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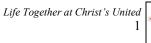


Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





Join us for Worship Saturday 5:00 p. m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (September thru May) 10:45 L Fellowship 10:45





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The September Newsletter is sponsored in Celebration of Retirement by Vivian Brown



folding chairs and child-size stacking chairs, but not one child who will sit down."

Status of Accounts as of July 31

Balance in Checking Account........\$15,766.35 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2019 Annual Budget of

\$203,448.31 is **\$16,954.03**July income was \$14,017.10

Benevolence Gifts through July......\$ 7,321.00 45% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)



CHURCH COUNCIL 2019

council@christsunited.org

Phone	Term Expires
570-875-2681	Feb. 2020
570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
570-875-1035	Feb. 2020
570-875-2805	Feb. 2021
570-875-2218	Feb. 2021
570-875-0412	Feb. 2021
570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
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Outdoor Custodian	Bill Price	570-875-4272
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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Evangelism/Outreach

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)

Social Ministry

Stewardship

WELCA

Worship & Music

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees

Endowment Fund

Mutual Ministry

Nominating

Personnel

Property

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.

Labors of love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise. In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ's United Church does a lot of things well - worshipping with energy; encouraging youth when they contribute their talents in school, the community and here at CULC; delving into the study of our faith with openness and excitement; reaching out with care to those who are sick or in grief. But nothing beats what CULC does in the kitchen -- Social hours each Sunday, Lutheran Church Men's dinners, and Women of the ELCA's candy making are just a few examples.

Which got me thinking about Jesus and food. Luke's Gospel is full of examples of what has been called *Jesus' Table Fellowship*. In Chapter 5 we find Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners at Levi's home. In Chapter 9 Jesus feeds 5,000 people. In Chapter 14 he tells the Parable of the Great Dinner, urging us to invite the poor rather than our friends to dinner (I can't remember the last time I did that!).

A group of people have come up with a creative way for folks with different backgrounds and opinions to come together in dialogue rather than in argument. They call it *the People's Supper*. They write, "For millennia, sharing a meal has stood as one of the things that all of us - whoever we are and wherever we come from - have in common. We're out to prove that a group of thoughtful people - no matter their politics, race, religion and generation - can sit down over a shared meal, go beneath the headlines, and understand the real stories that have shaped who we are".

Despite the family arguments that sometimes erupt around the Thanks-giving table, eating together often breaks down barriers. After all, you can always shove another mouthful of food in, or excuse yourself to go to the bathroom, to keep from saying the hateful thing you wanted to. More than that, eating together can give us a brave space to reveal the scars we have received and the wounds we have caused ... and be surprised that the one we thought most different from ourselves has similar scars and wounds.

So, grab a seat with someone whose politics, religious affiliation, or lifestyle seems completely contrary to your own. And dare to share your scars and wounds with them. Don't be afraid. For our Lord Jesus is at the table with you.

Pastor Laura+

August Council Contact of the month is Ann Marie Dillman.

The Council Contact of the Month is the "on call" member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building.



If you need to contact Ann Marie, she can be reached at 570-875-2422

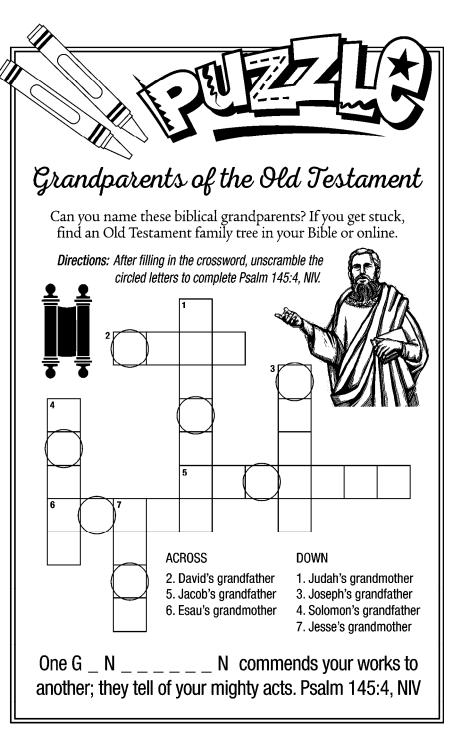
Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura conducted the following: Baptisms:

7/28/19 - Regan Mae Kratovich Maxwell Miller

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Graveside Funeral Service: 8/17/19 - Terry Shriner



Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 8, 2019. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

On that Sunday our congregation will engage in service work right here in our community. We will supply Flood Buckets for the victims of recent flooding, send letters of advocacy to our state elected officials, and our Sunday School children will write cards and letters to our home-bound members. We will

New Members

Are you interested in joining Christ's United? We will be receiving new members on September 8th as part of "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. If you are interested, contact Pastor

Give Electronically

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

tions

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our



COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS for the

Finance Committee Meeting which will be held on September 17 at 7 P.M.. All committee budget requests need to be submitted to the church office **no later than September 15th.**

Choir Rehearsal Resumes Thursday, September 12 6:30 p.m.

Come out and join the choir as we begin rehearsing for another season of leading worship and providing special music.

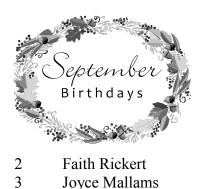
Church Council Highlights from July:

- The Mortgage balance is \$40,393.60.
- Sunday School resumes September 8th. The Adult Class will be doing a 7 week course by Max Lucado entitled "Grace".
- Our Synod V.P. Kristen Edelman-Weiner will speak at our Commitment Sunday on November 17.
- WELCA's annual picnic was held on July 31st with 31 women attending including guests from St. James, Friedens and Good Shepherd Churches.
- Keith Morgan, our former Director of Music, donated 8 boxes of organ music to the church.
- The Youth Group recycled the aluminum cans from the recycle bins.
- Council representatives are contacting their respective teams / committees to see
 if any changes are needed to be made to the budged for that committee. Finance
 Committee will meet on September 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mutual Ministry handbooks are on the table in the Narthex for anyone who wants a copy.
- Forrest Shadle has offered to cover the expenses for sealing and relining the parking lot.
- A motion was made and passed to discontinue our worship and event information in the Citizen Standard newspaper since they are now going to charge for this listing which had been free.
- We received notice from the ELCA Foundation of a charitable gift annuity established by Connie Welker and named CULC as recipient.
- A Multi-media Team is being formed with the goal to spread messages through the use of technology and media.

Mutual Ministry Committee

Members of the congregation are encouraged to contact these people either individually or as a group to share your thoughts and concerns regarding problems you feel need to be addressed in order to continue our growth in Christ. All concerns shared with members of this team will be kept confidential. Team members may be contacted by phone or email.

Vivian Brown, 717-275-5277, bonolady25@gmail.com Suzanne Peel, 570-875-2218, suzydpeel@yahoo.com John Towey, 570-205-2682, nucleartechjpt@yahoo.com Pastor Laura, 570-652-1951, pastorlaura@christsunited.org



Heather Young

Frank Dziczek

Vivian Brown

Keri Johnson

Donna Lassen

Carolynn Long

Kenneth Marlow

David Becker

Kav Berner

Mark Sharp

Katie Knorr

Terry Shilling

Cheryl Varndell

Dot Zeigenfuse

Josie Economy

Bryon Rusinko

Ken Dengler

James Houser

Abagail Zweizig

Shawn Romberger

Tanner Walacavage

Hailey Sisko

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- 13 Rachelle Demko Alanni Miller
- 14 Penny Shadle
- 16 Oliver McCormick
- 17 Tina Dengler
- 18 John Movassaghi Traci Smith Cathy Troutman
- 20 Ted Ambrose Holly Bolich Renee' Walter
- 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
 Susan Merwine
- 27 Chelsea Stutzman
- 28 John S. Wolfgang
- 30 Beth Becker Sean Britton Rick Fritz Bernice Wilson
 - Leo Young

Vickie's Angel Foundation Walk in Memory of Wendy Farnsworth

will be held on October 12th at the Simon Kramer Center in New Philadelphia. Registration 8:00-9:00 a.m. with walk starting at 9:30 a.m. All money collected will benefit families fighting cancer. A sign up sheet and more information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Any questions contact Erik Tice 570-590-4329.

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

In memory of Paul Troutman by:

Friends of Gordon

2019 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$25.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00 Special service bulletins \$10.00, Sanctuary Candle \$10.00 Children's Bulletins \$10.00, Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

Payments for Altar flowers should be made payable to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made to the church and given to Deb Hall in the church office.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Saturday, September 28th

The fall highway clean up of 2018.

Meet at the church at 8am.

Gloves, an orange vest, and trash bags are provided.

All help will be greatly appreciated

All help will be greatly appreciated. Rain date will be October 19th.



Women of the ELCA

Women of ELCA Meeting September 4th at 7:00 pm All women are welcome to attend.

KNAUGHTY KNOTTERS

will resume making knotted quilts on MONDAYS, September 16, 23, and 30 at 9:00 am.

No experience necessary to help create knotted quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Women of ELCA Schuylkill Cluster Fall Event

October 5th 9:00 - 12:00 followed by lunch Trinity Lutheran Church Pottsville PA

Topic: Avoiding Scams and Identity Theft How to Make Banking Safe presented by Katrina Boyer

Bible Study presenter Rev. David Rowe Jerusalem Lutheran, Schuylkill Haven

Sign up on Bulletin Board by September 20th to attend.



09/09/67	Jim & Ellie Chappell
09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/12/15	Andrew & Kelsey Blyler
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/18/71	Paul & Cathy Troutman
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/24/16	Nicholas & Kayla Troutman
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/92	Brian & Faith Rickert
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummel
09/27/08	Robert & Rose Pennypacker

Bible Study

A Bible Study on who we are because of Jesus, the Church and Luther will be held at 7:00 P.M. at St. James, Pitman on Tuesdays, September 24, October 1, 8 & 15. Desserts will be served. All are welcome!

Seminary Sunday will be observed on October 6th with Yvonne Jones Lembo preaching. A special Offering will be received to support Seminary Student Scholarships.

St Michael and All Angels Sunday Worship will be Sunday, September 29th with blessing of area First Responders and their service vehicles.



Endowment Scholarships

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2019 scholarships.

If you are an ACTIVE member of the congregation who is furthering your education in a college, university, trade school, business school, nursing/medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by **OCTOBER 3** to the church office or one of the members of the Committee: Dr. Kay Berner, Donna Lassen, Suzanne Peel, Barbara Liem, Mark Varndell, or Donna Wallace.

The letter should include the following: Your name and address, name of school you are attending, your status (freshman, sophomore, etc.), field of study/certification or degree, and projected time of certification or graduation.

Please be advised, you must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the congregation and be present on DECEMBER 1 when scholarships are given out at worship service.

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 weekend, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



In observance of "Gods Work. Our Hands" we are filling Flood Buckets for victims of recent flooding. We will be collecting items from September 1st thru 15th. Items may be placed on the table in the Narthex.

The supplies needed for each Flood Bucket are:

- * Cleaning tips
- * Paper Towels (individually wrapped)
- * Disposable Rags (Handi wipes)
- * Glass Cleaner (Windex)
- * Cleansing Powder (Comet)
- * Liquid Cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine Sol)
- * Bleach (1 gallon container)
- * Scrub Brush
- * 2 pair packages Rubber Gloves
- * Large sponge

Capital Campaign

In order to prepare for major repairs that are or will be needed, Christ's United has established a Capital Campaign to raise funds to cover the cost of re-paving our parking lot, replacement or repair of all our heating and cooling systems, a new roof, and cleaning of the steeple. We are on our way of reaching our goal of \$100,000. Since 2016 a total of \$62,282.67 has been donated (this includes donations to the Memorial Account).

Re-paving the parking lot and cleaning of the steeple have already been completed thanks to generous support. Please help us complete these other important repairs through your giving.





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—WELCA
October—Church Council
November—Evangelism-Outreach/
Endowment/Stewardship
December—LCM
January—WELCA
February—Social Ministry
March—Church Council
April-LCM
May—WELCA
June – Christian Education/Youth
July—Choir/Worship & Music
August—LCM



We will be collecting the following item for September:

Cereal

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, September 12, 2019.

The Heart of Worship

The worship to which we are called in our renewed state is far too important to be left to personal preferences, to whims or to marketing strategies. It is the pleasing of God that is at the heart of worship. Therefore, our worship must be informed at every point by the Word of God as we seek God's own instructions for worship that is pleasing to him.

—R.C. Sproul

We Offer our Prayers to...

August 25 - Jane Pennypacker, Tommy Green (C. Brennan), Carol Romberger, Linda Zerby & Leo Young (J Young), Pastor Bob Hughes (J. Gruber), Marge Bolich, Ed Motley (R. Berner), Sandy (B. Liem), Irene Zaharick (D. Zaharick)

August 18 - Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner (Pr. Laura), Tommy Blakesly (C. Varndell), Al Dunay- & Margy Dunay (V. Brown), David Goodman (G. Kosmisky), Jacqueline Babbs (B. Stitzer), Family of Jason Green, Shooting victims in Texas and Ohio

August 11 - Billy Price (D. Price)

August 4 – Jim Houser (J. Houser), Diane Heidlebaugh, Steve Kurtek (C. Varndell), Family of Helen Maurer (V. Brown), Steve Wagner (M. Peel), Renee Chikotas Metzinger (B. Liem), Cindy Hampton (A. Dillman)

Please continue to pray for: Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Janet Berner, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Michael Laudeman Jr. (K. Berner), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Tina Alexander (D. Price), Jessica Brown (E. Tice), Ron James (V. Brown), Marian Kaufman (J. Deeter), Barbara Stanell (B. Andrews)

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 Knorr Family — Lori Knorr & Dennis Wenhold

The Rock Family — Robert Gayle

The Sharp Family — Mark, Kimberly & John

Life Together at Christ's United



Text Alerts

You can now receive mobile alerts from Christ's United! Simply text @culc123 to 81010 and enter your name when it asks you to. You do not need to download the app. Also, this app is typically used for school communication but works perfectly for us. If it asks you if you are a student, teacher, or parent, you do not need to respond. We will send out alerts during severe weather events to notify the congregation of cancellations/updates. All personal contact information will remain private!

- Multimedia Ministry

Thank you to all who had their photo taken for our new church directory, and who updated their contact information. Our special gratitude to our Directory Team: Beth Andrews, Carla Mae Carl, Keri Johnson, Dorothy Kessler and Terry Shilling.



Pastor Laura received a thank you letter from the family of Chasity Scheib who was injured in a recent ATV accident asking her to "pass on to your congregation how thankful we are for all the love, prayers and support we have received. We were able to get through the immediate crisis because of your love. Please continue to pray for Chaz as she is healing well physically, but emotionally will take longer. God bless you all, The Scheib Tribe."





Saturday, September 14, 2019 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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COST \$9.00

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

Bake Sale sponsored by WELCA Everyone Welcome!



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 5:00 pm followed by meal

Join in the celebration and reminiscing of our church family at CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

We have been blessed with a congregation and pastoral leadership that has worshiped and prayed, worked to serve others, and cared for our church building. Come join in the celebration program and dinner and fellowship.

Meal includes:
Breaded chicken / Ham
Southern-style Potatoes / Hot Vegetables
Gravy / Cole slaw / Rolls
Desserts / Beverages

Tickets: \$5.00 for Adults and children 11 & older.
Children ages 10 & under are free.
Tickets will be available at worship service or church office.
Deadline to purchase ticket is OCTOBER 13TH.

PHOTOS AND OTHER MATERIALS OF CULC HISTORY (1969 - PRESENT) ARE NEEDED TO DISPLAY AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.
PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ATTACH YOUR NAME SO IT CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU.



Serving Our Community of Faith in September

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag A Long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex	Post Worship Greeter at Door
September 1	Beth Andrews	John Denchak Darlene Stank Jordan Walter Dennis Wolfe	John Towey Jo-Ann Young Donna Lassen	Danielle White	Marisa Serit- sky	Jim Gruber	Beth Andrews
September 8	Barb Anczarski			Logan Walacavage & Bryson Nagle	Tanner Walacavage	Erik Tice	Barb Anczarski
September 15	Kay Berner			Hayden Marlow & Raven Marlow	Desiree Dengler	Deb Hall	Kay Berner
September 22	Darcie Gruber			Jesse Cascarino & Kayla Werner	Kylie Mallams	David Hall	Darcie Gruber
September 29 St. Michael & All Angels	Angie Berger		John Towey Jo-Ann Young Donna Lassen	Jacob Tice & & Bianca McAndrew	Kaitlyn Werner	Lowell Martin	Angie Berger

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Flood Bucket Collection :30 Labor Day Worship w/ Communion & Blessing of Tools of Trade :30 Fellowship	2 Labor Day	3	4 10:00 Seniors 7:00 WELCA	5	6	5:00 Worship W / Communion
Grandparents Day lood Bucket Collection 9:30 "God's Work. Our ands" Sunday Worship 0:30 Fellowship 0:45 Adult Sunday School	7:00 Church Council	9:00 Food Delivery & Pantry Set Up	11 10:00 Seniors	12 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard 6:30 Choir Practice Resumes	13	14 10:00 Assisting Minister Training 4:00 -7:00 Chicken BBQ 5:00 Worship W / Communion
5 Flood Bucket Collection 0:30 Worship w / Installation of Jamie Johnson 0:30 Fellowship 0:45 Adult Sunday School 0:45 Worship & Music	16 7:00 Evangelism / Outreach	17 7:00 Finance Committee Mtg.	18 10:00 Seniors	19 6:30 Choir Practice	20	5:00 Worship W / Communion
22 St. Jude Sunday of Hope Offering 9:30 Worship 0:30 Fellowship 0:45 Adult Sunday School 0:45 Multimedia Ministry Mtg.	23 Fall begins 5:00 Mutual Ministry 7:00 Stewardship Committee	7:00 Bible Study w / desserts @ St. James, Pitman	9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	26 6:30 Choir Practice	27	28 8:00 Highway Clean-Up 5:00 Worship W / Communion
29 Michael & All Angels :30 Worship w / Blessing of First Responders 0:30 Fellowship 0:45 Adult Sunday School	30 6:00 Grief Support					