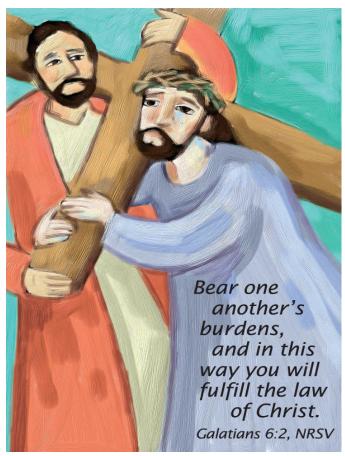
Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





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

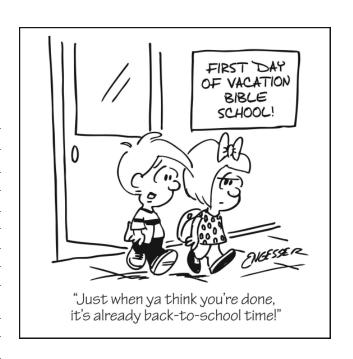




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Status of Accounts as of June 30

Balance in Checking Account......\$428.51 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget of \$169,305.70 is **\$14,108.81**.

May income was \$8,981.21

Benevolence Gifts.....\$7,770.00 (38% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's that time again, time when family and friends gather for picnics and pools, cookouts in a cool summer breeze, while folks we've known our whole lives sit in lawn chairs until long after the sun has set

No matter how your family gatherings work, all of them include the same thing:

telling stories that are re-told every time you get together, stories that were told when our parents were merely young children, and then as the years passed, told over and over to us, only for us to repeat the cycle.

We learned that those old stories are our stories, stories that carry us through time and space, that changed our past and form our future. Through those stories we came to know our family, learning about each member in a way that caused us to remember. We learned about relationships and characteristics, travel and illnesses, education and adventure. We learned where we came from, who we came from, and from that,

We learned who we are...

Brothers and Sisters, that is what the church is about: we are people of the story. A story that was told to our family members a long time ago, a story about crazy people like Peter who tried to walk on water and John who had crazy hair and ate bugs and Abraham who was always lost even when he was on the right road, and Ruth who saved an entire nation and God,

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Who formed us all with loving hands,
Walked with us holding and guiding us,
And never, never leaves us alone.

Stories. God's stories. Our stories. Stories that tell us who we are and who we will be, stories that our parents were told and then told to us, only for us to repeat the cycle.

This Summer our focus is, like every other family, telling those old stories. A Summer reading challenge gives our children the opportunity to hear the story of God's never ending love in the adventures of Bible relatives, like weird Peter or crazy John. Vacation Bible School invites us to enter the story as we experience God all around us. Adult Confirmation gives us the story in history, helping us to "finally get it" as we see how the story guides our actions. Worship calls us to hear and see the story, a time to enter in and claim it as our own. And the picnics and trips are times for us to gather around in lawn chairs or pews, when the sun is breaking the sky or when dusk is nigh, and join in the story:

to come and hear, then go and tell.

Peace, Pastor Kím



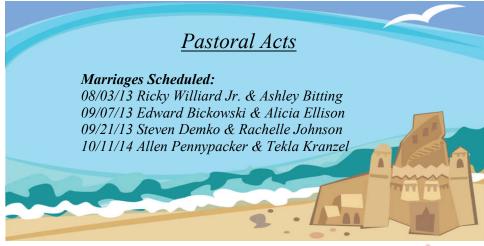
The church office will be open Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for the summer. Regular office hours will resume in September.



Church Council Highlights from June:

- Lois Sterling is now serving as lay minister at St. Paul's, Port Carbon.
- The indoor custodian vacation time request was forwarded to the personnel committee.
- New office hours for the summer were approved.
- Fellowship hall guidelines were again reviewed and finalized.
- The youth will be participating in the Schuylkill Mission District Lutheran Youth Service Day.
- The attendance was low for the Spaghetti dinner but they LCM did still have a good outcome.
- There will be a special offering for Bear Creek Camp on July 13 & 14.
- Two packages of adult electrodes and one package of child

- electrodes have been ordered for the AED.
- Pastor and other members of the church will be attending a Ministries Workshop on July 16 & 17 in Ohio.
- The Property Committee will work on Guidelines for rental of the pavilion.
- At a special council meeting on June 16 it was approved that we will purchase a package of 25 background checks with on –line training from "Protect My Ministry, Inc." The cost is \$150.00 and will cover all youth leaders, Sunday school volunteers and paid staff members.
- DEP has inspected the nitrate/ water system and we will have Pottsville Water do quarterly checks and testing.





We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Gail Marquardt, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jack Houser, Jennie Kosmisky, Betty Miller, Pearl Lute, Sandy Marlow, Robert Schneider, Norene Stoker, Jim Hepler, Jodi MacNamara, Dean Fetterolf, Dot Zeigenfuse, James Houser, Lewis Pennypacker, Nellie Schlorff, Tom Lazor

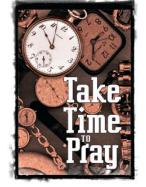
Family & Friends:

Catherine Beury, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Harris, Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, Donna Harpster, Amy Miner, Tim Varndell, Andrea Gosda, Glen Geist, Mike Smith, Roseann Mause, Jason Stank, Margaret Huhn, Dawn Huntzinger, Harry & Marie Lengert, Dorothy Shadle, Marilyn Kehler, Colleen Flail, Audrey Pillman, Fred Pillman, Ada Miller, Harold Wink, Dan Krynak, Betty Green, Bill Dean, Robbie Krick family, Kayla Kelly, Evelyn Myers, Nada Matthews

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:

Howard Beury
Marion Brennan, Providence Place
Jean Cress, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Glenn Pennypacker, Trevorton
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







The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for scholarships. If you are a member of the congregation who is furthering your education in a college, Scholarships Available university, trade school, business school, nursing/

medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by September 1, 2013 to either the church office or one of the members of the committee- Jennifer Johnson, Natalie O'Connor, Rick Lorady, 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.





Bible School Registration Form

Sunday, July 21— Thursday, July 25 6:00-8:00 p.m.

(One Per Child)
Child's name:
Child's gender:
Child's age: Date of birth:
Last school grade completed:
Name of parent(s):
Street address:
City:
State: ZIP:
Home telephone: ()
Parent/caregiver's cell phone: ()
Home e-mail address:
Home church:
Crew number or name (for church use only):
Allergies or other medical conditions:
In case of emergency, contact:
Phone:
Relationship to child:

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Youth Group News

Last month we celebrated our wonderful mothers, and this month was our fathers' turn. The junior and senior youth celebrated their favorite males with a prayer, food, piñata, tie dying shirts, and a game of kick ball. We had a great time and were blessed by the talents of Jeanmarie in the kitchen. The youth were spun around, got dizzy, and took swings at a flower piñata full of candy. After being hit a few times the piñata finally gave way to a final blow from Zach. We all, youth and adults alike, created our own tie dye shirts. It is a good thing that tie dying shirts is almost a fool-proof craft (none of us knew what we were doing). Everyone voted on a logo/motto for the youth, which will be added to the youth tie dye shirts. We ended our festivities with a game of kick ball that pinned the youth against the adults. We played three innings and in the end the youth pulled out the win of 12-10. Thank you to all the youth and their male guests for making this such a wonderful event!

The youth group would also like to send out a big Thank you to Terry Ambrose, Peggy Dziczek and Penny Lindenmuth for their generous donations to our picnic.

We are a few weeks into the summer reading challenge and the feed back from parents is wonderful. Thank you for participating and keep up the good work!!!

Keep and eye on the bulletin board, announcements and newsletter for more events to come!!!

Contact Us:

Junior Youth Group: jryouth@christsunited.org Senior Youth Group: sryouth@christsunited.org



LUTHERAN YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

WHEN

July 27th, 2013 All day event

Rain Date: August 3rd, 2013

WHERE

Trinity Lutheran Registration: 9:00am

300 West Arch Street Pottsville, PA 17901

Christ's United Lutheran Closing Picnic: 4:30pm

437 Airport Rd. Ashland, PA 17921

YOUTH AGES 6-18

REGISTRATION

Due by July 15th

Donation items requested Dry Cat food Non-perishable food items Toiletries Clorox and/or Cleaning supplies

ACTIVITIES

Painting of a mural

Youth ages 6-8 will be making cards, signs and buttons and putting their own unique touch on the mural

FOOD AND FUN

Lunch will be provided.

Bug spray and sunscreen will be available.

We will end with a picnic, games, and Worship

BENEFITING

Local Charitable Organizations



Serving Our Community of Faith in July:

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Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	2nd Acolyte, Or Tag-a- long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
July 7	Melanie Bendinsky	Kay Berner David Hall Barb Anczarski	Becky Spencer Robert Schneider Barb Anczarski	Tyler Wolfgang	Thomas Wolfgang	Helen Wolfgang	Kay Berner
July 14	Kay Berner		David Hall	Chelsea Stutzman	Nicole Hood	Barb Stepanchick	Ian Bendinsky
July 21	Donna Lassen			Mark Klinger	Jacob Tice	Darlene Stank	Beth Andrews
July 28	Suzanne Peel			Lauren Wagner	Danielle White	Erik Tice	Jim Gruber



Special Offering for Bear Creek Camp

Saturday, July 13 & Sunday, July 14

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs
	1	2 Doubting Thomas	3 Thomas, Apostle 7:00 "Adult Confirmation"	4 Office
7 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service Be Strengthened	8 6:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:00 Church Council	9 Erik out of office	7:00 "Adult Confirmation"	7:00 Ev
14 8 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Special Offering for Bear Creek Camp 3:30 Ladies Night Out	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Stewardship Meeting	16 Trip to Ohio	17 Trip to Ohio 6:00 WELCA Indoor Covered Dish Picnic	7:00 Pe
21 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Baptism of Miles Hudock 6:00-8:00 Bible School	St. Mary Magdalene Magdalene Magdalene 6:00-8:00 Bible School	6:00-8:00 Bible School 7:00 Sr. Youth helping at food pantry	9:30 Newsletter Assembly 6:00-8:00 Bible School	25 St. Jai Elder, 2 12:00-2 Pantry Group 6:00-8: School
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Come one, Come all! Women of Christ's United Women of the ELCA's Indoor Picnic

Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 pm.

Please bring Covered dishes/desserts to share with your fellow sisters in Christ.

Learn about what is happening with our congregational unit and beyond.

If you wish to participate in a fun BINGO game, bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift.

ALL THE LADIES OF CHRIST'S UNITED
ARE INVITED!!!

Save the date:
WELCA Schuylkill Cluster
Fall Event
Saturday, OCTOBER 12th
St. Peter's, Reinerton



WELCA News

Christ's United will contribute 12 knotted quilts to the 500,000 QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) CHALLENGE. These quilts were blessed and given to the Ingathering location for delivery to a New Windsor, MD warehouse.

LWR has been distributing quilts around the world for many years. The quilts are used as beds and/or covers, shawls, baby carriers, sunshades, and ground cover for market goods.

Thank you to all who donated materials and time to create the quilts. We will take a break until the fall but we can use more supplies. Drop off materials in August in the social hall.

New or used, but clean materials needed for the project are:

Bed sheets, blankets, mattress pads, pillow cases, quilts (not knitted or crocheted), fabric yards or pieces (cottons, corduroy, fleece), or draperies (no fiberglass content).

Also, crocheting thread for knotting & Quilt batting.

Please look around your homes or second hand shops for any of these materials and place them in the box in the social hall next to the walk-in closet. Assembly of quilts will begin again in September. If you wish to work on 60" x 80" quilt tops at home, refer to lwr.org/kits or, contact Donna Wallace. Also, check out LWR Quilters on Facebook to see what is happening around the country and world.

Thank you to everyone that donated Bars of Soap to Lutheran World Relief.

We collected a total of 50 bars.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Ashland Area Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following item for July:

Boxed Potatoes

Please place your donations in the shopping cart. Thank You!



The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

Committee Schedule

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



World Hunger Table

Bring in items to place on the table. For example:

Baked Goods Plants

Vegetables Hand made items

Anything you think someone else could use!

Please take whatever <u>YOU</u> can use off of the table.

All items are **FREE!**

If you choose, place a donation in the World Globe.



All donations are sent to the World Hunger Appeal.



All Aboard for Ladies' Night Out!

We'll be boarding at the Church at 3:30 on Sunday 14 July to begin an adventure of laughter, stories, and friendship with a meal too! Our destination is Front Street Station in Northumberland,

and we will be car-pooling so don't be worried about getting there (or back!). Please sign up on bulletin board or talk with Pastor Kim.



Confirmation? For Adults?

Why should the kids have all the fun – join in the discussion as we experience confirmation a whole lot different from when you were a kid! We'll journey through the creation of the cosmos to the koinonia of Christ, singing the Sanctus with the hosts of heaven with stops for manna breaks along the way! This quickie course will be a summary of the materials covered in a typical confirmation program, with emphasis on Biblical story and worship.

Wednesdays, June 26, July 3, & 10





July Anniversaries & Birthdays



<u>Anniversaries</u>

07/01/50 Forrest & Dorothy Shadle
07/08/76 James & Jo Conrath
07/10/93 Gary & Connie Weinreich
Thomas & Michelle Hood
07/28/01 Rick & Gail Lorady
07/30/05 Susan & Shaun McNally
07/31/70 James & Carol Reiner

<u>Birthdays</u>

- 2 Ryan Bendinsky
- Joan ClarkJohn E. Shilling
- 4 John Denchak David Schweinhart
- 5 Christopher Dillman
- 6 Chris Brennan Sally Tice Ron Wallace
- 7 Jeffrey Sharp Rick Lorady Patrick Monaghan
- 8 John Kimmel
- 10 Nelson Berger, Jr.
- 11 Wendy Farnsworth

- 12 Dylan Barker
- 13 Todd Walacavage
 Gavin Klock
- 15 Samantha Schneider
- 17 Bobbie HarnerTami WagnerMaura Sweitzer
- 18 Ellie Chappell
- 19 Jeffrey Hummel Kylie Sisko
- 22 Mark Boyer
- 24 Anna Harner
- 26 Thomas Wolfgang Carla Mae Carl
- 27 Lydia Price
- 31 Barbara Fetterolf



Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Thursday, August 8th

Deadline to Reserve Tickets: **JULY 15th** Bus leaves Church parking lot at 11:00 a.m.



Cost
Adults \$83.00
Teen (13-18) \$64.00
Child (3-12) 48.00

Deposit of \$20.00 for each ticket due when you sign up. Balance Due by July 15th.

Lunch at Shady Maple 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Includes: 46 salad bar items, 3 soups, 8 homemade breads & rolls, 4 cheeses, 8 meats, 14 vegetables, 10 cold desserts, 3 hot desserts, 8 pies, 6 cakes, sundae bar & many beverages. **Daily Grill Features:** Angus Burgers, Beef Brisket, Grilled Hot Dogs, Marinated Chicken Breasts, Real Homemade Corn Fritters, Potato Cakes, Pizza and Kielbasa.

Show at Sight & Sound 4:15 p.m.

In this epic you'll travel with Noah, overwhelmed in his quest to fulfill the wishes of God as he struggles against seemingly impossible odds and the intense criticism of non-believers. Every detail of the story - as revealed in the Bible - comes to life with remarkable realism, sweeping you back in time to the days when Noah is called to build a large floating vessel big enough to save mankind. Will he succeed? Watch in amazement as the 40-foot-high ark is constructed right before your very eyes! Find yourself frozen in awe as you sit inside the boat, surrounded by hundreds of live and animatronic animals of every species. Sight & Sound Theatres truly brings the Bible to life with this captivating, immersive production delivered on a scale which only Sight & Sound can replicate.

Please make checks payable to: Christ's United Lutheran Church WELCA

Contact Connie Welker @ 875-0844, or Jo-Ann Young @ 875-2586 for more information and to reserve your tickets.





Reading Phillies Bus Trip

Friday, July 12th

Cost: \$45.00 (includes bus, ticket, & all you can eat buffet)

Game time: 7:05

Bus will leave the church parking lot at 4:15.

Only 2 Tickets Left!

See Dean Fetterolf for more information.

Have you "Liked" us on Facebook?

Christ's United Lutheran Church is on Facebook! We have a page and a group by which we share information about upcoming Church and community activities, as well as keeping up with each other. This is one of the first places to check to get information on new programs and special situations (flooding, snow, etc.). Sign on to Facebook and search for Christ's United Lutheran Church – and "Like" us when you get there!

And visit our website, www.christsunited.org!





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

\$15.00 in Memory of Frank Ward by: Ron & Donna Wallace

\$15.00 in Memory of Margaret Seiler by: Ron & Donna Wallace

\$145.00 in Memory of Brenda Wolfgang by: Eleanor Neidlinger Ron & Donna Wallace Larry & Linda Shifflet

FOOD!

Now that we have your attention – food is a central part of church life, just like food was a central part of Christ's ministry. As we gather around the table we share as a family all the gifts of God that feed us – in our tummies and in our souls.

Two groups that formed through our most recent leadership training event, are planning new ways to feed us – in the tummy and the soul – through ministry.



The first is a Community-Chili-Contest-Concert and the other is a Marriage Resource program.

Please check the sign up boards in the center of the church to sign up and to learn more!



Christ's United Committees

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Worship & Music

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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

In our weekness, he is strong.

Praise God for his morey and strength

Praise God for providing constant strength in our weakness!



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