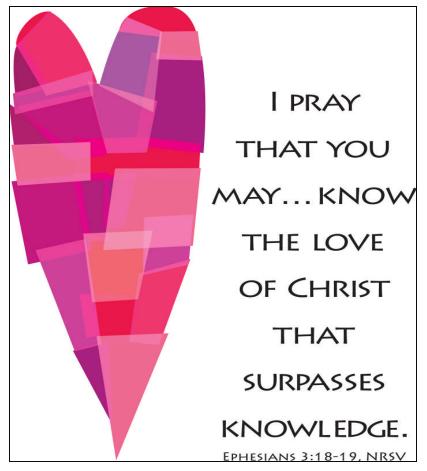
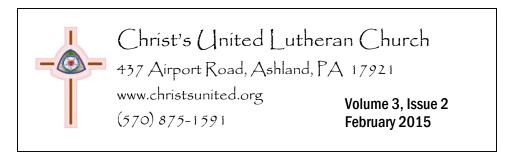
Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





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



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The February Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of Jacob Tice by Mimi.



### Status of Accounts as of December 31

Balance in Checking Account......\$3,877.01 Amount needed in offerings <u>per month</u> to meet our 2015 Annual Budget of \$172,675.00 is **\$14,389.58** <u>December income was \$18,550.96</u> Benevolence Gifts.....\$16,730.50 (81% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)



**Pastor Kim's Message** 

Brothers and Sisters,

The honeymoon is over.

It started with all the traditional feelings: nervousness, excitement, and desire... those anxious moments when you couldn't wait to be together again, the constant thoughts. But then the years set in, with all the demands for time and activities, the things that would excite now frustrate, actions become habits, and the excitement, the feelings, and nervousness, the tingle fades...

Relationship turns into existence, romance into routine. Even with feet and commitment firmly set, comparisons creep into our thoughts while eyes and thoughts may wander, taking away time and emotions. The honeymoon is over.

But then... something happens. There is a word, a smile, an action that causes us to flash back to the beginning, seeing in that moment the fullness of love that holds us, completes us, and in that moment, overwhelms us.

That moment is before us.

Its been a long time since we washed in the baptismal waters, the company of heaven smiling upon us and the words of love spoken. The waters – and the memories – have dried, taking with it the feelings and excitement of when our relationship with Jesus Christ was new. We have kept the name, identifying ourselves as Christian, but our time and feelings are spent with other things that have caught our eye. Time that was set apart to be together is now spent with others, hope is put onto different paths, and joy is sought through various experiences.

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But... this is Lent. Here in this time is the word, the look, the action: here, during this time different from all others Jesus speaks words of love to us, looks at us with longing, and offers His life to save us, stepping into the path of the blows targeted upon us, pushing us aside to take the pounding of the nails meant for us, gasping in the death designed for us...

In Lent, the fullness of God's love holds us, completes us, and overwhelms us.

Come, feel that love again. Feel the arms of God around you. Feel the tingle of excitement, the power of love. Come, and celebrate Lent and the fullness of love within it.

The honeymoon is over, but the excitement of love only grows.

Peace, Pastor Kim



Day Camp is becoming a reality at Christ's United! If you are interested in leading a group of youngsters through the Summer, please contact <u>day-</u> <u>camp@christsunited.org</u>! Job descriptions are posted on the bulletin boards in the entrance way.

Christ's United is in need of an Outdoor custodian. The duties of this position include but are not limited to caring for and trimming the lawn, trimming and caring for outside shrubbery, lawn equipment care and sidewalk care. Any interested applicants can submit a letter of interest to Christ's United Personnel Committee via the church office. Any questions can be directed to Ralph Johnson Jr. Personnel Committee Chair at 570.875.2904.



### **Church Council Highlights from January:**

- The LCM will host a Chicken Pot Pie dinner in March with proceeds going toward the repaving of the parking lot.
- LCM will increase the dinner price for all four dinners to \$9.00 for an adult ticket.
- Social Ministry packed 21 Jared boxes and they were blessed during worship on December 21.
- Social Ministry packed and gave out six food baskets at Christmas.
- The Audit committee will audit the books before the annual meeting.

- The average weekly attendance for 2014 was 120.
- The nominating committee is looking for anyone interested in serving on council.
- Electronic giving is being well received and the finance team will meet to make some changes to the program.
- It was with regret that the resignation of our outdoor custodian, Donald Klinger, was accepted.
- A special worship service and dinner will be held, Sunday, April 19 honoring Pastor Lengert's 25th anniversary of her ordination.

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<u>Pastoral Acts</u> Marriages Scheduled:	
06/13/15 Ryan Bendinsky & Katelyn Ambrose 09/12/15 Andrew Blyler & Kelsey Neumeister	
Allen Pennypacker & Tekla Kranzel	
Funeral: 301/09/15 Dean Wolfgang	
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# Youth Group News



Confirmands! Due to the change in school schedules because of snow days, we will need to cancel our Easter Retreat. BUT – we will be meeting during the week to make up the fun we have missed, and our Summer Retreat (15-19 June) is a GO! You will be receiving a revised Confirmation Schedule with the new times. We will continue to meet on the second

Wednesday of each month at 4:30 for Pizza with the Pastor and set up for Christ's Cupboard, so save those dates!

# Summer is just around the corner!

This year Christ's United is planning a seven week Day Camp to run throughout the Summer months. The Planning Team has



been busy dealing with issues from last year, and believe we now are ready to roll! Camp will be for youth aged 6-12, and run Monday, June 22 to Friday, August 7. If you are interested in registering your child, please email DayCamp@ChristsUnited.org!



Three years ago Christ's United began a new way of sharing the Message of God's love in Jesus Christ. We did not do a special program or worship service, we did not stand on a street corner or knock on doors, nor did anyone throw themselves into an ecstatic dance: yet neighbors, friends, and others were touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. How?

Members read a Bible verse, and then wrote a paragraph or two (and sometimes three) about what the verse meant to them and why. Some wrote a short prayer. Younger ones drew pictures. The writings and pictures were gathered into a Lenten Devotional Booklet and shared with our community.

This year we are again preparing a Lenten devotional for our congregation and community to use in deepening their faith during Lent. Please join this opportunity to witness to others, and yourself.

To receive a Bible verse please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office 570-875-1591 or office@christsunited.org.





## **2015 Sponsorships**

We still have many sponsorship dates available for 2015. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 570-875-1591.We especially need sponsors for Altar Flowers on March 15 & 29 and the April Newsletter.





Pastor Kim & Christ's United members, Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I thank you for thinking of me during the Christmas season: your visits with me, your Christmas cards and WELCA's mug/snacks were appreciated and added a very special touch to my holiday joy. I wish each one of you a very happy and healthy New Year.

> Warmly, Nancy Kessler

Thank you from the outdoor custodian for the monetary gift at Christmas. It will be used for the upkeep of the grounds. Donald Klinger

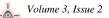
Thank you for all the kind words, cards, and gifts this past Christmas Season. The greatest gift is being able to share in ministry with such a wonderful family of faith. Thank you, and may God bless our ministry together!

Pastor Kim

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

\$200.00 in Memory of Tom & Betsy Wolfgang by: Jim & Patty Wolfgang

\$530.00 in Memory of Betty Wolfgang by: Larry D. Wolfgang Linda D. Shoop Gordon Area Senior Citizens Leo & Jo-Ann Young





### 📗 Remember....

*That you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* Such are the words of blessing offered on Ash Wednesday, as we remember our humanity and God's immortal

love, shown to us in Jesus Christ. It is a time of somberness in recognition of the love so strong that death could not break its grasp on us, as Jesus carries us from death to life. Come and remember: Services will be held at noon and 7:00 pm., February 18.

## Lenten Worship

During Lent all are invited as in faith we gather each Wednesday night for a Soup Supper and Worship. To introduce the meal at 6:00, the



Social Ministry Team shares information on ministries around the world, telling us how our actions are affecting the lives of others (for good!). We then gather to worship at 7:00, using the beautiful service "Holden Evening Prayer". This is a special time of faith, the gathering together deepening our understanding of God's actions of love in Jesus Christ. Please set aside time in your schedule to share in this special practice of Lent!

	Sponsored in part by various religious, social and financial organizations.
What:	Catered hot buffet meal, square dance and line dancing to show appreciation for farm families i Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties, and the surrounding areas. Build community among farm families and citizens.
When	Saturday, March 14, 2015
	Doors open at 6:15 p.m., but no earlier
	Dinner buffet - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Tables will be held for families that work late.)
	Square Dance, Classic and Modern Country music by "The Majestics," with line dance music between sets - 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Where	e: Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78
Who:	Everyone is invitedfarm families and farm family supporters!! Children are welcome!!
Note:	No political or other solicitations. No alcoholic beverages permitted.
	* This year we will have a Wild West theme! *
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## Bible study

What is God doing? That is what we witness first hand during the season of Lent, and in the book of Acts. Please join the

study of scripture on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of February! And beginning after Ash Wednesday, delve in to the practice of Lent on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 as we read through each account of the passion of Christ and discuss what it means to be so loved by God.



### Rapid Response Team Recognition

We've seen them quietly and quickly move to the back of the church during a worship service, often with someone under their arms. Jokingly we've referred to them as the Rapid Response Team, but their expertise, caring, and speed have made worship a safer place for all. Nurses and health professionals within Christ's United family take care of



medical needs that happen during worship and other church events. In appreciation for this special ministry that helps all minister, we will recognize and celebrate the Christ's United Rapid Response Team during worship on Sunday, 22 February with a reception following. Please join in saying THANK YOU!

### We Offer our Prayers to... Members of Christ's United:

Dean & Barb Fetterolf, Jennie Kosmisky, Katie Kimmel, David Schweinhart, Marlene Lucas, James Houser Jr., Rose Ann Price, Frank Schaffer, Sandy Marlow, Deb Hall, Jeanette Wolfgang, Terry Shilling, Joyce Mallams, Connie Welker, Chip Bendinsky, Cheryl Denchak, Deb Berner, Kenny Dengler

#### Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Lottie Anczarski, Elizabeth Brown, Doris McGurl, Wendy Farnsworth, Heather Demko, Percy Deiter, Barbara Bova, Patrice Rader, Irene Zaharick, Lois Reichwein, Karyssa Wenrich, Dave Kopitski, Betty Green, Michelle Lengle, Cathy Hare, Robbi Link, Mary Kay Cray, Steven Wallace, Charlie Young, Dianne Klem, Dorothy Jean Welker, Reese Burdette, Albert & Carol Stehr, Gary Snyder, Kevin Krise, Katherine Bennett, Anthony Novitsky, Jean Lucas, Marcus Smith,

Joe Klemanski, Doris Buseck, Harold Berner, Robert Rickard, Ruby Berger

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.

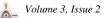


Please provide updates to the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added please call the office: if you add someone to the prayer list on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the prayer podium.

## **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 their spiritual journey.

*This month we pray for:* The Anczarski Family—Joe, Barb, Joey & Lynn The Bechtel Family—James, Dawn & Katelyn The Cascarino Family—Daniel & Jesse



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February 8	Donna Wallace	Richard Berner		Brianna Kodack	Katie Kodack	Deb Berner	Barb Stepanchick
February 15	Barb Anczarski		Irene Morgan Kay Berner Becky Spencer	Jacob Tice	Zachary Hummel	Erik Tice	Sally Tice
February 18—Ash Wednesday	Beth Andrews		Barb Stepanchick Donna Wallace Judy Stepulitis	Tyler Wolfgang	Thomas Wolfgang	John Towey	Dennis Wolfe
February 22	Brianna Kodack			Nathan Berger	Danielle White & Dylan Buhay	Mark Varndell	Cheryl Vamdell
February 25—Mid week	Melanie Bendinsky			Ralph Johnson			Beth Andrews

Serving Our Community of Faith in February:

## **FEBRUARY 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Th
1 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany <u>Souper Bowl Offering</u> 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Journey 11:00 Day Camp Team Meeting	2 Presentation of Our Lord, The Purification of Mary LENTEN DEVOTIONS DUE! Ground Hog Day	<b>3</b> 9:00 "Knaughty Knotters" 6:30 Choir Practice	4 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 WELCA	5 7:00 Cł
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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Worship Service Hand Out Annual Reports	1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00 Staff Meeting	9:00 Food Delivery 9:00 "Knaughty Knotters"		10:00-1 "Christ':
10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 5:00 <i>LCM</i> 6:00 <i>Property Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i>	7:00 <i>Journey</i> Leader Meeting	6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Social Ministry Team Meeting	4:30 Sr. Youth Group pizza & pantry set up 6:00 Bible Study	6:30 Cl Educat Meeting
15 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 Communion Service Hand Out Lenten Devotion Booklet	16 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 Staff Meeting	17	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday 12:00 Communion Service	19
10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Annual Congregation Meeting & Luncheon	6:30 Worship & Music Team Meeting <b>Presidents' Day</b>	6:30 Choir Practice	7:00 Communion Service	
22 First Sunday in Lent 9:30 Worship Service, Rapid Response Team Recognition	23 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 1:00 Staff Meeting	24 St. Matthias, Apostle	25 9:00 Bible Study	26 12:00-2 Area fo Good S
10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 <i>Journey</i>	6:00 Grief Support Group	6:30 Choir Practice	6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship Service	
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# SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following item for February:

## **Canned Soup**

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**

February—Social Ministry March—LCM April—WELCA May—Christian Education June—Music & Worship July—Evangelism/Outreach August—Youth Group

### "Christ's Cupboard"

Next Distribution Date **Thursday, February 12** 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.

## <u>Ministry of the Month</u>

The Social Ministry team is a very active group within our congregation and community. We have many projects that we work on throughout the year. With your help we have been able to reach out into our community to those in need. We provide Jared Boxes to children receiving chemo or other treatments at the hospital, we provide meals to shut ins, we

provide books, bedding and other supplies to Opportunity House so people may have permanent employment, and now thanks to the great generosity of Christ's United we provide food on a monthly basis for those who come to "Christ's Cupboard". This passage from Ephesians speaks of what we do, why we do it and the reason we



reach out as Christians to help others in need. Many members from out team work diligently on our projects, you are welcome to join us. We always can use your ideas and help in starting new projects, and keeping those we are working on going. Thank You!



#### Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday's at 6:00 Sign up on the bulletin board to provide soup or bread for our meal. Each week the Social Ministry Team will have a short presentation.



Items Needed for the "Souper" Bowl Saturday, January 31 & Sunday, February 1

- Pancake Syrup
- Tuna
- Pudding snack packs (non-refrigerated)
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Soup
- Peanut Butter

Please place all food donations on the table in the Narthex. Monetary donations will be collected also and used to purchase more food. All items will go to "Christ's Cupboard".



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# **UNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

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# nday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 00 pm - 6:00 pm

Erik Tice, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit solood.org to schedule an appointment

D DRIVE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Walk-ins are welcome

Life Together at Christ's United





The Acts of the Apostles is not just a book in the Bible at Christ's United: it is the living and breathing of the Holy Spirit through the people! Bring some food

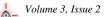
to share and join in a celebration of ministries new and growing! We will gather after worship on Sunday, February 15 for a potluck lunch and updates on current and developing ministries. All are welcome!

Friends,

Have you ever stopped to look at the beauty of the Christ's United campus? In the summer you can find a perfectly manicured lawn surrounded by shrubs in a bed of precisely placed mulch. All of this and not a blade of grass to be found on the sidewalks. In the winter those very same walks are perfectly cleared and salted so all can make a safe journey during those less than favorable winter days. If you too have noticed the beauty of this hard work, then please join us in thanking Donnie Klinger. Donnie has been our outdoor custodian for some time now and has done a great job on making our church grounds a prettier place to enjoy.

It saddens us to say that Donnie has decided to hang up the lawn mower keys this year and stepped down as the outdoor custodian. As we can truly understand Donnie's decision to take some well deserved rest, we can only hope his replacement will put half the love into our church grounds as he did. Thanks to Donnie and his family for all the great work through the years.

God Bless, Christ's United Personnel Committee





# 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.

Answers from the January "Who Are These People???" - Left to Right: Jill Johnson, Gary Schneider, Rev. Pfeffer, Traci (Rickert) Smith. Confirmation, May 1986 at St. John's Chapel. Please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future "Life Together" Newsletters.
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. I am also looking for a picture of each of the Chapels:

St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Zions. Thanks!

Life Together at Christ's United



- 1 Ross Sterling Kim Walacavage
- 4 Dennis Wolfe
- 5 Richard Weikel Kenneth Zweizig
- 6 Brian Bolich
- 9 Terry Kessler Allison Rusinko
- 10 Rebecca Houser Jason Miller Mark Varndell
- 11 Vanessa Pirie Tanner Wilson Leo Young
- 12 Chantelle Klinger Edward Stepulitis
- 13 Rhonda Carl Barb Habowski Deana Lesher
- 14 Bobbi-Jo Hummel
- 15 Alaina Lindenmuth Melissa Sisko
- 16 Vicki Reeser Daniel Sisko Lois Sterling
- 17 Crystal Huber Randy Troutman

- 18 Cyrus Clark Jacob Tice
- 19 Dean Lesher Pearl Lute Shaun McNally
- 20 Jim Chappell Cheryl Denchak Micah Hepler Mina Pennypacker Bill Price
- 21 Kylei Long
- 22 Teresa Ambrose Gavin Dwane Kolton Fetterolf Brielle Smith
- 23 Jennifer Wehry Ricky Williard
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- 25 Charlie Klauger
- 26 Geoffrey Dudick
- 27 Denise Hepler
- 28 Dorothy Shadle Ann Welker



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# **Relationship Rehab**

The theme of 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!

### Journey Leader Meeting

Where is the *Journey* taking us? A new way of looking at Christian Education has begun at Christ's United. Those involved (or thinking about being involved) in guiding our *Journey* are invited to a planning gathering on Monday, 9 February, at 7 pm. We will discuss how the road has been, and look at some new maps and travel guides. Refreshments will be provided!

Donna Wallace & Angie Berger Donald Smith Jr. Barb Fetterolf oan Clark Denise Hepler & Corrine Coward



WELCA News

"Knaughty Knotters Knews"



### The Knotters will be Knotting on Tuesday, February 3 & 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come out and join us!!! We are in great need of "filler" materials such as used blankets, mattress pads, or quilt batting.

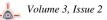
Blankets may be worn, nubby, or have holes in, these materials are used in the middle of the quilt. Please place donations in the social hall. Thank YOU!!!



### Next Ladies Night Out Sunday, March 1

Ladies – grab the green and bring out the blarney! We're celebrating a Saint Patrick's Day theme and we'll be telling long tales in our best Irish brogue and wearing clovers during March Ladies' Nite Out! We'll be gathering in the parking lot to carpool to Massers in Paxinos for a laughter flavored meal of fellowship

and sharing. Please sign up on the bulletin board to reserve a seat, and sign up a friend while you're at it!



### **Parish Visitor Message**

Greetings and a very Happy New Year to my Christ's United family! Please accept my heartfelt thank you for your gift at Christmas. It was so very much appreciated. I truly feel so blessed to be the Parish Visitor for the congregation. I enjoy my visits with wonderful and insightful conversation and the sharing of prayer and the sacrament of Holy Communion with you.

Some folks have commented that they don't see me in church on Sunday. That is true. You will see me on Saturdays and/or special occasions and festivals. In May 2013 I was asked by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser, NEPA Synod Bishop to be the pastoral care provider to the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Port Carbon. Pastor Lengert serves as my mentor.

God has truly blessed me! A few years back I struggled to find my purpose and God has wonderfully directed my life to you and to St. Paul's. God truly does have a plan. My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 –" Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

Thank you again and may I continue to bless you as you have blessed me.

Lois Sterling



#### **Christ's United Ministry Teams**

Christian Education education@christsunited.org

Evangelism/Outreach evangelism@christsunited.org

Lutheran Church Men (LCM) lcm@christsunited.org

Social Ministry socialministry@christsunited.org

Stewardship

WELCA welca@christsunited.org

Worship & Music

<u>Christ's United Committees</u> Auditing & Finance Committees finance@christsunited.org

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Mutual Ministry

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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.

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From a worship bulletin in Knoxville, Tennessee:

"Thin Is the Glory"

Is this thine new diet plan?

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