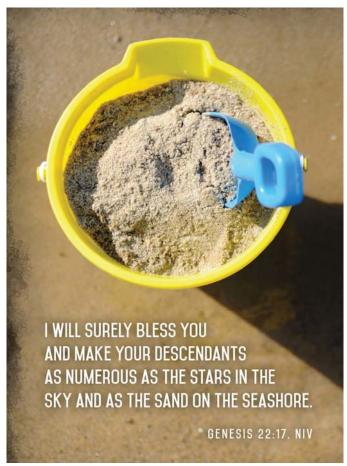
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Join us for Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Journey & Fellowship 10:45
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Status of Accounts as of April 30

Benevolence Gifts......\$5,675.75 (28% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2016)





Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Sum-sum-summertime, summertime, summertime.

Despite the recent weirdness, Summer is well on its way. Baseball, lawn mowing, and flower gardens prove it. Our thoughts have turned to dreaming of school-less days, sun, vacations at the beach, late nights and later mornings: the perfect, hot, lazy, Summer... a time we try to get away from it all.

What about the "all"? The all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful, almighty? When our sum-summertime focus is on getting away from it all, do we mean getting away from God too?

Because, my friends, God has no plans to "get away" from you. In fact, wherever you go, God is already there. The psalmist wrote:

> Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there too! If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight! Psalm 139:7-10

God wants to go with us: but are willing to go with Him?

Vacations (whether near or far) are a time when we can get away from the daily demands of life and get closer to the Source of Life. Daily

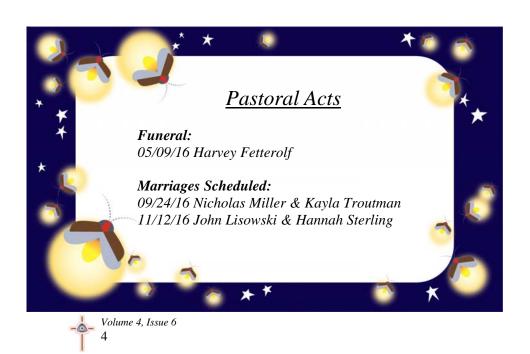
Bible readings, worship, and even talking about our faith – the things that nurture us – are not the things to leave behind.

If you're planning to travel, check in with me to learn more about an exciting church to visit while away, or stop in to pick up a handy travel size devotional book to take with you. If you're planning to "vacay" at home, remember that Summer may be perfect and hot, but at Christ's United it is definitely not lazy. Worship, service, youth, education, all seem to pick up speed in the Summer, and there is always an experience happening here.

And wherever God takes you, remember your family at Christ's United. Send us pictures, or post them on our Facebook page (/ChristsUnited/) so that all can share your celebration.

This Summer, go in peace: go, with God!

Peace,
Pastor Kim



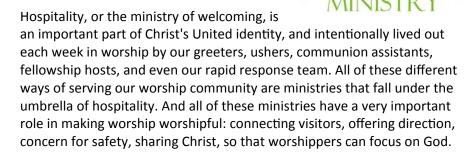


Church Council Highlights from May:

- General Checking Account-\$3,786.06
- Average weekly worship attendance for April 2016-128, for the year 124
- The upgrade cost of Servant Keeper is \$199 and adding 2 additional seats @ \$50 equals \$100. The webinar program is \$99 (only good for 30 days) making the total cost of the program \$398.

Hospitality Training on June 13

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7



Like all ministries, it is important for us to grow in our service. So whether you have been serving for fifty years or just thinking of answering God's nagging call inside you, come to the Hospitality Ministry meeting 7 pm Monday, 13 June at Christ's United. We'd love to welcome YOU here!



- 1 Maxwell Pennypacker Barb Stepanchick Ashley Williard
- 2 Michael Lucas John Wehry
- 3 Thomas Hood Rose Pennypacker Nathaniel Shadle
- 4 Lindsay Fetterolf Douglas Fetterolf Michelle Lavelle
- 5 Amber Krise James Reiner Ted Shadle
- 6 Robert Gross Kimberly Zweizig
- 8 Don Dillman Kayla Troutman
- 9 Shannon Marlow
- 10 Rhea McNally
- 11 Judy Stepulitis Erik Tice
- 12 Randy Green Breonna Richardson
- Jennifer McGrathWilliam Waldick, Jr.

- 15 Julia Pirie
- 16 Dorothy Kessler
- 17 Daniel Barker Stephanie Cook William Coward, Jr. David Mullins III
- 18 Susan McNally Madelyn Wolfgang
- 19 Luke Allison
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Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As Christ's United it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.christsunited.org, locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, just scan this QR code to get started.



We Offer our Prayers to...

May 22 – Family of Leonard Whyne, Ken Bennett (G. Marquardt)

May 15 – Ron Fox, Dot Zeigenfuse, Susie Klinger (P. Schaefer), Annette Leiberman (D. Zaharick), Elaine Carter (L. Lute), Sandra Beecher (L. Lute), David Schweinhart, Judy Stepulitis, Donna DiRenzo (L. Sterling), Deb Price, Wendy Farnsworth, Barb Liem

May 8 – Family of Harvey Fetterolf, Daniel Heath (I. Morgan), Tommy Green, Robert Sherman (G. Kosmisky), Judy Fritz, Karyssa Wenrich (J. Clark)

May 1 – Joyce Mallams, Jeffrey Zimmerman (B. Fetterolf), Devin Fowler (T. Shilling), Frank Dziczek, Leona Sheipe (G. Marquardt), CJ & Sharyn Robichaux (G. Marquardt)

April 24 – Family of Kim Brown, Elizabeth Brown (G. Marquardt), Gregory Smith (D. Heidlebaugh), Susan Grant, Mary Heverling (T. Wolfe), Sue (Kaufman) Jiannino (R. Hardnock), Jim Klemanski (G. Marquardt)

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 or write their name on the Prayer Request sheet found 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 spiritual journey.

This month we pray for:

The Bixler Family—George, Katherine, Jennifer & Lindsay The Dengler Family—Randy, Nicole & Lucas The Fox Family—Robert & Lori



Youth retreat to Gettysburg

What do the Old Testament, a food pantry, and the Civil War have in common?



Why the Confirmation Retreat in Gettysburg of course! Get ready for an action packed adventure as we take Gettysburg with a force greater than the rebel army, led by God (yea!) and chaperoned by Tracy, Aaron, and Pastor Kim. The Singmaster house, a beautiful home located on the Seminary campus will be our head-quarters as we learn God's plan for the universe – and for us! – through classes, games, service, and adventure. All senior youth, whether you are in confirmation now or "living the dream" are welcome. The dates are 20-24 June, and we will be leaving Christ's United parking lot at 9 am on Monday, and returning Friday afternoon. If you have questions or would like to go please talk with Tracy, Aaron, or Pastor Kim soon! Detailed letters for all participants will be available.



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you sing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" Colossians 3:16

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!

A sign -up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front hallway. If you need accompaniment, have questions, or need additional information, please call Pastor Vicki Reeser at 484-334-3183.

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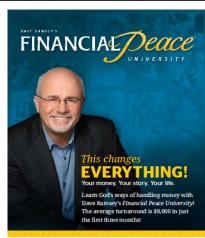


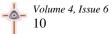
Witness by what you're Wearing!

Just in time for Summer the Christ's United T-shirts are here! Sporting the Christ's United logo in the front and our identity statement in the back (One God.



One People. One Purpose), these shocking lime green t-shirts are a great way of starting a conversation about your faith without saying a word. Provided by WELCA (the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), a suggested donation of \$10 per shirt covers costs. Medium, large, and extra large are available in the church office.



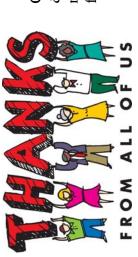


Millions of people have gone through *Financial Peace University* and learned God's ways of handling money.
They've worked a plan, rewritten their stories, and changed their futures—
Christ's United Lutheran Church There will be an Informational meeting on Sunday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.
Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at

570-875-1591

Serving Our Community of Faith in June:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	2nd Acolyte/ Tag-a-Long	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex Door	Post Worship Greeter at Door
June 5	John Towey	Darcie Gruber Deb Hall Melanie Bendinsky Dot Zeigenfuse	John Denchak Barb Stepanchick Becky Spencer	Brandon Hood	Nicole Hood	Beth Andrews	Erik Tice
June 12	Donna Wallace			Tyler Wolfgang	Nelson Berger	Deb Zaharick	Sally Tice
June 19	Ralph Johnson			Heather Klinger	Ava Hubler	John Towey	Dennis Wolfe
June 26	Vicki Reeser			Ashley O'Connor	Brian O'Connor	Beth Andrews	Melanie Bendinsky



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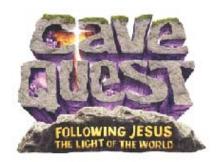
Christ's United would like to thank Red Oak Hydraulics & Welding from Ashland for their time and service in repairing the mower deck on the church lawn mower free of charge.

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	Happy Father's Day!		1 10:00 Ser 10:00 Sta 7:00 WEL
5 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service, Recognition of Graduates,	6 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge 1:00-6:00 Red Cross	7 9:00 Food Delivery	8 10:00 Ser
Blessing of Quilts & LWR kits VBS Special Offering 10:30 Fellowship	Blood Drive 7:00 Church Council	7:00 New Member Class	4:30 Sr. y & food pa 5:00 Soci Team Me
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) Seniors) Staff Meeting WELCA	2	3	4 5:00 Communion Service
Sr. youth pizza d pantry set up Social Ministry n Meeting	9 10:00-12:00 Christ's Cupboard 6:30 Journey Team Meeting	10	11 5:00 Worship Service
sletter Deadline) Seniors Stewardship n Meeting	16	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly 5:00 Worship Service
) Seniors	23 12:00-2:00 Ashland area food pantry @ Good Shepherd	9:30 Newsletter Assembly	25 5:00 Worship Service
) Seniors Finance mittee Meeting	30		



Dear Parents:

Send your kids on an over-the-top underground adventure!

At Cave Quest VBS, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos", team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid*, that will let the kids in our community show God's mighty love to needy kids in the United States.

Parents, grandpare	ents, and friends ar	e invited to join us	at Cave Quest Closing
for each day at	7:45	a daily exploration	of Jesus-the light of
the world!			
So mark these dat	es on your calenda	Sunday, July	24-Thursday, July 28
The fun starts at _	6:00 p.m.	_and will end at _	8:00 p.m.
Call this number _	570-875-1591	to registe	er your children for this
life-changing adve	nture! Or use VBS I	P.R.O.® to register o	online!
Sincerely,		14	**************************************

Your Cave Quest VBS Director





Registration Form (One Per Child)

Child's name: _			Child's gender:
Child's age:	Date of birth:	Last scho	ool grade completed:
Name of parent	(s):		
Street address:	× <u></u>	<u> </u>	
City:		State:	ZIP:
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Parent/caregive	er's cell phone: ()		
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Home church: _			
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Allergies or oth	er medical conditions:		
In case	of emergency, contact:	eranoerano	
Phone:	***************************************		
Relation	nship to child:		

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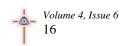
The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

Committee Schedule

June—Worship & Music
July—Evangelism & Outreach
August—Youth Group
September—Property
October—Stewardship
November—Endowment Fund
December—Church Council

"Christ's Cupboard"

Next Distribution Date
Thursday, June 9
10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
The group from Wegmans
was very excited about
"Christ's Cupboard" and the
help we are offering the
surrounding communities.
They are going to present us
with a proposal in the next
few weeks of different ways
they can help us!





START GEARING UP FOR CAVE QUEST!

How do you make it through the darkest places? By following the light of Jesus of course! Plan now to follow Jesus' light as we venture through the caves in Vacation Bible School from 6-8 pm in July! Amazing stories, leaders, activities, and FUN await! The adventure starts on Sunday 24 July and travels each night through Thursday, 28 July. Register by filling out and returning the form on page 15, or on Christ's United website: ChristsUnited.org!



Stalactites, Stalagmites, Oh My!

The Jr. Youth are going down into the depths of Indian Echo Caverns (good thing we have the light of Jesus!) on Saturday, 9 July! We'll experience the feel of a real cave as we get ready for this year's VBS! After spelunking we'll have a picnic lunch and talk about

journey! For more information please check the Youth Board at church, or see Christ's United on the web! Angie Berger is the contact person!

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound



Thursday, August 4th

Deadline to Reserve Tickets & Final Payment is Due: **JULY 5**th Bus leaves Church parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

Cost

Adults \$95.00 Child (3-12) 59.00



Lunch at Hershey Farms 12:00 p.m.

Hershey Farm's Grand Smorgasbord features both classic PA Dutch dishes and modern flavors. Enjoy our original recipes, hot entrées, freshly prepared daily specials on the Grill, a hot carving station, crisp salads and homemade soups and our famous desserts.

Show at Sight & Sound 2:45 p.m.

He's the original superhero. He can defeat entire armies and slay lions. But there's a catch to his superpower: He must follow the rules. And that's where the trouble begins.

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Experience this Bible story in jaw-dropping scale as it's brought to life by a world-class cast, spectacular special effects and live animals - on stage and in the aisles. It's an unforgettable, uplifting thrill ride that literally brings the house down!

Please make checks payable to: Christ's United WELCA
Contact Jo-Ann Young @ 570-875-2586 for more information and to reserve your tickets.

WHO ARE

These People???



Each month we like to 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 month's picture are: Left to right, 1st row: Karen Magdeburg, Suzanne Dillman, Cynthia Boehmer, Robert Fertig, Robert Snyder; 2nd row: Mrs. Marshall Fegley, Darlene Mattern, Doris Reiner, Marsha Fertig, Dale Reiner, Mrs. Evert Welker; 3rd row: Richard Hornung, Kathy Welker, Nancy Wolfgang, Ruby Artman. St. Peter's Junior Choir.

If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the chapels that formed Christ's United, please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future "Life Together" Newsletters.

Also provide the names of those that are pictured. We are also looking for pictures of the exterior of the Chapels: St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Zions. Thank you!

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American #Choose Your Day

Community Blood Drive

Christ's United **Lutheran Church**

437 Airport Road - Ashland

Monday, June 6th 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Altar Flowers: July 10 & August 21

Newsletters: July,

September, October, November

& December. If you are interested in sponsoring any of these, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you!



Are you ready for the next step? A new member's class is meeting soon! If you would like to learn more about God, Christ's United and what it means to be a member of this family of faith plan to meet on Tuesday, 7 June at 7 pm. Please see Pastor Kim for more information.

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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 an e-newsletter:

A leading cause of death among teens, this webinar provides ...

This program sounds rather dangerous!



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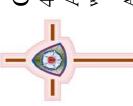
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