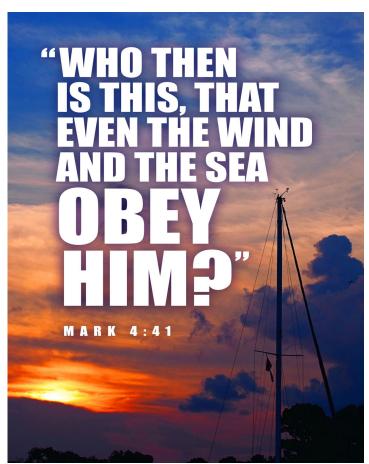
Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





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



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The June Newsletter is sponsored in Memory of Patrick Brayford by Wife, Jeanmarie Brayford



Status of Accounts as of April 30

April income was \$15,328.65

Benevolence Gifts......\$5,063.50 (25% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2015)



Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Shhh. I snuck away. As I write this article, I am sitting near my hotel room window, looking at the lights dance off the waters of Seneca Lake, while sailboats rock gently in their moorings. It was a quick side journey before the travels of Summer, as retreats and meetings in towns across Pennsylvania seem to fill every week.

The journey has been fun and relaxing, filled with beautiful views of mountains and lakes as I twisted around curves and bends in the road. The drive gave much time for reflection, allowing me to think about my journey through life. Few could have imagined the journey from the mountains of my youth to those of Schuylkill County.

But could any of us have done the same? From our beginnings we could never have imagined the journey life laid before us, what we would experience, what we would see, what, we would survive...

There have been so many differences and changes we may wonder if we are even on the same road that we started on: nothing looks familiar, nothing feels the same. We feel lost, and alone. But we're not.

In Matthew chapter 28 verse 20, Jesus said: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus is with us every step of our journey through life, whether it be along the heights of beautiful mountains or in the darkness of the tragedies valleys.

This understanding is the basis for Journey, our recently re-christened Sunday morning education program at Christ's United. It is an opportunity to be strengthened for our life journey - wherever it may lead - knowing that God *is* with us.

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Our Journey will take some turns for the Summer as we also take some turns from our normal routines for get-aways to the mountains, the beach, relatives, and even the lake. We go with the understanding that soon we will be together again, full of stories of our adventures and the miracles of them, for no matter where we went we never travelled alone.

And there is no need to be quiet. We all need to know that our journey is never solo. We all need to hear how God led us, how God spoke to us, and how no matter where we went, we where never, ever, alone. We need to hear that. The world needs to hear that. Won't you share your Journey with us?

Blessings on your journey this Summer. Come home often to share your tales and be strengthened to go out again.

Peace,
Pastor Kim

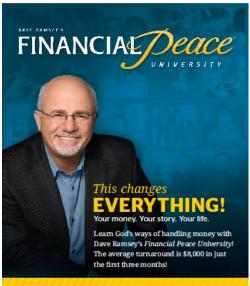




Church Council Highlights from May:

- The Pastor is working on three new approaches for Christ's United: Establishment of a futures committee, council training, & reevaluation of our worship life.
- The day camp for 2015 has been cancelled, but the group will be working on day events to be held throughout the summer.
- The finance committee is looking into a new phone system for the church.

- The fellowship hall guidelines were reviewed and changes were suggested.
- A proposal was made to look into starting a contemporary worship service.
- A motion was made to have Steven Wolfgang & Thomas Wolfgang make videos and work with the sound system in order to produce webpage videos during the summer.



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 Sunday, September 13

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



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road - Ashland

Monday, June 8th 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Please see Mr. Erik Tice, 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

Blood is especially needed this time of year. Please schedule your donation today.

1-800-RLD CROSS | redorpseblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App.





Ministry of the Month

Since worship is the central focus of the church, the group which is most responsible for the worship life of any congregation is the worship and music committee. This committee's primary concern is with the spiritual life and order of worship. The arts, architecture, music, festivals, choir, etc. come under its domain. Essentially, the worship and music committee is the guiding force which directs the worship life of the congregation. It is through this committee that the Pastor works to develop and guide the music program. The membership of the committee usually includes persons with musical judgment who can guide the program and also includes persons who assist in other ways—lectors, ushers, greeters, and those responsible for paraments and candles. The committee should also include those who sit in the pew each Sunday as we are all involved in worship and guided by the Holy Spirit!



Dear Members of CULC.

I wish to express my heartfelt thank you for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy upon the death of my friend Bob Babcock.

It is nice to have such wonderful friends.

Nellie Schlorff

Members of Christ's United,

Thank you so much for everything we were given, all the prayers for us and all the love we received from your whole church family.

Love, the Little's (William, Danielle, & Beau)

Youth Group News

Fathers Day Event

Sr. and Jr. youth groups
June 21st

following worship at 11:00am
It will be a cake decorating contest.
The youth will need to bring a baked cake and the decorations for their



creations. Also they need to bring their invited guests: Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles, Guardians, Big Brothers...etc. We will have the decorating contest while we enjoy Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. We hope all can attend. Please see signup sheet on bulletin board to sign up or to donate supplies needed.

A special thanks to everyone who attended the Mothers Day youth event. Thanks to all who helped out, donated, prayer for and also attended. We had 25 in attendance with 8 of them being our youth members. We enjoyed a great pasta dinner and made crafts and gifts for our guests. Please submit any ideas for next years Mothers Day event to any youth team member. Thanks, The Youth Team



Vacation Bible School

Save the date! VBS is happening on Sunday, July 26-31! Plan to be a part of this year's amazing journey as we grow in Jesus! Leaders of all shapes, sizes and ages are needed, so watch for announcements of upcoming planning sessions!

Special Offering June 7 & 14



Congratulations Graduates!

Emilee Mallams: Emilee received a Bachelor of Science dree in Health Sciences with a monor in Community Health from Lock Haven University. She plans to attend Lock Haven to obtain her Master of Health Science program in Physician Assistant studies.

Kaitlin Neumeister: Kaitlin graduated from Tri-Valley high school and plans on attending Lock Haven University this fall to major in Nursing for Labor & Delivery.

Shale Waldick: Shale graduates from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and his future plans are to obtain work in the field of Masonry.

Taryn Wilson: Taryn will graduate from Tri-Valley High school and plans on attending Shippensburg University. She will major in Health Sciences and be playing softball.

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.





ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Now is the time to sign up for one of the fall Weekends to be sure you get the one of your choice. The

fall Weekends are:

• <u>September 18-20, 2015</u> at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.

<u>October 16-18, 2015</u> in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Currently, the registration fee is \$45 per couple; however, starting September 1, the registration fee will be going up to \$100 per couple, so register now to qualify for the lower registration fee. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$45 registration with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

Serving Our Community of Faith in June:

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Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
June 7	Barb Stepanchick	Barb Stepanchick Dennis Wolfe Deb Hall	Donna Lassen Jim Gruber Kay Berner	Jacob Tice	Alaina Lindenmuth	Steven Wolfgang	Richard Berner
June 14	Sally Tice	Darlene Stank		Brandy Speer	Marisa Seritsky	Deb Zaharick	Kay Berner
June 21	Vivian Brown			Tanner Walacavage	Logan Walacavage	Tracy Berner	Vivian Brown
June 28	Tyler Wolfgang			Taryn Wilson	Deana Lesher	Carla Mae Carl	Cheryl Denchak

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (transferred) 1:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Church Council	2 Choir's Taking a Break	G:00 Youth Planning Team Meeting 7:00 WELCA	4 7:00 Grief Gi
7 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service, Recognition of Graduates, Blessing of Quilts VBS Special Offering 10:30 Fellowship Hour 1:00-5:00 Social Hall Reserved	8 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive	9 9:00 Food Delivery 7:00 Social Ministry Team Meeting	4:30 Sr. Youth Pizza & Food Pantry set up	11 Barnabas, A 10:00-12:00 "Christ's Cup 6:30 Christia Education Me
Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service VBS Special Offering 10:30 Fellowship Hour 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Confirmation Retreat 6:30 Worship & Music Team Meeting	16 Confirmation Retreat	17 Confirmation Retreat	18 Confirmation
Pourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 11:00 Jr. & Sr. youth group Father's Day celebration	1:00 Staff Meeting First Day of Summer	23	24 John the Baptist 7:00 Evangelism Event @ St. Paul's, Summer Hill	25 Presentation Augsburg Confession 9:30 Newslet Assembly 12:00-2:00 A area food pai
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour	29 Peter and Paul, Apostles 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Grief Support Group	30	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	

SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for June:

Spaghetti & Sauce

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

June—Music & Worship
July—Evangelism/Outreach
August—Youth Group
September—Property
October—Stewardship
November—Endowment Fund
December—Church Council

"Christ's Cupboard"

Next Distribution Date **Thursday, June 11** 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!



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.



So to help us rehabilitate and repair our relationships, the Stewardship Ministry Team is putting out a challenge to Christ's United: 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. A list of possible activities (like talking, playing a

game, or taking a walk) is posted on the bulletin board. There is also a place for you to sign up and make the pledge! The Stewardship Ministry Team will be collecting stories of participants to share how the Two Hour Turn Off changed their relationships. Sign up today!

Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card Christ's United now accepts electronic donations

Participate Today.

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to www.christsunited.org or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Dean & Barb Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Chip Bendinsky, Judy Stepulitis, Jim Hepler, Harold Wink, Dale Bolich, Barb Liem, Rick Lorady, Kolby Cress, John Kimmel, Marlene Lucas, Nellie Schlorff, Betty Miller, Lewis Pennypacker, Emma Fishburn, Jim Chappell, Robert Schneider

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, Shirley Boehmer, Mary Ann Kimmel, Madelyn Harris, Zach Milner, Robyn Barrett, Kelly Schley, Terry Lute, Dan Mattern, Tiffany Knupic, Judy Horan, Col. Mike Reiner, Kim Brown, Brooklyn Sanchez, Terry Clemson, Gregory Kemm, Marge Hoenich, Elaine Stone, Lou Fetterolf, Ellie Dando, Lou Harter, Miriam Maurer, Carol Schollberger, Dianne Rhoades, Marion Kaufman, Mary Ann White



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 Bereski Family—Paul, Toni, Ty & Dakota
The Conrath Family—James & Jo
The Dengler Family—Kenny, Tammy, Deidre & Desiree



These People???

The answer's from last months "Who Are These People???" are clockwise left to right: Judy Stepulitis, Peggy Dornsife, Beth Andrews, Terry Shilling, Kay Rickard, Walter Payne, David Neidig, Wayne Kaufman, Michelle Stitzer, Pam Ziegenfuse. St. Paul's, Gordon primary Sunday school Christmas party, 1954.

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!

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

\$75.00 in Memory of Robert Babcock by Nellie Schlorff John Kimmel Berniece Fegley Barbara & Chet Peachey

\$100.00 for "Christ's Cupboard" in Honor of Jim & Darcie Gruber's Wedding Anniversary by Richard, Donna & Wesley Kuczawa Sarah & Kyle Mumper

WELCA News



Love One Another

Women of the ELCA Northeastern PA Synod Annual Convention June 13, 2015

Friedens Lutheran Church, Oley, PA Contact Donna Wallace for more information.

Thank you to everyone who donated "supplies" for the Knaughty Knotters to assemble and complete 54 knotted quilts for 2015 In- Gathering for Lutheran World Relief. WELCA collected and assembled 25 school kits in drawstring bags. The quilts and school kits will be displayed at the June 6 and 7 worship services. A blessing of the LWR donations will be held at the June 7th worship service. These items will be sent as a sign of God's love for each person who receives one, trusting that it will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear.

The Knaughty Knotters will take a summer break but will restart in the fall. Donations of used blankets, sheets, quilts, mattress pads, and fabric will be needed to continue the project. Drop off any donations on the table in the social hall.

Growing in God's Word!

The warm Summer sun has finally arrived – so plan to celebrate by basking in the Son! This Summer we will have a series of "mini" studies so that all can enjoy the warmth of God's love. Watch the announcements for the next Summer Study for you!





Sponsors Needed

The following still need sponsored for 2015. Bulletins: June 28, August 9 & 16, September 6 & 13

Christmas Eve Bulletin
Newsletters: July, September, November &
December
Please sign up on the bulletin board or call
the church office at 570-875-1591.

Staying Fed

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103, NRSV).

Recently I was confronted with this question: If you fed yourself with food the way you feed yourself with God's Word, would you still be alive? It gave me pause.

Do I eat *enough* spiritually? — feast regularly enough on Scripture to keep up my energy and the health of my soul? Do I eat *nutritiously*? — take in a balanced meal of law and gospel, comfort and commandments, prophecy and promise? Do I pass up spiritual *junk food*? — set aside empty calories that lead to disease, in order to hunger for what truly gives life? Do I drink enough *Living Water* to avoid faith dehydration? And once in a while, do I *splurge on dessert*? — savor the sweetness and joy of belonging at God's table?

What abundance God sets before us. May we never skip a "meal"!

-Heidi Mann



Bus Trip To Sight & Sound

Thursday, August 13th

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

Cost

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-atooth" 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.



- Barb Stepanchick Ashley Williard
 Michael Lucas John Wehry
- Thomas Hood
 Rose Pennypacker
 Nathaniel Shadle
- 4 Lindsay Fetterolf Douglas Fetterolf Michelle Lavelle
- 5 Amber Krise James Reiner Ted Shadle
- 6 Robert Gross Kimberly Zweizig
- 8 Don Dillman Kayla Troutman
- 9 Shannon Marlow
- 10 Rhea McNally
- Judy Stepulitis
 Erik Tice
- 12 Randy Green Breonna Richardson
- William Waldick, Jr.
- 15 Julia Pirie
- Dorothy Kessler
- 17 Daniel Barker Stephanie Cook William Coward, Jr. David Mullins III
- 18 Marge Bolich Susan McNally Madelyn Wolfgang
- 19 Bruce Bitting Gerald Stutzman

- 20 Bruce Bitting Joey McAndrew
- 21 Bryson Nagle Rev. Kim Lengert Matthew Zweizig
- 22 Lindsay Bixler Betty Waldick
- 23 Corrine Coward Amy Johnson
- 24 Aidan Romberger
- 26 Laura Brennan Michelle Hood Robert Schneider Gerald Stehr
- 27 Richard Berner Richard Shoup Brandy Speer
- James Johnson
- 30 Gail Marquardt Betty Miller



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06/04/77	Bill & Deb Price
06/05/10	Chris & Dianna Monaghan
06/07/74	William & Diane Rock
06/12/10	Jesse & Jessica Wright
06/13/59	Carl & Pearl Lute
06/14/08	George & Jennie Kosmisky
06/15/02	Jeff & Rachel Hostetter
06/15/92	Maynard & Susan Merwine
06/15/96	Bruce & Anne Pirie
06/20/09	Jason & Katie Brown
06/26/10	Richard & Cheryl Weikel
06/30/11	Ted & Terry Ambrose

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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 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.



From a church sign in Denver, Colorado:

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Musical Celebartion!

Monday at 7 n m

That must've been quite a celebration!

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