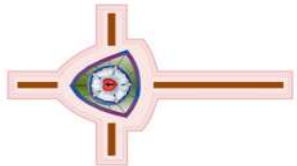


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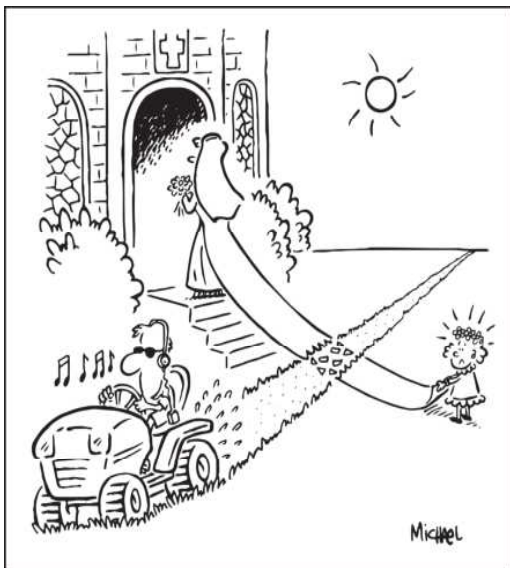
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CHURCH COUNCIL 2023

	Phone	Term Expires
Kay Berner President	570-875-1035	Feb. 2026
Dennis Wolfe Vice President	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024
Morgen Sweitzer Secretary	570-682-8240	Feb. 2026
Robert Carl	570-590-7281	Feb. 2025
Ken Dengler	570-933-5144	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-205-6241	Feb. 2024
Darlene Stank	570-875-1644	Feb. 2025
Robert Sweinhart	570-682-3697	Feb. 2026
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024

Youth Representative - Vacant

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Vacant

STAFF

Parish Administrator Debbie Hall 570-875-1591
office@christsunited.org 570-789-9722

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

Director of Music Jamie Johnson 570-590-1678
Treasurer Ann Marie Dillman 570-449-2021
Indoor Custodian Ann Ray Begis 570-590-2729
Outdoor Custodian Drew Kissinger

Status of Accounts as of April 30

Total amount in checking account: \$118,495.61.
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our
2023 Annual Budget of \$195,263.89 is \$16,271.99.
April income was \$15,432.11.
Expenses for April were \$8,324.26,
resulting in an income of \$932.67.
Memorial account balance is \$46,259.99.
Benevolence Gifts for April were \$1,257.22.



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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
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Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

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Mission Statement

We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.



Christian symbol

TONGUES OF FIRE — Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.

Member's Message



As I sat down to write this article, I realized that summer is almost upon us. With the change of season comes a change in our lives. Another school year will come to a close. Family vacations will be planned. We will spend more time outdoors hopefully enjoying the warmth of the sun.

It is hard to believe that only a few short weeks ago we were celebrating Easter. The spring flowers were blooming. The grass was turning green. The trees were budding. The world was coming to life once again after the cold of winter. Church was full as we celebrated the empty tomb and what it means to us as Christians. We praised God for the blessings given to us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Alleluia was again heard in our worship service.

But life moves on and Easter seems so long ago. We become busy in the everyday living of our lives. Church attendance tends to drop as sports and vacations take priority. It's almost as if we have forgotten the joy of that Easter morning.

But Easter and its meaning is not just for one day. It should be an integral part of our lives. The empty tomb brings us hope and promise of eternal life not just on that one day but for every day of our lives. Jesus' resurrection reminds us of the love and sacrifice that He made for us. It is the central theme of our belief as Christians. We are the only religion that serves a living God.



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So as you go out and spend the warm summer days with your families, remember that Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed. These are words of great joy that fill our lives with hope and a rich promise that we are loved by our heavenly Father. Don't be afraid to share them with others even when it is not Easter day - even on an ordinary summer day. He lives and so we too can live. Alleluia!

Yours in Christ, Kay Berner



Come glorify God together

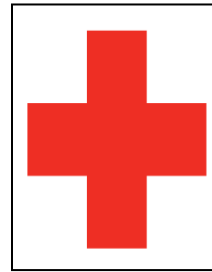
Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly?

Just come.



American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
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Monday, June 5, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Debbie Hall or call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appointment.

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CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities

All kids who had First Communion and their families are welcome.

June 4th- Miniature golf and ice cream- congregation is invited

July- Knoebels- Date TBD- congregation is invited

August - Congregational Picnic- will help with games

September – Date TBD- corn maze

October - Trunk-Or-Treat

November - Christmas Cards- Date TBD- snacks and cookies

December- Joy through the Grove - Date TBD- Eat at OIP in Elysburg or somewhere else



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake in mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1 1/2 or 2 minutes (or see the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before re-sealing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



Church Council Highlights from April

- Income for April was \$15,432.11. Expenses for April was \$8,324.26., which resulted in a net income of \$7,107.77.
- Pot pie dinner was a success. Next LCM meeting will be 5/21.
- There is a problem with the communication of the alarm system and the monitoring company. A new phone line needs to be installed for the monitoring. We are currently gathering quotes and more information to resolve the problem.
- Wedding guidelines were revised and approved by council.
- It was decided that Lay people conducting services will receive a Gift Card.
- Debbie is to contact the post office to see if the mailbox can be

June Council Contact of the month is Jacob Tice.

The Council Contact of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to contact if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building. If you need to contact Jacob,



Council Member
of the Month



We Offer our Prayers to...



May 28 – Larry Wolfgang (J. Wolfgang)
Sean Kramer (C. Varndell)
Gail Marquardt (D. Lassen)
Chris Zerbe (K. Dengler)

Families of Dennis Kane

Joe Francaviglia (J. Young)

May 21 -- Sherry Ney (C. Brennan)

May 14 – Joseph Anczarski (P. Dziczek)
Marcus Peel

Families of John Kimmel

Don Keffer (E. Tice)

May 7 – Deb Price (D. Zaharick)

Bill Begis

Brandon (A. Berger)

Tasha (A. Berger)

Dennis Wolfe (C. Varndell)

Andrew Haner (M. Sweitzer)

Family of Grace Johnson

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler, Annette Houser, James Houser Sr. (A. Berger), Jennifer Koch, Barbara Liem, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan (B. Andrews), Richard Shoup (H. Shoup), Dorothy Zangari, Linda Zerby

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Mark Bennyhoff, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis, George Dornsife (J. Babb), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn, Bob Griffiths, Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes, Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer, Tracy Maurer (C. Neumeister), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Elizabeth Smith & family, Wayne “Webby” Weinreich (C. Weinreich), Karyssa Wenrich

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 Neumeister Family - Terry & Cheryl

The Watkins Family - Diane

The Anczarski Family - Joseph, Cassandra, Scarlet & Joey



2023 Sponsorships

2023 sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.
Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$35.00

Worship Bulletins \$15.00

Children’s Bulletins \$10.00

Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00



For Altar Flowers:

Please sign up by the bulletin board for week(s) you would like to sponsor

Altar Flowers and call “Flowers From the Heart”

570-339-2519 to place order. **Cost is \$35.00.**

Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.

Divine Dance

Using the fancy word *perichoresis* (from Greek for “around” and “contain”) may win you admiring — or strange! — looks. But since the 7th century, people have used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, *choreography*, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.

Picture three dancers’ synchronized yet independent movements. Weaving gracefully in and out, each seems to know what the others will do next. They may touch lightly but don’t constrain or impede one another. Though distinct individuals, they move so fluidly together that they are, in a sense, one entity.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us into the dance! “If you love me,” he says, “you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit interweave in Scripture and in the world, may our lives too be drawn into the

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



In Memory of Grace Johnson by:

Ralph & Jennifer Johnson & Family
 SCI Frackville Food Service Dept.
 Gerald Stehr & Family
 Frieda Johnson
 Carl & Pearl Lute
 Ron & Donna Wallace
 Don & Laray Klingler
 Robert & Lahoma Wagner
 Ted & Terry Ambrose
 Dr. Kay Berner
 Doris Edwards & Susan Sallada
 Jim Chappell
 Dennis & Tina Wolfe
 The Fegley Family
 Barbara Liem
 Dean Leshner
 Peggy & Frank Dziczek

Rachael Green
 Chris & Jeff Brennan
 Helen Wedde
 Ken & Tammy Dengler
 Julia Klingler
 Esther Pennypacker
 Cathy Troutman
 Jo-Ann Young
 Carrie & Russ Hummel
 Christina Bucher
 Helen & Emerson Wolfgang
 Dr. Dwight & Mary Davis
 Joe & Mellisa Klingler
 Goldie & John Stehr
 Jerry Kandrot
 Charles Johnson
 Catherine Stanitis

In Memory of John Kimmel by:

Don & Laray Klingler
 Ron & Donna Wallace
 Ted & Terry Ambrose
 Grant & Sandy Marlow
 Bill & Colleen Flail

Dennis & Tina Wolfe
 The Fegley Family
 Peggy & Frank Dzicze0
 Dillman & Peel Families
 Diane & Pat Doyne

Donation made to Christ's United's Endowment Fund

In Memory of Grace Johnson by:

John, Maryann, Thomas & Tyler Wolfgang

Donations to Christ's United's Capital Campaign



In Memory of



PRAYER CHAIN



Each day members of Christ's United bow their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for the ministries of this congregation and people in need.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Tuesdays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of



Christ's United Garden Club

As we enter the final phases of the new Prayer Garden, there are numerous sponsorship opportunities available. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to sponsor a statue, planter, shrubbery, or tree in Honor or Memory of someone. Prices are listed for each item.

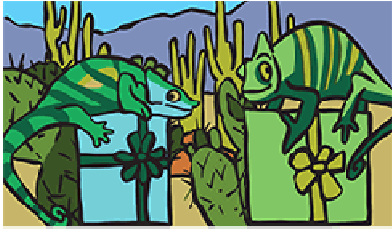
The sponsorships will be listed in the church Memorial Book and as a bulletin insert when we have the service of dedication for the garden.

Thank you for helping make this lasting project a success, and a beautiful addition to the church grounds!



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Maxwell Pennypacker | 16 | Dorothy Kessler |
| | Barb Stepanchick | 17 | Daniel Barker |
| | Ashley Williard | | Stephanie Cook |
| 2 | Michael Lucas | | William Coward, Jr. |
| 3 | Thomas Hood | | David Mullins III |
| | Rose Pennypacker | 18 | Susan McNally |
| | Nathaniel Shadle | | Madelyn Wolfgang |
| 4 | Lindsay Fetterolf | | Meredyth Towey |
| | Douglas Fetterolf | 19 | Luke Allison |
| | Michelle Lavelle | | Bruce Bitting, Jr. |
| | Joseph Smith | | Gerald Stutzman |
| 5 | Amber Krise | | Brenda Yoder |
| | James Reiner | 20 | Bruce Bitting |
| | Ted Shadle | | Joey McAndrew |
| 6 | Kimberly Zweizig | 21 | Bryson Nagle |
| 8 | Don Dillman | | Matthew Zweizig |
| | Kayla Troutman | 22 | Lindsay Bixler |
| | Shannon Marlow | | Ava Hubler |
| 10 | Rhea McNally | 23 | Corrine Coward |
| 11 | Erik Tice | | Amy Johnson |
| 12 | Randy Green | 24 | Linda Rickert |
| | Breonna Klinger | | Aidan Romberger |
| 14 | Jennifer McGrath | 25 | Gracelyn Anthony |
| | | 26 | Laura Brennan |
| | | | Michelle Hood |
| | | 27 | Gerald Stehr |
| | | | Richard Shoup |
| | | | Brandy Speer |
| | | 29 | James Johnson |



JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham.
Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

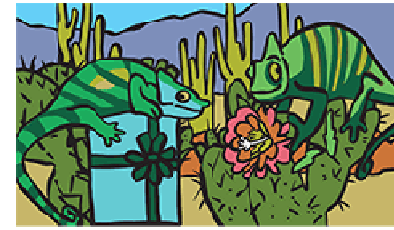
- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

The next WELCA meeting will be on
June 7th at 6:00 pm.
All women are invited to join in.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Quilts, Personal Care Kits and School Kits

A blessing of the Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits will be held on June 11th during morning worship. Knaughty Knotters completed 70 knotted quilts. Thirty-three personal care kits and 56 school kits were prepared with donations of items and Thrivent Action Team funds. The quilts and kits will be delivered to In-Gathering in Auburn on June 16th to be transported to the LWR warehouse in Baltimore.



The Lunch Bunch- Anyone up for lunch? Ladies Night Out is being replaced by the Lunch Bunch. Everyone (women, men, teens) is invited to meet for lunch on June 27th at 1:00 at Palermo's, Minersville.

Sign up on the bulletin board so reservations can be made and to ar-



Thank you to Robert & Carla Mae Carl and Don & Laray Klinger and everyone who helped to make the outside of the church look beautiful.



06/04/77	Bill & Deb Price
06/05/10	Chris & Dianna Monaghan
06/09/12	Ross & Amanda Sterling
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



Summer Music

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, consider sharing your musical gifts with your church family this summer. The choir is on a well- deserved break and we are hoping to schedule a variety of special music throughout the season. Guitar, piano, flute, trumpet, harmonica,- all are welcome! Soloists, duets, quartets-we'd love to hear you! Gospel, Contemporary, Classical, Praise - all will enhance our worship!

Contact Jamie Johnson to schedule a Sunday if you are willing to



OUR 2023 GRADUATES



Jesse Cascarino is graduating from North Schuylkill High School and plans to continue working at his present place of employment.

David Cunningham is graduating from North Schuylkill High School and has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Desiree Dengler graduates from Tri-Valley High School and will attend Penn State Schuylkill to study Radiological Sciences.

Amy Johnson is graduating from Tri-Valley High School and will be attending Penn State University to study Radiological Sciences.

Steven Wolfgang graduated from Bloomsburg University and is employed by North Schuylkill School District as a 5th Grade ELA Teacher.

Tyler Wolfgang graduated from Bloomsburg University



Endowment Committee would like to CONGRATULATE all graduates and remind them that if they are continuing their education they will be eligible for a scholarship in fall of 2023. Also those who are currently enrolled in college, universities, trade schools, nursing/medical schools, business schools, entering the military or are starting a job. This includes Adult members who have enrolled in post secondary programs.

Active members of the congregation are eligible to receive a scholarship by submitting a letter of request to the committee. Committee members are Terry Ambrose, Carrie Hummel, Becky Spencer, Morgen Sweitzer, and Jo-Ann Young.



Remember, an Active Member is defined as someone

Bridge 127 Collection

June 11 – July 30

Children in foster care are sometimes separated from their siblings. Others will be sent from one foster placement to another, never knowing how long they'll be staying. Often, these children have nothing to call their own and face rejection, neglect, abuse, and abandonment.

Bridge 127, Inc. in Pottsville, Pennsylvania partners with local child welfare agencies to assist high risk youth, make placement transitions easier, and to assist aged-out youth as they gain independence.

Bridge 127, Inc. in Pottsville, Pennsylvania supplies high risk youth with clothing and personal care items, as well as furniture and other household items for the youth aging out of the system. We also assist foster, kinship, and biological families with baby equipment, clothing, and supplies.

We allow both the parents and the children to shop in our store free of charge so they can replace the items that they may have had to leave behind when they were removed from their homes or items that they otherwise would not have.

The Social Ministry Team of Christ's United asks for your support and help in collecting the following items for Bridge 127.

Thank you!



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SOCIAL MINISTRY



Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month September through May. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

~ 2023 ~

- June/July/August** - No Social Hour
- September**—Choir/
Worship & Music / LCM
- October**—Church Council
- November** - Social Ministry
- December** - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship

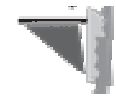
We will be collecting the following items for June:

Peanut Butter & Pancake Syrup

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is



Serving Our Community of Faith in June:



Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer
June 4 Holy Trinity	Kay Berner	Dennis Wolfe	Donna Wallace	Carla Mae Carl Darlene Stank Allen Johnson Dennis Wolfe	Larry Wolfgang Beth Andrews Dennis Wolfe	Dylan Buhay	Mason Buhay
June 11	Donna Wallace	Jacob Tice	Kay Berner	—————→		Logan Walacavage	—————
June 18 Father's Day Confirmation	Rev. David Werley		Vivian Brown			Bianca McAndrew	—————
June 25	Rev. William Zimmerman		Barb Stepanchick			Marisa Seritsky	—————

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Holy Trinity 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion & Recognition of Graduates Youth Group – Mini Golf	5 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Church Council	6	7 10:30 Seniors 6:00 WELCA	8 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard distribution 	9	10
11 9:30 Worship with Blessing of the Quilts	12	13	14 Flag Day 10:30 Seniors	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 Worship with Confirmation	19	20	21 Summer Solstice <i>(Summer Begins)</i> 10:30 Seniors	22	23	24 2:00 Korn / Gregoire Wedding
25 9:30 Worship	26	27	28 8:30 Newsletter Assembly 10:30 Seniors	29	30	