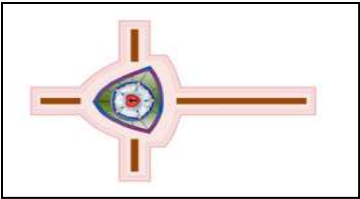


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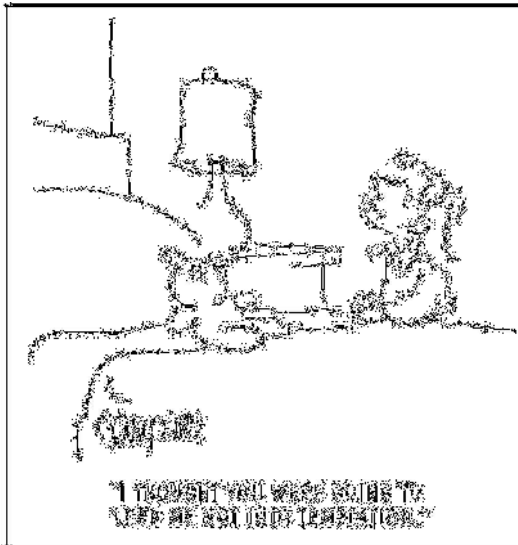
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Status of Accounts as of September 30

Balance in Checking Account \$41,218.13.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2021 Annual Budget of \$202,094.00 is **\$16,841.17**

September income was \$11,350.75

Expenses for September were \$8,990.06, resulting in a gain of \$2,360.69.

Benevolence Gifts through August is \$9,736.29.

(65% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2021)

CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Beth Andrews Secretary	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
Ted Ambrose	570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
Angie Berger	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Debra Price	570-875-4272	Feb. 2024
Barbara Stepanchick	570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024
Joseph McAndrew Youth Representative		

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

STAFF

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	office@christsunited.org	570-789-9722
	Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:00	
Director of Music	Jamie Johnson	570-590-1678
Treasurer	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021



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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Evangelism/Outreach

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)

Social Ministry

Stewardship

WELCA

Worship & Music

Multimedia Ministry

Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees

Endowment Fund

Mutual Ministry

Nominating

Personnel

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,

Are you kidding me? Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner! Cooks will be making grocery lists. Children will be behaving like conspirators as they make gifts for parents and grandparents. Cooler weather is here.

Just as the climatic seasons change, the seasons of our congregation change. We have weathered changes before; we are in the midst of weathering changes again. Our congregation is strong, passionate, and caring. If we remain these three things, we will weather this new season in our lives.

Before our next newsletter arrives, Advent will be here. It's a season of waiting. We don't know when Jesus will come again (Matthew 24:42), but Advent teaches us to listen to the voice of God and His promises.

We are blessed to be children of God. Let us also be grateful through all seasons.

Your Sister in Christ,
Vivian

Christian symbol

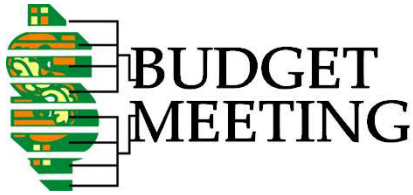


CORNUCOPIA—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abun-



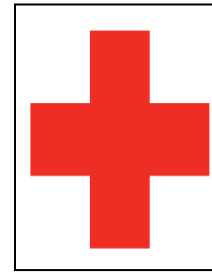
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The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 14th following worship. The budget will detail the costs of doing ministry, broken down into

the larger ministry areas such as Education, Social Ministry, and Worship (and more!). Please take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving and prayer for the blessings from Christ at work here at Christ's United. To help us prepare, the 2022 budget will be available on October 31st.



American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

Monday, December 6, 2021
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.

Pastoral Acts

Pastor Dana performed the following

Funerals:

9/7/21 Loretta Cook
9/9/21 Helen Pennypacker
10/15/21 Greg Zaharick

A meaningful month

Consumerism can prevent us from noticing needs, writes Walter Brueggemann (*The Prophetic Imagination*). A culture steeped in materialism and greed can “block out the cries of the denied ones ... so that no one discerns misery alive in the heart of God.”

In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday and the start of Advent. What does it mean that Christ is our King? How can we truly give God thanks and prepare for Jesus’ coming? It’s a good time to ponder what hurts God’s heart — and how we can help.

If someone is lonely, perhaps we can invite them to Thanksgiving dinner. If we sense inequality saddening God, we might advocate for fair policies. If God is in pain because some of his children have too little, we can share our resources. In so doing, we welcome Christ the

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Church Council Highlights from October

- John Denchak noted that we have a good supply of Worship Leaders now thanks to our five Assisting Ministers. They, along with our Communion Assistants, are doing a fine job. There was a nice crowd on Sunday, October 3.
- Sunday School started out pretty well despite not receiving any responses from the 23 invitations sent out. We have five students in the Confirmation Class.
- The Chicken BBQ Dinner was a huge success.
- The Men's Group discussed updating the outside LED sign. We can possibly do a two-sided sign on top of the present sign which would be a continuous LED scroll visible in both directions.
- Safety & Security - we will continue to have two people at the front door: Allen Johnson is very welcoming as the Greeter and a Security Officer serves as another set of eyes and ears outside. The remaining two ushers will be inside so we will always have four ushers.
- The Safety Team nurses installed a new AED. The old AED was 12 years old and out of warranty. It was returned for a trade in refund.
- Trunk-or-Treat will held outside on Sunday October 31 between

November Council Contact of the month is Deb Price

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 Deb,



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GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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7 2 4 1 6 3 i

w y l a s a
3 5 2 4 6 a 1

continually,

p y r a
1 4 2 3

e g v i
4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

We Offer our Prayers to...

October 24 – Robert Carl (C. Carl)
Richard Berger (J. Gruber)
Irene Morgan (D. Calhoun)
Robbie Link (D. Calhoun)
Debbie Moyer (C. Carl)
Carlee Spieles (her family)
Edward Emerich (L. Martin)
David Gricoski (Cunninghams)
Jessica Connor (T. Wolfe)

Family of Beth Richards Koropchak

October 17 – Gail Marquardt
Bob May
Amy & Darren Hockenberry (E. Werner)

Families of RoseAnn Mills, Shawn O'Boyle, Lou Knorr & Sue Fey

October 10 – Terry Tobias (J. Deeter)
Shawanda Long (T. Shilling)
Rick Walsh (H. Walsh)
Judy Tesno (J. Babb)
Terry Shilling
Morgen Sweitzer
Randy Wagner
Jennifer Moreno Perez (J. Babb)
Dawn Luckey McHugh (J. Babb)
Gene Klinger (J. Babb)
Angie Balicki (T. Ambrose)
Dale Foose (T. Ambrose)

*Families and friends of Bobby Brown (T. Ambrose) and
Greg Zaharick (D. Zaharick)*

October 3 -- Marguerite Felegi (A. Berger)

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler),
Annette Houser, Tara Houser, Jennifer Koch, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Gail Lorady,
Dianna Monaghan, Jo-Ann Young, Leo Young

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Elizabeth Brown & family, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis,
Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow,
Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Keith Morgan, Lou Ann
Olson, Danny Quick, Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, Judy Trautman, Karyssa Wenrich

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:



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The Marquardt/Deeter Family - Gail, Bernie, Jennifer,
Damian & Dylan Fessler
The Sweitzer/Wagner Family - Morgen, Randy, Maura & John



*The following Memorials were given to
Christ's United since the October Newsletter:*

*In Memory of Loretta Cook by:
Anna Neumeister*

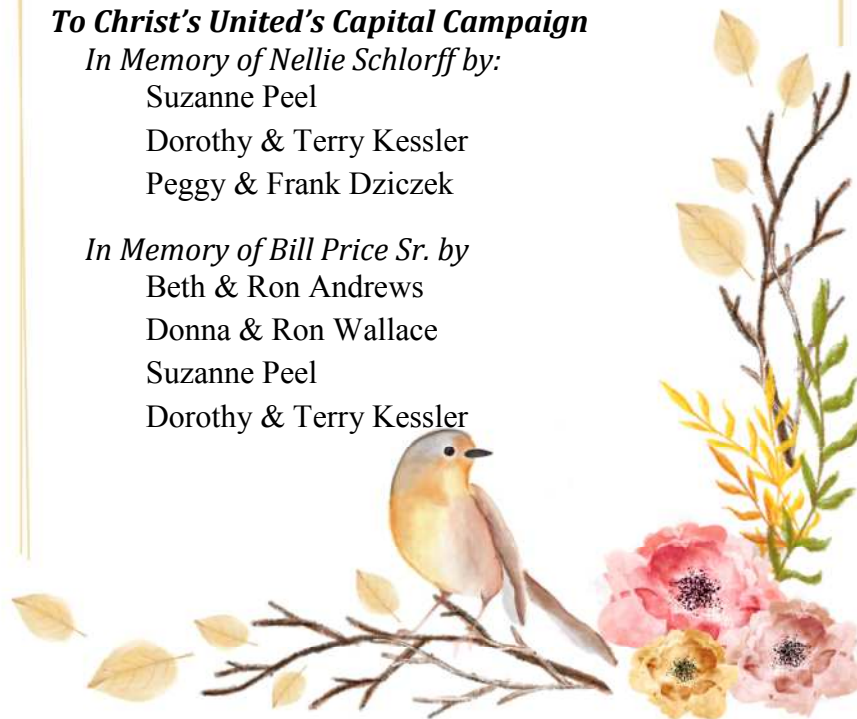
*In Memory of Nellie Schlorff by:
Grant & Sandy Marlow
Beryl Stitzer
The Hinkel Family
Lisa Llewellyn
Robert Llewellyn
Julia Klinger
Anna Neumeister & Robert & Carla Mae Carl
Carol & Jim Reiner
Irene Morgan*

*In Memory of Richard Watkins by:
Terry Shilling
Jerry Irish*

To Christ's United's Capital Campaign

*In Memory of Nellie Schlorff by:
Suzanne Peel
Dorothy & Terry Kessler
Peggy & Frank Dziczek*

*In Memory of Bill Price Sr. by
Beth & Ron Andrews
Donna & Ron Wallace
Suzanne Peel
Dorothy & Terry Kessler*



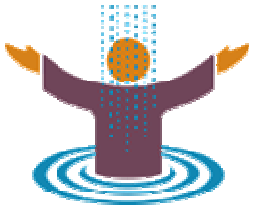
Women of the ELCA

The next Women of ELCA Meeting
will be November 3rd at 6:00 pm
All women of Christ's United are welcome to attend.

Knaughty Knotters is resuming knotting quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Tuesday mornings. No sewing experience is needed, just be able to tie a knot. For more information contact Donna Wallace.



Daily reminders of baptism



One way Satan attacks Christians is by reminding us of our sins, both of commission (wrongdoing) and omission (neglecting to do right). And one way we can fight back is by remembering our baptism. The reformer Martin Luther recommended pondering that sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because “in baptism sins are drowned.”

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder, Luther says, because baptism is the “daily garment ... the Christian is to wear all the time.” He writes, “Christ instituted holy baptism ... to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, ‘My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip



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.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Fridays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.

2021 Sponsorships

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



Altar Flowers \$25.00
Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00

Payments for Altar flowers should be given to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made payable to Christ's United and given to Deb Hall in the Church Office.

Anyone still owing Cathy Troutman for Altar Flowers for

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.



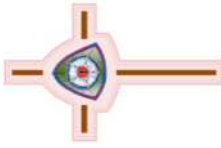
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- 1 James Dengler
William Dillman, Jr.
Robert Nagle
Jessica Shadle
- 4 Dean Krise
- 5 Brayden Koons
- 7 Joshua Coward
John W. Wolfgang
- 8 Daylon Long
Steven Wolfgang
- 9 Amy Fegley
Jo-Ann Young
- 11 JeanMarie Brayford
Brooke Harris
Jordan Walter
- 12 Deanna Hepler
Connie Weinreich
- 13 Rick Walsh
- 14 Deidre Dengler
Brian Rickert
Cory Weikel, Sr.

- 16 Melody Bosco
Jack Houser
- 19 Randy Lucas
- 20 Raquel Snyder
Charles Sweinhart
- 21 Breann Barker
Jean Bitting
Carol Reiner
- 23 Tracy Berner
Carl Lute
- 24 Dale Bolich
- 25 Bernie Marquardt
- 26 Suzanne Peel
- 27 Cathy Stutzman
- 28 Becky Spencer
Garrison Stehr
- 29 Remington Stehr
- 30 Tammy Dengler
Rusty McAndrew





Commitment Card 2022

Are you ready to grow one or more steps in your giving?
 No, I am (we are) not ready to commit at this time.
 Yes, I am (we are) ready to commit as follows:

General Fund
 January 1 to December 31 of the coming year:
 \$ _____ every _____ week _____ month _____ quarter _____ year for an annual total of \$ _____
 to the General Fund.

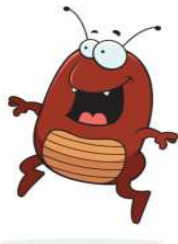
Optional: Check all that apply.
 This is a tithe (10%) of my (our) income. _____ This is _____ % of my (our) income.
 In the years ahead, with God's help, I (we) will step up toward tithing.
 Send information about giving electronically through setting up a recurring giving plan.

Name (please print clearly) _____
 Phone and/or email _____



A blessing or a curse?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”



Still, Corrie wasn't convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we'll get.

—Julie Lee



Dear Church Members,

Commitment cards were distributed to worshippers on Commitment Sunday, October 10, at Christ's United. Even if you were not able to attend worship, we hope you will still wish to financially support Christ's United Church's ministry and mission during the coming year. Therefore, we have enclosed a 2022 Commitment card on the opposite page. Please prayerfully consider the amount of your regular giving for 2022. Then complete the card and return it to the church.

Sincerely,

CULC Stewardship Team

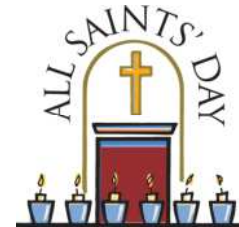


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John & Hannah Lisowski
Tim & Deb Hubler
Frank & Peggy Dziczek
Ken & Jen Snyder
Bruce & Jean Bitting
John & Joan Wolfgang

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.



During worship we will lift up the names of those Saints who have joined the company of heaven this past year, since last All Saints Day.



Standard time returns. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 6th before going to bed.

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ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship Recipients

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that during the worship service on **November 28th**, the following students will receive a \$500 scholarship check to assist in furthering their education:

Deidre Dengler is a sophomore at Alvernia University studying Occupational Therapy.

Ralph H. Johnson is a freshman at Pennsylvania College of Technology majoring in Forestry.

Tanner Walacavage is a freshman at Misericordia University majoring in Medical Imaging.

Bryce Weikel is a sophomore at Pennsylvania College of Technology majoring in Electrical Technology with a focus on Building Automation.

Steven Wolfgang is a junior at Bloomsburg University majoring in Middle Level Education with a concentration in English Language Arts.

Tyler Wolfgang is a junior at Bloomsburg University majoring in Business Management.

The congregation is encouraged to attend this service to show your support and offer prayers for the successful future of the Scholarship Recipients.

There will be a special offering for the **Endowment Fund** on **November 28th**. Please be gener-



Calling:

Who: All Youth

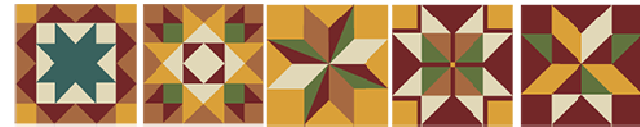
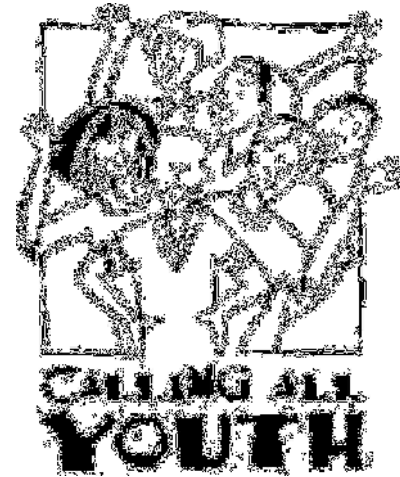
Ages: 7-12th Grade
(and parents if able)

What: To reorganize CULC
Jr.– Sr. Youth Group

Why: To have fun and organize & plan activities

When & Where: CULC

Sunday, November 7th Just after Church and



HONORING OUR VETERANS



Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY



Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month.

See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve and sign up on the bulletin board to help.

November - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship

December - Social Ministry
~ 2022 ~

January - WELCA

February - Church Council

March - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship

April - Social Ministry

May - WELCA

June/July/August -
No Social Hour

September - Choir/Worship &

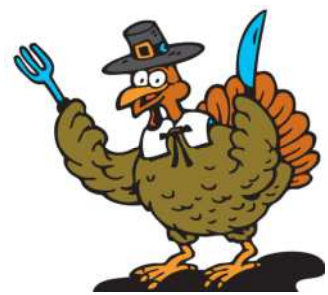
We will be collecting the following items for November:

Stuffing, Gravy & Boxed Potatoes

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday



Serving Our Community of Faith in November

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Representative/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
November 7 All Saints	Erik Tice		Vivian Brown	Kay Berner John Kimmel Terry Neumeister Dorothy Kessler-G Allen Johnson-Door	John Towey - AM Becky Spencer Donna Wallace	Blake Olayo	Ava Hernandez
November 14	Kay Berner		Deb Hubler			Jacob Tice	Logan Walacavage
November 21 Christ the King	Rev. Norman Dresher	Vivian Brown	Donna Lassen		Erik Tice- AM Barb Stepanchick Dennis Wolfe	Emily Miller & Mackenzie Miller	Nelson Berger
November 28 1st of Advent	Rev. Dana Heckman-Beil		Becky Spencer			Hayden Marlow	Raven Marlow

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 Church Council	2 Election Day 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	3 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:00 p.m. WELCA 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Youth Group Mtg. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	8	9 9:00 a.m. Knaughty Knotters 	10 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11 Veterans Day 10:00 - 11:30 Christ's Cupboard 	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Budget Mtg.	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 9:00 a.m. Knaughty Knotters	17 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	22 7:00 p.m. Social Ministry	23 8:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly	24 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Worship – Endowment Scholarships 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	29 9:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating 	30				