

*Life Together at  
Christ's United  
Lutheran Church*



*For the grace of  
God has appeared,  
bringing salvation  
for all people.*

Titus 2:11, ESV

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





# Christ's United Lutheran Church

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*The December Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of Nathan & Nelson Berger by Mom & Dad.*



### Status of Accounts as of October 31

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$1,340.16**  
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2014 Annual Budget  
 of \$172,298.00 is **\$14,358.17**  
October income was \$14,967.55  
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$13,832.50  
 (67% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)





## Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

*Tick-tock, tick-tock...* I could hear the sound from my bedroom, envisioning the swing of the large pendulum, a beautiful arc of brass and wood as it would swing from one side to the other, each end of its arc moving the gears one notch in time.

Just *one* notch!!!! *Why not two, or three, or ten!!*

The trees had been up for weeks, now covered with decorations and lights. The yard and that of the neighbors glowed each night, so that flashlights were not necessary as young friends would gather each night for sledding and snowballs, the sounds of wishes and laughter marking their presence. We would head home early, not wanting to miss a chance that maybe time itself would change, sitting and staring at the tree that took the center of our homes. There, every night the train circled around boxes and bows, a course that each day gets travelled faster, more recklessly, trying to get closer. *Tick-tock...*

Arrrgh! This was torture! The day was spent with family and friends – they all were here – we ate a feast of meats, pasta, and vegetables, with wonderful sweets for dessert all with the music of laughter and stories (the same stories every year), before we headed off to church. The service was filled by songs and smiles, a parade to the altar for communion, and ended with candles dancing in the darkness. It was after midnight when finally I met my bed, a place from which sleep was absent, as the excitement about what was to come made every nerve jump with the sound: *tick-tock...*

Oh, what was to come! There were few gifts under the tree, but I had grown to know that the best was yet to come! There was a magical air

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to this night, when the air was always more crisp, when you could see your breath with giggles and amazement. We would stand outside in the driveway upon the return from church to look at the sky, amazed at how the stars seemed to bow down this night, leaning in close to lend their light to what was about to come. For it was after the family dinner, after the gathering in worship, after the chime of the clock, that I was told the gifts of Christmas come.

*Tick-tock...*

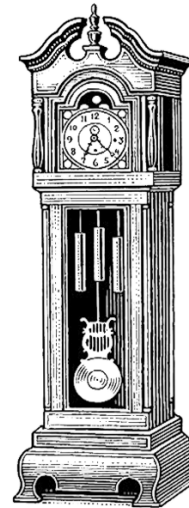
O Christmas, where are you! Your children around the world wait anxiously, yearning for your presence! We sing your songs, go through your rituals, learn your stories, and crave your arrival! We can't wait anymore – *Christmas, please come!*

*Tick-tock...* BONNNNGGGG BONNNNGGGG  
BONNNNNNGGGG !!!!

Feet did not touch the steps as they flew down, smells of breakfast coming from the kitchen and others pouring in, up steps down steps all, music from the stereo bringing choirs into the living room, all coming to the lights in the center, where gifts were exchanged with hugs and kisses, breakfast was eaten with stories (the same ones every year), and then...

The boxes and bows with the toys, clothes, trinkets, and all they contained, were left under the tree, as we changed from jammies and robes to sweaters and coats, to sing carols and share communion, to be blessed and share blessing, to worship and praise, to meet with family – cousins and friends and people I did not know, all with stories (the same every year) – for Christmas had begun.

*Tick-tock...*



Many years have since passed, but the pendulum still swings in my house now bare, its movement an echo of the past and an announcement of what is to come. For Christmas is not the lights, boxes, and bows of our past or present: they are but mere decorations for the gift that sits in the center of them, the gift that cannot be wrapped, bought, or sized, the gift that is our future.

It is the gift that comes with stories (the same every year), family (some we know and some we don't) gathering from all around, covered with wishes and laughter, marked with rituals and routines, songs and music that fill the air, and is lit by the stars that bow down to illumine its presence.

*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11"*

Brothers and Sisters, the wait is over –  
the gift of God is here, for you –  
now, and forever.

Peace,  
*Pastor Kim*

### **Church Council Highlights from November:**

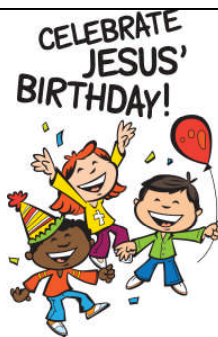
- Trunk or Treat had a turnout of approximately 151 children.
- A motion was passed to set the 2015 Benevolence goal at \$20,000.
- Purchase orders have been implemented.
- Each committee will receive a sheet of available funds for 2015 so they can track spending with submitted purchase requests.
- Available monies from Schuylkill Community in Action will be used to pay for food for "Christ's Cupboard".





Thank you to everyone that helped & participated with the November 22nd family night sponsored by the Jr. Youth Group. We hope everyone enjoyed watching "The Polar Express" Movie & had LOTS of fun creating ornaments for their very own Jesse Tree. The next event sponsored by the Jr. Youth Group will be January 17th. "Happy Feet" movie & Penguin crafts. Remember—all are welcome—whether you are 0 or 110. We are all kids at heart and children of GOD! Blessings to You <3

**Sunday,  
December 14  
11:00 a.m.  
Birthday Party  
for Jesus!**



*Thank You to all that came out to help and to participate in Trunk or Treat this year. The final total for treaters was 151. This event has grown every year and hopefully next year Christ's United Lutheran Church will be able to reach even more of our community.*

## **Attention Senior Youth members**

**Saturday, December 13**

Giving Project night: every year we make some sort of gift to be given out and this year we will be baking a mass amount of cookies. The cookies will be packaged and handed out at the Ashland area food pantry by your advisers.



**Saturday, December 27**

Holiday Celebration: A night of fun to celebrate Christmas and to enjoy the excitement of a New Year!! Please feel free to bring a friend!





## Confirmation Mini Retreat

Confirmands! Our first true gathering will be over Christmas break, December 29-30. Pack up your sleeping bag, toothbrush, confirmation books, and your Bible, because we are doing a mini retreat at the church. (bring your coats and a sled too because sledding at midnight is reaaaaaalllly cool). Snacks to share are a plus, dinner and breakfast are provided. For more info, see Pastor Kim.

It's time to order Christmas Poinsettias!

The poinsettias are available in  
marble, pink, white, or red.

Available in a 6" pot (5-7 blooms) for \$11.00 or,  
an 8" pot (12-15 blooms) for \$22.50.

Also available, 24" fresh green wreath decorated  
with pinecones and a bow for \$12.00.

**Please sign up on the  
bulletin board.**

Make checks payable to  
Jane Pennypacker.

*The deadline to order is  
December 7<sup>th</sup>.*







It's not the fanciest accessory.  
Nor the most expensive.  
But to someone in need of lifesaving blood,  
it's the most important.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

### Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road - Ashland

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Please see Mr. Erik Tice, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment

**THE BLOOD DRIVE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**Walk-ins are welcome**

#### American Red Cross

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-723-2787

Give Something that Means Something.®



Introducing a NEW convenient way to schedule your donations  
to a receive reminders: The Red Cross Blood Donor App.  
Download it today on the App Store™ or on Google Play™.

### Did you know???

When Christ's United meets or exceeds our goal for the Red Cross Blood drive, we receive a gift card!! We will use these gift cards to purchase food for "Christ's Cupboard". So sign up on the bulletin board TODAY to give blood, and you will help us in reaching our goal. The goal for the December blood drive is 38 pints.





I would like to thank Pastor Kim, Lois Sterling and all who sent cards and prayers during the time of my operation.

Sincerely, Jack Stitzer

I want to Thank You for a job well done. My granddaughter had a very nice night [trunk or treat] and I really enjoyed the evening. Thank You for the treats afterwards also.

I also want to Thank You all for your prayers while I am battling this cancer.

Thanks Again.

Love & Prayers,  
Mrs. Betty Green &  
Granddaughter, Rachel



I would like to thank my family and the whole church for the wonderful surprise birthday greeting I received on Sunday, November 9. Thank you very much for all the cards and birthday wishes.

Gerry Dillman

Thank you! For possibly the first time in my life, I was truly and completely surprised. Thank you for the kind words, card and gift in recognition of Pastor's Appreciation Month presented during worship. My words cannot express what a blessing it is to be in ministry with you – thank you, and may God continue to bless our ministry together.

Pastor Kim



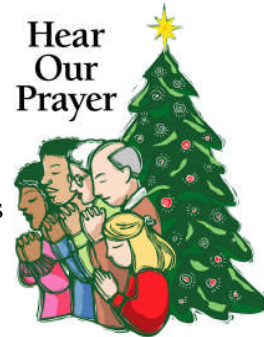
## **We Offer our Prayers to...**

### **Members of Christ's United:**

Dean Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Jim Hepler, Katie Kimmel, Grace Johnson, David Schweinhart, Marlene Lucas, Tyson Fetterolf, Chip Bendinsky, Hannah Sterling, Jake Wallace, James Houser Jr., Sandy Neumeister, Steven Wolfgang, JeanMarie Brayford, AnnMarie Dillman, Rose Ann Price, Dot Zeigenfuse, Anna Harner, Dot Zangari

### **Family & Friends:**

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Lottie Anczarski, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl, Wendy Farnsworth, Heather Demko, Diane Kehler, Percy Deiter, Barbara Bova, Patrice Rader, Gene Klinger, Irene Zaharick, Bonnie Lassen, Maynard Haas, Lois Reichwein, Karyssa Wenrich, Dave Kopitski, Natasha Weikel, Lori Schoffler, Dorothy Jean Welker, Betty Green, Michelle Lengle, Cathy Hare



*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: if you add someone to the prayer list on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note 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 their spiritual journey.

*This month we pray for:*

The Ambrose Family—Ted & Terry

The Baker Family—Jason, Dana & Brody

The Carl Family—Robert, Carla Mae & Rhonda





2 Nancy Lindenmuth  
 3 Howard Beury  
 Hiram Green  
 Asea Krah  
 4 Benjamin Geedey  
 Cheryl Neumeister  
 Cheryl Weikel  
 Walter Wolfgang  
 5 Janna Gregis  
 Lisa Waldick  
 6 Daniel Cascarino  
 7 Beryl Stitzer  
 8 Anita Fegley  
 9 Kathy Bulka  
 Robert Pennypacker  
 11 Cory Krise  
 Christopher Olson  
 12 Daniel Witner  
 13 Karleigh Economy  
 Shea Moyer  
 Bruce Pirie  
 14 Joey Anczarski  
 Tammy Harris  
 15 Ralph R. Johnson  
 Arlene Krise  
 Jessica Nagle  
 Leslie Shadle

16 Tammy Harris  
 Terri Whyne  
 17 Linda Brennan  
 Cheryl Klinger  
 18 April Brennan  
 Lynn Dillman  
 Raven Marlow  
 Samuel Troup, Sr.  
 20 Richard Edmondson  
 Rachel Pancher  
 22 Jeff Brennan  
 23 Robert Carl  
 Mary Cramer  
 24 Ruth Wolfgang  
 25 David Hall  
 26 Marian Brennan  
 27 Brody Baker  
 Zackary Coward  
 28 Bonnie Dillman  
 Donald Klinger  
 29 Beth Andrews  
 William Cook  
 Jessica Gregis  
 Mike Stepanchick  
 30 Stephen Harhigh  
 31 Lori Fox



12/03/49 Elmer & Betty Waldick  
 12/05/08 Breann & Daniel Barker  
 12/07/02 Randy & Angie Lucas  
 12/11/93 Stephen & Tami Wagner  
 12/11/99 Erik & Sally Tice  
 12/15/73 Michael & Deborah Zaharick  
 12/28/10 Stephen & Brittany Harhigh



## Serving Our Community of Faith in December:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Vivian Brown	Melanie Bendinsky Angie Berger Kay Berner	Dennis Wolfe Becky Spencer Jim Gruber John Wolfgang	Emily Fetterolf	Brandy Speer	Helen Wolfgang	Melanie Bendinsky
<b>Dec. 14</b>	John Towey			Charlie Sweinhart	Blake Olayo	John Denchak	Ian Bendinsky
<b>Dec. 21</b>	Becky Spencer			Amy Johnson	Deidre Dengler	Kay Berner	Richard Berner
<b>Dec. 24 4:00 pm</b>	Erik Tice	John Denchak Dennis Wolfe Jim Gruber	Richard Berner John Wolfgang Angie Berger Jim Chappell	Ryan Walter	Jordan Walter	Vivian Brown	Cheryl Denchak
<b>Dec. 24 7:30 pm</b>	Barb Stepanchick	Irene Morgan Becky Spencer Barb Stepanchick	Jim Gruber David Hall Becky Spencer John Denchak	Taryn Wilson	Desiree Dengler	Dean Fetterolf	Jim Gruber
<b>Dec. 28</b>	Tyler Wolfgang		Dennis Wolfe Becky Spencer Jim Gruber John Wolfgang	Tanner Walacavage	Lydia Price & Logan Walacavage	Darcie Gruber	Deb Hall



# DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 Church Council <b>St. Andrew, Apostle (transferred)</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 WELCA	<b>4</b> 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive
<b>7</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Journey  5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00 Hanging of the Greens  	<b>9</b> 9:00 Food Delivery  6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Social Ministry Team Meeting	<b>10</b>  6:00 Bible Study	<b>11</b> 10:00-12:00 Cupboard Distribution 6:30 Christmas Education Meeting
<b>14</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Christmas Dinner & Birthday Party for Jesus	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:30 Worship & Music Ministry Meeting	<b>16</b>  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>17</b>  6:00 Bible Study	<b>18</b> 12:00-2:00 Pantry @ Shepherd
<b>21</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Journey 3:00 Blue Christmas Worship <b>Winter Begins</b>	<b>22</b>  	<b>23</b>  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>24</b> <b>Office Hours 9:30-12:00</b> 4:00 Communion Service 7:30 Communion Service <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closing</b>  <b>Christmas</b>
<b>28</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Journey	<b>29</b> <b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (transferred)</b> 9:45 Mini Confirmation Retreat 6:00 Grief Support Group	<b>30</b>  1:00 Retreat Ends  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>31</b>   <i>New Year's Eve</i>	Nov S M T  2 3 4 9 10 11 16 17 18 23 24 25 30



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# SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for December:

## Cereal

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

- December—Council
- January—Choir
- February—Social Ministry
- March—LCM
- April—WELCA
- May—Christian Education
- June—Music & Worship

**“Christ’s Cupboard”**  
Next Distribution Date  
**Thursday, December 11**  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

This pantry supplements families during difficult times and that “in-between” time before their next local pantry distribution.

There are financial guidelines for eligibility. Distribution is on a personal choice basis, so that there is no waste of unwanted items.

Call the church for more information.







## Christmas Tree of Sharing

We will begin collecting items for the Tree of Sharing on December 1st. This year we will be collecting clothing items for 10 children, food items for “Christ’s Cupboard”, ELCA good gifts, and Seafarers International.

Tags will be on the table in the hallway and, after you pick your selection please place the “ornament” on the Christmas tree. All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 21. Please place gifts under the tree.

***Give Electronically***  
**Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card**  
***Christ’s United***  
***now accepts electronic donations***

### **Participate Today.**

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.





Is there an empty seat at your table,  
an empty place in your heart?

**Blue**  
CHRISTMAS

The laughter of Christmas often reminds us of the tears due to the loss of ones we love. Please come to a special service this Christmas season where our goal is to seek comfort in the presence of Christ. Different from the traditional celebrations, Blue Christmas is a service of remembrance with words of healing. We gather on Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome, for the true gift of Christmas – Jesus Christ – is for all.

*Pastoral Acts*

**Marriages Scheduled:**

06/13/15 Ryan Bendinsky & Katelyn Ambrose

09/12/15 Andrew Blyler & Kelsey Neumeister

Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel

**Baptisms:**

11/01/14 Tyson Francis Fetterolf

11/08/14 Michael James Monaghan

11/22/14 Debra Joan Berner & Tracy Lynn Berner

**New Members:**

10/26/14 Dennis, Joyce & Kylie Mallams, & Richard Shoup

**Confirmation:**

10/26/14 Heather Klinger & Brandy Speer

**Marriage:**

11/01/14 Anthony Kodack & Kelsey Kranch



## 2015 Annual Budget

Approved at Congregational Meeting November 9, 2014

**\$ 172,675.00 Ministry Budget**  
**+ 20,000.00 Benevolence Goal**

### **\$ 36,866.11 Christian Education**

Sunday school, VBS, Bible studies, First Communion, Confirmation, Egg Hunt, additional programs.

### **\$ 16,922.15 Evangelism**

Informational pamphlets, special events, coffee fellowship, newsletter, communion cards, welcome packets, other programs.

### **\$ 21,239.03 Social Ministry**

Christmas tree of sharing, "Christ's Cupboard", coffee & chocolate, Jared boxes, world hunger, grief group, other programs.

### **\$ 29,492.89 Stewardship**

Time & talents, education, coupon collection, highway cleanup, prayer circles, visitation, Synodical events, other programs.

### **\$ 61,126.95 Worship & Music**

Saturday & Sunday worship, choir, video projection, bulletins, music, altar guild, instruments, special services, usher training, other programs.

### **\$ 7,027.87 Youth**

Trunk-or-treat, birthday party for Jesus, confirmation retreats, movie nights, pizza with pastor, crafts, Mother's day dinner, other events.

Budget for the New Year





*During this Christmas  
Season please  
remember our shut-in  
members with visits,  
cards, greetings, and  
prayers.*

*Remember Our Shut-ins*

***Marian Brennan**, Providence Place, Connections Unit, 2200  
First Ave., Pottsville, PA 17901*

***Sue Bendinsky**, Ridgeview Nursing, 200 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Shenandoah, PA 17976*

***Jean Cress, Jeanette, Ruth, & Walter Wolfgang**, Mt. Carmel  
Nursing & Rehab Center, 2616 Locust Gap Hwy., Mt.  
Carmel, PA 17851*

***Jack & Carrie Houser**, 324 Centre St., Ashland, PA 17921*

***Ralph & Grace Johnson**, 371 Airport Rd., Ashland, PA  
17921*

***Nancy Kessler & Palmer Kimmel**, Mt. Carmel Assisted  
Living, 2616 Locust Gap Hwy., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851*

***Betty Miller**, 7 Tiley Rd., Ashland, PA 17921*

***Norene Stoker**, Serenity Gardens, 135 Vermont Dr.,  
Kulpmont, PA 17834*

***Oscar & Randy Troutman**, 365 Main St., PO Box 426,  
Lavelle, PA 17943*

***Connie Welker**, Luther Ridge, Room 110, 160 Red Horse Rd.,  
Pottsville, PA 17901*

***Harold Wink**, 394 Main St., Ashland, PA 17921*

***Dean Wolfgang**, Tremont Health & Rehab Center, 44  
Donaldson Rd., Tremont, PA 17981*

***Linda Zerby**, 42 Bryn Mawr Ave., Pottsville, PA 17901*



# WHO ARE

## These People???

Each month we like to have a different picture from long ago. Please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future “Life Together” Newsletters.

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. I am also looking for a picture of each of the Chapels: St. John’s, St. Paul’s, St. Peter’s and Zions. Thanks!



This is a photo of St. Paul’s in Gordon decorated for the Christmas season. There are copies of the picture in the church office if anyone is interested in having one. Photo courtesy of Michael Hudock.





## WELCA News

### “Knaughty Knotters Knews”



The Knotters will resume assembling quilts in January. We are in great need of "filler" materials such as used blankets, mattress pads, or quilt batting. Blankets may be worn, nubby, or have holes in, these materials are used in the middle of the quilt. Please place donations in the social hall. Thank YOU!!!



### **Next Ladies Night Out Sunday, January 4**

January destination: Pastor's new house!!! No need to drive too far to experience the warmth of friendship at this gathering. We'll be checking out the remodeling progress and enjoying a potluck dinner in front of the fire. Please bring a dish to share (sign up on the bulletin board) and desserts and drinks will be provided. Any ideas for games are welcome!





Congregational  
Christmas Dinner and  
Jesus' Birthday  
Celebration

**December 14th**  
**11:00 am**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sign up on the bulletin board to attend and, if you wish, bring a covered dish for the meal. Ham & cranberry sauce will be provided by WELCA & LCM.

A birthday celebration for Jesus will follow the meal.

Please assist the church in making an accurate report of all active, communing and contributing members of Christ's United.

As we approach the end of our calendar year, it is important that everyone take a moment to complete one communion card and one offering envelope with your name and address. Either one or both can be found in the pew racks at any of our upcoming services.

Thank you for assisting the record keepers as we begin the church year with the Holy seasons of Advent and Christmas.

New offering envelopes for 2015 will be available mid December.





## *Ministry of the Month*



When you consider ministry at CULC, you do not necessarily think of a Church Council as being a ministry, however, we oversee every ministry that happens here at the Church. First, and most important is the spiritual well being of every one of our members. This is accomplished by working with the pastor and reviewing the actions of our employees. We are represented on all of the 9 ministry teams and 7 of the operational committees. All of that must be done by Council before we ever get to communications and old and new business. From approving a movie night for our youth to scheduling the sauerkraut supper, your Council is involved in every aspect of your spiritual journey. Council members serve for three year terms and are unpaid, they offer devotions to each other and are committed to praying for all in need and they do this without missing very many meetings, please keep this ministry in your prayers.

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**Monday, December 8**

**9:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to come and help decorate the church for the Advent & Christmas seasons.







*Advent*  
DEVOTIONALS

**Are you ready for Christmas?**

The question comes with thoughts of gifts purchased, homes cleaned, and meals cooked: a lot of work, when you consider

that God's gift of Christmas came wrapped in a baby blanket, was entertained in a stable (complete with animals still in it), and the only food mentioned was some hay.

So maybe we need to get ready in a way different than cleaning, shopping, and cooking. Advent devotionals, booklets with Bible readings and prayers for each day leading up to Christmas are available free to help you get ready. Pick one up located in the basket next to the guest book, and maybe even an extra for a friend (what a gift!) so that we all can be ready for Christmas!



## 2015 Sponsorships

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

Sign up for: Altar Flowers \$25.00,  
Palms for Palm Sunday \$12.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00,  
Special service bulletins \$10.00, Sanctuary Candle \$10.00,  
Children's Bulletins \$10.00, and Monthly Newsletters  
\$40.00.

Payments for Altar flowers should be made to Jane Pennypacker. All other payments should be made out to the church and given to Erik Tice in the church office.



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***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.*

**~~oops!~~**

From a worship bulletin in Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

~~CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE~~

~~Join us on Christmas Dad!~~

~~Service begins at 10 a.m.~~

Come worship our heavenly Father on Christmas Day!



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