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God's Work,
Our Actions

Rejoice
 in **hope**,
 be **patient**
 in tribulation,
 be **constant**
 in **prayer**.

Romans 12:12, ESV

Join us for Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m.



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One God. One People. One Purpose.

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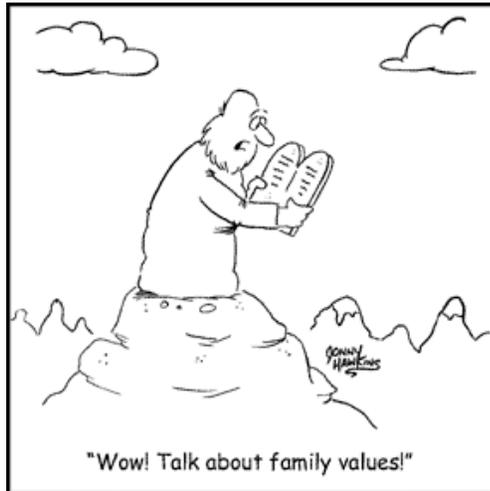
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July 2021

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The July CULC Messenger is sponsored
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Status of Accounts as of May 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$41,185.95.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our
2021 Annual Budget of \$202,094.00 is **\$16,841.17**

May income was \$16,049.47.

Expenses for May were \$16,002.76,
resulting in a gain of \$46.71.

Benevolence Gifts through May is \$6,010.00

(40 % of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2021)

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Christ's United Ministry Teams

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

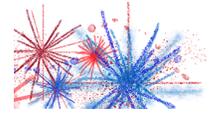
Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
Endowment Fund
Mutual Ministry
Nominating
Personnel

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 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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

July 4th is on a Sunday this year and our Worship and Music team invites us to wear red, white, and blue that day. I wondered why our nation's colors are red, white and blue. I did a Google search and learned that in 1777, the Second Continental Congress resolved, "The flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

When a Google search is performed, the Internet service provides a box titled "People also ask..." When I researched our nation's colors, this is what popped up in the box: "When did we become a red and blue state?" This started when NBC, the first all-color TV network, unveiled an illuminated map — snazzy for its time — in 1976. Election night anchor John Chancellor explained how states were going to be blue if they voted for incumbent Republican Gerald Ford and red if they voted for Democratic challenger Jimmy Carter. Blue was often used for Republicans at that time because blue is typically associated with the more conservative parties in Europe and elsewhere. When other TV operations went to full color, they too added vivid maps to their election night extravaganzas. But they didn't agree on a color scheme. Viewers switching between channels might see Ronald Reagan's landslide turning the landscape blue on NBC and CBS, but red on ABC.

The confusion persisted until 2000, when the coloring of states for one party or the other dragged on well past election night. The need for consistency across media outlets became paramount. It seemed increasingly natural to refer to states that voted for George W. Bush as "red states" rather than "Republican states" (and those voting for Democrat Al Gore as "blue states").

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Christian symbol



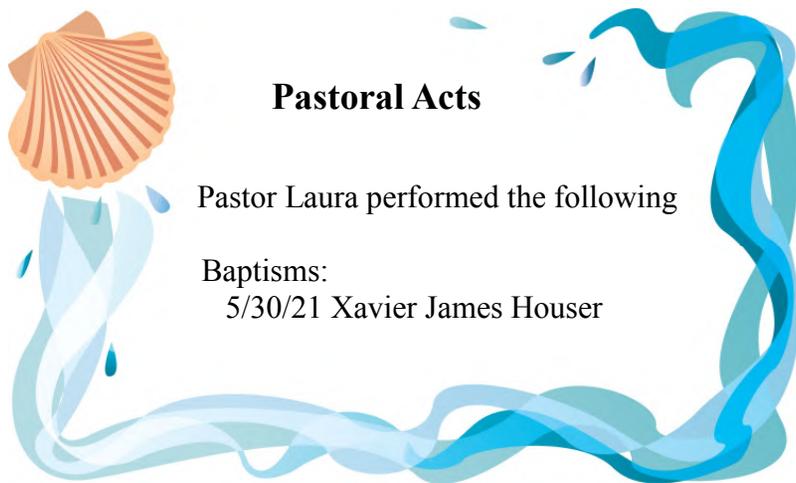
OIL—In the Old Testament, oil symbolized consecration to God. The temple altar and king's heads were anointed with oil to set them apart as holy. In the New Testament, oil often represented the Holy Spirit. Jesus and his followers were anointed for their ministries (see Luke



The red-blue language soon became a metaphor for partisanship. This provided a convenient target for the most memorable speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention delivered by a young senatorial candidate from Illinois named Barack Obama. "The pundits like to slice and dice our country into red states and blue states," he said. But I've got news for them— we worship an awesome God in the blue states and we don't like federal agents poking around in our libraries in the red states."

It's a theme you've heard often from me, and important as we Christians prepare for Independence Day: We are united in Christ, not by whether we are Red Republicans, Blue Democrats.... or Purple Independents. What we share in common is more important than what would divide us.

When we gather with family and friends on July 4th weekend to grill hotdogs and burgers, we'll rightly celebrate the freedoms we have as Americans; but more importantly, we'll celebrate the freedom Christ gives us from no less than Sin, Death, and the Devil himself.



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura performed the following

Baptisms:

5/30/21 Xavier James Houser



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Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

Community Room
437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, August 2, 2021
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.

Living out scripture

When Texas suffered an uncharacteristic winter storm in February, one couple's act of kindness toward a stranger demonstrated the power of living by the Golden Rule.

Chelsea Timmons, a grocery store delivery driver, got stuck in the ice-covered driveway of customers Doug Condon and Nina Richardson. Because towing companies were inundated, the couple invited her to stay with them — which she ended up doing for five nights! The three shared meals and conversation, and Chelsea baked them a cake and befriended their dogs. In short, Nina and Doug say, she became "part of the family."

"Do to others what you would have them do to you," says Jesus (Matthew 7:12, NIV). Doug echoes Jesus closely when he explains one reason behind their actions: "We have daughters, and we hope if they were ever in a situation like this that there would be someone who would open their house and help them."



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!



Church Council Highlights from June

- Social Ministry Team reported that Social Hour will resume in October. We will be having a World Hunger Summer Book Collection with all proceeds going to the World Hunger Fund. Pastor Laura said that if you go to www.godslove.org and scroll down you can see cheese and fruit trays representing our distribution of food to the homebound members in the midst of the pandemic. Peggy Dzialek led the project because she felt that this was something we needed to do. We received many thank you cards and positive comments.
- Worship & Music: "Red, White and Blue Jean" Sunday will be held on 7/4 so we can dress casually.
- Safety Task Force and Security Team have merged into one committee. The next meeting will include both committees.
- Narthex Greeters: We decided to suspend the Post Worship Greeter in the Narthex since Pastor Laura greets people after the service. It was determined that Allen Johnson would be asked to greet people at the door before and after the service. If Allen isn't able to do this, the lector will be the greeter at the door.
- There will be no Council Meeting in July. The next meeting will be

July Council Contact of the month is Beth Andrews

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 Beth,



Council Member
of the Month



We Offer our Prayers to...

June 20 – Raymond Price (D. Price)
Debbie Moyer (C. Carl)
Family & Friends of Dennis Morgan

June 13 – Mark Varndell
Rejoicing in the Birth of Joseph Thomas
(Grandson of Barb & Joe Anczarski)

June 6 – Forrest Shadle
Ashley Cappel (K. Berner)
*Families of Mae Dudas (J. Young)
& Marsha Troutman*

May 30 – Robert Burns (B. Liem)
Lisa Troutman Foulds (D. Stank)
Debbie Morgan (I. Morgan)
*Families of Ellie Kennedy & Robert Malia (Lindenmuths)
& Tiffany Kase (A. Berger / J. Johnson)*

Please continue to pray for: Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Annette Houser, Jim Houser, Tara Houser, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Gail Lorady, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Nellie Schlorff, Cheryl Varndell, Jo-Ann Young, Leo Young, Linda Zerby

Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Elizabeth Brown & family, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Keith Morgan (G. Marquardt), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Danny Quick (A. Berger), Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Karyssa Wenrich

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 or write their name on the Prayer Request sheet found on the Prayer Podium.



*Faith
Formation
Saturdays*

Faith Formation Saturday on July 10.

“The First Article of the Creed”

Session led by the Rev. Dr. Roger E. Timm
10 am - 12 noon

Roger E. Timm is a retired ELCA pastor. He received an M.Div. degree from Concordia Seminary and an M.A. in philosophy from Washington University, both in St. Louis, and a Ph.D. in religious studies in a joint program with Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York. Ordained in April 1971, Roger has served in both parishes and campus ministry settings. During the 1980's Timm was assistant chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Muhlenberg College. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Emmaus in 2013 and since then he has served on the Faith Formation Resources Ministry Team.

Session Description:

“The First Article of the Creed: Creation”

Since the First Article of the Creed focuses on God the Father as Creator, we will explore biblical accounts of creation, both in Genesis and elsewhere in the Bible. We will explore what these creation accounts tell us about God, the world, and about our role in creation. The relation between faith and science in our understanding of creation will also be considered. Part of Pastor Timm's presentation will be a study guide for a confirmation class on the Genesis

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:



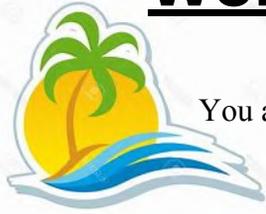
The Lute Family - Louise
The Stutzman Family - Gerald, Cathy & Chelsea



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Women of the ELCA



Attention ALL sisters of CULC!
You are invited to a **Tropical Paradise**, the annual indoor covered dish picnic on

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11
6:00 PM**

Sign up on the bulletin board to attend and indicate what food you will bring to share.

We will have a White Elephant Gift Game so each person is to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the game (if you wish to participate).

We have also invited women from Good Shepherd, Ashland; Friedens, Hegins; St. James, Pitman; and Zion, Minersville.

We hope you will join us for food, fellowship, and fun in a cool, bug free environment.

Knaughty Knotters completed 58 knotted quilts this past year. Thank you to all who donated fabric, sheets, blankets, etc. that were used to assemble the quilts. Thrivent Action Team grant was used to purchase batting. Thank you to the KK group (Beth, Becky, Carla, Darlene, Donna, Jean, and Laray) who sewed the tops and bottoms for the quilts, knotted them together, and sewed the outer binding edges.

Congregational donations and Thrivent grants enabled WELCA to assemble 32 Personal Care kits and 45 School kits.

The quilts and kits are being taken to the In Gathering on June 18th

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. For the past several years these Prayer Teams have been silently serving God, the world, and us.

If you are committed to the power of prayer, please join one of these teams. Prayer lists are available at worship services each week-end, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



Congratulations to Cole Young, Grandson of Leo and Jo-Ann Young and Lowell Martin, on his graduating from Elizabethtown College with a major in Computer Science and



RED, WHITE AND BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

Since July 4th falls on Sunday this year, we will celebrate this summer holiday with casual red, white and blue attire for worship. Join in the celebration of the



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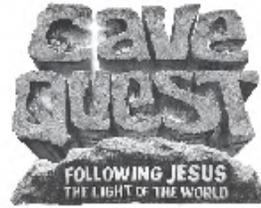


- 2 Heather Schweinhart
- 3 Mindy Burke
Dustin Koons
Joan Clark
John E. Shilling
- 4 John Denchak
- 5 Christopher Dillman
- 6 Chris Brennan
James Locker
Sally Tice
Ron Wallace
- 7 Jeremiah Johnson
Michelle Knorr
Rick Lorady
Patrick Monaghan
Jeffrey Sharp
Daniel Sisko
- 10 Nelson Berger, Jr.
- 11 Eric Singleton
Deb Hubler
- 12 Dylan Barker
William Harris
- 13 Deb Price

- 14 Peter Hepler
Samuel Troup, Jr.
- 15 Samantha Schneider
- 17 Wesley Long
Maura Sweitzer
Tami Wagner
- 18 Jennifer Singleton
- 19 Kylie Sisko
- 22 Jeremy Rock
- 23 Kimberly Miller
- 24 Tyson Fetterolf
Fletcher Sterling
- 26 Carla Mae Carl
Rachael Green
Thomas Wolfgang
Zeke Shingara
- 27 Lydia Price
- 28 David Cunningham, Sr.
Diane Rock
Brayden Ladick
- 29 Hannah Towey
- 30 Kylie Mallams



Registration Form



Age 3 thru 6th Grade

WHEN: July 26, 27, 28
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

TIME: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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 email 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: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Age 3 thru 6th Grade

WHEN: July 26, 27, 28
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

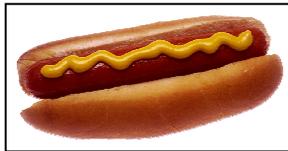
TIME: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Road
Ashland

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Family & Friends at Pioneer Tunnel
July 29 (Thursday)

(Time and exact details will be given during VBS)



Registration deadline 7/15

570-875-1591
office@christsunited.org

Sign up sheets for volunteers,

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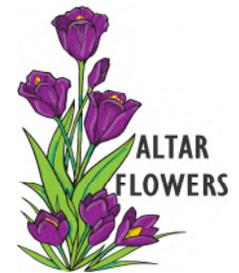


07/08/76	James & Jo Conrath
07/08/95	Greg & Penny Lindenmuth
07/10/93	Gary & Connie Weinreich
07/10/93	Thomas & Michelle Hood
07/28/01	Rick & Gail Lorady
07/30/05	Susan & Shaun McNally
07/31/70	James & Carol Reiner

2021 Sponsorships

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

- Altar Flowers \$25.00
- Worship Bulletins \$15.00
- Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
- Children's Bulletins \$10.00



Payments for Altar flowers should be given to Cathy Troutman.
All other payments should be made payable to Christ's United

Give Electronically

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

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



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Church Music Sunday



On Sunday, June 6, we observed Church Music Sunday. To celebrate our Musicians who help to enhance worship at Christ's United:

Choir Members & Helpers Our Other Musical Talent

Jamie Johnson, Our Director

- Beth Andrews
- Johanna Crist
- Pastor Laura
- Darcie Gruber
- Debbie Hall
- Jack Houser
- Don Klinger
- Gail Marquardt
- Irene Morgan
- Bill Price
- Lydia Price
- Forrest Shadle
- Terry Shilling, Youth Choir Director
- Becky Spencer



- Ron Andrews
- Carla Mae Carl
- Daniel Cunningham
- Zach Hummel
- Kaitlyn Werner
- Kayla Werner
- Steven Wolfgang
- Dan Zaharick



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

*In Memory of Richard Berner
by Lynanne Przywara*

*In Memory of Alison Houser and A.J. Charriez:
by Jack Houser*

To CULC's Endowment Fund
*In Memory of Richard Berner
by John, Maryann, Thomas & Tyler Wolfgang*

To CULC's Capital Campaign
*In Honor of Fathers of CULC on their Special Day
by Women of ELCA*

PUZZLE



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Gr c s w ords

 r h n c omb,

sw t t th s

 nd h long



t th b n s.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for July:

Canned Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday

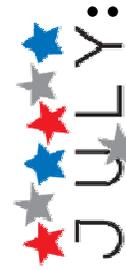


World Hunger Book & Puzzle Exchange

Do you love books? Do you have extra books you no longer want?

The Social Ministry team has a book & puzzle exchange table in the Narthex for the summer.

Bring in any of your soft or hard cover books that you no longer want and place them on the table. Then, if there are other books on the table you would like to read, take them home and enjoy the stories. We are looking for children's books, fiction, novels, mystery, non-fiction or others that you think would be of interest to someone else. If books aren't your interest, we will also be collecting puzzles! When you take a book or puzzle, leave a donation for world hunger to support the many ministries they have throughout the nation and world. We will not accept text books or encyclopedias. Thank you!



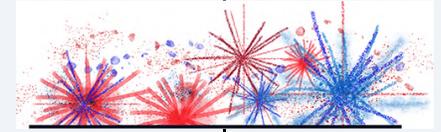
Serving Our Community of Faith in JULY:

Date	Congregational Representative	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolytes	Crucifer	Greeter at the Door
July 4	John Denchak	Vivian Brown	Becky Spencer Ken Dengler John Towey Robert Carl Cheryl Vardell-G	John Towey - AM Donna Lassen Becky Spencer	Kaitlyn & Kayla Werner		Allen Johnson
July 11	Ted Ambrose	Deb Hubler			Marisa Seritsky & Ava Hubler		Allen Johnson
July 18		Donna Lassen			Joey & Bianca McAndrew		Allen Johnson
July 25		Becky Spencer			Nathan & Nelson Berger		Allen Johnson



Fellowship Hour will resume the first Sunday of October after worship.

JULY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
4 Independence Day 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	5	6	7 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:00 P.M. VBS Planning Mtg.	8 9:00 a.m. Food Delivery 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard Distribution	9	10 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
11 9:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. LCM 6:00 p.m. Property Committee	12	13	14 10:00 a.m. Seniors	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
18 9:30 a.m. Worship	19 7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting	20	21 10:00 a.m. Seniors	22	23	24 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
25 9:30 a.m. Worship	26  6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School	27  6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School	28 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 a.m. Seniors 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School	29  Vacation Bible School trip to Pioneer Tunnel (watch for details)	30	31 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion