

*Life Together at
Christ's United
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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Status of Accounts as of June 30

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$64.97**
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget
 of \$169,305.70 is **\$14,108.81.**
June income was \$12,794.10
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$9,313.00
 (45% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Imagine a classroom full of elementary age children all singing as loud as they could:

*If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it then your face should
surely show it
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands*

A classroom full of children, all singing – yelling – and clapping, stomping, shouting, and laughing together... if they weren't happy when the song began, they were happy by the end.

It is one of those simple childhood songs that we all learned (and occasionally still sing ;)) that without our ever really thinking about it, taught us a fantastic lesson about life:

our behaviors show what we feel *and* believe.

Red eyes show sadness. Broad laughing smile shows happiness. Slumped shoulders and head show depression. Open hands show welcome. We know and do these things without thinking, and even though we don't think about it for ourselves, others read those behaviors in us and react to them, in how *they* feel, in how *they* act, and even in what *they* believe. We have – by the simple reflection of our beliefs – the power to change people's beliefs. Talk about moving mountains! But power is useless when it is not used to create strength, and true strength is found in relationship with Jesus Christ.

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As Christians we must ask ourselves: what about us shows that we believe in Jesus Christ, and having the gift of His forgiveness will live eternally in the joy of heaven? If we are filled with God's Holy Spirit, do our actions match the fruit of the Spirit, listed in Galatians as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? When I was still quite young someone said to me: "Watch how you live, because your life is the only Bible some people will ever read". Friends, what are people reading in you?

Next month, we as a congregation will begin the program "Committed to Christ". It is a program designed to help us be what we believe. "Committed to Christ" helps us look at our beliefs and our actions so that they can match, so that we have a greater understanding of what it is we believe, so that we know what we individually are able to do.

Imagine a congregation full of God's children all singing as loud as they can:

If you're saved and you know it shout "AMEN!"
If you're saved and you know it shout "AMEN!"
If you have Jesus as your Saviour then your life should
show His favor
If you're saved and you know it shout "AMEN!"

A congregation full of God's children, all singing – living – and serving, sharing, witnessing, and loving together... if they weren't happy when the song began, they were happy by the end.

Now, let's not imagine it. Let's be it!
And let the people say: AMEN!

Peace,
Pastor Kim





Church Council Highlights from July:

- The certificate from DEP for the Nitrate system has been posted.
- The formation of a new Ministries Team is ongoing. They will be working with all committees.
- We are looking at having a consultant from the Alban Institute come to Christ's United to present a workshop.
- Dorothy Kessler has agreed to be in charge of the Canteen at the Red Cross Blood Drives.
- The Social Ministry team will be donating \$100.00 from the Good Samaritan Fund to the ELCA's Young Adult Missionaries.
- The Worship & Music Ministry Team is working on new Wedding Guidelines.
- Sally Tice will be helping with the music for Bible school since Dan is unavailable.
- There is a problem with the midi box on the organ, Allen Organ will be contacted and it will be looked at.
- All Ministries within the congregation will have their budgets available at each meeting so they are aware of the finances.
- A hymn sing will occur the same day as the church picnic.
- There will be a retraining of ushers and greeters to aid visitors in September.
- Stewardship Ministry is preparing the "Committed to Christ" program for the congregation.
- Dean reported on two workshops that he attended at the Synod Assembly.



Grief Support 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.



We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Gail Marquardt, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jack Houser, Jennie Kosmisky, Betty Miller, Norene Stoker, Jim Hepler, Jodi MacNamara, Dean Fetterolf, James Houser, Tom Lazor, Amanda Dillman, Mary Cramer, Terry Shilling

Family & Friends:

Catherine Beury, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Harris, Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, Donna Harpster, Amy Miner, Tim Varndell, Andrea Gosda, Glen Geist, Mike Smith, Jason Stank, Margaret Huhn, Dawn Huntzinger, Harry & Marie Lengert, Dorothy Shadle, Colleen Flail, Audrey Pillman, Fred Pillman, Ada Miller, Harold Wink, Dan Krynak, Betty Green, Bill Dean, Robbie Krick family, Kayla Kelly, Evelyn Myers, Nada Matthews, Joan Tumolo, Ronnie Judge, Joe Klamanski, Elizabeth Smith

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, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Glenn Pennypacker, Trevorton
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing
Randy Troutman
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab
Jeanette Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Linda Zerby





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.

Thank you to ALL the Junior Youth that collected Quarters for World Hunger. A total of \$32.50 was raised!





Summer Reading Challenge!

Attention youth there is still time to join in on the reading fun!! The last story will be posted Sunday August 18th. Please have all your questions answered and turned in by Sunday September 1st. Please see Druann or Jeanmarie if you need any of the question sheets.

Senior Youth Members

Wednesday, August 21

Noon (meet at church)

Bring along two sets of extra clothes, a sleeping bag, a towel and spending money.

Future Events

Junior Youth
September 21



October 12

Keep a look out in the newsletters, on the bulletin boards and in the bulletin for more information about these events and other exciting news.





The Truth About Inhalants

Slang—Glue, Kick, Bang, Sniff, Huff, Poppers, Whippets, Texas Shoeshine

Get the Facts...

Inhalants affect your brain. Inhalants are substances or fumes from products such as glue or paint thinner that are sniffed or "huffed" to cause an immediate high. Because they affect your brain with much greater speed and force than many other substances, they can cause irreversible physical and mental damage before you know what's happened.

Inhalants affect your heart. Inhalants starve the body of oxygen and force the heart to beat irregularly and more rapidly—that can be dangerous for your body.

Inhalants damage other parts of your body.

People who use inhalants can experience nausea and nosebleeds; develop liver, lung, and kidney problems; and lose their sense of hearing or smell. Chronic use can lead to muscle wasting and reduced muscle tone and strength.

Inhalants can cause sudden death. Inhalants can kill you instantly. Inhalant users can die by suffocation, choking on their vomit, or having a heart attack.

Before You Risk It...

Get the facts. Inhalants can kill you the very first time you use them.

Stay informed. Inhalants include a large group of chemicals that are found in such household products as aerosol sprays, cleaning fluids, glue, paint, paint thinner, gasoline, propane, nail polish remover, correction fluid, and marker pens. None of these are safe to inhale—they all can kill you.

Be aware. Chemicals like amyl nitrite and isobutyl nitrite ("poppers") and nitrous oxide ("whippets") are often sold at concerts and dance clubs. They can permanently damage your body and brain.

Know the risks. Chronic inhalant abusers may permanently lose the ability to perform everyday functions like walking, talking, and thinking.

Look around you. The vast majority of teens aren't using inhalants. According to a 2006 study, only 1.3 percent of teens are regular inhalant users and 9 in 10 teens have never even tried inhalants.¹

Know the Signs...

How can you tell if a friend is using inhalants?

Sometimes it's tough to tell. But there are signs you can look for. If your friend has one or more of the following warning signs, he or she may be using inhalants:

- Slurred speech
- Drunk, dizzy, or dazed appearance
- Unusual breath odor
- Chemical smell on clothing
- Paint stains on body or face
- Red eyes
- Runny nose

What can you do to help someone who is using inhalants? Be a real friend. Encourage your friend to seek professional help. For information and referrals, call SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727).

For more information or for references to facts found in this *Tips for Teens*, go to www.samhsa.gov/SHIN.

Revised in 2008.





It's time for Our Annual Church Picnic!!!!

Grab the kiddies, put your favorite food in the carry dish, wear your shorts (flip-flops are optional) and head to church for a wonderful worshipful time! To celebrate the occasion, worship is changed from our regular time and **worship will begin at**

10:30 a.m. We'll head straight down to the pavilion with our last hymn still echoing, where we'll share in food and games and this year – an old fashioned hymn sing complete with ice cream! There will be yard games and conversations and – did we mention – food! Please sign up on the bulletin board.




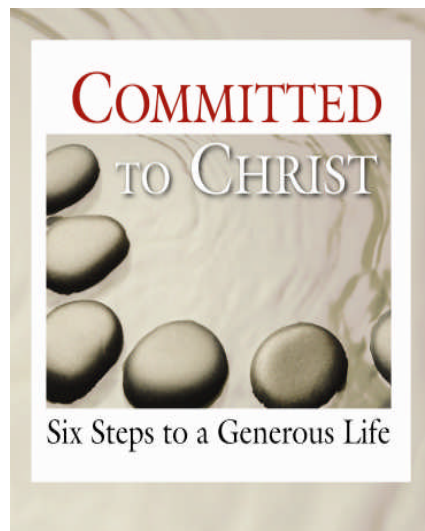
Pastoral Acts

Marriages Scheduled:
08/03/13 Ricky Williard Jr. & Ashley Bitting
09/07/13 Edward Bickowski & Alicia Ellison
09/21/13 Steven Demko & Rachelle Johnson
10/11/14 Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel

Baptisms:
06/29/13 Dustin Ronald White
07/21/13 Miles Elliot Hudock

Funeral:
06/12/13 Meikah Hubler





Committed to Christ!

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Do you want a deeper relationship with God?

Do you want to know the peace and joy that God gives?

Committed to Christ is a program designed to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ by connecting our behaviors with our beliefs. The message of this program is so powerful that it has already begun to affect the lives of those working to bring it to our congregation, and will offer participation activities in our worship services, congregation groups, committees, and in our homes. Guide booklets will be provided for each household through the mission of our Lutheran Church Men and Women of the ELCA to help us relate scripture to daily living. A special Bible Study led jointly by Jim Gruber and Kay Berner will give us deeper understanding of God's call for our lives. Presentations by several of our members on the affect their faith has in and on their daily lives will be shared. During August the preparation for our September 15th start date is speeding up, so watch for ways you can grow!



WHO

ARE

These People???



At times 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.

We need more pictures! If you have any old pictures from Christ’s United or any of the chapels that formed Christ’s United, please bring them into the office. Please also provide the peoples names that are in the pictures.

Your picture will be returned to you. Thank you.



Serving Our Community of Faith in August:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	2nd Acolyte, Or Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
August 4	Becky Spencer	Jim Gruber Becky Spencer Dennis Wolfe	Darcie Gruber Deb Hall Laray Klinger Jim Gruber	Charlie Sweinhart	Carey Wahalec	Nancy Lindenmuth	Cheryl Varndell
August 11	Barb Stepanchick			Bryon Rusinko	Nathan Berger	Dean Fetterolf	Ryan Bendinsky
August 18	Erik Tice			Ian Bendinsky	Blake Olayo	Cheryl Denchak	Mark Varndell
August 25	Sally Tice			Brianna Kodack	Katie Kodack	Barb Stepanchick	Melanie Bendinsky



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<p>25</p> <p>14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship Service, Blessing of the Backpacks 12:00 Annual Church Picnic</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00 Grief Support Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>The Martyr St. John 6:00 Youth Meeting 7:00 "Committed to Christ" Celebration Team Meeting</p>																																																																																				



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Basics

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of—

- Vocation
- Two Kingdoms
- The Word
- Law and Gospel

Vocation

Vocation is service to God and one's neighbor. It is not only pastors and other full time church

workers who are called to a vocation. Everyone has a vocation. Learn what vocation means and the purpose of our vocation. What difference does it make to you whether you view an undertaking as a vocation or as a job, obligation or even service?



Two Kingdoms

As God's faithful people, we live in "two kingdoms." What does this mean exactly? What does the Bible say about the Christian's relationship to the civil order? When have you felt a conflict between your civil responsibilities and your life as a Christian? Discover answers to these questions and more!

The Word

We hear God's Word in the Bible, and we see God's Word in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. What does this mean? Why does God give us the Bible? How do we interpret the Bible? What does it mean to talk about "the living Word"?



Law and Gospel

Law represents the demands of God, and the gospel is the promises of God. What does this mean? How is the law a gift? What does the gospel do? How does the Bible characterize the law? What does it mean to say that the gospel makes you free? Explore these concepts through the Lutheran lens.



PRESENTERS



The Rev. Pastor Greg Frey returns as one of our presenters and will lead the sessions on *Vocation* and *Two Kingdoms*. Pastor Frey serves as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Douglassville. He has led workshops on “How the Bible Came to Be” for Learning Ministries Day, LIFT, and for the Lutheran Basics events.

Associate in Ministry Marlane Druckenmiller serves St. Paul Lutheran Church, Douglassville, as the congregation’s Christian Education Coordinator. Marlane is the convener for the synod’s Faith Formation Resource Team. She will be leading the sessions on *The Word* and *Law and Gospel*.



This event is sponsored by the Faith Formation Resource Team of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Saturday, August 24

Christ’s United Lutheran Church

9:30 AM **Registration**

10:00 AM

Vocation/Two Kingdoms

Pastor Greg Frey

12:00 NOON **Lunch**

12:30 PM

The Word/Law and Gospel

Assoc. in Ministry Marlane Druckenmiller

2:30 PM

Depart in peace

One price fits all! \$10 whether you attend both the morning and the afternoon session—or just one. Lunch is included in the cost.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Ashland Area Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following items for August:

Peanut Butter & Juice

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

- August—Youth Group
- September—Property Comm.
- October—Stewardship Comm.
- November—Endowment Fund
- December—Choir
- January—Church Council
- February—Social Ministry



World Hunger Table

Bring in items to place on the table.

For example:

Baked Goods

Plants

Vegetables

Hand made items

Anything you think someone else could use!

Please take whatever **YOU** can use off of the table.



All items are **FREE!**

If you choose, place a donation in the World Globe to be sent to the ELCA World Hunger appeal.



Sunday, August 11
LDR Special Offering

We will be collecting items to make “Flood Buckets”
We did it before, but our neighbors’ need calls us again!

Families involved in the recent flooding are in need of assistance. With the right materials, many of them can continue the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a disaster or flood on their own or with the help of volunteers.

Here is what is needed to prepare a Clean-up Bucket / Flood Bucket:

One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
Five scouring pads
Seven sponges, assorted sizes
One scrub brush
Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
One package of 48-50 clothespins
Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
Five dust masks
Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
One pair work gloves
28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)



- Do not think that you have to provide *all* of the items. Any contribution is welcome.
- Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles.
- Be sure to provide only new materials.
- If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.
- Monetary Donations will be used to purchase more supplies.





Live a story. Give a story. Donate blood.

This summer, when you give blood you could give someone time to make their own stories - watching fireworks, having a picnic, rooting for the home team.

What if you could give someone a summer of stories? With the Red Cross, you can.

redcrossblood.org/summer

American Red Cross

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Christ's United Lutheran Church

Community Room

437 Airport Road - Ashland

Wednesday, August 14th

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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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



Beat the heat with an iced coffee and donut when you donate blood or platelets this August. All presenting donors will receive a coupon redeemable for a free medium Iced Coffee and a free donut from Dunkin' Donuts.*

* Offer not available in all locations. See coupon for participating locations. Coupons are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.



Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS today to schedule an appointment.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. © The American National Red Cross 2013 | APLORS 2141



August Anniversaries & Birthdays

<u>Birthdays</u>				
		20	Irene Morgan	
1	Bianca McAndrew		Aidan Romberger	
2	Jada Habowski	22	Rebekah Garnes	
3	Janice Brain		Alyssa Becker	
6	Braedyn Lazor	24	Louise Boyer	
7	John Kimmel		Keith Hostetter	
8	Carey Wahalec	26	Zachary Hummel	
9	Kaitlyn Werner		Peggy Dziczek	
10	Mason Buhay	28	Paige Garnes	
11	Alivia Potteiger		Lauren Wagner	
12	Bill Miller		Dennis Marlow	
13	William Coward III	29	Morgen Sweitzer	
	Michael Lassen		Desiree Dengler	
14	Tammy Leshner	30	Darlene Stank	
15	Heidi Walsh		Louise Lute	
	Angie Berger			
16	Carrie Houser			

Anniversaries

08/09/47	Jack & Beryl Stitzer
08/12/72	Bill & Sandy Miller
08/16/03	Dean & Arlene Krise
08/19/72	John & Cheryl Denchak
08/21/10	Matt & Morgen Sweitzer
08/22/53	Bobbie & Anna Harner
08/24/63	Leo & Jo-Ann Young
08/25/73	Ron & Beth Andrews
08/29/98	David & Renee Walter
08/30/08	Don & Lynn Dillman





The following Memorials & Honorariums were given to Christ's United since the issue of the last Newsletter:

\$15.00 in Memory of Frank Ward by:

John & Beryl Stitzer

\$100.00 in Memory of Seth Meyers for Vacation Bible School by:

Nancy Lindenmuth

\$20.00 in Memory of Brenda Wolfgang by:

Irene Morgan

\$80.00 in Honor of Dustin White's Baptism by:

Tracy Berner

Ron & Nicole White



Communion Assistants

Communion = Christ

When presiding at Holy Communion for the first time, Martin Luther was so overcome by the knowledge that he was holding our Savior's body and blood that he began to shake with tears.

Because we believe that Communion is the actual presence of Christ and the gift by which we receive God's forgiveness, it is the center of worship. Would you consider helping to share this precious gift? A training for Communion assistants will be held on Sunday, August 18 following worship. This training is both for those who have already been assisting and for those who would like to assist in the future. The training will last approximate 30 minutes. If you can pre-register, please sign up on the bulletin board, and for more information contact Pastor Kim.





The fun and fellowship continues to grow as does our traveling dinner group! TWENTY-FIVE wonderful ladies made their way to Northumberland last month, and we're planning for at least THIRTY-FIVE to join in our next adventure!

Next dining/laughing spot: The new **Uma Hibachi Grill in St. Clair**. We will meet at the church parking lot and pair up to car pool on Sunday, September 8th. Ladies Night Out is a ministry of the Women of the ELCA.

The sign up sheet with all information



is on the bulletin board, so register now and bring a friend!





Women's



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA
FALL FUN WEEKEND
AT BEAR CREEK
CAMP**

Retreat

SEPTEMBER 13 -14, 2013

FRIDAY 6 PM (optional) –

SATURDAY 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Stay overnight or just come for the day.

Something for every girl/woman!

Hiking, quilting, bible study, service project, boating,
evening vespers, crafts, speaker on CSA organic farming

COST: \$25

**Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast
& lunch included**

Make check (\$25 per person) payable to
“NEPA Women of the ELCA”

Contact Donna Wallace for registration form by August 30

**Thank You to WELCA for donating
\$150.00 to Bear Creek Camp in
Honor of Father's Day!!!**



KNOTTED QUILT PROJECT
The “Knaughty Knotters” of Christ’s United
will resume in September

Donations of new or, clean used blankets, mattress pads, comforters, quilts (not knitted or crocheted), flannel and cotton sheets, fabric pieces or yardage, curtains (no fiberglass), and quilt batting are needed to continue with the project.



Please drop off in box on table in social hall next to walk-in closet.

Check out lwr.org/kits and **LWR Quilters on Facebook**



While taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region’s inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven’t yet been tapped.

Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can’t reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, however, God promises that we “will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail” (Isaiah 58:11, NIV).



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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 Roanoke, Virginia:

The Stewardship Campaign is underway.

We will defiantly meet our goal.

Thanks for your help!

That's *definitely* a bold attitude and accomplishment.



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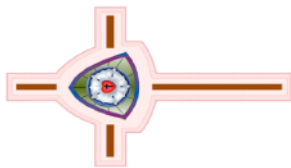
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