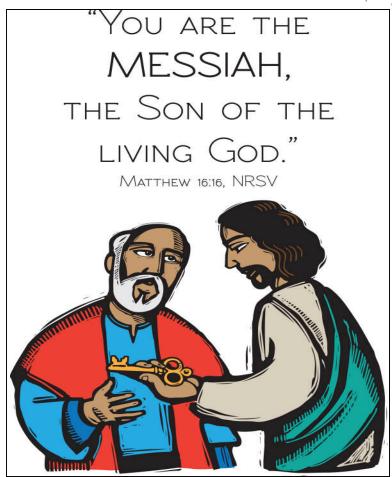
Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





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





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The August Newsletter is sponsored in Loving Memory of Malcolm & Betty Boyer and Hilda Tielman by Beth & Ron Andrews.



Status of Accounts as of June 30

Benevolence Gifts.....\$8,610.50 (42% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2014)





Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm moving to Germanville. (The ugly gray house).

As everyone who has ever moved knows, the greatest emotional stress in moving is not the new house, new location, or new neighbors. It is the old baggage. The things that we have surrounded ourselves with and have to decide whether to carry along with us on the new journey.

As boxes are being collected and cabinets are being emptied, everything is being looked at with a different eye. I have begun the formidable task of "sorting": going through the things that I have become accustomed to being around me each day and asking myself whether or not I really need them. It is a process that brings up memories, good and bad, thoughts of cost, and space. You describe it in whatever terms you want, but what the whole packing process boils down to is one question:

"How important is this to me?"

Depending on the answer, the object is carefully packed, lovingly surrounded by cushioning paper, waiting to be placed with honor and love in the new home,

or

tossed to the trash pile to be unceremoniously dumped in the garbage can to be hauled away, out of our lives forever, maybe – just maybe – to be thought of at some time in the future, the thought accompanied by a shrug and "oh well, its gone now".

As overwhelming as this may sound, the truth is that we sort every day. Each activity, each purchase, each moment of our time, each belief... is sorted by the question, "How important is this to me?" An old joke about this was "if you really want to know what is important to someone, check

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the entries in their checkbook". While the joke is dated, the message is not: we spend our time, skills, and money on those things that are important to us, those things that we love.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16

You are so important to God that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ to death so that you could live.

How important is God to you?

Will you give Him your time, your skills, your money?

Brothers and Sisters, will you give Him your life?

Peace,
Pastor Kim





Church Council Highlights from July:

- There are 74 members of Christ's United that we have no contact information for. A motion was made and passed to remove them from the parish rolls.
- A "visitor card"/"Worship with us" card was presented and will be given to members to invite friends and neighbors to services.
- LCM is paying half the cost for the VBS student booklets.
- The general account is still in need of being audited.
- The Endowment Fund audit was presented and recommendations that were made will be implemented.
- The finance committee

- made a recommendation to council and a special congregational meeting will be planned to present it to the congregation.
- A project work day is being planned by the property committee.
- Quotes from Insurance companies are still being reviewed.
- A letter will be sent to all inactive members of the congregation asking for a response to their church membership.
- All members of church council are now members of the prayer circles and encouraged to pray daily for the members of Christ's United.
- An usher and communion assistant training event will take place on 9/6.



Participate Today.

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.







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

August—Youth Group September—Property October—Stewardship

ALL STUDENTS FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION!!!

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, university, trade school, business school, nursing/medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by **September 1**, **2014** to either the church office or one of the members of the committee- Sara Fetterolf, Angie Berger, 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.

We know that our congregation has many graduates who are going to college.

Do not let this opportunity pass you by to get money to help you with your expenses!





Fun day at Knoebels!!! Wednesday August 13

We will spend the day swimming at the pool.

Dinner from 4:30 - 5:30 will be at Pavilion K

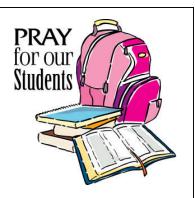
(near the Giant Ferris Wheel)

Bargain night starts at 6:00 p.m., \$10 wristbands.

This event is open to all youth members of Christ's United and their parents or guardians. Junior youth members **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Senior youth members must let Keith or DruAnn know if they will need a ride by Sunday Aug. 10th. For more information and to let us know that you are coming along, contact Keith or DruAnn.

It's hard to think about school while Summer vacation is still being enjoyed, but it is even harder to think about going off to school without the blessing of God! All school students – young and old – are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on August 23rd /24th for a special blessing of



the packs and those who carry them! This is also a time when we are reminded as a congregation to pray for our youth, that they may be safe and grow in faith and stature. God: don't leave home without Him!



Ministry of the Month



The Senior youth group is open to all Christ's United members between the ages of 12-18. Our members are encouraged to bring friends to our events. We strive to provide members with opportunities to grow in their Faith with emphasis on the importance of Service, Fellowship and Prayer. We try

to meet monthly on a Saturday so we can attend worship together as a group prior to our event. Our members learn the value of community service through events such as helping with food pantry, participating annually in BOWL for Kids Sake, by sponsoring a soup supper, and trunk or treat.

Service to the church family is also important. As such, the Senior youth members help at events sponsored by other ministries.

We learn more about fellowship through such events as pizza and movie night which often times is open to the congregation. Other fellowship events are game nights, annual Christmas party, corn maze adventure, Knoebels trips, sleep over's, mini golf, and many more.

Please join us for our next event to find out more about the Senior





We Offer our Prayers to...

Members of Christ's United:

Nancy Shuey, Dean Fetterolf, Tom Lazor, David Pennypacker, Jack Houser, 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

Family & Friends:

Evelyn Myers, Jane Fetterolf, Andrew Schronick, Karyssa Wenrich, Lottie Anczarski, Elizabeth Brown, Mary Lorady, Tim Varndell, Doris McGurl, Wendy Farnsworth, Kristin Plotner, Annie Smith, Nancy Harris, Heather Demko, Mary Lou Miller, Debbie Lerch, Nancy & Lester Wolfgang, Diane Kehler, Steward Miller, Caryl Montgomery, Russell Nicodemus, Percy Deiter

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
Betty Wolfgang
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health
Jeanette & Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Linda Zerby







Members of Christ's United,

As the sun sets on David's playing career here at Christ's United one can't help but admire the talent and dedication he has displayed through the years. One can say it will be difficult to imagine worship without David playing. It is going to be hard not seeing him sit behind the organ. But my fellow members, the show must go on. We the committee never set out to find a replacement for David. That

would be impossible, so we decided to find someone to carry on his tradition of worship through music.

With appreciation and sadness we say thank you to David Schweinhart who has faithfully served as our Organist and Choir Director for many years. A



long time member of Christ's United, David joined the staff under Pastor Hoenich's leadership, filling the Choir Chairs with wonderful voices. David's smile and willingness to "go with the flow" are qualities that endeared him to all. We thank God for his ministry, and celebrate that he will continue to serve as a member of Christ's United.

Please join us in a celebration of David's ministry on

Sunday, August 31

There will be a special reception following the service, with a presentation of appreciation from the congregation. SHHHHH!!! It's a surprise!

Yours in Christ, Christ's United Personnel Committee



Serving Our Community of Faith in August:

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Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Tag-a-long	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
August 3	Vivian Brown	Dennis Wolfe Becky Spencer Barb Stepanchick	Becky Spencer John Wolfgang Darcie Gruber	Steven Wolfgang	Heather Klinger	Deb Price	Barb Stepanchick
August 10	John Towey		Jim Gruber	Zachary Hummel	Brandon Hood	Helen Wolfgang	Erik Tice
August 17	Becky Spencer			Charlie Sweinhart	Nathan Berger	Sally Tice	Mark Varndell
August 24	Tyler Wolfgang			Nathan Smith	Jacob Tice	Beth Andrews	Vivian Brown
August 31	Barb Stepanchick			Emily Fetterolf	Nicole Hood	Cheryl Varndell	Melanie Bendinsky



August 9 & 10 August 30 & 31

Lavelle & Gordon Good Samaritan Fund

Fire Companies



AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 8 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service	4	5	6	7
3:30 Ladies Night Out 5:00 <i>LCM</i> 6:00 <i>Property Meeting</i>	7:00 Church Council	Church Council	6:00 WELCA Indoor Picnic	7:00 Financ Committee I to Prepare E
10 9 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Fire Company Special	11	12	13 Youth Group Knoebel's Trip	14 WELCA Bus Sight & Sou
Offering 11:00 Pot Luck Lunch & Project Work day	7:00 Schuylkill Mission District Council, @ St. John's	7:00 Social Ministry Meeting	1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 Bible Study	6:30 Christia Education N
17 10 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service	18	19	20	9:30 Newsle Assembly
	6:30 Worship & Music Meeting		7:00 Bible Study	
24 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship Service Blessing of the Backpacks	25 Bartholonew, Apostle(transferred)	26	27	28 12:00-2:00 F Pantry
12:00 Annual Picnic	6:00 Grief Support Group		7:00 Bible Study	
31 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Good Samaritan Fund Special Offering 11:00 Retirement Celebration for David	Back To SChool			S M T W 1 : 6 7 8 : 13 14 15 16 20 21 22 2: 27 28 29 3



	Friday	Saturday
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SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for August:

Pantry Peanut Butter & Juice

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

PROJECT WORK DAY

Paint. Grease. Dust and dirt. Pizza. What better ingredients for a day of laughter and fellowship with our family in Christ? Plan to wear your grubbi-



est blue jeans as we gather for worship on Sunday, August 10. After worship we will tackle the projects that reflect the twenty years of joy our church house has provided: painting the old parlor/new library; cleaning the stoves and ovens; changing light bulbs; moving tables; and a lot more.

The jobs planned will allow us to get ready for Fall programming and the weather of winter. Activities now fill our building every day of the week, and the comfort it provides is important to our ministry in Christ. With our whole family pitching in we should be done in no time, and have a lot of fun doing it. No special talents are required – skills needed range from holding a broom to rewiring a computer – meaning

EVERYONE IS NEEDED! See you there!





1 Bianca McAndrew 2 Jada Habowski 3 Janice Brain **Brad Rickert** Kelly Troup Greg Lindenmuth 4 Braedyn Lazor 6 7 Gary Schneider 8 Carey Wahalec **Dustin White** Kaitlyn Werner 9 10 Deb Berner Mason Buhay Larry Schneider Alivia Potteiger 11 Jamie Dengler 12 Bill Miller Janet Towey 13 William Coward III Michael Lassen Tammy Lesher 14 15 Angie Berger Heidi Walsh Carrie Houser 16 Allyson Stutzman John Towey

Seth Young

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18	Zebulun Geedey
	Melanie Schneider
19	Kimberly Shadle
20	Irene Morgan
	Matt Wetzel
21	Kolby Cress
22	Alyssa Becker
	Rebekah Garnes
23	Dak Sisak
24	Louise Boyer
	Keith Hostetter
26	Peggy Dziczek
	Katelyn Huber
	Zachary Hummel
	Brandy Schreiber
27	Penny Troutman
28	Paige Garnes
	James Houser
	Dennis Marlow
	Lauren Wagner
29	Desiree Dengler
	Thomas Habowski
	Mya Klouser
	Morgen Sweitzer
30	Michael Bechtel
	Darlene Stank
	Louise Lute
31	Jonathan Harhigh
	Kelly Long



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.

The answers from last months picture are: Left to Right: Front row: Chris Moser, Donna Snyder, Linda Kimmel, Deb Hornberger, Diane Sauser, Pam Kahn, George Seiler. Middle row: Loree Urbon, Lynn Hatzel, Stan Nestor, Cindy Green, Debbie Williams. Back row: Tim Fey, George Brocious, Allen Pennypacker, John Johnson, Carl Pitts. Confirmation Class 1972.

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!

Dear Pastor Kim and members of Christ's United,

Many, many, thanks for all the prayers, concerns, visits, and acts of kindness shown to us during Dorothy's surgery and recovery. These deeds have shown us

Christ's presence and His work within our community.

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to all of you. Forrest & Dorothy Shadle





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

\$70.00 in Memory of Marie Lengert by: John & Donna Zorn Madeleine Ehrhardt

\$100.00 in Memory of Seth Meyers for Bible school by: Nancy Lindenmuth

\$20.00 in Memory of Arlene Troup by: Irene Morgan

\$10.00 in Memory of Mildred Keiffer by: Ron & Beth Andrews

\$45.00 in Memory of Jerry Dengler by: Connie Welker Ron & Beth Andrews Jack & Frieda Johnson

Growing in God's Word!

Is the Sprit in You? was the question of Pentecost, when the wind carried the fire around and in us, and it is the question during the newest Bible Study. Join us as we learn through



the words of the Bible about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Bring a friend, and see you on Wednesday nights at 7:00, beginning August 13!



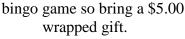


WELCA News

Calling "all the ladies of CULC"!!!!!

Who are "all the ladies" of CULC? We are a community of women who gather to grow in faith and live our faith through ministry and action. We are grandmothers who first came together to support local and world missions. We are daughters who balance faith with work and family. We are granddaughters who bring new ideas. We are YOU and your friends, supporting one another through the joys and struggles of life. Together, we are committed to acting boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

And you're invited to a social event!!!!!
Who me? Yes, "all the ladies" of CULC are invited to the annual Women of ELCA indoor picnic on August 6th at 6:00 pm. Bring a covered dish to share (sign up on bulletin board) and enjoy food and fellowship with your "sisters in Christ". We will be playing a



Sunday, August 3rd 3:30 p.m.

Calling all the Ladies of Christ's United: Your Nite has Arrived!!!

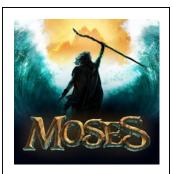
It is time once again for the wonderful escapades of the Ladies of Christ's United. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 3:30 to depart to Heislers Ice Cream and Miniature Golf, where we will indulge in sweet sensations and hit the links.



Please let us know you are joining in – sign up on the bulletin board – and friends and family members are always welcome (this is a great way of introducing them to the women's ministries at Christ's United). See you there!



08/03/13	Ricky & Ashley Williard
08/07/99	John & Janet Towey
08/09/47	Jack & Beryl Stitzer
08/11/07	Dustin & Margaret Koons
08/12/72	Bill & Sandy Miller
08/13/04	Thomas & Barb Habowski
08/15/87	Jeffrey & Christine Brennan
08/16/03	Dean & Arlene Krise
08/19/72	John & Cheryl Denchak
08/22/53	Bobbie & Anna Harner
08/24/63	Leo & Jo-Ann Young
08/25/73	Ron & Beth Andrews
08/28/76	Mike & Barb Stepanchick
08/29/81	Charles & Barbara Klauger
08/29/98	David & Renee Walter
08/30/08	Don & Lynn Dillman



Bus Trip Thursday August 14

Bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m.



Sunday, August 24 Worship <u>10:30 a.m.</u>

Please note time change & come to worship in your casual picnic clothes.



Food, Music, Games and More!
Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share.



Multi-album independent recording artist, *KJ*, will be performing during worship at 10:30 a.m. and also during our picnic immediately following worship. A free will offering will be collected.





Choose your day to give.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road - Ashland

Wednesday, August 13th 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Please see Mr. Erik Tice, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Walk-ins are welcome



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All presenting donors during the month of August, will receive a coupon" for \$2.50 off the purchase of a 48 oz, container of Turkey Hill All Natural loc Gream, Blood is especially needed this time of year, so please schedule your donation today!





1-800-RFD CROSS | redcressblood.org/100days



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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 <mark>encourages improved</mark> stewardship.



From a worship bulletin in Terre Haute, Indiana:

We'll collect a lover offering.

We'd love to see how this collection turns out!



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