

*Life Together at
Christ's United
Lutheran Church*



Nations shall come
to your light,
and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



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





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Status of Accounts as of November 30

Balance in Checking Account.....\$1,301.41
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2014 Annual Budget
 of \$172,298.00 is **\$14,358.17**
November income was \$14,730.88
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$15,411.50
 (75% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)





Pastor Kim's Message



Brothers and Sisters,

“I make all things new”

New Year, new challenges, new excitement, new possibilities – old church? As we think of all the possibilities and that come with the change of our calendar, we don't tend to think about anything new with our practice of faith. Well, here's something new, just for you:

The start of the calendar year is also the start of new life.

No, not because you've decided to lose weight or exercise more (we've all done that). Not because you promise to be nicer to Aunt Hildegard or Uncle Ebenezer. Not because you will change your hair color or your clothing style. Not because of anything that you – or we – have done. Which is a good thing, because all those diets and promises seem to get lost by February. This is something new, that never gets lost, the shiniest never gets dull, and the excitement never become boring.

This, is life itself.

The new year coincides with the celebration of the Naming of Jesus. Names are used to carry on a family tradition, to express hopes for the future, to identify a character trait that a child has, or the parents intend him to have. And it was the same for the infant born to us a few days ago, the one who was laid in a manger, the one for whom the angels filled heaven with praise, the one come to save us...

Jesus.

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The name that means, “He will save the people”. It is the name that holds power, the name that heals wounds, the name by which the dead are raised. Jesus. It is the name above all names, the name upon which every knee in Heaven and earth should bow, and every tongue confess, for He – Jesus – is the Saviour of the people, the source of forgiveness, the essence of life, for us. Jesus.

And here is the thing that changes the new year for you. This name, Jesus, belongs to you. For when the waters of baptism flowed over you, the Holy Spirit was given to you, you (yes YOU) were marked with the cross of Jesus Christ, announced that to Him you belong, and your name shall forever be Christian, one saved by Jesus Christ, an eternal child of God.

You have a new identity, and a new life. This New Year, live it to the fullest. Live it, for Jesus.

Peace,

Pastor Kim

Annual Reports Due!

All Committee
Secretaries and
Treasurers must have
their reports submitted
to the church office by



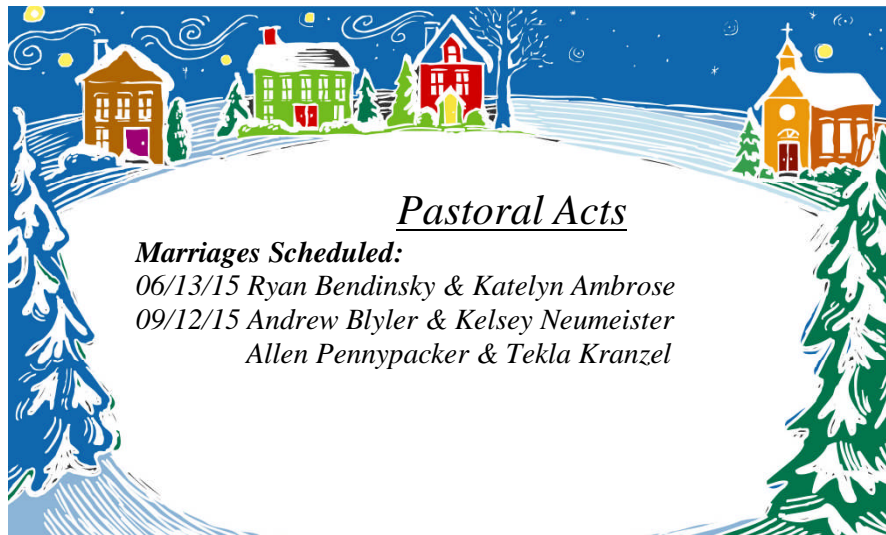
Monday, January 26, 2015. This is the deadline for all information or it will not be included in the annual congregational report. Our annual meeting is on Sunday, February 15 after worship. Thank You!





Church Council Highlights from December:

- The Social Ministry team received \$1000.00 from Black Diamond in Frackville to be used for “Christ’s Cupboard”.
- Social Ministry also received \$1000.00 to purchase coats for children and adults that are in need this winter.
- The senior youth group helped set up for “Christ’s Cupboard”, they will continue to do this each month the day before distribution.
- WELCA & LCM will purchase the ham & chicken for the Christmas dinner.
- The Day Camp team is starting preparations for 2015 summer camp.
- WELCA will give Christmas gifts to all shut in members.
- The Nominating committee will start looking for council candidates.
- Personnel is compiling a protection policy for Christ’s United.
- Both vacuums have been repaired.



Youth Group News



Family Event sponsored by Jr. Youth Group

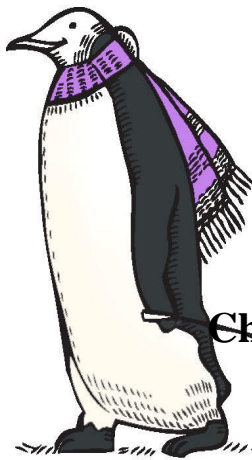
January 17

Movie—"Happy Feet"

& Penguin Craft

3:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Children of ALL ages Welcome!



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.



"ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about *one*.
Create one painting that says it all.



What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

What you do:

1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.

CHILDREN'S CAMP



Summer is just
around the corner!

This year Christ's United is planning a seven week Day Camp to run throughout the Summer months. The Planning Team has been busy dealing with issues from last year, and believe we now are ready to roll! Camp will be for youth aged 6-12, and run Monday, June 22 to Friday, August 7. If you are interested in registering your child, please email DayCamp@ChristUnited.org!





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) we share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. This faith gives us the courage to proclaim the good news to a world that is longing to hear it. It sets us free to love and serve our neighbors.

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is the first-ever, five-year comprehensive campaign for our church. In our first 25 years together as the ELCA, there is much to celebrate. And yet, God is calling us to do more.

Through this campaign we can:

- Share the gospel
- Start new congregations
- Serve globally
- End hunger
- Overcome malaria
- Train leaders
- Send missionaries

Please pray for members of the ELCA and our church's life-changing, life-sustaining ministries and consider making an initial gift to the campaign to support ministries that mean the most to you. Also consider how you and your congregation can take part in the next five years.

Together – in the name of Jesus Christ – we can achieve things that we could never otherwise imagine or do alone.

Learn more at:

www.ELCA.org/campaign

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 01/30/82

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We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Dean Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Katie Kimmel, David Schweinhart, Marlene Lucas, James Houser Jr., Rose Ann Price, Dot Zangari, Norene Stoker, Frank Schaffer, Sandy Marlow, Deb Hall, Lois Sterling, Jeanette Wolfgang

Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Lottie Anczarski, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl, Wendy Farnsworth, Heather Demko, Percy Deiter, Barbara Bova, Patrice Rader, Irene Zaharick, Lois Reichwein, Karyssa Wenrich, Dave Kopitski, Betty Green, Michelle Lengle, Cathy Hare, Robbi Link, Mary Kay Cray, Mary Eberling, Steven Wallace, Charlie Young, Dianne Klem, Darlene Knorr, Barbara Seaton

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 Amend Family—Jill

The Barker Family—Daniel, Breann, & Dylan

The Collette Family—Travis & Crystal



Serving Our Community of Faith in January:

| Date | Lector | Ushers | Communion Assistants | Acolyte | Crucifer & Tag-a-long | Greeter in Narthex | Greeter at Door |
|----------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Jan. 4 | John Towey | Dennis Wolfe Dot Zeigenfuse Darlene Stank John Towey | Donna Wallace Jo-Ann Young John Denchak | Kate Neumeister | Alaina Lindenmuth | Steven Wolfgang | Nancy Lindenmuth |
| Jan. 11 | Sally Tice | | Barb Anczarski Melanie Bendinsky Jim Gruber | Nathan Smith | Ashley O'Connor | Barb Stepanchick | Pearl Lute |
| Jan. 18 | Mark Vardell | | | Brandon Hood | Nicole Hood | Irene Morgan | Jane Pennypacker |
| Jan. 25 | Deidre Dengler | | | Deidre Dengler | Kylie Mallams & Alyssa Becker | Susan Ruzze | Richard Shoup |



JANUARY 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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|  Happy New Year! | DECEMBER 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 | | 1 Circumci Name of Office Clo New Year |
| 4 Second Sunday of Christmas 9:30 Communion Service <u>Collection for Opportunity</u> <u>House</u> 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 3:30 Ladies Night Out | 5 7:00 <i>Church Council</i> | 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 Food Delivery 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 6:30 Choir Practice | 7 4:30 Sr. Youth Pizza & food pantry set up 7:00 WELCA | 8 10:00-12:00 Cupboard 7:00 <i>Evening Outreach Meeting</i> |
| 11 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 Communion Service <u>Collection for Opportunity</u> <u>House</u> 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> |  12 6:00 <i>Mutual Ministry</i> | 13 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 6:30 Choir Practice | 14 | 15 Newslette 7:00 <i>Personal Committee</i> |
| 18 Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship Service <u>Collection for Opportunity</u> <u>House</u> 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> | 19 Confession of Peter (transferred) 9:30 <i>Stewardship Team Meeting</i> Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed) | 20 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 6:30 Choir Practice | 21 | 22 |
| 25 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> | 26 Annual Reports Due from ALL Committee Secretaries & Treasurers 6:00 Grief Support Group | 27 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 6:30 Choir Practice | 28 | 29 |



| | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------|--|
| Resurrection and Easter Resurrection 's Day | 2 | 3 5:00 Communion Service |
| 10 "Christ's " <i>Evangelism/ Team</i> | 9 | 10 5:00 Communion Service |
| Registration Deadline <i>Personnel Meeting</i> | 16 | 17 3:00 Jr. Youth Movie – Happy Feet 5:00 Worship Service |
| | 23 | 24 St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor 5:00 Worship Service |
| | 30 | 31 5:00 Communion Service |



SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for January:

Diapers & Baby wipes

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

January—Choir
February—Social Ministry
March—LCM
April—WELCA
May—Christian Education
June—Music & Worship
July—Evangelism/Outreach

“Christ’s Cupboard”

Next Distribution Date

Thursday, January 8

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.



Opportunity House **Collection**

The social ministry team will be collecting items for Opportunity House during January. Opportunity House is located in Reading and they will be opening a retail thrift operation in March. This will help their clients have full time warehouse and retail jobs. And it will also help keep usable items out of area landfills.



What we will be collecting....

Shoes (men's, women's, children's, any size)

Women's Handbags

CD's, DVD's and VHS tapes

Twin or Full size Bedding (NO Queen or King)

All items **MUST** be gently used and in good condition. **NO** dirty, ripped, torn or broken items will be accepted by us or them!

Please place donations on the table in the Narthex.
Thank You!!!





Remember: We Recycle!

We recycle many things here at Christ's United. Please bring your items in and help keep them out of area landfills.

Items Collected:

Metal tabs from cans

These are sent and used to help raise money for service dogs. Collection bins are located in the kitchen, social hall, and hallway.

Aluminum cans

These are processed by the youth of the congregation and money raised goes to the youth so they can do special projects and trips throughout the year. Collection bins are located behind the church.

Old Cell Phones

Any kind of Ink or Toner cartridge

Phones and cartridges are sent to a recycling facility and we in turn get money back. Collection bins are in the library and the hallway.





ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: When is the last time the two of you did something to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Make 2015 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM

and have been enriching marriages for almost 40 years! There is a \$45 per couple registration fee; plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2015 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

March 13-14, 2015 at the lovely Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel located in a peaceful setting 6 miles from the Pittsburgh Airport.

April 10-12, 2015 at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.

September 18-20, 2015 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.

October 16-18, 2015 in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, “Loxley’s.”

Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$45 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.




“Lent” literally means “a lengthening of the daylight hours”, or to paraphrase, “more light in our lives”. In the church year it is a time when we focus on the life we have through Jesus Christ: the light of our souls. It is a time for worship and prayer, for learning and growing. In the past three years we have helped each other grow in the light of Christ with our own Lenten Devotional booklet. Please stop by the bulletin board and select a scripture passage about which you are willing to share your thoughts and feelings. Each of us has a wisdom borne of our faith.

Please share your faith with us.

LENTEN

DEVOTIONALS



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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 or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



WHO ARE

These People???



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

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!





WELCA News

“Knaughty Knotters Knews”



The Knotters will be Knotting every Tuesday in January at 9:00 a.m.

Come out and join us!!!

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!



The legend of the sand dollar

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell
Of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here
Four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star
That appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side
Reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release
The five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me
To help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity.

—Author unknown



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 Moorhead, Minnesota:

~~THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE~~

~~New Bible Study~~

~~Join us Tuesday mornings at 9~~

Don't have the gall to miss this *Bible* study!



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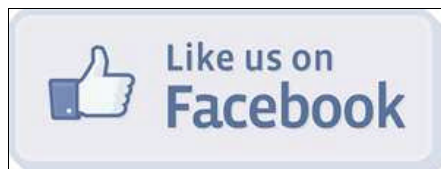
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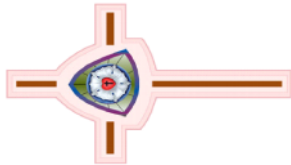
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