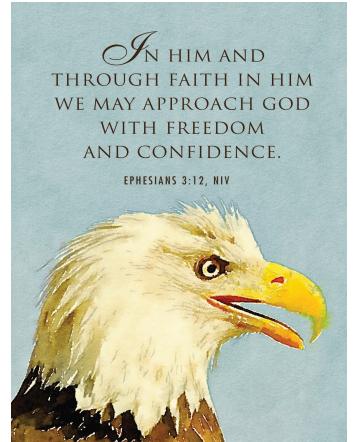
Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





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

Life Together at Christ's United



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Status of Accounts as of May 31

Balance in Checking Account......\$5,023.23 Amount needed in offerings <u>per month</u> to meet our 2015 Annual Budget of \$172,675.00 is **\$14,389.58** <u>May income was \$13,112.28</u> Benevolence Gifts.....\$6,623.50 (33% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2015)



Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

You have to wonder how many folks were thinking: "is it worth it?"

The colonies were still fairly new, most of the country was still unexplored, and there was a great deal of security in keeping things the same. But yet, there was this group pushing for change...

There were so few of them that it seemed as if the idea itself would just die out and fade away. But they were persistent, determined, and recognizing the risks, were willing to do something incredibly crazy: they, drafted, signed, and organized under the Declaration of Independence. Families were split, businesses were lost, and lives dramatically changed. Yet there are none gathering today to question the importance of that change.

We can identify with that; after all, Christ's United is a congregation of change. Back in 1969 the union of ministry between six congregations was unheard of in this synod and the Lutheran Church in America. The formation of a new identity, the reorganization of pastors, the building of a new home – all – was something incredibly crazy, and extremely risky. Yet there are none gathering in worship today to question that change.

After pushing for a change in our confirmation program last year, last week seven youth and two adults ventured to Gettysburg for a week long retreat. The new program focused on experiential learning, gathering in two short retreats and one long one for a combination of intense biblical study combined with service (and of course a LOT of play). The program is anchored by a peer discussion group for Senior Youth on Sunday mornings. There were those folks who were thinking "was such a change worth it?"

Ask the youth who went to Gettysburg last week. Ask them about living in the wilderness of fear and mistrust, and the lessons of God that we learn to carry us through. Ask them about manna, and God's presence in their lives. Ask them about the importance of the Sabbath, and how Jesus gives all the ability to see. Listen to them speak of their faith, and there will be none to question that change.

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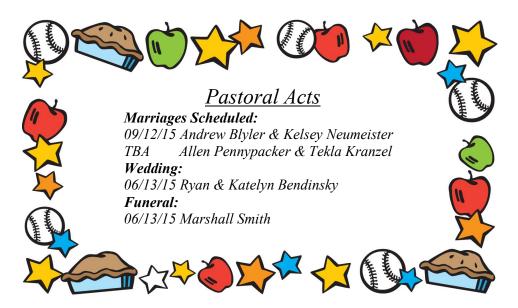
And now there is a new push for change among us: the addition of a contemporary worship service, a service with more music and teaching sermons, a service designed to reach out to the younger non-churched people around us. The service will add more responsibilities, more time, and more costs. And there are those who will wonder, "is it worth it?"

In truth, I don't know. What I do know is that there are more and more people aged between 16 and 40 who have no connection with Jesus Christ. What I do know is that our liturgy was written for a specific group of the faithful many hundreds of years ago. What I do know is that if we don't try, we have already lost.

I ask you to join with me in exploring this new change amidst us. Ask questions, offer prayer, and open your heart. Think about those you know who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ, and ask yourself : "are they worth it?"

I hope so... Because Jesus died for them as well as for you and I. So let's give this change a try: together.

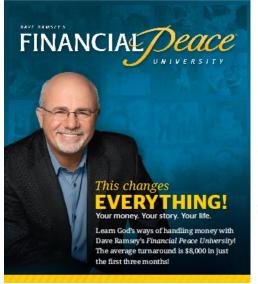
Peace, Pastor Kim





Church Council Highlights from June:

- The LCM & WELCA groups are working on getting a kitchen committee together.
- In order to save costs our electric supplier has been changed from Direct Energy to PPL.
- A CPR class will be held in the near future with Melanie Bendinsky leading it.
- New electrodes and batteries will be purchased for the AED.
- A free clinic to serve poor residents of the community is being researched and developed by a member of Christ's United. All equipment has been donated and grants have been applied for. Pastor Kim has asked the council for their support. The location is yet to be determined.



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



- 2 Ryan Bendinsky Heather Schweinhart
- 3 Mindy Burke Dustin Koons Joan Clark John E. Shilling
- 4 John Denchak David Schweinhart
- 5 Christopher Dillman
- 6 Chris Brennan James Locker Sally Tice Ron Wallace
- Jeremiah Johnson Michelle Knorr Rick Lorady Patrick Monaghan Jeffrey Sharp Daniel Sisko
- 8 John Kimmel
- 10 Nelson Berger, Jr.
- 11 Wendy Farnsworth Eric Singleton
- 12 Dylan Barker William Harris
- 13 Gavin Klock Deb Price Todd Walacavage

- 14 Peter Hepler Samuel Troup, Jr.
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- 19 Jeffrey Hummel Kylie Sisko
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- 26 Carla Mae Carl Rachel Green Thomas Wolfgang
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- 30 Kylie Mallams
- 31 Barbara Fetterolf



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Ministry of the Month



Outreach does not reflect on the length of our arms, but that our arms are open to all. In July we work to make our church a warmer place both within and without our walls and community.

The month of July we are given the opportunity to serve after our church service. However, our committee is given the opportunity to serve throughout the year.

Evangelical Outreach is the life blood of Christianity. By doing as Christ instructed, both we and the church will grow continuously.

The Evangelical Outreach Committee would like to invite everyone to attend at least one meeting this year to share ideas and visions. Remember Evangelism Outreach is a part of every Christian.

It's what we do!

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



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Youth Group News

Friday, July 10

The senior youth group will meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Knoebels trip. This is a Senior youth sponsored event. We will eat at Knoebels so bring money for food and souvenirs. Approximate estimate for our return is 10:00 p.m. Junior youth are also invited to attend this trip with a guardian/parent.

Hope to see you there.



The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for 2015 scholarships. If you are a 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 1, 2015 to the church office or one of the members of the committee- Sarah Fetterolf, Angie Berger, Barb Anczarski, Tracy Berner, or Darcie Gruber.

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

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



The Coolest Week of the Summer!

New friends A Amazing experiments Glacier games
 Lip-smacking snacks Surprising adventures Incredible music

Location: Christ's United Lutheran Church

(church name)

VBS will last from: Sunday, July 26 - Thursday, July 30

(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: ____6:00 p.m.

(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 8:00 p.m.

(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: <u>570-875-1591</u> (church phone number)

Bible school will be sponsored in



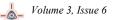
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Vacation Bible School

Come and climb together! The journey is fun when we travel with Jesus Christ! Our theme is Jesus as we experience Everest, one of our most exciting VBS programs ever! Our day begins and ends in basecamp, from which our own Sherpa guides will take us to new heights. Save the dates July 26-30 and pre-register by filling out thi

is form Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power	(One Per Child)
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In case of emergency, contact:	
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July 5	Cheryl Varndell	John Towey Dot Zeigenfuse Kay Berner	Donna Wallace Dennis Wolfe Irene Morgan	Jordan Walter	Ryan Walter	John Towey	Jim Gruber
July 12	Mark Varndell	lan Bendinsky		Ashley O'Connor	Brian O'Connor	Barb Stepanchick	Darcie Gruber
July 19	John Towey			Nathan Smith	Dylan Buhay	Deb Hall	Nancy Lindenmuth
July 26	Deidre Dengler			Amy Johnson	Alyssa Becker	Pearl Lute	Irene Morgan



Come & Worship!

Worship is the central part of our life together at Christ's United. In it we reconnect with families, friends, and most of all, God. Throughout the winter we were hampered in our ability to get to worship, but now the snow and ice have passed and the Summer sun is in the sky. Please use this wonderful weather to join in the gift of worship either on Saturdays at 5 pm or Sundays at 9.30 am. It's a great time for our family's reunion!

July 2015

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5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship	6 8:30 Summer Youth Fun Day 1:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 <i>Church Council</i>	7 9:00 Food Delivery	8 4:30 Sr. youth pizza & food pantry set up 7:00 Mini Bible Study	9 10:00-12:00 Cupboard fo distribution
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service <u>Seafarers Collection</u> 10:30 Fellowship 3:30 Ladies Night Out	13 6:00 Mutual Ministry	14	15 7:00 Mini Bible Study	16 7:00 Personi Committee N
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service <u>Seafarers Collection</u> 10:30 Fellowship	20 9:30 Stewardship Team Meeting 1:00 Staff Meeting	21	22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle	23 12:00-2:00 A area food pa Good Sheph 7:00 Schuylk Mission Distr Council, St. I
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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for July:

Boxed Potatoes

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

July—Evangelism/Outreach August—Youth Group September—Property October—Stewardship November—Endowment Fund December—Church Council January—Choir

"Christ's Cupboard"

Next Distribution Date **Thursday, June 9** 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!



Christmas-at-Sea

Would you like to bring joy to seafarers who will not be home with their families for Christmas? Join Christ's United's Social Ministry Team in helping bring Christmas joy to those at sea.

Port chaplains from Seafarers International House bring satchels filled with gifts to the ships they visit in the weeks prior to Christmas. Later, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, when the ship is in the middle of the ocean, the captain holds a holiday celebration and every crew member will open their satchels, each containing the following items:

One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size L-XL),

Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or white gym,

One Casual Pullover T-Shirt (size M-L),

One Knit Winter Cap,

One Can of Nuts or Large Bar of Chocolate

(You pick the colors, styles and brands you wish, but please no substitutions from the list. The Christmas-at-Sea satchels should be comparable for each member of the crew).

We will be collecting donations during the month of July, please see the display in the Narthex.

What might otherwise have been another lonely night at sea becomes a joyous occasion, not just because of the beautiful gifts received, but because complete strangers ashore have taken the time to share the spirit of Christmas with these otherwise forgotten seafarers. Typically, a completely filled satchel costs about \$25.

A group from Christ's United will be going to NYC to see and tour Seafarers House on June 29.



Life Together at Christ's United

We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Dean & Barb Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Jim Hepler, Harold Wink, Barb Liem, Rick Lorady, Kolby Cress, Marlene Lucas, Betty Miller, Emma Fishburn, Robert Schneider, Loretta Cook, Nancy Kessler, Jill Amend, June Sweinhart, Desiree Dengler, Nelson Berger Sr., Morgen Sweitzer, Tanner Walacavage 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, Heather Young, Mary Umlauf, Paul Kimmel, Blake Kukuk, Doris Grohusky, Henry Shoup, Mary Ann Kimmel, Madelyn Harris, Zach Milner, Robyn Barrett, Kelly Schley, Terry Lute, Tiffany Knupic, Judy Horan, Col. Mike Reiner, Kim Brown, Brooklyn Sanchez, Terry Clemson, Gregory Kinn, 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, Lewis Young, Jonathan Kosack, Lorraine Kerstetter, Mary Long, Rachel Dietrick, Shannon Keller, John Grodis, Linda Putlock, Ken Bennett, Delores Barr



A SPEED OVERY 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 Berger Family—Nelson, Angie, Nelson & Nathan The Cook Family—Loretta, William & Stephanie The Dengler Family—James





These People???



This is an early picture of St. John's (Kimmel's) Chapel. Date Unknown.

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!

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WELCA News

Thank you for donations for the Lutheran World Relief In Gathering items. A total of 125 bars of soap, 25 school kits, 55 knotted quilts, and \$150 for shipping

were sent out on June 19th. The Knaughty Knotters are not meeting during the summer but donations of sheets, blankets, mattress pads, and fabric are needed to continue in the fall. Please drop off any donations on the table in social hall.



The annual Women's picnic will be held on August 5, 2015 6:00 p.m.

All women and guests are welcome to attend and share in a fun evening of food and games.
The women of Good Shepherd, Ashland, Zion's and English from Minersville, Zion's, Frackville, and St. Paul's, Port Carbon have been invited to join us for this evening.
A sign up for covered dish or dessert is on bulletin board.
A "crazy bingo game" will be played so bring a wrapped \$5.00
gift if you wish to play along.



It's travel time! We will heading down to our favorite small town restaurant, Ozgoods in Robesonia. First introduced by Pastor Kim, this has become a regular destination for many of our group. Meet at church to share a ride on Sunday, July 12 at 3.30 pm. Our discussion theme is our favorite vacation – bring photos and a story to share!





Sponsors Needed

The following still need sponsored for 2015. Bulletins: August 9 & 16 Newsletters: September & November Altar Flowers: October 4 & 11, November 15 & 22 Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 570-875-1591.

Growing in God's Word!

The warm Summer sun has finally arrived – so plan to celebrate by basking in the Son! There will be a special mini discussion on the Adventures of Paul July 8th and 15th at 7 p.m. Bring a friend and wear travel clothes as we travel through the highlights of this strange "apostle" of Jesus, everywhere from his call to his imprisonment to his freedom through Christ. See you there!





Bus Trip To Sight & Sound

Thursday, August 13th

<u>Deadline to Reserve Tickets: JULY 5th</u> Bus leaves Church parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

<u>Cost</u>

Adults \$96.00 Child (2-12) \$61.00

In order to guarantee main floor seating, payment is due upon signup.

Lunch at Hershey Farms 12:00 p.m.

Hershey Farm's Grand Smorgasbord features both classic PA Dutch dishes and modern flavors. Enjoy our original recipes, hot entrées, freshly prepared daily specials on the Grill, a hot carving station, crisp salads and homemade soups on the Soup, Salad, Gourmet Bread & Potato Bar and our famous desserts on the Bakery fresh deluxe dessert bar.



Show at Sight & Sound 2:45 p.m.

Of all the characters in the Bible, perhaps Joseph is the best parallel to the character of Jesus. During a time of an "eye-for-an-eye and tooth-for-a-tooth" mentality, Joseph's story of forgiveness and integrity has made this Bible story a timeless truth, inspiring generations of men and women to walk upright in the midst of great temptation.

Sight & Sound's depiction of this classic story magnifies the many qualities that make *Joseph* appeal to people of all ages.

Experience a cast of 45 professional adult and child actors and dozens of live animals on the stage and in the aisles. Witness several amazing dream sequences, including Joseph in his colorful coat "flying" above the audience. Sight & Sound's larger-than-life staging features scenes like the spectacular Egyptian palace, which spans 300 feet and wraps around three sides of the audience. 20 original songs add to the excitement, helping Sight & Sound live up to its motto: "Where the Bible comes to life!®"

Please make checks payable to: Christ's United WELCA. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



TAKE THE PLEDGE – RELATIONSHIP REHAB!

The theme of the God's story is relationship: with God, with each other, and with creation. But our relationship has been broken, and there are a lot of things in our world today that seek to pull us even further apart.



To help us rehabilitate and repair relationships, the Stewardship Ministry Team is challenging Christ's United in the Two Hour Turn Off. Once per week, turn off all electronic devices (computers, cell phones, telephones, televisions, etc.) and do something together as a family or with friends.

Sign up on the bulletin board and make the pledge!

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.



Can you play?

Music unites all people, and develops INSTRUMENTALISTS 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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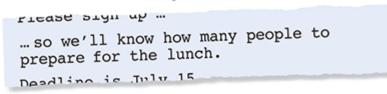
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Property property@christsunited.org **Christ's United Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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 reexamination 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.





You might want to skip that meal — and the preparations!

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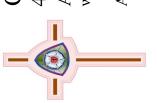
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