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God's Work,
Our Actions



*"The LORD make his
 face shine upon you ...
 and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:25-26, NIV

Join us for Worship
Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. (Sept.-May)



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One God. One People. One Purpose.

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July 2022

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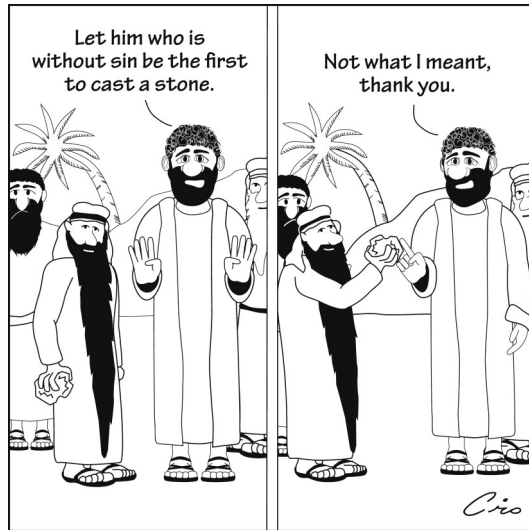
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Status of Accounts as of May 30

Balance in Checking Account \$98,484.62 .

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our

2022 Annual Budget of \$185,997.00 is \$15,499.75

May income was \$12,494.30 .

Expenses for May were \$7,697.45 ,

resulting in a net income of \$4,796.85 .

Benevolence Gifts through May were \$4,661.00

(31% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)



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
Mutual Ministry
Nominating
Personnel
Property

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.

Pastor's Ponderings...



Here goes

"How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?" "Answer" "change, what do you mean change, my great grandfather put that bulb in the light. Yes, change is a strange word that many people get upset over, fear, or are worried about. Many think of change as negative or being disruptive of one's life and activities.

Change is part of the very nature of being human. As humans, we want to cling to what we know and think we understand. We want what is familiar, constant and consistent such as our daily routines and activities. Yet, change is all around us. It is impossible to escape change. In the most basic sense all creation changes as we go through each season. Are all the sunrises the same? Are all the sunsets the same? Do the same buds bloom the same way each season? Do we have the same amount of snow each winter?

We change jobs. How many people do you now who have worked for the same employer, at the same job for their entire life? I suspect you know very few. We are a people on the move - a tent people, if you will.

Change. Ask the young couple who have just had their first child what change is all about. They do not hesitate to let you now the significant change in their lives and the way in which they live it.

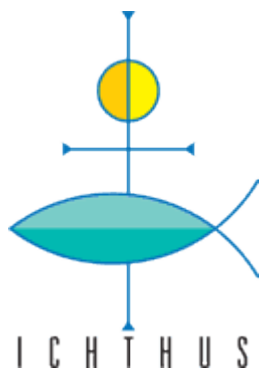
While, one might fight change, get upset over change, or even fear it, if you honestly assess yourself and your situation, there are very few things that are unchanged in your life from ten or fifteen years ago.

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Christian symbol



FISH—The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.



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

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, August 1, 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.

Open to the public and walk-ins are Welcome!

The hymn, "Abide With Me", LBW #272, vs 3:
*Swift to close ebbs out lift's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

These words tell us about God. The promises of God, his love for all creation, especially human creation, his forgiveness, his provision for us, and the gift of his Son for us are constant and consistent and do not change.

God is constantly attempting to change the response of his human creation, and in Christ, changed his approach to his human creation.

In the midst of a world of change there is one thing that we can count on that will not change - the consistency and constancy of the love of God in Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Dana

May Council Contact of the month is John Denchak

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 John, he can be reached at 570-875-4970.



Council Member
of the Month



CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities

CULC YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR 2022
ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!!
PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

July - Hot dog and S'mores at Tice's - Date to be determined.



Reason(s) to attend WELCA meeting

When I was 33 years old I started going to WELCA meetings, it was before the NEW church, we alternated meetings at the 4 churches, Lavelle, Gordon, Kimmel's and Girardville. I thought all the ladies were OLD but in reality many were younger than I am now (shish - 68). I at the time was the youngest attending, BUT I continued to attend and soon got to know those (old) ladies.

Connie Welker, Paula Chuplis, Lorene Reiner, Geri Dillman, Hilda Tielman, Betty Boyer, Grace Weist, Anna Neumeister, Emma Johnson, several of the Girardville Marguardt's, Evelyn McDonald, Betty Coward Miller, Mildred Kimmel, Marion Brennan, Margaret Ludwig, Alma Walters, Judy Stepulitis. I could go on and on with names you may remember, BUT my bigger point is, I got to know those ladies and became friends with them, celebrated with them when their children got married, when they had grandchildren, some great grands. I also shared sadness and grief with them when they lost a spouse, a sibling, a child or when one of their children went through a divorce, BUT most of all I learned so much from them, as the commercial says what I learned from them was "PRICELESS".

I got information on child rearing, relationships (romantic, casual and everything in between), cooking tips, recipes, how to get along with many personalities, when to open my big mouth and when to zip it, again I could go on and on I learned so much and to the family members of those women who are still with us, THANK YOU for sharing your Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Friends.

Now I appeal to ALL women of CULC young and young at heart, come out to the WELCA meetings, help with dinners and bake sales, make candy, knot quilts. Give us your ideas of things you would like to see happen at CULC, new ideas are welcome. Get actively involved any way you can and the things you learn and friendships you make will be PRICELESS.

Thankful for what I have learned and continue to learn,
Becky Spencer

P.S. Look for up coming meetings in this newsletter, plan to attend



Church Council Highlights from June

- Income for the month of May was \$12,494.30 which included Benevolence \$807.00, which is 31% of our goal for the year. Christs Cupboard \$200.00, \$17.00 for Buck-A-Chick campaign. Total expenses were \$7, 697.45 which included \$442.03 for envelopes, \$72.34 equipment and contracts, and \$2,315.23 for Utilities. This resulted in a net income of \$4,796.85. 82% of our budget for the year remains. Total in the Memorial account is \$39,087.93. Total in the checking account \$98,484.62.
- Lutheran Church Men - Spaghetti Dinner was a success.
- Social Ministry - Buck-A-Chick is ongoing. The summer book sale for World Hunger will start soon.
The next Christ's Cupboard distribution will be July 14.
The food will still be handed out by way of a drive-thru.
- Multimedia Ministry - We still need some more volunteers for the PowerPoint during the service and also the Live streaming.
- Finance Committee - The first check was written for payment for the roof. The second one will be written in July when the work starts on the roof. The last when the entire job is completed.
- Personnel Committee - A resolution was brought to Council from this committee on hiring a new Outdoor Custodian to replace Bill Price. The candidate for hire is Drew Kissinger from Klingerstown on a second from Dennis Wolfe. The Office will contact him with his start date.



We Offer our Prayers to...

June 26 – Frank Towey (J. Towey)
Families of William Denchak
Megan Beury
David Zerby

June 19 – Danny Quick (his family)
Kelly Barnes (C. Neumeister)
Diane Reed (T. Neumeister)
Barb Fetterolf (D Klinger)

June 12 – Richard Shoup (H. Shoup)

June 5 – Sister-in-law & Niece of Mary Davis (G. Marquardt)
Kathy Ahrensfield (J. Babb)
Tracy Maurer (C. Neumeister)

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Annette Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Linda Zerby
Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Lou Ann Olson, Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman, 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:

The Merwine Family - Maynard & Susan
The Troutman Family - Cathy
The Young Family - Leo II, Heather, Cole, Seth, Liam & Luke

Quilt and Personal Care Kit Blessing

P: Lord, we've come seeking your blessing for these things we lay before you, the work of our hands and our hearts;

C: Bless now our eyes that we may see you.

P: We pray for the ministry of Lutheran World Relief and our partnership together to be your hands and feet in a hurting word;

C: Bless our labor, that our hearts would be joyful in this work you have given us.

P: When we've gathered Kits for school and study, grant us to see you

with the teachers, as once you tarried in the temple;

C: Let us see you in the hands of the children writing in these notebooks.

P: When we've gathered Kits for cleansing and healing, grant us to see you dusty from the road and heavy with care;

C: Let us see you in the smiles brightened by these toothbrushes.

P: And when we've made Quilts for protection from cold and a shield from heat, grant us to see you as once you had no place to lay your head;

C: Let us see you in the arms reaching out to receive these Quilts.

P: Grant us this view of the world with Heaven's sight.

C: That we may more fully embrace our calling as your servants.

P: Give us courage to glimpse our world turned upside down, then bless us with your unworldly peace.

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord, Amen.

Written by Pr. Emeritus Ed Whetstone, Cantonsville, Md.



Women of the ELCA



Attention ALL sisters of CULC!
You are invited to a Garden Party, the annual
indoor covered dish picnic on

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd
6:00 PM**

Sign up on the bulletin board to attend and indicate what food you will bring to share.

We will have a White Elephant Gift Game so each person is to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the game (if you wish to participate).

We have also invited women from Good Shepherd, Ashland; Friedens, Hegins; St. James, Pitman; and Zion, Minersville.

We hope you will join us for food, fellowship, and fun in a cool, bug free environment.

Knaughty Knotters completed 60 knotted quilts this past year. Thank you to all who donated fabric, sheets, blankets, etc. that were used to assemble the quilts. Thrivent Action Team grant was used to purchase batting. Thank you to the KK group (Beth, Becky, Carla, Darlene, Donna, Jean, Laray, Faith, Carol & Nancy) who sewed the tops and bottoms for the quilts, knotted them together, and sewed the outer binding edges.

Congregational donations and Thrivent grants enabled WELCA to assemble 40 Personal Care kits and 50 School kits.

The quilts and kits were being taken to the In Gathering on June 17th in Auburn. and then they will be transported by Pioneer Pole Building company to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. Last year's Quilts went to Sebia.

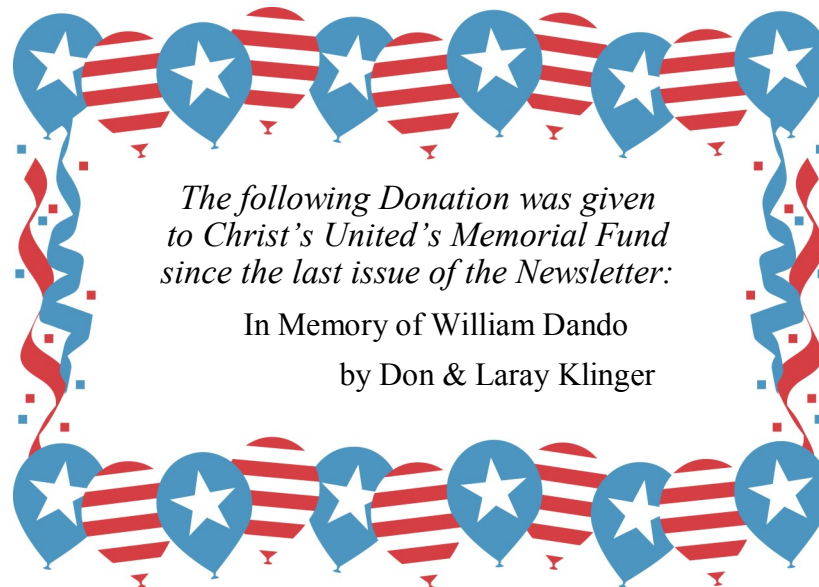
The following blessing was given by the women who packed the quilts and kits prior to InGathering.

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 immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



*The following Donation was given
to Christ's United's Memorial Fund
since the last issue of the Newsletter:*

In Memory of William Dando
by Don & Laray Klinger



Outdoor Custodian

Our new Outdoor Custodian is Drew Kissinger. He will be taking over the responsibilities of maintaining our church grounds. If you see Drew be sure to say hi.



ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:
ARE YOU ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION PROGRAMS (college, university, trade school,
nursing/medical school, business school, ENTERING THE
MILITARY SERVICE, OR ARE STARTING A JOB?

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2022 scholarships of \$500 for full time students/military service and \$100 for employed graduates.

ADULT MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENROLLED IN POST
SECONDARY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR
THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Active members of the congregation are eligible to receive a scholarship by submitting a letter of request by OCTOBER 3rd to a committee member: Terry Ambrose, Carrie Hummel, Becky Spencer, Morgen Sweitzer, or Jo-Ann Young.

The letter should include: Your name and address, name of the school attending, or military branch, or employer, your status (freshman, senior, etc), field of study/certification or degree, and projected time of graduation.

Please be advised, you must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the congregation and be present on NOVEMBER 27th when scholarships are given out during the worship service.



2022 Sponsorships

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



Altar Flowers \$35.00*
Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Special service bulletins \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00
Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

*2022-New Altar Flowers Procedure:

Please sign up by the bulletin board 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 place order and make payment directly to the florist.

All other sponsorships, please make payable to CULC and give to Debbie in the Church Office.

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.



ATTENTION:

7TH and 8TH GRADERS or any Student 12 years or older who hasn't been confirmed yet.

COME OUT AND JOIN IN THE 2022-2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

build your Faith on what you have learned in Sunday school plus so much more. God has an exciting plan for all of us!

Classes will start in Sept. 2022
Please contact the church office if you have an eligible student, more information to come at a later date. (570) 875-1591

Be strong and courageous for the Lord will be with you where ever you go. Joshua 1:9



Do you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, consider sharing your musical gifts with your church family this summer. The choir is on a well- deserved break, and we are hoping to schedule a variety of special music throughout the season. Guitar, piano, flute, trumpet, harmonica, - all are welcome! Soloists, duets, quartets-we'd love to hear you! Gospel, Contemporary, Classical, Praise - all will enhance our worship!

Contact Jamie Johnson to schedule a Sunday if you are willing to provide special music.



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Serving Our Community of Faith in July:



Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congrega- tional Rep/ Announce- ments	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte
July 3	Kay Berner	Vivian Brown	Deb Hubler	Ken Dengler b John Towey b Allen Johnson c/d Robert Carl so Cheryl Varnell g	Vivian Brown AM Angie Berger Dennis Wolfe	Ava Hubler	Mariisa Seritsky
July 10	Rev. William Zimmerman	Angie Berger	Vivian Brown			Remington Stehr	Zeke Shingara
July 17		Jacob Tice	Donna Lassen			Bianca McAndrew	Joey McAndrew
July 24	Rev. David Kistler		Becky Spencer			Jacob Tice	
July 31			Erik Tice			Blake Olayo	Ava Hernandez



- 2 Heather Schweinhart
- 3 Mindy Burke
Dustin Koons
Joan Clark
John E. Shilling
- 4 John Denchak
- 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
- 9 Larry Wolfgang
- 10 Nelson Berger, Jr.
- 11 Eric Singleton
Deb Hubler
- 12 Dylan Barker
William Harris

- 13 Deb Price
Todd Walacavage
- 14 Peter Hepler
Samuel Troup, Jr.
- 15 Samantha Schneider
- 17 Wesley Long
Maura Sweitzer
Tami Wagner
- 18 Jennifer Singleton
- 19 Kylie Sisko
- 20 Dylan Heyer
- 22 Jeremy Rock
- 23 Kimberly Miller
- 24 Tyson Fetterolf
Fletcher Sterling
- 26 Carla Mae Carl
Rachael Green
Thomas Wolfgang
Zeke Shingara
- 27 Lydia Price
- 28 David Cunningham, Sr.
Diane Rock
Brayden Ladick
- 29 Hannah Towey
- 30 Kylie Mallams
- 31 Barbara Fetterolf



- 07/08/76 James & Jo Conrath
- 07/08/95 Greg & Penny Lindenmuth
- 07/10/93 Gary & Connie Weinreich
- 07/10/93 Thomas & Michelle Hood
- 07/28/01 Rick & Gail Lorady
- 07/30/05 Susan & Shaun McNally
- 07/31/70 James & Carol Reiner



World Hunger Book & Puzzle Exchange



Do you love books? Do you have extra books you no longer want?

The Social Ministry team will have a book & puzzle exchange table in the Narthex during the summer.

Bring in any of your soft or hard cover books that you no longer want and place them on the table. Then, if there are other books on the table you would like to read, take them home and enjoy the stories. We are looking for children's books, fiction, novels, mystery, non-fiction or others that you think would be of interest to someone else. If books aren't your interest, we will also be collecting puzzles! When you take a book or puzzle, leave a donation for world hunger to support the many ministries they have throughout the nation and world. We will not accept text books or encyclopedias. Thank you!



Sunday school

Sunday School will start fresh again in the fall in September.

We offer classes for all ages, from Nursery and Pre-K up to and including 6th grade.

It would be great to have a count as soon as possible, so that learning materials, snacks, and scheduling can be established.

This very important Youth Ministry is in DIRE need of teachers and helpers.

Anyone willing to help out our youth, as they are the future of our Church. Please contact the office.



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SOCIAL MINISTRY



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

- ~ 2022 ~
- June/July/August** - No Social Hour
- September** - Choir/Worship & Music/LCM
- October** - Church Council
- November** - Evangelism/Endowment/Stewardship
- December** - Social Ministry



We will be collecting the following items for July:

Spaghetti Sauce

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday
July 14, 2022



Confirmands' Statements of Faith

As a requirement for Confirmation, each Confirmand writes a personal "Statement of Faith". Each month one will be printed in the Newsletter. This month's is written by Ava Hubler.

My Statement of Faith

Ava Hubler

I was baptized on September 14th, 2008. While that was the beginning of my church journey, it was not the end. As I grew, I attended Vacation Bible School and Sunday School, my mom and nanny read bible stories to me, I watched Veggie Tale videos, but I really don't remember all that was taught. Sure, there are bits and pieces of bible stories and activities I remember, but no moments that stand out like "THIS is what it means to follow Jesus and be a Christian or a Lutheran."

I'm not sure I do, even now. I mean, through confirmation I have learned about our Lutheran faith and that we are saved by God's grace alone through our faith ... not through deeds or acts, but by God's grace. I am still growing in my faith and my journey is not finished.

My faith does impact my choices on a daily basis and I recognize the values that have been instilled in me by my parents are based on the 10 Commandments. I hope to continue to grow in the church, expanding beyond serving as an acolyte or crucifer, possibly serving as a lector, and that I can set a positive example for younger members of our congregation. But most of all, to grow and gain an even broader understanding of my faith as I continue to attend and participate in worship.

I do believe without God, my life would be very different. While I do not know what the future holds, I know that God does, as stated in Jeremiah, Chapter 29, verse 11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I need to listen to Him and be faithful as He guides me forward.



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
3 9:30 Worship W / Holy Communion	4 Independence Day GOD BLESS AMERICA	5	6 10:30 Seniors	7	8	9 6:00 Worship
10 9:30 Worship 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	11 7:00 Church Council	12	13 10:30 Seniors	14 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard 	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:00 Worship
17 9:30 Worship	18	19	20 10:30 Seniors	21	22	23 6:00 Worship
24 9:30 Worship	25	26	27 8:30 Newsletter assembly 10:30 Seniors	28	29	30 6:00 Worship
31 9:30 Worship						