Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





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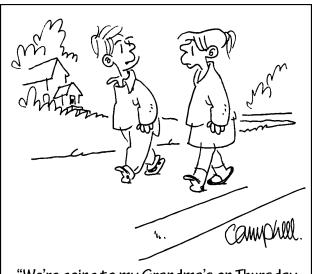
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The November Newsletter is sponsored in Memory of Carl Pennypacker by Jane & Family.



"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday to pig out ... and also be thankful."

Status of Accounts as of September 30

September income was \$15,410.03

Benevolence Gifts.....\$14,027.00 (68% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

86.

It even sounds big: **eighty**- *six*. I don't know that any of us would have guessed it. We come and go, see this and that, but never all at one time. Never 86. But that is what it is...

Christ's United Lutheran Church – You – currently are serving God through working with each other in *eighty-six* different ministries. And that is not counting the individual Administrative Committees that work to keep it all connected.

The number might seem amazing, even annoying. Some may be thinking, "Why so many? Why can't we just concentrate on one thing?"

We are.

Our focus, our concentration, our purpose, is Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ tells us to follow Him.

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus is no simple – or easy – task. From back alleys to rural villages to big cities, Jesus was on a mission, a mission to share the message of salvation, a mission we are called to be in *with* Him. With Him, as our hands reach out to the sick. With Him, as our feet carry us to distribute food. With Him, as our eyes well with tears as we comfort the grieving. With Him, as we lift our prayers for healing heavenward. With Him, as we serve, sharing with others the love and salvation that is Jesus Christ.

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Can you imagine your life without Jesus Christ? For an increasing number of people in the world, it is not something they imagine: it is their reality. Whether it be because they have not yet heard the message of salvation, or because they believe God would not want a sinner like them, or because the only god they have been introduced to is one of punishment and hate, we are surrounded by a variety of people who need to know God's love. And because there are a variety of people with a variety of needs, we have a variety of ministries: eighty-six, to be precise.

Which ministry is yours?

Our name - Christ's United – is a statement of not only who we are, but *how* we are – a church composed of a variety of people with a variety of gifts united by and for Jesus Christ. You are a gift. You are here for a reason.

Following worship on All Saints Sunday we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of Ministry. Around the Hall will be tables set up describing the various ministries that are happening through you, and changing the very lives of others. You will see and hear how teens are learning to live their faith in school and with friends; how those recovering from addictions and poverty are getting a new start with a business you helped set up; how adults are reclaiming their homes after damage by floods with materials you provided; how victims of abuse are receiving support and counseling that helps them be safe; how adults and children are growing in God's Word... you will see and hear the ministries that are happening, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, know the ones that are waiting to happen: through you. So please plan to come together on All Saint's Sunday, for we together have 86 ministries to celebrate. That is, eighty-six – and counting!

Peace, Pastor Kim





Church Council Highlights from September:

- The new Wedding Booklet has been finished by the worship & music team and was given to all council members. This booklet will be used to help couples plan their wedding here at Christ's United.
- Council will begin looking into considering debit/credit card options and on-line giving.
- Mark Varndell has joined the confirmation teaching team.
- Sunday school curriculum has been modified and the classes realigned.
- Each committee has been asked to develop a budget for the finance committee.
- The security camera system has been purchased and needs to be installed.
- The Personnel Committee is doing background checks on staff and is also doing advertising at local universities for a choir director.
- The midi box on the organ has

- been cleaned and fixed.
- The summer youth reading challenge winner was Jacob Tice.
- Aaron Stepanchick will be joining the Youth Ministry
 Team
- The LCM has given a \$100.00 donation to Bear Creek Camp.
- WELCA has donated a mortgage payment of \$1388.00 to the church.
- WELCA & LCM both donated \$100.00 to the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission fund.
- The Endowment Fund has two Mission investment funds that rolled over in July, both of them were closed and the monies placed into the Mission Investment checking account.
- The Servant Keeper Church Management software program has been installed on the office computer, Memorial Fund monies were used for this purchase.

Schuylkill Mission District Fall Meeting November 10 2:00-5:30, Meal at 4:30

Meeting for all council members of all churches within the Schuylkill Mission District. This event will be here at Christ's United. We need help in setting up and serving the meal. If you would like to volunteer, please let Erik Tice know.





Church Council Highlights from October:

- Since the bank in Gordon will be closing, Ann Marie will begin looking into finding a new bank or a credit union.
- A new job description for the Director of Music was presented and approved.
- The Personnel Committee & the choir will be meeting with a candidate on October 11.
- The fire alarm system passed inspection.
- The steeple was power washed.
- A new computer was donated to run the power point presentations.
- The youth group will be selling flower arrangements to raise money for Relay for Life or Bowl for Kids Sake, they will also be making arrangements for the shut-ins as gifts.
- The LCM made approximately \$1000.00 on the Chicken BBO.
- The LCM will be making a mortgage payment and will reimburse the church for the cost of repairing the freezer.

- A Christmas pot luck luncheon will follow worship on December 15.
- WELCA will help pay for the "Committed to Christ" meal.
- A new youth council representative is needed.
- After comparing prices it was decided to switch our internet and phone service to Service Electric. We will have a three year contract with them.
- A labyrinth prayer garden is in the planning stages, monies are already in the Memorial account for this project.
- The Pastor's health coverage was looked at and it was decided to go with the Gold Option that was presented.
- Forest Shadle is no longer able to donate Christmas trees to the church, we will have three sponsors this year for the trees. They will be the LCM, Jack Houser, & Nancy Lindenmuth.



Ministry Celebration

Sunday, November 3

11:00

Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend and if you wish, bring a covered dish. Chicken and meat balls will be paid for by WELCA and donations from the congregation.

Displays of all the current ministries happening through Christ's United will fill the Fellowship Hall, with opportunities to learn and g r o w with God!

Interpretation 3 COMDASSIO

We are Growing With God!

Walk down the hall on Sunday mornings and you will see a room FULL of adults, cutting out feet, laughing, talking, and Growing with God! Adult Education has taken a new road at Christ's United, and you are invited for the journey!

A new opportunity will begin on November 17th. Please set aside some time each Sunday morning to learn more about God's gift to you and plan for your life, all while deepening your relationship with Him. (And don't forget – Midweek Bible Study meets Wednesday nights at 7!)

Called & Committed to Serve



SERVE GOD GLADLY Included with this Newsletter is a <u>NEW</u> sheet for 2014 to identify which ministries are yours.

Please fill it out and return to the church office by

Sunday, November 17.

If you filled out a Time & Talent sheet last year, <u>PLEASE fill this</u> one out again for 2014. We take the tally from the current list as to which ministries and committees

you wish to participate in. This information will also help us to set up our new Servant Keeper church management software program so that we have up to date information on everyone. Please fill out and return the Membership Information section, regardless of which ministries you wish to participate in, so that we have all current information for you

njormation jor yo and your family. Thank You!







Junior Youth: November 2 @ 1:00 p.m.

Therapy Dog Session with Gail Lorady & Buffy which will also include a Christmas Ornament Craft. All participants will then attend Service @ 5:00 p.m.

Please bring a cat or dog food item that will be donated to the local SPCA.

Senior Youth:

No senior Youth Group event in November.

Saturday, December 14

Senior Youth Christmas party, be there for 3:00 pm we will be having craft time and cookie making time, attend service and end with dinner and games.

All Senior Youth are invited to come to the Party!!!!



The Junior Youth had an Incredible Scavenger Hunt on September 21. We had a wonderful time searching for pictures of saints and Bible characters, doing a Noah's ark memory game, and having a snack. Thank you to all who came out and participated & helped.



FALL FEST WAS A BLAST!!!

Bible verses, clues, pumpkin prayer, black lights, torn sheets, glow in the dark, mummies, crafts, great food and even better fellowship made for a memorable Fall Fest. Thank You to all that came out and supported the youth making this a great event. We hope to make it bigger and better each year. If you missed it this year you can take the video tour with Unkie Keith on the Christ's United Facebook group page. See you next year!!!



The Endowment Fund Committee received 6 requests for scholarship money. They will be awarded at the December 1st worship service. Each student will receive \$400.00.

William Waldick Jr - is a sophomore at McCann School of Business; majoring in business expected to graduate in June 2014.

Shale Waldick - is a sophomore at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology; majoring in masonry expected to graduate in June 2014.

Laura Brennan - is a junior at Lycoming College; studying photography and biology (Anatomy & Physiology track). Expected to graduate in May 2015.

Allison Rusinko - is a sophomore at Delaware Valley College; majoring in Biology with a specialization in Zoology.

Chelsea Stutzman - is a freshman at Pennsylvania State University; expected to graduate in 2017 with a Bachelor's Degree in Bio behavioral Health.

Rhonda Carl - graduated from Tri Valley High School on May 31, 2013 and has been accepted and is enrolled as a freshman in a 5-year Master's Degree Physician Assistant Program at Kings College in Wilkes Barre, PA.





We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Gail Marquardt, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jennie Kosmisky, Norene Stoker, Dean Fetterolf, Tom Lazor, David Pennypacker, Barry Martin, Deb Hall, Barb Habowski

Family & Friends:

Catherine Beury, Dorothy Shadle, Audrey Pillman, Dan Krynak, Bill Dean, Robbie Krick family, Evelyn Myers, Nada Matthews, Mary Williams, Halley Zerby, Louis Poda, Dianne Rhoades, Jane Fetterolf, MaryEllen Blackwell, Andrew Shredick, Lucy Elwood, Hazel Smith, Sheila Dengler, Nancy Harris, Diane Kehler, Sarah Grabowsky, Knox Lynn, Royal Miller, Rosie & Eddie Klauger, Dawn Huntzinger

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 pastor or the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added please call the office: if someone is added to the prayer list on a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the secretary's desk.

Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:

Marion Brennan, Providence Place
Jean Cress, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Betty Miller, Luther Ridge
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing
Randy Troutman
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab
Jeanette Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Linda Zerby



Serving Our Community of Faith in November:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer & Greeter in Tag-a-long Narthex	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
November 3	Donna Lassen	Jim Gruber Jo-Ann Young Dennis Wolfe	Dean Fetterolf Becky Spencer Barb Stepanchick	Brandy Speer	Heather Klinger	Dean Fetterolf	Nancy Lindenmuth
November 10	Suzanne Peel		Robert Schneider	Bryon Rusinko	Nathan Smith & Jacob Tice	Melanie Bendinsky	Kay Berner
November 17	Becky			Deidre Dengler	Desiree Dengler & Danielle White	Ian Bendinsky	Beth Andrews
November 24	Barb Stepanchick	John Denchak July Stepulitis Irene Morgan		Ryan Walter	Jordan Walter	Jim Gruber	Cheryl Denchak



NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursda
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3 All Saints' Sunday 9:30 Communion Service 11:00 Ministry Celebration Dinner Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 7:00 Church Council	2 Election Day	7:00 <i>WELCA</i>	7 9:00 Knau Knotters 7:00 Evar Outreach
10 24 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Fire Co. Special Offering 10:45 Annual Budget Meeting 2:00-5:30 Schuylkill Mission District Fall Meeting Martin Luther's Birthday, (1483)	6:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting	12	6:00 Pounds for a Purpose Meeting	14 9:00 Knau Knotters
17 25 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation	18 6:30 Stewardship Meeting	19	9:30 Newsletter Assembly 6:00 Boy Scouts, God & Family Meeting	9:00 Knau Knotters 12:00-2:0 Pantry 7:00 Pers Meeting
24 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 Communion Service 10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday school, Confirmation	25 6:30 Grief Support Group	26	27	28 Office Clo



	Friday	Saturday
	1 All Saint's Day	2 1:00 Jr. Youth Craft & Dog Therapy
		5:00 Communion Service
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		4:00-7:00 Sauerkraut Supper
		5:00 Worship Service
ghty Food	22 Confirmation Retreat	23 Confirmation Retreat
onnel		5:00 Communion Service
sed	29 St. Andrew, Apostle Erik Vacation Day	5:00 Communion Service hanksgiving



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Ashland Area Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following items for November:

Stuffing Mix & Gravy

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

November—Endowment Fund
December—Church Council
January—Choir
February—Social Ministry
March—LCM
April—WELCA

Thank you to everyone who donated monetary contributions toward the CROP walk. We had four walkers from Christ's United, Keith & DruAnn Laudermilch, & Erik & Sally Tice. There were a total of 48 walkers, & \$1617.00 was raised for world hunger.

The Jared Box offering totaled \$68.00, plus items, and we received a donation of 15 plastic boxes to fill. They will be filled and donated to the pediatric unit at Schuylkill Medical Center. Thank you!!





Sunday, November 10

We will be collecting a offering for the Lavelle & Gordon Fire Companies
Thank you for your support!!!



Christmas Tree of Sharing Beginning Sunday, December 1

Tags are available for the food pantry, children, and the ELCA. There are a variety of items from which to choose. Please help someone in need.

When you have chosen your gift, help decorate the tree with the "ornaments". See our progress as the tree becomes decorated! All gifts must be returned to the church by December 15.





Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, November 16, 2013 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Eat In or Carry Out

Christ's United Lutheran Church 437 Airport Road, Ashland

Dinner Includes:

Pork & Sauerkraut
Mashed Potatoes
Applesauce
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Beverage
(Hot Dog available as substitute for pork)

Adults: \$8.00 Children 6-12: \$3.00

Under Age 6: FREE

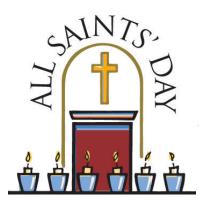
Ticket information: Call 570-875-1591

(Limited tickets available at the door)



Sponsored by WELCA





On Saturday November 2 and Sunday November 3 during our worship services we will be remembering the following people who have passed away the past year.

Members of Christ's United:

Terrance Halye	12/06/12
Clarissa DeCarlo	01/02/13
Margaret Seiler	03/03/13
William Price	04/15/13
Brenda A. Wolfgang	05/09/13
Glenn Pennypacker, Sr.	09/01/13

Friends & Family:

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Christopher K. Varndell	01/28/13
Lois Blyler	02/10/13
Ronald Matejick	02/ /13
Frank Ward	04/18/13
Margaret Berner	05/15/13
Meikah Hubler	06/08/13
Gail Spleen	08/16/13
Edith Poda	08/21/13
Charles Heizenroth, Jr.	08/24/13
Carrie Matejick	10/19/13

The church Library is now open!
Borrow books, VHS tapes, & CD's.
Sign up on the sheet to borrow items. If you have any books you would like to donate to the library, please see Pastor Kim.





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

\$10.00 in Memory of Glenn Pennypacker, Sr. by: Thomas & Donna Wallauer



Pounds for a Purpose

1 Corinthians 6.19: Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

The idea is simple: we take pounds from the temple of our body to care for it, and place pounds in the temple of God to care for others. We do this not through any specific exercise or diet, but through a common commitment to Jesus Christ. We gather together to pray for each other, to hear God's instruction on caring for this temple He has given us, and to celebrate the ability to share our blessing with those in need. Please plan to come together on Wednesday, 13 November at 6:00 p.m. FEED THE

updates is on the bulletin board.



November Anniversaries & Birthdays



Birthdays

DII (I	luays		
1	William Dillman, Jr.		Birthda
2	Charles Brain		
3	Jeanette Wolfgang		
4	Jennifer Geedey	14	Deidre Dengler
	Dean Krise	16	Jack Houser
5	Brayden Koons	17	Nellie Schlorff
7	Joshua Coward	18	Oscar Troutman
	John Wolfgang	19	Jo Conrath
8	Steven Wolfgang	21	Carol Reiner
9	Jo-Ann Young		Breann Barker
10	Gerry Dillman	23	Carl Lute
11	Jordan Walter	24	Dale Bolich
	JeanMarie Brayford	26	Suzanne Peel
	Samantha Sharp	28	Becky Spencer
12	Connie Weinreich	30	Tammy Dengler
			Justin Cramer

Anniversary

11/14/85 Frank & Peggy Dziczek

If you would like to have your Anniversary/Birthday added or removed from the list, please contact the church office. 570-875-1591. You are not automatically added when you join the church or when you get married.



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.

We need more pictures! If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the chapels that formed Christ's United, please bring them into the office. Please also provide the peoples names that are in the pictures.

Your picture will be returned to you. Thank you.





KNOTTED QUILT PROJECTThe "Knaughty Knotters" of Christ's United

The Knaughty Knotters will continue to make quilts on Thursdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 until the Thursday before Thanksgiving. We will then be taking a break and resume in January. All are invited to help create knotted quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Materials are still needed. If you have used and clean



blankets, sheets, mattress protectors, comforters, towels, curtains (no fiberglass content), or fabrics, please drop them off in the social hall next to the walk-in closet.

Check out lwr.org/kits and LWR Quilters on Facebook

Wreaths Across America



This is a national network of volunteers that laid over 420,000 memorial wreaths last year. The Mahantongo Chapter of the DAR is sponsoring a wreath laying event on Saturday, December 14 at Fort Indiantown Gap. If you would be interested in sponsoring a wreath in memory or in honor of a veteran, please contact Jo-Ann Young at 570-875-2586. Sponsorships are \$15.00.





Thanks-giving:

As we each gather with family and friends on this holiday to offer thanks for God's blessings, I wish to thank you for being such a blessing to me, this community, and the world. Your desire to grow in witness to Jesus Christ is an inspiration, and the ability to serve with you a joy. May God continue to bless our ministry together. In Peace, Pastor Kim

A table prayer:

Dear Lord.

Thank you for the blessings you have given us this year, especially the blessing of each person at this table. As we gather at this feast full of thanks, we remember those whose tables – and hearts – are empty. Help us to realize each day that what we have is not fruit of our own works, but gifts of your love; and that gifts, O Lord, are to be shared. Bless us with the confidence of faith to share what we have been given: our time, our abilities, and our resources, so that every table – and heart – may be filled with the promises borne of your love. We offer this prayer, dear God, in the name of the One who offered Himself for us: Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen

The Word on Winter

Unpredictable weather can play havoc with our Church Calendar, as the early darkness and icy roads affect our gatherings. Please remember to check for updates on our Facebook page, channel WNEP or WBRE, and T-102 radio for delays and cancellations. Although our Saturday service may be cancelled to allow for the cleaning of the parking lot, Sunday services will not be cancelled but may be delayed to allow for road de-icing.





Annual Meeting

Each year our congregation gathers to review and approve

the budget for the upcoming year. More than a statement of electricity and building upkeep, our budget is the financial picture of our ministry: how often the Youth can gather, what type of worship can we offer, what ministries can we not only continue – but grow – in the coming year.

Please plan to attend and participate in this important statement of our response to Christ's call on Sunday, 10 November at 10:45 a.m.

Media Ministry

Is expanding. Led by the videos offered during the

Committed to Christ program, we are seeking a video from each ministry team that explains what they do and why. These informational and invitational videos will be accessible through our website, www.christsunited.org. We are also in need of additional media ministers to operate the computer and sounds system during worship services. If you have an eye for pictures and a geek-ish heart, this is the ministry for you! Please contact Pastor Kim for more information.





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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 worship bulletin in Bakersfield, California:

Let's try to outdue ourselves!

It's hard to outdo this for a smile.



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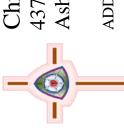
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