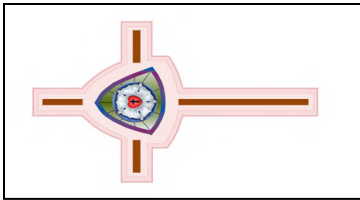


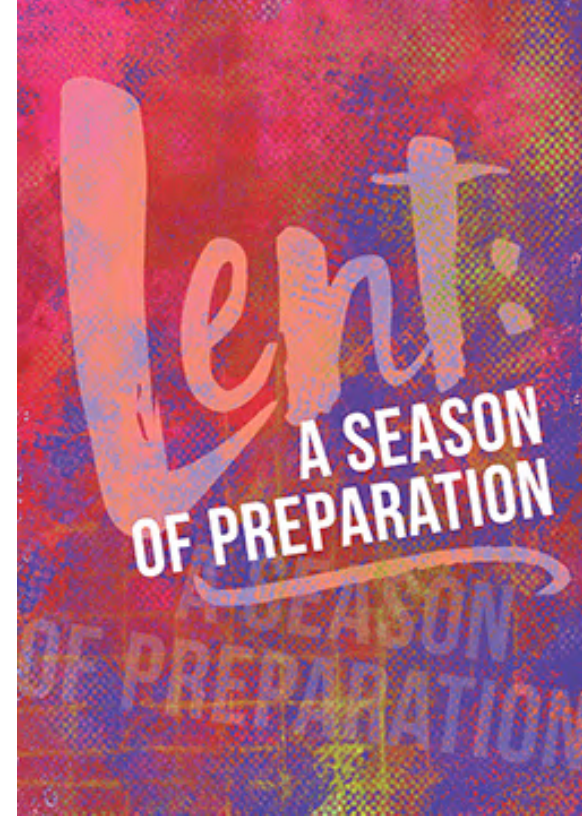
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CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

council@christsunited.org

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Beth Andrews	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
Ted Ambrose	570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
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Status of Accounts as of January 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 10,101.58

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2020 Annual Budget of \$202,094.00 is **\$16,841.17**

January income was \$14,879.53

Expenses for January were \$19,621.56

Benevolence Gifts through January\$784.00

(5% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2020)



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Life Together at Christ's United



Christ's United Ministry Teams

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

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
Endowment Fund
Mutual Ministry
Nominating

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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With Ash Wednesday late in February this year, early March finds us just beginning our Lenten journey. Recall that *Lent* means springtime, so these forty days is a time of renewal and hope. When students study hard, they help their Grade Point Average as well as learn important things. In a similar way, engaging in the discipline of Lent provides time to learn more about our faith and deepen our relationships. The Lenten discipline is one of **Fasting**, **Prayer** and **Almsgiving** (the practice of giving money or food to those who are poor).

When I googled the word *fasting in Lent*, I came across this delightful invitation: "During Lent, feast on joy, compassion, service, and hope". As we strive to eat less during these 40 days, leave out a favorite dish, or perhaps even fast for part of the day, we have time and focus for feasting on the kindnesses listed here.

For *praying in Lent*, I like this: "List three blessings you have received today. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for these blessings and those who made them possible." And to further enhance prayer, join us for weekend worship at 5:00 pm Saturday or 9:30 am Sunday, and on Wednesday evenings for soup at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm.

And for *almsgiving in Lent*, there's this: "Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and giving the money you save to Christ's Cupboard". Perhaps you'll have a



Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead one hour** before going



meatless rice, soup, or pasta dish. If you crave meat, remember this is just five meals during the 40 days of Lent.

Remember that Christian discipline during Lent is always for renewal and hope...for ourselves and others. All is made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord.



During Lent all are invited as in faith we gather each Wednesday night for a Soup Supper and Worship. The Social Ministry Team introduces the meal at 6:00 by sharing information on ministries around the world, telling us how our actions are affecting the lives of others (for good!). We then gather as

light breaks the darkness in Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. This is a special time of faith, the gathering together deepening our understanding of God's actions of love in Jesus Christ. Please plan to participate in this special practice of Lent.



March 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.



Council Member of the Month



Communities Coming Together



Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, April 2, 2020
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!



**Women of
Christ's United
Lutheran Church**

EASTER CANDY

\$10.50 lb. or \$5.50 ½ lb.

<p>Coconut Peanut Butter Butter Cream</p>	<p>Peanut Rolls P.B. Carmel Cherry</p>
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*Also available:
Peanut Butter Crackers,
\$2.00 for a pack of 4*

To Order Call:
570-875-2586
or 570-875-1591



Church Council Highlights
from February

- The collection for the Coward Family fire victims included \$519.00 plus 2 checks and 2 gift cards adding up to \$150.00.
- Simpson Methodist, Gordon and Zion's Reformed, Ashland will be invited to attend our Lenten soup suppers and services.
- Pastor Laura is working on a Youth Retreat to Gettysburg Seminary May 1 - 3.
- The Endowment Committee met on Feb 2 to revise their bylaws. Suzanne Peel presented the previous bylaws and revisions. Charmaine White audited and documented the Endowment Fund books for a 5 year period.
- Nominating Committee - Jacob Tice would be willing to serve on Church Council as Youth Representative.
- The Personnel Committee is preparing to conduct annual staff reviews. It was suggested to review the job descriptions before reviews begin.
- Security team- Pre-service Greeters are being selected to create an additional level of security. They would actually be a fifth usher who would greet visitors and be directed to the guest book and visitor packet.
- A sign has been placed in the outside office window instructing individuals to ring the doorbell if the door is locked. Except when activities are taking place, the door should remain locked.
- A donation of \$300.00 was received from Entech Engineering for Christ's Cupboard and Emergency Response.
- The Wedding and Fellowship Hall Guidelines have been reviewed and approved in February, 2020.
- Usher Guidelines were reviewed, updated and approved.
- Plastic candle holders will be purchased for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to replace the paper ones to better catch dripping wax.
- Constitution changes for February 2021 will be proposed to the congregation at the Annual Meeting to be voted on at next year's meeting.



MARCH Birthdays

		16	William Waldick
		17	Kenneth Welker
		18	Michael Miller
		19	Jane Pennypacker Grantham Sterling
2	Lynn Anczarski	20	Hayden Marlow
3	Katie Brown Allen Pennypacker	21	Wendy Harhigh Mark Hepler
5	Melanie Weikel		Rickey Knorr
6	Barbara Klauger	22	Susan Ruzze
7	Jessie Harris Alisia Knorr	23	Brian McAndrew Jacob Wetzel
	Donald Smith Jr.	24	Pastor Laura Csellak
8	Mark Klinger	26	Wyatt Hepler
	Christopher Monaghan	27	Zachary Huber
9	Dennis Cunningham	28	Robert Green Amanda Houser
10	Janet Quirk		Maynard Merwine
12	Gregg Sterling Sierra Wagner Mackenzie Miller	29	Chase Demko Nathan Berger Tiffany Cramer

MARCH Anniversaries

03/21/81 Rickey & Brenda Knorr
03/22/96 Leo & Heather Young



A SEASON OF HOPE

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 25 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

MARCH 1

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



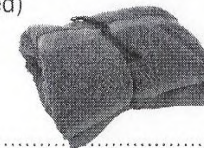
MARCH 22

Combs: sturdy combs (no fine teeth or Picks)



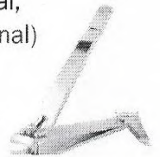
MARCH 8

Bath Towels (light-weight, (for quick drying) maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



MARCH 29

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



MARCH 15

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



A Thrivent Action Team grant is being received to support the project as well as

For more information contact

Donna Wallace



Women of the ELCA

All women of CULC are invited to attend the next WELCA meeting on **MAY 6th**. **Note:** due to mid-week services there are no WELCA meetings in Lent.

HELP WANTED for ANNUAL CANDY MAKING PROJECT

Workdays will typically be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 -12:00 or whatever days/hours you can help.



Mixers, rollers, dippers, trimmers, packers, and inventory personnel are needed. On the job training is available!

Come join in on the fun and support the “sweetest fundraiser” at Christ’s United.

Contact Becky Spencer for additional information.

NEPA Women of the ELCA Spring Justice Retreat

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 8227 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA

Keynote - Unity in Diversity

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz

~~Afternoon Session Leader: Rev. Kristen Glass Perez~~

Please sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.

~~SAVE THE DATE - WELCA Cluster Spring Event~~

LADIES NIGHT OUT

March 8, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

We are going to Ashland to

the Old Thyme Warehouse

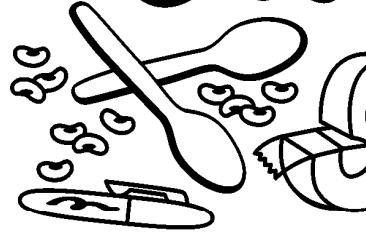
(M & M’s new location,

formerly Mineshaft, Henry’s, Greens)

PLEASE SIGN UP on the bulletin board to attend so reservations and



Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

YOUTH RETREAT TO GETTYSBURG SEMINARY

We will have a **retreat for youth age 10-16 at United Lutheran Seminary Gettysburg on Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2**. The goals are fun, fellowship, and exploring the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering theme of “Boundless: God Beyond Measure”.

We will leave after school on Friday, May 1, getting to Gettysburg in time for dinner. We will depart mid-afternoon on Saturday, returning home around 5:00 pm.

We’ll be staying at Singmaster Center. That facility is **limited to 10 youth and 8 adults**. The **cost is \$45/person/night** which includes room, linens and full kitchen. Food costs are separate. Financial assistance is available.



Chicken Pot Pie Dinner



Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men
Saturday, March 7, 2020

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Eat In or Carry Out

Dinner Includes:

Chicken Pot Pie
Lettuce w/ hot bacon dressing
Applesauce
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Beverage

Adults: \$10.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Under Age 6: FREE



Sponsored by
WELCA



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.



2020 Sponsorships

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

Altar Flowers \$25.00
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.

Payments for Altar flowers should be given to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made out to the church and given to

First Holy Communion Instruction



Christ's United Church looks forward to celebrating the First Holy Communion of children on Palm Sunday, April 5 at our 9:30 a.m. service.

The class is for children in the first grade and older. Teaching sessions will take place during the Sunday School hour on March 15, 22, and 29. On Saturday morning, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. we will enjoy baking the bread for both Holy Communion services that weekend. For more information or to have your child included in this year's class, please call the church office.

We Offer our Prayers to...



February 23 - Richard Shoup (H. Brown), Mary Towey (P. Lute), Angie L., Donna Raller, Irene Morgan (B. Andrews), Allen Fertig (K. Berner), *Families of Tony Kurdilla* (T. Ambrose), Joanne Zangari Clayton (Donna), & Fr. Brennan, Bob Yarnell (J. Wolfgang)

February 16 – Frank Paul (J. Kosmisky), Ruth Berner (R. Berner), Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), *Families of Raymond Fey* (P. Diziczek), Elana Herb (D. Kessler)

February 9 – Maddy Maurer (D. Wallace/C. Varndell), Ron & Kathleen Fowler (friend of T. Shilling), Nellie Schlorff, Roxann Ellis Webb (E. Werner), Anna James (E. Tice), Amy Kelly (E. Chappell), Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt) *Friends and family of Sue Kern* (D. Wallace), Richard Antalosky (B. Liem) & Chuck Nevus (A. Berger)

February 2 – Julie Ann Armbush (J Pennypacker), Richard Dengler, *Family of Kathleen Rafferty*

Please continue to pray for: Carl (Mickey) Lute, Gail Lorady, Corrine & Josh Coward, Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Robert Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Ron James (V. Brown), Pastor Bob Hughes (J. Gruber), Jaden Leiby, Garth Swanson (Pr. Laura), Nancy Harner (R. Berner)

*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*

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 Krise Family - Dean & Arlene, Courtney, Cory

The Sisko Family - Daniel Jr. & Melissa, Kylie, Hailey

The Wahalec Family - Amy, Carey



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Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Donation Sheet

Saturday, March 7, 2020
ITEMS NEEDED

_____ Cakes, Cookies, Brownies, or Cup Cakes

_____ 12 or 24 Pack Soda (Any brand or flavor)

_____ Cash Donation

Donations may be placed on the center island in the kitchen.
Please attach your name to your donation.

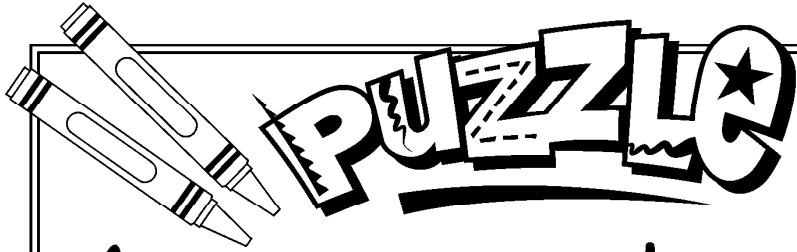
Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, March 6TH, between 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. or before noon on Saturday prior to the dinner.

Please return this sheet to the church office or place it in the box located on the table in the narthex.



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MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

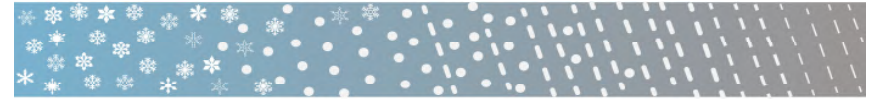
Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

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|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | A type of horn | ___ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> | MURTEP |
| | Played by King David | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ | PRHA |
| | Plucked to make sound | _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _ | IGSNSTR |
| | Similar to a tambourine | _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ | MRBELIT |
| | A type of harp | _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> | ELRY |
| | Blown through to make sound | _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ | EPPI |
| | A percussion instrument | _ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ | YBLACMS |

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Serving Our Community of Faith in March:



The following donation was given to Christ's United since the last newsletter:

In Loving Memory of My Father, John F. Houser
(16 Feb. 1919 – 16 Feb 1989)



Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As Christ's United prepares for a new year, 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



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

March— Church Council
 April—LCM
 May—WELCA
 June – Christian Education/Youth
 July—Choir/Worship & Music
 August—LCM
 September— WELCA
 October—Church Council
 November—Evangelism-Outreach/
 Endowment/Stewardship
 December—LCM

We will be collecting the following item for March:

Spaghetti & Sauce

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, March 12, 2020.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday's at 6:00
 Sign up on the bulletin board to provide soup or bread for our meal.
 Each week the Social Ministry Team will have a

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter At Door
March 1	Barb Stepanchick	Richard Berner ^c Donna Wallace ^b Daniel Cunningham ^b John Denchak ^d Cheryl Vardell ^g	Vivian Brown ^{AM} Angie Berger ^{p-w} Donna Lassen ^{o-w}	Kaitlyn Werner Jacob Tice Nelson Berger & Maura Sweitzer Desiree Dengler Marisa Seritsky & Karolyn Towey Joey McAndrew Raven Marlow & Hayden Marlow Kylie Mallams Logan Walacavage & Mason Buhay	Daniel Cunningham Nathan Berger Danielle White Jesse Cascarino Dylan Buhay	Erik Tice Jim Gruber Peggy Dzieczek Deb Hall David Hall	Barb Stepanchick Mark Vardell Stefan Swanson Jacob Tice Cheryl Vardell Mark Vardell John Towey Donna Wallace
March 4 Mid-Week	Erik Tice						
March 8	Stefan Swanson						
March 11 Mid-Week	Sally Tice						
March 15	Jacob Tice						
March 18 Mid-Week	Cheryl Vardell						
March 22	Mark Vardell						
March 25 Mid-Week	John Towey						
March 29	Donna Wallace						

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 2:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	2 6:00 Council Meal 7:00 Council Meeting	3	4 10:00 Seniors 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 Choir Practice	5	6 	7 4:00 – 7:00 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner  5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
8 Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship & Music 4:00 Ladies Night Out 	9	10 9:00 Food Delivery & Pantry Set-up	11 10:00 Seniors 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 Choir Practice	12 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard	13	14 Hershey Bears Hockey Game  5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School & 1 ST Holy Communion Class	16 7:00 Evangelism / Outreach	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18 10:00 Seniors 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 Choir Practice	19 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) 	20	21 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School & 1 ST Holy Communion Class	23	24	25 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:45 Choir Practice	26	27	28 Earth Hour 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
29 Egg Hung Offering 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School & 1 ST Holy Communion Class	30 6:00 Grief Support	31				