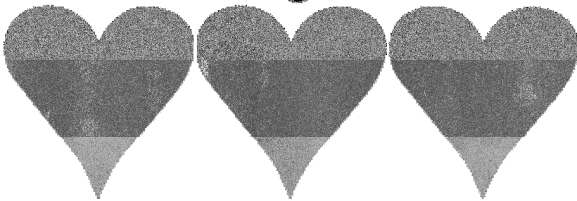


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*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 13:12, NIV



*Join us for Worship
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May 2018

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Status of Accounts as of March 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 19,814.34.

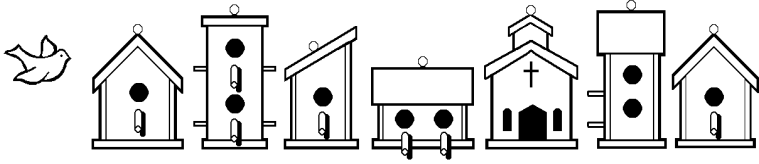
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2018 Annual Budget of

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

March income was \$16,925.08

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 2,572.00

(17% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2018)



Message from Designated Pastor Brian

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and his Son, Jesus Christ the Risen Lord. Amen!

It is important to enter into our walk of faith with an open mind. We never know where God is going to lead us. As I type this, I am getting ready to transport furniture to an apartment in the Allison Hill section of Harrisburg. That apartment is about to be occupied by a homeless family, and they will be living there thanks to an organization called the Brethren Housing Association. Down in Valley View, we have adopted this apartment and will furnish it and supply this family with everything they need to start this new chapter in their life.

This past Thursday (we are at the end of April as I am writing this), we were down to prepare the apartment for the furniture. In other words, we cleaned. It was a pretty intensive job- construction had left a fair amount of dust (a large amount of renovation had been done before we started), and previous occupants had left some things, namely the back porch that connects to the fire escape, less than pristine.

Some swept, some did windows, some worked on the walls and scuff marks that had accumulated. As for Pastor Brian? Well, I scrubbed the bathroom.

Ministry takes you some interesting places from time to time. I never expected to be cleaning a toilet in downtown Harrisburg as part of my ministry at a church in Valley View.

It was a new experience- in that section of Harrisburg, there is a strong Puerto Rican presence. When I went across the street from the apartment to the convenience store to grab coffee for the cleaning team, I was probably the only white person there.



As I bought the coffee and other breakfast items, I realized that I was one of the few people there who only spoke English. Again, this was not what I expected when I agreed to serve in Valley View. Yet there I was, because God had called us there. It wasn't bad, it was new, and part of that newness was exciting. For example, I now know what Papas Rellenas are- they are this delicious potato croquettes stuffed with a spicy meat filling that you can purchase at the convenience store across from the apartment where we are working!

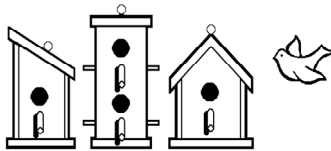
As a congregation, you are about to meet a new candidate for ministry. I do not know her, and I have never met her. However, I want to encourage you in this time to similarly keep an open mind. This candidate will bring individual gifts that you perhaps have never seen in a pastor before. Perhaps there will be things about her that remind you of one of your pastors in your past history. Regardless, it is important to hear what she has to say, to engage in conversation with her, and to keep an open mind about what the Holy Spirit might be doing.

It is natural to have anxiety and reservations about any candidate. I am certain that when I interviewed at both of my calls, there were people who doubted me. Perhaps they doubted me because at the time I was rather young for a candidate in ministry (that is no longer the case!). Perhaps they took one look at me and said, "oh, look at the fat guy." It happens!

God calls all kinds of people to be pastors, and they bring with them gifts and strengths that are needed in this church. I will continue to pray for the congregation of Christ's United as you continue on your journey. Be excited about what God is bringing your way!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Brian Beissel



Church Council Highlights from March:

- General Checking Account Balance as of 3/31/18: \$19,814.34.
- Benevolence for March - \$886. Year to date - \$2,572 which is 17% of the goal for the year.
- Christian Education held a VBS planning meeting. The theme for this year's VBS will be: "*Splash Canyon, God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride*" Volunteers are needed to help.
- The Easter Egg Hunt team put together 138 gift bags, 129 children participated.
- Reverend Bob & Nan Hoenich and Jim & Darcie Gruber would like to sponsor something in honor of the birth of their new granddaughter. A large screen TV was decided upon for Fellowship Hall so all groups and committees may use it.

May's council Member of the month is Steven Wolfgang.

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**

When you say Grace before mealtime remember that Jesus is not our guest; we are HIS guests at HIS table.

An appropriate mealtime prayer is:

Lord, we thank You for
the food before us,
the friends beside us,
the love between us, and
Your presence among us.

Amen.





May

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dylan Klock
- 3 Brian Wetzel
- 4 Ann Marie Dillman
Tina Wolfe
- 6 Bryonna Bolich
- 7 Brittany Harhigh
Cory Lindenmuth
Gary Weinreich
Devan Fetterolf
- 8 Charles Bendinsky
Nancy Cunningham
Taryn Wilson
- 9 Mae Hughes
Joan Wolfgang
- 10 Nina Britton
Katelyn Houser
Joshua Smith
Logan Walacavage
- 11 Cole Johnson
George Kosmisky
Kevin Sweinhart
- 12 Patricia Hepler
Jonas McGrath
- 13 Andrew Charriez
- 14 Dean Fetterolf
Christine Klouser
- 15 Ralph Johnson
Robert Sweinhart
Benjamin Towey
- 16 Susan Edmonson
Jeff Hostetter
Beau Little

- 17 Kelly Dziadosz
- 18 Eli Rothermel
- 19 Barbara Anczarski
Michael Hudock
Steve Wilson
- 21 Sophia Wessner
- 22 Kaiden Dillman
Derek Whritenour
- 23 Chase Lower
- 24 Alison Houser
- 25 Cory Weikel Jr.
Dustin Wolfgang
- 27 Jason Brown
Sarah Stehr
Amy Wahalec
- 28 Elmer Waldick
- 30 Jean Cress
- 31 Mark Stump



May

ANNIVERSARIES

- 05/04/85 Ted & Penny Shadle
- 05/07/83 Chip & Melanie Bendinsky
- 05/10/08 Robert & Jessica Nagle
- 05/14/05 Allen & Cheryl Klinger
- 05/16/14 Chad & Natasha Weikel
- 05/18/02 Todd & Kim Walacavage
- 05/19/73 Dale & Holly Bolich
- 05/20/12 Ryan & Jodi MacNamara
- 05/21/88 William & Tammy Harris
- 05/25/13 Sean & Nina Britton
- 05/27/93 Steve & Bernice Wilson
- 05/28/83 Ken & Tammy Dengler
- 05/28/83 Kenneth & Kimberly Zweizig
- 05/31/03 Daniel & Melissa Sisko



SPAGHETTI SUPPER

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Rd., Ashland, PA
www.christsunited.org

Sponsored by: The Lutheran Church Men's Group

Adults: \$9.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Children under 6: FREE

Call the church at 570-875-1591 to get your tickets or see
one of the Lutheran Church men members.

Eat in or Take out available.

(A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door)

Dinner Includes:

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Tossed Salad,
Bread & Butter, Dessert, & Beverage

Sponsored by WELCA



BAKE SALE

Life Together at Christ's United

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We Offer our Prayers to...



April 22 – Family of Raymond Miller, Dak Sisak (J. Kosmisky), Clayton Knorr (N. Lindenmuth), Dan Grow (J. Clark), Jean Klinger (J. Pennypacker)

April 15 - Tracy Berner (K. Berner), Jennie Kosmisky (G. Kosmisky), Wendy Farnsworth, Irene Morgan

April 8 – Deidre Dengler

April 1 – Ginny Richards, Sandra Beecher & Family of Lori Martin (L. Lute), Ada Jahowiak (P. Lute), Will Radel (B. Liem)

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 — Jason & Katie

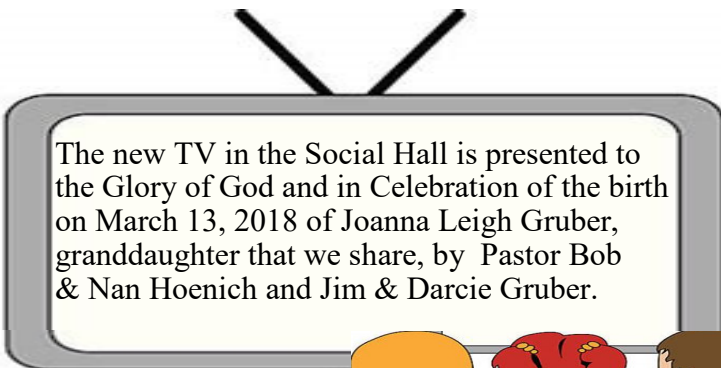
The Hummel Family — Bobbi Jo & Bryce

The Shadle Family—Ted, Penny, Kimberly & Leslie

*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 Jack Stitzer by:
Irene Morgan
Kaaren & Lee Steiner
Joan & Cyrus Clark
Raymond Dunkle*



The new TV in the Social Hall is presented to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the birth on March 13, 2018 of Joanna Leigh Gruber, granddaughter that we share, by Pastor Bob & Nan Hoenich and Jim & Darcie Gruber.





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

Community Room
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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 May:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
May 6	Sally Tice	Becky Spencer Angie Berger Laray Klingler Dennis Wolfe	Jo-Ann Young Kay Berner Becky Spencer	Brandon Hood	Nicole Hood	Mark Varndell	Sally Tice
May 13	Vivian Brown			Ava Hubler	Desiree Dengler	Jim Gruber	Vivian Brown
May 20 Day of Pentecost	Barb Anczarski		Donna Lassen Barb Stepanchick John Denchak	Kylie Mallams	Blake Olayo	Barb Anczarski	Jim Gruber
May 27 Holy Trinity	Steven Wolfgang		Richard Shoup Becky Spencer Jim Gruber	Brandy Speer	Marissa Seritsky	Laray Klingler	Steven Wolfgang

THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt in any way. Your monetary donations, donations of eggs, gifts and your time were all greatly appreciated. It takes a team for a project this size and I thank you all for being part of the team.

A special thanks to the Easter Egg Hunt Committee for all their suggestions and hard work. I feel we had another successful egg hunt with 129 children participation and 138 gift bags packed.

Thank you again to everyone,

Barbara Stepanchick,
Easter Egg Hunt Liaison



GERANIUMS

Day of Pentecost
May 20, 2018

If you wish to order Geraniums for Sunday, May 20th, please sign up on the bulletin board. The cost of each

Geranium is \$3.00. All payments should be given to Cathy Troutman.

Deadline to order is Sunday, May 6th.





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

Attention all VBS supporters!!

The next planning meeting for 2018 *"Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride"* will be held **TUESDAY, MAY 1 at 6:30 P.M.** Your help is needed to make this another successful experience at CULC. If you cannot attend this meeting but will help with some part of VBS, contact Angie Berger or Donna Wallace.

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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

- 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
- March— Church Council
- April-LCM

We will be collecting the following items for April:

Cereal & Oatmeal

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, May 10, 2018

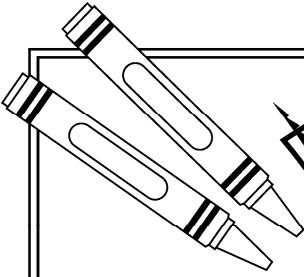
May 12 - 20



Undie Collection for Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC)

Please bring your donations of brand new/in the package undergarments

for women and children on these dates. We will have a collection bin in the hallway.



PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" _____ your _____

and your _____,

the _____ your _____ has

_____."

_____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV



**Are you or someone you know
graduating this year?**

Please tell us about it! This includes all graduates from high school, college, or any higher education. We would like to include information about all our graduates in the June newsletter. Also, on Sunday June 5th we will be honoring all graduates as part of our worship service with a special Blessing. Please plan to attend this special service.

Please have all information into the church office by May 13th for inclusion in the Newsletter and Bulletin.

Name _____

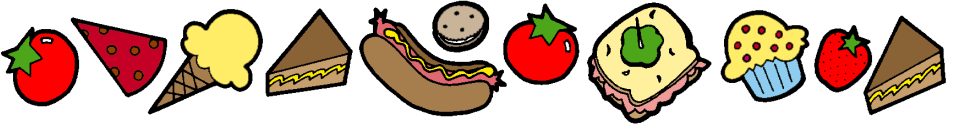
Address _____

Phone _____

What school are you graduating from

Future Plans _____





The Recipe Swap

This month's recipe: Sausage, Goat Cheese & Chive Bagel Strata from Donna Kuczawa, sister of Deb Hall

Share
Your
Recipes



Sausage, Goat Cheese & Chive Bagel Strata

6 Plain bagels torn into bite sized pieces
1 lb. Italian sausage
8 eggs
2 cups milk
1 tsp. Kosher salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
More chives for topping

1 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. ground mustard
1 Tblsp. Chopped fresh basil
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
2 cups cheddar cheese
4 oz. goat cheese

Grease a 9 x 13 inch casserole dish. Spread the bagel pieces evenly over the dish.

Crumble & cook the sausage in a skillet over medium heat until no pink remains. Stir the sausage evenly into the bagel pieces.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, pepper, garlic, mustard, basil, and chives. Pour the mixture over the bagels. Cover with foil and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

When ready to bake, remove from fridge and allow to come to room temperature while the oven preheats to 375 degrees.

Bake covered for 35 minutes. Then remove the foil, sprinkle with cheese and return to oven for an additional 10 -15 minutes or until top is browned and cheese is melted. Let rest for 10 minutes before sprinkling with more fresh chives and serving.

-Donna Kuczawa



Women of the ELCA

The next **WELCA meeting** will be Wednesday, **MAY 2** at 7:00 pm. All women of CULC are welcome.



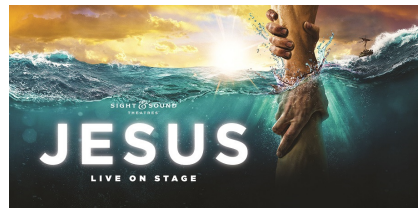
LADIES NITE OUT

Come join in on the next LADIES NITE OUT on **MAY 6TH**. We're going to Friedensburg Country Restaurant. Sign up on the bulletin board for transportation arrangements.

Thank you for the Personal Care Kit Donations

Thank you to all who donated towels, combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, and soap for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Additional supplies were purchased with the THRIVENT ACTION TEAM card so 25 kits were assembled by WELCA. Batting for knotted quilts was also purchased.

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 570-875-2546 or the church office.



THANK YOU!

The women of CULC once again, had a successful candy making project.

Thanks to all who helped. We had a great kitchen crew, and we're always looking for new volunteers. We're also grateful to all who bought the candy and those who took orders and delivered it.

We boxed 726 1/2 pounds of candy, with an average of 16 pieces par pound. We rolled, coated and boxed at least 11,624 eggs. We also made 990 bags of crackers and 70 bags of coated marshmallows.

To date we have a profit of over \$6,100, with a limited supply of crackers, marshmallows, and peanut butter eggs available.

Thanks again to all who helped and enjoyed our Easter candy.

WELCA



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Mission Statement***

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