

*Life Together at  
Christ's United  
Lutheran Church*



**DRAW NEAR  
TO GOD,  
AND HE WILL  
DRAW NEAR  
TO YOU.**  
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*Join us for Worship  
Saturday 5:00 p. m. & Sunday 9:30 a. m.  
Sunday School & Fellowship 10:45*





# Christ's United Lutheran Church

One God. One People. One Purpose.

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September 2018

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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)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The journey has begun! Thank you all for your warm welcome to me as your new pastor. The banner, cake, and especially your greetings on my first weekend with you has made me feel part of the Christ's United family. I am grateful.

Now together we will see those around us as part of God's family with us. This includes our friends and neighbors, participants in Christ's Cupboard, and the shopkeepers, co-workers, classmates, and others we meet on any given day. This also includes – gulp! – those most different from ourselves or who “push our buttons”. God help us. And God promises to indeed do so.

Our recent Gospel readings have centered on Jesus as the bread of life. In John 6:51c Jesus says, “*(T)he bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh*” (my italics added). Jesus gives his very self not only to you and me, but to the whole world. Your call and mine is to see Jesus in the people in this corner of the world, even as through Lutheran World Relief and other organizations Jesus is seen in every corner of earth.

I am blessed that the Holy Spirit, your Call Committee and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod have brought me to now serve as your pastor. We are in this together. In Christ. Amen!

Pastor Laura+



## 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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September council Member of the month is Jack Houser.

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 Jack, he can be reached at 570-875-0290.



**Council Member  
of the Month**

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### Children's Message

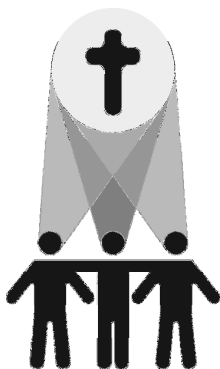


Pastor Laura is asking for volunteers to help deliver the Children's Sermon in addition to her on Sunday mornings. She has lots of resources. You just need to “chat” with our youth. If interested, please see Pastor Laura for more information.



## Pastoral Acts:

Baptism:  
8/26/18 Dennis James Cunningham



We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*

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Hey kids in First Grade and above:

Pastor Laura will lead an acolyte training session on Sunday, September 23 from 10:45 – 11:30 am. We'll go over how to light and extinguish all those candles and when to pass out and receive the offering plates. We'll also find out how heavy the processional cross is to see who might carry it (perhaps with a little help from a bigger acolyte). Call the Church Office at 570/875-1591 or email Pastor at [pastorlaura@christsunited.org](mailto:pastorlaura@christsunited.org) for more information. See you then!





# September

## BIRTHDAYS

		18	John Movassaghi
			Traci Smith
			Cathy Troutman
		20	Ted Ambrose
			Holly Bolich
			Renee' Walter
		21	Jeff Maurer
		22	Louise Gregis
			Frank Mattis
		23	Ava Hernandez
		24	Annette Houser
			Grace Johnson
			Joshua Kanezo
			David Walter
		25	Nelson Berger, Sr.
			Jocelyn Judge
			Anne Pirie
			Tyler Wolfgang
		26	Susan Merwine
		27	Chelsea Stutzman
		28	John S. Wolfgang
		29	Keith Laudermilch
		30	Beth Becker
			Sean Britton
			Rick Fritz
			Bernice Wilson
			Leo Young
2	Faith Rickert		
3	Joyce Mallams		
	Heather Young		
4	Frank Dzikczek		
5	Vivian Brown		
	Keri Johnson		
6	Donna Lassen		
7	Carolynn Long		
8	David Becker		
	Kay Berner		
	Kenneth Marlow		
	Mark Sharp		
9	Katie Knorr		
	Terry Shilling		
	Hailey Sisko		
	Cheryl Vardell		
	Tanner Walacavage		
	Dot Zeigenfuse		
10	Josie Economy		
	Shawn Romberger		
	Bryon Rusinko		
11	Ken Dengler		
	James Houser		
	Abigail Zweizig		
13	Rachelle Demko		
14	Penny Shadle		
17	Tina Dengler		





09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/12/15	Andrew & Kelsey Blyler
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/18/71	Paul & Cathy Troutman
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/24/05	Chad & Monica Klock
09/24/16	Nicholas & Kayla Troutman
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/92	Brian & Faith Rickert
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummel
09/27/08	Robert & Rose Pennypacker

## ***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.



**Wednesday, September 5  
6:00 p.m.**

Come out and join the choir as we begin rehearsing for another season of leading worship and providing special music.

# We Offer our Prayers to...



**August 26-** Christine (A. Berger), Family of Gail Sheridan (P. Dziczek), St Paul's Port Carbon Congregation, Karen Kemper, Debbie Kosmisky, Debbie Horan, Keith Morgan, Frank Carr (T. Shilling)

**August 19** – Kenneth Lahr (E. Chappell), Children with Hydrocephalus (B. Liem), Robert Rickard (T. Shilling)

**August 12** – Joyce Moyer (E. Tice), George Carado (G. Marquardt), Chloe Maloney (E. Werner)

**August 5** - John Houston (T. Wolfe), Angelano Gillano (D. Zaharick), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Dan Sisko (L. Sterling)

**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, Doris McGurl, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Carol Romberger, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Paul Troutman, Dave Bowen

*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 Buhay Family — James, Tammy, Dylan, Mason

The Johnson Family — Ralph Jr., Jennifer & Ralph

The Pennypacker Family—Lewis & Beverly





Saturday, September 15, 2018  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Christ's United Lutheran Church**  
437 Airport Road, Ashland  
(570) 875-1591, [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org)

**COST \$9.00**

**MENU**

½ Barbecued Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Corn  
Dinner Roll  
Butter  
Dessert  
Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from  
LCM members, or call the Church Office.

**Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men**  
**Bake Sale sponsored by WELCA**  
***Everyone Welcome!***



# CHICKEN BARBECUE DONATIONS NEEDED

CHRIST'S UNITED  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
437 Airport Road, Ashland  
(570) 875-1591



**Saturday, September 15, 2018  
4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by Christ's United Lutheran Church Men**

Your donations to complete the menu for the Annual Chicken Barbecue will be greatly appreciated. Please complete and return this sheet no later than **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. The sheet may be placed in the Chicken Barbecue Donation Box in the narthex or returned to the Church Office.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **One #10 can whole kernel corn**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Can of Decaf Coffee**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cakes, cupcakes, cookies, etc.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **12 pack soda (any brand/flavor)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **20 lb. bag of charcoal**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash**

Donations may be placed on the center island kitchen counter. **Please attach your name to your donation so we can account for it.** All donations except the baked goods must be in the church no later than September 10, so a final inventory can be taken and the remaining items may be purchased. Baked goods may be brought on **Friday, September 14** between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or **Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Serving Our Community of Faith in September:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
<b>Sept. 2</b>	Donna Wallace	Thomas Wolfgang Karen Smith Frank Smith John Wolfgang	Richard Shoup Donna Wallace Maryanne Wolfgang	David Cunningham	Daniel Cunningham	Kay Berner	Donna Wallace
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Steven Wolfgang			Jacob Tice	Bryce Hummel	Mark Varnell	Steven Wolfgang
<b>Sept. 16</b>	Darcie Gruber			Carey Wahalec	Tyler Wolfgang	Lowell Martin	Darcie Gruber
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Kay Berner			Desiree Dengler	Deana Leshner	Ted Ambrose	Kay Berner
<b>Sept. 30</b>	Angie Berger			Steven Wolfgang	Hayden & Raven Marlow	Debbie Hall	Angie Berger



# GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER  
2018

4:00 pm, followed by catered meal by

*"A Matter of Taste"*



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Join in the celebration and reminiscing of our church family life at Christ's United Lutheran Church. We have been blessed with a congregation and pastoral leadership that has worshiped and prayed, worked to serve others, and cared for our church building. Come join in the celebration service with the buffet meal served at 5:30 pm.

Roast Chicken / Ham  
Filling / String Beans / Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy / Peppered Cabbage / Rolls  
Dessert / Beverages

Tickets: \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children (10 years and younger)  
will be available at worship services or from church office

~~DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS SEPTEMBER 14~~

## HELP NEEDED

The committee planning the Good and Faithful Servant Celebration event are seeking out photos, program brochures, memorabilia, or personal reminisces of events from our years as GULC (1989 – present).

Also, items from pre-GULC are also welcome. These items will be used

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# SPLASH CANYON VBS 2018



Much planning and preparation came together to provide a great adventure for the children and volunteers. Decorating was done by Donna Wallace, Carla Carl, Jim Chappell, and Steven Wolfgang.

Robert Carl prepared publicity displays.

Beth Andrews, Terry Shilling, and Diane Heidlebaugh coordinated the registrations, name tags, and backpacks. Anna Neumeister braided name tag bands.

Each evening opening was lead by Pastor Biessel and Mark Varndell to introduce the Bible stories which helped to teach the theme “For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him” (2Corinthians 1:20).

Sally Tice and Lydia Price lead the singing and motions of the great music. TJ Heidlebaugh managed the DVD projection for opening and closing sessions.

Angie Berger and Cheryl Varndell lead the Pre-K group. Other Group Leaders were Deb Price, Desiree Dengler, Sally Tice, Amy Johnson, Deidre Dengler, and Donna Wallace.

Storytelling was lead by John and Janet Towey. Bible Challenge was lead by Barbara and Aaron Stepchick. Crafts were lead by Eric Tice, Laray Klinger, Carla Carl, Nancy Lindenmuth and Johanna Christ. Games were lead by Steven Wolfgang, Tyler Schell, and David Cummingham

The Snacks were prepared and served by Carrie Hummel, Peggy Dziczek, Richard Berner, Deb Berner, and Jacob Tice.

Jesse Cascarino was the activity photographer and Carla Carl photographed each child for their picture frame craft.

Thank you to those who donated snack items and VBS offering. Also, to Thrivent for the Action Team “seed money”. Thank you to John Towey for arranging for Pepe the Ice Cream Man to provide all with a delicious treat.

# 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

September— WELCA  
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



We will be collecting the following items for September:

## Cereal

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is  
Thursday,  
September 13, 2018





## 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!



# Endowment Scholarships



Endowment Fund Scholarships

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for 2018 scholarships. If you are an ACTIVE member of the congregation who is furthering your education in a college, university, trade school, business school, nursing/medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by September 18, 2018 to the church of-

fice or one of the members of the committee - Barb Anczarski, Helen Wolfgang, Jo-Ann Young or Dr. Kay Berner.

In the letter please include: Your name and address; Name and address of school you are attending; your status (freshmen, sophomore, etc.); Projected time of certification or graduation; and Field of study/certification of degree you are pursuing.

**Please be advised, you must be an Active Member of the congregation and also be present in person on the date the scholarships are given out.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Rhonda Carl, who will graduate from Wilks University on September 9, 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. After Graduation she will be working at the Lehigh Valley Hazleton ER.



# *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  
September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
All women are invited to attend.

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*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

Presenter will be Porcupine Pat McKinney  
Schuylkill Conservation District

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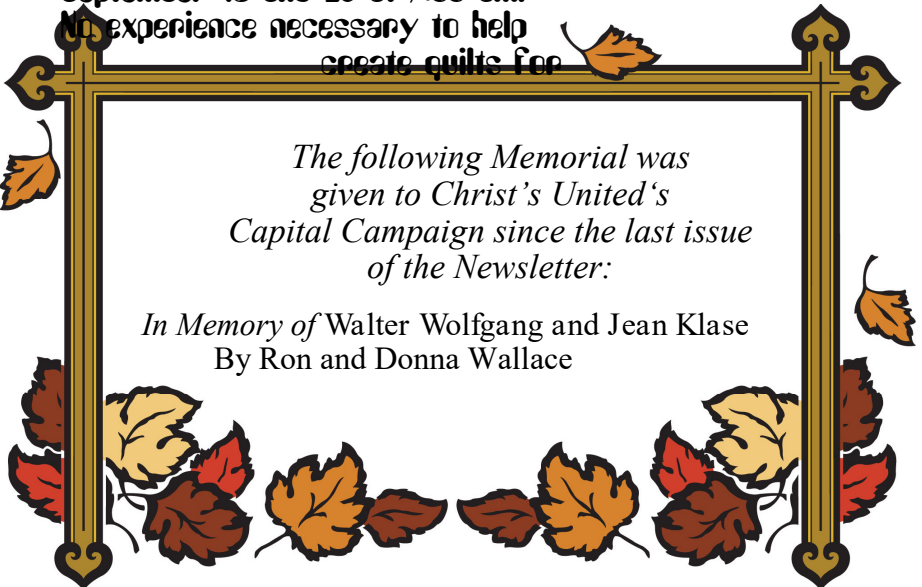
Sign up on Bulletin Board to attend by  
September 24<sup>th</sup>

***Knaughty Knotters*** will resume  
making knotted quilts on Tuesdays,  
September 18 and 25 at 9:00 am.  
No experience necessary to help  
create quilts for



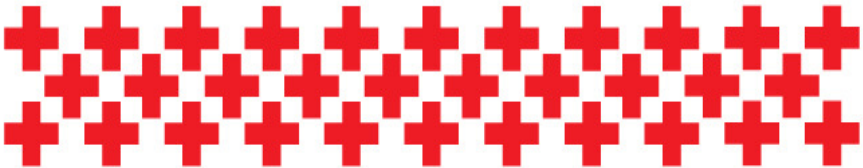
*The following Memorial was  
given to Christ's United's  
Capital Campaign since the last issue  
of the Newsletter:*

*In Memory of Walter Wolfgang and Jean Klase  
By Ron and Donna Wallace*



**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**

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

**Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.**

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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 morning prayer**

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unpented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

—Thomas à Kempis

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