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One God. One People. One Purpose.

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September 2020

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The September Newsletter is sponsored

*In Memory of Grandparents
Marie and Myron Fegley*



Status of Accounts as of July 31

Balance in Checking Account..... \$49,147.07

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

July income was \$19,874.11

Expenses for July were \$13,252.84 resulting in a gain of \$6,621.27.

Benevolence Gifts through July\$6,827.00

(46% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2020)

CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Terry Shilling Vice President	570-875-0412	Feb. 2021
Beth Andrews Secretary	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
Ted Ambrose	570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
Angie Berger	570-875-3589	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Jim Gruber	570-875-2805	Feb. 2021
Suzanne Peel	570-875-2218	Feb. 2021
Barbara Stepanchick	570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
Jacob Tice Youth Representative	570-875-2681	

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Life Together at Christ's United



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.

From a church newsletter:

THE CHORUS IS GOING THIS FALL.
 Can you help hose the visiting
 choir members?
 They need room and board for one night.

We hope they each find a hospitable host!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our refrigerator door is cluttered with magnets, reminders of places we've been and wise sayings we've heard along the way. One of the quotes is by Eleanor Roosevelt. Several years back during a vacation in the Hudson Valley of New York we visited the get-away home Eleanor named Val-Kill. She had the home built to get away from her mother-in-law Sarah whom she detested (I think the feeling was mutual). Her quote on our refrigerator magnet is: *Do one thing every day that scares you.*


Just living in these days of pandemic is scary beyond measure. Eleanor herself lived through the flu pandemic of 1918 and the Great Depression. It was as difficult a time as our own. Given that, why in the world would she encourage us to daily do one thing that scares us? One reason, I think, is that as a fellow Christian, she knew the challenges of a life of faith -- of caring for those most unlike ourselves; of forgiving those who have hurt us to the core; of telling others what Christ means in our life. It *is* scary to interact with those most different from ourselves, for that means seeing how these differences challenge our lifestyle. It *is* scary to forgive, for that means re-entering the relationship in a new way. It *is* scary to tell others what Christ means in our life, for we might get laughed



at, be asked a question we cannot easily answer, or be stereotyped in a way that embarrasses us.

Yet imagine what could happen if each of us would do one good thing every day that scared us? + Listen to a news station different from the one we normally watch. + Get our Church Directory out and call someone who lives alone and can't venture out due to COVID-19...or whom we don't know (gulp!). + Send flowers to the neighbor we like least. What scary, good things can you think of? I invite you to take a small booklet (there are little Thrivent ones in the hallway free for the taking), and jot down scary, good things you think of. Then share these with others (you can list that as another scary, good thing!).

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. The words are of the prophet Joshua, the one chosen to lead the people across the Jordan River into the promised land of Canaan. We too, with the Lord's guidance, can be strong and courageous to do one good thing every




Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura conducted the following:

Baptisms:

- 8/2/20 - Blake Matthew Allison
- 8/23/20 - Parker Douglas Dean

Graveside Funeral Service:



American Red Cross

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

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Community Blood Drive

Christ's United Lutheran Church

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

Monday, 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.



Saturday, September 12, 2020
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Road, Ashland
(570) 875-1591

COST \$9.00
(Checks payable to LCM)

~ TAKE OUT ONLY ~

MENU

½ Barbecued Chicken
Baked Potato
Corn
Dinner Roll
Butter
Dessert
Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from



Church Council Highlights
from August

- The Annual Church Picnic/Block Party is postponed until next year.
- Endowment Scholarship request letters are due by October 3. Scholarships will be given out on November 29.
- The Personnel Committee will meet in the near future to consider the new custodian.
- An electronic security touch pad has been installed at the front door with a button for intercom and lock release from inside the office.

September Council Contact of the month
is Beth Andrews.

The Council Contact of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building.
If you need to contact Beth,



front Door Security System



An electronic security system has been installed on the front door of the church. If you are an authorized key holder of the church, please call or stop in during office hours for instructions on using the system to enter the building. The door will no longer unlock



SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/12/15	Andrew & Kelsey Blyler
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
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



Resuming the Celebration of Holy Communion

On September 6 at our 9:30 a.m. service we look forward to again receiving Holy Communion. As a Church of Word & Sacrament, it has been difficult to refrain from this Means of Grace. Yet front & center in the minds of our Safety Task Force, Worship & Music Team, and Council has been doing our part to contain the COVID-19 Virus. All three groups have worked hard to formulate a plan for distribution that will be evaluated afterwards.

Here's what to expect:

1. An usher will tell you when to approach the Chancel. Safe distancing will be kept as you come forward (except for family members). The usher will offer hand sanitizer before you leave your pew.
2. Pastor Laura will place a wafer into your hand using a tong.
3. You will then walk to the Assisting Minister who will place a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice on a small table for you to then take.
4. Then remove you mask to partake of the wafer and wine.

More directions will be given before the service on September 6. Amid all these logistics may we remember it is Christ's very Body and Blood that we receive for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



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 history; or if





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. No WELCA meeting is scheduled for September.



2nd Annual Vickie's Angel Foundation Walk And Basket Auction in Memory of Wendy Farnsworth

will be held on October 12th at the Simon Kramer Center in New Philadelphia at 9:00 a.m. All money collected will benefit families fighting cancer. Sign up sheets for walkers and donations and more information are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

When God crosses our paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions." Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God "sending us people with claims and petitions." Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, "thinking of you" cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus' name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God "crosses our paths" in new

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

2	Faith Rickert	16	Oliver McCormick
3	Joyce Mallams	17	Tina Dengler
	Heather Young	18	Traci Smith
4	Frank Dziczek		Cathy Troutman
5	Vivian Brown	20	Ted Ambrose
	Keri Johnson		Holly Bolich
6	Donna Lassen		Renee' Walter
7	Carolynn Long	22	Louise Gregis
8	David Becker		Frank Mattis
	Kay Berner	23	Ava Hernandez
	Kenneth Marlow	24	Annette Houser
	Mark Sharp		Grace Johnson
9	Katie Knorr		Joshua Kanezo
	Terry Shilling		David Walter
	Hailey Sisko	25	Nelson Berger, Sr.
	Cheryl Varndell		Jocelyn Judge
	Tanner Walacavage		Anne Pirie
	Dot Zeigenfuse		Tyler Wolfgang
10	Josie Economy	26	Susan Merwine
	Shawn Romberger	27	Chelsea Stutzman
	Bryon Rusinko	28	John S. Wolfgang
11	Ken Dengler	30	Beth Becker
	James Houser		Sean Britton
	Abigail Zweizig		Rick Fritz
13	Rachelle Demko		Bernice Wilson
	Alanni Miller		Leo Young



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.

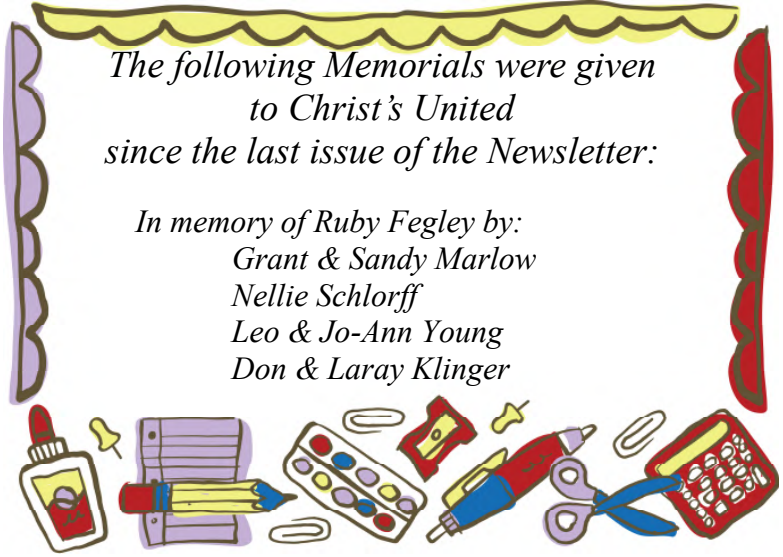


Special Offering
August 30

GOOD SAMARITAN

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

*In memory of Ruby Fegley by:
Grant & Sandy Marlow
Nellie Schlorff
Leo & Jo-Ann Young
Don & Laray Klinger*



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.

Card Shower

Irene Morgan has moved to Landisville to live with her daughter, Darlene and is missing her home and church. We would like her to know we're thinking of her with a card shower. If you can, please send her a card. We're sure she would really appreciate it.



Mrs. Irene Morgan
c/o Mrs. Darlene Heath
1400 Nissley Rd.

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We Offer our Prayers to...

August 23 Bobby Liem (B. Liem)
Richard Shoup

Family of Maddy Maurer

August 16 John Mumper (D. Hall)

Angelina Alexander (D. Price)
Connie Weinreich (C. Weinreich)
Gary Weinreich (C. Weinreich)
Cheryl (C. Weinreich)
Marcia (C. Weinreich)
Nikki (C. Weinreich)
Dale Foose (T. Ambrose)

Family of Ruby Fegley

August 9 Louise Boyer

Lowell Martin
Tommy Green
Barb Liem (Pr. Laura)
Eden Frantz (B. Spencer)
Cathy Bronk (P. Dziczek)
Anna James (V. Brown)
Pastor Bob and Donna Hughes (Grubers)

August 2 Richard Berger (J. Gruber)

Mike & Nancy Bettinger (C. Varndell)

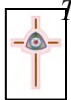
Parents of Toddler, John Wetzel & Infant, Brayden Wirtz (Pr. Laura)

Please continue to pray for: Sally Tice (E. Tice), Jacob Tice, Nellie Schlorff, Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute), Carl (Mickey) Lute, Irene Morgan, Corrine & Josh Coward, Gail Lorady, Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Robert Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Garth Swanson (Pr. Laura), Nancy Harner (R. Berner), Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Ruth Berner (R. Berner), Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Mylah, (G. Marquardt), Deborah Lynch (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (B. Andrews), Linda Brown (V. Brown)

*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 - Dean, Tammy & Deanna
and Rusinko, Allison & Bryon
The Smith Family - Virgil & Ann Marie



Saturday, September 19th

The fall highway clean up of 2020.

Meet at the church at 8am.

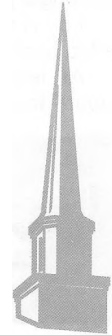
Gloves, an orange vest, and trash bags
are provided.

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Rain date will be October 10th.

GO TO CHURCH

Some go to church to take a walk,
Some go to church to laugh and talk.
Some go there to meet a friend,
Some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to meet a lover,
Some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there for speculation,
Some go there for observation.
Some go there to doze and nod,



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.

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Endowment Scholarships



The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2020 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 **OCTOBER 3** to the church office or one of the members of the Committee: Donna Lassen, Barb Liem, Suzy Peel, Morgen Sweitzer, Donna Wallace and Mark Varndell.

The letter should include the following: Your name and address, name of school you are attending, your status (freshman, sophomore, etc.), field of study/certification or degree, and projected time of certification or graduation.

Please be advised, you must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the congregation and be present on NOVEMBER 29 when scholarships are given out during worship.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 13, 2020. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



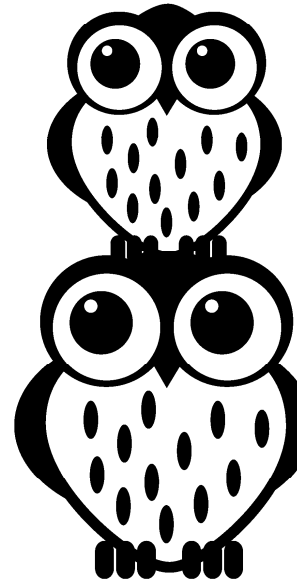
On that Sunday our congregation will engage in service work right here in our community. Our Social Ministry Team will share the various ministries they coordinate. We will also deliver chicken BBQ dinners to our home-bound members on Saturday September 12, as well as



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



- school — ○ — — —
- paper — ○ —
- wisdom — — ○ —
- read — — — ○
- play — — — — —
- learn ○ — — — —
- grow — ○ — — — —
- pencils — — — — —
- pray — ○ — —
- art — — — —
- student — — — ○ — —
- kids — — ○ — — — —
- apple — — ○ — — —

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

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—WELCA
- October—Church Council
- November—Evangelism-Outreach/
Endowment/Stewardship
- December—LCM
- January—WELCA
- February—Social Ministry
- March—Church Council
- April—LCM
- May—WELCA
- June — Christian Education/Youth



We will be collecting the following item for September:

Cereal

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday,






Serving Our Community of Faith in September:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
September 6	Angie Berger	Aaron Stepanchick Barb Stepanchick Jo-Ann Young Robert Carl Jim Gruber-G	Vivian Brown AM	Jesse Cascarino			Angie Berger
September 13	Deb Hubler			Nathan Berger			Deb Hubler
September 20	Vivian Brown			Dylan Buhay			Vivian Brown
September 27	Donna Lassen			Desiree Dengler			Donna Lassen



September 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:00 Seniors	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship with Communion	7 Labor Day 	8 9:00 Food Delivery & Set Up	9 10:00 Seniors	10 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard Distribution 	11 Patriot Day	12 3:00 – 6:00 Chicken BBQ
13 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 	14 7:00 Council	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 10:00 Seniors	17	18	19  8:00 Highway Clean-up (rain date Oct 10)
20 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 5:00 Lutheran Church Men 6:00 Property Committee	21 7:00 Evangelism / Outreach	22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) 	23 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	24	25	26
27 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation Class	28	29	30 10:00 Seniors	