

*Life Together at
Christ's United
Lutheran Church*



*Let us not become
weary in doing good.*

FOR AT THE PROPER TIME
WE WILL REAP A HARVEST
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.



GALATIANS 6:9, NIV

*Join us for Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Journey & Fellowship 10:45*





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The November Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of our Grandchildren, George & Fletcher by Gregg & Lois Sterling.



Status of Accounts as of September 30

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$2,157.37**

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2014 Annual Budget of \$172,298.00 is **\$14,358.17**

September income was \$13,912.11

Benevolence Gifts.....\$12,639.50

(61% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)





Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sometimes, don't you just wish you could start all over?

Shorter days, cooler weather and the holidays have begun: we are spending more time inside these days, conversing about days gone by and thinking about projects we did not finish. Thinking about events that "used to be" and the darker nights seem to add even more time for such thoughts to breed within our minds, leaving us a little "blue".

"If only", "I wish", and "I should have" are the beginnings of sentences that ends with sighs and the wonderings of what would have been if decisions were different, if things were thought out, if that mistake had not been made... Not that anyone is complaining about the present: but still... It's just that wondering how life may have been a little easier, a little more joyful, a little more satisfying, a little more peaceful in your soul...

Here's your chance.

Advent is the season of new beginnings. It is the start of a new year for the church, a new promise for the people, and a new relationship with God. We color ourselves in blue: not for depression or sadness, but for hope and anticipation. We are waiting, not for wishes to come true but for the promise to be fulfilled.

No more "if's", "wishes" or "should've", for our mistakes no longer control our future (or our present). By the love of God shown in Jesus Christ, our past is forgiven, our future is set, and our present is forever changed. Life itself, is starting over.

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Won't you?

Bring your party hats, sound your noisemakers, and wear your bluest blue this Advent. Join in worship that celebrates the new life you have in Jesus Christ. Share in the blessings God gives to you by sharing with others through the Giving Tree. Build anticipation at the Advent Workshop. Grow in understanding at Bible Study. Together with others experience the events leading to the birth of our Saviour through *Journey*. Hold the new start for the world, Jesus Christ, in your hands and your heart.

Brothers and Sisters, it's Advent - come and celebrate – *again!*

Peace,

Pastor Kim



If you have not yet given back your green “Time and Talents” form, please do so!

The information you provide helps us as a congregation plan and grow together in ministry!

Please look at the options

available, PRAY about them, and check the boxes next to the gifts you recognize God has given you. **DISCLAIMER:** you do NOT need to be an expert; you do not even need to be “good” at it. You just need to be willing to give back to God what you already have received.

Please return your completed “Time and Talent sheet” to the church office!





Church Council Highlights from October:

- The proposed 2015 budget was reviewed and adjusted. It will be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting on November 9.
- The LCM Chicken BBQ had proceeds of approximately \$1000.00.
- The Evangelism team ordered fish magnets for distribution. The cost will be covered by WELCA, LCM, & members of the committee.
- Barb Anczarski joined the Endowment Fund committee upon the resignation of Rick Lorady.
- John & Janet Towey have volunteered to help with the senior youth discussion group.
- WELCA has made a mortgage payment to the church.
- The Harvest home offering received will be used to stock the shelves of “Christ’s Cupboard”.
- Repairs to the sound system & water fountain have been completed.
- The new computer software has been purchased and will be paid for from the memorial account.

Pastoral Acts

Marriages Scheduled:

06/13/15 Ryan Bendinsky & Katelyn Ambrose

09/12/15 Andrew Blyler & Kelsey Neumeister

Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel

Baptisms:

09/28/14 Fletcher James Sterling

10/04/14 Charley Marie Demko

New Members:

09/28/14 Ross & Amanda Sterling





November 22



Dru and Keith are on strike, at least when it comes to cooking. It's up to the senior youth!!

Each youth gets to bring their favorite dish for everyone to share. Service at 5 pm, with dinner afterward. We are also having a discussion on upcoming events!!!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board and the announcements for future events. As always, any input is highly appreciated!!!

November 1
Set your clocks back
one hour.



*Thanks,
Everyone!*



I would like to thank all the areas "**First Responders**" who helped make our youth event a great success. We had Fire Companies from Ashland, Gordon, and Lavelle, and an ambulance crew from Ashland. Thank you for your time and bravery!! **I would also like to extend my appreciation to those who helped make the event happen.** Pastor Kim, Erik and Sally Tice, Carrie and Russ Hummel, Amy Hudock, Jeanmaire Brayford, Frank Smith, Marcus Peel, Tammy Lesher, Nancy Lindenmuth, Ellie Chappell, Tracy Berner and Dorothy Kessler. To all the children and their families who attended. We really had a great time and learned about Fire Safety and some equipment.

Angie Berger
Junior Youth Advisor

November 22

3:00 p.m.

We hope to see everyone at the next family event sponsored by the Junior Youth.

We will be watching the movie, "Polar Express".





The Endowment Fund Committee will be awarding scholarship money to nine students. They will be presented at the November 30th worship service and each student will receive \$266.00.

Scholarships Awarded

Ian Bendinsky—attends Lehigh Carbon Community College where he is a freshman majoring in Art with the anticipation of transferring to Shippensburg University.

Ryan Bendinsky—attends Kutztown University where he is a senior majoring in Chemistry and plans on earning a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Laura Brennan—attends Lycoming College where she is Majoring in Photography and Biology. She expects to graduate in May 2015.

Rhonda Carl—attends Kings College where she is majoring in the 5-year Masters Degree Physician Assistance Program.

David Hall—attends Penn State Schuylkill Campus where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Kelsey Neumeister—attends Misericordia University where she is a senior majoring in medical imaging. Her anticipated graduation date is December 14, 2014.

Allison Rusinko—attends Delaware Valley College where she is a junior majoring in Biology with a specialization in Zoology. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2016.

Shale Waldick—attends Thaddeus Stevens College for Masonry. He expects to graduate in May 2015.

Trevor Wilson—attends Johnson College where he is a freshman in the Diesel Technology Program. He expects to graduate in May 2016.



All Saints' Day



All Saints Sunday is a time of both remembrance and celebration as we recognize that God spans all time, and for the family of God life has no end. Those who believe in Jesus Christ are Saints, saved by Christ, and blessed with eternal life.

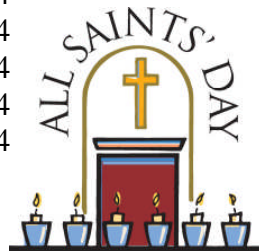
On Saturday November 1 and Sunday November 2 during our worship services we will be remembering the following people who have passed away since last All Saint's Day.

Members of Christ's United:

Arlene J. Troup	06/01/14
Betty C. Wolfgang	08/08/14

Friends & Family:

Jason (J-Bird) Dembinsky	12/16/13
Betty Lindenmuth	03/20/14
Marie C. Lengert	05/22/14
Mildred Keefer	06/14/14
Charles C. Klinger	06/14/14
Otto Josef Wolfgang	06/15/14
Jeraldine S. Dengler	06/24/14
Mary Lou Leiby	06/25/14
JoAnne Tumolo	07/03/14
Debi Lerch	07/05/14
Ann Marie Ganly	09/28/14
Roland Bergner	10/17/14





**Learn
&
Grow**

G R O W in God's Word!

The song goes: "if you're saved and you know then your life should really show it". Faith lived through the lives of the first followers of Jesus: how can it live through us today? This new study of the book of Acts will help us see the power of God first hand – then and now – as we look at the ordinary lives of the disciples and their extraordinary actions. Join with us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, and bring a friend!

Give Electronically
Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card
Christ's United
now accepts electronic donations

Participate Today.

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.



We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Dean Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Jim Hepler, Katie Kimmel, Ralph Johnson, Sr., David Schweinhart, Marlene Lucas, Dianna Monaghan, Judy Stepulitis, Tyson Fetterolf, Robert Schneider, Jack Stitzer, Chip Bendinsky, Hannah Sterling, Jake Wallace, James Houser Jr., Sandy Neumeister

Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Lottie Anczarski, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl, Wendy Farnsworth, Heather Demko, Diane Kehler, Percy Deiter, Rev. Carol Kehler, Barbara Bova, Fred Pillman, Patrice Rader, Sandy Brown, Dan Krynak, Gene Klinger, Irene Zaharick, Bonnie Lassen, Maynard Haas, Lois Reichwein, Karyssa Wenrich, Dave Kopitski, Natasha Weikel, Lori Schoffler

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 you add someone to the prayer list on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the prayer podium.

Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:

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



Next Year's Annual Meeting



No one likes to talk about numbers – but what about ministries? Christ's United is a congregation committed to ministry – the daily living of our faith by

serving others – and the numbers are astounding. A long time leader in sharing food with the hungry in our area, we are opening a second food pantry this month – Christ's Cupboard – to address the growing need. Children in the hospital due to serious illness will have their spirits lifted as they play with the Jared boxes we provide. Those who have suffered a loss of a loved one hold each other up during meetings of our Grief Group. All are lifted by the songs of our choir and in worship through the music offered. Ministry is happening here through Christ's United, and the need is growing.

Each day there are more instances of the need for God's presence in our community and world: but how are others to see God's presence if we, His hands and feet, do not proclaim and share?

Plan to participate in the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 9 November. We will begin with worship, to center our hearts on Jesus Christ. And then we will look at what God has done through us, and where God is calling us. Copies of the reports are available on the website and on the information tables. We may call it a budget, but it really is not about the numbers: it is about the ministry of God in this time and place, the ministry of God in us.





Serving Our Community of Faith in November:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
Nov. 2	Barb Anczarski	Barb Stepanchick Judy Stepulitis Donna Wallace	Laray Klingler John Denchak Jane Pennypacker Robert Schneider	Carey Wahalec	Steven Wolfgang	Deb Price	Darlene Stank
Nov. 9	Melanie Bendinsky			Nathan Berger	Jacob Tice & Dylan Buhay	Deb Zaharick	Barb Stepanchick
Nov. 16	Beth Andrews			Danielle White	Zachary Hummel	Erik Tice	Sally Tice
Nov. 23	Steven Wolfgang	Dennis Wolfe Jo-Ann Young Barb Anczarski		Tyler Wolfgang	Thomas Wolfgang	Mark Vardell	Cheryl Vardell
Nov. 30	Kay Berner			Jesse Cascarino	Ralph Johnson & Bryce Hummel		Beth Andrews



NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 All Saints Sunday 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 <i>Journey</i> Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 7:00 <i>Church Council</i>	4 6:30 Choir Practice Election Day	5 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 7:00 <i>WELCA</i> 6:00 Bible Study	6 7:00 <i>Evangelical Outreach Ministry Meeting</i>
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Annual Budget Meeting 10:45 <i>Journey</i>	10 6:00 <i>Mutual Ministry Meeting</i> Martin Luther's Birthday, (1483)	11  6:30 Choir Practice	12 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 6:00 Bible Study	13 10:00-12:00 "Food Cupboard" Food Distribution
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 <i>Journey</i>	17 9:30 Stewardship Ministry Meeting	18 6:30 Choir Practice	19 6:00 Bible Study	20 12:00-2:00 Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd 7:00 <i>Personnel Committee Meeting</i>
23 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 <i>Journey</i>	24 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 6:00 Grief Support Group	25 6:30 Choir Practice	26	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving
30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship Service <u>Good Samaritan Fund Special Offering</u> 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 <i>Journey</i>				



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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for November:

Stuffing Mix & Gravy

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



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

November—Endowment Fund

December—Council

January—Choir

February—Social Ministry

March—LCM

April—WELCA

“Christ’s Cupboard”

First Distribution Date

Thursday, November 13

10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

This pantry will supplement families during difficult times and that “in-between” time before their next local pantry distribution.

There will be financial guidelines for eligibility.

Distribution will be on a personal choice basis, so that there is no waste of unwanted items.

Call the church for more information.



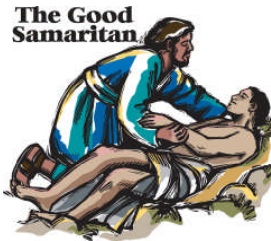


Christmas Tree of Sharing

We will begin collecting items for the Tree of Sharing on December 1st. This year we will be collecting clothing items for 10 children, food items for “Christ’s Cupboard”, ELCA good gifts, and Seafarers International.

Tags will be on the table in the hallway and, after you pick your selection please place the “ornament” on the Christmas tree. All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 21. Please place gifts under the tree.

Good Samaritan Fund Offering November 29 & 30



The following Memorial was given to Christ’s United since the issue of the last Newsletter:

*\$90.00 in Memory of Betty C. Wolfgang
by Co-Workers of Linda Shoop*



Pork & Sauerkraut Supper



Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, November 15, 2014

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Eat In or Carry Out

Dinner Includes: Pork & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce,
Bread & Butter, Dessert, Beverage
(Hot Dog available as substitute for pork)

Adults: \$8.00

Children 6-12: \$3.00

Under Age 6: FREE

Ticket information: Call 570-875-1591

(Limited tickets available at the door)

Bake  ***Sale***

**sponsored by
WELCA**



SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

Saturday, November 15th, 2014

Sponsored by
Christ's United Lutheran Church Men
437 Airport Road, Ashland, PA 17921



Sponsored by WELCA

ITEMS NEEDED

- _____ Can of Decaf Coffee
- _____ #10 Can of Applesauce
- _____ 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. All donations must be in no later than **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th**. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, November 14th, between 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may also be brought in 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.

Name _____ Phone _____





- 1 James Dengler
William Dillman, Jr.
Robert Nagle
Jessica Shadle
- 2 Charles Brain
- 3 Jeanette Wolfgang
- 4 Jennifer Geedey
Dean Krise
- 5 Brayden Koons
- 6 Mary Houser
- 7 Joshua Coward
John W. Wolfgang
- 8 Daylon Long
Steven Wolfgang
- 9 Amy Fegley
Jo-Ann Young
- 10 Gerry Dillman
- 11 JeanMarie Brayford
Brooke Harris
Samantha Sharp
Jordan Walter
- 12 Deanna Hepler
Connie Weinreich

- 13 Rick Walsh
- 14 Deidre Dengler
Brian Rickert
Cory Weikel, Sr.
- 16 Melody Bosco
Jack Houser
- 17 Nellie Schlorff
- 18 Oscar Troutman
- 19 Jo Conrath
Randy Lucas
- 20 Raquel Snyder
Charles Sweinhart
- 21 Breann Barker
Carol Reiner
- 23 Tracy Berner
Carl Lute
- 24 Dale Bolich
- 25 Bernie Marquardt
- 26 Suzanne Peel
- 27 Cathy Stutzman
- 28 Becky Spencer
- 29 Remington Stehr
- 30 Tammy Dengler
Rusty McAndrew



- 11/14/85 Frank & Peggy Dziczek
- 11/30/96 John & Joan Wolfgang

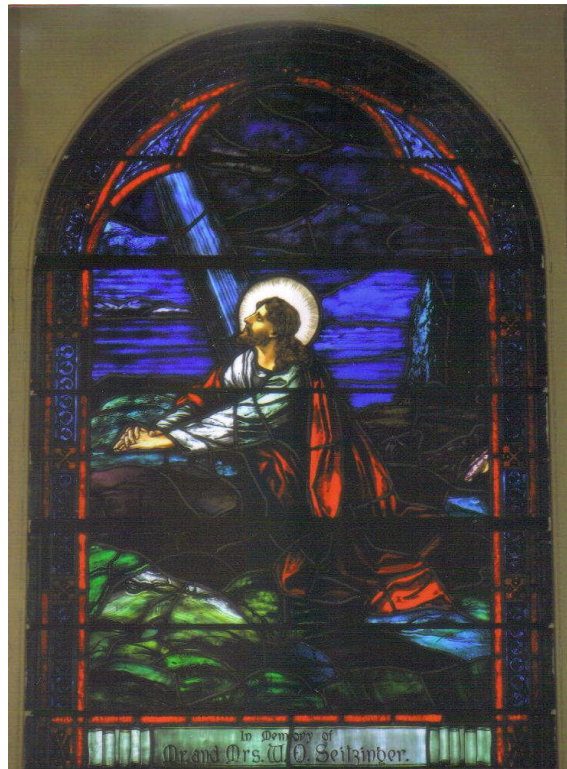


WHO ARE

These People???

Each month we like to have a different picture from long ago. Please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future “Life Together” Newsletters.

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!



This is a photo of the stained glass window that is above the altar at St. Paul’s in Gordon. There are copies of the picture in the church office if anyone is interested in having one. Photo courtesy of Michael Hudock.





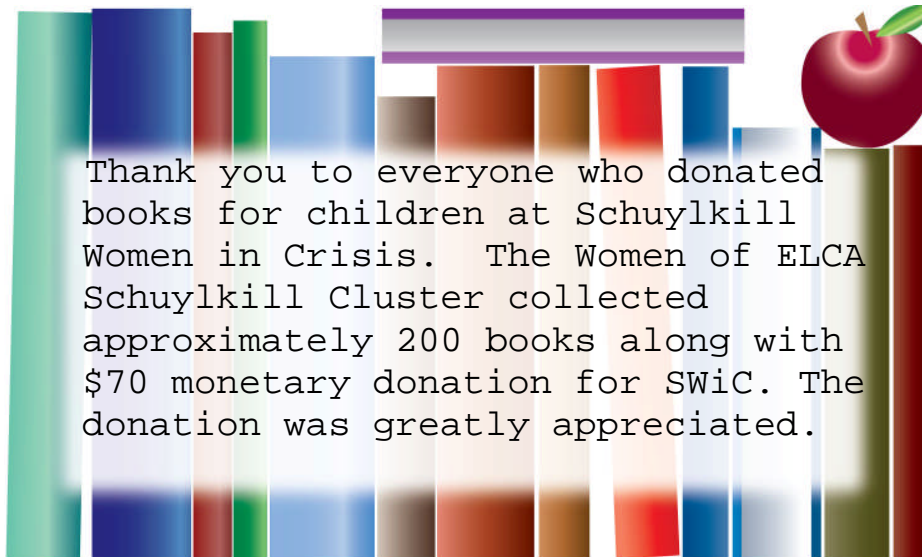
WELCA News

“Knaughty Knotters Knews”



The Knotters will be assembling quilts on
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 5 & 12
9:00—12:00

Thank you to all who have donated supplies to continue the quilting project for Lutheran World Relief. We are still in need of "filler" materials such as blankets, mattress pads, or quilt batting. Come join in the fun of creating knotted quilts. (no experience needed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)



Thank you to everyone who donated books for children at Schuylkill Women in Crisis. The Women of ELCA Schuylkill Cluster collected approximately 200 books along with \$70 monetary donation for SWiC. The donation was greatly appreciated.





SAVE-THE-DATE

Congregational
Christmas Dinner and
Jesus' Birthday
Celebration

**December 14th
11:00 am**

Watch the bulletin board for a sign up to attend and if you wish to bring a covered dish for the menu.

Advent Workshop

Advent is a season of getting ready - for dinners, for guests - ready for Christmas! The Advent Workshop is an event to help us “get ready” spiritually for Christmas by discussing the meaning of Advent and making a craft that will help guide us through the season. This year we will be making Yule Log Candle holders to use in our Advent devotions and Christmas celebration! Everyone is welcome! To insure we have enough supplies for everyone (one per household) please sign up on the bulletin board, a \$3 donation per family is asked to help cover the cost of supplies. Hope to see you on Saturday 29 November at 9:00 a.m.!





Ministry of the Month

The Endowment Fund Committee is made of up of 5 voting members of the congregation who meet AT LEAST twice per year to manage monies donated to the fund. The money is deposited into one of the endowment fund accounts where it is audited yearly.

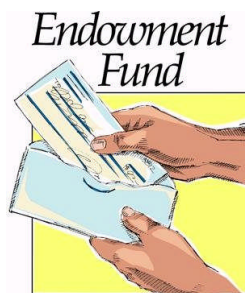
Endowment Funds can be used for:

- A) Scholarships to members of Christ's United Lutheran Church for educational purposes to those planning on attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school;
- B) For church related camping trips, leadership conferences, or other training that enables members of the congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people;
- C) Outreach into the community which may include grants to ELCA colleges, seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this congregation relates;
- D) Any other purpose the Committee deems appropriate and follows the guidelines for which this Fund was established.

Each year student members of the congregation, who are furthering their education beyond high school, can request a scholarship from the Endowment Fund Committee. The amount of the scholarship is based on the interest earned on the accounts during the prior calendar year and the number of students requesting a scholarship. See page 8 of this newsletter for a listing of this year's recipients. All students are asked to be present in person to receive their scholarship check.

The Endowment Fund Committee is also responsible for the fellowship hour for the month of November.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of this committee please see Tracy Berner, Angie Berger, Darcie Gruber, Sarah Fetterolf, or Barb Anczarski.



The Journey!

Where are you Going?

“Each step we take takes us closer to God ... whether we want to or not.” Join us as we help

each other along the *Journey* of life! Using the same lessons we have in worship, *Journey* prepares us for the direction our life is heading – back to God. Don’t go it alone – groups for all ages meet on Sunday mornings at 10:45 to share where we’ve been and where we’re going, and how to enjoy the trip! No luggage necessary, and the GPS is provided.



2015 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board sometime in November.

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, and Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

Payments for Altar flowers should be made to Jane Pennypacker. All other payments should be made out to the church and given to Erik Tice in the church office.



Christ's United Ministry Teams

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Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
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Mission Statement

*We the members of Christ's
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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.*



From a worship bulletin in Runnemede, New Jersey:

Today's Reading

From the book of Galatians

What is Paul's message?

Were the Galatians fond of Jell-O?



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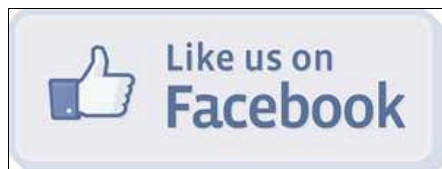
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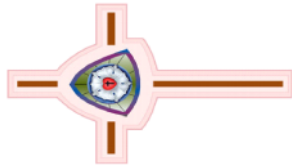
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