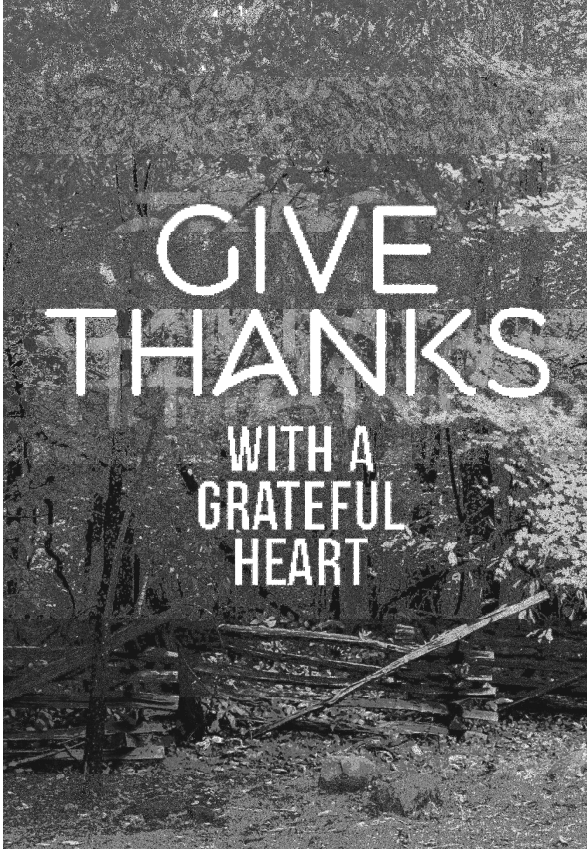


*Life Together at
Christ's United
Lutheran Church*



*Join us for Worship
Saturday 5:00 p. m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Fellowship 10:45*

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November 2018

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Status of Accounts as of September 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 33,845.64.

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

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

September income was \$15,334.73

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 8,784.00

59% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2018)

P A S T O R
LAURA'S MESSAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **November 18, Commitment Sunday**, each of us will have the opportunity fill out a card expressing what amount we plan to give weekly, monthly or quarterly toward the ministry and mission of Christ's United Church. Completed cards will be put in envelopes which each of us will bring forward to place in the plate provided. The amount is kept confidential from every one but the ones doing the computations.

It may feel uncomfortable being asked to complete an estimate of giving card and then bring it forward. Yet important commitments often involve writing and walking. Like filling out a marriage license and walking down the aisle. Or finishing the last class requirements and walking down the aisle to get your diploma.

The week before Commitment Sunday, on November 18, you'll be treated to a delightful skit entitled *The Wizard of Pledge*. Its message is that every one of us has the God-given gifts of courage, brains and heart to then walk down "*yellow brick road*" of knowledge, faith and trust. Dorothy, scarecrow, tin man and lion found a wizard at the end of the yellow brick road who taught them what true courage, brains and heart are about. You and I have Someone even better – our Lord Jesus Christ. He walked to Golgotha carrying a heavy cross to bring us courage, understanding, and compassion. We then, in thanksgiving, commit ourselves to supporting the ministry and mission of CULC through our offerings of self, time, and possessions.

With gratitude for the commitment Christ makes to us,
Pastor Laura+



November 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 concerns (other than pastoral concerns), notice the church lights on at 11 p.m., or need access to the building. If you need to contact Erik, he can be reached at 570-875-2681.



Council Member of the Month

Children's Message



Pastor Laura is asking for volunteers to help deliver the Children’s Sermon in addition to her on Sunday mornings. She has lots of resources. You just need to “chat” with our youth. If interested, please see Pastor Laura for more information.

Bishop Zeiser has asked to extend his gratitude to the members of Christ’s United for the warm hospitality extended to him and his wife, Linda during his visit for Pastor Laura’s Installation Service. They were especially grateful for the delicious dinner.



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura performed the following

Baptism:

8/26/18 Dennis James Cunningham

Funerals:

9/22/18 William Rock

9/25/18 Dorothy Shadle



Church Council Highlights from September:

- General Checking Account Balance as of 9/31/18: \$ 33,845.64.
- Benevolence was \$1,375.00 with a total for the year of \$8,784.00 which is 59% of our goal.
- “Wizard of Pledge” skit to be held on 11/11.
- WELCA will make another mortgage payment of \$1,388.00
- Proposed Budget for 2019 is \$203,448.31 - a total increase of only .69% from the 018 budget.
- The Indoor Custodian, Susan Herb, had submitted a resignation letter effective September 30. Jim Chappell discussed several issues with her regarding her position and she has decided to continue working.
- Jim Chappell will buy a replacement TV and get a piece of plywood to cover the front to prevent any future damage. Donna Wallace will make a quilt with a cross emblem to cover the plywood. Money from the Memorial Fund under the undesignated fund line will be used to cover the cost of the TV.

The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 11th following worship. The budget will detail the costs of doing ministry, broken down into the larger ministry areas such as Education, Social Ministry, and Worship (and more!). Please take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving and prayer for the blessings from Christ at work here at Christ's United. To help us prepare, the ministry budget will be available on October 28th.





November

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 James Dengler
William Dillman, Jr.
Robert Nagle
Jessica Shadle
- 2 Charles Brain
- 4 Jennifer Geedey
Dean Krise
- 5 Brayden Koons
- 7 Joshua Coward
John W. Wolfgang
- 8 Daylon Long
Steven Wolfgang
- 9 Amy Fegley
Jo-Ann Young
- 10 Gerry Dillman
- 11 JeanMarie Brayford
Brooke Harris
Jordan Walter
- 12 Deanna Hepler
Connie Weinreich
- 13 Rick Walsh
- 14 Deidre Dengler
Brian Rickert
Cory Weikel, Sr.
- 16 Melody Bosco
Jack Houser
- 17 Nellie Schlorff
- 18 Oscar Troutman
- 19 Jo Conrath
Randy Lucas
- 20 Raquel Snyder
Charles Sweinhart

- 21 Breann Barker
Jean Bitting
Carol Reiner
- 23 Tracy Berner
Carl Lute
- 24 Dale Bolich
- 25 Bernie Marquardt
- 26 Suzanne Peel
- 27 Cathy Stutzman
- 28 Becky Spencer
Garrison Stehr
- 29 Remington Stehr
- 30 Tammy Dengler
Rusty McAndrew

November

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/12/17 John & Hanna Lisowski
- 11/14/85 Frank & Peggy Dziczek
- 11/19/11 Kenny & Jen Snyder
- 11/20/82 Bruce & Jean Bitting
- 11/30/96 John & Joan Wolfgang



Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

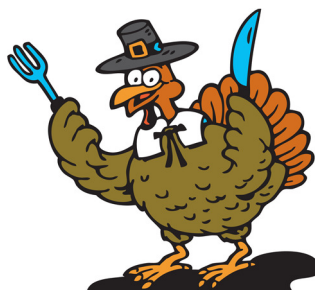
As Christ's United it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your 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.



Donations needed for Thanksgiving Meal

The Ashland Area Ministerium is hosting a Thanksgiving meal on Saturday November 17th to be held at Good Shepherd Church. They are requesting any help you may be able to provide: monetary donations, food items or physical help with the meal. The meal is open to anyone and everyone in the community. There is no charge.



If you wish to donate, you may send donations to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 35 N. 9th St., Ashland, PA 17921. Please write "Shepherd's Table" on the memo line of your check.



Standard time returns.
Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour on Saturday,
November 3 before going to bed.

We Offer our Prayers to...



October 21 – Family of William Fertig (J. Young), Family of Jack Weber, Family of Wellington Shaffer (E. Tice), Jane Fetterolf (Nancy & Pearl), Xavier Malafarina (B. Liem), Fred Rabbits (K. Hansbury), Doris McGurl (L. Lute)

October 14 – Sally Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Diane Klem (L. Klinger)

October 7 – Family of William (Fred) Wallace, Family of Ned Leiby (A. Berger), Family of Rev. Brinkly Goranson, Brantly Sinko (K. Berner), Family of Tara Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Jill Keener (G. Marquardt), David Burks, (T. Shilling), Sandy Wells & Marsha Ossman (P. Shirk)

September 30 – Family of Dorothy Shadle, Michael Zaharick, (D. Zaharick), Renee Chikotas, Darlene & Tom Heath (I. Morgan)

Please continue to pray for our members: Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Dean Fetterolf, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Pete Waldick, Wendy Farnsworth

And our friends: Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Richard Berger, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Jesse Deeter, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Paul Troutman, Dave Bowen, Keith Morgan, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt)

*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 Kanezo Family — Keith, Amy, Jacob & Joshua

The Miller Family — William & Sandra

The Phelan Family—Doris, Joshua,

Branna Boyer & Michael Boyer





COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 P.M.
Grace Evan Church,
Main St., Locustdale

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The genius of generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.



“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

2018 Sponsorships

The 2018 sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

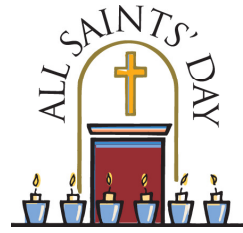


We still need sponsors for
Newsletter for December,
Altar Flowers for December 9, 23 & 30
Bulletins for Dec 8 & 9 and 29 & 30

Altar Flowers

Saturday, Nov. 3 & Sunday, Nov. 4

All Saints Day is a time of both remembrance and celebration as we recognize that God spans all time, and for the family of God life has no end. Those who believe in Jesus Christ are Saints, saved by Christ, and blessed with eternal life.



As we gather we will lift up the names of those Saints who have joined the company of heaven in the past year, since last All Saints Day (November 5, 2017).



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

In Memory of Dorothy Shadle by:

Don & Laray Klingler
Earl Matz
Joseph Coddington

In Memory of William Rock by:

Diane Rock and Family
Jo-Ann & Leo Young

To Christ's United Capital Campaign

In Memory of Dorothy Shadle by:

Constance Welker
Terry & Dorothy Kessler
Beth & Ron Andrews

In Memory of Dorothy Shadle and William Rock by:

Ron and Donna Wallace

To Christ's United Building Fund

In Memory of Jack Stitzer, Ray Leshner & Dorothy Shadle by:

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Fetterolf



Serving Our Community of Faith in November:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
Nov. 4 All-Saints	Sally Tice	Terry Neumeister Darlene Stank Steven Wolfgang Richard Shoup	John Denchak Jo-Ann Young Barb Anczarski	Dylan Buhay	Brian O'Connor	Steven Wolfgang	Sally Tice
Nov. 11	Vivian Brown			Marissa Seritsky	Kaitlyn Werner	Mark Vardell	Vivian Brown
Nov. 18	Mark Vardell			Nathan Berger	Nelson Berger	Terry Neumeister	Mark Vardell
Nov. 25 Christ the King	Cheryl Vardell		Richard Shoup Dennis Wolfe Maryanne Wolfgang	Danielle White	Ashley O'Connor	Beth Andrews	Cheryl Vardell

Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, November 3, 2018

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Eat In or Carry Out

Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Road, Ashland

Dinner Includes:

Pork & Sauerkraut

Mashed Potatoes

Applesauce

Bread & Butter

Dessert

Beverage

(Hot Dog available as substitute for pork)

Adults: \$9.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Under Age 6: FREE

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



SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

Donations needed
Saturday, November 3rd, 2018

Sponsored by
Christ's United Lutheran Church Men
437 Airport Road, Ashland, PA 17921



Sponsored by WELCA

ITEMS NEEDED

- _____ Can of Decaf Coffee
- _____ #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. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, November 2ND, 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

- November—Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship
- December—LCM
- January—WELCA
- February—Social Ministry
- March— Church Council
- April—LCM
- May—WELCA
- June – Christian Education/Youth
- July—Choir/Worship & Music
- August—LCM
- September— WELCA
- October—Church Council



We will be collecting the following items for November:

Stuffing, Boxed Potatoes & Gravy

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

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





The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that during the worship service on **Sunday, November 28th**, the following students will receive a scholarship check to assist them in furthering their education.

David Hall is attending Penn State University, Harrisburg majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He will graduate in December, 2018

Zachary Hummel is attending the Schuylkill Technology Center in Frackville, studying Culinary Arts.

Taryn Wilson is attending Shippensburg University majoring in Communication. She will graduate in May, 2019.

Please plan to attend this service to show your support and offer prayers for a successful future.



There will be a special offering for the Endowment Fund on November 27 & 28. Please be generous to support our youth in their future endeavors.



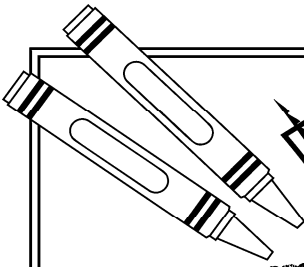
Recyclables collection will resume

Many thanks to Suzanne Peel for graciously offering to take over the collection of recyclables.

Items being collected are:

- Unwanted eyeglasses - to be given to *Lions International*
- Used ink cartridges
- Used all-occasion greeting cards (*except Hallmark, American Greetings, Disney*) - **fronts only** - to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for children.

Baskets for the items are located on the front table in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about any of the items, please contact Suzanne. Thank you.

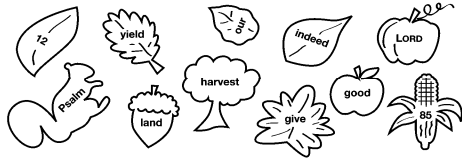


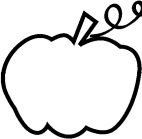

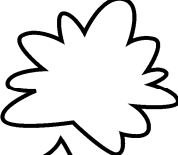
PUZZLE



HARVEST OF GOODNESS


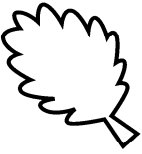

God always provides, no matter the season.


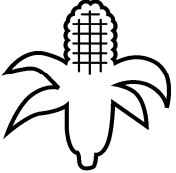
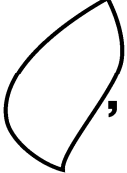
Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  

what is , and 

 will  its .”

  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

The Recipe Swap

This month's recipe: Raspberry Thumbprint Cookies
Submitted by Darcie Gruber.

Share
Your
Recipes



RASPBERRY THUMBPRINT COOKIES

1 yellow cake mix
2 eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
raspberry jam
white chocolate chips

Mix cake mix, eggs and vegetable oil.

Use a 1 Tablespoon scoop to measure the dough.

Roll 1 Tablespoon of dough into a ball, place on baking stone and press your thumb in center. Add about 1/2 tsp of jam into each thumbprint.

Bake 375°F 10-12 minutes

When cookies are completely cooled, melt white chocolate chips in microwave and drizzle over cookies.

Bon Appetite!



***Knaughty Knotters* meet on
Tuesdays, at 9:00 am.
No experience necessary to help
create quilts for
Lutheran World Relief.**



SAVE THE DATE

Christ's United Congregational
Christmas Meal—December 9
following the morning worship
service. Watch for details and
sign up in the coming weeks.

Christ's United
Lutheran Church
Presents:

***"A Christmas Gift"* Living Nativity**

Saturday, December 1, 2018



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Community Blood Drive

**Christ's United
Lutheran Church**

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

**Thursday, November 29, 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!

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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.



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