



The CULC Messenger *God's Work,* *Our Actions*



Join us for Worship
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.



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God's Work, Our Actions





Christ's United Lutheran Church

One God. One People. One Purpose.

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October 2022

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Status of Accounts as of August 31

Total amount in checking account: \$89,297.87.

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

August income was \$31,547.41.

Expenses for August were \$36,022.52,
resulting in a loss of \$4,475.11.

Benevolence Gifts through August was \$5,875.00
(39% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)

No Lone-Ranger Christians



World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there's no such thing as solitary Christianity. "As Christians we're called to belong, not just to believe," writes Rick Warren. "We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ's family and be members of his body."

After all, Christian fellowship can't occur without fellow Christians. We can't learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament's very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don't be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!

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October Council Contact of the month is Jacob Tice

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 Jacob, he can be reached at 570-875-2681



Council Member
of the Month

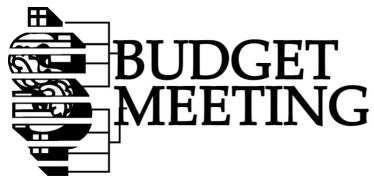


Harvest Home

As we welcome the cooler air and the farmers are bringing in the harvest from the fields, Christ’s United will be celebrating Harvest Home on October 16. Help fill the cupboards of those who are hungry! Please bring in

any non-perishable food item for those in need on Sunday, October 9 or October 16. We are especially in need of the following items: cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, and jelly. There will be a table in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 13th following worship. 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 30th.





Council Highlights

Church Council Highlights from September

- In October our church building will be 30 years old. A special cake will be provided to celebrate this occasion during Social Hour on October 2nd.
- The Property Committee reviewed Jacob Tice's Eagle Scout project - a Prayer Garden. The committee recommended that Jacob be allowed to create the Prayer Garden, with the stipulation of a Gardening Committee being created to care for the garden.
- "*When Christmas Hurts*" service by Kull Heizenroth Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Dana Heckman-Beil. Motion was passed to alternate years with Good Shepherd Church, having it here at CULC this year on December 4th at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will follow.
- A special Advent Sermon Series "*Conversations With the Angels*" will be used during worship on the three Sundays of Advent in December.

Hidden blessings



Dear friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of darkness.

—A.B. Simpson



We Offer our Prayers to...



September 25 – Vicki Urbon (C. Varndell)
Darlene Stank
Brian Szuler (D. Wolfe)
Dorothy Zangari

September 18 – David Weikel (J. Deeter)
Mark Bennyhoff (D. Hall)
Mike Stepanchick (B. Stepanchick)
Charlie Bann (P. Dzickek)
Cheryl Varndell (M. Varndell)
Maryellen Coulter (D. Zaharick)
Joe Towey (J. & J. Towey)
Barry Oswald (J. & J. Towey)

Families of Deanna Shuey
Queen Elizabeth
Victims of 9-11

September 11 - Vicky Thompson
Kate Minchin

September 4 – Pastor Mark Mantz (E. Tice)
Nancy Lindenmuth (E. Tice)
Lori Knorr (E. Tice)

Family of Karen (Elaine Stone's niece) (G. Marquardt)

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler, Annette Houser, James Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Cheryl Varndell, Linda Zerby
Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, Sister-in-law & Niece of Mary Davis, Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn, Bob Griffiths, Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer, Tracy Maurer, 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 Miller Family - Troy & Ashley, and Maxwell
The Wagner Family - Stephen, Tami, Sierra & Lauren
The Zangari Family - 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.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Mondays 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.



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

In Memory of William Denchak by:

Brian & Jennifer Wetzel
Robert & Carla Mae Carl
Don & Laray Klinger

In Memory of Leo Young by:

Nancy Rothermel
Judy Rothermel
Linda Catizone
Ann Marie Dillman
Susan Hudock
Pauline Shirk
Michael & Donna Lassen
Beryl Stitzer
Robert & Carla Mae Carl
Cheryl & Christopher Young



4 Lowell Martin
 5 David Cunningham, Jr.
 Joshua Phelan
 6 Tammy Buhay
 William Dillman
 Trever Harhigh
 George Sterling
 Brooke Wolfe Maurer
 7 Angie Lucas
 Forrest Shadle
 8 Francis Lally
 10 Barry Martin
 Cole Young
 11 Dylan Buhay
 Michael McNeal
 Danielle White
 13 Jessica Wallace
 Mia Burke
 Aidan Lazor
 Chad Weikel
 14 Michael Boyer
 Tekla Kranzel
 Anna Neumeister
 Kelsey Blyler
 15 Brandon Hood
 Nicole Hood
 Connor Hoover
 James Lavelle



OCTOBER
 BIRTHDAYS

17 Terry Neumeister
 Autumn Peifer
 18 Ryan Walter
 19 Jennifer Bixler
 Judy Fritz
 Jacob Klinger
 Sandy Miller
 Maryann Wolfgang
 20 Robert Liem
 Patti Smith
 22 Blake Olayo
 24 Francis Lally, Jr.
 25 Carrie Hummel
 Donna Wallace
 27 Jennifer Deeter
 28 Nancy Kessler
 Salina Krah
 29 Cathy Troutman
 31 Tara Houser

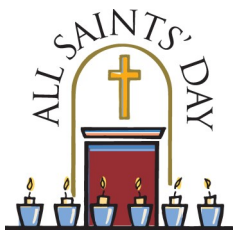


**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**



OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES

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
10/12/19	Jason & Kimberly Miller
10/13/84	Joseph & Barbara Anczarski
10/16/76	Dennis & Tina Wolfe
10/17/09	Samuel & Kelly Troup
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



Sunday, Nov. 6

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 7, 2021). We ask that you share their names with the church office by calling (570-875-1591), emailing (office@christsunited.org), or filling out the form below by Sunday, October 30th.

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Requested by: _____

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: ARE YOU ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS (college, university, trade school, nursing/medical school, business school, ENTERING THE MILITARY SERVICE, OR ARE STARTING A JOB?

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2022 scholarships of \$500 for full time students/military service and \$100 for employed graduates.

ADULT MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENROLLED IN POST SECONDARY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Active members of the congregation are eligible to receive a scholarship by submitting a letter of request by OCTOBER 3rd to a committee member: Terry Ambrose, Carrie Hummel, Becky Spencer, Morgen Sweitzer, or Jo-Ann Young.

The letter should include: Your name and address, name of the school attending, or military branch, or employer, your status (freshman, senior, etc), field of study/certification or degree, and projected time of graduation.

PLEASE BE ADVISED...anyone requesting a scholarship from Endowment must be an active member. Persons who were never confirmed need to apply to become a member by Affirmation of Baptism either publically or privately. Please call the church office to make arrangements.






Serving Our Community of Faith in October:

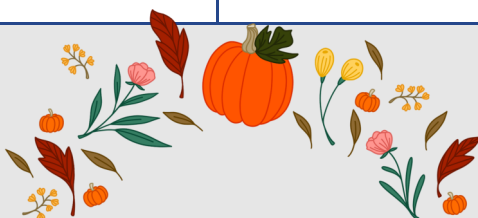
Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congrega- tional Rep/ Announce- ments	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte
October 2	Larry Wolfgang / Mark Levengood	Vivian Brown	Kay Berner	Thomas Wolfgang b Tyler Wolfgang b Allen Johnson c/d John Wolfgang so	Erik Tice AM John Denchak Becky Spencer	Marisa Seritsky	Ava Hubler
October 9	Pastor Dana	Dennis Wolfe	Vivian Brown			Nathan Berger	
October 16	Rev. Paul Schoffstall	Angie Berger	Angie Berger			Joey McAndrew	
October 23	John Towey	Jacob Tice	Deb Hubler			Kayla Werner	
October 30 Reformation	Rev. Paul Schoffstall		Donna Lassen		Kay Berner AM Beth Andrews Dennis Wolfe	Desiree Dengler	Bianca McAndrew

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Sunday School	3 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Church Council 	4 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	5 10:30 Senior 6:00 WELC 6:30 Choir F
9 HARVEST HOME COLLECTION 9:30 Worship 2:00 Baptism of Herbert Zangari 2:30 Fellowship Hall Resv'd	10 Columbus Day	11 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	12 10:30 Senior 6:30 Choir F
16 HARVEST HOME SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 1:30 Ladies Night Out	17	18 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	19 10:30 Senior 6:30 Choir F
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Worship & Music Mtg	24 7:00 Social Mlnisetry	25 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	26 8:30 Newsle 10:30 Senior 6:30 Choir
30 REFORMATION 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 5:00 – 7:00 Trunk-Or-Treat 	31 Halloween		

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Wed	Thu	Fri	
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s A Practice	6	7	8
s Practice	13 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard 	14	15 9:00 WELCA Fall Cluster Event @ CULC
s Practice	20	21	22 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
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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.

October- Church Council
November - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship
December - Social Ministry



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We will be collecting the following items for October:

Spaghetti Sauce & Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is
Thursday
October 13, 2022

Women of the ELCA

Next WELCA meeting will be OCTOBER 5th at 6:00pm.
All women of CULC are welcome to attend.

LADIES NITE OUT...We will head out earlier in the afternoon for SWEET TOOTH CAFE in Shamokin on OCTOBER 16th. We will leave church parking lot at **1:30**. Sign up on bulletin board to arrange reservation and transportation.



Knaughty Knotters resumes knotting quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. No sewing experience is required, just able to tie a knot. For more information contact Donna Wallace.

Thank you to all who contributed cash or donated school kit supplies in August. WELCA assembled 55 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Your donations in the past years have helped children to attend school in countries such as Bosnia, Zimbabwe, and Djibouti.



Women of ELCA Schuylkill Cluster Fall Event will be held at Christ's United on Saturday, OCTOBER 16.
Registration - 8:30 -9:00;
Program 9:00 - 12:00.

Lunch follows meeting. Program topic: CARING FOR YOUR HEART presented by St. Luke's Cardiology Staff. Bible study presenter is Lois Sterling. Sign up on bulletin board by October 5th, or contact Jo-Ann Young. All women of CULC and the community are welcome to attend.

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Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, October 22, 2022

3:00 – 6:00 pm

~Eat In or Take 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: \$12.00

Children age 12 & under: \$4.00

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



Sponsored by
WELCA

BAKE SALE



Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Saturday, October 22, 2022

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

DONATIONS NEEDED;

_____ #10 Can of Applesauce

_____ Cakes, Cookies, Brownies, or Cup Cakes

_____ 12 or 24 Pack Soda (Any brand or flavor)

_____ 24 Pack Bottled Water

_____ 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, OCTOBER 9th**. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, October 21st, 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 _____

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CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities



Watch for details on upcoming Youth Group events.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year Sunday School sessions are held only on the first and third Sundays of each month (not on the second or fourth/fifth Sundays) following worship. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Halloween is quickly approaching. There will be a Trunk or Treat event this year on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are posted on the Youth Bulletin Board for "Trunkers", candy donations and volunteers to help with the event. Sign up or call the church office if you would like to help or plan to be a Trunker.

Thank you,
Trunk or Treat Committee





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.

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 \$35.00.

Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.

All other sponsorships, please make payable to CULC and give to Debbie in the Church Office.

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.





God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, October 3, 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.

Open to the public and walk-ins are Welcome!

You're made for faith



Contrary to popular opinion, faith and doubt aren't opposites. Instead, "doubt is a way station en route to faith," writes J. Ellsworth Kalas. "I can't imagine getting to faith at a grand level that raises the hair on your arms without passing through doubt to get there."

Switching metaphors, Kalas explains, "Faith is an edifice in which some of the grandest parts are the various stones and mortar of doubt." Christians need not worry about doubt, which is "the stuff that goes into the building of faith."

The *real* enemy of faith is unbelief, but it's not a fair fight, says Kalas. Because humans "are made for faith ... unbelief is always an intruder, always working against what is magnificently native to us."

Christ's United Ministry Teams

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

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
Endowment Fund
Mutual Ministry
Nominating
Personnel
Property

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



COINS—The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).



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	570-933-5144	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-205-6241	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

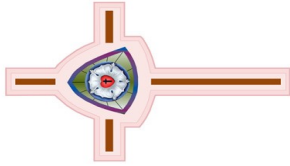
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Treasurer	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021
Indoor Custodian	Ann Ray Begis	570-590-2729
Outdoor Custodian	Drew Kissinger	
Financial Secretary	Christine Brennan	570-875-0720



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