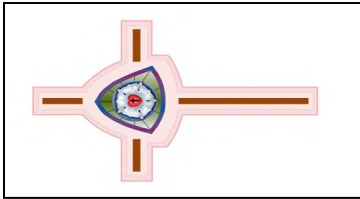


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Live in harmony
with one another;
be sympathetic,
love as brothers,
be compassionate
and humble.



Join us for

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Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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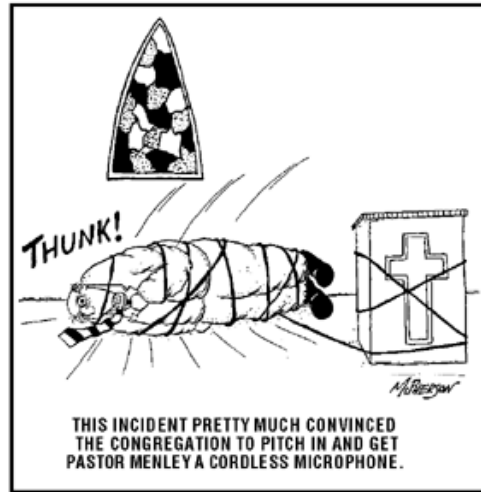
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Status of Accounts as of November 30

Balance in Checking Account \$55,191.98 .

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2021 Annual Budget of \$202,094.00 is \$16,841.17

November income was \$16,984.90

Expenses for November were \$7,828.22 , resulting in a gain of \$9,156.68 .

Benevolence Gifts through November is \$11,635.29

(78% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2021)



CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Beth Andrews Secretary	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
Ted Ambrose	570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
Angie Berger	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Debra Price	570-875-4272	Feb. 2024
Barbara Stepanchick	570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024
Joseph McAndrew Youth Representative		

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

STAFF

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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Evangelism/Outreach
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
Endowment Fund
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Nominating
Personnel

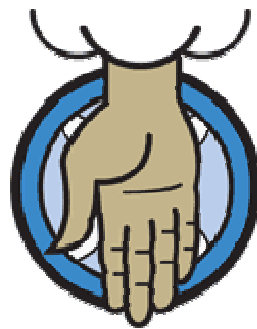
Christ's United Lutheran Church

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.

Christian symbol

HAND OF GOD—This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits



Pastor's Ponderings....

The beginning of an new calendar year marks the passage of time. Every year as we enter the month of January, we acknowledge that another year's worth of time has passed and a whole new year's worth lies ahead of us. Much has happened in the past, and much lies ahead. That is the nature of time itself. As a congregation, and individual members of it, the same is true for us. Much has happened in the year now past and much will happen in the one ahead.

As we enter the year of our Lord 2022, know that changes will happen. Challenges will certainly be abundant for you and your congregation as we journey through this coming year. Not one of us fully knows what the future will bring. However, as members of the body of Christ, we have committed ourselves to the task of growing, changing, and strengthening our witness as children of God. We enter into the new year with questions: What will be different when we enter this marking of time next year? How will we or you have grown and changed? What will you have given of yourself and time? What will you have left behind? What will be new for you?

On January 9th, we will celebrate the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord. This festival falls in the beginning of the new year. It's a reminder of a new beginning as baptized children of God. It's a reminder of a new beginning *not* an end. I encourage each of you to enter into this new year of our Lord affirming your own baptism. Turn again to the forgiveness our Lord has given each of us in that gracious event. Allow it to wash away the sins of the past and open the door to the new and wonderful changes that lie ahead.

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Leave behind bad habits and behaviors and look for new ways of living and serving under the grace of God. Pray for God to guide you to ways you can participate in making 2022 a significantly wonderful year, not only for your congregation and its ministry, but for your own faith and life.

Bathing in the waters of our baptism,

Pastor Dana

We welcome new member, Braden Heyer, David and Christine Heyer's son, who also joined our church family along with them last month.

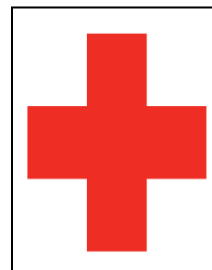
WELCOME
New Members



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Dana performed the following

Funeral:
12/0821 Carol Ann Klinger



American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

Community Room
437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, February 7, 2022
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.

Biblical resolutions

- Hold firmly to your faith** (Hebrews 4:14)
- Assemble with the saints** (Hebrews 10:25)
- Pray and thank God earnestly** (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- Petition God for great blessings** (Malachi 3:10)
- Yield not to temptation** (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

- Notice opportunities to serve others** (Galatians 6:10)
- Examine yourself daily** (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Work diligently for the Lord** (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Yearn for righteousness** (Matthew 5:6)
- Exercise godliness** (1 Timothy 4:7)

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**Church Council Highlights
from December**

- We had a financial gain of \$9,156.68 for November, 2021.
- Joey McAndrew reported that a few members of the Youth Group attended the Jared Box Project Assembly for the Janet Weis Children's Hospital on Sunday, December 5th at the Thrivent Bloomsburg Office.
- On Sunday, November 28th, six students from the congregation each received a \$500.00 Endowment Scholarship check toward their secondary education.
- Ann Marie Dillman clarified that when we did the budget we didn't increase the Outside Custodian's or Financial Secretary's salary because they don't take a salary. It was not to make less of their job. It was to keep the budget in line.
- New procedure for ordering Altar Flowers - From now on, everyone will be responsible for ordering and paying for their own Altar flowers. There will be a sign-up sheet near the bulletin board in the hallway so Debbie knows when to put in the bulletin who has flowers for a particular Sunday. The person who is ordering the flowers needs to call "Flowers from the Heart", or a florist of their choosing, and have the bill sent to them. If there is no sponsor for a certain week we will use the artificial flowers.

**January Council Contact of the month
is Dennis Wolfe**

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



**Council Member
of the Month**



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re**_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your ___ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek jus____. Defend the ___**pressed**. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the ___e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ... To act **justly** and to **love** me____ and **to** walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would __ ve them d _ to you, for this s _ ms up the ___ w and the Proph _ _ s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

- father _____
- pe _____
- _venge
- _od
- _rcy
- op _____
- _hbor
- humb _
- cas _
- _tice

We Offer our Prayers to...

January 9 – Kay Berner (A. Fertig)
Kim Wylie (D. Wolfe)
Leroy Berner
James Houser Sr.
Beverly Gutenkunst (J. Deeter)
Monice Boyer & Family (J. Deeter)
Families and Friends of Lance Wolfe (D. Wolfe)
Albert Stehr
Barry Quick (A. Berger)

January 2 – Scarlett Anczarski

December 26 – Tim Beissel (J. Tice)
Barbara Fetterolf (Amanda)
Caroline Kush (M. Yoder)
Lisa Weber
Irene Morgan (D. Calhoun)
Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun)
Families of Dave Minnich-Pat Hepler's brother (J. Hepler)
Bob Harris

December 19 – Sandy Darcangelo (D. Kessler)
Greg, Gail & Mark Levengood (E. Werner)
Kerri McKinnon (D. Kessler)
Families of Joel Halles (L. Wolfgang)
Jim Trommenter (L. Wolfgang)

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Tara Houser, Jennifer Koch, Bobby Liem (B. Liem), Gail Lorady, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute), Irene Morgan (D. Calhoun), Keith Morgan (G. Marquardt), Richard Shoup, Cheryl Varndell, Leo Young, Linda Zerby
Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Elizabeth Brown & family, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Edward Emerich (L. Martin), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Robbie Link-starting chemotherapy (D. Calhoun), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Karyssa Wenrich

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:



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The Martin Family - Lowell
The Toldt Family - Kristen, David Mullins & Caiden Weikel
The Wolfgang Family - Dustin & Madelyn



The following Memorials were given to Christ's United since the December Newsletter:

In Memory of Richard Dengler by:
Lavelle Volunteer Fire Company

In Memory of Carol Klinger by:
Nelson & Angie Berger & Family
Bill & Colleen Flail
Michael & Donna Lassen
Jack & Mary Anne Misiewicz

In Memory of Bill Price Sr., Nellie Schlorff and Greg Zaharick by:
Nelson & Angie Berger & Family

In Memory of Richard Watkins by:
Diane Watkins

In Memory of Dorothy Zeigenfuse by:

Don & Laray Klinger	Gary Chubb
Grace Johnson	Esther Pennypacker
Sara Kane	Dorene Choffel & Family
Beryl Stitzer	Vytus Karavage
Peggy Pahutka	Nelson & Angie Berger & Family

*In Honor of Grace Johnson and
In Memory of Ralph "Cappy" Johnson, John "Jack" Johnson,
Richard Dengler, and Anna "Grammy D" Dengler
by Ralph, Jen, and Ralph Johnson*

To Christ's United Capital Campaign:

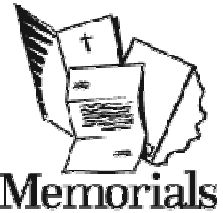
In Memory of Lou Knorr and Greg Zaharick by:
Terry & Dorothy Kessler

In Memory of Carol Klinger by:

Terry & Dorothy Kessler	Leo & Jo-Ann Young
Ron & Donna Wallace	Jim Chappell

In Memory of Dorothy Zeigenfuse by:

Terry & Dorothy Kessler	Leo & Jo-Ann Young
Ron & Donna Wallace	Jim Chappell
Frank & Peggy Dziczek	





The next Women of ELCA Meeting
will be February 2nd at 6:00 pm

All women of Christ's United are welcome to attend.

Ladies Night Out



January 16. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. and heading to the Dutch Kitchen in Frackville.

Please Sign up on bulletin board to attend so reservations and carpooling can



Items Found

There are a few items (earrings, pins, etc.- even a puzzle piece) hanging in a plastic bag on the bulletin board in the hallway that have been found throughout the church building. If you are missing anything check to see if its been found and placed in the bag.



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.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Fridays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of



Annual Committee Reports Due

All Committee Secretaries and Treasurers:

Please have your reports submitted to the church office by Monday, January 24, 2022.

This is the deadline for all information so it can be included in the annual congregational report. Our annual meeting is on Sunday, February 20th after worship.

Saturday Evening Worship Resumes

Pastor Carl Shankweiler will lead our Saturday evening Worship Services beginning January 8, 2022 at **6:00 p.m.** Holy Communion will be celebrated on the Saturday evening prior to a Communion Sunday.





JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jamie Johnson
- 2 Katelyn Bechtel
Barbara Pennypacker
Nathan Smith
- 3 Emily Reichwein
- 4 David Hepler
Margaret Koons
- 5 Miles Hudock
Kevin Wright
- 7 Katrina Economy
Brenda Knorr
- 8 Craig Troutman
- 10 Laray Klingler
Luke Young
Liam Young

- 11 Harry Hepler
- 12 Richard Knorr
Jennifer Lettich-Snyder
- 13 Jesse Cascarino
Trevor Wilson
- 14 Ron Andrews
Cheryl Neumeister
- 15 Karen Green
Hannah Lisowski
- 16 Rylee Nagle
- 17 Jim Gruber
Debbie Hall
- 18 Bill Burke
- 19 Deb Zaharick
- 20 Nathan Hepler
Jennie Kosmisky
- 21 Karen Schweinhart
Bryce Weikel
- 23 David Chuplis
- 24 Katherine Bixler
Rachel Hostetter
- 25 Steven Wagner
- 30 Allen Johnson




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ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/08/11 Douglas & Lindsay Fetterolf
- 01/13/72 Leroy & Deb Berner
- 01/20/05 Allen & Keri Johnson
- 01/30/82 Craig & Penny Troutman



A prayer for Epiphany

O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy Word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us. Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven, where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the



Dear Christ's United Family,

Thank you so very much from all of us for your generous Christmas gifts.

Your kindness and support are always so greatly appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely,
Christ's United Staff:
Ann Marie, Ann Ray, Bill, Chris,



Sneaker Recycling

The Ashland Boy Scout Troop will be collecting used sneakers and athletic shoes for recycling?



A box will be placed in the Narthex on January 9th and 16th for anyone wishing to donate. For more information, see Sally or Jacob



The Good Samaritan
Fund
Special Offering
January 29 & 30



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Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams. 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams. 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows. 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus. 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone. 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt. 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup. 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Pharaoh
(Genesis 41:17-21) B. The Magi
(Matthew 2:12) C. Jacob
(Genesis 28:12) D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
(Genesis 40:9-11) E. NT Joseph
(Matthew 2:13) F. OT Joseph
(Genesis 37:9, 11) G. Pilate's wife
(Matthew 27:19) H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35) |
|---|---|

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

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Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card
Christ's United accepts electronic donations

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.



2022 Sponsorships

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



- Altar Flowers \$35.00*
- Palms for Palm Sunday \$12.00
- Worship Bulletins \$15.00
- Special service bulletins \$10.00
- Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
- Children's Bulletins \$10.00
- Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.



What's in a name?

As the U.S. evacuated thousands from Afghanistan in August 2021, an Afghan woman gave birth on a plane. She named her daughter Reach — the name of the aircraft that brought her family to safety.

Many people name their children after loved ones or special events; a child born on Christmas might be called Noel or Holly. In Bible times, too, names often had meanings: Eve likely means “mother of all living”; Abraham, “father of many”; Isaac, “laughter.” Moses is a play on words with the Hebrew for “draw out” because Pharaoh’s daughter drew him from the Nile.

Of course, the most important biblical name is Jesus, which means “The Lord saves.” As the angel told Joseph, “[Mary] will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21, ESV). The Christian church traditionally celebrates Name of Jesus on January 1. But every day, as we pray in Jesus’ name, we remember that

***2022 Altar Flowers New Procedure:**

Please sign up for week(s) you would like to sponsor

Altar Flowers and call
“Flowers From the Heart”
570-339-2519
to place order.

Cost is now \$35.00.

Please make payment directly to the florist.



Un-decorating of the Church

On Monday, January 10, we will gather to take down the Christmas decorations in the church. All help will be greatly appreciated.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

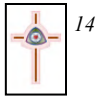


Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

~ 2022 ~

- January** - WELCA
- February** - Church Council
- March** - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship
- April** - Social Ministry
- May** - WELCA
- June/July/August** -
No Social Hour

- September** - Choir/Worship &
Music/LCM
- October** - Church Council
- November** - Evangelism/



We will be collecting the following items for January:

Peanut Butter & Tuna

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

There will be no food distribution in January or February 2022.


The next food distribution date is



Serving Our Community of Faith in January:

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Representative/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
January 2	John Towey	Vivian Brown	Donna Wallace	John Kimmel b Kay Berner b Terry Neumeister so Allen Johnson c/d Jim Gruber g	Erik Tice - AM Angie Berger Beth Andrews	Kaitlyn Werner	Nathan Berger
January 9	John Denchak	Jacob Tice	Beth Andrews		John Towey - AM Barb Stepanchick Dennis Wolfe	Zeke Shingara	Remington Stehr
January 16	Erik Tice	Vivian Brown	Barb Anczarski			Kayla Werner	Maura Sweitzer
January 23			Kay Berner			Marisa Seritsky	Ava Hubler
January 30	Vivian Brown		Angie Berger			Ava Hernandez	Blake Olayo

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	3 7:00 p.m. Church Council	4	5 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6 Epiphany 	7	8 6:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	10 9:00 a.m. Un-decorating of the church	11	12 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13	14 Newsletter Deadline	15 6:00 p.m. Worship
16 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 3:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out	17 Martin Luther King Jr.	18	19 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 6:00 p.m. Worship
23 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	24 Committee Reports due for Annual Report	25	26 8:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 6:00 p.m. Worship
30 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Committee Mtg. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	31					