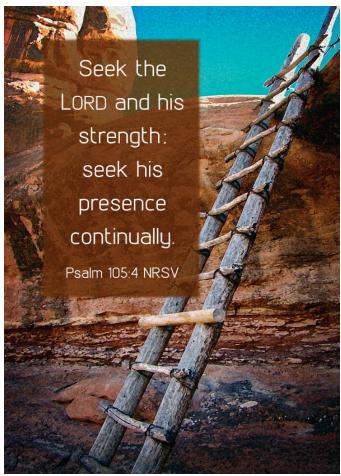
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The September Newsletter is sponsored in Memory of Brother & Uncle, Larry Artman; Parents & Grandparents, Leonard & Marion Artman and Marie & Myron Fegley; Great Grandparents, Marcus & Ethel Artman and Peter & Blanche Eister by Ruby, Amy, Anita and Douglas Fegley.



Status of Accounts as of July 31

Benevolence Gifts.....\$9,919.50 (48% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)



Evangelism

Workshop

25



Pastor Kim's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Slow down, you move too fast;
You've got to make the morning last...
"Feeling Groovy", Simon and Garfunkel

If you've called me lately, there is a chance that you reached my voicemail: I have been trying hard to disconnect. If I go out for dinner, the phone stays in the car. If the day is jam packed with activities, I try to just read at night. If the weekend is busy, Friday mornings are spent with the dogs.

It's not idealistic. It's necessary.

I have a tendency to get into too much, to make too many commitments, too many projects, too many directions. Life becomes like a tennis ball in the middle of a championship match, constantly pounded in one direction and then the reverse, until it just bounces out of bounds...

Things get done too quickly to be done well or enjoyed. Friends get rushed out instead of welcomed in. Children grow too fast around me, and I think of memories missed. There just doesn't seem to be time for everything anymore. An emptiness begins to grow within me, almost like I am filling up with that which was lost in the busyness of daily life. Did you ever feel that way?

And now we enter the September rush. The time when school begins again, the sports seasons change, the lawn furniture gets packed up, the pool gets closed, and we get ready to hunker in for winter while driving to events with a schedule that makes heads spin. At no time in our lives is it more important to disconnect from the busyness, and re-connect with the relationship that gives all others meaning.

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Be still, and know that I am God! Psalm 46

God calls us to time away from the busyness in order to strengthen our relationships: with Him, that we may be strengthened in our relationships with each other. It is a Sabbath, a time apart.

In the crazy schedules we now try to keep, we have lost *that* connection: a connection with the One who formed us, who loves us, who gives strength to our relationships and wisdom to our actions. That one connection we need to make.

Slow down this September. Disconnect from the busyness. And re-connect with God.

Peace,
Pastor Kim





Church Council Highlights from August:

- The Evangelism Team has ordered Fish Magnets with our logo on. LCM will cover \$100 of the cost.
- The A/C unit for the office was repaired. The LCM group will cover the cost.
- Four members of the Senior youth group helped pack and distribute food at the Ashland area food pantry in July.
- The aluminum cans were bagged and taken for recycling. The money raised will be used for youth group activities.
- The personnel committee interviewed a new organist and sent their name to council which was approved. They will begin October 1.
- Harold Morgan will be supply organist for the month of September.
- Employee evaluations will be done by Pastor Kim.

- Background checks were done on all employees.
- The fans in the bathrooms, lights in the social hall, & the light at the end of the driveway have all been repaired.
- Jim Chappell & John Denchak cleaned and power washed the pavilion.
- A directional sign for Christ's United Lutheran Church will be placed at the bottom of the Gordon Mountain.
- A letter of resignation from David Schweinhart, effective August 31, 2014 was read and accepted with sadness.
- The property insurance quotes have been obtained and will be reviewed by a committee of council members.
- Permission was given by Carla Mae Carl to use the monies in the Memorial Garden Fund to make necessary upgrades to the church computer system.





Senior Youth News

Christ's United senior and junior youth along with the other "Senior youth" took over Knoebel's on August 13th. We had a full day of swimming and rides. Even some of the parents went on rides. The Lord

provided us with a beautiful day to enjoy together. Check out the pictures and videos on Facebook!

Keith and DruAnn would like to Thank the Hummel's and Wolfgang's for organizing and turning in the cans while Keith was recovering from his ailment.

You are truly a blessing.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, September 6th Open house at Fort Indiantown Gap 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Senior youth will be leaving the Church at 10:15 a.m.,

please see the bulletin board for more information and pick up a permission slip. Junior Youth are invited but must bring a parent or guardian.



Saturday September 20

Worship 5:00 p.m.
Dinner, burning of worries and movie night (hopefully outdoors)



Keep an eye on the bulletin board for information on October events the Corn Maze trip and Trunk or Treat!



Thank You to the numerous volunteers that came out to help make Jungle Safari VBS a huge success. We are very grateful for Hadesty's Ace Hardware in Pottsville who graciously

donated the supplies for the kids' rain chime craft. The congregation really came together to help our young ones to learn more about God our creator, provider, protector, savior, and king. The Jungle Safari came to an end with a big bang thanks to the efforts of Steven Wolfgang. The kids

and kids-alike were able to learn about different animals with a petting zoo. A second big Thank You goes out to the children who came out for VBS. Without them, we could rarely have the amount of fun VBS week always turns out to be.









"Jesus loves the little children..." and the big children! Come and experience the love of Jesus as we begin a new Journey! Every one is invited as we begin the waters of Baptism and journey through life with Jesus, learning of His constant

love for us through the stories of the Bible. The Journey takes off each week at 10:45 Sunday mornings with song and prayer – won't you Journey with Jesus this year? – see you at Rally Day on Sunday, September 14!

Blessing of "First Responders" Saturday, September 20 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot Fire personnel will give tours of the trucks and equipment!

They risk their lives to save ours. Through fire, accidents, and tragedy, our First Responders are ready and willing to help. Please gather to show your appreciation at a special Blessing of the First Responders organized by our Jr. Youth Group. Responders and their equipment from Gordon, Lavelle, Ft. Springs, Ashland, & Gordon will be present. Equipment and those who use it will be blessed.

Come and give thanks!





We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Nancy Shuey, Dean Fetterolf, Tom Lazor, David Pennypacker, Matt Wetzel, Jennie Kosmisky, Jim Hepler, Katie Kimmel, Ralph Johnson, Sr., Ralph (Cappy) Johnson, David Schweinhart, Marlene Lucas, Ray Lesher, Dale Bolich, Faith Anthony, Dianna Monaghan, Ann Marie Dillman, Gail Lorady, Grant Marlow, Dot Zangari, Judy Stepulitis, Jane Pennypacker, Barb Anczarski

Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Andrew Schronick, Karyssa Wenrich, Lottie Anczarski, Elizabeth Brown, Mary Lorady, Tim Varndell, Doris McGurl, Wendy Farnsworth, Nancy Harris, Heather Demko, Nancy & Lester Wolfgang, Diane Kehler, Steward Miller, Percy Deiter, Rev. Carol Kehler, Barbara Bova, Lisa Antill, Fred Pillman, Patrice Rader, John Heffner, Scott Kohlenberg, Ann Bettinger, Sandy Brown, Raymond Umlauf

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.

Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:

Marion Brennan, Providence Place
Jean Cress, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Jack & Carrie Houser
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Betty Miller, Luther Ridge
Norene Stoker, Serenity Gardens
Oscar & Randy Troutman
Connie Welker, Shenandoah Manor
Harold Wink
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health
Jeanette & Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Linda Zerby





- 1 Brianna Kodack
- 2 Bud Hall Faith Rickert
- 3 Elizabeth Gable Heather Young
- 4 Frank Dziczek
- 5 Vivian Brown Keri Johnson
- 6 Donna Lassen
- 7 Carolynn Long
- 8 David Becker Kay Berner Kenneth Marlow Mark Sharp
- 9 Katie Knorr
 Terry Shilling
 Hailey Sisko
 Cheryl Varndell
 Tanner Walacavage
 Dot Zeigenfuse
- 10 Josie Economy Shawn Romberger Bryon Rusinko
- 11 Ken Dengler James Houser Abagail Zweizig
- 13 Rachelle Demko



- 14 Penny Shadle
- 17 Tina Dengler
- 18 Traci Smith
- 20 Ted Ambrose Holly Bolich Renee' Walter
- 21 Jeff Maurer
- 22 Louise Gregis Frank Mattis
- 23 Ava Hernandez
- 24 Annette Houser Grace Johnson Joshua Kanezo David Walter
- 25 Nelson Berger, Sr. Jocelyn Judge Anne Pirie Tyler Wolfgang
- 26 Susan Merwine
- 27 Chelsea Stutzman
- John S. Wolfgang
- 29 Keith Laudermilch
- 30 Beth Becker
 Sean Britton
 Rick Fritz
 Bernice Wilson
 Leo Young





09/03/11	Keith & DruAnn Laudermilch
09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
09/10/88	Francis & Marjorie Lally
09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/18/10	Matthew & Tangie Wetzel
09/18/04	Dustin & Dena Wolfgang
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/24/05	Chad & Monica Klock
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummell
09/27/08	Robert & Rose Pennypacker
09/28/63	James & Mary Houser

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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.







WELCOME!

Have you ever entered a crowd of people looking for someone you know? There is a nervousness that sets in, then you see them: there is a smile, a wave, and a huge feeling of comfort. You've felt that way – now



how about giving that same feeling of welcome to someone else? This ministry of welcome is looking for new members! How about you?



Saturday, September 6 will be a workshop for anyone and everyone who has ever wondered, questioned, been prompted or is serving as an usher, greeter,

or communion

assistant. Held from 9-11 A.M. we will talk about the blessings and responsibilities of serving as an usher, greeter, or communion assistant and taking a dry run through the actual steps.





Serving Our Community of Faith in September:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Acolyte Crucifer & Greeter in Tag-a-long Narthex	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
September 7	Sally Tice	Jim Gruber Dennis Wolfe Jo-Ann Young	David Hall Jim Chappell Angie Berger	Ralph Johnson	Mark Klinger	Carla Mae Carl	Ian Bendinsky
September 14	Erik Tice	Barb Anczarski Melanie Bendinsky Angie Berger	Barb Stepanchick	Jordan Walter	Ryan Walter	John Denchak	Kay Berner
September 21	Mark Varndell			Deidre Dengler	Amy Johnson	Richard Berner	Vivian Brown
September 28	Heather Klinger			Lydia Price	Tanner & Logan Walacavage	Cheryl Denchak	Dennis Wolfe



SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LABOR	1 Office Closed	2	3	4
U#Y	Labor Day	6:30 Choir Practice	6:00 Bible Study 7:00 WELCA	7:00 Evang Outreach M
7 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	8	9	10	11
9:30 Communion Service		6:30 Endowment		
Grandparents Day	7:00 Church Council	Fund Meeting 6:30 Choir Practice	7:00 Bible Study	7:00 Financ Committee Patriot Day
14	15	16	17	18
Holy Cross Day 9:30 Communion Service	Newsletter Deadline	9:00 – 12:00 Knaughty Knotters		
10:45 Rally Day!		Tanadanty Tanotters	7:00 Bible Study	
	6:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting	6:30 Choir Practice	Citizenship Day	7:00 Persor Committee
21	22	23	24	25
15 th Sunday after	Matthew, Apostle	9:00 - 12:00	9:30 Newsletter	
Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service	and Evangelist (transferred)	Knaughty Knotters	Assembly	12:00-2:00 l Pantry
Harvest Home 10:45 Youth & Adult Sunday school, Confirmation	9:30 Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 Choir Practice Fall Begins		
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	Group		of Autumn	31



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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for September:

Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

Harvest Home

"And give us this day our daily bread..."

Every thing that we have – our homes, family, clothing, and food – are gifts from God. We celebrate and give thanks for the blessing of food by sharing what we have with those who do not have enough. The number of families in our area who are without enough food has steadily increased, and even the assistance we have is often not enough to feed the entire family. For this reason Christ's United is starting *Christ's Cupboard*, a supplemental food pantry for larger families and those who do not have access to a local food pantry. As

this is a new ministry, we are asking our congregation and friends to "Pack the Pantry" this Harvest Home. Gifts of boxed or canned food items will help every family in our area to have their "daily bread".







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

September—Property
October—Stewardship
November—Endowment Fund
December—Council
January—Choir
February—Social Ministry



The church office will resume regular hours beginning August 25.

Monday—Friday 9:30—3:00

GROW in God's Word!

Do you feel it? The breath of God, blowing in and around us! The Holy Spirit is active among us, but rarely discussed. Join us Wednesday nights at 7 pm as we experience the Holy Spirit: God's Presence Among Us! We will explore Bible verses and teachings about the Holy Spirit and discuss the impact of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and faith. Breathe on Me O Breath of GOD!





WHO

ARE

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.

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!





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

\$50.00 in Memory of Marie Lengert by: Evelyn Enos

\$165.00 in Memory of Betty Wolfgang by:

Robert & Rita Yarnell
Ron & Beth Andrews
Charles & Jane Reaman
Don & Laray Klinger
Shirley Klinger
Irene Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Monroe
Anson & Joan Snyder



Lord God, I offer myself for your service this day.

Here is my face, smile through it. Here is my tongue, speak through it. Here are my arms, lift and embrace someone with them.

Here are my feet, walk them where you want to go today.

Use me for your service this day. Amen.

Shared by her family, Betty Wolfgang used this prayer as part of her daily devotions.





Bear Creek Camp's Women's Retreat October 3 - 5, 2014 Join us for worship, crafts, hiking, massages, great food and fellowship.

To learn more or to download a registration form, go to www.bearcreekcamp.org 570-472-3741



Knaughty Knotters project is in need of supplies to continue making knotted quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
Used blankets, quilts, mattress pads, and sheets can be transformed into quilts that serve people in need.

Place your donations in the social hall.
The Knotters will resume assembling quilts on Tuesdays,
September 16 & 23 and October 14 & 21
from 9:00 - 12:00.

Come join in the fun of creating knotted quilts (no experience needed!!!!!!!!!!!)



Women of the ELCA Schuylkill Cluster Fall Event

October 11, 2014 8:30 - 12:00 followed by lunch at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Summerhill) Auburn

"Rachel's Day: Women Boldly Speaking Up for Children"

Amber Shamonsky with Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC) will inform us of services provided.

New or very gently used books for children (infant thru teens) will be donated to SWiC to encourage reading with the children. A collection box will be placed in the narthex for donations from Christ's United.

Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner (St. Paul's, Auburn) will present a bible study session.

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Donna Wallace by September 28th to register.



Save the Date October 5

for the next Ladies Night Out.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for all the details.

Have a great suggestion on where to go?

Tell Pastor Kim!





Saturday,
ecue September 13
4:00 - 7:00
p.m.

Christ's United Lutheran Church

COST \$8.00

MENU

½ Barbecued Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Dinner Roll, Butter, Dessert, & Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door.
Buy your tickets from LCM members, or call the
Church Office.

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Everyone Welcome!

A Bake Sale Sponsored by WELCA will be held at the same time.







DONATION SHEET

CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH 437 Airport Road, Ashland (570) 875-1591

Saturday, September 13, 2014 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Christ's United Lutheran Church Men

Your donations to complete the menu for the Annual Chicken Barbecue will be greatly appreciated. Please complete and return this sheet no later than <u>September 7th</u>. The sheet may be placed in the Chicken В

Barbecue Donation Box in the narthex or returned to the Church Office
One #10 can whole kernel corn Can of Decaf Coffee Cakes, cupcakes, cookies, etc. 12 pack soda (any brand/flavor) 20 lb. bag of charcoal Cash
Donations may be placed on the center island kitchen counter. Pleas attach your name to your donation so we can account for it. Al donations except the baked goods must be in the church no later than September 7, so a final inventory can be taken and the remaining item may be purchased. Baked goods may be brought on Friday, Septembe 12 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m.
Your support is greatly appreciated!
Name
Phone





Ministry of the Month

Property Committee

First of all thanks to everyone for the help given to maintain our church on the project workday! The property committee in simple terms endeavors to keep a roof over our heads and grass under our feet. In many churches this



committee decides who will do the maintenance and upgrades then write a check to cover the costs. At Christ's



United the property committee is defiantly hands due to need and a strong respect for the congregation's giving. Working to complete our various projects is always done with fellowship and humor. And the satisfaction of supporting the

church. Anyone who could share their gifts and time would be appreciated. We invite you to share our mission for your church!







"Blessed are the feet that bring the Good News!" We tend to gloss over this blessing with a chuckle as we focus on numbers of people in the seats. But counting numbers is not what we are here for: we are here to bring

the Good News of Jesus Christ to those around us, and God will bless us in that ministry! But how????

Join in the discussion on

Saturday, September 20

for the Evangelism Workshop at Christ's United and find out! Speakers from around Pennsylvania will gather to share insights on outreach using Bible Study, Worship, Mission Trips, Social Ministry, Youth, Christian Education, Social Media, and more! Please call the Church office to register – there is no fee, only faith is required – and lunch is included!



I want to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, gifts and visits when I had my tonsils, adenoids and two extra teeth out.

Love, Jacob Tice

Five gifts from God

Love makes our friends a little

Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.

Faith makes our paths a little clearer

Hope makes our lives a little brighter.

Peace brings us all a little nearer.

-Author unknown



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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 a worship bulletin in Appleton, Wisconsin:

3-year-old teacher needed

"Early education" seems to be getting earlier all the time!



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