

*Life Together at  
Christ's United  
Lutheran Church*



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





# Christ's United Lutheran Church

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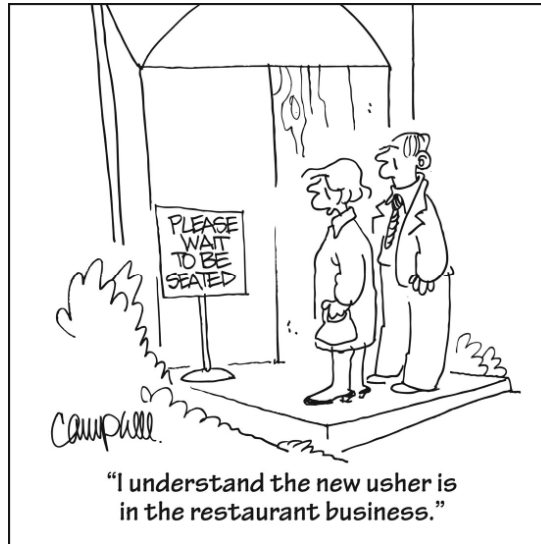
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*The October Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of  
Brandon & Nicole Hood's Birthdays  
by Thomas & Michelle Hood.*



## Status of Accounts as of August 31

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$3,163.43**  
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget  
 of \$169,305.70 is **\$14,108.81.**  
August income was \$9,259.59  
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$12,202.00  
 (59% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





## **Pastor Kim's Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The winds of change are blowing.

People are walking around with sweaters on. Hot chocolate returned to the menu and afghans again cover our couches. Oil and coal trucks are busy on the roads. Home windows are being shut. The times, “they is a changing”.

We can see it clearly as the sun now shines more gently on ever changing leaves, a rainbow of beauty that graces our drives and is a banner for the changes that are happening not only around us, but in us as we change – our habits and our thoughts – with the seasons.

It brings to mind the verses from Ecclesiastes 3: *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

The writer goes on to say how we realize the seasons change around us, as we change for them, but we fail to realize that God too flows around us, from the beginning through the end. Yet we fail to change for Him: We focus on the Life God surrounds us with forgetting the life God fills us with, a life that too, requires change.

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Realizing the gift of life that God has given us in Jesus Christ requires – demands – a change in us: from our hearts out through our hands. It causes the scales to fall from our eyes like the Apostle Paul (Acts 9.18) and for us to see clearly that God stands before. Seeing, we are to turn our lives to follow him: to be His disciples.

Discipleship is the goal of the Committed to Christ program. During the time of this program a presentation is offered each week on how we can follow Christ more closely. Members will guide us each week in worship by sharing from their own experiences, an adult class is meeting during Sunday School to join in prayer and understanding, and individual booklets with explanation have been sent to every household. The tools of Prayer, Bible Reading, Worship, Witness, Financial Giving, and Service are all ways that we can conform our lives to His, if only we will change.

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21-22*

May the winds of the Holy Spirit  
change you.

Peace,

*Pastor Kim*



John 20:21, NRSV





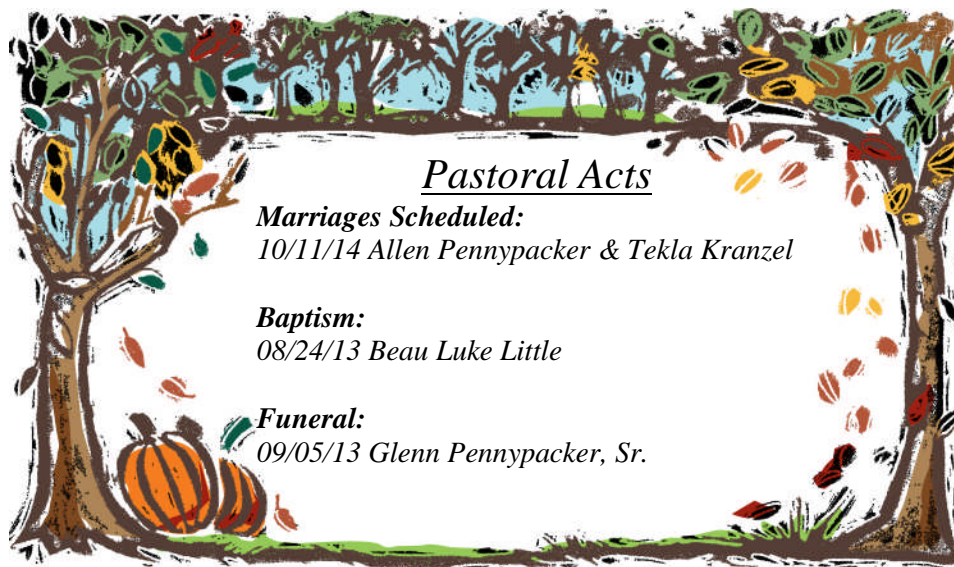
## Calling All the Saints - Ministries Celebration Event!

As we enter a new part of our lives committed to Christ, please plan now to join in the celebration of Discipleship following worship on Sunday, 3 November 2013.

Displays of all the current ministries happening through Christ's United will fill the Fellowship Hall, with opportunities to learn and grow with God!

All Ministry committees within Christ's United should be working on getting their displays ready.

Please get your presentation board now, they are available in the church office.



## **We Offer our Prayers to...**

### **Members of Christ's United:**

Gail Marquardt, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jennie Kosmisky, Norene Stoker, Jim Hepler, Dean Fetterolf, Tom Lazor, David Pennypacker, Barry Martin, Deb Hall

### **Family & Friends:**

Catherine Beury, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Harris, Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, Donna Harpster, Amy Miner, Tim Varndell, Glen Geist, Mike Smith, Dorothy Shadle, Colleen Flail, Audrey Pillman, Fred Pillman, Ada Miller, Dan Krynak, Betty Green, Bill Dean, Robbie Krick family, Kayla Kelly, Evelyn Myers, Nada Matthews, Joe Klamanski, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Williams, Halley Zerby, Tricia Block, Louis Poda, Dianne Rhoades, Gary Kehler, Mildred Keiffer, Jane Fetterolf, MaryEllen Blackwell, Janet Berner, Andrew Shredick, Lucy Elwood, Hazel Smith, Sheila Dengler

*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 pastor or the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added please call the office: if someone is added to the prayer list on a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the secretary's desk.*

### **Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:**

Marion Brennan, Providence Place  
Jean Cress, Mt. Carmel Nursing  
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living  
Betty Miller, Luther Ridge  
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing  
Randy Troutman  
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab  
Jeanette Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing  
Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing  
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living  
Linda Zerby





Sleep Over? Why do we call it a Sleep Over? The youth rarely sleep. Last month the senior youth had a long day of games, crafts, cans, cooking and group hugs. Then an evening of mini golf, ice cream and batting cages. After a full day of bonding doing the fun stuff it was time for a deeper level of bonding. The older youth helped Unkie Keith build a fire. The group gathered around and we shared our worries before tossing them into the fire and letting the smoke take them up to God. Of course that led to another GROUP HUG!!!! You would think they would be tired after such an eventful day, but no they stayed up all night talking. Despite the little sleep we all had some of us made it to help out at the Food Pantry the next day.

**Fall Fest**  
**Saturday, October 12th**

**6-9:00 p.m.**

Bring the whole family and Join us for  
some FUN, FOOD and FAITH!



If you would like to donate food please sign up on the bulletin board. We are hoping to have Halushki, Chili, Bean Soup, Pierogies and Hot Dogs. Of course there will also be Dessert items available.



**Trunk or Treat  
Sunday, October 27th**

**6-7:00 p.m.**

Trunkers will need to arrive no later than 5:30pm

If you would like to be a trunker please sign up on the Bulletin Board. Check out the neat ideas on how to decorate your trunks, and there are candy coupons for the taking to aid in buying goodies! Keep in mind both events are Rain or Shine!



**Junior Youth:**

**November 2nd @ 3:00 p.m.**

Therapy Dog Session with Gail Lorady & Buffy which will also include a Christmas Ornament Craft. All participants will then attend Service @ 5:00 p.m.



Please bring a cat or dog food item that will be donated to the local SPCA.

**Senior Youth:**

No senior Youth Group event in November.

Look out for details about our annual Christmas party!!





### **Attention All Ministry Committees**

The Finance Committee is starting to work on the Christ's United Lutheran Church Budget for 2014. We would like you to prepare a budget for your committee and have it submitted at the very latest by October 1, 2013. The Finance Committee will provide you a print out of the expenses incurred up to the end of August. These documents will be available in the church office as of September 22, 2013.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

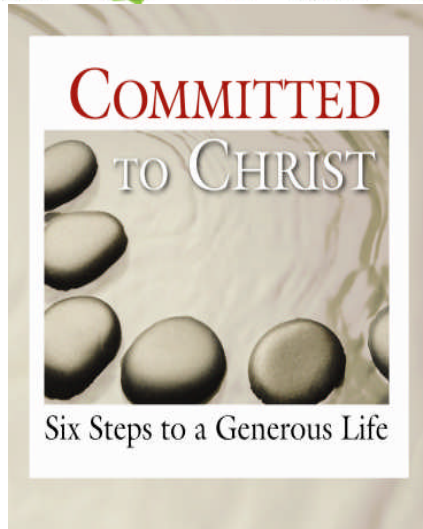
*Ann Marie Dillman*

Treasurer



Growing in God's Word – our newest Adult evening Bible Study begins Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Designed to help us deepen our relationship with Jesus, this study helps us to learn by looking at Jesus' interactions. Based on the book "Why Jesus?" by William H. Willimon, we will join with the original disciples and experience first hand Jesus' invitation to follow Him.





Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you want a deeper relationship with God? Do you want to know the peace and joy that God gives? Committed to Christ is a program designed to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ by connecting our behaviors with our beliefs. To grow as a disciple join the opportunities available:

Bible Study led jointly by Jim Gruber and Kay Berner  
Sunday mornings at 10.45; Facebook postings of prayers; Video discussion by our members on our webpage; booklets describing the Commitment steps sent to each household; and weekly worship services that allow us to pledge our commitment with each area of discipleship.

**World  
Communion  
Sunday**  
October 6



## Serving Our Community of Faith in October:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer & Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
<b>October 6</b>	Barb Anczarski	Dean Fetterolf Connie Welker Donna Wallace	David Hall Jane Pennypacker Laray Klinger Dennis Wolfe	Lydia Price	Ashley O'Connor	Helen Wolfgang	Jennie Kosmisky
<b>October 13</b>	Beth Andrews			Alaina Lindenmuth	Emily Fetterolf	Dean Fetterolf	George Kosmisky
<b>October 20</b>	Melanie Bendinsky			Steven Wolfgang	Samantha Brennan & Brandon Hood	Sally Tice	Irene Morgan
<b>October 27</b>	Kay Berner	Kay Berner David Hall Barb Anczarski		Zachary Hummel	Rebecca Houser	Darlene Stank	Erik Tice



# OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1	2 6:00 GROW in God's Word 7:00 WELCA	3 9:00 Know
6 <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Communion Service <b>Jared Box Offering</b> 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	7 7:00 Church Council	8	9 7:00 GROW in God's Word	10 9:00 Know  7:00 Christmas Meeting
13 <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service <b>Jared Box Offering</b> 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation 3:00-5:00 CROP Walk	14 7:00 Social Ministry Meeting <b>Columbus Day</b> (Observed)	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	16 7:00 GROW in God's Word <b>National Boss Day</b>	17 9:00 Know
20 <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation	21 6:30 Worship & Music Meeting	22 	23 <b>St. James of Jerusalem</b> 9:30 Newsletter Assembly	24 9:00 Know 12:00-2:00 7:30 School District Meeting John's
27 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:30 Communion Service 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation 6:00 Trunk or Treat 	28 <b>St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles</b> 6:30 Grief Support Group	29	30  REFORMATION	31 <b>Reformation</b>



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# SOCIAL MINISTRY



## Ashland Area Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following items for October:

### **Canned Vegetables**

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

October—Stewardship Comm.  
November—Endowment Fund  
December—Church Council  
January—Choir  
February—Social Ministry  
March—LCM



## Jared Box Collection

October 5-13

We will be collecting donations for Jared Boxes during the above dates. Please place donations on the table in the Narthex.

We are accepting the following: crayons, markers, children's puzzle and coloring books, stickers, children's books, small toys. All items must be NEW and in the package.





# **CROP Hunger Walk**

**Join Us!**

**North Schuylkill High School**

**Sunday October 13, 2012**

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

If you are interested in walking please contact DruAnn Laudermilch or Erik Tice for your registration materials. If you would like to make a donation, please see one of our many walkers.





## October Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Birthdays

6	Tammy Buhay George Sterling	15	Kelsey Neumeister Brandon Hood Nicole Hood DruAnn Laudermilch Connor Hoover
7	Forrest Shadle	17	Terry Neumeister Autumn Peifer
10	Melanie Bendinsky Barry Martin	18	Ryan Walter
11	Dylan Buhay Danielle White	19	Judy Fritz Sandy Miller Maryann Wolfgang
13	Jessica Boyer Aidan Lazor Mia Burke	22	Connie Welker
14	Anna Neumeister	24	James Conrath
		25	Donna Wallace Carrie Hummel
		31	Grayson Sharp

### Anniversaries

10/05/02	Michael & Donna Lassen
10/11/97	John & Maryann Wolfgang
10/13/84	Joseph & Barbara Anczarski
10/13/56	Jack & Frieda Johnson
10/16/76	Dennis & Tina Wolfe
10/22/05	Dean & Tammy Leshner
10/25/80	Gregg & Lois Sterling
10/29/11	Wesley & Kelly Long
10/30/10	Jeremy & Katie Knorr

If you would like to have your Anniversary/ Birthday added or removed from the list, please contact the church office. 875-1591. You are not automatically added when you join the church or when you get married.







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

*\$245.00 in Memory of Glenn Pennypacker, Sr. by  
The Delker Family  
Shamokin Mission 7th Day Adventist Church  
Ron & Donna Wallace  
Louis & Ruth Swatski  
Doris Edwards  
Betty Bowman  
Elaine Komara  
Ron & Beth Andrews  
Lentini Hearing Instruments*



### **Pounds for a Purpose**

Most of us could stand to lose a few pounds, but where would we put them? How about the Food Pantry? The idea for this new ministry is simple:

Make a commitment to lose a few pounds to improve the health and function of this temple (our body) that God has given us;

Sign up, so that we can support each other in prayer and practice.

For each pound that comes off your temple (body) bring a pound of food into God's temple (church building) to be distributed to those in need in our community.

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board!



# WELCA News

## **KNOTTED QUILT PROJECT The “Knaughty Knotters” of Christ’s United**

The Knaughty Knotters have resumed quilt making sessions on Thursdays from 9:00 am - ? All are invited to help create knotted quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Materials are still needed. If you have used and clean blankets, sheets, mattress protectors, comforters, towels, curtains (no fiberglass content), or fabrics, please drop them off in social hall next to walk-in closet.



Check out [lwr.org/kits](http://lwr.org/kits) and **LWR Quilters on Facebook**

## Who Are These People???

The answers from the September “Who are These People???” are from left to right: Front Row: Grace Evely, Fred Mervine, Ruth Gable, Harry Wolfgang, Edith Kaufman. Middle Row: Glenn Seitzinger, Rose Dornsife, Charles Boyle, Muriel Smith, Lester Hoffman, Anna Reismiller, Charles Burger. Back Row: Guy Mervine, Grace Miller, Paul Fetterolf, Dorothy Fetterolf, Charles Fetterolf, Rev. Charles Harris, Olive Bingaman, George Moyer. Catechism Class of April 13, 1930 at St. Paul’s Lutheran in Gordon.

We need more pictures! 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.

Your picture will be returned to you. Thank you.





**WOMEN OF ELCA SCHUYLKILL CLUSTER  
FALL 2013 EVENT**

**WHERE:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
1931 Wiconisco St, Reinerton/  
Tower City

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 12, 2013

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 12:00 Program**

(Lunch optional following  
program)

**PROGRAM:** Young Adults in Global  
Mission  
Volunteer Michael Lengel shares his  
service experience in Africa.

**BIBLE STUDY:** “Jesus, the Healer”  
presented by  
Rev. Linda Bonfiglio St. Paul's  
Lutheran, Tower City

**Register on bulletin board or with  
Connie Welker by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**





## God's precious saints

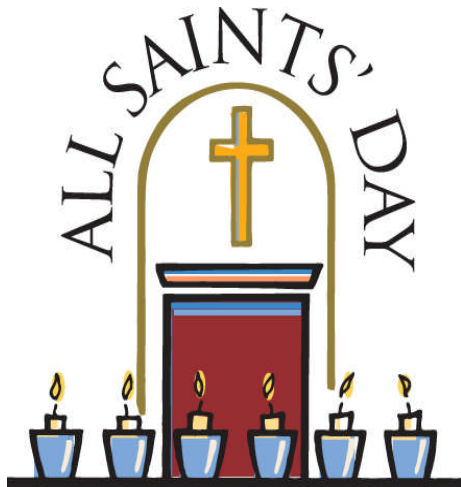
A man mourning the sudden death of his young wife wondered, “Where was God when Jenny died?” Unable to sleep one night, he turned to Scripture and read Psalm 116:3 (NIV): “The anguish of the grave came upon me: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.” The man’s anguish echoed the psalmist’s.

Reading on, he discovered verse 15: “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”

“What does it mean by precious?” the man wondered. The footnote proved helpful: “Not in the sense of highly valued, but of that which is carefully watched over.” The widower pictured God watching over his wife in her last moments. “That’s where God was,” the man thought with relief, “with Jenny the whole time.”

May we, too, be assured that God truly cares for his saints – not only at death but also in life, through grief and into





During worship services on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, Pastor Lengert will be sharing the names of those who have departed from this earthly life and have gone home to the Father in heaven. Included in The Prayer will be those of whom our Pastor (or a Pastor covering for her) conducted their funeral service.

If you have a family member or friend who has been called to his/her heavenly home within the past year, since last All Saints Sunday (Nov. 4, 2012) and you would like them included in The Prayer, please fill out the form below and submit it to the Church Office by Sunday, October 27th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_



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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 undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.*



From a newsletter in Creston, Iowa:

Opening song

"Shot to the Lord"

please greet one another

Ouch! This makes us want to *shout*.



## **CHURCH COUNCIL 2013**

**council@christsunited.org**

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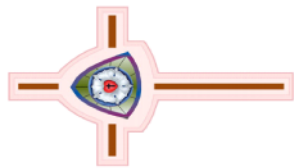
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