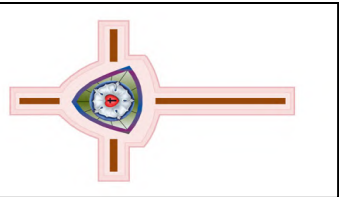


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The June CULC Messenger is sponsored in Memory of our Uncle Larry Artman and Great Aunts & Uncles, Geraldine & Mick Dillman and Arlene & Harold Troup



Status of Accounts as of April 30

Balance in Checking Account \$93,687.78.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2022 Annual Budget of \$185,997.00 is \$15,499.75

April income was \$17,964.30.

Expenses for April were \$7,531.78, resulting in a gain of \$10,432.52.

Benevolence Gifts through April was \$3,854.00

(26% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)



CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Angie Berger Secretary	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Robert Carl	570-590-7281	Feb. 2025
Ken Dengler	570-875-1119	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-875-4272	Feb. 2024
Darlene Stank	570-875-1644	Feb. 2025
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024

Youth Representative - Vacant

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana D. Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

STAFF

Parish Administrator	Debbie Hall	570-875-1591
	office@christsunited.org	570-789-9722
	Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:00	
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Treasurer	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021
Indoor Custodian	Ann Ray Begis	570-590-2729



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Christian Education
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Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
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Mutual Ministry
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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.

Christian symbol

SEED—The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient en-



Pastor's Ponderings...



Why? The inevitable Question!

So, Instead of the "WHY", let's focus on the "SO THAT".

In the Gospel of John, the disciples asked Jesus about a blind man; was it *his* sin or *his parents'* sin that had caused this? Jesus' answer was: "*Neither this man nor his parents sinned; so that the works of God might be revealed in him.*" And then he healed him. Jesus' reluctance to address the "why" of inexplicable suffering is amazing in the light of the fact that people then believed the same "blame game" that we do today.

The important point that Jesus is making is this: **God is in the midst of the worst that happens in the world. In the midst of tragedy, God is in our response. God is in our caring, God's presence is made known as we reach out to comfort one another. God acts in and through human beings; "SO THAT" the works of God are revealed through our acts of love in the face of tragedy.**

We may not understand why children suffer; why a friend suffers from a terrible illness; why beautiful, kind people are taken from us too soon; or why a husband is separated from his beloved wife by death, so we would do best to remember Jesus' words... "**SO THAT**" the works of God might be revealed." The depth of God's love and caring for us is revealed in and through our loving responses to the victims of these tragedies. God, through these crises, turns us into more caring people being Christ's hands and feet in a hurting world.

Someday, when we meet God face to face, we may learn that answer to the WHY. But for now..... focus on the "SO THAT."

God is with us. Always!

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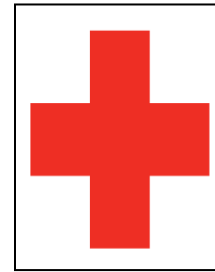
Church Council Highlights from May

- The first payment of \$26,600 is being made on the roof. Roof work will start in July, then another payment will be made and the last when the roof is completely finished.
- First Communion classes will be held after worship on 5/22, 5/29, and 6/5. We will have three youth members attending with their parents/guardians.
- Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on June 12, Trinity Sunday.



CONFIRMATION JUNE 12, 2022

Ava Hubler, Joey McAndrew and Marisa Seritsky have completed two years of Confirmation Instruction and will be Affirming their Baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on June 12, Holy Trinity Sunday.



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

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, June 6, 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.



CULC **YOUTH GROUP** **Activities**

CULC YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR 2022
ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!!
PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

June - Knoebels and Mini Golf - Date to be determined

July - Hot dog and S'mores at Tice's - Date to be determined.

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A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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☩	S	P	W
⚡	O	A	I
⊗	T	N	E



“But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth

May Council Contact of the month is Ken Dengler

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 Ken,



Seeking and finding

St. Ambrose (A.D. 340-397) was an influential figure in the early church. As bishop of Milan, he fought pagan influences. As a writer, he’s credited with sermons, poems and innovative Christian hymns. And, according to tradition, he also converted and baptized St. Augustine.

One beloved prayer from St. Ambrose reads: “Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing and long for you

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We Offer our Prayers to...



May 22 – Cab Boyer (C. Varndell)
Dee Lahr (E. Tice)
Jamie Stank (D. Stank)
Erin Werner (E. Werner)
Tracy Maurer (C. Neumeister)
Grace Moore (G. Marquardt)

Family of Mandy Fetterolf

May 15 – David Kessler
Jerry Piaskowski (C. Varndell)
Mary Ellen Coulter (D. Zaharick)
Lisa Metzinger (D. Zaharick)

Family of John Quick

May 8 – Danny Quick (D. Lassen)
Toni (A. Berger)
Jackie (A. Berger)

May 1 -- Carol Pearson (G. Marquardt)

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Annette Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Linda Zerby

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Lou Ann Olson, Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman, Karyssa Wenrich

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 McGrath Family - Stephen & Jennifer, Tyler, Jonas, & Elizabeth
The Troutman Family - Craig & Penny
The Young Family - Leo & Jo-Ann & Karen

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM CAN REUBEN
ABEL DAN ASHER
SETH JUDAH
NOAH LEVI
HAM GAD
SHEM NAPHTALI
JAPHETH SIMEON
ELKANAH ISSACHAR
SAMUEL ZEBULUN
AARON BENJAMIN
NADAB JOSEPH
HUR MANASSEH
CALEB EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM SAUL
ISHMAEL JONATHAN
ISAAC DAVID
ESAU SOLOMON
JACOB

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J A C O B

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.





The next Women of ELCA Meeting will be Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00 pm.



Ladies Night Out

On the road again! Ladies Night Out will go to the Dutch Kitchen in Frackville on JUNE 26TH.

Please sign up on bulletin board so reservations can be made and transportation arranged.

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).



According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you

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 Fridays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 12, 2022

Michael Monaghan, Sawyer Smith and Riley Whritenour have completed First Holy Communion instruction. They will be receiving



Outdoor Custodian Position

Effective June 1, Bill Price is resigning as our Outdoor Custodian. Many thanks to Bill for his many hours of dedication to taking such good care of our church grounds. We are accepting applications for this position. Please contact the Church Office if interested.

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Lydia Price is graduating from Milton Hershey School and plans to study Mortuary Science at Northampton Community College.

Carey Wahalec will graduate from North Schuylkill High School and plans to attend Susquehanna University to major in Business / Finance.

Jonas McGrath is graduating from Tri-Valley High School and will attend Penn College of Technology in Williamsport.

Heather Klinger graduated from Bloomsburg University and is pursuing a career in teaching Early Childhood or



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 HEARTS
 DESIRES & MAKE ALL
 YOUR
 PLANS SUCCEED

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.





On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."



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!

Contact Jamie Johnson to schedule a Sunday if you are willing to



Serving Our Community of Faith in June:



Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congrega- tional Rep/ Announce- ments	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
June 5 Pentecost Sunday	Rev. William Zimmerman	John Denchak	Beth Andrews	John Kimmel b Kay Berner b Allen Johnson c/d Terry Neumeister so Becky Spencer g	Larry Wolfgang AM Donna Lassen John Denchak	Dylan Buhay	Mason Buhay
June 12 Trinity Sunday	Pastor Dana	John Denchak	Barb Anczarski		Kay Berner AM Becky Spencer Beth Andrews	Nathan Berger	Nelson Berger
June 19	John Towey		Kay Berner			Kaitlyn Werner	
June 26	Vivian Brown	Jacob Tice	Angie Berger			Desiree Dengler	



- 1 Maxwell Pennypacker
- Barb Stepanchick
- Ashley Williard
- 2 Michael Lucas
- 3 Thomas Hood
- Rose Pennypacker
- Nathaniel Shadle
- 4 Lindsay Fetterolf
- Douglas Fetterolf
- Michelle Lavelle
- Joseph Smith
- 5 Amber Krise
- James Reiner
- Ted Shadle
- 6 Kimberly Zweizig
- 8 Don Dillman
- Kayla Troutman
- 9 Shannon Marlow
- 10 Rhea McNally
- 11 Erik Tice
- 12 Randy Green
- Breonna Klinger
- 14 Jennifer McGrath
- William Waldick, Jr.

- 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
- Matthew Zweizig
- 22 Lindsay Bixler
- Ava Hubler
- 23 Corrine Coward
- Amy Johnson
- 24 Linda Rickert
- Aidan Romberger
- 25 Gracelyn Anthony
- 26 Laura Brennan
- Michelle Hood
- Gerald Stehr
- 27 Richard Shoup
- Brandy Speer
- 29 James Johnson



World Hunger Book & Puzzle Exchange



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

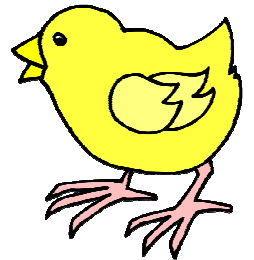
The Social Ministry team will have a book & puzzle exchange table in the Narthex during the summer.

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



Buck - A - Chick

Buy your paper chick for \$1.00, put your name on it, and color it. Help us support this ELCA cause today! The real chick goes to a family in need and, when it starts laying eggs, helps provide them with income and food for their family. Chicks are available in the Narthex after worship.



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 June:

Peanut Butter & Pancake Syrup

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday



- 06/04/77 Bill & Deb Price
- 06/09/12 Ross & Amanda Sterling
- 06/13/59 Carl & Pearl Lute
- 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

History of Father's Day

The celebration of Father's Day originated back in 1909. Being raised along with her five siblings by their Civil War veteran father after their mother died, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington started to have the idea of celebrating Father's Day while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day by Reverend Dr. Henry Rasmussen. Her idea was supported by the local religious leaders back then and then the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910 which is the month of the birthday of Dodd's father.

President Lyndon Johnson implemented an executive order to recognize Father's Day as a holiday on the third of Sunday of June in 1966. Finally, Richard Nixon signed an official proclamation as he established Father's Day permanently on the third Sunday in June nationwide in 1972.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Pentecost Sunday			1 10:30 Seniors 6:00 WELCA	2	3	4 6:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
5 9:30 Worship W / Holy Communion 10:45 First Holy Communion Instruction	6  1:00—6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Church Council	7	8 10:30 Seniors 6:00 Choir / Worship & Music Picnic	9 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard	10	11 2:00 Funeral Service for William Dando 6:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
12 Trinity Sunday 9:30 Worship W / Confirmation & First Holy Communion 	13	14 Flag Day 	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 Seniors	16	17	18 6:00 Worship
19 Father's Day 9:30 Worship 	20	21 Start of Summer (Summer Solstice)	22 10:30 Seniors	23	24	25 6:00 Worship
26 9:30 Worship	27 7:00 Social Ministry	28	29 8:30 Newsletter assembly 10:30 Seniors	30		