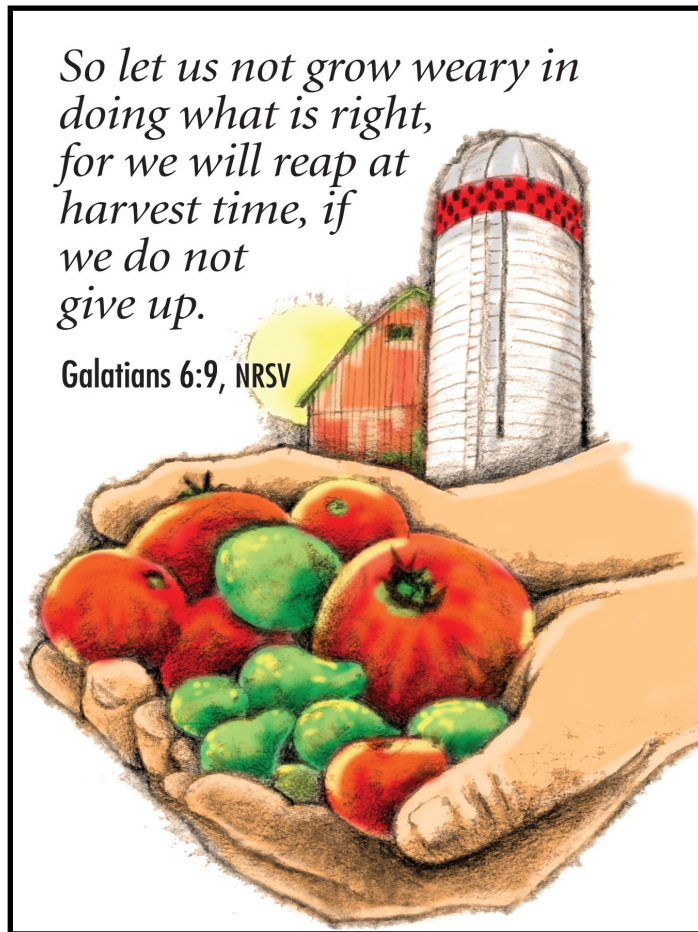


Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church



*So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right,
for we will reap at
harvest time, if
we do not
give up.*

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



*Join us for Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Journey & Fellowship 10:45*





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Status of Accounts as of August 30

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$565.36**
 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2015 Annual Budget
 of \$172,675.00 is **\$14,389.58**
August income was \$13,874.21
 Benevolence Gifts.....\$10,631.50
 (53% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2015)



Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Boo!

Soon our streets will be filled with little ghosts and goblins of every type; eerie sounds will emanate from the neighbor's front door; and children will be given enough scares and candy to keep them awake for a year.

This time of year would fill us with anticipation-laced fear when we were little, but now we shrug it off with a chuckle and smile. Rubber masks and little ghosts yelling "boo" just don't scare us any more... they have been replaced with other things, things that don't just scare us, they terrify us:

Feeling that lump that won't go away...
The bills that keep coming faster than the money...
When your teenager comes in slowly, and says "mom..."

Adult fears don't take our breath away, they take our life away.

Each day, each step, is with fear. Fear is such a part of our everyday existence that –consciously or unconsciously – it guides our every action. Fear limits what we dream, how far we go, and how deeply we feel. While our faces may smile and laughter may erupt, it doesn't fill us. It can't fill us. Fear won't let it fill us.

Fear keeps us on edge, constantly churning us inside so that there is no quiet, no calm, no peace. We are filled with motion, like the waves on the sea, filled with thoughts and pain and anxiety. Fear is gas on a spark, burning us up from the inside out.

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When disciples were walking on the road, upset, confused and fearful because Jesus had been crucified, Jesus appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you”. (Luke 24).

When the disciples were locked in the upper room for fear of the Jews, Jesus appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you”. (John 20)


Jesus is not only our source of peace, Jesus is peace.

Martin Luther was tormented by the demons of fear, to which he would literally yell out loud: “Go away Satan – I am baptized!”. For in baptism we are blessed with the words “Child of God, you are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

Forever. It is a promise, a guarantee, a love that not only breaks through fear it destroys fear. No matter what happens, what noises call to us, what challenges come before us, the presence of Jesus in our lives quiets the fear in us: it is our security, our hope, our belief that there IS a future for us.

In the increasing darkness around us, the world jumps out at us screaming “Boo”. Brothers and sisters, don’t be scared, be faithful: for Jesus Christ is with you, now – and forever.

Peace,
Pastor Kim

	<p>Welcome new members! What a wonderful celebration as we welcomed Lowell Martin and the Steinbauers – Michael, Nicole, Barrett, Noelle, and Caleb – as members of Christ’s United! Please take time to introduce yourselves and welcome them home!</p>
<p>Welcome Our <i>New</i> Members</p>	



Church Council Highlights from September:

- Evangelism/Outreach: The next meeting is October 15 regarding the Live Nativity. We need people from the different Ministries to attend to help coordinate the event. The Live Nativity will occur in the field on one night with two shows. A spot light will shine on each scene with a narration. We are in need of animals such as a camel or a donkey.
- Worship and Music voted to not have flowers for the season of Lent.
- A representative from each Ministry Team needs to serve on the Kitchen Committee. Beth Andrews will be actively recruiting those people and then will set a date to meet with Jim Chappell for training.
- Steven Videos: John Towey felt that it might be a good idea if Steven could videotape the Children's Sermons to post on our website. Pastor Kim said that we might consider clips on our website. She also said that we should try to shoot a camera so that the Children's Sermon shows up on the screen for better visibility.
- Trunk or Treat: According to Barb Stepanchick, Thrivent grant money has been approved. It might be a good idea to include a Fall Fest on the same night.

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

*\$100.00 in Memory of Marshall Smith by:
Virgil & Ann Marie Smith*





2 Matt Sweitzer
 5 Joshua Phelan
 6 Tammy Buhay
 William Dillman
 George Sterling
 Brooke Wolfe
 7 Angie Lucas
 Forrest Shadle
 8 Ralph S. Johnson
 Francis Lally
 10 Melanie Bendinsky
 Barry Martin
 Cole Young
 11 Dylan Buhay
 Crystal Collette
 Michael McNeal
 Danielle White
 13 Jessica Boyer
 Mia Burke
 Aidan Lazor
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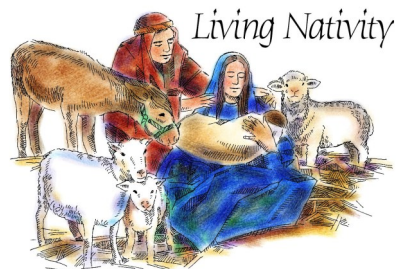
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 Connie Welker
 24 James Conrath
 Francis Lally, Jr.
 25 Carrie Hummel
 Donna Wallace
 28 Nancy Kessler
 Salina Krah
 29 Rose Price
 31 Tara Houser
 Grayson Sharp



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
 10/13/84 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
 10/25/80 Gregg & Lois Sterling
 10/25/09 William & Lisa Waldick
 10/29/11 Wesley & Kelly Long



Christmas Comes to Christ's United!



A new ministry is born this Christmas season as Christ's United prepares for its first live nativity. The nativity will be a re-enactment of the Christmas story for all of our community to witness. If you are available to help tell the story of Christ's birth (or have an animal to share), please come Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please see Jim Chappell.

Give Electronically

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As Christ's United prepares for a new year, 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.



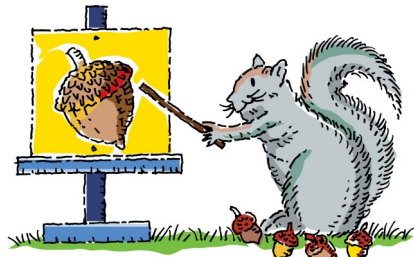
Youth Group News



The Endowment Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted a scholarship request. You will be receiving a letter in the upcoming weeks informing you of the date the scholarship will be issued. Christ's United would like to congratulate you and wish you the best of luck on future endeavors.

Upcoming Events!

On October 6th at 6:00 pm there will be a youth activity planning meeting to come up with ideas for 2016. If you have an idea for the youth of Christ's United, please come and share. All are welcome.



ANNUAL PLANNING

On October 7th at 4:30, the Sr. Youth will have pizza with the pastor prior to setting up for Christ's Cupboard.



On October 10th at 5pm, the Sr. Youth will be attending a corn maze. I hope everyone can make this event as we help guide each other down the "RIGHT" path.





On October 25th, we will be celebrating Halloween with Christ's United annual Trunk or Treat. Sr. Youth's assistance is requested to help organize on the day of this event. Start planning your costumes. A sign-up sheet for TRUNKERS is on the youth bulleting board.!!

Insight on Confirmation

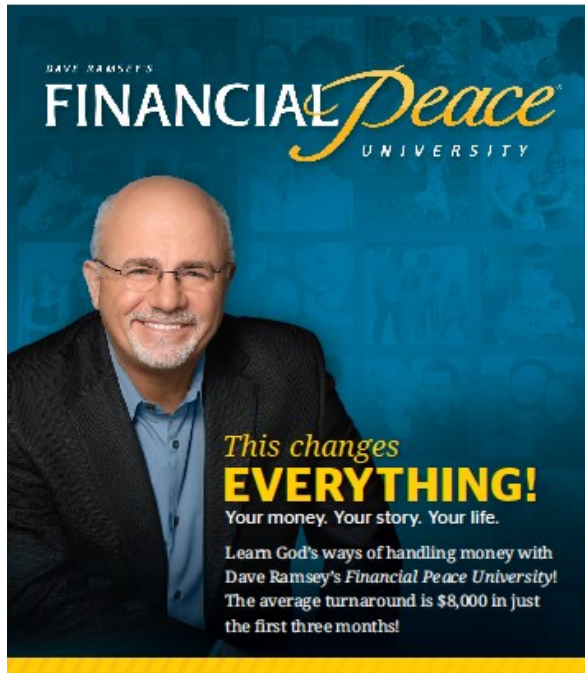
In May or October, many churches celebrate confirmation, a practice with biblical roots. For example, Peter and John are sent to "[lay] their hands on" new believers and "[pray] for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:15, 17, NRSV).

In the early church, new Christians, most of whom were adult converts, received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, the practice became for pastors and priests to baptize but for only bishops to "confirm" a baptism, or make it official, granting the baptized full membership in the church.

Later, confirmation became a rite by which adolescents, often following intensive Christian education, profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Some denominations prefer the term "affirmation of baptism." Confirmation serves as a milestone of faith, when young adults begin embracing a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose.

Join us as we celebrate the Confirmation of our youth on Sunday, October 25.





Millions of people have gone through *Financial Peace University* and learned God's ways of handling money. They've worked a plan, rewritten their stories, and changed their futures—Christ's United Lutheran Church Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m.

The Annual Budget meeting will occur on Sunday, November 8 following worship. The budget will detail the costs of doing ministry, broken down into the larger ministry areas such as Education, Social Ministry, and Worship (and more!). As pastor, I pray that each member will take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving for the work of Christ that has occurred, and prayer for the witness we have yet to do. To help us prepare, the ministry budget will be available on October 25.



A CALL TO MEN

St. Nick's Hall, Route 901, Minersville, on Monday, October 12

Learn about the critical role you play in influencing and developing the next generation of men at a one-day workshop conducted by **A CALL TO MEN** and sponsored by **Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC)**.

A CALL TO MEN is a leading national violence prevention organization dedicated to creating a world where all men and boys are loving and respectful and all women and girls are valued and safe.

Priority is given to Schuylkill County school personnel, coaches, scouting and youth group leaders, clergy, and youth in leadership positions who register by September 21. Seating is limited.

October 12, 2015 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

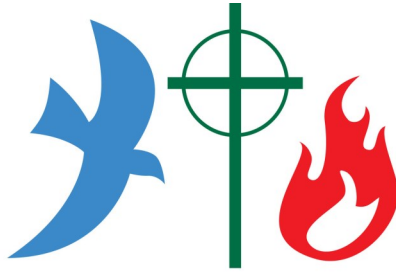
Doors open at 8:30 AM. Workshop begins promptly at 9:00 AM.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.
Men of all ages encouraged, but all are welcome!



Men's Fellowship





WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Ministry Update:

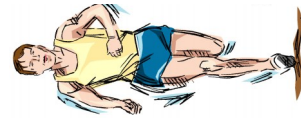
The Worship & Music Team is constantly working at making our worship life more meaningful to each person who gathers in the name of Christ. This year, the Team is seeking to emphasize the solemn nature of Lent to help us deepen our understanding of the Passion. One way we help our understanding is changing the visual appearance by not having blooming flowers at the altar during Lent. The absence of blooms, along with more traditional aspects such as removing the “alleluias” and absolution from our worship service, help us see and hear differently the actions of Jesus as He offers His life for us. We hope these differences make the season of Lent more meaningful for all.

							
	<h3><u>Pastoral Acts</u></h3>						
	<p>Marriages Scheduled: 09/24/16 Nicholas Miller & Kayla Troutman 11/12/16 John Lisowski & Hannah Sterling TBA Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel</p>						
	<p>Baptism: 08/30/15 Luke David Allison</p>						
							



Serving Our Community of Faith in October:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Crucifer	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
October 4	Becky Spencer	Becky Spencer John Denchak Laray Klinger David Hall	Barb Anczarski Donna Wallace Jim Gruber	Nathan Smith	Cary Wahalec	Barb Stepanchick	Deb Berner
October 11	Barb Stepanchick						
October 18	Erik Tice			Danielle White & Marisa Seritsky	Brandy Speer	Deb Berner	Kay Berner
October 25	Ryan Walter		Melanie Bendinsky Dennis Wolfe Donna Lassen	Ryan Walter & Dylan Buhay	Jordan Walter	Richard Berner	Tracy Berner
				Desiree Dengler	Deidre Dengler	Vivian Brown	Carla Mae Carl



Bible Humor

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

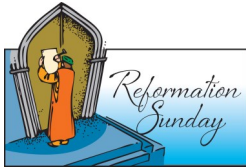
A: Adam. He was first in the human race.



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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following item for October:

Canned Vegetables

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



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

- October—Stewardship
- November—Endowment Fund
- December—Church Council
- January—Choir
- February—Social Ministry
- March—Lutheran Church Men
- April—WELCA
- May—Christian Education

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

This pantry supplements families during difficult times and that “in-between” time before their next local pantry distribution.

There are financial guidelines for eligibility.

Distribution is on a personal choice basis, so that there is no waste of unwanted items.

Call the church for more information.

We need more volunteers to help set up and distribute food, come out & join us!





Jared Box Collection October 3-11

The goal of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits of children in the hospital. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope, and love. Over 200,000 Jared Boxes have been delivered across the United States. Jared Boxes provide a special diversion for young patients in emergency rooms, patient rooms, surgical centers, clinics and as they receive chemotherapy and other medical treatments. Jared Boxes bring smiles and laughter and lift the spirit of children in the hospital. Below is a list of suggestions of what to donate. If you would like to take & fill an entire box, please let us know. Or you may give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping.

Children's Ages	Appropriate Toys/Items
Under 2	Bibs, rattles, soft books, teething rings, booties, pacifier, sippy cup or bottle <i>(No tiny toys that could cause choking)</i>
2-4	Dolls, Matchbox cars, Play-Doh, crayons, coloring books, bubbles, card games, soft balls, paint set, books, puppets, poseable figurines, costume jewelry, soft animal toys <i>(No tiny toys that could cause choking)</i>
4-8	Silly Putty, Play-Doh, paints, books, art supplies, bubbles, card games, puzzles, travel-sized board games, plastic animal figurines, cars, dress-up toys, stuffed animals, stickers, Nerf balls
8-11	Card games, paints, Silly Putty, calculator, Silly String, gel pens, yo-yo, craft kits, brainteasers, books, art supplies, small toys, Nerf balls
11 & Up	Electronic games, word search/crossword puzzles, books, playing cards, craft kits, brain teaser games, journals, art supplies, nail polish, stress balls, travel sized board games



We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Dean & Barb Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Jim Hepler, Barb Liem, Robert Schneider, June Sweinhart, David Schweinhart, Joyce Mallams, Jill Amend, Rhonda Carl, Deb Price, Barb Stepanchick, Carrie Houser, Sue Hudock

Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Elizabeth Brown, Percy Deiter, Barbara Bova, Patrice Rader, Irene Zaharick, Karyssa Wenrich, Charlie Young, Dianne Klem, Reese Burdette, Carson Boyle, Robert Berger, Sr., Marcus Smith, Harold Berner, Mary Umlauf, Paul Kimmel, Blake Kukuk, Doris Grohusky, Henry Shoup, Mary Ann Kimmel, Madelyn Harris, Robyn Barrett, Kelly Schley, Terry Lute, Tiffany Knupic, Judy Horan, Col. Mike Reiner, Kim Brown, Terry Clemson, Marge Hoenich, Lou Fetterolf, Ellie Dando, Lou Harter, Miriam Maurer, Carol Schollberger, Dianne Rhoades, Marion Kaufman, Mary Ann White, Rebecca Yorty, James McAndrew, Ron Rowe, Jonathan Kosack, Lorraine Kerstetter, Mary Long, Rachel Dietrick, Shannon Keller, John Grodis, Ken Bennett, Delores Barr, Marianne Lord, Albert & Carol Stehr, Linda Szuler, Linda Kopitsky, Linda Brown, Al Pillman, Drew Ressler, Tony Stanitis, Phil Brown, Nicole Welker, Dennis Eccleston, Betty Neumeister, Michael Pizzoli, Doris McGurl, Bill Dando, Nancy Wolfgang, Arlene Picenta, CJ Robichaux, Charlene Wolfgang, Weston Rock, Rachael Balsavage



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: if you add someone to the prayer list on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note 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 Berner Family—Kay

The Coward Family—William, Corrine & Joshua

The Garnes Family—Andrew, Rebekah, Paige & Emma



WHO ARE

These People???



Each month we have a different picture from long ago. This month's picture is from the construction of the church in 1992 when the steeple was placed onto the building.

The answers from last month's picture are: 1st row L-R: Bill Denchak, Susan Raabe Hudock, Janet Moyer, Mark Swavely, Diane Klinger, Helene Rickard, Terry Urbon. 2nd row L-R: Paul Swavely, Bonnie Kahn, Linda Bilder, Beth Boyer Andrews, Wayne Kaufman, Brenda Coward, Gail Umlauf, David Neidig. 3rd row L-R: Susan Swavely, Pastor John Swavely, Terry Korn Shilling, Sandra Waldick, Dorothy Leitzel, Marie Korn, June Kaufman.

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. I am also looking for pictures of the exterior of the Chapels: St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Zions. Thank you!





POWER *in the* BLOOD

You can put the power of faith into action
and help save a life.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road - Ashland

Monday, October 5th

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Please see Mr. Erik Tice,
or call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit
www.redcrossblood.org to
schedule an appointment

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Walk-ins are welcome

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WELCA News

Women of ELCA Schuylkill Fall Cluster

Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:00 - 12:00

Trinity Lutheran, Pottsville

"Caring for God's Creation Now
for the Healing of the World"

Speaker: Pat "Porcupine Pat" McKinney from Schuylkill
Conservation District

Bible study leader will be Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeffer
See details on the bulletin board, or contact Donna
Wallace for more information.



Knaughty Knotters will resume quilt making on Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 9:00 am. Helpers are needed to assemble and knot quilts that will be distributed to people in need around the world.

Thank you for all the material donations received thus far. We can always use more.



North Schuylkill Chapter of Thrivent Member Social Event

Member Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 24th at
St. Peter's Union Church in Tamaqua
184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua

There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person refundable upon attendance or you may donate it to a food pantry. Reservations are due by October 3rd payable to North Schuylkill Chapter of Thrivent and mailed to Bonnie Myers 1629 Municipal Road Lehighton, Pa 18235. All chapter members and a guest are welcome to attend.

Meal: Roast Beef and ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert will be served at 4pm.

Thrivent Financial Representatives and chapter leaders will be in attendance for any questions.

Information on Thrivent action teams will be available.
Questions? Call Bonnie at 570-386-4913, Linda at 570-276-1765,
Gary at 570-889-5046, Susie at 570-889-3755, or Pastor Phil at
570-384-3645



Calling all Kitchen Crew –

Food is an important part of the ministry and life of Christ's United (well, yeah, we're Lutheran!). Our commercial kitchen is a tremendous blessing, but maintaining and operating the equipment requires some special knowledge. Everyone interested in joining the Kitchen Crew please let Beth Andrews know.





All Saints' Day

Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1

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 2, 2014). 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: _____

Requested by: _____





Ministry of the Month

Time and talents

Can you talk? Can you walk? Can you read? Can you breathe? If so, you are blessed! Now – recognizing that you are blessed how can you give thanks to God for the blessings you have? By sharing them!! The enclosed “Time and Talent sheet” helps us as a congregation use all the blessings we have received, together as a congregation sharing in ministry. Please look at the options available, PRAY about them, and check the boxes next to the gifts you recognize God has given you. **DISCLAIMER:** you do NOT need to be an expert; you do not even need to be “good” at it. You just need to be willing to give back to God what you already have received.

Please return your completed “Time and Talent sheet” to the church office! Remember, this is how we tally the volunteers for next year—if you are currently involved in a ministry and want to continue, please turn in your sheet!!!

We know that whatever we have is a gift from God. In appreciation, we choose to share a portion of these gifts. Giving money and our time to the church is a symbolic act. It is the offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God. Giving is also a practical matter. Our offerings make it possible for the church to pay its bills and carry out our mission in Christ’s name.



Unearth Your Talents



BLESSING *of the* ANIMALS

Date: Saturday, October 3

Registration 2:30 pm ~ Service begins at 3:00 pm

- ◆ All pets are welcome!
- ◆ All pets will be individually blessed.
- ◆ All registered pets will be given a Certificate of Blessing.
- ◆ Service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Display by Hillside S.P.C.A.



INSTRUMENTALISTS
Needed

Can you play?

Music unites all people, and develops relationships beyond the ability of words. Christ's United is working to gather those who have an ability (or interest) in playing any instrument for a new worship ministry

at Christ's United. If you tickle the ivories, blow a mean trumpet, make a guitar sing, or just dream about any of these things, please speak with Steven Wolfgang, Keith Morgan or Pastor Kim.



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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 undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.

~~oops!~~

From a worship bulletin in San Bernardino, California:

~~JOB Openings~~

~~We need a pariah coordinator.~~

~~This position is 20 hours a week~~

This parish could also use a proofreader!



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Beth Andrews	570-874-2381	Feb. 2018
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Steven Wolfgang	Youth Rep.	Sept. 2015
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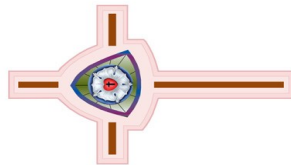
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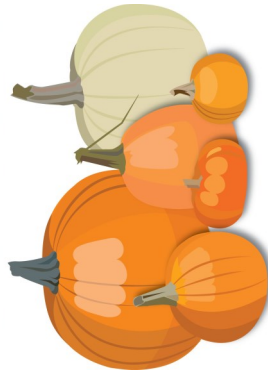




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