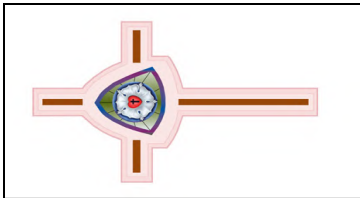


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Colossians 3:15



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Sunday 9:30 a.m.
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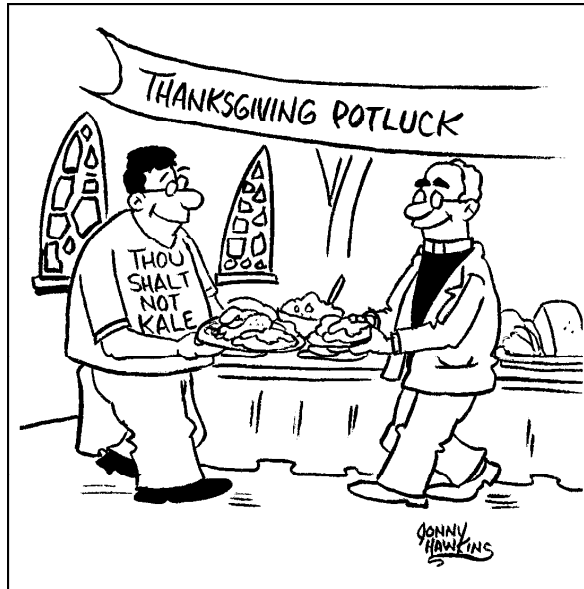
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by Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

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Status of Accounts as of September 30

Balance in Checking Account..... \$45,527.00

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

September income was \$12,033.37

Expenses for September were \$13,634.55 resulting in a negative
balance of \$1,601.18.

Benevolence Gifts through September.....\$898.75

(58% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2020)



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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the hardest periods of high school had nothing to do with classes or homework, but had everything to do with a period in the middle known as lunch. Here we were set loose to find a place to sit, eat and fit in. It could be brutal. The biggest fear was either being turned away from a table or being forced to eat alone, while the biggest high was having our place saved.

During this COVID pandemic many school students are not permitted to eat in the lunch room; they must dine in their classroom or at home. And Thanksgiving will prove very different this year as well. There will be loved ones missing from the table because travel is too dangerous or they are not permitted to leave their home.

In John 14:3 Jesus tells us, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also". Jesus assured his disciples he would prepare a place for them and there is hope there for us as well. We who have longed to fit in, who struggle with finding a place at the table, can finally belong. Jesus comes to reassure us that we have a place at his table. We and every other sinner have a place to sit beside our Lord – both in the Holy Communion celebrated in this life, and in the feast that has no end with our Lord Christ in life eternal. The child bullied



From a church newsletter:

help us help our community.

We're holding a canned food drive.

Please contribute by the 20th

That food doesn't belong in your mouth!

Send bloopers to service@NewsletterNewsletter.com.



for stuttering. The senior isolated in a nursing home room. All people have a place because Christ prepares one for each of us.

If you have been turned away elsewhere, come or return to Christ's United Church. Here you will be regularly reminded not only that Christ will never turn you away, but also that he has prepared a special place just for you.

Return to Saturday 5:00 pm Service

Our Worship and Music team announces that we will resume 5:00 Saturday evening worship on November 7. Initially, however, we will not celebrate Holy Communion. This is because of the added precautions needed to sanitize the sanctuary between services amid COVID-19.

If you attend this service, please be prepared to have your temperature taken and recorded. Masks are required as well. Please sit in the pews marked with a red ribbon. All are

The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 8th following worship. The budget will detail the costs of doing ministry, broken down into the larger ministry areas such as Education, Social Ministry, and Worship (and more!).

Please take the time to review the proposed budget with thanks giving and prayer for the blessings from Christ at work here at Christ's United. To help us prepare, the ministry budget will be available on November 1st.

BUDGET MEETING



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Growing through gratitude

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.



He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circum-



Indoor Custodian Position

We are still accepting applications for the position of Indoor Custodian. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.



Volunteers are covering church cleaning. We have a schedule of several groups of four or five volunteers to clean each week. If you are interested in helping please call Jo-Ann Young at 570-875-2586 or the church office 570-875-1591. Thank you.

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PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

_____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV

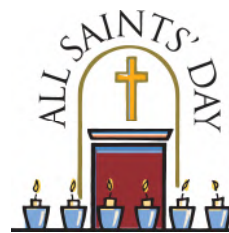


Church Council Highlights from October

- The Endowment Fund Committee met on October 11th after church. As of last Sunday there were five applicants for this year's Scholarships.
- A motion was made to hold a Whoopie Pie Fundraiser. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- On Saturday, October 3rd Social Ministry did an Outreach Project coordinated by Peg Dziczek. The team distributed fruit trays and cheese/meat trays to members of our congregation who haven't been able to come to church.
- We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 1st with Reverend

November Council Contact of the month is Vivian Brown.

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 Vivian,



Sunday, Nov 1

All Saints Day 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.

As we gather we will lift up the names of those Saints who have joined the company of heaven in the past year, since last All Saints Day.



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

In Memory of Jane Huhn by Beryl Stitzer

In Memory of Mary Lute by Pearl & Carl Lute

In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:

John & Janet Towey

Jan Fennessy

Dot Ziegenfuss and Dale & Cheryl Koch

Richard Berner

Wayne & Karen Wolfgang

Lynn Trexler

Beryl Stitzer & Jackie Babb

Robert Bricker & Marylou Rainone

Wendy Lindsey

Joe Brennan

Barbara David

James & Maureen Leibig

Jo-Ann & Leo Young

Susan & Ronald Davis

Carol Carduff

Robert & Carla Mae Carl

Keith & Judy Messersmith

Elizabeth & Donald Hand

Marilyn Henninger

Carrie & Russell Hummel

Dr. Kay Berner



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Community Blood Drive

Christ's United Lutheran Church

Social Hall
437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, December 7, 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.





The next WELCA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 4, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. All women of CULC are invited to attend.

Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
4:00 - 6:00P.M.
or while supplies last

This year's Trunk-or-Treat will be a drive-through event. A treat bag will be provided for each child age 11 and younger in each vehicle. The event will be held rain or shine. Costumes are optional. Masks are required.

Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)



Donations In Memory of Ellie Chappell continued:



- Bonnie Steinhart*
- Deborah & James Gownley*
- William & Margaret Wolfgang*
- William & Sandy Miller*
- Elizabeth Chappell*
- Thomas & Christine Weidensaul*
- William Green*
- Ann Boylan*
- Janette Freiler*
- Michael & Mary Alice Gownley*
- Rich's Contracting C/o Richard & Julia Gusick*
- Charles & Margaret Carroll*
- Dale & Cheryl Koch*
- Dennis & Tina Wolfe*
- Barbara & Joseph Anczarski*
- Cathy Dunbar*
- Doris Klauger*

*Donations to Christ's United's Building Fund
In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:
Richard Shoup*

*Donations to Christ's United's Capital Campaign
In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:
The Chappell Family
Peggy & Frank Dziczek*



*t's Cupboard In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:
Cathy & Terry Kessler*



NOVEMBER

Birthdays

1	James Dengler	16	Melody Bosco
	William Dillman, Jr.		Jack Houser
	Robert Nagle	17	Nellie Schlorff
	Jessica Shadle	19	Randy Lucas
4	Dean Krise	20	Charles Sweinhart
5	Brayden Koons	21	Breann Barker
7	Joshua Coward		Jean Bitting
	John W. Wolfgang		Carol Reiner
8	Daylon Long	23	Tracy Berner
	Steven Wolfgang		Carl Lute
9	Amy Fegley	24	Dale Bolich
	Jo-Ann Young	25	Bernie Marquardt
11	JeanMarie Brayford	26	Suzanne Peel
	Brooke Harris	27	Cathy Stutzman
	Jordan Walter	28	Becky Spencer
12	Deanna Hepler		Garrison Stehr
	Connie Weinreich	29	Remington Stehr
13	Rick Walsh	30	Tammy Dengler
14	Deidre Dengler		Rusty McAndrew



Standard time returns.
Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour on Saturday,

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.

2021 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are now 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
- Palms for Palm Sunday \$12.00



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

Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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



We Offer our Prayers to...

October 25 -- Ray Brennan (C. Brennan)
Robert Rickard (T. Shilling)
Ann Marie Hill (D. Zaharick)
Sarah Puketza (D. & T. Wolfe)
Jessica Connor (D. & T. Wolfe)
Everyone affected by CoronaVirus



October 18 – Jim Hepler
Jo-Ann Young
William Price Sr. (D. Price)
Roseann Pennypacker (J. Pennypacker)
Rick Herring (E. Tice)
Emerson Wolfgang (D. Zaharick)
Bonnie Lassen (D. Lassen)

Family of June Stutzman

October 11 – Rich Kuczawa (Grubers/D. Hall)
Eva Kerstetter - member St. James, Pitman (Pr. Mark Swanson)

Family of Tim Tobin

October 4 – Cheryl Varndell
Helen Wolfgang (D. Zaharick)
Anna James (V. Brown)
Deanna Leshar (P. Dzikczek)
Stewart Anthony

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Gail Lorady, Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute), Irene Morgan, Nellie Schlorff, Richard Shoup

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Ruth Berner (R. Berner), Elizabeth Brown & family, Linda Brown (V. Brown), Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Joe Ferraro Jr., Allen Fertig (K. Berner), Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (B. Andrews), Dan Grow, Nancy Harner (R. Berner), Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Anna James (V. Brown), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Deborah Lynch (G. Marquardt), Mylah (G. Marquardt), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Carol Stehr, Garth Swanson (Pr. Laura), Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Karyssa Wenrich,

*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*

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 Liem Family - Barbara and Robert
The Spencer Family - Rebecca



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NOVEMBER Anniversaries

11/12/17	John & Hannah Lisowski
11/14/85	Frank & Peggy Dzikczek
11/19/11	Kenny & Jen Snyder
11/20/82	Bruce & Jean Bitting
11/30/96	John & Joan Wolfgang



First Holy Communion

Five children will receive their First Holy Communion at a special 11:00 a.m. service on Christ the King Sunday, November 22. They are Cole Johnson, Emily Miller, Mackenzie Miller, Zeke Shingara, and Remington Stehr. Welcome to the table of our Lord. The children will bake the Communion bread at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 21. Adult assistance is needed. Please call the Church Office if you can help.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 415 Grand Ave. Tower City at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25.



Life Together at Christ's United



The simplest prayer

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?" Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you, God," Mr. Rogers replied.



Heroes for the Holidays

We would like to send a little home to our Heroes in Kuwait. Taryn Harris is a local Hero stationed in Kuwait. Let us all show her and her Battalion how much we appreciate the sacrifices they are making for the Freedoms we enjoy.



Below is an address and some suggested items they enjoy if you want to help with this Hero ministry. A box will be filled and sent in time for Christmas to our troops. Cards and messages can also be sent. Please contact the church office if interested. The Deadline will be November 15th to insure Christmas delivery.

SSG Harris, Taryn
HSC 628th
ASB APO, AE 09330

Suggested items:

- Lip Balm
- Q-tips
- Tissues
- Gum
- Hard Candies
- Trail Mix
- Lollipops
- Popcorn



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Endowment Scholarships

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that during the worship service on Sunday, **November 29**, the following students will receive a \$400 scholarship check to assist in furthering their education:



Deidre Dengler is attending Alvernia University, majoring in Occupational Therapy.

Kylie Mallams is attending Penn State University - University Park, majoring in Forensic Science.

Bryce Weikel is attending Lebanon Valley College, majoring in Business Administration.

Steven Wolfgang is attending Bloomsburg University, majoring in Middle Level Ed./English-LA.

Tyler Wolfgang is attending Bloomsburg University, majoring in Business Management.

A \$100 graduation check will be awarded to:

Ryan Walter graduated from North Schuylkill and is currently employed at TriState, Ashland.



Please plan to attend this service to show your support and offer prayers for a successful future.

Life Together at Christ's United



A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.



We will be collecting the following items for November:

Stuffing, Gravy & Boxed Potatoes

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is



Serving Our Community of Faith in November:

Date	Congregational Representative	Lector & Post Worship Greeter at the Door	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolytes	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex
November 1 All Saints	Vivian Brown	Sally Tice	Laray Klinger Tyler Wolfgang Thomas Wolfgang John Wolfgang Dorothy Kessler-G	Erik Tice - AM	Mason and Dylan Buhay		
November 8	Jacob Tice	Jacob Tice			Bianca and Joey McAndrew		
November 15		John Towey			Karolyne Towey and Maura Sweitzer		
November 22 Christ the King		Cheryl Varnell		Larry Wolfgang - AM	Ava Hernandez and Blake Olayo		
November 29		Mark Varnell			Raven and Hayden Marlow		

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS 9:30 Communion Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 4 - 6 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4 10:00 Seniors 6:00 WELCA	5	6	7 5:00 Worship
8 9:30 Worship 10:45 Annual Budget Mtg.	9 7:00 Council Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day 10:00 Seniors	12 10:00-12:00 Christ's Cupboard 	13	14 5:00 Worship
15 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 Evangelism / Outreach	17 7:00 Worship & Music	18 10:00 Seniors	19	20	21 11:00 Bread Baking for First Holy Communion 5:00 CHRIST THE KING Worship
22 CHRIST THE KING 9:30 Communion Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 11:00 Special Worship for First Holy Communion Recipients	23 	24	25 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	26 	27	28 5:00 Worship w/Endowment Fund Offering
29 1 ST SUNDAY ADVENT 9:30 Worship w/Endowment Scholarships Endowment Fund Offering 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class	30					