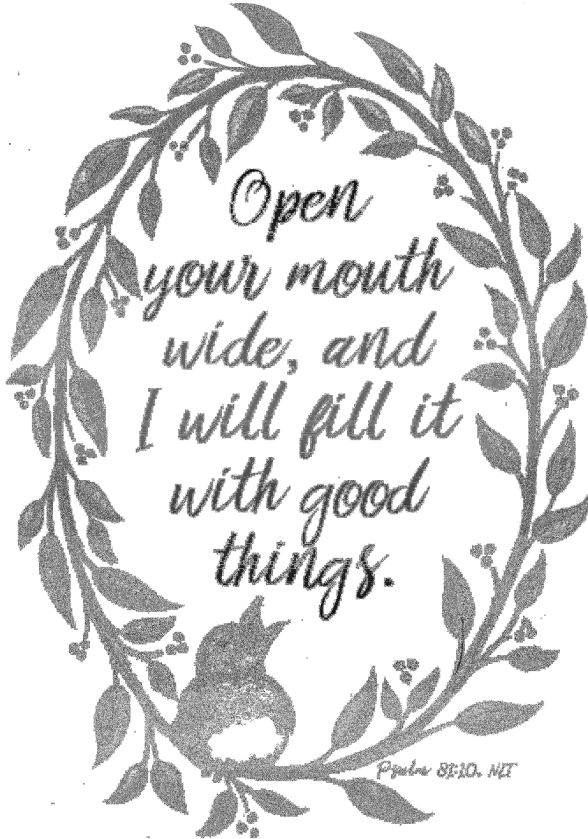


Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church



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





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Status of Accounts as of April 30

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 30,179.19.

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

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

March income was \$16,925.08

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 3,525.00

(24% 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!

I remember as a kid loving the side porch at my house. I grew up in a half-double in Frackville two blocks down from the Little League field on Center Street. Unique to our home was this porch that did not face out to the street we lived on (though we had one of those too). No, this porch was on the side of the house, facing south. We had no house next to us because there was a large lot that was owned by the water company. The result was that we had a great view of the next block and a half.

This porch, in the summer months, was a gathering place for my friends. We would go down the street, get sandwiches at the very small mom and pop store a few blocks away, come back, and have lunch there. We would play with our action figures and matchbox cars there. As we grew older, it became the place where we would sit and solve all the worlds' problems. We would then gather down at the lot owned by the water company and transform it into a very competitive whiffle ball league.

Nothing beat sitting there and watching the rain and hearing the sounds of the earth being replenished. I remember that place fondly, and think of it as a refuge. At my current house, we also have a side porch that I often go out to just sit there and take in the surroundings. Again, I love to sit out and hear the rain.

Maybe you have a place like that too. Perhaps you have a place that represents safety and comfort and memories of times gone by. Perhaps that place is long gone, and you too have sought to recreate some semblance of it in your adult life.



In the Gospel of John, there is an interesting thing that happens in the resurrection story. Mary cries out "Rabbi!" or "Teacher!" once she recognizes the resurrected Jesus. That was her safe place- being with Jesus, being taught by him, following him and joining in the community that he had formed. For a moment, she feels like everything that was just taken from her has been returned.

Jesus' response to her? "Do not hold onto me." Wow, when you think about it, that is somewhat harsh! He is telling her in that statement that things are not going to go back to being the way they were before. This era, in which death has been defeated, is a new time, a new reality, and as such, things will not be the same. For one thing, Jesus isn't sticking around on Earth; in a very short time, Mary and the disciples, among others, will witness his ascension.

Try as I might, I cannot perfectly recreate that childhood setting. My grandmother's home still stands, and the porch is still there. I could fill it with furniture, I could wait until it rains, but the fact is that the times have changed. For one thing, most of the people I gathered with on that porch have moved away. I honestly don't even know where some of them live anymore. That setting was a product of its time. And even though I try to recreate it in my adult home, it is very, very different. The setting is different. There is a large private garage on the adjacent property, and the view isn't very good in some directions. The houses down the alley look worse for the wear. Shamokin has its share of struggles that play themselves out in the community very much out in the open.

Jesus is making something new in each and every one of us. So we must seek to search within ourselves to find what that looks like. It's not just about where we sit and spend time for comfort, either- it is where our ministry is moving, who we are ministering to, with, and for, and what our life as a community of Christ looks like in 2018.

Blessings on that journey as we all figure this out together!

-Pastor Brian Beissel



Church Council Highlights from May:

- General Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/18: \$ 30,179.19.
- Benevolence for April - \$953. Year to date - \$3,525 which is 24% of the goal for the year.
- Donations towards new office copier: LCM donated \$1,000; WELCA donated \$1,000; a parishioner donated \$2,000. A total of \$4,000 was received in donations towards the cost of the copier.
- Pastor Beissel conducted a First Communion class with five youngsters. They made bread which was used for Communion on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 when they received First Communion.
- LCM will make Hot Bacon dressing again for a fund raiser.
- Social Ministry reported that we had another successful Blood Drive and the Lenten Soup Suppers were a success.
- Rhonda Carl expressed interest in helping with the Youth Group.

June's council Member of the month is Angie Berger.

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

Pastoral Acts

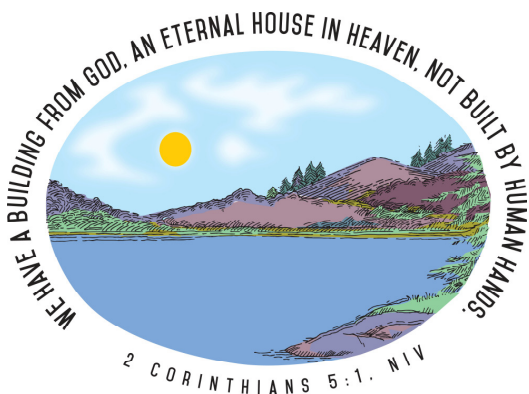
Funeral:

4/28/18 Mary Lorady



- 1 Maxwell Pennypacker
Barb Stepanchick
Ashley Williard
- 2 Michael Lucas
- 3 Thomas Hood
Rose Pennypacker
Nathaniel Shadle
- 4 Lindsay Fetterolf
Douglas Fetterolf
Michelle Lavelle
- 5 Amber Krise
James Reiner
Ted Shadle
- 6 Robert Gross
Kimberly Zweizig
- 8 Don Dillman
Kayla Troutman
- 9 Shannon Marlow
- 10 Rhea McNally
- 11 Erik Tice
- 12 Randy Green
Breonna Richardson
- 14 Jennifer McGrath
William Waldick, Jr.
- 15 Julia Pirie
- 16 Dorothy Kessler
- 17 Daniel Barker
Stephanie Cook
William Coward, Jr.
David Mullins III

- 18 Susan McNally
Madelyn Wolfgang
Meredyth Towey
- 19 Luke Allison
Bruce Bitting, Jr.
Gerald Stutzman
- 20 Bruce Bitting
Joey McAndrew
- 21 Bryson Nagle
Rev. Kim Lengert
Matthew Zweizig
- 22 Lindsay Bixler
Betty Waldick
- 23 Corrine Coward
Amy Johnson
- 24 Linda Rickert
Aidan Romberger
- 25 Gracelyn Anthony
- 26 Laura Brennan
Michelle Hood
Gerald Stehr
- 27 Richard Berner
Richard Shoup
Brandy Speer
- 29 James Johnson
- 30 Gail Marquardt
June Sweinhart





06/04/77	Bill & Deb Price
06/05/10	Chris & Dianna Monaghan
06/07/74	William & Diane Rock
06/09/12	Ross & Amanda Sterling
06/13/59	Carl & Pearl Lute
06/13/15	Ryan & Katelyn Bendinsky
06/14/08	George & Jennie Kosmisky
06/15/02	Jeff & Rachel Hostetter
06/15/92	Maynard & Susan Merwine
06/15/96	Bruce & Anne Pirie
06/20/09	Jason & Katie Brown
06/26/10	Richard & Cheryl Weikel
06/30/11	Ted & Terry Ambrose

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.



"Reflecting His Love"

My prayer to God is that you see his presence when you look at me. His steadfast love has set me free, and his reflection I can be when God is shining bright in me.

—MaryAnn Sundby



We Offer our Prayers to...



May 20 – Debbie Horan (D. Lassen), Terry Yeagle (D. Heidlebaugh), Family of Jean Klase, Carol Romberger (E. Tice), Anna James (V. Brown), Janet Berner (R. Berner)

May 13 - Jeff Harmon (C. Brennan), Lisa Carns (P. Dziczek), Family of Scott Tesno (P. Dziczek), Joan Smith (E. Tice), Theresa Deibert (D. Zaharick), Joyce Hering's Family, Theresa Jones (V. Brown), Brandi James (V. Brown), Wendy Farnsworth

May 6 – Family of Denise Fertig (granddaughter of the late Martha & Harold Wink), Family of Mary Lorady, Mary Heverling (T. Wolfe), Mary Lou Johnston (J. Towey)

April 29 – Family of Raymond Miller, Dak Sisak (J. Kosmisky), Clayton Knorr (N. Lindenmuth), Dan Grow (J. Clark), Jean Klinger (J. Pennypacker)

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: Eileen Kurtz, Minah Horan (R. Berner), Sally Zaharick & Adam Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Lilly Hubler, Doloris Kulpcavage, Richard Berger, Julie Rutko, Eileen Kurtz, Albert Stehr, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Jesse Deeter, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl

*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 — Kevin & Barbara

The Hummel Family — Jeffrey

The Pennypacker Family—David & Roseann





*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 Mary Lorady by:
George & Jennie Kosmisky
Stanley & Deborah Zamonsky
Joseph and Rose Chiaretti*

*In Memory of Jean Klase
By Leo and Jo-Ann Young*



WHO

ARE

These People???

See if you can guess who the people in this picture are. The answers are located in the back of this Newsletter.

If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the chapels that formed Christ's United, please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future "Life Together" Newsletters. Also provide the names of those that are pictured. Thank you!





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Community Blood Drive

Christ's United Lutheran Church

Community Room
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Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, June 4, 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 June:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
June 3	Darcie Gruber	Ted Ambrose Jo-Ann Young Donna Wallace Robert Carl	Kay Berner Becky Spencer Donna Lassen	Logan Walacavage	Tanner Walacavage	Steven Wolfgang	Darcie Gruber
June 10	Kay Berner			Carey Wahalec		Jack Houser	Kay Berner
June 17	Angie Berger			Ashley O'Connor		Ted Ambrose	Angie Berger
June 24	Becky Spencer			Nathan Berger		Darcie Gruber	Becky Spencer





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 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. Please come out to the next VBS planning meeting on **Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 pm** or contact Angie Berger or Donna Wallace if you can not attend the meeting.



Life Together at Christ's United

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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

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

April—LCM

May—WELCA



We will be collecting the following items for June:

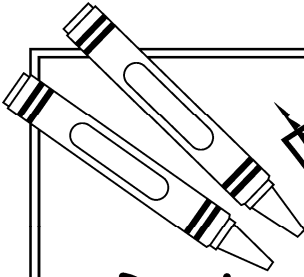
Spaghetti & Sauce

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, June 14, 2018





PUZZLE

Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty;" 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

Youth News

CELEBRATED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following youth have completed First Communion training and have received First Holy Communion on May 6, 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kaiden Dillman
Hayden Marlow
Raven Marlow
Bianca McAndrew
Kayla Werner



OUR GRADUATE:

Heather Klinger will graduate from Tri-Valley High School this year. Her future plans are to attend Bloomsburg University.

On Sunday June 3rd we will be honoring our graduates as part of our worship service with a special Blessing.

The Recipe Swap

This month's recipe: Coconut Joy Cheesecake bars
from Carla Mae Carl.

Share
Your
Recipes



COCONUT JOY CHEESECAKE BARS

25 chocolate cream filled cookies (remove cream filling and crush)
2 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 cup melted margarine

Combine the crushed crumbs and press into a foil-lined 9x13 pan

4 (8 oz.) cream cheese softened
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. coconut extract – optional
1/2 cup coconut milk
1/2 cup shredded coconut – optional.
4 eggs – add 1 egg at a time and beat until smooth.

Bake at 325° for 45 minutes until it is set.

Topping:

1 oz. Baker's unsweetened chocolate bar
1 oz. semisweet chocolate morsels
1 cup frozen cool whip

Microwave chocolate 30 seconds and then add the cool whip and microwave 1 minute more. Stir until smooth.

Spread on top of the baked cheesecake after it has cooled for 4 hours.
Garnish with coconut and slivered almond.

TIP: I freeze the extra unused coconut milk in 1/2 cup portions for future use.



Women of the ELCA

The next **WELCA meeting** will be Wednesday, JUNE 6 at 7:00 pm. All women of CULC are welcome.



Lutheran
World
Relief

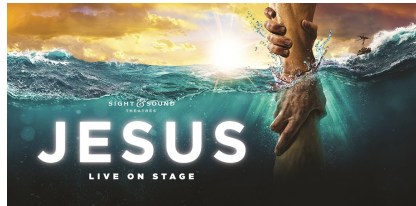
Blessing of this year's donations to Lutheran World Relief will be JUNE 10th during worship service.

This year 55 knotted quilts were prepared by Knaughty

Knotters. Donations from the congregation and Thrivent Action Team funds provided the supplies to assemble 50 School Kits and 25 Personal Care Kits.

The Ingathering of these donations will be delivered to LWR in New Windsor, MD. Thank you to all who made donations of supplies and time to support this worthy cause.

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.

A prayer for families

Heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us into families. Thank you for the love and nourishment we've received — and been blessed to give.



We confess our need for your daily forgiveness and guidance in our families. Please grant harmony in our homes and help us always show respect and love for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Watch for date and place for our next "Ladies Nite Out" adventure. All CULC ladies are welcome to attend.



Many thanks to everyone who has been donating ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling. Unfortunately due to decreasing options and increasingly more strict guidelines for recycling, we will no longer be accepting these items. Thank you.

Thank you to members of the Social Ministry Team for your help in sorting and packaging the ink cartridges in the library. Your help was greatly appreciated.

