

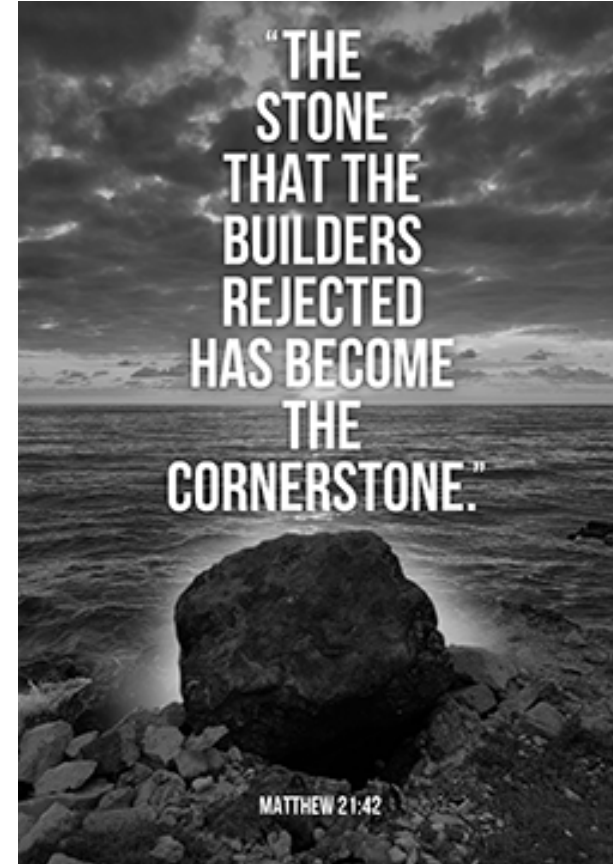
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 Sunday 9:30 a.m.
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October 2020

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The October Newsletter is sponsored
In Memory of Ralph "Cappy" Johnson's Birthday
by Grace Johnson



CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

| | Phone | Term Expires |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
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| Suzanne Peel | 570-875-2218 | Feb. 2021 |
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PASTOR

Rev. Laura A. Csellak
570-652-1951

pastorlaura@christsunited.org

STAFF

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Parish Administrator | Deb Hall | 570-875-1591 |
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| Director of Music | Jamie Johnson | 570-590-1678 |
| Treasurer | Ann Marie Dillman | 570-449-2021 |

Status of Accounts as of August 31

Balance in Checking Account..... \$47,128.18

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

August income was \$13,829.47

Expenses for August were \$15,848.36 resulting in a negative balance
of \$2,018.89

Benevolence Gifts through August\$7,796.00

(52% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2020)



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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

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,

You are missed. Some of you are understandably absent because of health concerns – you may have a compromised immune system, or have family members for whom the threat of contracting COVID-19 from you could be quite serious. Others of you have different reasons for not attending worship in recent months. I don't know what all these are, but I say again, you are missed.

Abigail Accettura wrote an article in the September 2020 issue of *Gather* magazine titled "It's Complicated, But There Will Always be a Place for You". In it she tells of a painful experience that tore her family away from church and how she gradually returned. It happened when she joined a choir. With fellow choir members counting on her, Accettura began to worship regularly. Over time new memories of church replaced the old, painful ones. The liturgy she had learned as a child came back. These things grew inside her a sense of ritual, of continuity, of belonging. Accettura says:

I learned that at its core, faith is nurtured by consistency. Faith is fed by knowing that no matter what hardships, complications or constant changes come, there will be a place for you...that will always, always be home whether you come to it or not.



+Christian Symbol+



Plow

This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in verses about the harvest.

Plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God's truth, or the "seed" of God's word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV). The prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God's call (see 1 Kings 19:21).

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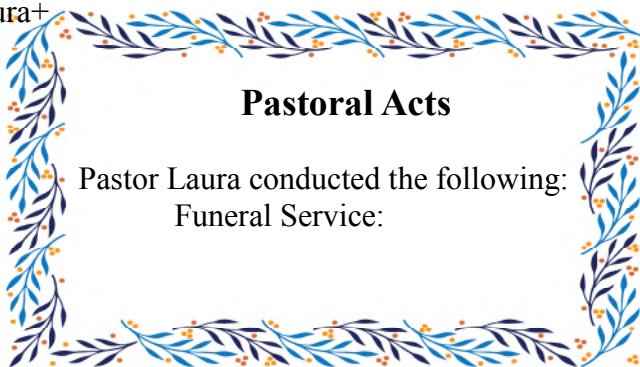


Worship holds us, even with our mistakes and hardships, in a place of value. It is a thread that runs through the fabric of our liturgies and our lives, a permanent reminder that no matter who we are and where we go, we belong to a God who loves us.

When you are able, please return to us. Not first and foremost for what you can give, but rather what we can be together.

Always your sister in Christ,

Pastor Laura+



Commitment Sunday

Commitment Sunday will be observed on October 11th. Commitment Cards will be filled out and returned that day. The Rev. Dr. Michael Bennethum, Assistant to the Bishop for Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be preaching.

Pastor Bennethum was ordained in 1979 and has served as pastor of congregations in Pennsylvania and Georgia. Currently, he serves as this synod's Director for Evangelical Mission, assisting congregations in the areas of evangelism and stewardship. He is also Bishop Zeiser's Executive Associate and synod administrator. He is the author of LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING!, a book in the Lutheran Voices series that deals with the connection between our faith and



Loved for who we are

When I was a child, my parents loved me not because I was good but because I was ... their child. I loved them, and I wanted to please them, but their love of me did not have to be earned.

Neither does the love of God. We are loved because we are his children, because we are.

If we feel that we ought to be loved because it is our due, or because we deserve it, the less we will truly feel the need of God's love; the less implicit will be our trust; the less we will cry out, Abba!



Indoor Custodian Position

We are 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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Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, October 17, 2020

3:00 – 6:00 pm

~Take out Only~

Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Road, Ashland

Dinner Includes:

- Pork & Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes
- Applesauce
- Bread & Butter
- Dessert
- Beverage

(Hot Dog available as substitute for pork)

Adults: \$10.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Under Age 6: FREE

(Checks payable to LCM)



Ticket information: Call 570-875-1591



Church Council Highlights from September

- Pastor Laura complimented Social Ministry on the great Temple Talks.
- We got several people who want to donate blood, and over \$100.00 was given toward the cow.
- Aimee Hafer from Healthy Harvest visited Christ's Cupboard on 9/10, took pictures and interviewed the volunteers. We will be featured in the agency's focus segment "Thankful Thursday" on 9/17, to recognize the work we do to help the community.
- A Finance Committee Meeting will be held on 9/29 to work on the budget for 2021. Any committee who would like special consideration for their 2021 budget should have their request submitted to the church office by Friday, September 25.
- It was decided that Trunk-or-Treat would be held as a drive-thru on 11/1 at

October Council Contact of the month is Angie Berger.

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 Angie,



Council Member
of the Month

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 Educa-

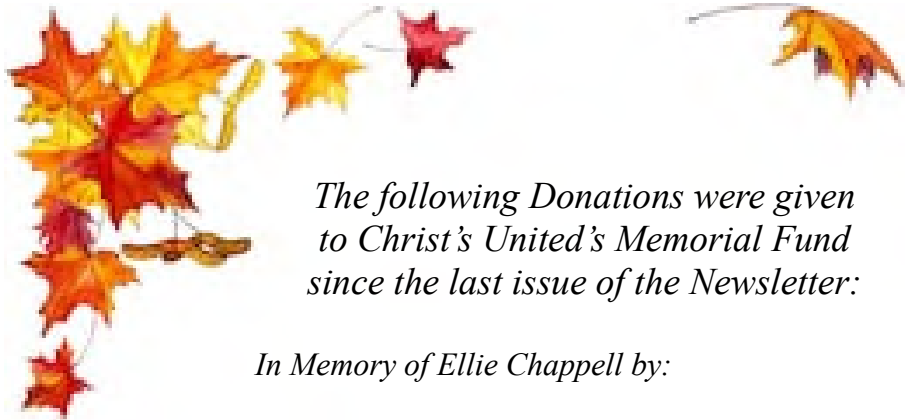


BUDGET MEETING

tion, 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 ministry budget will be available on

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

In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:

Mary Catherine Troutman

Cyrus & Joan Clark

Erik & Sally Tice

Grace Johnson

Ted & Terry Ambrose

Larry & Jean Wolfgang

Michael & Donna Lassen & Jesse

John & Cheryl Denchak

Nellie Schlorff

Grant & Sandy Marlow

Don & Laray Klinger

Barbara Liem

Barbara Fetterolf

Pearl & Carl Lute

Eileen & Ralph Johnson

Karen & Frank Smith

Louise Lute

Jim & Darcie Gruber

Dolores Kramer

Louise Lute & Family

Christen Snyder

Evelyn Glessner

Mary M. Freed

Pastor Bob & Nan Hoenich



American Red Cross

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

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Community Blood Drive

Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

**Thursday, October 1, 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, **October 7, 2020** at 6:00 p.m.
 All women of CULC are invited to attend.



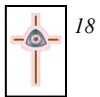
Trunk *or* Treat



Drive-Thru

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st AT 4:00 P.M.

We are asking those who would have been trunkers to join us to make up Halloween bags that will be handed out as the cars drive up. We will be handing out a bag to each child in the car. Details are to be worked out yet as far as when we will be getting together to make up the bags. Please watch the bulletin and face book for more information.



*Memorial Fund Donations continued:
 In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:*

- Kim & Greg Haupt*
- Jack Houser*
- Elaine Ulceski*
- Sara Kane*
- Charles & Lois Long*
- Forest Shadle*
- Bonnie Dillman, Suzie Peel & Family*
- Ann Marie Dillman*
- Debbie Hall*
- The Bixler Family*
- Donald Jr. & Katherine Wolfe*
- George & Jennie Kosmisky*

Donations to Christ's United's Capital Campaign

*In Memory of Ellie Chappell by:
 Beth & Ron Andrews*

*In Memory of Ellie Chappell and Ruby Fegley by:
 Donna & Ron Wallace*

*Donations to Christ's
 Ellie
 by:*

*Cupboard In Memory of
 Chappell*



Dorothy & Terry Kessler

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OCTOBER Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 4 | Lowell Martin | | |
| 5 | David Cunningham, Jr. | | |
| | Joshua Phelan | 15 | Brandon Hood |
| 6 | Tammy Buhay | | Nicole Hood |
| | William Dillman | | Connor Hoover |
| | Trever Harhigh | | James Lavelle |
| | George Sterling | 17 | Terry Neumeister |
| | Brooke Wolfe Maurer | | Autumn Peifer |
| 7 | Angie Lucas | 18 | Ryan Walter |
| | Forrest Shadle | 19 | Jennifer Bixler |
| 8 | Ralph S. Johnson | | Judy Fritz |
| | Francis Lally | | Jacob Klinger |
| 10 | Melanie Bendinsky | | Sandy Miller |
| | Barry Martin | | Maryann Wolfgang |
| | Cole Young | 20 | Robert Liem |
| 11 | Dylan Buhay | | Patti Smith |
| | Michael McNeal | 22 | Blake Olayo |
| | Danielle White | 24 | Francis Lally, Jr. |
| 13 | Jessica Wallace | 25 | Carrie Hummel |
| | Mia Burke | | Donna Wallace |
| | Aidan Lazor | 27 | Jennifer Deeter |
| | Chad Weikel | 28 | Nancy Kessler |
| 14 | Michael Boyer | | Salina Krahn |
| | Tekla Kranzel | 29 | Cathy Troutman |
| | Anna Neumeister | | |

Our cans are overflowing!!!

Due to the virus situation, we haven't been able to process and recycle the aluminum cans. Therefore, until further notice, we are not accepting cans for recycling. When we are able to start again, please bring soda and beer cans only. **No cat food cans please.** We appreciate your support of this fund raising ministry for our Youth Group. Thank you.



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.

2020 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.



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

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...

September 20 – Ava Hubler (D. Hubler)
Beverly Blew (A. Berger)

September 13 – Stewart Anthony
Aspyn Ebert (M. Peel)
Jean Dudley (D. Price)
Jane Metzinger (D. Zaharick / D. Price)
Baby girl, Georgia Presto-Blessing, everyone well
Families of Ellie Chappell (J. Young)
Mark Hoffman (P. Dziczek / C. Hummel)
Nick Plifko

September 6 - Richard Shoup
Louise Boyer
Amy Kanezo (E. Stepulitis)
Phil Keil (R. Berner)
Bailey Mumper (Grubers)

August 30 - Bobby Liem (B. Liem)
Julie Ann Armbruck (J. Pennypacker)
Sonny (D. Price)
Families affected by Coronavirus
Family of Sarah Jane Huhn (E. Dziadosz)



Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Gail Lorady, Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute), Irene Morgan, Nellie Schlorff
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 sheet found on the Prayer Podium.*

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 Leshner Family - Dolores
The Snyder Family - Kenneth & (Lettich), Jennifer
The Walsh Family - Heidi



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| 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 |
| 10/12/19 | Jason & Kimberly Miller |
| 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 |
| 10/25/08 | Bill & Mindy Burke |

Assembly 2020 - A New Way of Being Church Together

Friday evening, October 16 & Sunday afternoon, October 18

Friday evening, October 23 & Saturday morning and afternoon, October 24

Watch the Assembly Online

Registration for voting members closes on October 1. However, even you didn't register as a voting member, you can still watch all the proceedings, including the election of a new bishop. The entire assembly will be broadcast live and can be viewed by anyone with an internet connection. For "visitors" - those who simply wishes to watch the proceedings - unlike past years, there is no need to register.

The information you need to watch the Assembly will be posted on the synod website (nepasynod.org).

Thank you to Donna Wallace and Steven Wolfgang for serving as CULC's voting members, especially as we elect a new Bishop for our Synod.



We Are Church
Together
NEPA Synod Assembly 2020



Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020

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 with faith 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 3, 2019). We ask that you share their names with the church office by calling (570-875-1591), emailing (office@christsunited.org), or filling out the form below by Sunday, October 25th.

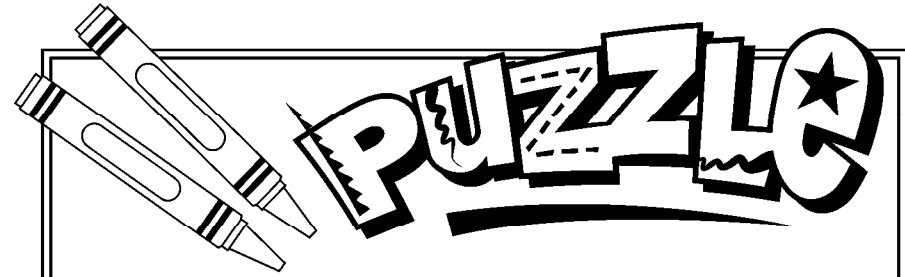
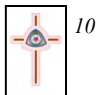
Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

We would like to thank all the members of Christ's United for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of our mother, Ruby. Special thanks to the following who gave a donation in memory of our mom:

- Grant & Sandy Marlow
- Nellie Schlorff
- Leo & Jo-Ann Young
- Don & Laray Klinger
- Bill Jr. & Ann Marie Dillman

Sincerely,
Amy, Anita & Doug Fegley



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

- Plant part that absorbs water _____
- Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
- To plant _____
- Sharp part of a plant _____
- What is harvested. _____
- To dry up and shrivel _____
- Person who plants _____
- The earth a plant grows in. _____

"But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n."

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The following four young men will be confirmed on October 25, Reformation Sunday. Note that this Rite will be at a special 11 am service that Sunday for only family and close friends due to needed social distancing with COVID-19.

**Nathan Wilmer Berger
Jesse Daniel Cascarino
Daniel Robert Cunningham
Jacob Wolfgang Tice**

Please pray for all our confirmands ~~and their teacher Mark Varndell.~~

NEW MEMBERS

On August 23 we welcomed into membership of Christ's United:

**Doug & Katlyn Dean
and infant son, Parker**



We will be collecting the following item for October:

Canned Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is



Serving Our Community of Faith in October:



| Date | Lector | Ushers | Communion Assistants | Acolyte | Crucifer | Post Worship Greeter in Narthex | Post Worship Greeter at Door |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| October 4 | Becky Spencer | John Denchak Richard Berner Ted Ambrose Dennis Wolfe | Kay Berner -AM | Logan Walacavage | | | Becky Spencer |
| October 11 | Erik Tice | | | Nelson Berger | | | Erik Tice |
| October 18 | Stefan Swanson | | | Kayla Werner | | | Stefan Swanson |
| October 25 Reformation Sunday | Barbara Stepanchick | | John Towey -AM | Amy Johnson | | | Barbara Stepanchick |



October 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|
| | | | | 1 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 Communion Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class | 5 7:00 Church Council | 6 7:00 Worship & Music Team | 7 10:00 Seniors 6:00 WELCA | 8 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard  | 9 | 10 |
| 11 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 9:30 Worship – Harvest Home collection 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class | 12 Columbus Day | 13 | 14 10:00 Seniors | 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 | 17 3:00 – 6:00 Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner  |
| 18 HARVEST HOME 9:30 Worship – Harvest Home collection 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:45 Confirmation Rehearsal  | 19 | 20 | 21 10:00 Seniors | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 Communion Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 11:00 Special Worship Service for Confirmation  | 26 7:00 Social Ministry | 27 | 28 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween  |