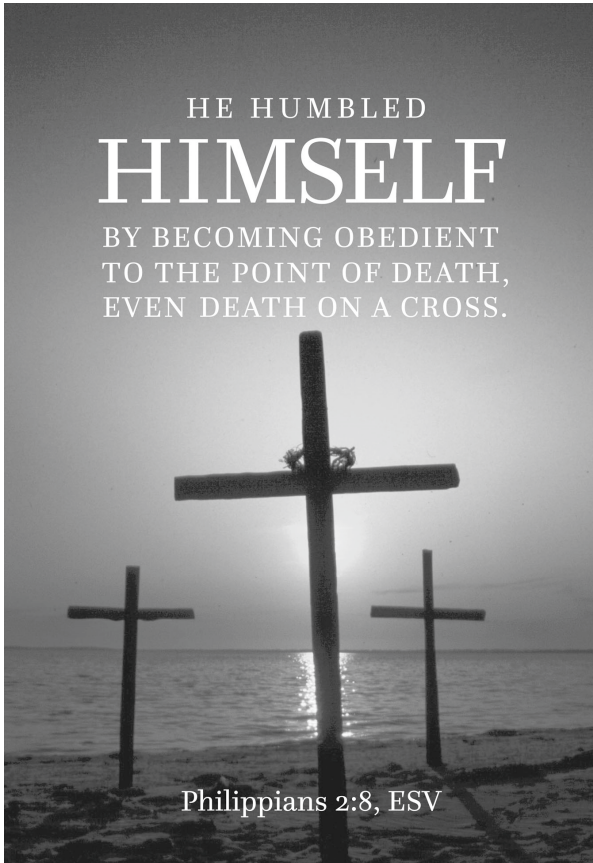


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Lutheran Church*



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

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# Christ's United Lutheran Church

One God. One People. One Purpose.

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March 2018

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## Status of Accounts as of January 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 20,976.66.

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

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

January income was \$13,371.23

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 854.00

(58.49% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2018)



## **Message from Designated Pastor Brian**

Greetings in the name of God our Father and his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I worked at the Schuylkill Mall for eight years at Chick-fil-A. Of course, I spent a lot more time there as a youth, seeing friends on Friday nights, spending one weekend each year overnight there with the Boy Scouts, and only God knows how much money I would have had I not deposited a steady flow of quarters into the machines at the video arcade.

It's gone. As I write this, the mall is being torn down.

I remember as a youth being told about the old movie theatres that used to exist in Frackville and Ashland, among other places. I would hear many a story about going to those places for a matinee on a Saturday afternoon. I would also hear about all the mom and pop stores that closed down, partly as a result of the coming of the mall.

Times are changing. Sometimes those changes bring good things, sometimes they remind us that as time passes, we lose things, and when those things are attached to precious memories, well, we feel a sense of loss. Maybe it's small, but it's there.

In about one month from now, we will enter into Easter, and we will hear about Mary Magdalene's response upon seeing the resurrected Jesus. She grabs onto him, hoping that now that he has returned, things will go back to the way they were.

Jesus' response? "Mary, do not hold onto me." Even though Jesus defeated the grave, the "good old days" are not returning. And that's from 2,000 years ago!



It's now in the hands of the disciples. And now, in the year 2018, the ministry of the church is in our hands. It is up to us how we decide to go forward from this point. Where is God leading us? What does ministry have to look like in 2018 to distinguish it from ministry 10, 20, 30, or more years ago?

Visioning for the future is difficult work. But it is essential as we think about who we are, where God has placed us, and where God might want us to go. Spend some time this month thinking about this. What you discover may surprise you!

-Pastor Brian

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## **Church Council Highlights from January:**

- General Checking Account Balance as of 1/31/18: \$ 20,976.66.
- Super Bowl Sunday Collection, 50 food items and \$ 66.10 was received for Christ's Cupboard.
- WELCA will collect items for personal care kits .
- Easter Candy Making has begun.
- We will be electing 4 people to fill expiring council terms.
- "Professional Leadership Transition" surveys have been distributed by the Call Committee for completion by the congregation .
- Pastor Brian stated that Saturday evening services are going well.
- Pastor Hoenich will conduct our Wednesday Lenten services. Erik will lead Good Friday. We will only need a supply for Maundy Thursday since it's a Communion Service.
- We will hold a Prayer Vigil on Good Friday
- Sundays during Lent will be made available for sponsorship

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March's council Member of the month is Erik Tice.

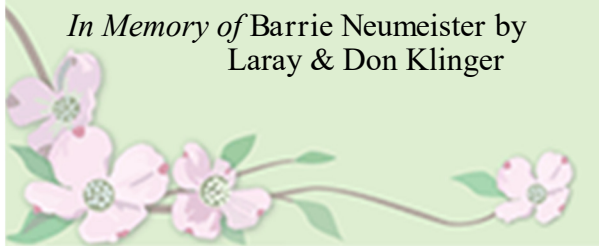
The Council Member of the Month is the "on call" member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), notice the church lights on at 11 p.m., or need access to the building.



**Council Member  
of the Month**

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

*In Memory of Barrie Neumeister by  
Laray & Don Klinger*



During Lent all are invited as in faith we gather each Wednesday night for a Soup Supper and Worship. The Social Ministry Team introduces the meal at 6:00 by sharing information on ministries around the world, telling us how our actions are affecting the lives of others (for good!). We then gather as light breaks the darkness in Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. Pastor Bob Hoenich will be delivering messages on *"Our Life As A Follower of The*

*Christ"*. This is a special time of faith, the gathering together deepening our understanding of God's actions of love in Jesus Christ. Please set aside time in your schedule to share in this special practice of Lent and bring a friend!

## ***Give Electronically***

**Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card**

***Christ's United***

***now accepts electronic donations***

### **Participate Today.**

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org) or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



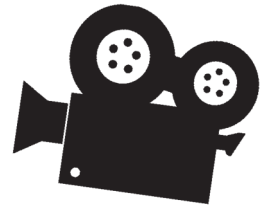
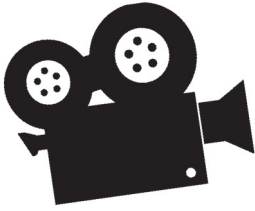


- 2 Lynn Anczarski
- 3 Katie Brown
- Allen Pennypacker
- Jack Stitzer
- 6 Barbara Klauger
- 7 Jessie Harris
- Alisia Knorr
- Donald Smith Jr.
- 8 Mark Klinger
- Christopher Monaghan
- 10 Janet Quirk
- 12 Gregg Sterling
- Sierra Wagner

- 15 James Hepler
- 16 William Waldick
- 17 Kenneth Welker
- 18 Michael Miller
- 19 Jane Pennypacker
- Grantham Sterling
- 20 Hayden Marlow
- 21 Wendy Harhigh
- Mark Hepler
- Rickey Knorr
- 22 Susan Ruzze
- 23 Brian McAndrew
- Jacob Wetzel
- 26 Wyatt Hepler
- 27 Zachary Huber
- 28 Robert Green
- Amanda Houser
- Maynard Merwine
- 29 Nathan Berger
- Tiffany Cramer
- 30 Dennis Mallams



- 03/17/07 David & Beth Becker
- 03/21/81 Rickey & Brenda Knorr
- 03/22/96 Leo & Heather Young
- 03/29/80 Leonard & Terri Whyne



Family  
Movie Event  
MARCH 24, 2018  
5:30-8 pm  
Ages 0-100

March's movie is  
"Risen"

Everyone Welcome  
Bring a comfy Pillow and Blanket  
if you wish  
Hope to see you all there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS  
EVENT

For more information Please contact  
the church office at 570-875-1591.



## We Offer our Prayers to...



**February 18** – Family of Carol Guistwite (B. Andrews), Tom Keefer, Sadie Kopitsky (D. Calhoun), Russell Hepler (V. Hepler), Family of Betty Ann Major, Evelyn Kuczynski, Crystal Leary & John Leary (C. Brennan), Florida school shooting victims, Family of Lewis Young

**February 11** – Linda Ambrose (J. Ambrose, copier repair tech), Jack Stitzer, Claire Hipzer (D. Calhoun), Family of Robyn Barrett, Family of Barrie Neumeister,

**February 4** – Ron Fowler (T. Shilling), Tess Chiesa, Jared Ober & Matthew Lebson (C. Varndell), Sally Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Family of Gene Llewellyn, Kelsey Burns (D. Heidelbaugh)

**January 28** – Annie Smith (J. Pennypacker), John Zerby Jr. (J. Young), Minah Horan (R. Berner)

**Please continue to pray for our members:** Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Ava Hubler, Jean Cress, Wendy Farnsworth, Dean Fetterolf, Irene Morgan, Heidi Walsh, Gail Lorady, Hannah Lisowski, Pete Waldick, Jack Stitzer

**And our friends:** Adam Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Lilly Hubler, Nathan Onorofsky; 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 Brennan Family — Anita, Samantha & James May  
The Hudock Family — Michael, Hannali, Miles, Caroline  
The Shadle Family—Forrest & Dorothy





## 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. For the past several years these Prayer Teams have been silently serving God, the world, and us.

If you are committed to the power of prayer, please join one of these teams. Prayer lists are available at worship services each weekend, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 31, 2018 at 11 AM. It will be for ages 0-11 years old. Please sign up early to ensure enough items are purchased. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can call the church office at 570-875- 1591 or call Barbara Stepanchick at 570-590-0781. Please let us know if your child is a male or female. Some names can be either and some gifts may be gender specific.

The date for dying eggs by the youth groups and for packing the gift bags will be announced in the bulletin. Sign up sheets will be placed on the bulletin board for egg donations. Any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost. Donation baskets will be placed in the narthex or donations can be placed in your church envelope and marked for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Any help anyone can give would be greatly appreciated-many hands make the work load light. Lets work together for another successful Easter Egg Hunt for the children in our church and community.

Barbara Stepanchick





## **American Red Cross**

The need is constant.  
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Give blood.™

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### **Community Blood Drive** **Christ's United** **Lutheran Church**

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

**Monday, April 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!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Acolyte &amp; Tag-a-long</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Post Worship Greeter in Narthex</b>	<b>Post Worship Greeter at Door</b>
<b>March 4</b>	Vivian Brown	Dennis Wolfe Laray Klinger Jim Gruber Lowell Martin	Richard Shoup Angie Berger Donna Lassen	Amy Johnson	Desiree Dengler	Erik Tice	Vivian Brown
<b>March 7 Mid-Week</b>	Beth Andrews			Zachary Hummel			Beth Andrews
<b>March 11</b>	Barb Anczarski			Marissa Scritsky & Karleigh Economy	Brandy Speer	Beth Andrews	Barb Anczarski
<b>March 14 Mid-Week</b>	Steven Wolfgang			Kylie Mallams			Steven Wolfgang
<b>March 18</b>	Donna Wallace			Tanner Walacavage & Daniel Cunningham	Logan Walacavage	Darcie Gruber	Donna Wallace
<b>March 21 Mid-Week</b>	John Towey			Carey Wahalec			John Towey
<b>March 25</b>	Darcie Gruber			Ashley O'Connor	Brian O'Connor	Jim Gruber	Darcie Gruber
<b>March 29 Mid-Week</b>	Kay Berner			Heather Klinger	Jacob Tice		Kay Berner

# Chicken Pot Pie Dinner



Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men  
**Saturday, March 11, 2017**  
**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

Eat In or Carry Out

### Dinner Includes:

Chicken Pot Pie  
Lettuce w/ hot bacon dressing  
Applesauce  
Bread & Butter  
Dessert  
Beverage

Adults: \$9.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Under Age 6: FREE

Ticket information: Call 570-875-1591  
(Limited tickets available at the door)

*Bake*  *Sale*



# Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Donation Sheet

Saturday, March 11, 2017  
ITEMS NEEDED

- \_\_\_\_\_ #10 Can of Applesauce
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cakes, Cookies, Brownies, or Cup Cakes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12 or 24 Pack Soda (Any brand or flavor)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Donation

Donations may be placed on the center island in the kitchen. Please attach your name to your donation. All donations must be in no later than **SUNDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>**. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, between 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may also be brought in before noon on Saturday prior to the dinner.

Please return this sheet to the church office or place it in the box located on the table in the narthex.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



# 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

March— Church Council

April—LCM

May—WELCA

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

We will be collecting  
the following  
items for January:

## Spaghetti & Sauce

Please place your  
donations in the  
shopping cart.

Thank You!

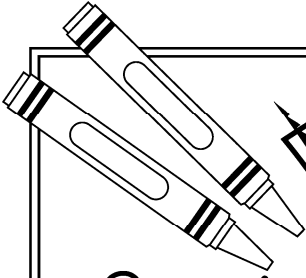
The next food  
distribution date is  
Thursday,  
March 8, 2018



## Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday's at 6:00  
Sign up on the bulletin  
board to provide soup or  
bread for our meal.

Each week the Social  
Ministry Team will have a




























# PUZZLE

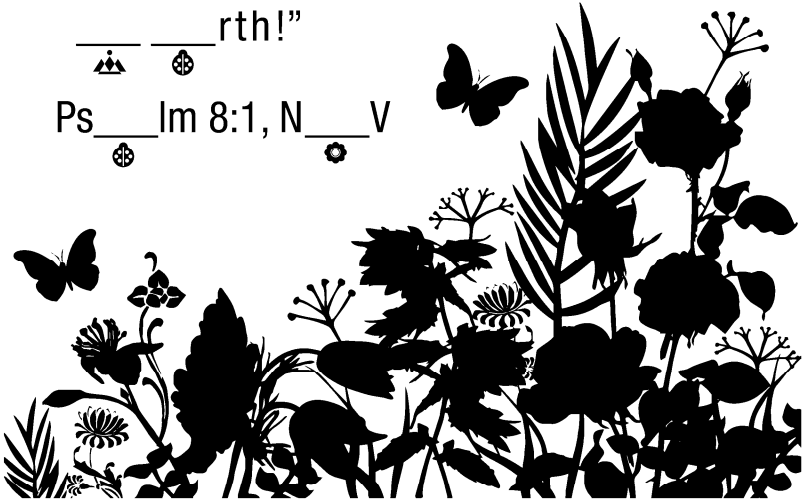
## Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.*

A =  E =  I =  O =  U = 

"L  RD,   r L  rd, h  w  
 m  j  st  c  s y   r  
 n  m   n  ll th   
  rth!"  
 Ps  lm 8:1, N  v



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV



## 2018 Sponsorships

The sponsorship sign up sheets are posted  
on the  
bulletin board.

Sign up for: Altar Flowers \$25.00,  
Palms for Palm Sunday \$12.00,  
Worship Bulletins \$15.00,  
Special service bulletins \$10.00,  
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00,  
Children's Bulletins \$10.00, and  
Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

Payments for Altar flowers should be given to Cathy Troutman.  
All other payments should be made out to the church and given  
to Deb Hall in the church office.

### ***The Recipe Swap***

This month's recipe: Broccoli Puff Casserole from Debbie Hall.

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**Share  
Your  
Recipes**



### **Broccoli Puff**

- 1 bag frozen broccoli
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cup cracker crumbs
- 2 Tablespoons melted butter

Thaw broccoli and place in casserole dish.  
Mix soup, cheese, mayo and eggs together and pour over broccoli.  
Combine cracker crumbs and melted butter. Sprinkle over soup mixture.  
Bake at 350 for 45 min.

-Debbie Hall





**Women of  
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**EASTER CANDY**

**\$10.50 lb. or \$5.50 ½ lb.**

Coconut  
Peanut Butter  
Butter Cream

Peanut Rolls  
P.B. Carmel  
Cherry

*Also available:  
Peanut Butter Crackers,  
\$1.50 for a pack of 4*

To Order Call:  
570-875-2586  
or 570-875-1591

# Women of the ELCA

The next **WELCA meeting** will be Wednesday,  
APRIL 4th at 7:00 pm.  
All women of CULC are welcome.

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## *LADIES NITE OUT*

Come join in on the next LADIES  
NITE OUT on MARCH 4TH to  
Sweet Tooth Café in Shamokin.  
Sing up on the bulletin board for  
transportation arrangements.

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## **Schuykill Cluster Spring Event**

April 14th at St. Peter's Lutheran, Reinerton  
Topic: The Sandwich Generation  
Panel presenters from Diakon and Office of  
Senior Services.

Sign up on the bulletin board by April 4.



# BASKETS OF PROMISE



This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble \_\_\_\_\_ LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

## HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

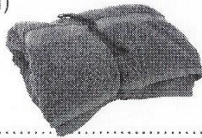
### FEBRUARY 18

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



### FEBRUARY 25

Bath Towels (light-weight, **(for quick drying)** maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



### MARCH 4

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



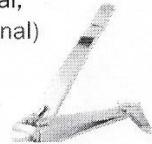
### MARCH 11

Combs - **sturdy combs** (no fine teeth or Picks)



### MARCH 18

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



### MARCH 25

Bars of Soap



For more information contact \_\_\_\_\_

*Donna Wallace*

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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.*



# CHURCH COUNCIL 2017

council@christsunited.org

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Dr. Kay Berner vicepresident@christsunited.org	570-875-1035	Feb. 2020
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Terry Shilling	570-875-0412	Feb. 2019
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570-516-1787

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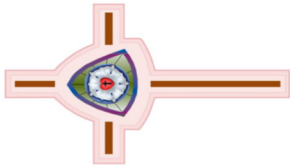
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