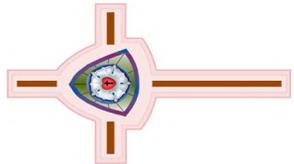


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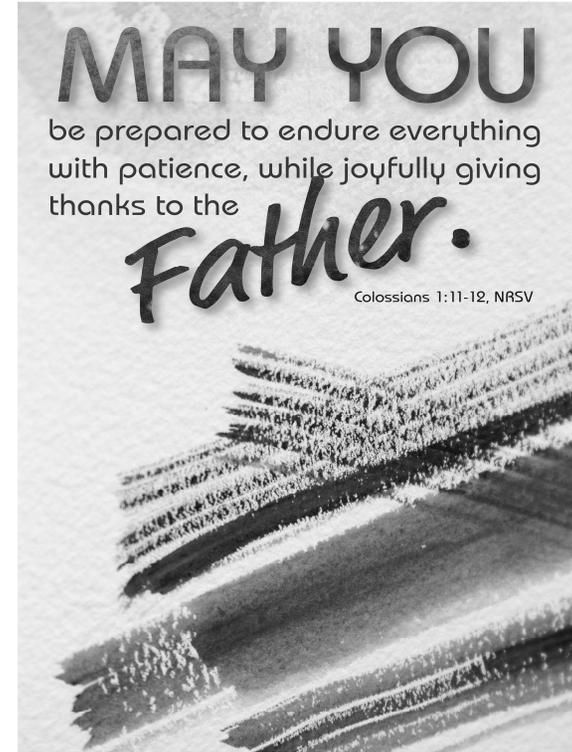
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CHURCH COUNCIL 2019

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Status of Accounts as of September 30

Balance in Checking Account.....\$10,909.52

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2019 Annual Budget of
\$203,448.31 is **\$16,954.03**

September income was \$15,189.39

Expenses for September were \$17,385.84

Benevolence Gifts through September.....\$ 9,382.00

57% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)



Life Together at Christ's United



Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Evangelism/Outreach

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)

Social Ministry

Stewardship

WELCA

Worship & Music

Multimedia Ministry

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees

Endowment Fund

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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 re-
examination 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.*

Pastor Laura's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The last Sunday of the Church Year is celebrated as *Christ the King*. Some churches call it the Reign of God Sunday in an attempt to avoid gender bias. In the Lutheran Church in Sweden it is named *Sunday of Doom*, recalling the earlier emphasis of the day on God's final judgment. Do you think many folks would worship at Christ's United Church on November 25 if we publicized it as "Day of Doom"?

It was Pope Pius XI who instituted Christ the King Sunday in 1925. He was concerned with an increase in the number of people who said they were nonreligious, in addition to the rise of dictators asserting their authority over Christ and his Church. What do you think Pope Pius would say about the percentage of Christians today who engage in activities other than worship on Sunday mornings, or we whose tech devices have more authority than Christ in our lives?

Throughout the centuries there have been all kinds of enticements to distract us from Christ as Lord over everything and everyone in our lives. Christ the King Sunday helps us let go of the idols we make of our possessions, our jobs, even our loved ones; to instead see Christ as reigning in our minds, our hearts, and our bodies.



“So-and-so is all things to me” was a popular phrase in Paul’s day, used by the lover to describe a sweetheart. We might say, “Darling, you are everything to me!” In I Corinthians 15:28 we read that God is all-in-all, having put all things under his feet (even our cell phones!). In Jesus God emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death (Philippians 2:5-11). Jesus loved us so much that he gave us his all-in-all! Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. He is, indeed, Christ our King.

Pastor Laura+



**Family Night
PowerPoint Presentation
about Germany
November 16, 2019 6:00pm
Ages 0-120
Everyone Welcome
Hope to see you all there!
Popcorn and light
refreshments will be served!!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS
EVENT**

The presentation will be about Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark’s jaunt around Germany.

Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura performed the following

Wedding:

10/12/19 Jason Miller
and Kimberly Shingara

Funerals:

10/14/19 Shirley Winters
(Zion’s Reformed UCC, Ashland)

**November Council Contact of the month is
Beth Andrews**

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 Beth, she can be reached at 570-874-2381



**Council Member
of the Month**

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PUZZLE

A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



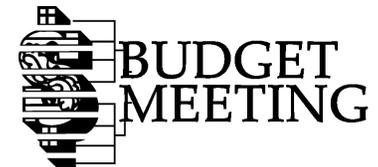
Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

- | | |
|---|--------|
| "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3 | Hannah |
| "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 | David |
| "He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2 | Mary |
| "My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1 | Paul |
| "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30 | Moses |

Church Council Highlights from September:

- Pastor Csellak's first year evaluation was conducted by Associate of the Bishop, Rev. Ash-Flashner who presented questions for both council and Pastor Laura to answer.
- Jim Chappell replaced the bulb and battery in the PowerPoint projector.
- Adopt-A-Highway - 15 volunteers collected 44 bags of garbage.
- A Flood Bucket collection was held as part of GWOH Sunday-enough supplies plus \$45 were donated to fill 28 buckets. A \$250 Thrivent card was also used to purchase supplies.
- WELCA donated \$50 Vickie's Angel Walk in Memory of Wendy Farnsworth.
- The Gordon Fire Co. will receive a check from donations for the Blessing of the First Responders Service - \$84 was collected.
- The proposed budge for 2020 was reviewed. It will be available on Sunday 10/27 in preparation for the budget meeting on Sunday 11/10.
- Eljon Alonge submitted a Contract to Service as Webmaster for CULC's website.

The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 10th following worship. The budget will detail the costs of doing ministry, broken down into the larger ministry areas such as Education, Social Ministry, and Worship (and more!). Please take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving and prayer for the blessings from Christ at work here at Christ's United. To help us prepare, the ministry budget will be available on November 3rd.



Answers: Philippians 1:3, Hannah; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David



November Birthdays

- 1 James Dengler
William Dillman, Jr.
Robert Nagle
Jessica Shadle
- 4 Dean Krise
- 5 Brayden Koons
- 7 Joshua Coward
John W. Wolfgang
- 8 Daylon Long
Steven Wolfgang
- 9 Amy Fegley
Jo-Ann Young
- 11 JeanMarie Brayford
Brooke Harris
Jordan Walter
- 12 Deanna Hepler
Connie Weinreich
- 13 Rick Walsh
- 14 Deidre Dengler
Brian Rickert
Cory Weikel, Sr.

- 16 Melody Bosco
Jack Houser
- 17 Nellie Schlorff
- 18 Oscar Troutman
- 19 Jo Conrath
Randy Lucas
- 20 Raquel Snyder
Charles Sweinhart
- 21 Breann Barker
Jean Bitting
Carol Reiner
- 23 Tracy Berner
Carl Lute
- 24 Dale Bolich
- 25 Bernie Marquardt
- 26 Suzanne Peel
- 27 Cathy Stutzman
- 28 Becky Spencer
Garrison Stehr
- 29 Remington Stehr
- 30 Tammy Dengler
Rusty McAndrew

November Anniversaries

- 11/12/17 John & Hanna Lisowski
- 11/14/85 Frank & Peggy Dziczek
- 11/19/11 Kenny & Jen Snyder
- 11/20/82 Bruce & Jean Bitting
- 11/30/96 John & Joan Wolfgang

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that during the worship service on **Sunday, December 1**, the following students will receive a scholarship check to assist them in furthering their education.



Steven Wolfgang is attending Bloomsburg University, majoring in Middle Level Education with a concentration in English/Language Arts.

Tyler Wolfgang is also attending Bloomsburg University. His major is Business Management

ENDOWMENT FUND OFFERING

Please plan to attend this service to show your support and offer prayers for a successful future.

There will be a special offering for the Endowment Fund on Nov 30 & Dec 1. Please be generous to support our youth in their future endeavors.

A Blue Christmas Service
will be held on Sunday, December 1st
at 3:00 p.m.

At Good , Ashland.

This service recognizes that you may feel “blue” during these holidays because of the death of a loved one. This worship will include opportunities to express grief and pain as well as focus on the promise of hope in Christ our Lord.



Women of the ELCA

Women of ELCA Meeting
November 6th at **6:00 pm**
(note change of time)

**DAYLIGHT
SEVINGS TIME
ENDS**

Standard time returns.
Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour on Saturday,
November 2 before going to bed.

Christ's United
Lutheran Church

Presents: "A Christmas Gift"
Living Nativity

Saturday, Decemb

6:00 P.M.



The following donations were given to Christ's United since the last newsletter:

*A Donation in celebration of their
25th Wedding Anniversary
by Jim and Tammy Buhay*

*A Donation was given to Christ's Cupboard
In honor of Susan Merwine's Birthday
by Shirley Frey*

*A Donation was given to CULC Capital Campaign
In memory of Mother & Dad & brother, Don
by Linda Zerby*

Saturday, Nov. 2 & Sunday, Nov. 3



All Saints Day is a time of both remembrance and celebration as we recognize that God spans all time, and for the family of God life has no end. Those who believe in Jesus Christ are Saints, saved by Christ, and blessed with eternal life.

As we gather we will lift up the names of those Saints who have joined the company of heaven in the past year, since last All Saints Day (November 4, 2018).

On Sat., Oct 12, a team of 15 walkers from CULC participated in the Vickie's Angel Walk in memory of Wendy Farnsworth. Thank you to everyone who donated. Approximately \$750 of a total \$1,000 was collected from Christ's United.



FOUND TREASURE:

This article about a 7th Grade English class assignment was found while sorting through a collection of saved newspaper clippings. Mrs. Joseph (Marge) Bolich and the Leshner Family were members of Christ's United chapels. Thank you Anna Neumeister and Carla Mae Carl for sharing.

For the good of the Community...

28 Flood Buckets are going to Pine Grove Lions Club thanks to CULC's generous giving!

28 donors gave 27 units of blood at our 10/3/19 Blood Drive!

44 bags of garbage were collected by 15 volunteers at our 9/28 Adopt-A-Highway clean-up!



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"Landscape"

I have always been awed by the beauty of the autumn season in our area. As a seventh grade English teacher, I encourage my students to view one of Hugins Valley's most beautiful scenes from our classroom window and describe it.

Every year I am impressed with the ability of these students to create poetic phrases, but rarely do I find such a completely beautiful description as this one. I thought your readers might enjoy 12-year-old June Leshner's vivid picture which she calls simply "Landscape." June is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Leshner of Schuylkill County.

Mrs. Joseph Bolich
Schuylkill County

The following is June's description:

In front of me looms a shimmering pond of silver beauty. Stirring only slightly from a soft breeze, it looks glassily petrified. A few yards from the pond is a forest. Pines rule the land looking tall, handsome and kingly on their throne of thick pine needles. Everything is calm in this wonderful land of beauty.

In the background is a mountain robed in gorgeous colors. The colors are composed of splashes of yellow with tints of green, bright hues of fiery red and Christmasy green and daubs of sunset orange. It rises into the sky filled with grandeur.

Overhead we see the color that makes a person forget all troubles. It is light and soft but protruding. Clouds looking like colorless wisps of cotton-candy float lazily across the heavens. A sound of geese comes faintly to my ears, and then from the forest the geese arise majestically to take their place in the skies. They are colored tree-trunk brown sprinkled with coal dust and bits of grass, and they fly with unbounding beauty.

Truly splendor has grasped this hallowed spot on earth and will never let it go.

MARCH 10, 1973



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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Christ's United Congregational Christmas Meal—December 8 following the morning worship service. Watch for details and sign up in the coming weeks.

Life Together at Christ's United



We Offer our Prayers to...

October 20 – Family of Sandra Beecher, Grace Rebeck (V. Brown), the family of Allen Maurer (V. Brown), Minnie Starr (J. Swweinhart), Lara Knorr (J. Sweinhart), Lynda Huhn (D. Zaharick), Butch Landis (A. Berger), Robin (T. Shilling)

October 13 – Children of the Mission of the Good Shepherd (WELCA), Family of Melvin Krise, Jesse Zerby (T. Dengler), Family of Shirley Wolfe (E. Tice), Irene Zaharick (D. Zaharick), Jean Louise Hepler (G. Zaharick), mother of 18 yr. old suicide victim (I. Morgan), Irene Morgan

October 6 – Family of Jack Hoffman (B. Liem), Brian Hayes (B. Spencer), Jackie Babbs (B. Stitzer), Carl (Mickey) Lute, Family of Blanch Berner, Shawn Card

September 29 – Family of Debbie Horan (A. Berger), Danny Argoode (A. Berger), Diane Brennan (E. Chappell), Jim Minnich & Frank Cashwell (P. Hepler), Mark Edwards (E. Chappell)

Please continue to pray for: Gail Lorady, Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Robert Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, 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), Donna Kuczawa

*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 - Ricky & Brenda
The Roshannon Family - Dennis & Vicky Walk
The Shilling Family - Terry

Dear Pastor Laura and Members of Christ's United Lutheran Church -

Thank you so much for your generosity & hospitality during last week's Seminary Sunday.

It was a joy & a privilege to get to worship with you and to share some about the Seminary.

I pray continued blessings upon your wonderful community, as you are very much a blessing to others (like us!) in the world!

Peace,

Andrea Oslikova



Our thanks to Keith Morgan for his generous donation of organ music to enhance our worship. And for much needed filing cabinets in the office and choir room. These donations were greatly appreciated.

Give Electronically

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Christ's United accepts electronic *do-*
nations



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.



Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Men

Saturday, November 2, 2019

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Eat In or Carry Out

Christ's United Lutheran Church
437 Airport Road, Ashland

Dinner Includes:

- Pork & Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes
- Applesauce
- Bread & Butter
- Dessert
- Beverage

(Hot Dog available as substitute for pork)

Adults: \$9.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Under Age 6: FREE

Ticket information: Call 570-875-1591
(Limited tickets available at the door)

BAKE SALE Sponsored by WELCA



Serving Our Community of Faith in November:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Crucifer	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
November 3 All Saints	Erik Tice	Allen Johnson Jordan Walter Darlene Stank John Kimmel	John Towey-AM Becky Spencer John Denchak	Ralph Johnson	Amy Johnson	Beth Andrews	Erik Tice
November 10	Sally Tice			Blake Olayo & Ava Hernandez	Daniel Cunningham	Barb Stepanchick	Sally Tice
November 17	Vivian Brown			Raven Marlow & Hayden Marlow	Bryce Hummel	Beth Andrews	Vivian Brown
November 24 Christ the King	Deb Hubler		Larry Wolfgang-AM Barb Anczarski Dennis Wolfe	Tanner Walacavage	Logan Walacavage	Ted Ambrose	Deb Hubler

SOCIAL MINISTRY



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

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
September— WELCA
October—Church Council



We will be collecting the following item for November:

Stuffing, Boxed Potatoes & Gravy

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is
Thursday,
November 14, 2019.

“Thanks to God”

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,
Thanks for what thou dost deny.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all thou dost supply.
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.
Thanks for comfort in despair.
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!

—August Storm, 1891



FLOOD BUCKETS

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the flood bucket project. We had a wonderful response! We were able to fill 28 buckets. The best part of all, is that we were able to keep them here in Schuylkill County. Through the Lions Club, they will be stored and distributed during the next crisis here in our area.



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 4:00 – 7:00 Pork & Sauerkraut 5:00 Worship/Communion
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints 9:30 Worship w / Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all	4 7:00 Church Council	5 Election Day	6 10:00 Seniors 6:00 WELCA	7 6:30 Choir Practice	8	9 5:00 Worship/Communion
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Annual Budget Meeting	11 Veterans Day	12 9:00 Food Delivery & Set Up	13 10:00 Seniors	14 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard 6:30 Choir Practice	15	16 5:00 Worship/Communion 6:00 Family Movie Night
17 Commitment Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all 10:45 Worship & Music	18 7:00 Evangelism/Outreach	19 7:00 Christian Ed	20 10:00 Seniors 6:30 Mutual Ministry	21 6:30 Choir Practice	22	23 5:00 Worship/Communion
24 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 Worship w / Communion Installation of Assist. Ministers 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all	25 6:00 Grief Support	26	27 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29	30 5:00 Worship/Communion