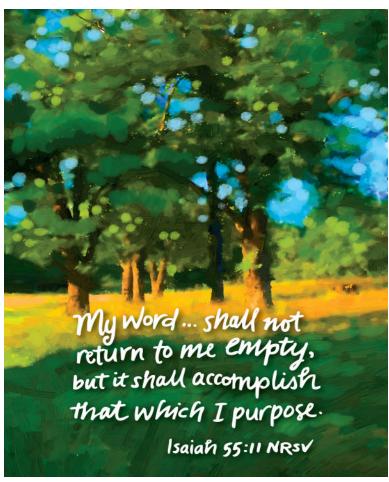
Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





Join us for Worship Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.

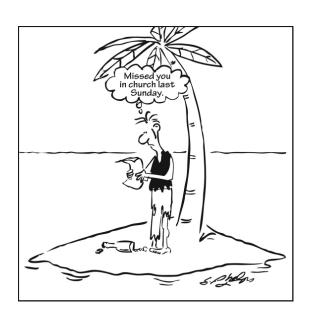




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Status of Accounts as of May 31

Benevolence Gifts......\$6,907.50 (34% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)





Pastor Kim's Message

Freedom.

In July 1776, fifty-six men gathered together to sign the Declaration of Independence. This was not your typical document: drafted by representatives of the American colonies, it is a statement of freedom, and together with the Constitution (including its amendments, more commonly known as the Bill of Rights) define the United States as a country based in freedom. But the freedom was not of our government: our identity as a country is based in the freedom of its people.

These defining documents of our country are held up by the world as the examples of what it means to be "free" as a people, having rights to assemble, to vote, to live: without oppression, without fear, without punishment. They tell the world that here, we live in freedom.

So important was the institution of the Declaration of Independence that we celebrate its signing each year with a national holiday, a day when we gather with family and friends for music and meals, stories and sharing, a practice of the freedom the documents declare.

So important is the message of these national documents that we too often forget where it came from: freedom was not the "brainchild" of the first congress or committee. The understanding of freedom expressed was not born out of their ideas, it was borne out of their *faith*.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights..."

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By their Creator – by God... God is the source of the freedom here stated, the freedom desired, the freedom we claim. God, who formed his people in love, giving us freedom through the life of Jesus Christ, calling us to live in the promised land - a community of caring equality – guided by the Truth of God's Word. The United States is a country – a people – based in Christian truths, not political ones.

This Fourth of July - this Summer – celebrate your freedom. Celebrate Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Kim

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

\$260.00 in Memory of Marie Lengert by:

Terry & Dorothy Kessler
Connie Welker
Ron & Beth Andrews
Terry Shilling
Mike & Donna Lassen
Don & Laray Klinger
Kenneth P. Milner
Leo & Jo-Ann Young
Members of the Grief Support Group

\$20.00 in Memory of Arlene Troup by: Don & Laray Klinger

\$40.00 in Memory of Harold & Arlene Troup by: Marge Bolich





Church Council Highlights from June:

- Due to the lack of registration and transportation costs, the day camp program has been postponed until next year.
- The Reading Phillies bus trip was cancelled.
- The social ministry team is still in the process of planning and setting up an emergency food pantry in the storage area.
- Stewardship is working on ways to increase the Sunday school attendance.
- WELCA paid a mortgage payment and also paid for

- this years attendees at the Synod convention.
- David Schweinhart will be retiring as organist at the end of August.
- The Endowment Fund was audited by Richard Berger.
- Steven Wolfgang will continue as the youth representative on council for another year.
- The insurance quote from Brotherhood Mutual was reviewed.
- Dean is going to check with Koppy Propane to see if we can secure a "lock in rate".





Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 20—Thursday, July 24

Please keep an eye out for sign ups to donate food items for VBS snacks. For example we will need chocolate chips, ice cream cones, fresh fruits, cupcakes with white frosting, granola, toasted oats cereal and other items. Donated food items will be turned into exciting Jungle themed snacks!





All are invited to help turn the VBS areas into a jungle, please join the Decorating Team on Wednesday July 9th at 6:30 pm and Thursday July 17th at 6:30pm. We need to borrow one or two tents and some canopies to be used as part of the display. If you have some you would be willing to let us borrow, please talk to Keith or DruAnn.



Sr. Youth. July 24 help at Food Pantry 11-2 The youth will be walking over to subway for fellowship time after the food pantry.

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for scholarships. If you are a 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 September 1, 2014 to either the church office or one of the members of the committee- Sara Fetterolf, Angie Berger, Rick Lorady, Tracy Berner, or Darcie Gruber.

In the letter please include: Your name and address; Name and address of school you are attending; your status (freshmen, sophomore, etc.); Projected time of certification or graduation; and Field of study/ certification of degree you are pursuing.





Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Jungle Safari, where kids explore the nature of God!

Come join the fun as kids get to KNOW what's so great about God, EXPLORE the nature of God, and SERVE God in practical ways. At Jungle Safari, kids will:

- · participate in large-group excitement at Toucan Jam,
- experience God's Word at Zip Line Bible Time,
- take part in service projects at Slug-a-Bug S.W.A.M.P.,
- · explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games.

Your kids won't want to miss this exciting adventure! Get them ready today! Sign up at our preregistration event!

Date: Sunday, July 20 - Thursday, July 24

Place: Christ's United

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

office@christsunited.org or, fill out the registration form found on the youth bulletin board and return it to the church.



Jungle Safari. Permission is granted to reproduce this page for ministry purposes only-not for resale.





Members of Christ's United,

There are not enough Thank yous in the Bible or in my heart to tell Christ's United members and friends how I feel. The last few months have filled my heart with prayers to God and all my friends with thanks for all the healing prayers and thoughts.

Thank you Christ's United members and friends. I will be forever grateful.

Prayers to all, Connie Welker

The members of the choir thank Tekla for her guidance and direction during the past season. Her enthusiasm, talent and hard work kept us going and singing to the Lord.

God Bless you, Tekla.

Dear Pastor Kim and Christ's United,

On behalf of New Life church, the junior girl scouts and the children of San Felix, Panama, I would like to offer my heart felt thanks to you and your congregation for your hospitality and generosity on April 16, for your support of "comida para todos." The girl scouts were so excited to go to a new place and share their skit, in hopes of raising awarness for the students in Panama. Then to be able to participate in a Seder meal, a first for most of them, made the evening more impactful. The adults on the trip were just as excited and thoroughly enjoyed the Seder meal as well.

Thank you again for partnering with us in support of this important project and sharing God's love and abundance with us. I look forward to future mission trips and projects with your congregation so that we can share God's love with as many people and in as many ways as possible!

Your sister in Christ, Michele Barra



We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Nancy Shuey, Dean Fetterolf, Tom Lazor, David Pennypacker, Jack Houser, Matt Wetzel, Jennie Kosmisky, Heather Schweinhart, Jim Hepler, Katie Kimmel, Ralph Johnson, Sr., Ralph (Cappy) Johnson, David Schweinhart, Marlene Lucas, Ray Lesher, Dale Bolich

Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Andrew Schronick, Dawn Huntzinger, Lindsay Whyne, Gerry Dengler, Bonnie Lassen, Herman Wagner, Bobbie Harris, Karyssa Wenrich, Greg Meisner, Lottie Anczarski, Nada Matthews, Harry Lengert, Elizabeth Brown, Percy Deiter, Mary Lorady, Tim Varndell, Benjamin Wolfgang, Doris McGurl, Robert Nause, Wendy Farnsworth, Kristin Plotner, Barbara Boba, Annie Smith, Nancy Harris, Heather Demko, Reese Burdette

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 someone is added to the prayer list on a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the secretary's desk.

Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:

Marion Brennan, Providence Place
Jean Cress, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Jack & Carrie Houser
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Betty Miller, Luther Ridge
Norene Stoker, Serenity Gardens
Oscar & Randy Troutman
Connie Welker, Shenandoah Manor
Harold Wink
Betty Wolfgang
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health
Jeanette & Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing

Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living



Linda Zerby

Serving Our Community of Faith in July:

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Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
July 6	Melanie Bendinsky	John Denchak Dean Fetterolf Jim Gruber	Dean Fetterolf Robert Schneider Laray Klinger	Thomas Wolfgang	Tyler Wolfgang	Barb Stepanchick	Darcie Gruber
July 13	Beth Andrews		Jane Pennypacker	Ian Bendinsky	Nathan Berger	Deb Berner	Deb Hall
July 20	Kay Berner			David Hall	Blake Olayo	Pearl Lute	Jane Pennypacker
July 27	Steven Wolfgang			Alaina Lindenmuth	Danielle White	Susan Ruzze	Darlene Stank



JULY 2014

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Social			7:00 Bible Study	7:00 Evange Outreach M
6 4 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service	7	8	9	10
Service Service	7:00 Church Council		6:30 VBS Decorating Crew 7:00 Bible Study	
13 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17
3:00 Community Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social	6:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting			6:30 VBS De 7:00 Person Meeting
20	21	22	23	24
6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service	6:00-8:00 VBS	St. Mary Magdalene	9:30 Newsletter Assembly	12:00-2:00 F Pantry, Sr. Y helping
6:00-8:00 VBS	6:30 Stewardship Meeting	6:00-8:00 VBS	6:00-8:00 VBS	6:00-8:00 VE
27 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service	28	29	30	31
Parent's Day	6:00 Grief Support Group	Mary Magdalene	6:30 Sunday school Planning team ice cream social	



	Friday	Saturday
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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for July:

Boxed Potatoes

Please place your donations in the shopping cart. Thank You!

> Thank you. Thank you. Thank you...

One act of generosity leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice program. Many of

you directed your designated

Through your individual

Choice Dollars to Christ's United.

recommendation, you have made a

difference. Collectively, Thrivent

Financial members have helped us continue our important mission.

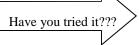
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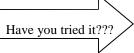


The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

Committee **Schedule**

July-Evangelism/Outreach August—Youth Group September—Property October—Stewardship November—Endowment Fund December—Church Council January—Choir





generosity!







GAIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Rick, Buffy and I represent the PA State Animal Response Team and we volunteer our time at the Bloomsburg Fair to generate donations to help this worthy cause. We need your help, we need your donations. Last year the most requested item was "dog clothing", and we had none to sell. So this year I am seeking donations of the following new (or gently used) items:

Dog Clothing
Dog Toys
Leashes & Collars
Catnip (bulk)
Any non-perishable dog or cat item

I have found some volunteers that are making dog clothes and we need:

Material, especially cute novelty and holiday prints Sew-on Velcro, all colors (74 to 89 cents at Wal-Mart) Baby Bibs, size large or extra-large (<u>without</u> the rubber or plastic back)

"D-rings" (the thing that the leash fastens to)

I am looking for more volunteers to sew, knit and/or crochet. I will supply you with patterns and all the material/s you need.

Your donations and help are greatly appreciated! Please place your donations in the container in the hallway.

Gail Lorady
570-875-4489



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.

The answers from last months picture are: Left to Right: Front row - Carl Kimmel, Bonnie Runge, Virgil Smith, David Fey. Back row - Charles Bendinsky, Glenn Pennypacker, Jr., Rev. Staaby, William Dillman, Jr., David Kramer. St. Peter's Chapel, Confirmation May 29, 1966.

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!





Ministry of the Month

EVANGELISM is just not our ministry....EVERYONE is an Evangelist...Yes, we have meetings and have done various projects. The Directory, the main event; the Welcome cards; Newsletters to visitors; and Welcome Packets to visitors. We are working on a few



other items, Fish magnets; outside banners, with Jim's original "Want to make a difference? Take a child to church!"; a prayer walk; RIP cards; a soup kitchen, which is

already kind off being handled by the meal packet ministry campaign. Window clings were discussed as was "sign up genius" a website to donate meals for a family in need when a death occurs. Oh yes, and BUMPER STICKERS with our church logo!!! So we

are a small team but active and busy with EVANGELISM !! You could be too! :-) Won't you join us? Contact Cheryl Varndell at 570-875-2545.





WELCA News

Thank you for In Gathering donations

Thank you for the donations of 179 bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. The soap and 44 knotted quilts along with a \$110 check for shipping will be taken to the InGathering on June 20th. The Knaughty Knotters will take a summer break but will restart in the fall. Donations of used

blankets, sheets, quilts, mattress pads, fabric, and curtains will be needed to continue the quilt project. Drop off any donations on the table

in the social hall.

WELCA picnic

The annual indoor picnic will be held on August 6th at 6:00pm All women and guests are welcome to come and share in a fun evening of food and games.

A sign up for covered dish or dessert is on the bulletin board.

razy" (also called dirty or naughty) bingo game will be played, so bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift to play along.





Thursday, August 14th

<u>Deadline to Reserve Tickets: JULY 15th</u> Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Cost

Adults \$85.00
Teen (13-18) \$65.00
Child (3-12) \$45.00
Deposit of \$20.00 for each ticket due when you sign up.
Balance Due by July 15th.

Lunch at Shady Maple 12:00 noon

Show at Sight & Sound 4:15 p.m.

The parting of the Red Sea ... the Burning Bush ... the Plagues ... the Ten Commandments ... finally ... the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage in Lancaster County, PA - Moses! Journey back through time and relive the golden splendor and pride of ancient Egypt, the poverty and oppression of the Hebrew slaves and the humble, broken man that God raised up to become their deliverer. Not only will you be completely immersed in the spectacular, epic events of the story, but you will experience the humanity of Moses and the children of Israel as they struggle for faith, freedom and belonging. This incredible adventure is like none other for this is when God breaks into history and reveals who He is and that He has come to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free!

Please make checks payable to: Christ's United WELCA.

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.





- 2 Ryan Bendinsky Heather Schweinhart
- 3 Mindy Burke Dustin Koons Joan Clark John E. Shilling
- 4 John Denchak David Schweinhart
- 5 Christopher Dillman
- 6 Chris Brennan James Locker Sally Tice Ron Wallace
- 7 Jeremiah Johnson Michelle Knorr Rick Lorady Patrick Monaghan Jeffrey Sharp Daniel Sisko
- 8 Ashley Cress John Kimmel
- Nelson Berger, Jr.
- 11 Wendy Farnsworth Eric Singleton
- 12 Dylan Barker William Harris
- 13 Katlyn Klinger
 Gavin Klock
 Deb Price
 Todd Walacayage



- 14 Peter Hepler Samuel Troup, Jr.
- 15 Samantha Schneider
- 17 Bobbie Harner Wesley Long Maura Sweitzer Tami Wagner
- 18 Ellie Chappell Jennifer Singleton
- 19 Jeffrey Hummel Kylie Sisko
- 20 Richard Dengler
- 22 Gene Fertig Jeremy Rock
- 24 Anna Harner
- 26 Carla Mae Carl Rachel Green Thomas Wolfgang
- 27 Lydia Price
- 28 Diane Rock
- 29 Tangie Wetzel
- 31 Barbara Fetterolf



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James & Carol Reiner



Dear Friends and Members of Christ's United,

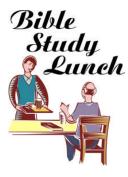
It is very hard to leave my home of 47 years and the friends I've made in the area. It is especially difficult to leave my family at Christ's United, Pastor Kim, and the choir. I'm going to find out if one can "go home again" as I move to a house in the Menno Haven retirement community in Chambersburg where I lived till I was twenty-seven.

It's a very easy day trip so I hope many of you will come to visit me. I'll be at 21 Penn Hall Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201. 717 552 2352. My email will remain the same: margebolich@gmail.com

Directions couldn't be easier. Go South on I-81 to exit 20. Go right (west) on 997 for almost three miles to the traffic light at Rt.11. Turn left on Rte 11 for almost three miles and you will see a beautiful three story brick building on your right. (that was Penn Hall, girls' junior college originally.) Turn into South Penn Hall Drive just past the brick building. I'll be at the end of that road. It's a two hour drive.

May we all go with God.

Marge



Beat the heat! Pack a sandwich and join in a lunch time bible study on "What is a Lutheran?" Lunch Thursdays at 11:30 am. We will meet in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall and drinks are provided. We will start this hot topic the hottest time of the year (when else???), Thursday August 7th!



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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 reexamination 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.



From a newsletter in Seattle, Washington:

Interpretation for the dead will be provided.

Although Jesus raised the dead, we offer a different sort of sign!



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