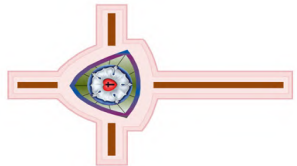


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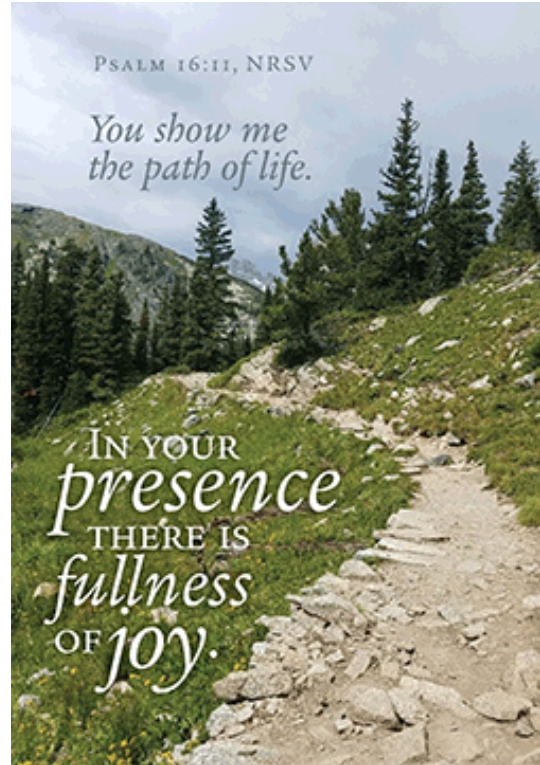
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The June Newsletter is sponsored in honor of our Confirmands by Pastor Laura.



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council@christsunited.org

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Rev. Laura A. Csellak

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Status of Accounts as of May 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$24,455.26

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2019 Annual Budget of

\$203,448.31 is **\$16,954.03**

April income was \$21,303.34

Benevolence Gifts for April was.....\$ 4,316.00

26% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)



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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Evangelism/Outreach
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
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Mutual Ministry
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Personnel
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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 under-
gird our program and the
maintenance of our facilities as it
encourages improved stewardship.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Christ is risen! He is risen. Indeed! Alleluia!” Hey, wait a minute, Easter Sunday was back on April 21. Why are we still saying this? Because the church provides a full 50 days to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Christ. The Great 50th day of Easter will be celebrated on ***Pentecost Sunday, June 9.***

The prefix “pente” comes from the Greek word for five. *Pentecost* was the Jewish festival thanking God for the wheat harvest. It was celebrated on the 50th day after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In Acts 2 we read that the followers of Jesus “were all together in one place” in Jerusalem. Why were they there? For the feast of harvest! It was there that the Holy spirit came upon each of them as tongues of fire and they spoke in other languages “as the Spirit gave them ability”.

It's said that the Jewish people have so many festivals to celebrate how time and again God delivered them from all those who tried to obliterate them. We celebrate how God delivers us too, from sin, death and the devil.

On Pentecost Sunday *five* young adults - Amy Johnson, Desiree Dengler, David Cunningham, Jordan Walter, and Carey Wahalec - will affirm their Baptism in the rite of Confirmation. What an honor it will be to lay my hands on each head, just as their pastor did on their Baptism day. I will pray for the same gift of the Holy Spirit to come upon them, the spirit that the prophet Isaiah long ago spoke of: the spirit of *wisdom and understanding*, the spirit of *counsel and might*, the spirit of *knowledge and the fear of the Lord*, the spirit of *joy in God's presence*.

From a church bulletin:

THE CHURCH IS AVAILABLE FOR FUNERAL SERVICES
Please call the office for arraignments.
Details are also available online.

These arrangements sound rather criminal.



Join us on the Great 50th Day to celebrate with our confirmands how the Holy spirit whooshes over us at our Baptism, our Confirmation, and every day, gifting us with Her presence and the talents to live and serve in God's family and kingdom.

"Christ is risen! He is risen. Indeed! Alleluia!"

Pastor Laura+

Mission District Web Site

Ben Moyer (Pastor Hoenich's son-in-law) is the web master of the new web site for our Schuykill Mission District. The address is: www.litheransalive.org. Check it out!

June Council Contact of the month is Terry Shilling

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

If you need to contact Terry, she can be reached at 570-875-0412.



Council Member of the Month

Acolyte Training

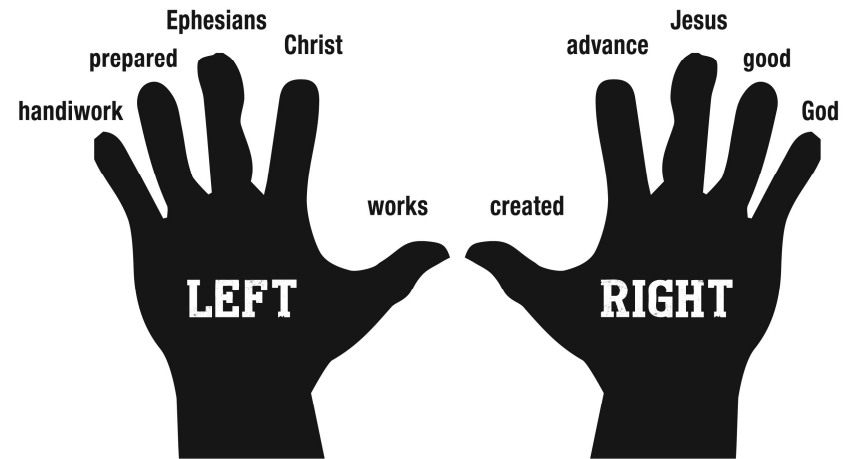
The children who received First Communion in March will become Tag-a-Longs with the Acolytes and Crucifers beginning in July. A training session will be held on June 9th following worship. Current Acolytes and Crucifers are encouraged to attend for refreshing and to help assist in the instruction.



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in
L pinky R thumb
 _____ to do _____,
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb
 which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer
 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians



ATTENTION ALL VBS SUPPORTERS!

The first planning meeting for 2019 “Roar” will be held Thursday, June 6th at 6:30.

Your help is needed to make this another successful experience for children (and adults). If you are not able to attend this meeting but are able to help in some way, please contact church office, Angie Berger (570-875-3598), or Donna Wallace (570-875-2872).

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.



Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season):
“God doesn’t make mistakes.”

Person approaching a shoreline: “Is this river any good for fish?”
Response: “It must be. I can’t get any of them to leave it.”

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?
A: It’s prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?
A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?
A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?
A: A baa-baa-cue!

Church Council Highlights from May:

- Thrivent choice dollars designated to Christ’s United totaled \$455.00
- New Hoover vacuum cleaner was purchased. The cost of \$188 was covered by two members.
- VBS is scheduled for July 14-18. This year’s theme is “Roar!”
- Jim Chappell did some work with the microphones and bought new cables.
- Repairs to the lawn mower have been made.
- The Property Committee discussed repair of the nitrogen tank. It needs to be re-cemented around the top.
- LCM & WELCA both donated toward the cost of the alarm system upgrade.
- “God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday” will be held on September 8.
- On May 1st several members of the Social Ministry team went to the Greater Berk’s food Bank which is now called “Helping Harvest”. A presentation was given and a tour of the facility.
- WELCA completed 32 personal Care Kits.
- Because our webmaster Michele Barra seems to be very busy, we decided to check out three different contacts to possibly manage our website.
- A meeting will be held on Monday June 10 at 7:00 to plan a 50th Anniversary celebration for CULC. Reformation Sunday was mentioned as a possible date.
- A motion was made that we purchase Windows 10 for Deb’s computer.
- The volunteers in this church are amazing. In making out the schedules for ushers, lectors, etc. Jim Gruber realized that we have more than 50 different people who signed up to serve.

Assisting Ministers at Holy Communion on Sunday mornings:

Throughout the service for Holy Communion there are parts designated for “A”. That is, for the Assisting Minister. In the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pg. 8 we read that a goal of this hymnal is “to involve lay persons as assisting ministers who share the leadership of corporate worship”. This embraces Martin Luther’s concept of the “priesthood of all believers”. There is also a practical reason to encourage Assisting Ministers. It is challenging for me as the P.M. (i.e. Presiding Minister) to receive the flagon (the container containing the wine) and ciborium (the receptacle for the wafers) from the acolyte, place these on the altar, rush back to get the offering plates, then get behind the altar to say the offering prayer. Assisting Ministers would not initially have to lead all the “A: parts, and there will be a training session to go through everything. Please prayerfully consider serving in this important way. Contact Pastor Laura if interested.

Thanks!
Pastor Laura

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- 1 Maxwell Pennypacker
- Barb Stepanchick
- Ashley Williard
- 2 Michael Lucas
- 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 Erik Tice
- 12 Randy Green
- Breonna Richardson
- 14 Jennifer McGrath
- William Waldick, Jr.
- 15 Julia Pirie
- 16 Dorothy Kessler
- 17 Daniel Barker
- Stephanie Cook
- William Coward, Jr.
- David Mullins III

- 18 Susan McNally
- Madelyn Wolfgang
- Meredyth Towey
- 19 Luke Allison
- Bruce Bitting, Jr.
- Gerald Stutzman
- 20 Bruce Bitting
- Joey McAndrew
- 21 Bryson Nagle
- Rev. Kim Lengert
- Matthew Zweizig
- 22 Lindsay Bixler
- Betty Waldick
- 23 Corrine Coward
- Amy Johnson
- 24 Linda Rickert
- Aidan Romberger
- 25 Gracelyn Anthony
- 26 Laura Brennan
- Michelle Hood
- Gerald Stehr
- 27 Richard Berner
- Richard Shoup
- Brandy Speer
- 29 James Johnson
- 30 Gail Marquardt
- June Sweinhart



July 14 thru 18, 2019

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

Registration Form

(One Per Child)



Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____







ROAR!
Life is Wild * God is good

Hatch up some fun this summer!

Register now for VBS

JULY 14 - 18, 2018 6:00 - 8:00

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

-  Register at: Christ's United (form on opposite page)
-  VBS Dates: July 14 thru 18
-  VBS Times: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
-  For more info: call 570-875-1591



06/04/77	Bill & Deb Price
06/05/10	Chris & Dianna Monaghan
06/07/74	William & Diane Rock
06/09/12	Ross & Amanda Sterling
06/13/59	Carl & Pearl Lute
06/13/15	Ryan & Katelyn Bendinsky
06/14/08	George & Jennie Kosmisky
06/15/02	Jeff & Rachel Hostetter
06/15/92	Maynard & Susan Merwine
06/15/96	Bruce & Anne Pirie
06/20/09	Jason & Katie Brown
06/26/10	Richard & Cheryl Weikel
06/30/11	Ted & Terry Ambrose

St John's "Kimmel's" 125th Anniversary



St. John's, 1263 Deep Creek Rd., Ashland, will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the church building this year. A special worship service will be held on Father's Day, June 16, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. followed by a meal at 12:30 in the Weishample Grange Hall. Then at 4:00 P.M. at St. John's there will be entertainment provided by Re-Creation. For more information, menu and cost of meal, see the flyer on the bulletin board (reservations required).



I want to thank everyone who helped out with this year's Easter Egg Hunt in any way. Your donations of monetary gifts, gift bag purchases, eggs, and your time were all greatly appreciated. Together as a team we had another successful egg hunt.

We had 110 children attend the hunt. The weather held off, and thankfully, we could hold the hunt outside. It was such a blessing to see the church filled with so much energy and enthusiasm. Again, thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Barbara Stepanchick

We Offer our Prayers to...



May 26 – Carl “Mickey” Lute (P. Lute), Tom Canfield, Linda Brown (V. Brown), Ron Zerby (D. Zaharick), Anthony Middleton (E. Fertig), Victor Mickatavage (B. Liem), Garth Swanson

May 19 – Jack Houser, Azure Waldick (B. Stitzer), Family of Lucille Ludwig, John Hughes (T. Wolfe), Linda Brown (V. Brown), Bev Hoke & Family (E. Tice), Judy Rothermel (L. Lute), Dak Sisak & Heidi Engle (J. Kosmisky)

May 12 - Jennie Kosmisky (G. Kosmisky), Joanne McAndrew (D. Berner), Jessica Brown (E. Tice), Deb Price Diane Decker (I. Morgan),

May 5 – Family of Paul Drulis (G. Marquardt)

Please continue to pray for our members: Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Pete Waldick, Wendy Farnsworth, Dot Zeigenfuse, Barry Martin,

And our friends: Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Paul Troutman, Dave Bowen, Keith Morgan, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Richard Berger (J. Gruber), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Kathy Ahrensfield (C. Varndell),

*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 Klinger Family — Chantelle, Jacob, Lydia Price,
& David Chuplis

The Reiner Family — James & Carol

The Shadle Family — Ted, Penny, Kimberly & Leslie



CONFIRMATION JUNE 9, 2019



The following youth have completed two years of Confirmation Instruction and will be Reaffirming their Baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on June 9, Pentecost Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Amy Lee Johnson
Desiree Jenna Dengler
David Lee Cunningham, Jr.
Jordan David Walter
Carey Michael Wahalec

OUR GRADUATES:



Steven Wolfgang, grandson of Emerson and Helen Wolfgang will graduate from North Schuylkill Jr. Sr. High School. He will be Majoring in Secondary Education - English at Bloomsburg University.

Tyler Wolfgang, son of John and Maryanne Wolfgang is graduating from North Schuylkill Jr. Sr. High School and will attend Bloomsburg University to major in Business Management.

Virginia Johnson, daughter of Allen Johnson and step-daughter of Keri Johnson will graduate from Pottsville Area High School and will be attending Penn State in the fall for her BSN in Nursing.

On Sunday June 2nd we will be honoring our graduates as part of

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SOCIAL MINISTRY



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 – Christian Education/Youth

July—Choir/Worship & Music

August—LCM

September— WELCA

October—Church Council

November—Evangelism/

Endowment/Stewardship

December—LCM

January—WELCA

February—Social Ministry

March— Church Council

April-LCM

May—WELCA



We will be collecting the following item for June:

Spaghetti & Sauce

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

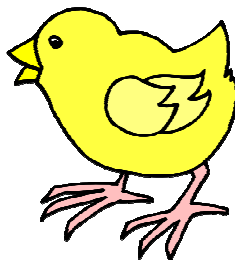
Thank You!

The next food distribution date is

Thursday,
June 13, 2019

Buck - A - Chick

We will sell chicks until Pentecost-June 9. Buy your paper chick for \$1.00, put your name on it, and color it. Help us support this ELCA cause today! The real chick goes to a family in need and when it starts laying eggs it helps provide them with income and food for their family.



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. For the past several years these Prayer Teams have been silently serving God, the world, and us.

If you are committed to the power of prayer, please join one of these teams. Prayer lists are available at worship services each weekend, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.

Director of Music Search

Erik Tice has arranged several supply organists for the upcoming weeks: Sally Tice, Harold Morgan and Jamie Johnson. If you know of anyone who can play the organ and can help provide music for our worship, please call the church office.

A Father's Legacy

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in Bible Study Magazine. Joseph obeyed God — despite the risk to his reputation — by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised the Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "new exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son."

"Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."



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

In Memory of Connie Welker by:
Irene Morgan

In Memory of Jean Cress by:
Irene Morgan
Kay Berner

In Memory of Mother, Blanche and Brother Donald Zerby by:
Linda Zerby

*to Christ's United Capital Campaign
in memory of Jean Cress by:*
Donna & Ron Wallace

Attention all Members of Christ's United: Even if you are a long-time member of CULC and your information hasn't changed, please complete this directory update form. We are verifying all member information and want to be sure our information is correct for everyone. *Thanks!*

2019 Church Directory Update

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

(Please print all information)

Family's Last Name: _____

	MEMBER OF CULC?	Yes or No
Head of Household: _____	_____	_____
Spouse: _____	_____	_____
Children: 1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____

Home and Mailing Address:

_____ Zip code _____

Phone #:

HOME: _____
Cell #: _____ Name: _____
Cell #: _____ Name: _____
E-mail Address: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE FOR CHURCH RECORDS.

SAVE THE DATE:

PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AUGUST 13, 14, & 15, 2019

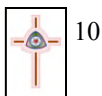
2019 Sponsorships

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

Altar Flowers \$25.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Special service bulletins \$10.00,
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00, Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.



Payments for Altar flowers should be made payable to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made to the church and given to Deb Hall in the church office.



	<h2>American Red Cross</h2> <p>The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™</p>
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Community Blood Drive
Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

Monday, June 10, 2019
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!

 <p>Member DIRECTORY</p>	<h2>Save the date</h2> <p>Be included in the new Christ's United Lutheran Church directory.</p>
	<p>Photography dates: Tuesday, August 13th Wednesday, August 14th Thursday, August 15th</p>
 14	<p>By Lifetouch</p>

Serving Our Community of Faith in June:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag A Long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
June 2	Becky Spencer	John Towey Becky Spencer Daniel Cunningham Ken Dengler	Donna Lassen Donna Wallace Laray Klinger	David Cunningham	Daniel Cunningham	Jim Gruber	Deb Hall
June 9	Barbara Sepanchick			Nelson Berger	Nathan Berger	Erik Tice	Barbara Sepanchick
June 16	Stefan Swanson			Jordan Walter	Ryan Walter	Donna Wallace	Stefan Swanson
June 23	Jacob Tice			Steven Wolfgang & Raven Marlow	Hayden Marlow	Darlene Stank	Jacob Tice
June 30	Erik Tice			Deidre Dengler & Kayla Werner		John Towey	Erik Tice



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 Worship
2 9:30 Worship W/ Communion & Honoring of Graduates 10:30 Confirmation practice 10:30 Fellowship	3	4	5 10:00 Seniors	6 6:30 VBS Planning Mtg.	7	8 5:00 Worship W / Holy Communion
9 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:30 Worship W/Communion & Rite of Confirmation 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Acolyte Training 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	10 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:00 Mutual Ministry Mtg. 6:00 Church Council 7:00 50th Anniversary Planning Mtg.	11 9:00 Food Delivery & Set-Up	12 10:00 Seniors 7:00 Social Ministry	13 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard	14 Flag Day Newsletter Deadline	15 5:00 Worship W / Holy Communion, Baptisms & New Members
16 Father's Day HOLY TRINITY 9:30 Worship W/Communion & Quilt Blessing 10:30 Fellowship	17	18	19 10:00 Seniors	20	21 Summer Solstice	22 5:00 Worship
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	24 6:00 Grief Support	25	26 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	27 12:00 – 2:00 Ashland Area Food Pantry	28	29 5:00 Worship
30 GOOD SAMARITAN FUND OFFERING 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship						