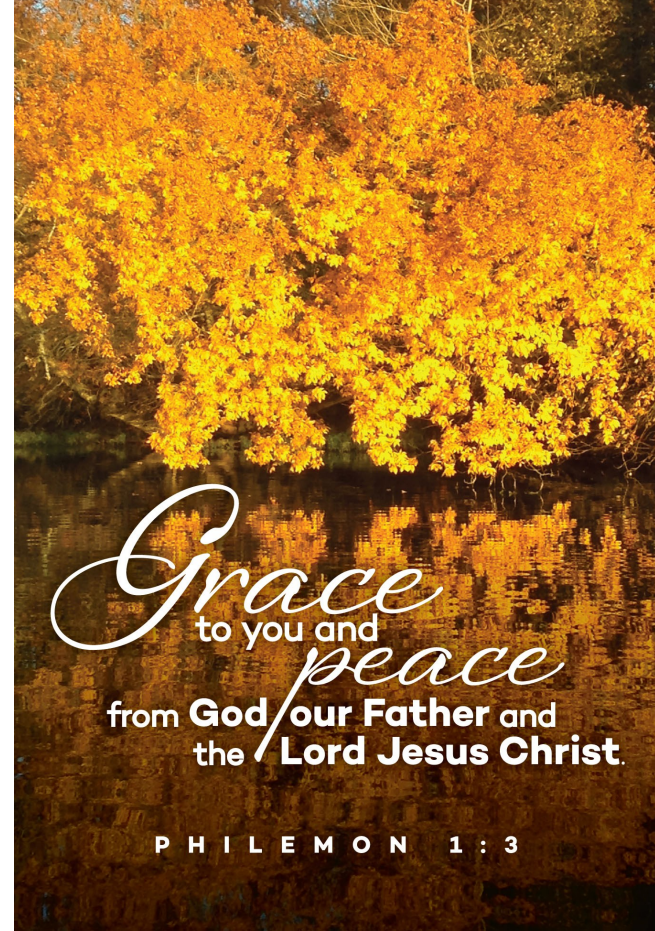


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Status of Accounts as of July 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$2,717.49

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

July income was **\$16,176.47**

Benevolence Gifts.....\$10,400.18

(52% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2016)



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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.*

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.



Pastor Kim's Message

intent

noun in·tent \in-'tent\

Simple Definition of INTENT

: the thing that you plan to do or achieve : an aim or purpose

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Crime shows make a big deal of intent. Those seeking forgiveness make a big deal of intent. The idea of *intent* is one entwined in our daily lives: whether it is present or absent affects the meaning of what we do and what we are held responsible for doing.

The importance of intent is in our daily actions. And it is in our daily lives of faith.

In Romans 10, verses 9 -10 it states: "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

"Words are cheap" as the saying goes, "what is in your heart is what matters". What we do can happen without thought or planning. But living in faith is accepting and acting out God's plan for our lives. Romans echoes this saying by stating that it is the belief in our hearts combined with the words from our mouths that evidence our salvation. This means that we need to have more than routine or learned language: we need to have *intent*.

Intent is the focus of two upcoming ministries at Christ's United: The Committed to Christ program, beginning on 18 September, and the Connections Ministry, just starting.

Committed to Christ helps us explore our lives of faith. More than just attending worship, the program teaches us that being believers of Jesus Christ comes through in every aspect of our interaction with



How's Your Handwriting?

Christ's United is blessed in that people remember their loved ones through memorial gifts. Each memorial gift is recognized by a card and inscription in the Congregational Memorial Book, a historical record of gifts. For many years Connie Welker was the recorder of gifts: due to her health changes, Connie is not able to continue this ministry. If you feel that God has blessed you with good handwriting, please call Deb at the church office and let her know. Entries may be made on your own schedule, and all information is provided.



To my dear friends at CULC – Just a note to tell you how much I appreciated the love and thoughtfulness extended to me during my latest illness.

The phone calls, visits, and get-well cards meant so much.

And as always, our prayers to our good Lord have once again put me on the road to recovery.

Judy Stepulitis

Church Council Highlights from August:

- Office being staffed by volunteers during vacancy; in a special meeting Deb Hall was hired as Parish Administrator and will begin in September.
- Many thanks to Angie Berger for coordinating VBS this year; we had a record number of youth preregistered.
- Stewardship is preparing for the Committed to Christ program; by recommendation Financial Peace University will start in September.
- Wegman's will be providing materials, including racks, carts and refrigeration, and training to Christ's Cupboard.
- Average weekly worship attendance for July 2016--114, for the year--122.

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 to learn more and find program terms and conditions.



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

\$135.00 in Memory of Roseann Price by:

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Fickinger

Mrs. Anna Marie Voloshin

Daniel & Ruth Skonecki

William J. Kuzo

Margaretta Bolich

\$20 for the Seafarers Collection in memory of:

Betty Miller by Ron & Donna Wallace

Robert Schneider by Ron & Donna Wallace

\$100 for Bible School in memory of Seth Meyers by:

Nancy Linidenmuth

Women of the
ELCA 

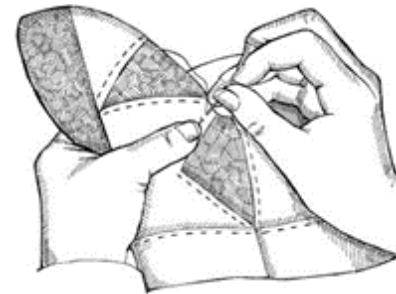
Calling all ladies of Christ's United. The next WELCA MEETING will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm. EVERYONE is invited. Come Join us.



What Happened?

After we bid farewell to Erik, our computer was so saddened by his departure that it caught a virus. The virus not only prevented us from using the computer (who wants to catch a virus?) but also from accessing any of our previous data.

Thanks to Bob the Computer Guy, after several days of intensive therapy the computer has been "cured": the virus was removed and our information has been restored. While the computer was being treated, Personnel was working diligently through many roadblocks to find a new Administrator who would truly be an asset to God's ministry at Christ's United. While God has blessed us with Deb — now — this Newsletter was delayed.



KNAUGHTY KNOTTERS

will resume quilt making for Lutheran World Relief on Tuesdays, September 13, 20, and 27 at 9:00 am. Helpers are needed to assemble and knot quilts. Donations of new or used blankets, mattress pads, sheets, and fabric are always needed. Drop off donations in the front corner of social hall.



**Women of the
Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America**

SCHUYLKILL CLUSTER FALL EVENT

St. Peter's Lutheran, Reinerton

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

9:00 - 12:00 (optional lunch follows)

"PREPAREDNESS FOR DISASTER"

**Presenter: Janice Johnson, Community Volunteer in
Action**

Bible study leader: Rev. Wanda Schwantz

Sign up on bulletin board by September 11th

Contact Donna Wallace for additional information



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Let's Go Golfing!

The next Sr. Youth Adventure is scheduled for September 17th, immediately after Saturday Nite Service. Meet at worship ready to go miniature golfing (and I'm sure stop to get something to eat!). For more information, bother Aaron or Tracy. Actually, you can bother them anyway: it shows them they are loved by the Sr. Youth!



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 bulleting 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.

The answers form last month are: Front Row Left to Right: Clara Neugard, Annie Lynch, Mrs. Smith, Mr. William Hubler, Mrs. William Hubler. Middle Row: Mr. Lloyd Dornsife, Mr. Lew Kaufman, Mame Kaufman, Enda Haas, Katie Korn, Pauline Neugard. Back Row: Mr. William Maurer, Mrs. Charles (Jenny) Maurer, Mr. Charles Maurer, Mr. Frank Dornsife, Ms. Gable, Dr. Guy Hubler, Emma Hubler. Taken 1951 -Members of 50 years or more.

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



The *Journey* Resumes!

Our journey's path has wound through the season and is returning us to its beginning in God, so that we can be renewed and reborn in Jesus Christ. Join in the *Journey* of faith as we follow the path of Jesus each Sunday at 11 a.m. Young and old will explore God's word through story, video, activity and discussion. The *Journey* begins on September 18th: Come, *Journey* with Jesus!



Announcing: Deb Hall!

Deb is well known at Christ's United - singing in the Choir, ministering through WELCA, decorating the worship area, and just about everything else—but now meet her anew! Deb is our new Parish Administrator, taking over the responsibilities of our church office. Her official start date is September 12th, so be sure to greet her with a warm

No, it is not your eyes...

Things really do look a little different. We welcome Steven Wolfgang as our "Media Man". For the past month Steven has been creating the PowerPoint presentations for our three weekly worship services (Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Monday at Lutheridge), as well as taking photos of church events. Steven will continue to update our formats, so if you have any suggestions, please let him know!



Tuesday, September 6
6:30 p.m.

Choir will begin rehearsing on September 6th at 6:30 PM followed by a lite picnic luncheon.

Choir Begins

We look forward to also welcoming any new members.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brianna Kodack
- 2 Bud Hall
Faith Rickert
- 3 Elizabeth Gable
Joyce Mallams
Heather Young
- 4 Frank Dzikczek
- 5 Vivian Brown
Keri Johnson
- 6 Donna Lassen
- 7 Carolynn Long
- 8 David Becker
Kay Berner
Kenneth Marlow
Mark Sharp
- 9 Katie Knorr
Terry Shilling
Hailey Sisko
Cheryl Varndell
Tanner Walacavage
Dot Zeigenfuse
- 10 Josie Economy
Shawn Romberger
Bryon Rusinko

- 11 Ken Dengler
James Houser
Abigail Zweizig
- 13 Rachelle Demko
- 14 Penny Shadle
- 17 Tina Dengler
- 18 John Movassaghi
Traci Smith
- 20 Ted Ambrose
Holly Bolich
Renee' Walter
- 21 Jeff Maurer
- 22 Louise Gregis
Frank Mattis
- 23 Ava Hernandez
- 24 Annette Houser
Grace Johnson
Joshua Kanezo
David Walter
- 25 Nelson Berger, Sr.
Jocelyn Judge
Anne Pirie
Tyler Wolfgang
- 26 Susan Merwine
- 27 Chelsea Stutzman
- 28 John S. Wolfgang
- 29 Keith Laudermilch
- 30 Beth Becker
Sean Britton
Rick Fritz
Bernice Wilson
Leo Young

Ladies Nite Out



After a slow Summer Ladies Nite Out is firing up for a hot Fall – firing up at Vito’s Coal Fired Grill, that is. To get our bearings we will stay close to home this month and enjoy tremendous food next door in St. Clair. As this is an Italian restaurant (with a great variety of foods!) our focus will be the Italian expertise in romance! As a conversation starter be prepared to describe – in one word – your first date. Sign up on the bulletin board!

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, 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.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following item for September:

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Please place your donations in the shopping cart. Thank You!



09/03/11	Keith & DruAnn Laudermilch
09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/12/15	Andrew & Kelsey Blyler
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/18/47	Paul & Cathy Troutman
09/18/10	Matthew & Tangie Wetzel
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/24/05	Chad & Monica Klock
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummel
09/27/08	Robert & Rose Pennypacker
09/28/63	James & Mary Houser

“Christ’s Cupboard”
Next Distribution Date
Thursday, September 8
10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Christ’s Cupboard Update!

Council has approved with thanks the partnership with Wegmans. In their presentation to Council, representatives of Wegmans discussed their understanding of needs to improve the ministry of Christ’s Cupboard, including additional refrigeration, shelving, bags and carts for guests, and training on stocking items for staff. Volunteers from Wegmans will also be present at Christ’s Cupboard at different times to facilitate a continued development of the program. Installation of and organization of Christ’s Cupboard will happen on September 20th – helping hands are welcome – please see Erik Tice for more information.

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for 2016 scholarships. If you are an ACTIVE member of the congregation who is furthering your education in a college, university, trade school, business school, nursing/medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by September 15, 2016 to the church office or one of the members of the committee- Sarah Fetterolf, Angie Berger, Barb Anczarski, Helen Wolfgang or Jo-Ann Young.

In the letter please include: Your name and address; Name and address of school you are attending; your status (freshmen, sophomore, etc.); Projected time of certification or graduation; and Field of study/certification of degree you are pursuing.

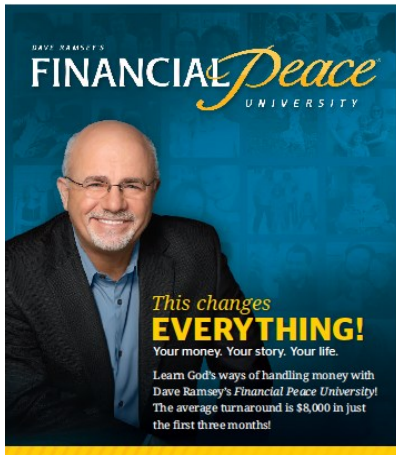
Please be advised, you must be an Active Member of the congregation and also be present in person on the date the scholarships are given out.



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.

Fellowship Schedule

- September—Property
- October—Stewardship
- November—Endowment Fund
- December—Church Council
- January—Choir/ Worship & Music
- February—Social Ministry
- March—LCM



Curious?

Come to a information and introduction to changing your life at Christ's United Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 570-875-1591



Saturday, September 17, 2016
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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COST \$9.00

MENU

½ Barbecued Chicken
Baked Potato
Corn
Dinner Roll
Butter
Dessert
Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from LCM members, or call the Church Office.
Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men Bake Sale sponsored by WELCA
Everyone Welcome!



Saturday, September 24th

The fall highway clean up of 2016.

Meet at the church at 8am.

Gloves, an orange vest, and trash bags are provided. No one will be turned down. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult and sign a waiver.

Hope to see you there!!!

If anyone can be a driver that continuously checks on the pickers to see if anything is needed it would be greatly appreciated.

Please let Tracy Berner know.

We Offer our Prayers to...

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.



August 28 – Gregory Smith (D. Heidlebaugh), Elizabeth Brown (G. Marquardt)

August 21 - Austin Carduff (E. Chappell), Family of Kay Kennedy Houser, Lony Baldino (B. Anczarski), Karyssa Wenrich (J. Clark), Tim Varndell (M. Varndell), Gail Lorady, David Schweinhart, Judy Stepulitis, Deb Price, Barb Liem

August 14 - Family of Paul Houser (J. Houser); Kay Rickard (T. Shilling)

August 7—Family of RoseAnn Price, Irene Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Jimmie Wolfgang (C. Varndell), Leroy May (L. Rickert)

July 31—Katelyn Houser, Glenn Zimmerman (B. Fetterolf), Raymond Pasco (M. Bendinsky), Thomas Hausman (M. Bendinsky), Ellen White, Julian Urbanowicz (A. Berger), Lamar Quick (D. Lassen), Sandra Beecher (L. Lute), Dean Parry (S. Tice), Pam & Dave Salwocki (S. Tice), Sandra Smith (J. Pennypacker)

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 Gruber Family—James and Darcie

The Johnson Family—Ralph R. & Eileen

The Marquardt Family—Bernie & Tara



Serving Our Community of Faith in September:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-Long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
Sept. 4	Gail Marquardt	Jim Gruber John Kimmel David Hall Laray Klinger	Dennis Wolfe Kay Berner Jo-Ann Young	Blake Olayo	Steven Wolfgang		Richard Shoup
Sept. 11	Becky Spencer			Charlie Sweinhart & Logan Walacavage	Tanner Walacavage		Darlene Stank
Sept. 18	Deidre Dengler			Amy Johnson & Marissa Seritsky	Brandy Speer	Erik Tice	Barb Stepanchick
Sept. 25	Barb Stepanchick			Nicole Hood & Ava Hubler	Brandon Hood	Sally Tice	John Towey

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				7:00 Evangelism / Outreach		5:00 Communion Service
4 16th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service <u>Jared Box Collection</u> 10:30 Fellowship	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED  LABOR DAY	6 9:00 Food Delivery 6:30 Choir Practice & Picnic	7 10:00 Seniors 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:30 Sr. Youth Pizza & Pantry Set Up 6:30 Committed To Christ Mtg. 7:00 WELCA	8 10:00 —12:00 Christ's Cupboard	9	10 5:00 Worship Service
11 17th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service, Commissioning of Teachers <u>Jared Box Collection</u> 10:30 Rally Day & Fellowship 10:30 Worship & Music Team Mtg. 6:00 Financial Peace Intro Mtg.	12 11:15 Worship @ Luther Ridge 6:00 Mutual Ministry 7:00 Church Council	13 6:30 Choir Practice	14 10:00 Seniors	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Personnel	16	17 4:00—7:00 Chicken BBQ Dinner 5:00 Worship Service 6:00 Sr. Youth Mini Golfing
18 18th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Committed To Christ begins 10:45 Journey 12:00 Social Hall Reserved 6:00 Financial Peace	19 11:15 Worship @ Luther Ridge 7:00 Stewardship	20 Wegman's Christ's Cupboard Installation 6:30 Choir Practice	21 10:00 Seniors	22 12:00—2:00 Ashland Area Food Pantry	23 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 6:30 Wedding Rehearsal & Reception	24 8:00 Adopt-A-Highway 1:00 Troutman / Miller Wedding 5:00 Worship Service
25 19th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Journey 6:00 Financial Peace	26 11:15 Worship @ Luther Ridge 6:00 Grief Support	27 6:30 Choir Practice	28 10:00 Seniors	29	30	