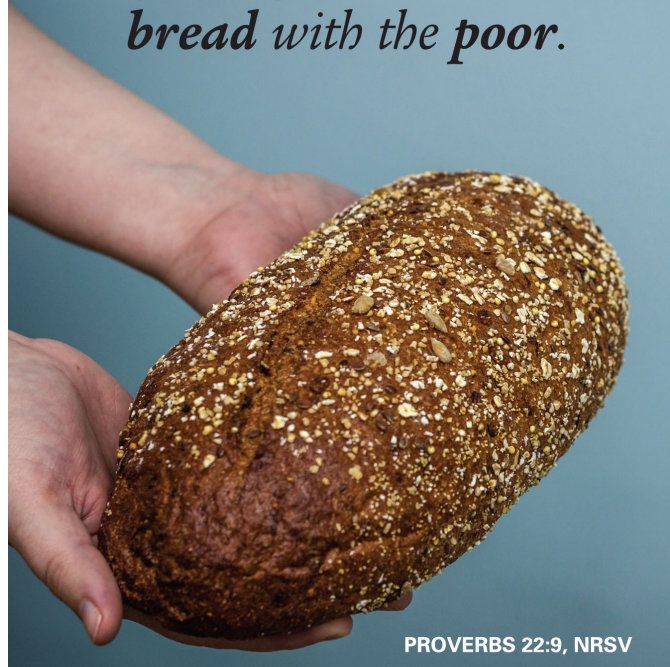


*Life Together at  
Christ's United  
Lutheran Church*



*Those who are  
generous are blessed,  
for they share their  
bread with the poor.*



PROVERBS 22:9, NRSV

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





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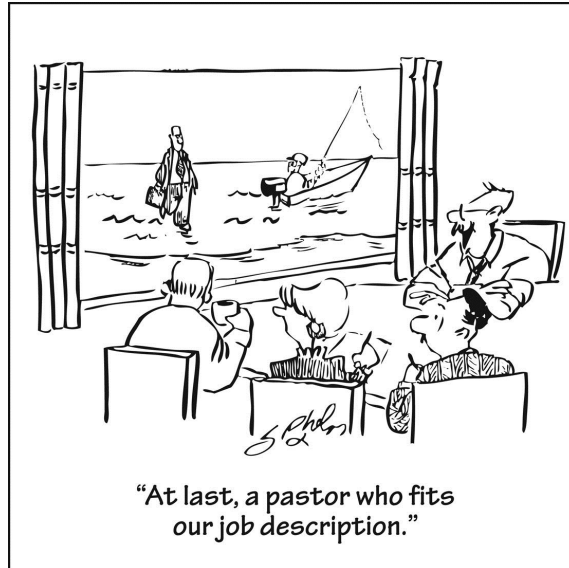
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*The September Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of Daddy's Birthday by Nathan & Nelson Berger*



## **Status of Accounts as of July 31**

Balance in Checking Account.....**Negative \$785.21**

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2015 Annual Budget of \$172,675.00 is **\$14,389.58**

July income was \$12,254.95

Benevolence Gifts.....\$9,065.50

(45% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2015)





## **Pastor Kim's Message**

Brothers and Sisters,

I am just back from a camping trip in Maine, where I with great friends and family hiked to the top of mountains, where we could stand upon wind blown granite and gaze out over the ocean, where the sun danced on the waves like brilliant diamonds and sailboats glittered, skimming across the surface like a heavenly ballet....

Wow...

My week was one filled with such wondrous beauty, and laughter and games and growing. It was an adventure that is seared into my memory. But you know what is odd about it? One of the best moments in the whole trip, was when we were heading home.

Even amidst all that beauty, there was an emptiness in me, a yearning for the comfort of being home. Not just my house, my recliner, or my comfortable bed (I'm getting a little old for tents and sleeping bags!), but something much more. I missed – I felt incomplete without – my home. My dogs, my friends, my desk overflowing, my mail to be read, my work to be accomplished, my stories to be shared, laughter to be heard, smiles to be passed, even my mess was missed, because it all together is my home. Home is family and friends, a sense of security and peace, a feeling of belonging and acceptance and love. Home is not a house, it is a relationship.

The first time I walked into worship at Christ's United, I knew I was home. And not just me – pretty much any one you talk to would say the same thing – and more importantly others will feel the same thing: security, peace, belonging, and love. Not because of the building, its functionality and accessibility: because of the smiles, the greetings, the laughter, the kind words, the partnership in service, the encouragement and comfort,

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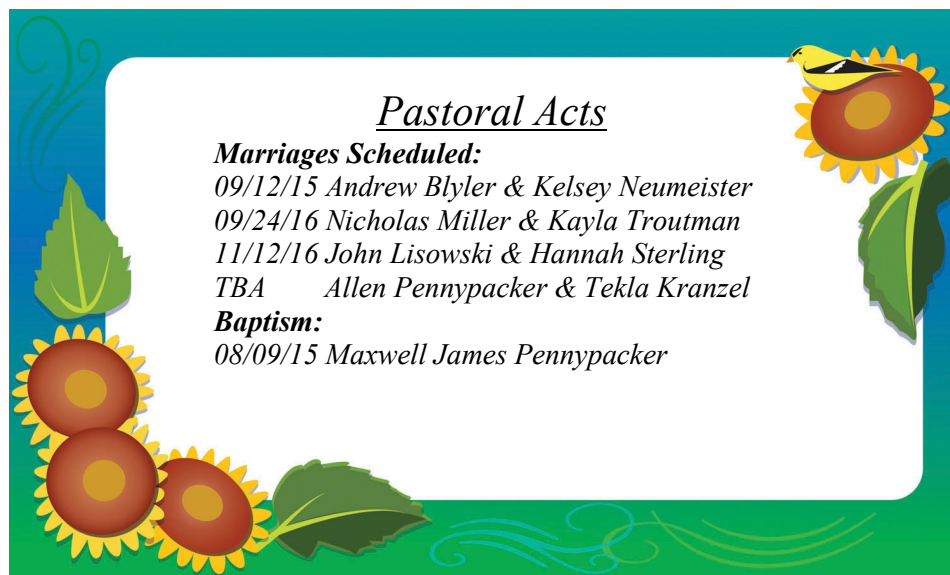
because  
of the relationships...

Wow.

In a world of marred by separation, where people feel lost, afraid,  
hurt, and broken, here in this place God blesses us with relationships  
that have created a home.

Whoever you are, wherever you've been,  
this week,  
let Christ's United welcome you home.

Peace,  
*Pastor Kim*



*Pastoral Acts*

***Marriages Scheduled:***  
09/12/15 Andrew Blyler & Kelsey Neumeister  
09/24/16 Nicholas Miller & Kayla Troutman  
11/12/16 John Lisowski & Hannah Sterling  
TBA Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel

***Baptism:***  
08/09/15 Maxwell James Pennypacker





### **Church Council Highlights from August:**

- More volunteers are needed to change the sign message to keep it current. Pastor Kim will have a piece in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to change the sign message.
  - Social Ministry and Evangelism/Outreach are the two ministries which have agreed to be videotaped by Steven Wolfgang. He will be meeting with them in the near future. Steven has also forwarded the Everest Vacation Bible School video to the website.
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Adopt a Highway has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Please meet in the church parking lot if you plan on helping. Any help is appreciated. All minors under age 18 will need to have a parent or guardian present.





- 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
- 7Carolynn Long
- 8 David Becker  
Kay Berner  
Kenneth Marlow  
Mark Sharp
- 9 Katie Knorr  
Terry Shilling  
Hailey Sisko  
Cheryl Vardell  
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



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

*\$100.00 in Memory of Seth Meyers for Bible school by:  
Nancy Lindenmuth*



	09/03/11	Keith & DruAnn Laudermilch
	09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
	09/10/88	Francis & Marjorie Lally
	09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
	09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
	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

## ***Give Electronically***

### **A special message for summer travelers**

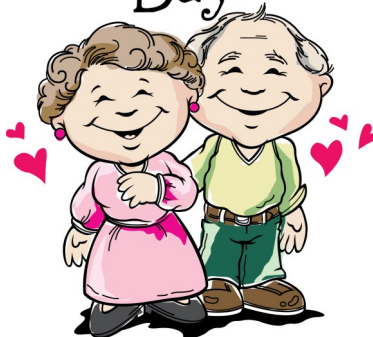
Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? **Christ's United** offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply scan the QR code here to find out more information.



## Youth Group News

A special THANK YOU to all youth parents and advisors that helped in the kitchen or provided baked goods for the fellowship hour in August!!

Grandparents  
Day



Celebration  
Sunday,  
September 13  
After worship  
Light brunch, tea  
and snacks

### **Blessing of “First Responders” Sunday, September 27**

They risk their lives to save ours. Through fire, accidents, and tragedy, our First Responders are ready and willing to help. Please gather to show your appreciation at a special Blessing of the First Responders organized by our Jr. Youth Group. Responders and their equipment from area communities will be present. Equipment and those who use it will be blessed. Come and give thanks!





## **Endowment Fund Scholarships**

All scholarship requests were due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you requested a scholarship from the endowment committee, you will be receiving an informational letter in the upcoming weeks with the date that scholarships will be distributed. Please plan on being present in person to receive the scholarship since the congregation would like to recognize you for your accomplishments and wish you luck on your endeavors.

## **The Journey begins!**

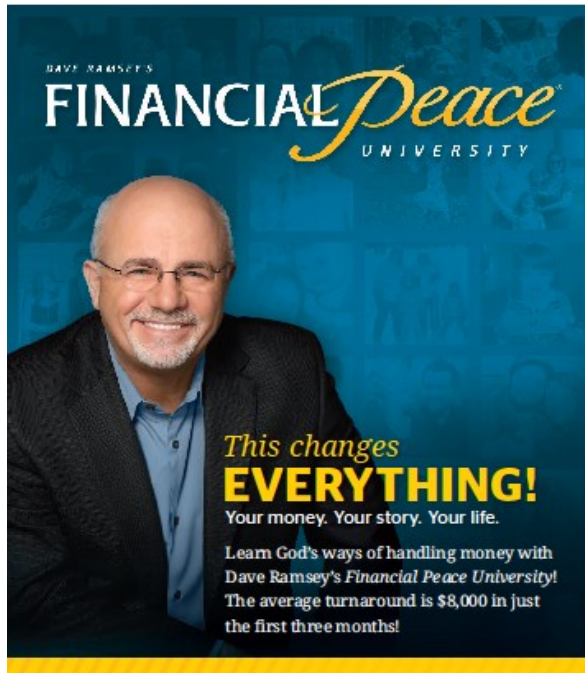
Join in as Sunday morning education takes a new twist! Modeled after our journey up Everest this past Summer (Vacation Bible School), lessons will become alive as we share in videos, music, crafts, and stories of faith!

Together we'll travel up the highest mountains and down the deepest seas, all while following the path of Jesus! We want to be sure to have enough supplies, so please register soon – just call or email the church office – 570.875.1591 or [office@christsunited.org](mailto:office@christsunited.org).



Please check out Facebook periodically for any updates on senior youth activities. Feel free to contact Tracy or Aaron if you have any suggestions or activities you would like to see happen.





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 Beginning Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 570-875-1591

**Harvest Home**  
**September 19 & 20**

Bring in any non-perishable food item. Help us stock the shelves of "Christ's Cupboard" for those in need this winter.

**Harvest Sunday**

## ***“Christ’s Cupboard”***

WOW! What an exhilarating feeling!

3,822 lbs. of food!

95 families served!

253 people fed!

Most of you may know that we have a food pantry here at Christ’s United. We have distribution the second Thursday of every month from 10:00—Noon. This past month in August we held our regular distribution and we also held a special event the following Thursday where we gave out all perishable items, and the statistics are above. Usually we are unable to order a lot of perishables because we do not have any refrigerator storage space. We do have three freezers that hold about 450 lbs. of frozen products, but even that amount does not go far when we serve between 80 and 90 families a month. All our food comes from the Greater Berks Food Bank at a fraction of the cost that it is in the stores. The reason we held this special give away was that Berks was offering all of their produce, dairy, and frozen products for free during the month of August. The truck arrived a little after 9:00 a.m., we unloaded, and then distributed it to 95 families. (the most we ever had!) These families are made up of 253 individuals that we could supply with food that they normally would not be able to afford in the grocery store.

We have been very blessed to help those within our communities with this service and all of them are very appreciative of what we do for them. The volunteers that come out every month are a great blessing to this ministry, for without them, we would not be able to do this.

We ask you the members of Christ’s United to continue to keep this ministry in your prayers and bring in your donations to fill the shopping cart. What started out not even a year ago has become a wonderful blessing to Christ’s United and the surrounding communities. Thank you!



**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**





## ***North Schuylkill Chapter of Thrivent Member Social Event***

Member Appreciation Pig Roast to be held on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Union Township Building in Ringtown, 155 Zion Grove Road

There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person for reservations, refundable upon attendance or you may donate it to the Ringtown Valley Food Pantry. Reservations are due by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> payable to North Schuylkill Chapter of Thrivent and mailed to Susie Drukker 49 N. Center St. Ringtown, PA. 17967

All chapter members and guest are welcome to attend.

***Meal –roast pork, baked potato, veggies, beverage and dessert will be served at 1:00 p.m.***

### **Door prizes**

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

Information on Thrivent action teams will be available.

**Questions? Call Susie at 570-889-3755, Gary at 570-889-5046, Bonnie 570-386-4913, Linda 570-276-1765, or Pastor Phil 570-384-3645**

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## **Flag Pole Prayers**

Each September for the past 25 years, young Christians across America have gathered around school flagpoles to pray. See You at the Pole (SYATP), which began at three schools in Burleson, Texas, is now an international event, with about 3 million participants annually. Students organize prayer gatherings, usually at 7 a.m. local time. Teachers, parents and youth pastors often join them. The theme verse for this year's event, which occurs September 23, is Acts 1:14 – "They all met together and were constantly united in prayer" (NLT). Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.



## Serving Our Community of Faith in September:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Crucifer	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
September 6	Kay Berner	Jane Pennypacker Robert Carl John Kimmel	Richard Shoup Angie Berger John Denchak	Ralph Johnson	Carey Wahalec	Helen Wolfgang	Mark Varnnell
September 13	Vivian Brown	Robert Schneider	Judy Stepulitis Kay Berner John Towey	Heather Klinger	Lydia Price	Beth Andrews	Cheryl Varnnell
September 20	Donna Lassen			Nathan Berger	Zachary Hummel	Dennis Wolfe	Beth Andrews
September 27	Kylie Mallams			Jacob Tice	Tanner & Logan Walacavage	Melanie Bendinsky	Ian Bendinsky






### Bible Humor

**Q:** Who was the best financier in the Bible?

**A:** Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.



# September 2015

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6 <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship	7 <b>Office Closed</b>   <b>LABOR DAY</b>	8 9:00 Food Delivery  6:30 Choir Practice & Picnic 7:00 Bible Study	9 10:00 Seniors  4:30 Sr. Youth pizza & food pantry set up 6:30 Financial Peace	10 9:00 Bible Study 10:00-12:00 Chr Cupboard  7:00 Finance Committee – Bu Meeting																																																	
13 <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Rally Day Jr. Youth Grandparents Event 3:30 Ladies Night Out	14 <b>Holy Cross Day</b> 1:00 Staff Meeting  6:00 <i>Mutual Ministry</i> 6:30 <i>Church Council</i>	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Study	16 10:00 Seniors  6:30 Financial Peace	17 9:00 Bible Stud  7:00 <i>Personnel Committee Mee</i> <b>Citizenship Day (observed)</b>																																																	
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# SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following item for September:

## Peanut Butter

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

- September—Property
- October—Stewardship
- November—Endowment Fund
- December—Church Council
- January—Choir
- February—Social Ministry
- March—Lutheran Church Men

**“Christ’s Cupboard”**  
 Next Distribution Date  
**Thursday, September 10**  
 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!**





## 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 Pfeiffer  
Sign up to attend on the bulletin board by Sept. 20 or  
contact Jo-Ann Young or Donna Wallace for more  
information.



### **September 13 at 3:30**

There is still time for us to take advantage of the Summer weather, but we will not be travelling far – we'll be heading over to Germanville – it's a picnic at Pastor Kim's. You saw the before: now see the after. Please sign up on the bulletin board as this will be a potluck picnic out by the pool. There is a pavilion for rain or shine!



## **We Offer our Prayers to...**

### **Members of Christ's United:**

Dean & Barb Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Jim Hepler, Barb Liem, Robert Schneider, June Sweinhart, Nelson Berger Sr., David Schweinhart, Joyce Mallams, Jill Amend, Linda Zerby

### **Family & Friends:**

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Elizabeth Brown, Percy Deiter, Barbara Bova, Patrice Rader, Irene Zaharick, Karyssa Wenrich, Charlie Young, Dianne Klem, Reese Burdette, Anthony Novitsky, 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, Annette Purnell, James McAndrew, Ron Rowe, Jonathan Kosack, Lorraine Kerstetter, Mary Long, Rachel Dietrick, Shannon Keller, John Grodis, Ken Bennett, Delores Barr, Marianne Lord, Albert Stehr, Linda Szuler, Linda Kopitsky, Linda Brown, Al Pillman, Drew Ressler



**PRAYERS  
FOR A SPEEDY  
RECOVERY**

*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 Edmonson Family—Richard & Susan  
The Fegley Family—Don, Ruby, Anita, Amy & Douglas  
The Geedey Family—Zebulun, Jennifer & Benjamin



WHO ARE

These People???



Each month we 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.

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!





Saturday, September 19, 2015  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Christ's United Lutheran Church**  
437 Airport Road, Ashland  
(570) 875-1591, [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org)

**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!***



Your donations to complete the menu for the Annual Chicken Barbecue will be greatly appreciated. Please complete and return this sheet no later than **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. The sheet may be placed in the Chicken Barbecue Donation Box in the narthex or returned to the Church Office.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **One #10 can whole kernel corn**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Can of Decaf Coffee**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cakes, cupcakes, cookies, etc.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **12 pack soda (any brand/flavor)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **20 lb. bag of charcoal**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash**

Donations may be placed on the center island kitchen counter. **Please attach your name to your donation so we can account for it.** All donations except the baked goods must be in the church no later than September 13, so a final inventory can be taken and the remaining items may be purchased. Baked goods may be brought on **Friday, September 18** between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or **Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



We want to invite you to be a part of the choir here at Christ's United. No auditions are required—just a desire to sing praises to our Lord through music.

Even if you're not quite sure, come and just sit in on a rehearsal—observe, listen, & ask questions.

If it's something you want to be a part of—and we hope it is—we rehearse every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm beginning on September 8, and will welcome you with open arms and singing voices.





## *Growing in God's Word!*

Starting in September Bible Studies will GROW with two different opportunities each week! Tuesday evenings at 7:00 will be a special study with special guest leader, Pastor Vicki Reeser, delving into the Bible like you have never gone before! Thursday mornings at 9:00 will be an exploration of the Bible, where it came from and where it is going today. All are welcome, bring a friend!



## **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. A special gathering (with cookie tasting) will acquaint all with regular kitchen operations.





## Welcome!

Christ's United extends a warm welcome to the Gordon Seniors as they begin gathering here each Wednesday for fellowship and food on Wednesday, September 9. Membership is open to everyone 55 years of age and older, and all seniors related to the congregation and friends are invited to join in the activities each week. Even if you are not quite yet a senior, please stop by to wish them welcome!



### *Just Curious or Ready to Jump In,*

You are Welcome Here! All are welcome to learn more about the practice of faith in Jesus Christ at Christ's United during our member classes on Saturday, September 12 & 19. We will discuss worship, Holy Communion and Baptism, and the ways we can worship every day by faith! We will meet after worship in the Library at 6:00 p.m.



Those wishing to join Christ's United will be welcomed during the Sunday 9:30 am service on September 20th, with a celebration afterwards. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Christ's United, please tell Pastor Kim.





**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** We have just a few openings left for our 2 fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends—September 18-20 at the beautiful Spruce Lake Retreat in the Poconos and October 16-18 at the lovely Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. Strengthen and enrich your marriage by spending a weekend devoted to your couple relationship! Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish to make at the end of the weekend. To register, simply go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and sign up, or for questions or if you would like to register offline, contact PA Lutheran Marriage Encounter directors, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net)

## **Ministry of the Month**

### Property

#### *Do we Need It?*

Have you ever gone off by yourself to pray? Some of us to a garden, and others to the forest or a lake. Time alone with our Lord is important. So why do we need a Church building and grounds? The property of the church enables us to grow our faith by reaching out to others. It also enables us to reach out to each other as we reaffirm and strengthen our faith with a unity that cannot be done on our own. The property committee is a mission to keep our church, not only looking good, but aiding our faith to grow and develop.

Please, Come Grow With Us,  
The Property Committee







## Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3

Woof. Meow. Blubblub. It is time to give thanks for those furry and scaly (and other?) animals that touch our lives. We will gather at 3:00 p.m. outside for a special service of Blessing of the Animals. All creatures are welcome and invited, and a

special gift for each will be given with the blessing.

## Visioning Committee

Our Mission Statement calls us to re-examination: to constantly review our ministries to insure that we are on the path that God has laid before us in reaching His people. A group will be gathering to do just that. Gaining understanding into the differences between age groups, including learning styles, interests, and needs, the Visioning Committee will review our worship life, educational, social, and outreach ministries. It is hoped that their insights will help us as we continue to respond to God's call for ministry. If you are interested in learning more about the Visioning Committee, please talk with Pastor Kim.



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 under  
gird our program and the  
maintenance of our facilities as it  
encourages improved stewardship.*



From a newsletter in Richmond, Virginia:

~~THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE~~

School Spelling Bee On Thursday

Movie Night on Friday

Will the students spell everything correctly on Thursday?



## **CHURCH COUNCIL 2015**

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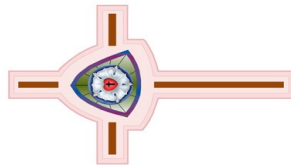
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