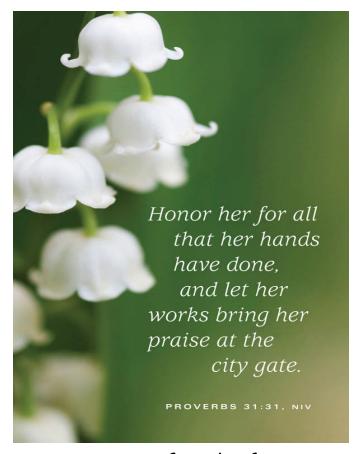
# Life Together at Christ's United Lutheran Church





Join us for Worship Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.





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### Status of Accounts as of March 31

Balance in Checking Account......\$5,379.50 Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2013 Annual Budget of \$169,305.70 is **\$14,108.81**.

March income was \$12,606.86

Benevolence Gifts.....\$4,659.00 (23% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,600.00 for 2013)





### Pastor Kim's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems just about everyone has seen the new series, recently completed on The History Channel, "The Bible". One of the most popular television series in years, people were fascinated by the in depth study and how interesting the stories of the Bible are, especially the video scenery. Images of prophets and sunsets, ancient texts and communities, a connection between the past and present, present and future captivate our attention and focus our interest.

But the series is over now. The fascination of focus has become conversation of memories. But it need not be so -

The fascination and focus is still available - no, no repeats, and you don't need to buy the discs! You can still enjoy the couch, not in your sitting room but here in our living room. That's right: the latest and greatest Bible series in happening in a living room at Christ's United. All the drama, excitement, suspense, and images are here, waiting for you.

In Psalm 139 one of us wrote for us all: Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

Every word, every thought, every bone, every muscle and hair, every movement, are known. even before you were born - you - were known. And now is the opportunity for you get to know the One by whom you are known.

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From the very beginning of time, when God was God and the earth was nothing, and you were but a gleam in your Father's eye, from the moment your Father breathed and filled your soul with life, through the ups and downs, across the mountains and over the valleys, till the time when time is no more; that is the story of life waiting for you.

Will you wait to watch? Millions waited till Sunday night; will you wait till Wednesday... Or Thursday? To watch the story of life, of your life... Of the One who formed you, who cradles you, who carries you?

Turn off the TV, and turn on the adventure. See you on Wednesday. Or Thursday. Same channel - Same story - yours.

Peace, Pastor Kím



### Sunday, May 5th

3:30 p.m.

All women of the congregation are invited to a "Ladies Only" night out

- sorry guys! Please meet in the parking lot of the Church and we will carpool to Olive Garden for dinner.





### **Church Council Highlights from April:**

- The new church directory is here, if you have not received one, please pick one up on the table in the Narthex.
- A new communion, prayer, and welcome card has been placed in the pews.
- Dan would like to start a Resurrection Choir to sing at funerals.
- Ann Marie Dillman & Terry Shilling are stepping down from organizing the Egg Hunt.
   A replacement is needed

- Personnel is working on performance reviews of all employees.
- The fire alarms were tested and passed inspection.
- The upgrade for the sound system has been ordered.



# SPAGHETTI SUPPER



**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013** 

Time: 2:00pm-7:00pm

Sponsored by: the Lutheran Church Men's Group

Adults: \$8.00 Children 6-12: \$3.00 Children under 6: FREE

Call the church at 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, & Assorted Beverages

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





### **SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013 2:00-7:00PM Sponsored by CULC Men



Your donations to complete the menu for the Annual CULC Spaghetti Supper will be greatly appreciated. Please complete and return this sheet no later than May 12<sup>th</sup>. Sheets may be placed in the Spaghetti Supper donation box in the narthex or returned to the church office.

lbs. #9 Spaghetti	Soda, any flavor
#10 can Spaghetti Sauce	Lg. can Decaf
#10 can Tomato Paste	Coffee
Cakes, Cookies, Brownies	Cash donation

Donations should be placed on the center island counter in the kitchen. <u>Please attach your name</u> to your donation so that we can account for it.

All donations, with the exception of baked goods, <u>MUST</u> be in the church no later than **Sunday**, **May 12**, so that a final inventory can be completed and remaining items needed, purchased. Baked goods may be brought in on **Friday**, **May 17**, during regular office hours (9:30-3:00). Baked goods may also be brought in on Saturday, May 18, anytime after 7:00am.

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Junior Youth Group: jryouth@christsunited.org Senior Youth Group: sryouth@christsunited.org

### Dear Youth of Christ's United:

We, your youth ministry team, have two huge events in the works for the Lutheran Youth of the Schuylkill Mission District! So look out for future announcements about a joint Mission Project and Lutheran Fun Day!!

### **Previous Events:**

All 13 senior youth members and 3 of their friends came together to dye a total of 36 dozen eggs for the egg hunt last month. The youth enjoyed music from different eras and genres. Each song had lyrics that included references to God, Jesus and/or the Bible. They also enjoyed Keith's beef BBQ.

The Senior Youth enjoyed helping to hide eggs for the hunt. Thank You to Steven and Tyler Wolfgang for entertaining the crowd with your comedy act. The performance of the "Easter Bunny play" was a success despite the technical difficulties.

Friday April 12 the kitchen and social hall were alive with Youth. The junior and senior youth group members baked cookies





and brownies; they also made chocolate covered strawberries and pretzel rods. The younger members made a lovely poster for the bake sale. The youth played "Apostle, Apostle, Saint!", while others were practicing for a performance of the "cup song". Dorothy, Scarecrow and Tin Man (DruAnn, Bryon and Thomas) were skipping around the room singing "We're off to see the wizard..." Lion (Keith) & Toto (Jeanmarie) were in the kitchen baking. The adults had fun too!! A big Thank You goes out to all of the parents that stayed and helped.

The youth members and youth ministry team would like to thank all who came out to support the youth at our bake sale. Thanks to your generosity the youth earned a total of \$230 at the sale to be donated to the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

### **Future Events**:

### Senior Youth:

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> the senior youth will be making dinner for their mothers for Mother's Day (Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>). Preparations for dinner will begin at 4pm with 5pm worship and 6pm dinner. Senior youth members please sign yourself and your mothers up on the bulletin board by May 5.

### Junior Youth:

On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm the junior youth will meet for a Craft Day!! This event will be held in one of the classrooms so we don't disrupt the preparations for the senior youth Mother's Day celebration. The youth will be making presents for their dads to be given at the Father's Day picnic on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Junior youth members, please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin board, newsletter and announcements for future events.



DruAnn - Keith - Jeanmarie - Angie - Deb

### We Offer our Prayers to...

### **Members of Christ's United:**

Gail Halye, Barb Anczarski, Nancy Shuey, Jack Houser, Jennie Kosmisky, Betty Miller, Lois Sterling, Anna Harner, Pearl Lute, Sandy Marlow, Helen Pennypacker, Robert Schneider, Judy Stepulitis, Norene Stoker, Jim Hepler, Jean Cress, Irene Morgan, Jodi MacNamara, Dean Fetterolf

### Family & Friends:

Catherine Beury, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Harris, Bob Berger Jr., Bob Touchinsky, Judy Touchinsky, Royal Miller, Dennis Morgan, Sara Feese, Faye Geist, Amanda Shoup Pascavage, John Hood, Donna Harpster, Amy Miner, Tim Varndell, Andrea Gosda, Glen Geist, Andrea Poda, Mike Smith, Roseann Mause, Jason Stank, Emily Brennan, Margaret Huhn, Beverly Fetterolf, Esther Gribbin, Carl Walter, Dawn Huntzinger, Rev. Barry Spatz, Harry & Marie Lengert

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 pastor or the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added please call the office: if someone is added to the prayer list on a Sunday morning during worship, please make sure you write it down and place a note on the secretary's desk.

### **Continued Prayers for our shut-ins:**

Howard Beury
Marion Brennan, Providence Place
Jean Cress, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Palmer Kimmel, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Glenn Pennypacker, Trevorton
Arlene Troup, Friendly Nursing
Randy Troutman
Brenda Wolfgang
Dean Wolfgang, Tremont Health & Rehab
Jeanette Wolfgang
Ruth Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Nursing
Walter Wolfgang, Mt. Carmel Assisted Living
Linda Zerby



# Serving Our Community of Faith in May:

Date	Lector	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Crucifer   Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
May 5	Lois Sterling	Jim Gruber Becky Spencer Dennis Wolfe	Barb Stepanchick Barb Anczarski David Hall	Ashley O'Connor	Lydia Price	Nancy Lindenmuth	Barb Fetterolf
May 12	Erik Tice		Kay Berner	Samantha Brennan	Rebecca Houser	Dean Fetterolf	Dean Fetterolf
May 19	Sally Tice	John Denchak Irene Morgan Melanie Bendinsky		Deidre Dengler	Desiree Dengler	Lois Sterling	Connie Welker
May 26	Cheryl Varndell	Barb Stepanchick Jo-Ann Young Lois Sterling		Brandy Speer	Rhonda Carl	Richard Berner	Jane Pennypacker



From a text message to a church secretary in Oviedo, Florida:

Communion will be served by instinction this month.

The pastor agrees that Auto Correct needs a worship primer to recognize "intinction"!



### **MAY 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 St. Phillip and St. James, Apostles 6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 WELCA 6:00 Bible Study	2 10:30 Bible 7:00 Evange Outreach M National Da Prayer
5 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:30 Communion Service 10:45 Sunday school 2:00 Youth Planning Mtg. @ Trinity, Pottsville 3:30 Ladies Night Out	6:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Church Council	7 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 Bible Study	9 10:30 Bible
12 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday school Mother's Day	13	14 Matthias, Apostle	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 10:30 Bible S
wolfe's Day	6:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting	7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 Bible Study	7:00 Person Meeting
19 The Day of Pentecost 9:30 Communion Service, Confirmation 10:45 Sunday school	6:30 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 Schuylkill Mission District Spring Assembly	7:00 Choir Rehearsal	9:30 Newsletter Assembly 6:00 Bible School Meeting 6:00 "Walk-n-Roll" 7:00 Bible Study	23 10:30 Bible S 12:00-2:00 F Pantry
26 The Holy Trinity 9:30 Communion Service	27 Office Closed	28	29	30
Holy Spirit	Memorial Day	7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6:00 "Walk-n-Roll"	



	Friday	Saturday
tudy lism/ eting <b>of</b>	3	5:00 Communion Service
tudy	10	9:00-12:00 Council, Committee Leader Workshop 2:00 Jr. Youth Craft Day 5:00 Worship Service 6:00 Sr. Youth Warner's Day Dinner
tudy el	17	18 Vigil of Pentecost 2:00-7:00 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 Communion Service Armed Forces Day
tudy ood	24 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	25 1:00 Sisak/Britton Wedding 5:00 Communion Service
	31 The Visitation	









Sunday, May 19



# 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.

Answers for the April edition "Who are these people??" - Left to Right: First Row: Rev. Lee Berry, Louise Huhn, Sally Wolfgang, Lori Clark, Le-Ann Young, Lenette Blyler, Rev. Larry Conway. Second Row: John Hepler, Dan Snyder, Karen Warcola, Abby Snyder, Darryl Reiner. Confirmation class of 1979.





## **GERANIUMS**

### Day of Pentecost May 19, 2013

If you wish to order Geraniums for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, you may fill out the form below and send it along with your check, made payable to Jane Pennypacker, to the church office **no later than May 12**. The cost of each is \$2.75. Please make sure to circle whether it is "in memory of" **OR** "in honor of" your loved ones.

In memory/honor of:	
Ву:	How many?
In memory/honor of:	
Ву:	How many?
In memory/honor of:	
Ву:	How many?
Total enclosed: \$	





# SOCIAL MINISTRY

### **Ashland Area Food Pantry**

We will be collecting the following item for May:

### Cereal

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



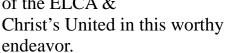
The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

# **Committee Schedule**

May—Christian Education
June—Worship & Music
July—Evangelism/Outreach
August—Youth Group
September—Property Comm.
October—Stewardship Comm.
November—Endowment Fund

We have just received a new supply of coffee and, chocolate bars from Lutheran World Relief. Stop by the table in the Narthex to see the great

selection. This month when you purchase a chocolate bar, some of the money will be used to help send 500,000 Quilts around the world. Join us as we support the Women of the ELCA &







### Gifts Workshop

What are the gifts God has given you for helping and serving? What are the opportunities lying in front of us that we have not yet seen?

Join us as we welcome a guest leader,
Pastor Reeser of Zion Lutheran Church,
to guide us through discovering our ministry assets and
how we can use them to further God's presence in our
community. We will meet

### Saturday, 11 May from 9 am till noon.

All are invited, Council and all committee chairs expected. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

# "Walk-n-Roll"

A walk party for your feet!

"Walk-n-Roll" is now proven to be an effective exercise program. This "walk to the music" choreographed walking class combines walking with easy dance steps, non-complicated arm movements and fun!

A safe and effective workout for everyone!

Beginners welcome!

Drop in Rate \$5.00

6:00 p.m. Wednesday nights

### **May Anniversaries & Birthdays**

### Birthdays

<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
2	Dylan Klock	21	Sophia Wessner
3	Brian Wetzel	22	Gwen Varndell
4	Tina Wolfe		Kaiden Dillman
	Ann Marie Dillman	23	Chase Lower
6	Bryonna Bolich	25	Cory Weikel Jr.
7	Gary Weinreich	27	Harold Wink
	Brittany Harhigh		Amy Wahalec
8	Charles Bendinsky	28	Elmer Waldick
10	Logan Walacavage	29	Michael Kodack
13	Andrew Charriez	30	Jean Cress
14	Dean Fetterolf		
16	Jeff Hostetter		
17	Katie Kodack		
18	Eli Rothermel		
19	Barbara Anczarski		

### **Anniversaries**

05/07/83 Chip & Melanie Bendinsky 05/18/02 Todd & Kim Walacavage 05/19/73 Dale & Holly Bolich 05/28/83 Kenneth & Tammy Dengler





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, Scholarships Available university, trade school, business school, nursing/

medical school, etc., you may submit a letter of request by September 1, 2013 to either the church office or one of the members of the committee- Jennifer Johnson, Natalie O'Connor, 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.

### Bible Study!

Renew and strengthen your faith with Bible study as we journey through the very first gospel written, the book of Mark. This gospel was the basis of much information used in Matthew and Luke, and has some differences that you may – or may not –



realize. From the immediacy of action to the absence of an ending, come along for this "to the point" journey with Christ! Wednesdays, @ 7:00 p.m. & Thursday @ 10:30 a.m.

# 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 2nd 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/they graduating from	
Future Plans	



# <u>Disaster Relief Trip to Keansburg, NJ</u> <u>May 25, 2013</u>

It's Memorial Day weekend and the official start of summer, so what better way to spend it than at the beach? Please join us for a day of service and fellowship in the Keansburg, NJ area providing recovery and restoration to those still affected by Hurricane Sandy. Even though it has been more than six months since this horrific storm, the needs are still great, the devastation wide and the "red tape" is stifling and restrictive.

Tentatively plan to leave New Life Church in New Tripoli around 6:30 am. If we get enough people, we will also have cars leaving from Christ's United. No registration fees; cost to you will include gas and lunch - but sometimes God has a way of providing that!

Type of work we may encounter will include house gutting, drywall installation/taping/spackling/sanding, painting, crawl space cleanout ~ and then some! Tools/supplies to have handy are listed on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you are interested.

### Anyone Ages 15 and up is Welcome!

Please consider joining us to be the hands and feet of Jesus -because it is HIM we are ultimately serving! Any questions/
concerns, please contact Michele Barra at <a href="mailto:service@nlelc.com">service@nlelc.com</a>,
Pastor Kim or the Social





### **Christ's United Committees**

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**Endowment Fund** 

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Worship & Music

# 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.

The time following Easter had been difficult for me due to my parents' illnesses, causing me to make an emergency trip to Florida and unavailable to Christ's United. My deepest appreciation to you, people of Christ's United, for your kindness, patience, and concern. Special thanks to Erik, who handled all with grace; Kay, who led our worship; all Pastors who provided coverage; and Jenny and George, Melanie and Ian, John, Stu, and Robert, who moved furniture to blend my parents' needs into my house. God bless you all – Pastor Kim



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