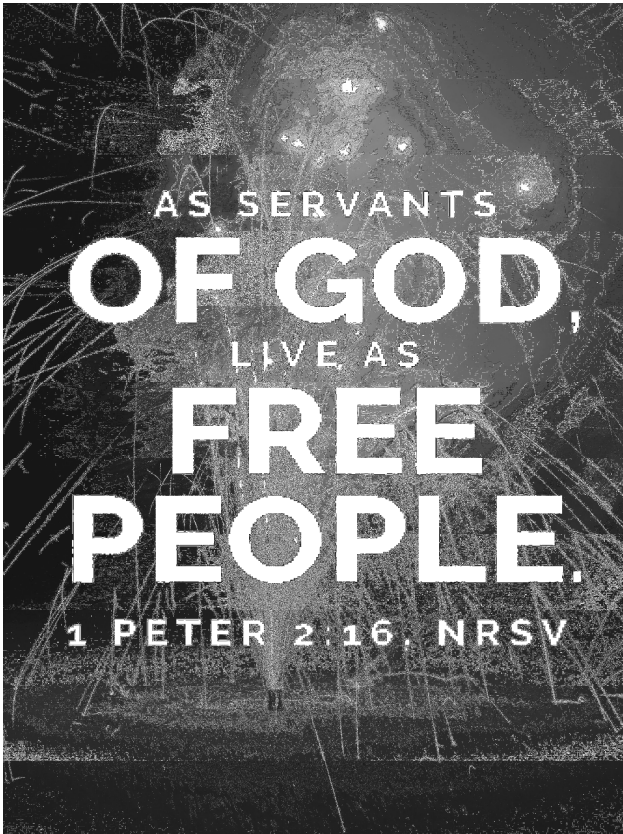


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Saturday 4:30 p. m. & Sunday 9:30 a. m.  
Journey & Fellowship 10:45*

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July 2018

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The July Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of Carla Mae Carl's birthday by her family



## Status of Accounts as of May 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 30,391.06.

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

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

**May income was \$11,862.98**

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 4,554.00

30% 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!

With the summer comes a lot of opportunity to rest and relax for many people. Many of these people are, of course, your kids. I know many parents who laugh when they hear the words "summer break" because usually trying to find time to occupy your kids, take them to camps, and go on vacation make things different than the rest of the year. Of course, it's still often very busy.

I remember an episode of the Simpsons where Bart, the young, spiky haired boy, is told by his father Homer that, "son, when you grow up, you miss every summer!" I remember hearing about that and feeling pretty bummed.

Now I'm grown up, or at least a reasonable facsimile thereof. The summer is not the bummed that I expected, in part because of the light that is with us this time of year. I am writing this on what will be the longest day of the year, when the sun rose at its earliest time and will set at its latest. Part of the reason I love summer is because we get to be awash in that light.

This of course reminds me that Jesus says that he is the "light of the world." That light encourages us to be living in a Christ like manner in our lives. So while we might be looking forward to some recreation, we also know that our call to follow Christ does not end.

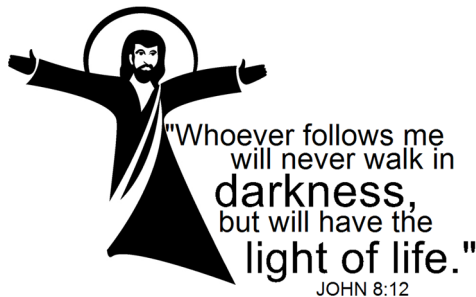


Later on in the year, we will go through the daylight savings changes and it will be dark at 5:00 or earlier. I personally loathe those days, but I am reminded in scripture that "the light was not overcome by darkness." Not only does that apply to the length of our days, but it applies to how God works in us as well. Sometimes we get frustrated and down about the darkness in this world. Even in trying to do good we confront it! But yet we know that God wants us to persevere.

Years ago I was reminded of this when the school shooting at Nickel Mines in Lancaster County happened. You probably remember the story of a troubled man who made the terrible decision to enter into an Amish school and shoot many of its students. It seemed very dark. It was very dark! Yet then the Amish community responded, they responded with forgiveness. Many were befuddled. This radical expression that came from their faith seemed alien to some. However, I choose to believe that it was only possible in understanding Christ's love.

Let us seek to understand this love and press on, whether it be day or night.

Peace,  
Pastor Brian



## **Church Council Highlights from June:**

- General Checking Account Balance as of 5/31/18: \$ 30,391.06.
- Benevolence for April - \$1,029. Year to date - 4,554 which is 30% of the goal for the year.
- Jim Chappell reported on the cleaning of the steeple. The repair should last approx. 25 years with a total cost of about \$3,000.
- WELCA will host the fall cluster meeting at Christ's United on Saturday, October 6.
- Sally Tice will substitute as organist on July 8, Harold Morgan will substitute on July 29.
- V.P. Kay received a letter from Pastor Laura accepting our call to become our pastor. She will begin on August 1, 2018.
- Kay shared that there is confusion about who has keys to the church. All members who are in possession of keys will be asked to inform Debbie in the office so an inventory can be established.

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July's council Member of the month is Kay Berner.

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.



**Council Member  
of the Month**

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### **NEW PASTOR**

On Sunday, May 13, 2018, Pastor Laura Csellak led us in worship and delivered her trial sermon. A vote was taken after the service with voting in favor of calling Pastor Laura as Pastor of Christ's United. Pastor Laura accepted our call and expects to begin serving with us on August 1, 2018. On the same Sunday, Pastor Laura's husband, Pastor Mark Swanson delivered his trial sermon and was extended a call to serve at St. James, Pitman and Friedens, Hegins Congregations. He accepted their call as well and will be begin there on August 1.



2 Ryan Bendinsky  
Heather Schweinhart

3 Mindy Burke  
Dustin Koons  
Joan Clark  
John E. Shilling

4 John Denchak

5 Christopher Dillman

6 Chris Brennan  
James Locker  
Sally Tice  
Ron Wallace

7 Jeremiah Johnson  
Michelle Knorr  
Rick Lorady  
Patrick Monaghan  
Jeffrey Sharp  
Daniel Sisko

8 John Kimmel

10 Nelson Berger, Jr.

11 Wendy Farnsworth  
Eric Singleton

12 Dylan Barker  
William Harris

13 Gavin Klock  
Deb Price  
Todd Walacavage

14 Peter Hepler  
Samuel Troup, Jr.  
Diane Calhoun

15 Samantha Schneider

17 Bobbie Harner  
Wesley Long  
Maura Sweitzer  
Tami Wagner

18 Ellie Chappell  
Jennifer Singleton

19 Jeffrey Hummel  
Kylie Sisko

20 Richard Dengler

22 Jeremy Rock

24 Tyson Fetterolf  
Fletcher Sterling

26 Carla Mae Carl  
Rachael Green  
Thomas Wolfgang

27 Lydia Price

28 David Cunningham, Sr.  
Diane Rock  
Brayden Ladick

29 Hannah Towey

30 Kylie Mallams

31 Barbara Fetterolf





07/01/50 Forrest & Dorothy Shadle  
07/08/76 James & Jo Conrath  
07/08/95 Greg & Penny Lindenmuth  
07/10/93 Gary & Connie Weinreich  
07/10/93 Thomas & Michelle Hood  
07/21/07 Zebulun & Jennifer Geedey  
07/28/01 Rick & Gail Lorady  
07/30/05 Susan & Shaun McNally  
07/31/70 James & Carol Reiner



## Thrivent Financial Special Presentation

Sunday, July 22  
During Fellowship Hour

Thrivent representative, David Saul, will be here with us during our fellowship hour. He will be giving a presentation about what types of investments Thrivent offers, how you can apply for and sponsor a Thrivent Action Team, how to direct your choice dollars, among other items. He will also be available to answer any questions you have about becoming a Thrivent member. Please join us for this presentation as we enjoy snacks and coffee.



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## We Offer our Prayers to...

**June 24**—Kathleen Langle (C. Carl), Debbie Horan (A. Berger), Ned Leiby (A. Berger), Shannon Trautman (L. Harris), Jane Fetterolf (her family), Kathy Hansbury (G. Marquardt), Dave Bowen (D. Calhoun), Diane Calhoun (I. Morgan), Olivia Kopitsky (I. Morgan)



**June 17** – Family of Eileen Kurtz (K. Berner), Darlene Hinkle (K. Berner), Family of Mark Fanelli (B. Liem)

**June 10** – Gail Lorady (J. Kosmisky), Paul Techentine (J. Young), Family of Mary Kelly (D. Zaharick), Carol Romberger (E. Tice), Anna James (V. Brown), Janet Berner (R. Berner)

**June 3** - Susan Grant (Rev D. Grant); Paul Troutman, Barbara Dando & Brian Keller (H. Wolfgang); Family of Walter Wolfgang; Family of Joe Lipsett; Debbie Morgan (I. Morgan)

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

**And our friends:** Minah Horan (R. Berner), Sally Zaharick & Adam Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Lilly Hubler, Doloris Kulpcavage, Richard Berger, Julie Rutko, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Jesse Deeter, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl, Lonz Baldino, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Theresa Jones, Brandi James

*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 — Timothy & Barbara

The Hummel Family — Russ, Carrie & Zachary

The Pennypacker Family—Helen & Glenn Jr.





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

***To Christ's United's Memorial Fund***

In Memory of Walter Wolfgang by:  
Dr. Kay Berner  
Carrie & Russ Hummel

***To Christ's United's Endowment Fund***

In Memory of Jack Stitzer by:  
Mr. & Mrs. John Wolfgang & Sons  
Gordon Seniors

In Memory of Walter Wolfgang by:  
Mr. & Mrs. John Wolfgang & Sons  
Mrs. Lynn Wetzel

***To Christ's United's Capital Campaign***

In Memory of Walter Wolfgang by:  
Laray & Don Klinger

## ***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](http://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.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™

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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](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule an appointment.

Open to the public and walk-Ins are Welcome!

# Serving Our Community of Faith in July:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
<b>July 1</b>	Barb Stepanchick	John Denchak Becky Spencer Angie Berger John Towey	Kay Berner Darlene Stank Dennis Wolfe	Ralph Johnson	Dylan Buhay	Kay Berner	Barb Stepanchick
<b>July 8</b>	John Towey			Amy Johnson		Jim Gruber	John Towey
<b>July 15</b>	Erik Tice			Jesse Cascarino		Darlene Stank	Erik Tice
<b>July 22</b>	Sally Tice			Carey Wahalec		Jim Gruber	Sally Tice
<b>July 29</b>	Vivian Brown			Deidre Dengler		Jo-Ann Young	Vivian Brown



# Registration Form

(One Per Child)  
JULY 15 - 19, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_



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**JULY 15 - 19, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

## **2018 VBS - SPLASH CANYON**

Sunday, July 15th - Thursday, July 19th  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sign up children Pre-K thru Grade 6 on Church Youth Bulletin Board or complete registration form and return to church office.

Help is still needed for guides and activity assistants for the SPLASH CANYON experience. Contact Donna Wallace or Angie Berger if you can help.

A sign up for refreshment donations is also on the Youth Bulletin Board.



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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

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

April—LCM

May—WELCA

June – Christian Education/Youth



We will be collecting the following items for June:

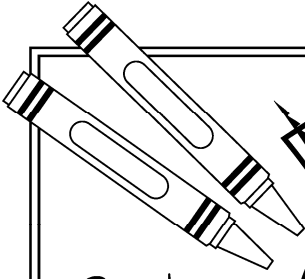
## Canned Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, July 12, 2018





# PUZZLE

## Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

*Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)*

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PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, 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 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.**



## 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: Strawberry Shortcake Bars  
Submitted by Richard Berner.

## STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE BARS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 13 × 9-inch pan with foil, extending foil over the edges of pan. Coat foil with cooking spray.

Press 2 (16 1/2-oz) pkgs refrigerated **sugar cookie dough** at room temperature into the bottom of the pan in an even layer. Bake for 25 to 28 minutes, until light golden brown and set. Let cool.

Beat together 1 (8-oz) pkg room temperature **cream cheese**, 1/4 cup **sugar** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract** in a large bowl with an electric mixer, until creamy, about 1 minute. Fold in 1 (8-oz) tub frozen **whipped topping** (like Cool Whip), thawed.

Spread cream cheese mixture over the baked dough; top with 2 pints **strawberries**, sliced. Refrigerate until set, about 2 hours, before cutting. **Makes 16.**



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# 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.

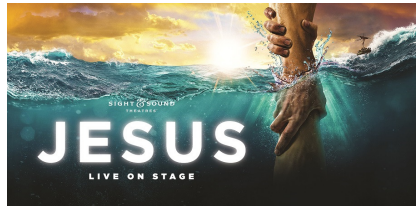
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Save The Date  
for **LADIES NITE OUT**  
on August 5th  
to RED LION CAFE.

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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.

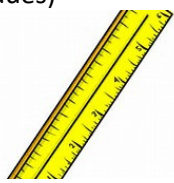


# School Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief

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 prayer for the 4th**

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right. Amen.

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