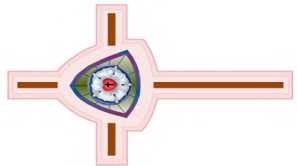


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Status of Accounts as of June 30

Balance in Checking Account.....\$20,784.41

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2019 Annual Budget of

\$203,448.31 is **\$16,954.03**

June income was **\$17,901.88** (not including VANCO)

Benevolence Gifts for June.....\$ 6,278.00

38% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)



Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Evangelism/Outreach
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was going through a big box of music the other day and out fell sheet music of a favorite Vacation Bible School song from the mid-1990s, entitled "Ordinary Kid" with words and music by Mary Kay Bottens Mosby.

*I'm just an ordinary kid with an extraordinary,
extraordinary God!*

*When I am lonely, he's by my side.
When I am searching for my way, then he's my guide.*

*I'm just an ordinary kid with an extraordinary,
extraordinary God!*

I'd like to argue that each of us is uniquely made by our Creator God with exceptional gifts and abilities that no one else possesses in the same way. Perhaps what the composer is getting at is that we all share similar traits as humans, and are thus ordinary. Paul reminds us that there are many spiritual gifts that our extraordinary God the Spirit "activates ... in everyone" (I Corinthians 12:6).

In these waning hot and humid days of summer, it is good for us to remember that while each of us is an ordinary being, we are at the same time gifted in extraordinary ways with talents and abilities. On top of that, we are graced through baptism with the ultimate blessings of the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



Coming Up Roses

A rose can be quite eloquent
When standing all alone;
It needs no vast accompaniment,
No pompous, royal throne,
For beauty is not always found
In suave sophistication,
But often stands just by itself
As simply God's creation!
—Peggy Ferrell



The week of August 11, many of us will be posed and asked to smile by the photographer taking pictures for our new church directory. Whenever you smile, beam with the knowledge that you have an extraordinary God who is lovingly by your side, gracing you with extraordinary gifts.

Pastor Laura+

August Council Contact of the month is Erik Tice.

The Council Contact of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building.

If you need to contact Erik, he can be reached at 570-875-2681



Council Member of the Month

Mutual Ministry Committee

Members of the congregation are encouraged to contact these people either individually or as a group to share your thoughts and concerns regarding problems you feel need to be addressed in order to continue our growth in Christ. All concerns shared with members of this team will be kept confidential. Team members may be contacted by phone or email.

- Vivian Brown, 717-275-5277, bonolady25@gmail.com
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GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily _ _ _ _ _
- Do this to your shoes _ _
- This rises in the east _ _ _
- Cold breakfast food _ _ _ _ _
- Hot breakfast food _ _ _ _ _ _
- Talk to God _ _ _ _
- Morning meal _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- Extend your limbs _ _ _ _ _
- Fruit drink _ _ _ _
- Waffle machine _ _
- Eat these scrambled or fried _ _ _



Because of the LORD's great love ...
 never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 8, 2019. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



On that Sunday our Christ’s United will engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a

New Members

Are you interested in joining Christ’s United? We will be receiving new members on September 8th as part of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. If you are interested, contact Pastor



Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. We will have a Celebration to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the forming of Christ’s United Lutheran Church. We will have a caterer for the meat and starch.

Members will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Photos and materials of our history will be displayed on power point and on tables. There will also be entertainment.

Give Electronically

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**Christ’s United accepts electronic do-
 nations**

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our



Church Council Highlights from July:

- The Methodist church in Hegins also used “ROAR!” as their Bible School theme. They are loaning us their cut-out animals and posters for our VBS.
- A Mutual Ministry handbook has been created. Copies are available on the table in the Narthex.
- Jamie Johnson will start on August 1st as our Director of Music.
- Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. following 5:00 p.m. worship (the usual Sunday time had to be changed to accommodate our Anniversary event)
- A 50th Anniversary of CULC celebration will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- Background checks—Volunteers will need a Child Abuse History which is required every 5 years and a State Police Criminal Background check which is required every 3 years.

SYNOD SUMMER ROAD TRIP 2019: The Eastern Ice Cream Tour



Kristen Weiner, Vice President of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, writes: *“We have a big year ahead of us (MISSION: Bishop Election!) and a need as a Synod to begin a time of serious discernment. But no one said serious contemplation need be without some serious fulfillment of the sweet tooth. In the spirit of the State of Pennsylvania’s Ice Cream Tour, the Bishop and I bring you ... The Synod (End of) Summer Ice Cream Tour!”*

Kristen invites we of CULC to join in the ice cream tour stop on Saturday, August 31 from 4-6 pm at The Freeze, 1111 W. Market Street in Schuylkill Haven. In addition to the fun and fellowship of sharing ice cream together, there will be time for the Bishop to share a few words. Kristen will set up an





- 1 Bianca McAndrew
- 2 Jada Habowski
- 3 Brad Rickert
- Kelly Troup
- 4 Greg Lindenmuth
- 6 Braedyn Lazor
- Tyler McGrath
- 7 John Kimmel
- Gary Schneider
- 8 Carey Wahalec
- Caiden Weikel
- Dustin White
- 9 Kaitlyn Werner
- 10 Deb Berner
- Mason Buhay
- Larry Schneider
- 11 Diane Heidlebaugh
- Elizabeth McGrath
- Alivia Potteiger
- Riley Whritenour
- 12 Jamie Dengler
- Bill Miller
- Janet Towey
- 13 William Coward III
- Michael Lassen
- 14 Tammy Leshar
- 15 Angie Berger
- Heidi Walsh

- 16 Allyson Stutzman
- John Towey
- 17 Charley Demko
- Seth Young
- 18 Zebulun Geedey
- Melanie Schneider
- 19 Kimberly Shadle
- 20 Irene Morgan
- Matt Wetzal
- 21 Kolby Cress
- 22 Alyssa Becker
- Rebekah Garnes
- 23 Michael Monaghan
- Dak Sisak
- 24 Louise Boyer
- Keith Hostetter
- 26 Peggy Dziczek
- Katelyn Huber
- Zachary Hummel
- Brandy Schreiber
- 27 Penny Troutman
- 28 Paige Garnes
- James Houser
- Dennis Marlow
- Lauren Wagner
- 29 Desiree Dengler
- Thomas Habowski
- Mya Klouser
- Morgen Sweitzer
- 30 Darlene Stank
- Louise Lute
- 31 Jonathan Harhigh
- Kelly Long
- Michael Steinbauer

*The following donations have been made to
CULC Capital Campaign In memory of:*

Wendy Farnsworth by:

Jo-Ann and Leo Young
Dorothy and Terry Kessler

Paul Troutman by:

Dorothy and Terry Kessler

Food Pantry set-up and Pizza with the Pastor



Youth are needed to set up for Christ's Cupboard at 4:30 on August 7th. A pizza supper will follow.

2019 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.
Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$25.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Special service bulletins \$10.00,
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00, Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.



Payments for Altar flowers should be made payable to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made to the church and given to Deb Hall in the church office.



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

In memory of Wendy Farnsworth by:

Irene Morgan	Ann Marie Dillman
Thomas & Paula Ryan	James and Marilyn Connell
Dr. Kay Berner	Doris Klauger
Joan Kleman	Helen & Emerson Wolfgang
Mary Freed	Gail Marquardt
Michael and Donna Lassen	Anne Boylan
William Green	Kelly & John McAndrew
Cheryl Haley	Gerald & Janette Freiler
Robert and Carla Mae Carl	Sandra & Grant Marlow
Deborah & James Gownley	William & Margaret Wolfgang
Bill & Deb Price	Christine & Thomas Weidensaul
Warren Lane	Michael & Mary Alice Gownley
Pat & John Messer	Jackie Houser
Sara Kane	Nelson & Angie Berger & Boys
Cynthia Cochran	Margaret & Charles Carroll Jr.
Lois & Charles Long	

In memory of Ruth Wolfgang by:

Irene Morgan
Nelson & Angie Berger & Boys

In memory of Elmer Waldick by:

George and Jennie Kosmisky

In memory of Paul Troutman by:

Linda and Joseph Garland
Marian and Joseph Halko Jr.

In Memory of Dean Fetterolf by:

Ann Marie Dillman



08/07/99	John & Janet Towey
08/11/07	Dustin & Margaret Koons
08/12/72	Bill & Sandy Miller
08/13/04	Thomas & Barb Habowski
08/15/87	Jeffrey & Christine Brennan
08/16/03	Dean & Arlene Krise
08/19/72	John & Cheryl Denchak
08/24/63	Leo & Jo-Ann Young
08/25/73	Ron & Beth Andrews
08/28/76	Mike & Barb Stepanchick
08/29/81	Charles & Barbara Klauger
08/29/98	David & Renee Walter
08/30/08	Don & Lynn Dillman

Schedule your Photo Session!

**Be included in the new
Christ's United Lutheran Church
Directory by Lifetouch**

Members of the Pictorial Directory Committee will be available in the Narthex after worship beginning June 28th to schedule photo sessions. Stop by and choose your day and time.

Photography dates:

**Tuesday, August 13th
Wednesday, August 14th
Thursday, August 15th
2:00 - 9:00 p.m.**



A donation was made to the Worship and Music Ministry of Christ's United by the Constance J. Welker Estate.



Roar VBS 2019

Kids and volunteers discovered together that God is good through all of life's challenges. When life is unfair, scary, changes, sad, and good..... God is good!

Thank you to the families of the 26 children that participated in the experiences that build a solid foundation of God's goodness. Thank you to the financial supporters including Thrivent Action Team funds as well as those who donated snack supplies.

And last but surely not least, a huge thank you to the 36 youth and adults who worked before preparing and decorating, during the five evening sessions as registration team, activity leaders and crew leaders, and then to clean up so that ROAR was an awesome experience for all. **Life is wild..... God is good!**



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. For the past several years these Prayer Teams have been silently serving God, the world, and us.

If you are committed to the power of prayer, please join one of these teams. Prayer lists are available at worship services each weekend, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



School Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief

Education is important in every community but especially those where poverty or disaster limits the options of young people looking to improve their lives. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning despite the hardships they face. These supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.

The supplies for each School Kit are:

- Four 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- One 30 centimeter ruler (or with inches and centimeters)
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with steel blades)
- One box of 16-24 crayons
- One 2 1/2 inch eraser
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- One sturdy drawstring back style cloth bag (14" x 17")



In the coming weeks the school supplies will begin to be in stores (much to the dismay of many children and adults) at great low prices so keep these items in mind.

Donations of any of these items should be placed on the table in the Narthex August 11 - 25.

Thrivent Action Team will pack the bags.



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

August—LCM
 September—WELCA
 October—Church Council
 November—Evangelism-Outreach/
 Endowment/Stewardship
 December—LCM
 January—WELCA
 February—Social Ministry
 March—Church Council
 April—LCM
 May—WELCA
 June—Christian Education/Youth
 July—Choir/Worship & Music

We will be collecting
 the following
 item for August:

Juice

Please place your
 donations in the
 shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food
 distribution date is
 Thursday,
 August 8, 2019

We Offer our Prayers to...



July 21 – Raven Marlow (S. Wolfgang), Gail Lorady, Jane Fetterolf (P. Dziczek), Helen Wolfgang (Pr. Laura), Bonnie Lassen (D. Lassen), Rick Welker (D. Kessler), Jacqueline (B. Stitzer), Family of Robert Marlow (S. Marlow)

July 14 – JoAnn McAndrew (D. Berner), Carol Romberger (E. Tice)

July 7 – Carl Lute (P. Lute), Jesse Zerbe (T. Dengler), Kelly Berner (D. Berner), Melvin Cappell (K. Berner), Jane Vitalo (E. Tice), Rebecca Teeter (V. Brown), Chasity Scheib (A Berger/V.Brown), Family of Olivia Laudenslager (A. Berger/ V. Brown)

June 30 – Jim Gruber, Darcie Gruber, Mary Matice (D. Price), Barbara Stanell (B. Andrews), Family of Roy Shadle - brother of Forest Shadle, Steve Wagner (M. Peel)
Please continue to pray for our members: Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Dot Zeigenfuse,

And our friends: Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Dave Bowen, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Richard Berger (J. Gruber), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Kathy Ahrensfield (C. Varndell), LouAnn Olson (T. Shilling), Diane Brennan (E. Chappell), Jessica Brown (E. Tice), Ron James (V. Brown)

*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 Klinger Family — Mark & Carol; Mark Jr., Heather
 The Rickert Family — Linda, Brad
 The Sharp Family — Jeffrey



World Hunger Table

Do you have an abundance of produce from your garden? Do you have perennial plants to share? Do you have other items to share?

Continuing through the month of August the Social Ministry Team will be hosting a table in the Narthex. Bring in items to share and place them on the table. Then, if you can use or need any items from the table, just help yourself and leave a donation for World Hunger. Everyone is welcome to share items. Every-



CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 25

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Please note time change & come to worship in your casual picnic clothes.

Picnic @ 12:00 Noon

Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share.



Sunday, August 25

All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship service at 10:30 a.m. that day.

Attention all Members of Christ's United: Even if you are a long-time member of CULC and your information hasn't changed, please complete this directory update form. We are verifying all member information and want to be sure our information is correct for everyone. *Thanks!*

2019 Church Directory Update

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

(Please print all information)

Family's Last Name: _____

	MEMBER OF CULC?	Yes or No
Head of Household: _____	_____	_____
Spouse: _____	_____	_____
Children: 1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____

Home and Mailing Address:

_____ Zip code _____

Phone #:

HOME: _____
Cell #: _____ Name: _____
Cell #: _____ Name: _____
E-mail Address: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE FOR CHURCH RECORDS.

SAVE THE DATE:

PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AUGUST 13, 14, & 15, 2019



Without A, B and O,
we can't save anybody.

Community Blood Drive Christ United Lutheran Church

Social Hall
437 Airport Road (Gordon) - Ashland

Monday, August 5, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open To The Public - Scheduled Appointments Suggested

Please Contact Debbie Hall or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit www.redcrossblood.org Use Sponsor Code: Ashland to schedule an appointment.

Amazon is thanking donors with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card* July 29-Aug. 29. *rcblood.org/together

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Serving Our Community of Faith in August:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag A Long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
August 4	Amy Johnson	John Wolfgang Thomas Wolfgang Carey Wahalec Tyler wolfgang	Angie Berger Beth Andrews Maryanne Wolfgang	Logan Walacavage Tyler Wolfgang & Bryson Nagle	Tanner Walacavage	Jim Gruber	Amy Johnson
August 11	John Towey			Kaitlyn Werner & Karolyn Towey		Barb Stepanchick	John Towey
August 18	Erik Tice			Carey Wahalec & Patrick Monahan		Angie Berger	Erik Tice
August 25	Mark Varndell					Terry Ambrose	Mark Varndell



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
4 9:30 Worship W/ Communion 10:30 Fellowship	5 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 	6 9:00 Food Delivery	7 10:00 Seniors 4:30 Food Pantry Set-up & Pizza With the Pastor 	8 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard	9	10 5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
11 School Kits Collection 9:30 Worship w/ Special Music 10:30 Fellowship 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	12 6:00 506h Anniv. Mtg 7:00 Council	13 2:00- 9:00 Pictorial Directory Photos	14 10:00 Seniors 2:00- 9:00 Pictorial Directory Photos	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 2:00- 9:00 Pictorial Directory Photos	16	17 5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
18 School Kits Collection 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	19 7:00 Social Ministry	20 6:30—8:00 Assisting Minister Training	21 10:00 Seniors	22	23	24 5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
25 School Kits Collection 10:30 Worship w/ Blessing of Backpacks 12:00 Congregational Picnic 	26 6:00 Grief Support	27	28 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	29	30	31 4:00—6:00 Meet the Bishop at "The Freeze" in Schuylkill Haven 5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion