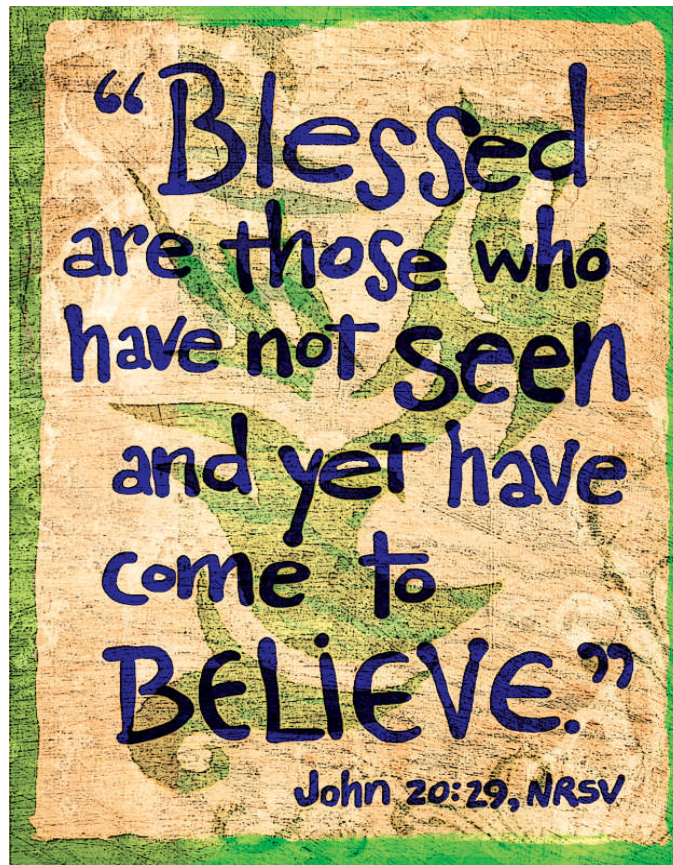


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Lutheran Church*



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





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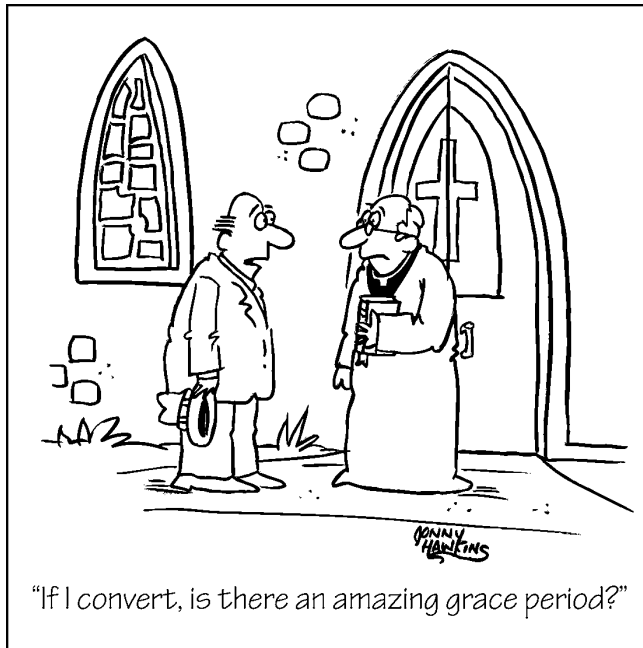
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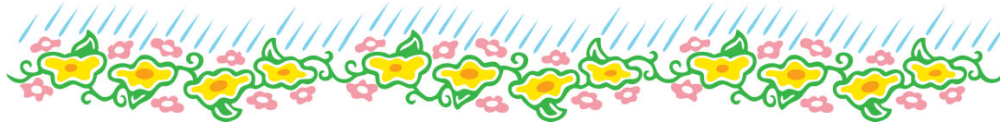
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Status of Accounts as of February 28

Balance in Checking Account.....\$2,086.80
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget
 of \$169,305.70 is **\$14,108.81.**
February income was \$13,279.05
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$3,029.00
 (15% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

50 dozen so far!

That is the number of eggs that have pledged to be boiled, dyed, and distributed across the lawns for the annual Easer Egg hunt, scheduled for the Saturday before Easter. And that is only the beginning. We hope for another 50 dozen on top of the first, plus hundreds of plastic eggs, prizes, and let's not forget the bunny pictures!

Seems a little bit extravagant really. Wasteful even.

All those eggs, all that work, all that time, for something that lasts two hours total, the egg hunt two minutes at best (at least the year we held it indoors). Shouldn't there be something better to do with our time?

No.

This is one of our traditions of Easter, a time of unbridled joy and celebration, a time when we must wholly and completely give ourselves over to the joy of salvation in Christ. For we who were burdened with the weight of sin are set free; the chains that bound us to death have been broken, the walls of heaven and hell have been demolished, life is given –

Will you take the gift?

We go through our daily lives adding weight to our souls once freed.

— continued on page 4



We burden ourselves with concerns for things that can not last, ignoring the freedom that comes from the thing that does last, the love of God in Jesus Christ that gave us life. We fill ourselves with the baggage of worries and obligations rather than trust and peace, with this world rather than God, all along forgetting that our lives – your life – is a gift.

Our traditional times of gift giving are celebrations like birthdays and holidays. They are a time when the routines of this world take a back seat to family, dinners, and home. So what does this mean for us, whose very life is a gift?

Put the world in the back seat and its luggage in the trunk. Come home to God. Spend some time with your family in Christ. Gather at the table of the Lord's Supper and feast of his goodness. Let your celebration of life drive you through this world and into the next.

Easter is a beginning for us. The beginning of forever.

50 dozen? For a start...

Peace,

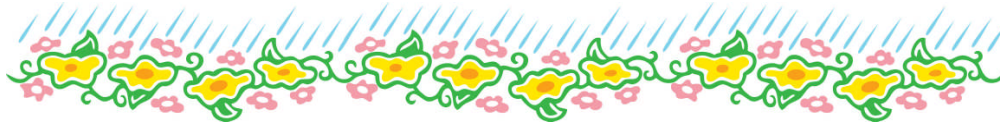
Pastor Kim

Ladies Night OUT!

Sixteen of us carpoled to Danville where we met three others to enjoy some wonderful conversation and food!

Be on the watch for the next outing: at the rate we're going it may be to Maryland for crabs or Maine for lob'sta! Next date: May 5th, destination to be announced!





Church Council Highlights from March:

- Dean Fetterolf was elected Vice President, and Terry Shilling as Secretary
- There was a discrepancy in the general fund in our favor according to the bank. The books have been reviewed to find the reason.
- The Property Committee is looking into an upgrade of the sound & security systems.
- The Schuylkill Mission District is holding a “Church council dinner” on 4/14, Council members are encouraged to attend.
- Committee Liaisons were appointed for 2013.
- A statement will be added to our fellowship hall usage waiver for non-members to present proof of insurance.
- Inactive member list has been referred to the Evangelism Committee.

Pastoral Acts

Marriages Scheduled:

*05/25/13 Sean Britton & Nina Sisak
08/03/13 Ricky Williard Jr. & Ashley Bitting
09/07/13 Edward Bickowski & Alicia Ellison
09/28/13 Steven Demko & Rachelle Johnson
10/11/14 Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel*

Baptisms:

*02/23/13 Remington Stehr & Gerald Stehr (adult)
03/03/13 Christine Klouser & Mya Klouser*

Funeral:

03/09/13 Margaret Seiler

New Member:

02/23/13 Sarah Fetterolf





ST. MARK

Bible Studies Begin
Again!

Renew and strengthen your faith with Bible study as we journey through the very first gospel written, the book of Mark. This gospel was the basis of much information used in Matthew and Luke, and has some differences that you may – or may not –

realize. From the immediacy of action to the absence of an ending, come along for this “to the point” journey with Christ! Beginning Wednesday, April 17 @ 7:00 p.m. & Thursday, April 18 @ 10:30 a.m.

SCHUYLKILL CLUSTER
Spring Event 2013

Christ's United Lutheran Church

APRIL 20, 2013

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 12:00 Program

(lunch is optional at noon)

“A Thoughtful Prayer Life”

Presented by

Rev. Carol Kehler

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Reading



We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Gail Halye, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jack Houser, Jennie Kosmisky, Betty Miller, Lois Sterling, Anna Harner, Pearl Lute, Heather Schweinhart, Sandy Marlow, Helen Pennypacker, Robert Schneider, Judy Stepulitis, Norene Stoker, Jim Hepler

Family & Friends:

Catherine Beury, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Harris, Bob Berger Jr., Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Royal Miller, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Frank Ward, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, John Hood, Donna Harpster, Plesnarski baby, Amy Miner, Tim Varndell, Andrea Gosda, Mark Brown, Glen Geist, Andrea Poda, Harry Hemmingson, Mike Smith, Nancy Jones, Roseann Mause, Claire Krapf, Jason Stank, Aidan Fetterolf, Emily Brennan, Margaret Huhn

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 pastor or the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added please call the office: if someone is added to the prayer list on a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the secretary's desk.

Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:

Howard Beury
Marion Brennan, Providence Place
Jean Cress
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Glenn Pennypacker, Trevorton
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing
Randy Troutman
Brenda Wolfgang
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab
Jeanette Wolfgang
Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Linda Zerby





Contact Us:

Junior Youth Group: jryouth@christsunited.org

Senior Youth Group: sryouth@christsunited.org

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
4/12	6pm	Preparation for the bake sale.
4/14	10:30am	Bake sale to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Schuylkill County.
4/21	2:00pm	Meet at church to head to BFKS. Leaving church no later than 2:15.
4/21	3:00pm	Bowling.

Special events to come in May (Sr. youth) and June (Sr. and Jr. youth). Expect good food, fellowship and fun!!!!





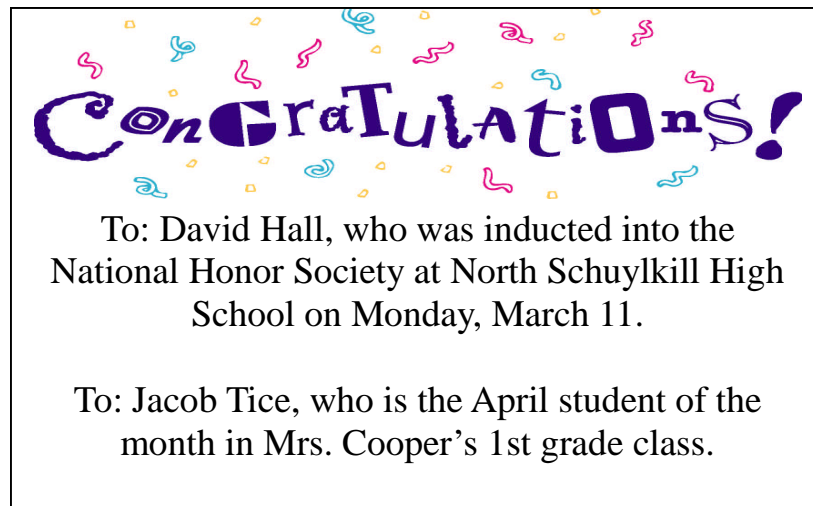
Sr. Youth Group News

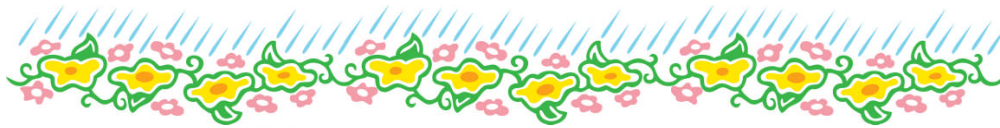
Last month we enjoyed pizza and a movie. The kids, with Keith's supervision, enjoyed making their own pizzas. Meatballs were the most popular topping. A big Thank You to Jeanmarie Brayford for donating the meatballs and other items. After the quite delicious pizzas, we watched the movie "Here Comes the Boom". This movie stars Kevin James as a high school biology teacher that uses MMA fighting to raise money for the school's music program that's about to be cut. We learned about perseverance as well as standing up for others and what we believe in.

Jr. Youth Group News

Junior members and parents registered for BFKS make sure you check out the schedule because you are an important part of our event!!!!

Make sure to keep an eye on the newsletter, church calendar and bulletin board for other fun events to come.





Scholarships Available

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for scholarships. If you are a 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 1, 2013 to either the church office or one of the members of the committee- Jennifer Johnson, Natalie O'Connor, Rick Lorady, Tracy Berner, or Darcie Gruber.

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.

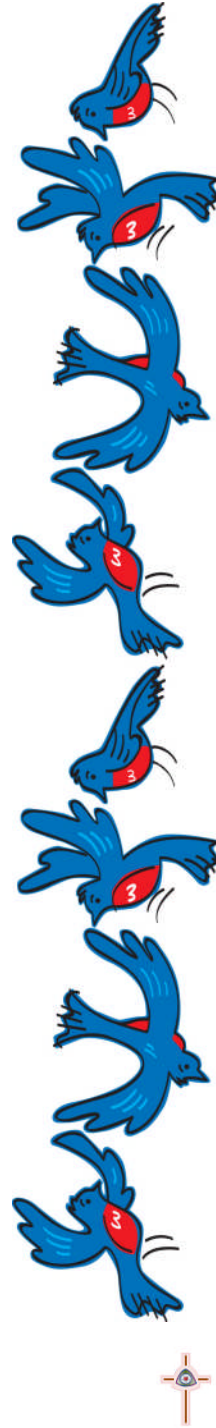
Creative Confirmation

Unkie Keith has been leading Confirmation on Monday nights to overcome the time constraints of Sunday mornings, but we are still struggling with Confirmands worship attendance. Schedule will be discussed, but all Confirmands plan to be present on Saturday nights starting April 13th for worship and possible lessons!







Serving Our Community of Faith in April:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
April 7	Donna Lassen	Kay Berner Bud Hall Barb Anczarski	Richard Berner Dennis Wolfe Bud Hall Dean Fetterolf	Azure Waldick	Brooke Wolfe	Gail Halye	Beth Andrews
April 14	Suzanne Peel			Brianna Kodack	Tanner Walacavage	Dean Fetterolf	Cheryl Denchak
April 21	Becky Spencer			Ralph Johnson	David Hall	Mark Varndell	Cheryl Varndell
April 28	Barb Stepanchick			Lauren Wagner	Sierra Wagner	Melanie Bendinsky	Barb Stepanchick



APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	1 Easter Monday 6:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Church Council April Fool's Day	2 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 WELCA	4
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 Communion Service 10:45 Sunday school 3:00 Social Hall Reserved	8 The Annunciation of our Lord 7:00 Social Ministry Meeting	9 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 "Walk-n-Roll"	11 7:00 Schuylk Mission Distr Council @ T 7:00 Christian Education M
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday school Youth Group Bake Sale 2:00 Councils of Mission Dist. Meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline 1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Worship & Music Meeting	16  7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 Bible Study	18 10:30 Bible S
21 4th Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship Service SWIC Undie Sunday 10:45 Sunday school 3:00 Youth Group Bowl for Kids' Sake	22 	23 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24  6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 Bible Study	25 St. Mark, Ev 10:30 Bible S 12:00-2:00 F Pantry
28 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday school 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	29 6:30 Grief Support Group	30 7:00 Choir Rehearsal		



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WHO

ARE

These People???



Each month we have a different picture from long ago. See if you can guess who some or all of the people in the picture are. The answers will be in next months "Life Together" Newsletter.

Answers for the March edition "Who are these people??" - Left to Right: First Row: Kimberly Smith, Leslie Reiner, Susan Troutman, Rev. PeggySue Pfeffer. Second Row: Brian Klinger, Benjamin Orkin, Lewis Wolfgang, Steve Wolfgang. Confirmation May 22, 1988.





To the members of
Christ's United:

A great big and
sincere thank you to every
one at Christ's United for
your prayers, cards, and
visits. I received more than
100 cards during my 4
month hospital stay, they

became my daily inspiration. Dr. Varrato the neurologist on my
medical team told me a couple of weeks ago, as I went to see
him for a check-up, "you definitely have someone up there
looking over you", as we gave you a 50/50 chance of surviving
this illness during your first week in the hospital. It was on the
morning of September 6, 2012 as they put me through my
morning check-up routine that they saw substantial
improvement which continues to this day. I know now that it
was all the prayers coming from the members of Christ's
United and from my family and friends that gave me that
second chance, and for that I will be forever grateful.

A special thank you to Pastor Kim for her hospital visits
and prayers. During my first few days in the hospital I recalled
almost nothing. However, the one thing that I do recall very
clearly is the night that Pastor Kim showed up at my bedside,
rather late at night, to give me communion. I knew then that
there were a lot of people praying for me and I was determined
to beat this illness.

God Bless,
Jackie R. Houser

Thanks
Many Thanks
Thanks
Thanks
Thanks





SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ashland Area Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following item for April:

Peanut Butter

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!



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

April—WELCA
May—Christian Education
June—Worship & Music
July—Evangelism/Outreach
August—Youth Group
September—Property Comm.
October—Stewardship Comm.



Howdeeeeeeee!
Well bless your
sweet, kind
hearts! I
understand y'all
would like me to
pay you another
lil visit up there



at your church. I'm blushin' just as
pink as a new born hog! You folks are
so kind. It would be my pleasure to
drop in again and share with you the
importance of britches. Why last year
you folks were so kind to my request
and I heard the britches bin was
overflowing!

I'll be stoppin' by on Sunday April
14th and I sure do hope I git to see
y'all again.

Hugs & kisses to y'all,
Miss Minnie Pearl



American Red Cross

**April showers bring...
the need for blood donors.**



The weather may be changing daily,
but the need for blood is constant.

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COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
Christ's United Lutheran Church
Community Room
437 Airport Road - Ashland
Monday, April 15th
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SPONSORED BY
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Please see Mr. Erik Tice, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit
www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Stay dry with a Red Cross umbrella!

As a thank you for coming out to donate blood and/or
platelets, every day in the month of April there will be
a drawing to win a Red Cross Umbrella.
All presenting donors are eligible to win.



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REDSHOWERS BRING... APRIL 15



Christ's United Lutheran Church

proudly announces the continuation of

"Walk-n-Roll"

A walk party for your feet!



Many thanks to the continued participation of so many people! "Walk-n-Roll" is now proven to be an effective exercise program. This "walk to the music" choreographed walking class combines walking with easy dance steps, non-complicated arm movements and fun!

A safe and effective workout for everyone!

Beginners welcome!

Sign up on the Bulletin Board!

Twelve week program \$40.00

6:00 p.m. Wednesday nights,
starting April 3rd





I'd like to express my most sincere thanks to everyone for their participation in "Walk-n-Roll". The results of my research have proven this class to be an effective

workout and an "outcomes report" is being prepared. My session is still "in pilot" for inclusion into the "Exercise Is Medicine" national teaching curriculum. There is still much work to be done, but thanks to the continued support of Walk-n-Roll, my class is *very* successful right here at Christ's United! I'm still hoping I get to teach my class nationally!

Thanks again for all your support! Hope to see you in April.

Most sincerely,
Gail Lorady

Grief Group

Those who have experienced the loss of someone they love feel an emptiness that gnaws within them, and can eat away their enjoyment of life. The Grief Group helps to ease this pain through a sharing of experiences and comfort. All who are dealing with the pain of death are invited to participate. The Grief Group meets on the last Monday of each month. Please call Helen Wolfgang for more information.



Ministry “Geeks”

Do you love computer technology? Are you smarter than a “smart” phone? Do you love God? Well here is your opportunity to put your skills together in one ministry! Christ’s United Ministry Geeks is for you! Each week the technology requirements of ministry grow, with the projections systems in classroom and worship, the new sound system, videos for youth



AUDIO-VISUAL ---team---

and education groups, and the manufacture of posters and booklets. Led by Keri Johnson, this new group will be the “go-to source” and executive operators that keep Christ’s United

ministries humming and growing. If you are interested, please text, email, or send telepathic indications to Keri or Pastor Kim (regular phone messages are also being accepted!).

Ministry Retreat

And you don’t even have to leave home! Discovering our assets and how to use them will be the focus of a workshop on Saturday 11 May from 9 AM – Noon. Pastor Vicki Reeser will help us see how God has blessed us, and how to use those blessings for ministry. Open to the entire congregation, all Council members and Committee leaders are to attend.





April Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays

- 2 Gail Lorady
Arianna McAnaney
- 3 Lewis Pennypacker
- 4 Marisa Seritsky
- 5 Bryce Hummel
- 6 Courtney Krise
Darcie Gruber
- 9 Stephen Harhigh, Jr.
- 11 Kaitlin Neumeister
- 13 Natalia Dungan
- 14 Dorothy Zangari
- 15 Jessica Wright
- 19 Anthony Kodack
- 20 Russell Hummell
Shale Waldick
- 21 David Pennypacker
- 23 Dustin Schreffler
- 24 Amanda Dillman
- 26 Azure Waldick
- 28 Marcus Peel
- 30 Joseph Anczarski

Anniversaries

- 04/05/86 Ann Marie &
William Dillman
- 04/20/68 Ed & Judy Stepulitis
- 04/26/01 Mark & Cheryl
Varndell



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Worship & Music

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 under-
gird our program and the
maintenance of our facilities as it
encourages improved stewardship.*

~~oops!~~

From a worship bulletin in Trenton, New Jersey:

space is limited.

It's of utmost importance that you respond.

RSVP by April 22

It's also of utmost importance to be able to laugh at typos!



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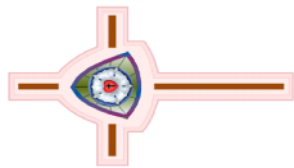
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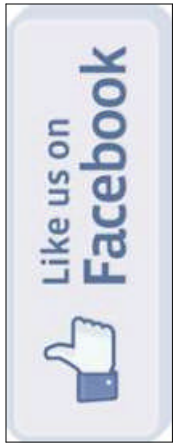
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