

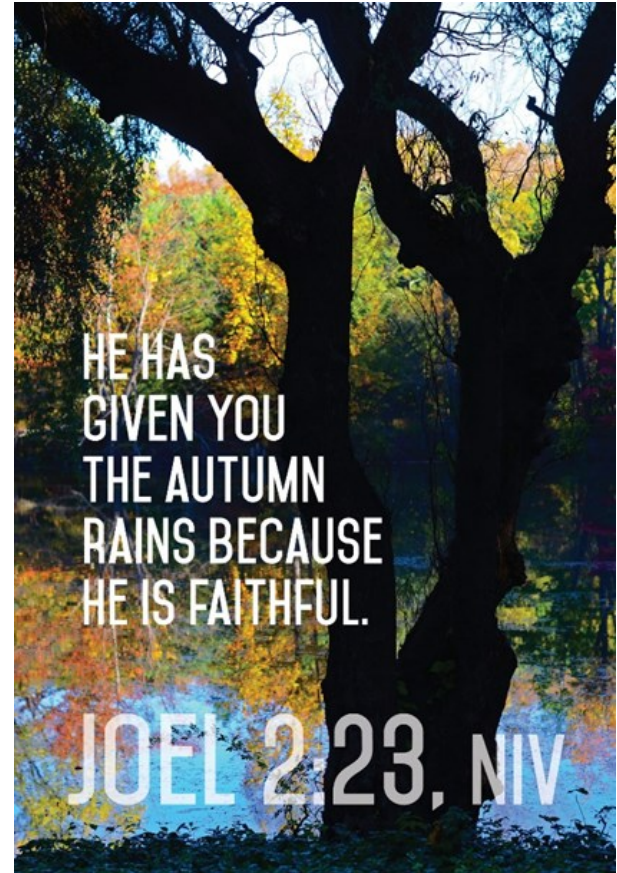
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*Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.*  
*Journey & Fellowship 10:45*

*Life Together at Christ's United*





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### Status of Accounts as of August 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$850.35

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2016 Annual Budget of \$174,914.20 is **\$14,576.18**

August income was **\$12,449.13**

Benevolence Gifts.....11,651.18

(58.26% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2016)



## Pastor Kim's Message

### Christ's United Ministry Teams

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### *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 under-  
gird our program and the  
maintenance of our facilities as it  
encourages improved stewardship.*

Ever make a mistake?

Yeah, me too. And they haunt me. The voice runs in my head, muttering to myself "how could I have done that? I know better! Dumb, dumb, dumb!" Whether it was something really big, or something that was just plain stupid doesn't really matter.

It is what we do wrong – not what we do right – that we remember the most.

That is a pretty important thing to remember because it means that our mistakes rather than our success affects what we do and how we do it. Being guided by our mistakes creates an attitude of fear that limits what we are willing to try. Fear limits us to patterns of behavior that become "ruts" in which we are stuck, our life a movement down a trough with walls so high that we cannot break free nor can we even stretch high enough to see any other possibilities. Our personalities, hopes, dreams all are limited by the darkness of the rut we are in: we become stuck in a form of our own creation, travelling down the same path until it ends.

Sound horrible? Boring?

Yes. If we look around us we see many that are on that path. And if we step back a bit, and honestly look at our own lives, we may well see that we are in a rut as well (whether we want to admit it or not).

Getting ourselves out of the rut will take some major construction: in fact it will take a re-formation of our lives by being lifted out of the rut and set on solid ground so we can see ourselves with new light.

And that my friends, is exactly what Jesus Christ does.

By His death Jesus hopped down into the depths of the ruts we created and took us to Himself, lifting us out of the path of death and onto the solid ground of life in Christ, where by God we can see the abundant life God created for us. Created, for you.

Because God doesn't focus on all those wrongs that we have done and hold us in that rut. In fact, God takes those things up in His hand and throws them away (Psalm 103). God focuses on one thing: God's love for you (Romans 8:35-39; John 3:16; Isaiah 41:10; 1 John 4:10).

In Jesus Christ God re-formed the world of our lives by giving us life. In Jesus Christ God re-formed the world of our lives by setting out His light so we can see the blessings surrounding us. In Jesus Christ God re-formed the world of our lives by making joy not just a dream but our reality.

Sound good?

Then let yourself be lifted out of the rut and your life be re-formed. Come and celebrate the re-formation of life. Come and celebrate the joy that God has created for you.

Peace,  
Pastor Kim

Pastoral Acts

**Marriages Scheduled:**

11/12/16 John Lisowski & Hannah Sterling


**Marriages Performed:**

09/24/16 Nicholas Miller & Kayla Troutman

**Baptisms:**

09/03/16 Jaxon James Klock

09/11/16 Benjamin Carter Towey

# Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.  
What does he do for his friends?

*Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.*

- Better than; rhymes with *crater*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of hate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of yes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Three minus two: \_\_\_\_\_
- Not \_\_\_\_\_ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: \_\_\_\_\_
- To place something down; rhymes with *say*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of up: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of death: \_\_\_\_\_
- Best buds: \_\_\_\_\_

“ \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_: to \_\_\_\_\_  
one’s \_\_\_\_\_ for one’s \_\_\_\_\_.”

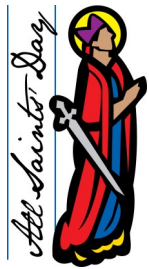
JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

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 see Pastor Kim for more information.



### Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6

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 (November 1, 2015). We ask that you share their names with the church office by calling (570-875-1591), emailing ([office@christsunited.org](mailto:office@christsunited.org)), or filling out the form below by Sunday, October 30th.

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

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

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

## Church Council Highlights from September:

- Thrivent grants were received for Seafarers, Jared Boxes and Harvest Home.
- Stewardship Committee mailed a *Committed to Christ* magnet to each household. All ministries will make posters.
- Average weekly attendance for August 2016 - 107; for the year-119.
- Sr. Youth is planning Trunk or Treat.
- Endowment Fund Committee: Scholarship requests are coming in.

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## Are you an eligible Thrivent member with Choice Dollars available to direct?

Each year, eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars based on their qualifying insurance premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership. If you're an eligible Thrivent member with Choice Dollars available to designate, you can help strengthen our community by directing them to Christ's United.

In fact, in 2015 eligible Thrivent members directed \$3,093.00 to Christ's United. Thank you to those members who participated in the Thrivent Choice program and helped support our church's mission by directing Choice Dollars!

Choose to make a difference by directing Choice Dollars today. Simply visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions.



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

**Welcome new members.** On September 11th we were blessed to welcome through Baptism, Benjamin Carter Towey. Also joining Benjamin in membership of Christ's United were his Dad and Mom, Joseph and Rebecca Towey and sisters, Meredyth Towey and Hanna Towey. Please take time to introduce yourselves and welcome them home.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Arf. Meeeeeow. Glubglub. Its that time again! Fur, feathers, fins and fun will abound at the Annual Blessing of the Animals, **Saturday, 15 October 2016 at 3 pm!** We ask that all



pets bring their owners on a leash or otherwise restricted so the fur that is blessed does not fly! (We'll leave that to the feathered folk gathered!). A signup sheet is on the Bulletin board to assure enough certificates and medallions for all. If you'd like more information please call Christ's United office .

### **2016 Sponsorships**

**The following sponsorships are still available for 2016:**  
**Newsletters:** October & November

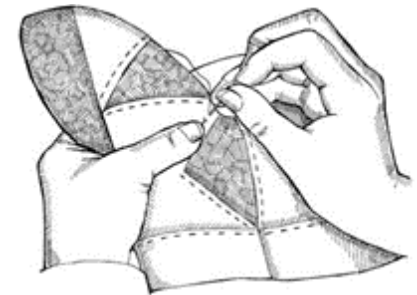
If you are interested in sponsoring either of these, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board.  
Thank you!



The next  
**WELCA MEETING**  
will be held on  
Wednesday,  
October 5th  
at 7:00 pm.  
**EVERYONE**  
is invited.

## **KNAUGHTY KNOTTERS**

will gather on  
Tuesdays at 9 am.  
Helpers are needed  
to assemble and  
knot quilts.  
Donations of new  
or used blankets,  
mattress pads,  
sheets, and  
fabric are always  
needed.



## LADIES NIGHT OUT

October 2nd we're going to Vito's Coal Fired Grill in St. Clair. We will leave the church parking lot at 3:30. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so we can arrange for carpooling.



## SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you to all who donated supplies for the school kits. The donations along with the supplies purchased with the Thrivent Action Team card will fill 50 school bags. Thank you.



The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™

**American Red Cross**

### Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

**Monday, October 03, 2016  
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Please Contact Church Office, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

Open to the Public and Walk-Ins are Welcome



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### SR. YOUTH GROUP

Are you ready for a new adventure  
as we conquer our fears on a  
haunted hay ride.

On Saturday, October 22nd, we will  
attend the church service  
and then travel to Cass Township for the hay ride.

The cost is \$8.00.



**Jr. Youth** is for all elementary age  
members of Christ's United! Special  
activities—including projects and field trips—  
occur throughout the year. Watch the Youth  
bulletin board and the Church FaceBook pages  
for the next adventure in the making!

Got cans? In the back of Christ's United building are  
large bins for your aluminum cans. The Sr. Youth  
sort and bag the donated cans for recycling, and use  
the money collected for special activities. Please be  
generous and drop off you aluminum cans when you  
come to church!

# WHO

# ARE

## These People???



Each month we like to have a different picture from long ago. See if  
you can guess who some or all of the people in the picture are. The  
answers will be in next months "Life Together" Newsletter.

If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the  
chapels that formed Christ's United, please provide pictures to the  
church office to be included in future "Life Together" Newsletters.  
Also provide the names of those that are pictured. We are also  
looking for pictures of the exterior of the Chapels: St. John's,  
St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Zions. Thank you!







- 2 Matt Sweitzer
- 5 David Cunningham, Jr.  
Joshua Phelan
- 6 Tammy Buhay  
William Dillman  
Trevor Harhigh  
George Sterling  
Brooke Wolfe
- 7 Angie Lucas  
Forrest Shadle
- 8 Ralph S. Johnson  
Francis Lally
- 10 Melanie Bendinsky  
Barry Martin  
Cole Young
- 11 Dylan Buhay  
Crystal Collette  
Michael McNeal  
Danielle White
- 13 Jessica Boyer  
Mia Burke  
Aidan Lazor  
Chad Weikel

- 14 Michael Boyer  
Tekla Kranzel  
Anna Neumeister  
Kelsey Blyler
- 15 Brandon Hood  
Nicole Hood  
Connor Hoover  
DruAnn  
Laudermilch  
James Lavelle
- 17 Terry Neumeister  
Autumn Peifer
- 18 Ryan Walter
- 19 Jennifer Bixler  
Judy Fritz  
Jacob Klinger  
Sandy Miller  
Maryann Wolfgang
- 20 Robert Liem  
Patti Smith
- 22 Blake Olayo  
Connie Welker
- 24 James Conrath  
Francis Lally, Jr.
- 25 Carrie Hummel  
Donna Wallace
- 28 Nancy Kessler  
Salina Krah
- 29 Rose Price  
Cathy Troutman
- 31 Tara Houser

Social Ministry needs your help! On Sunday, October 16 we will have two assembly lines set up. We are going to be packing the satchels for Seafarers International House & the Jared Boxes. We will have all the supplies purchased and ready to go. If you are willing to help pack the bags and boxes after worship during our social hour time, we would greatly appreciate your volunteering. Wear your Thrivent t-shirts if you have one!



If not, we will have some available. After we are finished all the Satchels and Boxes will be placed up at the Altar for a special blessing on Sunday, October 23. Thank you for your help!

Sponsored in part by:



Watch this space! Because the parking lot is only the beginning!

# SOCIAL MINISTRY



10/02/99	Stephen & Wendy Harhigh
10/05/07	Brian & Brandy Bolich
10/05/02	Michael & Donna Lassen
10/05/85	Gerald & Cathy Stutzman
10/06/62	Ivan & June Sweinhart
10/07/95	James & Michelle Lavelle
10/11/97	John & Maryann Wolfgang
10/13/84	Joseph & Barbara Anczarski
10/13/56	Jack & Frieda Johnson
10/16/76	Dennis & Tina Wolfe
10/17/09	Samuel & Kelly Troup
10/17/87	Rick & Heidi Walsh
10/18/58	Don & Laray Klinger
10/22/05	Dean & Tammy Leshner

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.

We will be collecting the following item for October:

## Canned Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!



### Eagle Scouts

CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas and Tyler Wolfgang on achieving rank of Eagle Scout.

Their Court of Honor was held here at Christ's United on September 8th.



- Fellowship Schedule**  
 October—Stewardship  
 November—Endowment Fund  
 December—Church Council  
 January—Choir/ Worship & Music  
 February—Social Ministry  
 March—LCM  
 April—WELCA

The Annual Budget meeting will occur on Sunday, November 13 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!). As pastor, I pray that each member will take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving for the work of Christ that has occurred, and prayer for the witness we have yet to do. To help us prepare, the ministry budget will be available on November 6.

## ***Give Electronically***

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

As Christ's United 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](http://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 this QR code to get started.



**Serving Our Community of Faith in October:**

## **committed to CHRIST**

### **Are You Committed?**

The Committed to Christ program has begun! Each week – for six weeks - we are looking at ways we can **g r o w** in our commitment to Jesus Christ! Learning more about the gifts that God blesses us with in Prayer, Bible Reading, Worship Witness, Financial Giving, and Service help us learn to be reformed in Christ Jesus and live in His gift of joy! Check in to the special resource table in the lobby each week!

### **CELEBRATION DINNER**

October 23rd at 11:00 a.m.  
following morning worship service.

All are welcome to join together to  
celebrate the ministries at  
Christ's United Lutheran Church  
and a delicious meal.

Stuffed chicken breasts will be provided.

Sign up on bulletin board to attend and if you wish bring a  
dish to share for the meal.

## We Offer our Prayers to...

### PRAYER REQUESTS



Please note that those experiencing a traumatic event are placed onto the Prayer List and will be kept on for one month. **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 a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the prayer podium.

**September 24** - Pat Monroe, Shirley Hux, Frank Diczek, Knox Lynn (D. Wallace), Anna Ambruck (J. Pennypacker), Jennie Kosmisky (G. Kosmisky), Davie Pennypacker (J. Pennypacker), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Sandra Beecher (L. Lute), Karyssa Wenrich (J. Clark), Tim Varndell (M. Varndell), David Schweinhart, Judy Stepulitis, Deb Price, Barb Liem

**September 17** - Scott McCoy (G. Marquardt), Mary McAloose (D.Zaharick), Richard Landis (A. Berger)

**September 10** - Gail Lorady, Joyce Mallams, Betty Neumeister, Roger Schwalm, Irene Morgan, Connie Wenrich, Gary Wenrich, Ken Schaeffer Sr.

**September 4** – Elizabeth Brown (G. Marquardt), Marge Hoenich (K. Morgan), The Nelson Family (R. Berner), Mary Heverling (D. & T. Wolfe), Christina Bloch (D. & T. Wolfe)

**August 28** – Gregory Smith (D. Heidlebaugh)

## 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 Harhigh Family—Stephen & Wendy Jo

The Johnson Family—Ralph R. Jr. & Jennifer

The Martin Family—Barry

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-Long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Erik Tice	Becky Spencer Richard Shoup Darlene Stank Jane Pennypacker	Barb Anczarski Jim Gruber Donna Lassen	Desiree Dengler	Ralph Johnson	Beth Andrews	Mark Varndell
<b>Oct. 9</b>	Sally Tice			AShlaey O'Connor & Brian O'Connor	Danielle White	Stewart Anthony	Cheryl Varndell
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Ralph Johnson			Kylie Mallams & Nelson Berger	Tyler Wolfgang	Dennis Wolf	Beth Andrews
<b>Oct. 23</b>	John Towey			Jordan Walter & Dylan Buhay	Ryan Walter	Melanie Bendinsky	Kay Berner
<b>Oct. 30</b> Reformation	Mark Varndell		Angie Berger Melanie Bendin-sky John Denchak	Jacob Tice	Zachary Hummel	Deb Berner	Vivian Brown

# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 Communion Service
2 <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 3:00 Ladies' Night Out	3 11:00 Worship @ Luther Ridge 1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 <i>Church Council</i>	4 6:30 Choir Practice	5 10:00 Seniors 10:00 Staff Meeting  7:00 <i>WELCA</i>	6	7	8 5:00 Worship Service
9 <b><i>Harvest Home</i></b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 <i>Worship &amp; Music Meeting</i> 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 5:00 <i>LCM</i> 6:00 <i>Property Meeting</i>	10 11:00 Worship @ Luther Ridge  7:00 <i>Social Ministry Team</i>	11 9:00 Food Delivery  6:30 Choir Practice	12 10:00 Seniors  4:30 Sr. youth pizza & food pantry set up	13 10:00-12:00 Christ's Cupboard  6:30 <i>Journey Team Meeting</i>	14 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	15  3:00 <i>Blessing of The Animals Service</i> 5:00 Worship Service Baptism of Devan Fetterolf
16 <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Jared Boxes/Seafarer's Satchels 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	17 <b>2017 Budget Info Due to Office!</b>  11:15 Worship @ Luther Ridge	18 6:30 Choir Practice	19 10:00 Seniors	20	21	22 5:00 Worship Service
23 <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship Service-Blessing of Jared Boxes/Seafarers Satchels 11:00 Committed to Christ Dinner Celebration	24 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 11:15 Worship @ Luther Ridge	25 6:30 Choir Practice	26 10:00 Seniors	27 <b>Christ's United's Anniversary</b> 12:00-2:00 Ashland area food pantry @ Good Shepherd	28	29 5:00 Communion Service
30 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:30 Communion Service & Confirmation 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 5:00 Trunk or Treat 	31 11:15 Worship @ Luther Ridge  6:00 Grief Support Group	