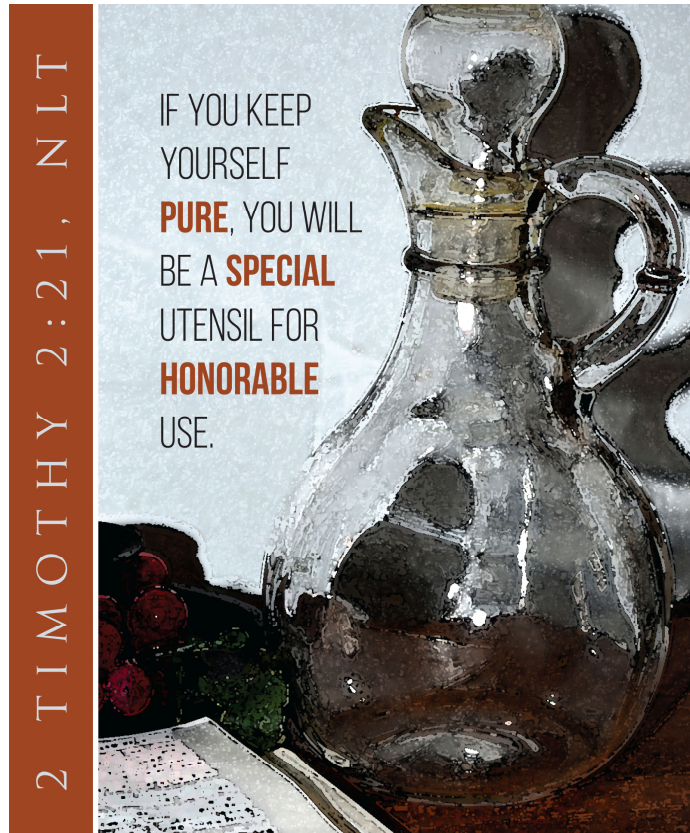


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Journey & Fellowship 10:45*

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September 2017

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by Ruby, Amy, Anita and Doug Fegley*

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Status of Accounts as of July 30

Balance in Checking Account.....\$ 773.33

Total negative balance year to date – \$8,126.80

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2017 Annual Budget of

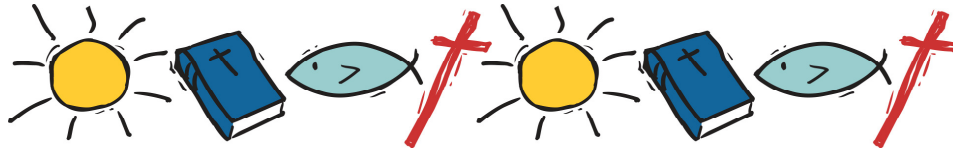
\$179,318.00 is **\$14,943.17**

July income was **\$18,510.38**

Benevolence Gifts.....\$7,458.73

(37.05% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2017)





Pastor Mark's Message

God's Beloved People:

Aahhhh... fall season! Crisp temps (although isn't that pretty much par for the course in the Panhandle?), back-to-school schedules, football season, autumn colors, pumpkin pie and other spicy delicacies, Reformation season, so much to enjoy and allow to bless, feed, and enrich our daily lives and common faith in Christ

A full slate of fall programs restarts or are new-starts. Read the newsletter and bulletin for more info. Here are 2 of them that I look forward to your participation. Please note current start dates:

The Congregation Conversations, Purpose, Goals and Process:

To gather the people of CULC to reflect upon CULC's mission and ministry, celebrate strengths, be honest about growing edges, and envision God-Inspired Mission Goals that will inform and guide CULC's next chapter in mission, partnered by the people, Leadership and next Long-Term Pastor and Staff. I plan for these groups to begin mid-September. Watch for sign-up sheets.

The Process Part I Gather the people of CULC together into Small Groups of 6-12 peeps, facilitated by teams of 2 people (to be identified with the help of the Council and trained by Pastor Mark) to reflect, share with each other, and respond to the following questions:

1. What is a strength of CULC
2. What hasn't worked well at CULC?
3. What are the challenges/opportunities facing CULC?

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4. Name 3-5 Mission Goals you believe God is calling/nudging/cajoling CULC to embrace and implement in her next ministry chapter?
5. What are you willing to change re: how we do business, in order for those Mission Goals to become reality?
6. What are the Leadership Skills (note NOT personal qualities) the next Long-Term Pastor needs to bring to help CULC's Mission Goals to become reality?

The Process Part II: These responses will be recorded and collected as they are, no names attached, and Pastor Mark will:

I. Collate the responses under each question

II Ask Council and others to winnow down and lift out the highlight reel, 3-5 reoccurring themes, priorities, etc. that stand out from the responses per each question.

III. I will synthesize a summary of the highlights, standout responses, along with my own observations, suggestions, challenges points-to-ponder to the Council and Congregation.

Don't forget.....**The Divine Drama Begins September 10 and 11.**
If you haven't signed up yet, or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

In Partnership,

Mark Galbraith,
Interim Pastor



Church Council Highlights from August:

- General Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/17: \$773.33
- We took \$5,200.00 from the Memorial Account to meet expenses during the month.
- Total expenses were \$17,736.55 for the month. Total income for the month was \$18,510.38 leaving us a balance of \$ 773.33.
- Net income for the year is negative \$8,126.80, plus the \$5,200.00 to equal \$13,326.80.
- Bible School was very successful with 58 registered and an average of 38 daily.
- The Youth Group trip to Knoebels was a success. They plan to go miniature golfing next.
- Had a Pastoral discussion with Pastor Shankweiler—we need to increase our income to be able to call a full time pastor.



Council Member
of the Month

September's council Member of the month is John Towey.

The Council Member of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), notice the church lights on at 11 p.m., or need access to the building.

Pastoral Acts

Baptism:
08/27/17 John William Wagner

Marriage:
08/19/17 Gerald Stehr & Sarah Fetterolf



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

2	Bud Hall	17	Tina Dengler
	Faith Rickert	18	John Movassaghi
3	Elizabeth Gable		Traci Smith
	Joyce Mallams	20	Ted Ambrose
	Heather Young		Holly Bolich
4	Frank Dziczek		Renee' Walter
5	Vivian Brown	21	Jeff Maurer
	Keri Johnson	22	Louise Gregis
6	Donna Lassen		Frank Mattis
7	Carolynn Long	23	Ava Hernandez
8	David Becker	24	Annette Houser
	Kay Berner		Grace Johnson
	Kenneth Marlow		Joshua Kanezo
	Mark Sharp		David Walter
9	Katie Knorr	25	Nelson Berger, Sr.
	Terry Shilling		Jocelyn Judge
	Hailey Sisko		Anne Pirie
	Cheryl Varndell		Tyler Wolfgang
	Tanner Walacavage	26	Susan Merwine
	Dot Zeigenfuse	27	Chelsea Stutzman
10	Josie Economy	28	John S. Wolfgang
	Shawn Romberger	29	Keith Laudermilch
	Bryon Rusinko	30	Beth Becker
11	Ken Dengler		Sean Britton
	James Houser		Rick Fritz
	Abigail Zweizig		Bernice Wilson
13	Rachelle Demko		Leo Young
14	Penny Shadle		



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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/24/05	Chad & Monica Klock
09/24/16	Nicholas & Kayla Troutman
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/92	Brian & Faith Rickert
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummel
09/27/08	Robert & Rose Pennypacker

Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out Christ's United's electronic giving Options by scanning this QR code.

Thank you.



2017 Sponsorships

The 2017 sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

We especially need sponsors for:

Newsletters for October and November.
Bulletins for October 14 & 15 and 28 & 29
 November 25 & 26, Dec 2 & 3, 9 & 10.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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We Offer our Prayers to...

August 20 – Emily Hope Rimm (J. Denchak), Lowell Bittner (J. Denchak), Dean Fetterolf (B Fetterolf), Will Rader (B. Liem), Robert Berger Sr. (A. Berger), Julie Rutko (G. Marquardt)

August 13 – Bernard Bann (P. Dziczek), Eileen Kurtz (K. Berner), Wendy Farnsworth (E. Chappell), Irene Morgan, Jim Hepler (B Andrews)

August 6 – Richard Berger (J. Gruber), Family of Andrew Oxenrider, Sandy Neumeister (P. Lute), Robert Reitz & family (S. Tice)

July 30 – Jessica Marrone (B. Liem), Catherine Schaeffer, Brianna K. (L. Lute), Blake Aughey (E. Kane), Elizabeth “Libby” Gable (T. Shilling), Carol Jean Stehr (L. Lute), Linda Zerby (J. Young), Scarlett Eecker (M. Grosser), Jesse Deeter (L. Lute), Robert Beecher (L. Lute), Joan Young Blevins (J. Young), Karyssa Wenrich (J. Clark), Elizabeth Brown (G. Marquardt), Barb Fetterolf, Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Sandra Beecher (L. Lute)

*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 Hoover Family — Brian, Amy & Connor
The Merwine Family — Maynard & Susan
The Pennypacker Family—Allen & Barbara



A church in a rural area was badly in need of repairs, and parishioners met to discuss what could be done to raise the necessary funds. One of the wealthiest—and stingiest—of the members rose and said he would give \$500, then sat down.

Suddenly a large chunk of plastering fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head. He jumped up, looking confused, and said, “Did I say \$500: I meant \$5,000!” The he sat down again.

After a moment a voice from the back, “Hit him again, Lord!”

~Printed in a recent issue of the “*American Legion*” magazine.

The *Capital Campaign* is still on-going. Don’t forget to continue sending in your pledges.





Tuesday, September 5
6:30 p.m.

Come out and join the choir as we begin rehearsing for another season of leading worship and providing special music.



SING PRAISES TO HIM;
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.
PSALM 105:2



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

<i>In Memory of Judy Stepulitis by</i>	
<i>Margaretta Bolich</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Nancy Lindenmuth</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>In Memory of Harold Wink to Christ's Cupboard by</i>	
<i>Connie Welker</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Dorothy & Terry Kessler</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>In Memory of Seth Meyers to Vacation Bible School by</i>	
<i>Nancy Lindenmuth</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>In Memory of Great Nephew, Nathan Bolich, to the Capital Campaign</i>	
<i>by Connie Welker</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>



The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for 2017 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 17, 2017 to the church office or one of the members of the committee - Barb Anczarski, Helen Wolfgang, Jo-Ann Young or Dr. Kay Berner.

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.



Endowment Fund Scholarships



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. 3	Barb Anczarski	Becky Spencer John Towey Darlene Stank Dennis Wolfe	Barb Anczarski John Denchak Kay Berner	Tyler Wolfgang	Blake Olayo	Angie Berger	Jim Gruber
Sept. 10	Erik Tice			Jordan Walter & Bryce Hummel	Ryan Walter	Beth Andrews	Lowell Martin
Sept. 17	Steven Wolfgang			Carey Wahalec & Joey McAndrew	Dylan Buhay	Thomas Wolfgang	Jo-Ann Young
Sept. 24	Beth Andrews			Amy Johnson & Deanna Lesher	Heather Klinger	Irene Morgan	Tracy Berner

Women of the ELCA

Calling all women of Christ's United.
The next **WELCA meeting** will be Wednesday,
SEPTEMBER 6th at 7:00 p.m. Come join us.



Schuylkill Cluster Fall Event

Saturday, September 30th
9:00—12:00 (optional lunch follows)
At Trinity Lutheran, Pottsville

Schuylkill County District Attorney, Christine Holman will present "Identity Theft".
Pastor Mark Galbraith will lead the Bible Study session.
Sign up on the bulletin board by Sept. 17th or contact Donna Wallace for additional information.

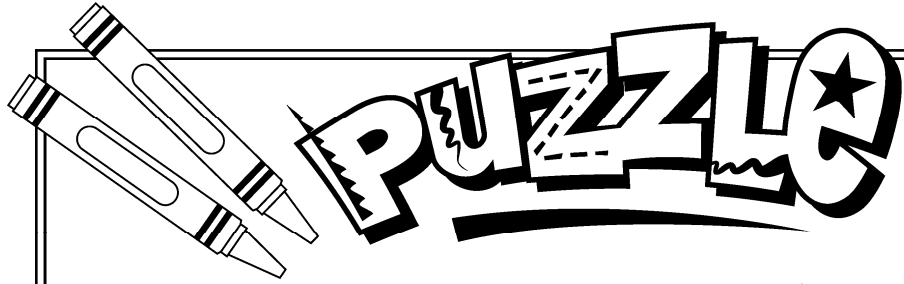
Let the knotting resume!

Knaughty Knotters will meet on Tuesday mornings beginning Sept. 12th at 9:00 a.m. to assemble and knot quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing skills required! Donations of used blankets, mattress pads, sheets & fabric are always needed. Drop off donations in front corner of the Social Hall.



Ladies Nite Out:

Save the date for Ladies Nite Out on OCTOBER 1st. We're going to Leiby's Ice Cream House Restaurant in Tamaqua.
Please sign up on the bulletin board so transportation plans and reservations can be made.



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



“ _____
 _____;

 _____.”

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

SOCIAL MINISTRY



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

September-Property Committee

October—Stewardship

November—Endowment Fund

December—Church Council

January-Choir/Worship & Music

February—Social Ministry

March—LCM



We will be collecting the following items for September:

Soup

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is
Thursday,
September 14, 2017





Saturday, September 16, 2017
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!

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VBS 2017

We ALL WORKED TOGETHER,
UNITED OURSELVES for the Children.

Some found materials from their relatives' church and shared with us!

There was cutting and sewing going on!

Iron-Ons Transferred to Backpacks!

Treasures from garages and basements found a second chance to show that they had a purpose!

The Education Hallway of the church was transformed into *Legoland* and somewhat overflowed into the parking lot!!

Waterworks filled the yard, while barn animals pattered around the Pavilion. The Exotics could be found just outside the kitchen and Social Hall entrances.

Great snacks filled our tummies, even if they were just a little messy!

Singing and dancing occurred!.

Our Senior Youth all have summer jobs right now and still managed to fit our church into their tight schedules.

Some other youth were only visiting with their families for a short time and came to church for a week.

Folks drove through flooded roads to get here.

Parents were leaving the quiet solitude of the campground from their week away with their children and grandchildren to come to church for the week.

Some driving up to drop off children, others walking through the front door with a little one at the end of their arm guiding them through the doors.

All of this while learning how GOD MADE US ALL FOR A PURPOSE.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Watch for the planning meeting in February for VBS 2018.

Date to be announced.

Angie Berger



The Recipe Swap

Each time we get together here at Christ's United, many delicious covered dishes are brought to share. Wouldn't it be great if we could share the recipes for these yummy dishes. If you have a recipe you're willing to share please drop it off at the office and we will feature it in the new recipe section of an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Thanks for sharing!!



This month's recipe is for Macaroni Salad from Terry Shilling:

Macaroni Salad

Submitted by Terry Shilling

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1 Cup Evaporated milk
- ½ Cup Sugar
- 2 Tablespoons Vinegar
- 1 Chopped Green Pepper
- 4 Chopped Hard Boiled Eggs
- 1 lb. Cooked Macaroni

Mix mayonnaise and evaporated milk together until smooth.
Add sugar and vinegar and mix again.
Add green pepper and eggs and pour over macaroni.



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Attention Sr. Youth Group

WHEN: Saturday, Sept 9th at 5:30

(immediately after church service)

We will be heading out for an evening of Mini Golf and dinner.



Hope to see all the Sr. Youth at this event. Aaron and I are excited to hear about your first few weeks of school.

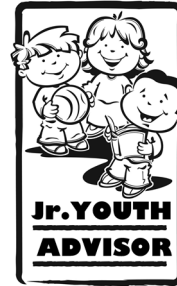
Sr. Youth Needs YOU !!!



There are still a large number of aluminum cans that need to be taken to the recycling center. If anyone has a truck and/or trailer and is willing to haul the bags for the youth, it would be greatly appreciated. The money from



The junior youth group is in need of an additional advisor. Angie Berger has been doing it on her own and really could use some help. So, if you like children and have some free time, please consider giving her a call at 570-875-3598 so activities and outings can be planned.



Thank you,
Kay Berner



Saturday, September 9th

The fall highway clean up of 2017.

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.



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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.*

God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day.
“Look at the gorgeous leaves!” Grandma exclaimed. “Just think,
God painted each one of them just for us!”

“Yep,” said her grandson, “and he did it left-handed.”

Perplexed, Grandma asked, “Why do you think God used his left
hand to create all this beauty?”

“Because,” said the boy matter-of-factly, “we learned in Sunday
school that Jesus sits on God's right one.”