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Worship
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

for

Life Together at Christ's United





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One God. One People. One Purpose.

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The August Newsletter is sponsored
In Memory of Elmer Waldick
by Betty & Family



"We're short a couple players.
Mind if we use Holy Ghost runners?"

CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

council@christsunited.org

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John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
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Status of Accounts as of June 30

Balance in Checking Account..... 42,525.80

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our
2020 Annual Budget of \$202,094.00 is **\$16,841.17**

June income was \$14,359.44

Expenses for June were \$17,796.34 resulting in a loss of \$3,436.90.

Benevolence Gifts through June\$5,811.00

(39% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2020)



Life Together at Christ's United



Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Evangelism/Outreach

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)

Social Ministry

Stewardship

WELCA

Worship & Music

Multimedia Ministry

Security Team

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees

Endowment Fund

Mutual Ministry

Nominating

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.

From a church newsletter:

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
These students had perfect attendance,
with zero absences.

Way to go!

Stay healthy to avoid absences!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently looked in my Pastoral Desk Calendar which lists the lessons for every Sunday and festival day in the Church Year. I glanced at the month of August and saw a saint day for August 3 that I had never heard of before: Joanna, Mary and Salome, Myrr-bearers. I quickly looked up myrrhbearer in Wikipedia and found a whole article on the subject. Turns out myrrbearers were the women who came to Jesus tomb early in the morning bearing myrrh to anoint his body as part of the burial preparations. Jewish Law allowed for no work on the Sabbath, but these women came as soon the sabbath day was over to honor Jesus' body even in death. These women had followed Jesus during his earthly ministry, provided for him and his followers out of their own means, and remained faithful to him even during the most dangerous time of his arrest and execution.

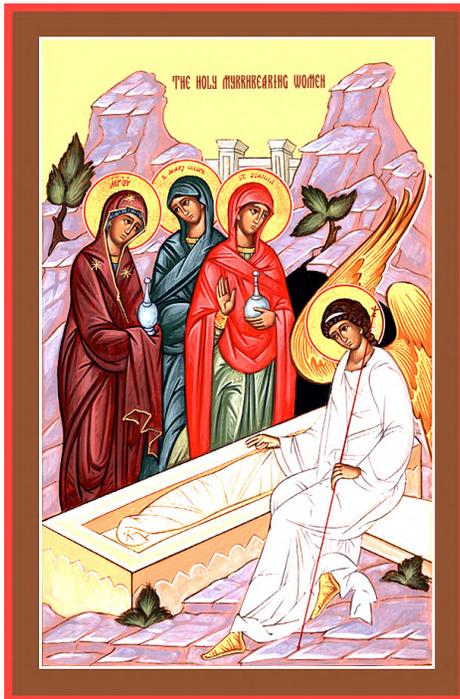
When these women found Jesus tomb empty, they became the first to witness his resurrection and were then commissioned by Jesus to tell the Apostles. They have thus been called apostles to the Apostles. The myrrbearers include two men – Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus – as well as Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James and Joses; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Mary of Bethany; Joanna; Salome, and Susanna.

Another saint day in August is Mary, Mother of our Lord on August 15. Mary is the bearer of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Orthodox Church refers to her as Theotokos, meaning God bearer.

In our worship, the one who carries the cross is called the crucifer, or cross bearer. During a Gospel procession we might also have a book bearer and torch bearer.

The name Christopher literally means Christ bearer. Through our Baptism into Christ each of us becomes a Christ bearer. We bear Christ each time we worship, study the Bible, help someone, forgive, and tell what Jesus means in our life. The myrrhbearers were involved in the intimate and challenging task of preparing Jesus' body for burial. The tasks of our Christ bearing are not always easy either. The great news is that Christ is always there to bear us up, having born all on the cross for our sake.

A Christ Bearer with you,



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Community Blood Drive

Christ's United Lutheran Church

Social Hall
437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, August 3, 2020
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
to schedule an appointment.



Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by
Lutheran Church Men

**Date to be determined
at the August 9th Men's Meeting**

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm

Adults: \$10.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Children under 6: FREE

Dinner Includes:

**Spaghetti, Meatballs, Tossed Salad,
Bread & Butter, Dessert, & Beverage**



Sponsored by
WELCA

BAKE SALE



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Church Council Highlights from July

- The Personnel Committee met to discuss the Indoor Custodian vacancy. There are three possible candidates.
- A deposit was made to DM2 Security for \$2,495.00 for the new electronic door lock buzzer intercom system. They will schedule a time when they can come to do the work.
- Beth Andrews shared an email from Bishop Sam Zeiser entitled "Great Job!" regarding the re-opening of our church building. He was impressed with our preparation, our thoroughness, and our

August Council Contact of the month is Ted Ambrose.

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 Ted,



**Council Member
of the Month**



OUR BRIGHT BEACON

We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our own private questions. ... But better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively ... without regard, first of all, to our own subjective needs.

Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory.

Let them stay there permanently, like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life's problems — our own and everyone's. Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does "speak to our condition" and meet our needs, not just occasionally or when some emergency arises, but continually.

—Frederick C. Grant

AUGUST Anniversaries

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 Gerald & Sarah Stehr
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

Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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, 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



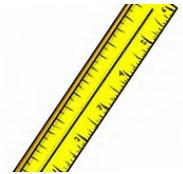
School Kits needed for Lutheran World Relief

Items may be brought in August 9 thru 23.

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 9 - 23.

Thrivent Action Team will pack the bags.



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The next WELCA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All women of CULC are invited to attend.



I would like to thank Pastor Laura for all of her prayers, phone calls, and Pastoral Acts, and all of my church family for all of their prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, and acts of kindness and thoughtfulness while I was in the hospital and now that I am back home. I appreciate everything that all of you have done for me.

Love and God Bless,

Sunday, August 30

All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship



Friendship is one of the greatest gifts a human being can receive. It is a bond beyond common goals, common interests or common histories. It is a bond stronger than sexual union can create, deeper than a shared fate can solidify and even more intimate than the bonds of marriage or community.

Friendship is being with the other in joy and sorrow, even when we cannot increase the joy or decrease the sorrow. It is a unity of souls that gives nobility and sincerity to love. Friendship makes all of life

AUGUST Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Bianca McAndrew | 16 | Allyson Stutzman |
| 2 | Jada Habowski | | John Towey |
| 3 | Brad Rickert | 17 | Charley Demko |
| | Kelly Troup | | Seth Young |
| 4 | Greg Lindenmuth | 18 | Melanie Schneider |
| 6 | Braedyn Lazor | 19 | Kimberly Shadle |
| | Tyler McGrath | 20 | Irene Morgan |
| 7 | John Kimmel | | Matt Wetzel |
| | Gary Schneider | 21 | Kolby Cress |
| 8 | Carey Wahalec | 22 | Alyssa Becker |
| | Caiden Weikel | | Rebekah Garnes |
| | Dustin White | 23 | Michael Monaghan |
| 9 | Kaitlyn Werner | | Dak Sisak |
| 10 | Deb Berner | 24 | Louise Boyer |
| | Mason Buhay | | Keith Hostetter |
| | Larry Schneider | 26 | Peggy Dziczek |
| 11 | Diane Heidlebaugh | | Katelyn Huber |
| | Elizabeth McGrath | | Zachary Hummel |
| | Alivia Potteiger | | Brandy Schreiber |
| | Riley Whritenour | 27 | Penny Troutman |
| 12 | Jamie Dengler | 28 | Paige Garnes |
| | Bill Miller | | James Houser |
| | Janet Towey | | Dennis Marlow |
| 13 | William Coward III | | Lauren Wagner |
| | Michael Lassen | 29 | Desiree Dengler |
| | Emily Miller | | Thomas Habowski |
| 14 | Tammy Leshner | | Mya Klouser |



Morgen Sweitzer



Taking measure of prayer

Fluency [in prayer] is a questionable endowment, especially when it is not accompanied with the weight of thought and depth of feeling. Some [people] pray by the yard, but true prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.



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.



2020 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are now 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 given to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made out to the church and given to Deb Hall in the church office.



Special Offering
August 30

GOOD SAMARITAN



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

To the Capital Campaign in memory of Oscar Troutman by Ron and Donna Wallace



Thank you to our Safety Task Force Members Beth Andrews, Deb Price, Barb Stepanchick and Tina Wolf, for all of your hard work each Sunday to ensure our safety as we return to in-person worship.



We Offer our Prayers to...



July 26 Richard Shoup
Bill Price (D. Price)
Bob Griffiths (B. Andrews)
Linda Brown (V. Brown)

July 19 Susan Freshour (V. Brown)
Ann Snyder (C. Varndell)
Deb Yuda (C. Varndell)
Janet Constantine (D. Stank)
Annie Buzalko (D. Zaharick)
Daren Hockenberry (K. Berner)
Nancy Harris's infant Gr. grandson Lee (D. Wallace)

Families of Dennis Schott

Charles Rebeck (V. Brown)

July 12 Sally Tice (E. Tice)
Jean Dudley (D. Price)
Anjelica Ratzlass-heart rhythm issues (B. Andrews)

Family of Grace Jones

July 5 Lynda Kirk
Barry Shoop (L. Wolfgang)
Linda Shoop (L. Wolfgang)
Mike Bettinger (C. Varndell)
Jesse Carl (T. Shilling)
Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute)

Please continue to pray for: Carl (Mickey) Lute, Irene Morgan, Corrine & Josh Coward, Gail Lorady, Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Robert Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Garth Swanson (Pr. Laura), Nancy Harner (R. Berner), Maddy Maurer (D. Wallace/C. Varndell), Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Ruth Berner (R. Berner), Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Mylah, (G. Marquardt), Anna 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 Leitzel Family - Matthew, Matthew, Maggie, Eli, Quinn
The Smith Family - Patti, Joshua
The Wallace Family - Bryon, Jessica, Marisa Seritsky, Kaylee



Sincere thanks from Donald and Laray Klinger to Pastor Laura and our church family at CULC for prayers and condolences regarding

A lachrymatory lesson

To calm his crying children, Charles Ferrell used to say, "Wait until I get a jar! I want to catch and save your tears." While he pretended to search for a vessel, his kids usually quieted down.



Tear jars were actually common in biblical times. Called lachrymatories, they're still sold in Old Jerusalem. Bible characters had a variety of uses for these jars. The woman who cried at Jesus' feet may have felt such sorrow about her wayward lifestyle that she brought a jar of her tears and added to them. In Psalm 23:5 (KJV), the cup that "runneth over" may have referred to a lachrymatory filled with tears of joy due to God's goodness.



At the end of summer,
I am a mix of melancholy
and excitement.
Holy Spirit, inspire my
trust in you even as seasons

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Endowment Scholarships



The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2020 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 **OCTOBER 3** to the church office or one of the members of the Committee: Donna Lassen, Barb Liem, Suzy Peel, Morgen Sweitzer, Donna Wallace and Mark Varndell.

The letter should include the following: Your name and address, name of school you are attending, your status (freshman, sophomore, etc.), field of study/certification or degree, and projected time of certification or graduation.

Please be advised, you must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the



Indoor Custodian Position

Due to the resignation of our Indoor Custodian, Susan Herb, we are now accepting applications for this position.

Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

Volunteers are covering church cleaning. We have a schedule of several groups of four or five volunteers to clean each week. If you are interested in helping please call Jo-Ann Young at 570-875-2586 or the church office 570-875-1591.



Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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iqsatexympsakogmzsjeeubtnyehapidmrfo

itegrbuanpicdnofihmneygjocsxrdpoetwkin

FINISH

“Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

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



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 13, 2020.



Serving Our Community of Faith in August:



Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
August 2	Barb Anczarski	Ken Dengler John Towey Becky Spencer Daniel Cunningham Jim Gruber-G		Ralph Johnson			Barb Anczarski
August 9	Steven Wolfgang			Marisa Seritsky			Steven Wolfgang
August 16	Kay Berner			David Cunningham			Kay Berner
August 23	Vivian Brown			Hayden Marlow			Vivian Brown
August 30	Larry Wolfgang			Danielle White			Larry Wolfgang



August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship with Baptism of Blake Allison 	3 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive  7:00 Church Council	4 7:00 Worship & Music Team	5 10:00 Seniors 7:00 WELCA	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship 5:00 Lutheran Church Men 6:00 Property Committee	10	11	12 10:00 Seniors	13 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard	14 Newsletter Deadline	15
16 9:30 Worship	17 7:00 Social Ministry	18	19 10:00 Seniors	20	21	22 Pavilion Reserved 11:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.
23 9:30 Worship with Baptism of Parker Dean 	24	25	26 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship with Good Samaritan Fund Offering and Blessing of the Backpacks 	31	 SUMMER				