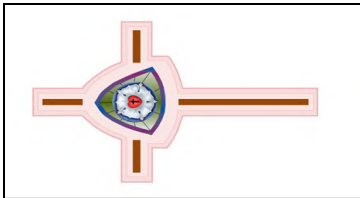


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Keep these words that I am
commanding you today in your
heart. Recite them to your
children and talk
about them



DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7, NRSV

Join us *for Worship*

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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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
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PASTOR

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STAFF

Parish Administrator	Deb Hall	570-875-1591
	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

Status of Accounts as of August 31

Balance in Checking Account \$38,857.44.

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

August income was \$14,388.15.

Expenses for August were \$13,640.80, resulting in a gain of \$747.35 for the two months.

Benevolence Gifts through August is \$8,898.00.

(59% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 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.



A Member's Musings

I am writing to you from "The Promised Land" (State Park, that is)! What a beautiful land it is, too! Jean and I have been enjoying brilliant sunshine, drenching rain, riding our bikes around the park, kayaking on the lake, and watching a Bald Eagle sitting high in a tree! There was a Trumpeter Swan swimming around and dunking its head underwater to grab a snack, and I watched a Great Blue Heron dip into the water and come up with a huge fish -- perhaps a bass -- that it could barely hold in its bill. It flew away with that fish in its mouth, and a bit later I spotted it sitting farther across the lake still holding on to its lunch. I have to think it was wondering how in the world it was going to swallow that meal! It is fascinating to watch nature in God's amazing world! I'll never get enough of it! How about you?

It is now late September, 2021, and I wonder how the year has been going by so fast. Leaves are starting to change color and to drop from the trees. Farmers are harvesting crops that have been growing all summer. We have been enjoying the bounty God has provided from gardens, farmer's fields, and many sources. We can definitely sense the season changing from late summer to early fall. Before we know it, we will be talking about snow storms and icy cold weather. To me, the change of seasons is a great example of God's care for us and our world. In the dead of winter we will be looking forward to the new growth of spring, and then the green of summer. The cycle of life goes on!

Do you like to decorate your house and yard for the various seasons? Religious Holidays give us some of the best opportunities to decorate! Who doesn't love putting up Christmas lights and decorations? Or all those Easter Eggs and Bunnies, along with spring flowers. Patriotic decorations, flags, and brightly colored flowers seem to dominate the summer. I have noticed that many people already have their houses and yards decorated for All Hallows' Eve! I know a few people that just love to decorate for "Halloween." They can't seem to wait for the time to start decorating.

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Christian symbol

RAINBOW—The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his

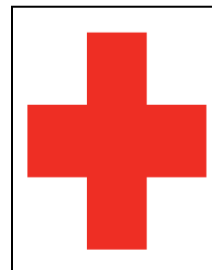


I think October is one of the most significant times in the life of the Lutheran Church. After all, Martin Luther picked All Hallows' Eve to publish his 95 Theses, and probably to nail the list to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg! Apparently, most of his "grievances" had to do with the sale of Indulgences by the Roman Catholic Church. It seems his intent was generally to start a scholarly theological discussion about this practice. Luther was, after all, a Roman Catholic Priest and Professor of Moral Theology at the University of Wittenberg, Germany.

I really enjoy Reformation Sunday Service! After all, it is one of the few times we get to sing Luther's A Mighty Fortress, inspired by Psalm 46. It is also a time to celebrate Holy Communion, and perhaps even to have some special music by our choir and Jamie Johnson. Reformation Sunday always stirs up my memories of the wonderful Reformation Services that used to be held in the Ashland High School Gymnasium! I'll bet there are more than a few of our members who will remember those services! The Gym was packed with people, and the joint church choirs filled the gym floor. In addition to members from the area Lutheran Churches, I remember that there were lots of Methodists and members of other area Protestant Churches. I would not be surprised to learn that there were even some Roman Catholics in attendance!

Christ's United Lutheran Church is kind of going through a Re-Formation of our own this October (and beyond). As we go through the process of evaluating just who we are as Christ's Church, and looking into the qualities we want in a new Pastor, we may find some areas of our Ministry that we want to change, and other areas that we want to strengthen. Maybe there are some new programs you would like to see begun. Maybe you have some ideas for ways to attract new members or ways to involve more of our current members in sharing Christ's love in our communities. This is a great time to share your ideas with members of Church Council. I am sure they will welcome your ideas!

To paraphrase Psalm 19: 14 just a bit -- May these words from my fingers and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.



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

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

Monday, October 4, 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.

Open to the public and walk-ins are Welcome!



Halloween is quickly approaching. There will be a Trunk or Treat event this year on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are posted on the Youth Bulletin Board for "Trunkers", candy donations and volunteers to help with the event. Sign up or call the church office if you would like to help or plan to be a Trunker.

Thank you,
Trunk or Treat Committee

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MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1 (5) x 3 =	6 (6) x 6 =
2 (7) x 4 =	7 (9) x 3 =
3 (4) x 6 =	8 (3) x 8 =
4 (2) x 10 =	9 (10) x 4 =
5 (9) x 5 =	10 (11) x 8 =

KEY		
A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answers: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things



Church Council Highlights from September

- Social Hour will resume - Church Council is in charge of the first Sunday in October. Each committee will have a sign up sheet to make sure that on a monthly basis the baking, set-up, serving and clean-up duties are filled.
- Deacon Travis Woodfield from Synod will be here to preach on Commitment Sunday, October 10. Since he will be a motivation, it would be a good idea to pass out the Commitment Cards on that Sunday. Committee members could give a Temple Talk.
- Stefan Swanson announced that the September Council meeting is his last as he is moving to New York. Since he's officially resigning, his position will need to be filled. The next person in line according to number of votes received, is Jacob Tice.
- Stefan said it was a great honor to serve on council. This was his first time despite growing up in the church. He was able to be a part of a different side of church affairs. He is grateful and really enjoyed being at Christ's United.
- Pastor Dana Heckman-Beil from Good Shepherd in Ashland has

October 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,



Council Member of the Month

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We Offer our Prayers to...

September 26 – Bobby Brown (T. Ambrose)
June & Ivan Sweinhart (F. Shadle)
Truck driver of motorcycle accident
Jim Houser (J. Denchak)
Cheryl Varndell (M. Varndell)
Linda Zerby (J. Young)
Darice Wehry (V. Brown)

Families of Jean Monaghan and Burd Wentzel

September 19 – Vince Putt (J. Denchak)
Aurie Davis (M. Peel)

September 12 – Ada Jachowiak (P. Lute)
Kelly (M. Varndell)

Families of Loretta Cook, Helen Pennypacker, Margaret Reichenbach, Karen Schwalm, and Richard Watkins

September 5 – Jean Welker (D. Kessler)
Jim Gruber (D. Hall)
Tommy & Rachael Green (C. Brennan)
Violet Heier (L. Lute)

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

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Elizabeth Brown & family, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Keith Morgan (G. Marquardt), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Danny Quick (A. Berger), Robbie Link (I. Morgan), Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, 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.



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This month we pray for:

The Marlow Family - Grant & Sandra
The Sweinhart Family - Kevin, Charles, Robert



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

In Memory of Nellie Schlorff by:

Grant & Sandy Marlow
Beryl Stitzer
The Hinkel Family
Lisa Llewellyn
Robert Llewellyn
Julia Klingler
Anna Neumeister & Robert & Carla Mae Carl
Carol & Jim Reiner

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 October 6th at 6:00 pm
All women of Christ's United are welcome to attend.



Ladies Nite Out will head for OIP in Shamokin
on October 3 .

Leaving church parking lot at 3:30.

Sign up on bulletin board to arrange
reservation and transportation.

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.



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.

Need a Ride?



Do you need a ride to church?

We have members who are willing to
offer rides to those who wish to attend
worship but do not drive. If you need a
ride (or if you are willing to offer rides,

please call Angie Berger (570-875-3598 - *leave message if no
answer*) or the church office to make arrangements.

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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- 4 Lowell Martin
- 5 David Cunningham, Jr.
Joshua Phelan
- 6 Tammy Buhay
William Dillman
Trevor Harhigh
George Sterling
Brooke Wolfe Maurer
- 7 Angie Lucas
Forrest Shadle
- 8 Francis Lally
- 10 Barry Martin
Cole Young
- 11 Dylan Buhay
Michael McNeal
Danielle White
- 13 Jessica Wallace
Mia Burke
Aidan Lazor
Chad Weikel

- 14 Michael Boyer
Tekla Kranzel
Anna Neumeister
Kelsey Blyler
- 15 Brandon Hood
Nicole Hood
Connor Hoover
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
- 24 Francis Lally, Jr.
- 25 Carrie Hummel
Donna Wallace
- 27 Jennifer Deeter
- 28 Nancy Kessler
Salina Krah
- 29 Cathy Troutman
- 31 Tara Houser

Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Sponsored by
Christ's United Lutheran Church Men
 437 Airport Road, Ashland, PA 17921

DONATIONS NEEDED;

- _____ #10 Can of Applesauce
- _____ Cakes
- _____ 12 or 24 Pack Soda (Any brand or flavor)
- _____ 24 Pack Bottled Water
- _____ Cash Donation

Donations may be placed on the center island in the kitchen. Please attach your name to your donation. All donations must be in no later than **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th**. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday, October 15th, between 9:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may also be brought in **before noon** on Saturday prior to the dinner.

Please return this sheet to the church office or place it in the box located on the table in the narthex.

Name _____ Phone _____
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Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, October 16, 2021

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

Ticket information: Call
(Limited tickets avail-



570-875-1591
able at the door)

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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
10/16/76	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 Leshar
10/25/08	Bill & Mindy Burke



Sunday, Nov. 7



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 7, 2021). 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 31st.

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____



ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:



ARE YOU ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS (college, university, trade school, nursing/medical school, business school, ENTERING THE MILITARY SERVICE, OR ARE STARTING A JOB?

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2021 scholarships of \$500 for full time students/military service and \$100 for employed graduates.

ADULT MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENROLLED IN POST SECONDARY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Active members of the congregation are eligible to receive a scholarship by submitting a letter of request by OCTOBER 3rd to a Committee member: Carrie Hummel, Barbara Liem, Stefan Swanson, Morgan Sweitzer, Mark Varndell, or Donna Wallace.

The letter should include: Your name and address, name of the school attending, or military branch, or employer, your status (freshman, senior, etc), field of study/ certification or degree, and projected time of graduation.

Please be advised, you must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the congregation and be present on NOVEMBER 28th when scholarships are given out at worship service

An Endowment Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

SOCIAL HOUR SCHEDULE 2021-22

First Sunday of every month (except June, July, August)

JANUARY	WELCA
FEBRUARY	Church Council
MARCH	Evangelism/Endowment/Stewardship
APRIL	Social Ministry
MAY	WELCA
SEPTEMBER	Choir/Worship & Music/LCM
OCTOBER	Church Council
NOVEMBER	Evangelism/Endowment/Stewardship
DECEMBER	Social Ministry

1. Each Committee should have a sign-up sheet for members to bake, set-up, serve and clean-up.
2. At least 3-4 cakes or other desserts should be made.
3. Make 30 cups of regular coffee and 12 cups of decaf along with hot water for tea or hot chocolate (directions for coffee are inside the cabinet door near the sink).
4. Make sure that creamer is available.
5. Make sure that juice or cold drinks are available.



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SOCIAL MINISTRY



Fellowship Hour will resume on October 3 and will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month. See schedule on opposite page for your committee's turn

We will be collecting the following items for October:

Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES



SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School will begin for the fall on **October 3 at 10:45 a.m.** for all children from Pre-K through 6th Grade. Please call the Church Office and let us know

who will be attending so we arrange for teachers, class groups, and materials. Any parents willing to assist are greatly appreciated. Anyone entering 7th grade is invited to begin Confirmation Instruction taught by Mark Vardell.



Serving Our Community of Faith in October

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Representative/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
October 3	Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner	Vivian Brown	Beth Andrews	Tyler Wolfgang John Wolfgang Donna Wallace Thomas Wolfgang Jim Gruber-G Allen Johnson-Door	Kay Berner - AM Beth Andrews Barb Anczarski	David Cunningham	Daniel Cunningham
October 10	Deacon Travis Woodfield		Kaitlyn Werner			Zeke Shingara & Nathan Berger	Nelson Berger
October 17	Vivian Brown	Angie Berger	Barb Anczarski			Maura Sweitzer	Kayla Werner
October 24	Larry Wolfgang		Kay Berner			Remington Stehr & Joey McAndrew	Bianca McAndrew
October 31 Reformation	Rev. Robert Reier		Angie Berger		Vivian Brown - AM John Denchak Donna Lassen	Ava Hubler	Marisa Seritsky



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 3:30 p.m. Ladies Nite Out	4 1:00 – 6:00 P.M. Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Council	5 9:00 a.m. Knaughty Knotters 	6 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:00 p.m. WELCA 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9
10 Commitment Sunday Harvest Home 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	11 Columbus Day 6:30 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting	12 9:00 a.m. Knaughty Knotters 6:00 Worship & Music Mtg.	13 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 10:00 - 11:30 Christ's Cupboard 	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sauerkraut Supper
17 Harvest Home 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	18	19 9:00 a.m. Knaughty Knotters	20 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School	25	26 9:00 a.m. Knaughty Knotters	27 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 
31 Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat						