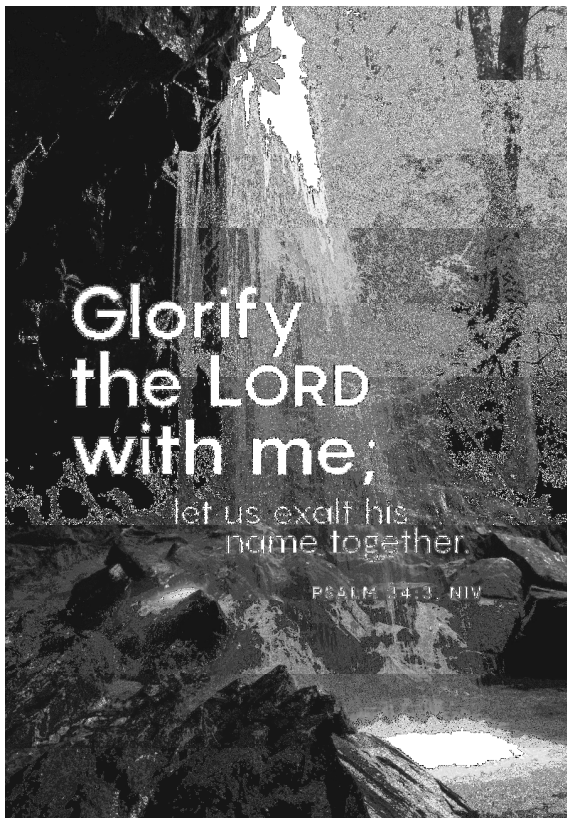


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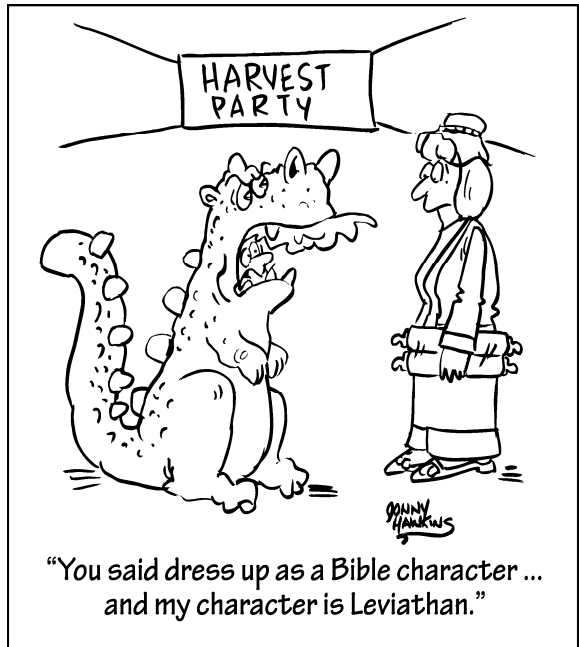
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## Status of Accounts as of July 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 37,223.39.

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

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

July income was \$14,553.51

Benevolence Gifts.....\$ 6,574.00

43.7% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2018)



## PASTOR LAURA'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I looked over the many the events scheduled this month at CULC, I honed in on the highway clean up slated for Saturday, October 13. What an important way to keep God's creation green as well as show the community our commitment to partnership with them in such care. Yet it can be a messy undertaking.

As I walked our dog Bailey in the cemetery of Friedens Church the other day, she irreverently did her business near a gravestone erected in the mid-1800s. As I bent to clean up the mess, the bag tore and doggie poop got all over my hand. My attempt to wipe it off on the grass was only moderately successful.

Messes such as these are an image for our lives. In Isaiah 64:6 the prophet says, "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like filthy cloth". Isaiah chose filthy cloth carefully to refer to what we today would describe as a soiled sanitary product. Paul continues this theme in Romans 3; "There is no one who is righteous, not even one... (A)ll have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". Our noble attempts to clean up highways and after our pets cannot belie the fact that, as our Confession each week reminds us, "We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone." So there.



Yet for the Christian there is not despair, but rather the cross. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For our sake he (God) made him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” This is what Martin Luther called a “happy exchange”; Christ bears the sin of the world in his body and shares with us the righteousness he possesses as the very Son of God. Wow!

Crap happens, to paraphrase a bumper sticker. It gets on our hands and into our lives, tainting our relationships with God and others. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:57). Amen!

Pastor Laura+

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.

October council Member of the month is Ann Marie Dillman.

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. If you need to contact Ann Marie, she can be reached at 570-875-2422.



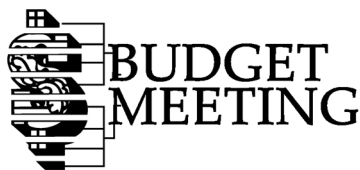
Council Member  
of the Month

## Church Council Highlights from August:

- General Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/18: \$ 37,223.39.
- Benevolence was \$1,161.00 with a total for the year of \$6,574.00 which is 43.7% of our goal.
- Choir will resume practice on 9/5 and begin singing on 9/9.
- Good & Faithful Servant Day/25th Anniversary of Building dinner tickets will be available for sale - \$10 for Adult / \$5 for children under 10 years of age.
- Pastor Laura's Installation Service will be held on October 7th at 4:00 p.m.
- Discretionary Fund - this money used as a way to help those who come to the pastor for help regarding bills, heat, groceries, etc. Council approved opening this account for Pastor Laura to use as she sees fit for those in need.
- On Monday morning, August 6 both sets of front doors were found to be propped open. People who stop by the church must make sure that all doors are closed and securely locked when leaving the building. We still need members to call Deb Hall to tell her who has keys so that a list can be made.

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**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 November 4th.





# October

## BIRTHDAYS

2	Matt Sweitzer	15	Brandon Hood
4	Lowell Martin		Nicole Hood
5	David Cunningham, Jr.		Connor Hoover
	Joshua Phelan		DruAnn Laudermilch
6	Tammy Buhay	17	James Lavelle
	William Dillman		Terry Neumeister
	Trever Harhigh		Autumn Peifer
	George Sterling	18	Ryan Walter
	Brooke Wolfe	19	Jennifer Bixler
7	Angie Lucas		Judy Fritz
	Forrest Shadle		Jacob Klinger
8	Ralph S. Johnson		Sandy Miller
	Francis Lally		Maryann Wolfgang
10	Melanie Bendinsky	20	Robert Liem
	Barry Martin		Patti Smith
	Cole Young	22	Blake Olayo
11	Dylan Buhay		Connie Welker
	Crystal Collette	24	James Conrath
	Michael McNeal	25	Francis Lally, Jr.
	Danielle White		Carrie Hummel
12	Jaxon Klock	28	Donna Wallace
	Matthew Geedey		Nancy Kessler
13	Jessica Wallace		Salina Krah
	Mia Burke	29	Cathy Troutman
	Aidan Lazor	31	Tara Houser
	Chad Weikel		
14	Michael Boyer		
	Tekla Kranzel		
	Anna Neumeister		
	Kelsey Blyler		





10/02/99	Stephen & Wendy Harhigh
10/05/07	Brian & Brandy Bolich
10/05/02	Michael & Donna Lassen
10/05/85	Gerald & Cathy Stutzman
10/06/62	Ivan & June Sweinhart
10/07/95	James & Michelle Lavelle
10/11/97	John & Maryann Wolfgang
10/13/84	Joseph & Barbara Anczarski
10/13/56	Jack & Frieda Johnson
10/16/76	Dennis & Tina Wolfe
10/17/09	Samuel & Kelly Troup
10/17/87	Rick & Heidi Walsh
10/18/58	Don & Laray Klinger
10/22/05	Dean & Tammy Leshner
10/25/08	Bill & Mindy Burke
10/25/80	Gregg & Lois Sterling
10/29/11	Wesley & Kelly Long

## ***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](http://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.



We thank Susan Herb for her job well done serving as our Indoor custodian here at Christ's United. Unfortunately she will be leaving us at the end of September. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please call the church office.





## We Offer our Prayers to...

**September 23**— Family of William Rock, Judy Trautman  
(G. Marquardt)

**September 16** – Dolly Bevans (Varndells), Elias Spencer  
(B. Spencer), Dean Fetterolf, Linda Szuler (T. Wolfe), Sa-  
rah Shanks (T. Wolfe), Deb Nelson (R. Berner)

**September 9** – Anna James (E. Tice), Tommy Green, Michael  
Zaharick, Bill O'Donnell, Dorothy Shadle, Scott McCoy (G. Mar-  
quardt)

**September 2** – Barbara Stanell (B. Andrews), Frank Carr (T. Shil-  
ling), Melvin Cappel (K. Berner), Lou Harter (D. Zaharick)

**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 Fer-  
raro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Jesse Deeter, Robert & Sandra Beecher,  
Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, Doris McGurl, John  
Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Paul Troutman,  
Dave Bowen, Keith Morgan

*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 Burke Family — Bill, Mindy & Mia

The Johnson Family — Grace

The Pennypacker Family—Robert, Rose, Mina & Maxwell







**Reverend Brinkley C. Goranson**, 97, died on September 6. A second career pastor, she served in Ashland and Gordon. She was a member of First Lutheran, Norfolk, VA, where a service was held on Wednesday, September 12. She will be buried beside her husband in the cemetery at the Naval Acade-



## SCHUYLKILL MISSION DISTRICT FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 P.M.  
Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock St., Schuylkill Haven  
Bishop Zeiser will preach/ Pastor Laura will preside.

## Have You Heard the Whole Story?

We have been investigating systems for the hearing impaired. The best option that we found seems to be a Williams FM Broadcasting System. A small personal FM receiver that can be clipped on a belt or stuck in a pocket enables a person to use their own ear buds or light weight earphones to deliver FM sound directly from the pastor's microphone to the participant's system with an adjustable volume. Each person would have their own receiver and ear buds.



We are doing a survey to determine interest. Please fill out the survey below if you are interested, or call the church office, or deposit the questionnaire in the office drop box:

I am interested.....

- I would be willing to provide funding for my own receiver (\$54.00).
- ? I would be willing to provide funding for someone who cannot afford their own receiver.
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Its Sunday School time again here at Christs United. Rally Day will be he held on October 7 at 10:45 a.m. (right after worship). We will have a Ten Commandments family craft, plus fun activities. Sunday School classes will begin on October 14th at 10:45 A.M. We have classes for all ages - Join us!

Thank you to the following Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Sunday School Leaders who will be teaching this year:

Angie Berger  
Deb Hubler  
Debra Price  
Morgen Shilling  
Barb Stepanchick  
Cheryl Varndell  
Mark Varndell  
Kimberly Walacavage  
Donna Wallace  
Erin Werner  
Steven Wolfgang



Adult Class:

Kay Berner  
Jim Gruber

## *Servant leadership*

From Christ's perspective, a true leader is a servant, committed to the success of each individual in the group. Jesus did not criticize his disciples' desire to lead; he just showed them how to do it by washing their feet. ... The essence of spiritual leadership, therefore, is following Jesus and serving people. People rebel against controlling leaders, but it is impossible to rebel against a servant.

—Geoff Gorsuch, *Brothers! Calling Men Into Vital Relationships*

# Serving Our Community of Faith in October:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
<b>Oct. 7</b>	Becky Spencer	Richard Berner Barb Stepanchick Deb Berner Aaron Stepanchick	Kay Berner Becky Spencer Donna Lassen	Ralph Johnson	Blake Olayo	Erik Tice	Becky Spencer
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Barb Stepanchick			Joey McAndrew	Kylie Mallams & Bianca McAndrew	Jim Gruber	Barb Stepanchick
<b>Oct. 21</b>	John Towey			Ava Hubler	Amy Johnson & Kayla Werner	Janet Towey	John Towey
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Erik Tice			Tanner Walacavage	Logan Walacavage	Vivian Brown	Erik Tice

# Trunk *or* Treat



**OCTOBER 28TH FROM 5-7PM**

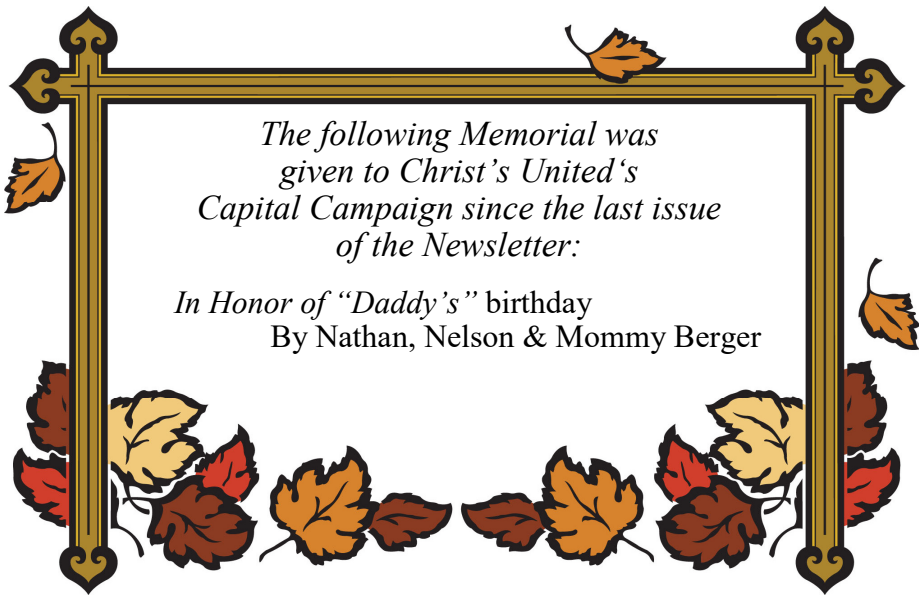
“Trunkers”, please sign up on the bulletin board & come to set up by 3:30 p.m.

**Help is needed in all areas of this event**  
(registration table, food and drinks, games and crafts,  
hayride helpers, etc.)

We also need donations of hot dog buns and large  
canisters of hot chocolate.

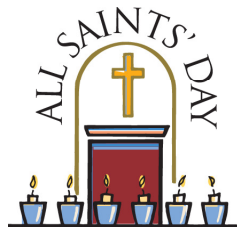
Please see bulletin board and sign up  
where you can help.





## **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). We ask that you share their names with the church office by calling (570-875-1591), emailing ([office@christsunited.org](mailto:office@christsunited.org)), or filling out the form below by Sunday, October 28th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

# SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for October:

## Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, October 11, 2018

### Committee Schedule

- October—Church Council
- 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





## Saturday, October 13th

The fall highway clean up of 2018.

Meet at the church at 8am.

Gloves, an orange vest, and trash bags are provided. All help will be greatly appreciated. No one will be turned down.

Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult and sign a waiver.

Hope to see you there!!!

If anyone can be a driver that continuously checks on the pickers to see if anything is needed it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Kay Berner know.

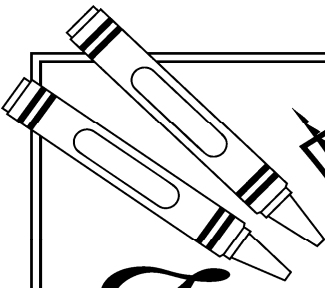


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## *Harvest Home*

Christ's United will be celebrating Harvest Home on October 13th & 14th and 20th & 21st. Please bring in any non-perishable food item to stock "Christ's Cupboard" to help those in need. We are especially in need of the following items: cereal, spaghetti and sauce, canned vegetables and potatoes (white or sweet), and jelly. We will also apply for a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant to help purchase food. There will be a table in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!





# PUZZLE

## From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>F</b>					
to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV



# *The Recipe Swap*

Share  
Your  
Recipes



This month's recipe: Coffee Cake  
Submitted by Carla Mae Carl.

## Coffee Cake

2 sticks of margarine	2 tsp vanilla
2 cups sugar	2 tsp baking soda
4 eggs	1/4 tsp salt
1 (16 oz.) sour cream	3 cups sifted flour (fold in flour and do not beat)

Topping Mixture prepared separately:

- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts
- 2 tsp cinnamon

Mix together in a small bowl

Cream softened margarine, sugar and vanilla. Add eggs and beat well. Fold in sour cream. Sift remaining dry ingredients together and fold into mixture (Do not use mixer for the dry ingredients.)

Place 1/2 of the batter into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle 1/2 the cinnamon, sugar and nut mixture on top of batter and gently pull knife through to partially mix into the batter. Add remaining batter and then add the topping mixture, and again pull knife through to add the topping mixture into the batter.

Bake at 350 for 45 - 50 minutes.



# Women of the ELCA

Women of ELCA next meeting  
October 3rd at 7:00 pm.  
All women are invited to attend.



## *Fall Cluster Event*

### **Women of ELCA Schuylkill Cluster Fall Event**

October 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 12:00  
followed by lunch  
at Christ's United Lutheran Church

Program topic is "Water- Is It Safe to Drink?"  
by "Porcupine Pat" McKinney.

Contact Donna Wallace if you would like to attend and  
~~did not register yet~~

*Knaughty Knotters* will continue  
on Tuesdays, at 9:00 am.  
No experience necessary to help  
create quilts for



~~Lutheran World Relief.~~



**LADIES NIGHT OUT**  
BRICK HOUSE GRILL, ORWIGSBURG  
OCTOBER 14th

(note the change to the second Sunday)



<sup>20</sup> Leaving 3:30 pm at CULC parking lot

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



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

Social Hall  
437 Airport Road (Gordon) - Ashland

**Monday, October 1, 2018**  
**1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

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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.*



"A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure."  
—Henry Kissinger



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Erik Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2020
Mark Varndell	570-875-2545	Feb. 2019
Steven Wolfgang	570-875-9660	Feb. 2020

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