prefer to stay home and do nothing all day rather than go out with friends, and I don't like doing house/yard work with other people. This assumption, though, can't be any more wrong because when I'm home alone I love to do work around the house and in the yard while listening to music because this is the way God made me and I trust his decision completely because I couldn't be happier. I've also been told by people (not my family) that playing video games is childish and I'm too old for them now but I still love playing them by myself and



August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  1:00 - 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Church Council	2	3 10:30 Seniors 6:00 WELCA "Garden Party" Annual Picnic	4	5	6 6:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
7 9:30 Worship W / Holy Communion	8	9	10 10:30 Seniors	11 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard 	12 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.. Schuylkill Mission District Youth Group Lock-in @ CULC	13 6:00 Worship
14 9:30 Worship	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 10:30 Seniors	18	19	20 6:00 Worship
21 9:30 Worship 10:30 Worship & Music Committee Meeting	22 7:00 Social Ministry	23	24 8:30 Newsletter assembly 10:30 Seniors	25	26	27 6:00 Worship
28 10:30 Worship w/Blessing of Backpacks 12:00 Church Picnic 	29 Blessing of the Backpacks	30	31 10:30 Seniors			