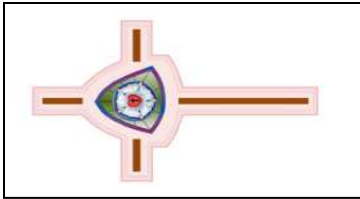


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Pursue  
*righteousness, godliness,*  
**FAITH, love, steadfastness,**  
*gentleness.*  
1 Timothy 6:11 ESV

*Join us for*

*Worship*

*Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*  
*Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.*



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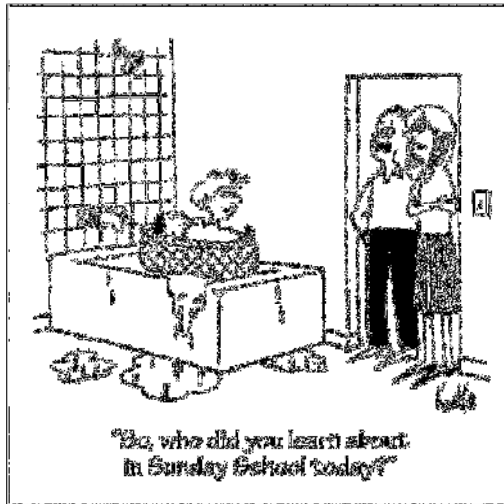
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## Status of Accounts as of June 30

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

June income was \$19,075.42.

Expenses for June were \$6,716.94, resulting in a gain of \$12,358.48.

Benevolence Gifts through June was \$3,871.00 (26% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)



## 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

### STAFF

<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Debbie Hall	570-875-1591
	office@christsunited.org	570-789-9722
	Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:00	
<b>Director of Music</b>	Jamie Johnson	570-590-1678
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021
<b>Indoor Custodian</b>	Ann Ray Begis	570-590-2729



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## 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

## *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.*

## *Pastor's Ponderings....*



"... and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me." -Matthew 10:38b

There's a story I heard some time ago about a man who is carrying his cross along the path of life. At first he doesn't mind too much, but after a while he begins to complain that the cross is just too burdensome to bear any longer.

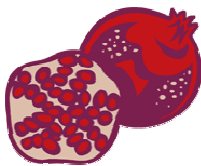
"Poof" God appears and asks what the problem is. The man begins to complain about how sore his shoulders are, how many blisters he has on his feet, and shows God the splinters in his palms. God asks if he would like to carry a different cross, and the man eagerly agrees! He carries it into a room and lays it down. He then leaves the room, shutting the door behind him. God walks him to another room and tells him that he may pick out any cross he wants to carry.

"These crosses have been left in the room from my other children who ventured down the path of life."

The man looks around and sees a whole bunch of crosses! Across the room lay bulky crosses, sharp crosses, heavy crosses, tall crosses, and even giant crosses! The man begins to look around searching for an easier cross than the one he was carrying before. After searching for a long time, the man finds the tiniest cross in the room. He grabs it and he walks up to God proudly displaying the cross he has chosen to bear for the rest of his life.

God asks, "Are you sure you want that cross to carry?" "Oh yes!" replies the man. "The others are too big and more burdensome than this one! Thank you for helping me!" The man happily starts down the path of life once more. Before he gets very far, God says, "Child, I think you should know something. That cross is the same

## Christian symbol



**POMEGRANATE**—Because the pomegranate has an abundance of seeds, the fruit is used to represent hope and future life. It also symbolizes the many believers who are individual members

of the universal Christian church.



Often times, autumn brings on new stresses - the changing season, new routines, new teachers, new activities and new classes. Don't let these consume you. Bring God into your midst and give God all your stresses, heartaches, grief, sorrows and anxieties. My dear Child of God you are loved, God will help you bear your crosses and will never leave you. We all have crosses to bear, but with God the load is lighter!

See you in church,

*Pastor Dana*

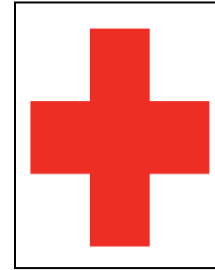


## September Council Contact of the month is Darlene Stank

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 Darlene,



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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](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule an appointment.



## Saturday, September 24th

The fall highway clean up of 2022.  
Meet at the church at 8am.  
Gloves, an orange vest, and trash bags  
are provided.  
All help will be greatly appreciated.

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# Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 6:1		<b>N</b>					
Philippians 1:5						<b>H</b>	
2 Peter 1:5							<b>S</b>
		<b>A</b>					2 Timothy 2:7
Matthew 24:22				<b>S</b>			
John 7:15			<b>R</b>				
					<b>I</b>		Isaiah 55:2
2 Peter 2:13						<b>E</b>	
		<b>W</b>					Proverbs 24:5

By wisdom a house is built, and ...  
 through \_\_\_\_\_ its rooms are filled with  
 rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV



## Church Council Highlights from July

- Evangelism/Outreach has teamed up with Social ministry to send letters to members who weren't here for some time because of Covid. Then they will follow-up with phone calls as well to touch base with the members and invite them to the church picnic.
- August 28th will be the church picnic at 11:30 am. On August 20th there will be a pavilion cleanup.
- The new roof is finished, the cost came in slightly under the proposed estimate.
- Ken Dengler reported the lighted sign out front is in need of repair. It is faded and brittle and needs to be replaced. John Denchak will be contacting Jim Chappell to get estimates on an electronic sign. Messages would be able to be changed from the church office.



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.



## We Offer our Prayers to...

**August 21** – Debbie Wagner Bush (T. Shilling)  
George & Jennie Kosmisky  
Billy Shoup – (G. Marquardt/Judy Shoup)

**August 14** – Ann Ray Begis  
*Families of Leo Young*  
Andy DeCarlo  
Glen Mervine

**August 7** – James Houser Sr. (T. Houser)  
Pat Monroe (G. Marquardt)

**July 31** – Harper Grace Presto - daughter of Jonathan & Amanda Presto,  
Great-granddaughter of Leo & Jo-Ann Young  
born July 18 w / health concerns (J. Young)  
*Family & Friends of Darlis Berger*



## 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.

## \*2022-New 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 now \$35.00.**

**Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.**

**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, Jo-Ann & Leo Young, Dot Zangari, 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 - Jason & Kimberly;  
Zeke Shingara, Wyatt, Jax, Emily & Mackenzie

The Varndell Family - Mark & Cheryl;  
Joey & Bianca McAndrew

The Zak Family - Jacob & Debra



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***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](http://www.christsunited.org) or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



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# CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities



Watch for details on upcoming Youth Group events.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY** for children PreK thru 6th grade will be on September 18th following worship (approx. 10:45 - 11:45) Bible story, games, and a snack will be shared.

This year Sunday School sessions will be 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



## Annual Vickie's Angel Foundation Walk in Memory of Wendy Farnsworth

will be held at 9:00 a.m. September 17th at Christ's United.

All money collected will benefit families fighting cancer. Sign up sheets for walkers & donations and more information will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## 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



*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:

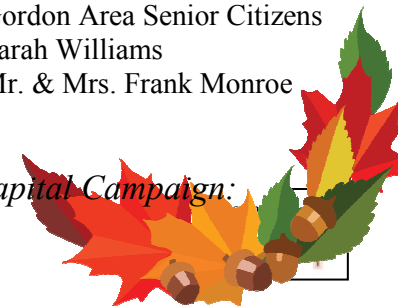
John & Cheryl Denchak  
Caryl Montgomery

In Memory of Leo Young by:

Peggy & Frank Dziczek  
Edna Labie  
Carol & Joe Sternick  
Diane Somers  
Edward Stepulitis  
Sandy & Grant Marlow  
Don & Laray Klinger  
Joan & Cyrus Clark  
Donna & Ron Wallace  
Beth & Ron Andrews  
Dorothy & Terry Kessler  
Dorothy & Paul Snyder  
Elaine Ferrie  
Frieda Johnson  
Michael & Hanneli Hudock

Julia Rutko  
Richard Berger  
Mr. & Mrs. David Snyder  
Amy Wahalic & Kevin Clark  
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Paul  
Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Wonsock  
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Tice  
Ms. Marjorie Young  
Ms. Judy Young  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hand  
John & Lisa Snyder  
Gordon Area Senior Citizens  
Sarah Williams  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Monroe

*Donations to the CULC Capital Campaign:*





2	Faith Rickert		
3	Joyce Mallams		
	Heather Young		
4	Frank Dzcizek		
5	Vivian Brown		
	Keri Johnson	17	Tina Dengler
6	Donna Lassen	18	Traci Smith
7	Carolynn Long		Cathy Troutman
8	David Becker		Blake Allison
	Kay Berner	20	Ted Ambrose
	Kenneth Marlow		Holly Bolich
	Mark Sharp		Renee' Walter
9	Katie Knorr	22	Louise Gregis
	Terry Shilling		Frank Mattis
	Hailey Sisko	23	Ava Hernandez
	Cheryl Varndell	24	Annette Houser
	Tanner Walacavage		Grace Johnson
	Doug Dean		Joshua Kanezo
10	Josie Economy		David Walter
	Shawn Romberger	25	Nelson Berger, Sr.
	Bryon Rusinko		Jocelyn Judge
11	Ken Dengler		Anne Pirie
	James Houser		Tyler Wolfgang
	Abigail Zweizig	26	Susan Merwine
13	Rachelle Demko	27	Chelsea Stutzman
	Alanni Miller	28	John S. Wolfgang
		30	Beth Becker

## CHICKEN BARBECUE

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



### Donations needed:

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 5<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**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cakes**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **12 pack soda (any brand/flavor)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **24 Pack Bottled Water**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **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 11, so a final inventory can be taken and the remaining items may be purchased. Baked goods may be brought on **Friday, September 16** 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Confirmands' Statements of Faith

As a requirement for Confirmation, each Confirmand writes a personal "Statement of Faith". Each month one will be printed







Saturday, September 17, 2022  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Christ's United Lutheran Church  
437 Airport Road, Ashland  
(570) 875-1591, www.christsunited.org

**COST \$12.00** (*checks payable to LCM*)

**~Eat in or Take Out~**

**MENU**

- ½ Barbecued Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Corn
- Dinner Roll
- Butter
- Dessert
- Beverage

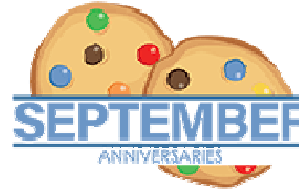
Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from LCM members, or call the Church Office.

**Sponsored by the  
Lutheran Church Men**

***Everyone Welcome!***



**Bake Sale**



09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/12/15	Andrew & Kelsey Blyler
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
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

**My Statement of Faith**

Marisa Seritsky

I first heard about Jesus when I started going to church at Christ's United Lutheran Church. Many people have influenced my faith, such as my gram. She always made sure my sister and I payed attention during the service.

I was baptized at Christ's United when I was a baby and I've been going to church ever since. People that taught me about God were Pastor Kim, my gram, and many others. Pastor Kim taught me about God by being our pastor and preaching about who God was and how he is always with us. Baptism is being welcomed into the Christian family, but there is a process to it. To me it means that by being in the Christian family, you are always forgiven and loved by God.

Communion is given the body and blood of Jesus. To me it stands as a way to show that no matter where you are, God is always with you, no matter what. Being a Lutheran Christian means that we are saved from our sins by God's grace. My faith affects and effects my life by making me take an extra minute to think, about my life choices.

Finally I share my faith others by supporting them and their

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## 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**



Next meeting will be held  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**  
at 6:00 PM



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**OCTOBER 15 (8:30-1:00)**  
**WELCA SCHUYLKILL**  
**CLUSTER EVENT**  
at **CHRIST'S UNITED**



**WELCOME  
BACK, CHOIR** 

**Wednesday, September 7**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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



*Pray for Our College Students*

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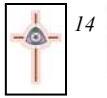


# SOCIAL MINISTRY



**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.

**September**– Choir/Worship & Music/LCM  
**October**- Church Council  
**November** - Evangelism/Endowment/Stewardship



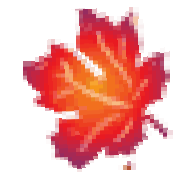
We will be collecting the following items for August:

## Spaghetti Sauce & Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is







## Serving Our Community of Faith in September:

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte
<b>September 4</b>	Erik Tice	Angie Berger	Mark Varnell	Terry Neumeister b John Denchak b Allen Johnson c/d Ted Ambrose so Becky Spencer g	John Towey AM Barb Stepanchick Donna Lassen	Amy Johnson	Cole Johnson
<b>September 11</b> Hymn Sing Sunday	Erik Tice	Vivian Brown	Beth Andrews			David Cunningham	
<b>September 18</b>	Rev. Paul Schoffstall	Jacob Tice	Donna Wallace			Kaitlyn Werner	
<b>September 25</b>	Vivian Brown		Barb Anczarski			Remington Stehr	Zeke Shingara



# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 6:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
4 9:30 Worship W / Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship Hour - Sundae Sunday	5 Labor Day 	6	7 10:30 Seniors  6:00 WELCA 6:30 Choir Practice	8 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard 	9	10 6:00 Worship
11 Grandparents Day Patriot Day 9:30 Worship (Hymn Sing) 	12  7:00 Church Council	13	14 10:30 Seniors  6:30 Choir Practice	15	16	17 9:00 Vickie's Angel Walk M.O. Wendy Farnsworth 3:00 – 6:00 Chicken BBQ Dinner
18 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School — Rally Day 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	19	20	21 10:30 Seniors  6:30 Choir Practice	22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)	23	24 8:00 Highway Clean-up 
25 9:30 Worship	26	27	28 8:30 Newsletter assembly 10:30 Seniors  6:30 Choir Practice	29	30 	