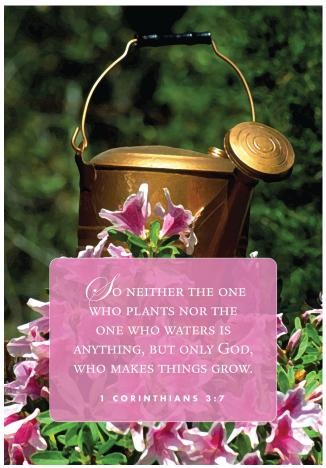
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The May Newsletter is sponsored With Grateful Thanksgiving by Barb Liem



"Frankly, Edna, I think it's more noticeable than your shoes not matching your dress."

Status of Accounts as of March 31

Benevolence Gifts.....\$4,312.75 (21% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2016)



Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Whoosh.

It's been windy lately. I thought about how windy it's been while standing out in the yard this afternoon, feeling the wind against my face and watching the turbines spin on the mountain. Through opened windows, the wind blew out the germs and odors that have built up in the house over the last few months. Clothing blows back and forth on the line, a visible sign of wind's invisible force, making clothes smell fresh and new. The wind feels fresh and wonderful after an uncomfortable winter.

The wind changes things too. The lawn chairs have scattered from the neat little grouping I had planned. Plants and garbage cans are in places I never intended. And its not just me: others are noticing it too. A painter said that the wind has changed how he can do his job, as it will blow the paint all over (not just where he wants it to go).

It's often windy at Christ's United. People have to hold the car doors to keep them from flying open. The flags move in a wild, seemingly uncontrollable dance while the thick poles are bent in submission. The roof creaks and groans, an audible witness to those gathered under the protective beams, giving us a hint that the wind's mighty force changes not only what's outside, but what's inside as well.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2.2-4

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The wind is the sign of the Holy Spirit, giving people the ability to do what they – what you – don't expect them to do. Children running into church, anxious to get to class. Teenagers leading in worship each week. Adults working together to help people they never met. And it's not just us: others are noticing it too. Through opened hearts, the wind blows down the walls and changes the inside, and the outside as well.

Come, and let the wind of the Spirit blow through you. Let the wind blow out the hurt and pain that has built up over the years. Let the wind cause you to move in ways you never expected, your dance a visible sign of the mighty force. Open your heart this day of Pentecost, and let May 15th be the day that the wind changed you: inside, and out.

Whoosh.

Peace,
Pastor Kim





Church Council Highlights from April:

- Pastor Kim spoke about leadership and the hope is, that as the year goes on, that Council can speak out more and be more present.
- Pastor Kim reported that we had a total of 175 kids at the Easter Egg Hunt and the event was well organized.
- Average weekly worship attendance for March 2016--150, for the year--123.

Now the Feast and Celebration!

May is a month of feast (Holy Communion) and celebration (worship!) for God is among us and we are changed by His Holy power! As an outward sign, we will share in a special service of Holy Communion during this month, recognizing the festivals of Pentecost and Holy Trinity. Written by Marty Haugen, the order of service is the same as our regular service of Holy Communion, but the music is similar to Holden Evening Prayer which we use during Lent.







The Ladies are on the Road Again!

Nice weather means that the Ladies Nite Out is moving to wondrous places and new fun!
On 1 May we will gather at Christ's United to carpool to Lewisburg where we will feast at

Country Cupboard, browse the gift shop and who knows what else? The menu is everything and

anything: meats, salads, soups, and of course, laughter. Sign up on the bulletin board, and bring a friend!





WELCA would like to thank everyone that purchased Easter candy. They made a profit of \$4691.00!

"God Is the Fountain"

God is the fountain whence
ten thousand blessings flow;
to him my life, my health and friends,
and every good, I owe.
The comforts he affords
are neither few nor small;
he is the source of fresh delights,
my portion and my all.
He fills my heart with joy,
my lips attunes for praise;
and to his glory I'll devote
the remnant of my days.



-Benjamin Beddome

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As Christ's United it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.christsunited.org, locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, just scan this QR code to get started.





MAY birthdays

- 2 Dylan Klock
- 3 Brian Wetzel
- 4 Ann Marie Dillman Tina Wolfe
- 6 Bryonna Bolich
- 7 Brittany Harhigh Cory Lindenmuth Gary Weinreich
- 8 Charles Bendinsky Taryn Wilson
- 9 Mae Hughes Joan Wolfgang
- 10 Nina Britton
 Katelyn Houser
 Joshua Smith
 Logan Walacavage
- 11 Cole Johnson George Kosmisky Kevin Sweinhart
- 12 Patricia Hepler Jonas McGrath
- 13 Andrew Charriez
- 14 Dean Fetterolf Christine Klouser

- 15 Ralph Johnson Robert Sweinhart
- 16 Susan Edmonson Jeff Hostetter Beau Little
- 17 Kelly Dziadosz Katie Kodack
- 18 Eli Rothermel
- 19 Barbara Anczarski Michael Hudock Steve Wilson
- 21 Sophia Wessner
- 22 Kaiden Dillman Derek Whritenour
- 23 Chase Lower
- 24 Alison Houser
- 25 Cory Weikel Jr.Dustin Wolfgang
- 27 Jason Brown
 Sarah Fetterolf
 Amy Wahalec
 Harold Wink
- 28 Elmer Waldick
- 29 Michael Kodack
- 30 Jean Cress
- 31 Mark Stump



We would like to thank all our friends at Christ's United for visits, prayers, and cards during our recent illness's. We really appreciated your thoughtfulness. Thank you, Jack & Beryl Stitzer



05/07/83 05/10/08 05/14/05 05/16/14 05/18/02 05/19/73 05/20/12 05/21/04

05/04/85

05/21/88 05/21/94 ANNIVERSARIES 05/25/13 05/27/93 Ted & Penny Shadle
Chip & Melanie Bendinsky
Robert & Jessica Nagle
Allen & Cheryl Klinger
Chad & Natasha Weikel
Todd & Kim Walacavage
Dale & Holly Bolich
Ryan & Jodi MacNamara
William & Tammy Harris
David & Karen Schweinhart
Sean & Nina Britton
Steve & Bernice Wilson

05/28/83 Ken & Tammy Dengler

05/28/83 Kenneth & Kimberly Zweizig

05/31/03 Daniel & Melissa Sisko

The very first Acolyte Academy was held at Christ's United! Eleven acolytes gathered at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning to learn why we have candles, master the service of Holy Communion, and learn the secret of the cincture! Acolyte/Crucifer teams competed, and congratulations go to the A-Team (Ralph Johnson and Zachary Hummel) for a perfect score! A make —up session



will be held in the next few weeks for those who were not able to attend the previous session *or* who want to improve their scores. An awards and recognition ceremony for Acolyte Academy participants will be held during the Sunday morning worship on May 8.

We Offer our Prayers to...

April 24 – Family of Kim Brown, Gregory Smith (D. Heidlebaugh), Harvey Fetterolf, Susan Grant, Mary Heverling (T. Wolfe), Sue (Kaufman) Jiannino (R. Hardnock), Jim Klemanski (G. Marquardt)

April 17 – Robert Schneider, Jennie Kosmisky, Robert Cheddar, Zachary Yuro (H. Wolfgang), Crystal Collette (D. Lassen), Pat Hepler, Jim Hepler, David Specht (L. Lute), Robbie Myers (B. Liem), Ben Moyer, Helen Wolfgang, Ken Bennett (G. Marquardt) April 10 – Family of Henry Shoup, Tara Houser, Cathy Harner (I. Morgan), Joan Antonelli (J. Young), Richard Berner, Jack Stitzer, David Schweinhart, Stu Anthony, Judy Stepulitis, Donna DiRenzo (L. Sterling), Deb Price, Wendy Farnsworth, Barb Liem April 3 – Michael Economy (K. Economy), Peter Osifat (A. Stepanchick), Pat Overcott (P. Lute), Lou Harter (D. Zaharick), Evelyn Dobrowolski (D. Price), Judy Fritz, Karyssa Wenrich (J. Clark), Sandra Beecher (L. Lute)

March 27 – Family of Stanley Kessler, Gayle Guenther (P. Schaffer), Frank Dziczek, Leona Sheipe (G. Marquardt), CJ & Sharyn Robichaux (G. Marquardt), Robyn Barrett (L. Sterling), Michael Wolfgang (L. Sterling)

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.

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 Bitting Family—Bruce, Jean & Bruce Jr.
The Dengler Family—Tina & Brianna
The Fishburn Family—Harry & Emma



Mission Quilts & Personal Care Kits Project



Thank you to everyone who participated in and donated to the Thrivent Action Team project for "Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits throughout the Lenten season. With the donations from Christ's United members, and with the Thrivent Community Impact Card, we were

able to complete 30 Personal Care Kits and also get 4 rolls of quilt batting. The kits and quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief in June.

May 18 & 19

During Pentecost God sets our hearts on FIRE! Show the Holy Spirit's presence in you by wearing RED this special festival! And be



prepared – when God's Spirit blows, you never know what changes – and surprises – may happen! See you on Pentecost!

Sr. Youth Scavenger Hunt

Meet at the church on Friday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Be ready for some laughs as well as some team building.

At this time you will randomly be placed on a team where one adult will be assigned as your driver/crew leader.

A list of items to find will be given to each team. You will



have a certain amount of time to find as many items as possible. Remember, the proof is in the picture so you must have a cell phone or camera!! Further rules will be discussed that night.



I want to thank everyone who helped out with the Easter Egg hunt in anyway. I especially want to thank my Easter Egg hunt team members. There is no way the egg hunt could have been as successful as it was without my team's assistance. We purchased for/packed 175 Easter gift bags and distributed 173 of them.

This year's response was an overwhelming surprise. It was such a blessing to see the church overfilled with children and their families. All the Easter Egg hunt bags contained religious books which I hope will be a learning tool.

Hopefully we can continue this ministry to our children and help them to learn more about our Lord.

Thank you, Barbara Stepanchick Easter Egg Hunt Team Leader

Serving Our Community of Faith in May:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
May 1	Kylie Mallams	John Towey John Wolfgang Thomas Wolfgang Dennis Wolfe	Richard Shoup Jo-Ann Young Donna Wallace	Steven Wolfgang	Lydia Price	Angie Berger	Richard Shoup
May 8	Barb Stepanchick			Tanner & Logan Walacavage	Blake Olayo	Stu	Pearl Lute
May 15 Pentecost	Deidre Dengler		Kay Berner Barb Anczarski Jim Gruber	Ralph Johnson	Charlie Sweinhart	Gail Marquardt	Irene Morgan
May 22 Holy Trinity	Erik Tice		Donna Lassen Angie Berger Melanie Bendinsky	Desiree Dengler	Amy Johnson	Jane Pennypacker	Susan Ruzze
May 29	Sally Tice			Brandy Speer & Marisa Seritsky	Danielle White	Darlene Stank	Barb Stepanchick



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thui
1 6 th Sunday of Easter 9:30 Communion Service <u>Undie Sunday</u> 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Journey 3:30 Ladies Night Out	2 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge 7:00 Church Council	6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Study	4 10:00 Seniors 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 WELCA	5 Ascensic Lord 7:00 Eva Outreach
8 7 th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day <u>Undie Sunday</u> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Journey	9 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge 6:00 Mutual Ministry	9:00 Food Delivery 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Study	11 10:00 Seniors 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:30 Sr. youth pizza & food pantry set up	12 10:00-12 Christ's C
15 Day of Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Journey	16 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge 7:00 Stewardship Team Meeting	6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Study	18 10:00 Seniors 10:00 Staff Meeting	7:00 Pers
22 The Holy Trinity 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Journey Closing Program	23 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge 6:00 Grief Support Group	9:30 Newsletter Assembly	25 10:00 Seniors 10:00 Staff Meeting	26 12:00-2:0 area food
29 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service <u>Good Samaritan Offering</u> 10:30 Fellowship	30 Office Closed	31		

A Day for Remembering



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	6	7
on of Our		Social Hall Reserved
ngelism & Meeting		5:00 Worship Service
:00	13	14
Cupboard		4:00-7:00 Spaghetti Dinner
		5:00 Communion Service
	20	21
sonnel eeting	6:00 Sr. Youth Scavenger Hunt	5:00 Communion Service
	27	28
00 Ashland I Pantry		5:00 Worship Service
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Are you or someone you know graduating this year?

Please tell us about it! This includes all graduates from high school, college, or any higher education. We would like to include information about all our graduates in the June newsletter. Also, on Sunday June 5th we will be honoring all graduates as part of our worship service with a special Blessing. Please plan to attend this special service.

Please have all information into the church office by May 15th for inclusion in the Newsletter and Bulletin.

Name	
Address	
Phone	_
What school are you graduating from	m
Future Plans	Honoring Gur Graduates
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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following item for May:

Cereal

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

May—Christian Education
June—Worship & Music
July—Evangelism & Outreach
August—Youth Group
September—Property
October—Stewardship
November—Endowment Fund
December—Church Council

"Christ's Cupboard"

Next Distribution Date **Thursday, May 12** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

We have been contacted by a group from Wegman's and they are coming to visit our pantry in May! Each year they do a community service project and this year will hopefully be partnering with Christ's Cupboard!

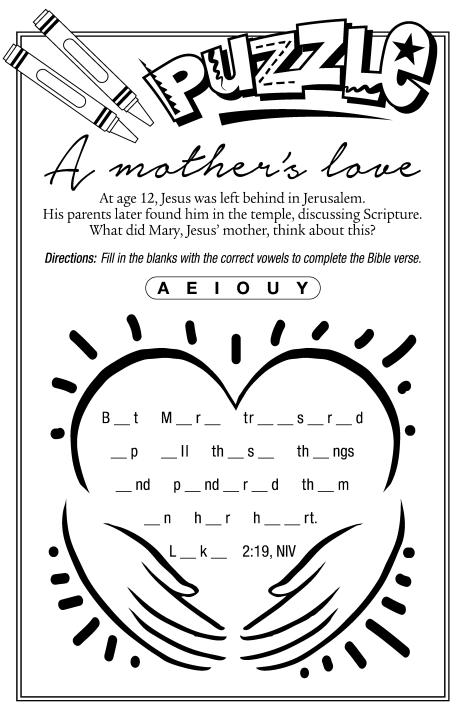
May 1—15



Undie Collection for Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC)

Please bring your donations of brand new/in the package under-

garments for women and children on these dates. We will have a collection bin in the hallway.



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, MIV

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Christ's United Lutheran Church 437 Airport Rd., Ashland, PA www.christsunited.org Sponsored by: The Lutheran Church Men's Group



Adults: \$9.00 Children 6-12: \$4.00 Children under 6: FREE

Call the church at 570-875-1591 to get your tickets or see one of the Lutheran Church men members.

Eat in or Take out available.

(A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door)

Dinner Includes:



Spaghetti, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert, & Beverage

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Are you just the person we've been looking for?

- Do you love helping people—especially when it means meeting the needs of people within your church?
- Do you recognize someone new in your church and welcome him or her warmly?
- Do you enjoy participating in educational, fundraising or hands-on service projects that benefit organizations or individuals in need within the community?
- Are you a Thrivent Financial member and supporter?

If you said yes to most of those questions—you're the one! We're looking for people just like you to be a congregational advocate for Christ's United part of the Schuylkill Chapter of Thrivent Financial.

As a congregational advocate, you can:

- Help others learn to be wise with money. For example:
- Teach people how to protect themselves by arranging an Identity Theft workshop.
- Coordinate a youth program to stress the importance of "share, save, spend."
- Connect a friend with a Thrivent Financial representative to create a plan for retirement.
- Create opportunities for generosity within your church. For example:
- o Organize a Thrivent Builds® with Habitat for Humanity® work day to help construct a house with a family in need.
- Encourage eligible members to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars®. Recommend Care Abounds in Communities® as a way to help fund a service project.

Interested in helping?

Contact Erik Tice, director of congregational advocates at 570-875-2681 or erik@christsunited.org for more information.

Note: Each church can have up to eight Thrivent Financial Congregational Advocates. We currently only have two.



Bus Trip to Sight & Sound



Thursday, August 4th

Deadline to Reserve Tickets & Final Payment is Due: **JULY 5th** Bus leaves Church parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

Cost

Adults \$95.00 Child (3-12) 59.00



Lunch at Hershey Farms 12:00 p.m.

Hershey Farm's Grand Smorgasbord features both classic PA Dutch dishes and modern flavors. Enjoy our original recipes, hot entrées, freshly prepared daily specials on the Grill, a hot carving station, crisp salads and homemade soups and our famous desserts.

Show at Sight & Sound 2:45 p.m.

He's the original superhero. He can defeat entire armies and slay lions. But there's a catch to his superpower: He must follow the rules. And that's where the trouble begins.

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Please make checks payable to: Christ's United WELCA Contact Jo-Ann Young @ 570-875-2586 for more information and to reserve your tickets.

WHO ARE

These People???



Each month we like to 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.

If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the chapels that formed Christ's United, please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future "Life Together" Newsletters. Also provide the names of those that are pictured. We are also looking for pictures of the exterior of the Chapels: St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Zions. Thank you!





Save the date! VBS is happening on July 24-28! Plan to be a part of this year's amazing *Journey* as we grow in Jesus! Leaders of all shapes sizes and ages are needed, so watch for announcements of upcoming planning sessions!

Journey Closing Program

Over the river and through the woods, to God's house we go! While many are journeying on vacations, Sunday morning *Journey* will take a break during the Summer months to refresh and regroup. We will have a special celebration of sending (wear your vacation clothes!) on Sunday, May 22. And watch for special *Journey* midweek events throughout the Summer!



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

\$20.00 in Memory of Henry Shoup by: Donald & Laray Klinger

2016 Sponsorships



The following sponsorships are still available for 2016: Bulletins: May 29, June 26,

Bulletins: May 29, June 26, July 3, September 4, November 27, December 24, December 25

Altar Flowers: May 15, July 3, July 10, August 21,

Christmas Eve

Newsletters: June, July,

September, October, November & December
If you are interested in sponsoring any of these, please call
the church office or sign up on the bulletin board.
Thank you!



Cans for Kids Campaign!

The warmer weather means that we will be out and about, working in our gardens and walking our neighborhoods. Take a part in the Cans for Kids Campaign and help the environment and you at the same time. Just carry two grocery bags with you, picking up litter for one bag and

aluminum cans for the other. Put the litter in your trash, and bring the cans to Christ's United, where they will be transformed into youth ministry events!

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Christ's United Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



From church meeting minutes:

Ideas ran the gamete from ...

This makes us experience a gamut of emotions.

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