

# **CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS**

## ***SEPTEMBER 2016***

### **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS**

## **ARE YOU SERIOUS, JESUS?**

## **THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP**

We Lutherans are prolific in our talk of God's grace, mercy and forgiving love. We acknowledge that we are sinners and are in constant need of God's grace received in forgiveness with the promise of justification and salvation. Our life and destiny are clearly in God's hands; as stated by the apostle Paul, "therefore by the grace of God go I." Our eternal relationship with God through Christ Jesus comes solely to us as gift. So what are we to make of Jesus' call to us to follow him on a path of demanding and obedient discipleship? The invitation and call to follow Jesus and his way of living is quite clear in its indication that Jesus is the Lord of our lives; that is, Jesus is the lead. Expectations about and for the manner in which we live are drawn from the example of Jesus' own life, and not from our wants and desires or that which seeks to bring comfort and pleasure to ourselves.

God's grace brings us into the freedom to understand and walk within the gift of God's eternal acceptance of us in and through Christ. That is, God views us eternally not by the sum of our deeds and misdeeds but mercifully though the manner in which Christ lived, died and continues to live for and within us. Grace is the path to see the future God holds in store for each and every one of us. But discipleship is the way we are to conduct our lives as we walk into the gift of God's eternity. With discipleship come demand and a call to obedience. And the manner in which Jesus described these

demands may seem unduly harsh to our ears, especially for those of us who have grown quite comfortable and content with the notion of grace.

In Luke 14:26f, the tone of Jesus' rhetoric is deafening: "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his or her cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." That being said, I would imagine that not a few of us are actively seeking an alternative. Some well-intentioned interpreters have noted that the above quote from Jesus lends to exaggeration or hyperbole. To assume that Jesus' words are a hyperbolic plea belittles the starkness of the demand to follow him as he leads and not to self-determine our path. Jesus' call to us to "hate" our familial relationships is perceived by not a few as offensive and quite ugly. Could Jesus not have softened his demand of us just a bit? And for us as interpreters of Jesus' words to soften them either through a claim of exaggeration or hyperbole on Jesus' (Luke's) part or from a disinterested claim from ourselves suggestive of nonimportance or relevance itself questions the very integrity of calling Jesus Lord.

Jesus' call to us to become his disciples is a call to continuously discern our priorities and preferences, particularly with regard to personal conduct and relational commitments. In essence, is our commitment to follow Jesus the primary directive and influence by the manner in which we engage life daily?

Our eternal destiny is built upon the way Jesus lived and lives for us; our present walk through this life is to be built upon the manner in which we follow Jesus as Lord. Every decision and action bears a cost. Jesus himself bore the cost of all human sin upon the cross. To follow Jesus as Lord also bears a cost, a cost from God's side measured by grace but on our side measured by obedience and adherence to a life patterned after the way Jesus himself lived.

--Pastor John

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*"When the goldenrod is yellow,  
And leaves are turning brown -  
Reluctantly the summer goes  
In a cloud of thistledown.*

*When squirrels are harvesting  
And birds in flight appear -  
By these autumn signs we know  
September days are here."*

*~Beverly Ashour*

## BIBLE STUDIES



For each of our fall Bibles studies on Monday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 we will study the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Maccabees

| <u>10:30 a.m.</u> | <u>7:00 p.m.</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|
| September 12      | September 14     |
| September 18      | September 21     |
| September 25      | September 28     |

## SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE & HYMN SING



Our worship service on **September 4** will be filled with special music, as Doug & Sharon (Sampsel) Denisen along with their friends Ken & Carol Carper help to lead the worship service.

The Denisens and Carpers live in Florida and summer in Pennsylvania, Doug & Sharon in Laurelton and Ken & Carol in Everett.

Please join us for this special worship service.

## FAMILY DAY

**September 11** will be Family Day and God's Work/Our Hands Sunday at Camp Mt. Luther in conjunction with First Lutheran.



Activities start with worship at the Evergreen Center at **11:00 a.m.** with the theme being "service." Lunch will follow worship. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be supplied.

After lunch, there will be activities for kids with Pastor Andy Weaver entertaining the children with his balloon talents while adults who are able are invited to help out with projects at the camp.

Also, in recognition of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we are inviting local first responders to join us.

## SEWING DAYS

*Blessed are the quilters for they are known as piecemakers.*



We will have a work day in September. We don't know the date yet however. Talk to Georgetta Bowes, Judy Mecouch, Pat Spangler or June Wenrich, if you are interested in coming to help knot quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and watch the bulletins for the date of the workday. You can also talk to any of these ladies if you would like more information about the quilting workdays.

**REMINDER!** The ladies can always use material to use for the quilts. If you have material left over from sewing projects, old curtains, sheets, etc. bring it in for the ladies to use. And don't throw out that old mattress pad. Bring it to the church and we can use it for filler for the quilts.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**October** – Pastor Appreciation Month  
**October 2** – Harvest Home/Blanket Sunday/Homecoming  
**October 16** – Senior Member Dinner  
**November 5** – Potpie Supper  
**December 8-10** – Christkindl Market

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*A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked, "Why do you dress funny?" He told him that he was a priest and that this is the uniform priests wear. Then the boy pointed to the priest's plastic collar tab and asked, "Do you have an owie?" The priest was perplexed till he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are raised letters giving the name of the manufacturer. The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, "Do you know what those words say?" "Yes, I do," said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, "Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!"*



## ***HARVEST HOME***

The Harvest Home Celebration is a tradition that goes back many years. Years ago, our congregation was made up largely of farmers. They liked to gather in the fall for a big celebration to give thanks for their harvest. Today, we don't have as many farmers, but still like to gather to give thanks for the harvest, for family & friends, and for God's many blessings.

We are continuing this tradition on **October 2**. On this special Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with glories of the harvest:

**Pumpkins – Gourds - Indian Corn – Corn Ears - Corn Stalks - Fresh Fruit – Fresh Vegetables - Fall Leaves – Fresh or Dried Flowers - Home Canned Items - Crates - Baskets**

If you can provide any of the above items to help us do that, please have them here by **10:00 a.m. on October 1** when we will start to decorate the sanctuary for Harvest Home. Be sure to have your name on all items, so they can be returned to you. Also, if you would be available to lend a hand with decorating the sanctuary, your help would be exceedingly welcomed.



A collection of non-perishable food and monetary donations for Hope's Haven to help those in need will be received at this service. We have all been truly blessed and we ask that you share your blessings with those who are less fortunate by bringing a monetary donation and/or non-perishable food items along to worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will collect the donations during worship.

We invite you to join us for this Celebration of Thanksgiving as we give thanks for the blessings, gifts, and the harvest we have received this year from God.

After worship, we will be serving chicken corn soup and sandwiches as part of Koinonia Cafe. We are asking people willing to make sandwiches



to sign-up.



**CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDERS**

The chrysanthemums of autumn have beautiful color and those glorious hues will be captured in the chrysanthemums which we will use to help decorate the sanctuary for our celebration of Harvest Home on **October 2**. If you would like to provide one or more of these colorful plants, please fill out the following and return it to Margie.

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**CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDER FORM**

**Cost: \$5.00**

**Order Deadline: September 18**

**Return with payment to Margie Dunkle**

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor \_\_\_\_\_

to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_



## ***BLANKET SUNDAY***

### ***OCTOBER 2***

*Think about how comforting and warm a blanket feels when it is wrapped around you. Now, think how comforting and necessary it becomes if you were experiencing the aftermath of a hurricane or disaster. What if you did not even own a blanket and your very survival was in doubt. How lucky most of us are never to experience that kind of pain. A simple truth: Ordinary things -- things that we often take for granted like blankets, clean water, education, tents, garden tools and seeds -- can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy, as well as those working to build a better life for themselves and their communities.*

On **Sunday, October 2**, we will receive a special offering for Lutheran World Relief. For every \$5.00 collected, Lutheran World Relief will purchase and distribute a blanket to people who suffer from war or natural disasters all around the world. Special envelopes will be available for your gift (or you can use your regular envelope and mark "Blankets" on the designated gift line. Your donation will make a positive impact upon a person in America and around the world.

Donations of new and like-new blankets measuring approximately 60" X 80" for LWR are also welcome – they send these blankets out just like they do the quilts (no electric blankets or afghans please).

Blankets are a gift of love that keeps on giving. Your quilt or donation can deliver that same message — of God's ever-present love and care — to someone in need.

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*The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many...September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and*

splendid marigolds and starry zinnias. October, the extravagant sister, has ordered an immense amount of the most gorgeous forest tapestry for her grand reception.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes



## **SENIOR MEMBER DINNER**

*Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the heck happened!*

If you were born in or prior to 1954, you, along with a guest, are invited to attend our annual Senior Member Dinner on **Sunday, October 16, at 12:00 noon.**

The menu will be Ham & Green Beans with Potatoes, Applesauce, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert.

Reservations are not necessary, but would be very helpful to us in planning the meal. Just fill out the attached and return it to the church office by October 9.

Mark your calendars and plan to be present for a yummy meal and first-rate fellowship.

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### **SENIOR MEMBER DINNER**

**October 16  
12:00 noon**

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

*(Return by October 9)*

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An irate customer called the newspaper office. "Where's my Sunday paper?" she demanded. "Ma'am this is Saturday," the customer service agent said. "The Sunday paper won't be delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday." After rather lengthy pause the customer replied in a sheepish voice. "Well I guess that explains why no one was in church this morning."

## **CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES**

### **WHY JOIN A CHURCH CHOIR?**

You only have to set foot inside the doors of this, or any, church to appreciate the magic and beauty of choral singing. The human voice is a musical instrument to be treasured. To a new singer though, the thought of choral singing may seem like a daunting task, particularly for someone unable to read music. With that in mind, here are some things to remember. After all, now is as good a time as any to jump in...



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Choir is a gift that will last a lifetime  
Choir focuses on **DOING** rather than **OBSERVING**  
Choir gives us the opportunity to be worship leaders  
Choir allows praise with body, mind, spirit, and voice  
Choir contributes to the understanding of God and the  
experience of worship  
Choir fulfills the Biblical admonishment to "sing to our God"  
Choir helps develop concepts of teamwork and cooperation

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Director Paula Christy invites any and all persons who are interested in singing in the adult choir at Christ's United to get in touch with her. Choir rehearsals take place after church on the Sundays the choir sings (1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and if there is a 5<sup>th</sup>). No problem if you miss some of these days – we appreciate your presence any time. **Rehearsals will begin after the service on September 25.** Talk to Paula for more information.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

It's fun for kids to sing in church. It is also a way for them to give something back for all the gifts they have been given. All children are welcome. **Rehearsals begin again the first Sunday in October (10/2)** at the beginning of Sunday school as we did before. Talk to Diane Valentine if you want to know more about it.

## ***HOPE HAVEN FUNDRAISER***

We are going to be partnering with Boscov's in a fundraiser to benefit Hope's Haven again this year. Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event is a special day filled with fun and fundraising to benefit area non-profit organizations.



What is Friends Helping Friends? Friends Helping Friends day is an opportunity for every local non-profit (501c and 170c1) organization (holding a Federal Tax ID#) to raise funds for their group by selling shopping passes to the event. In October 2015, Friends Helping Friends day was a tremendous success, raising over \$600,000 for service organizations in communities with Boscov's stores throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Maryland and Ohio.

Each participating organization has the opportunity to sell \$5 discount shopping passes to the event that's good for 10%, 15% or 25% off\* almost all purchases during "Friends Helping Friends" Day! 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization, and donors will have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes, while enjoying refreshments and entertainment throughout the store. (\*Certain exclusions may apply. Complete details are printed on the shopping passes.)

We will soon be selling the discount shopping passes for this year's "Friends Helping Friends" Day, which takes place on **Tuesday, October 18**. The passes can be used from **9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.** at all Boscov's stores. There are no restrictions on how often the shopping pass is used during the day.

Please help Hope's Haven by purchasing a shopping pass and by offering to help sell to your family, friends and co-workers. Talk to Bev Catherman or Janet Hileman if you would like more information.

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*When we start to count flowers,  
We cease to count weeds;  
When we start to count blessings,  
We cease to count needs;  
When we start to count laughter,  
We cease to count tears;  
When we count happy memories,  
We cease to count years.*



## ***2016 WEST END FAIR***

### **TOTAL MEALS SERVED**

<u>Dinners</u>		Hamburg BBQ	- 44
Roast Beef	- 22	Hot Beef	- 3
Ham	- 70	Hot Turkey	- 7
Pork	- 28		
Turkey	- 389	<u>Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes</u>	
Turkey Potpie	- 39	Hot Beef	- 2
Ham Potpie	- 70	Hot Pork	- 1
Pork & Sauerkraut	- 40	Hot Turkey	- 8
<u>Sandwich Platters</u>		<u>Sandwich w/ Soup</u>	
BLT	- 16	BLT	- 21
Cold Ham	- 8	Cold Ham	- 9
Cold Turkey	- 10	Cold Turkey	- 9
Egg Salad	- 8	Egg Salad	- 5
Ham BBQ	- 10	Ham BBQ	- 6
Hamburg BBQ	- 37	Hamburg BBQ	- 16
Hot Beef	- 21		
Hot Pork	- 1	<u>Other</u>	
Hot Turkey	- 103	Hot Beef Sundae	- 91
		Soup Only	- 36
<u>Sandwich</u>		(Total Soup – 100)	
BLT	- 21	Kid's Meals	- 32
Cold Ham	- 2	Pie	- 261 pc.
Cold Turkey	- 7	Turkey Potpie Quarts	- 5
Egg Salad	- 10	Ham Potpie Quarts	- 12
Ham BBQ	- 12		

Net Proceeds from Fair are approximately \$10,203.00

## ***WOMEN NEWS***

### **Action Day at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Office**

The Mission Action Committee of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod announces its Action Day at the Synod Office. Action Day will be Saturday, October 8th at 11 AM.



We will have a panel discussion with Ruth Koble, Dr. Tom Martin and Kristie Hammaker. Our topic is "Entitlements, an American Dream or a Nightmare?" Scripture: Philippians 4:11-13: "I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need."

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Our panelists include:

Dr. Thomas Martin a former pediatrician at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. He is a 1958 graduate of Franklin & Marshall College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and served his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. He now serves as a member of the clinical faculty at the Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton. He is the college's founding education director in pediatrics and founding assistant chair of clinical sciences in pediatrics. During his 27 years at Geisinger Medical Center he chaired the department of pediatrics for 20 years. He started Geisinger's neonatal unit, developed residencies in pediatrics and medicine-pediatrics, and established the first Children's Hospital to be built in a rural area in the U.S.

Dr. Martin also established the only Ronald McDonald House in a community without a McDonald's Restaurant. He is also involved in sports medicine and was team physician at Penn State University. Dr. Martin is the husband of Rev. Dr. Lois Martin.

Kristi Hammaker is a life-long member of Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport. She resides in South Williamsport with her 14 year old son. She volunteers as a communion assistant at Messiah and has helped out with youth events, including being a chaperone at the Youth Encounter weekend in Pittsburgh.

In 2008, she worked with members from other faith communities in the area to organize the Family Promise of Lycoming County (FPLC) network for homeless families with children. FPLC is now one of over 200 networks nationwide. From 2008 to 2011, Kristi served as Board President as the network was organized for its opening in the summer of 2009 and continued to provide services to the community. Since 2011, Kristi has continued to volunteer for the FPLC network by sleeping at the host congregation sites overnight, driving the van, attending the Day Center desk, and participating in activities and social time with guests.

As a career, Kristi has been involved in some aspect of health, fitness and wellness for over 16 years. She has worked for Penn College and Lycoming College. She is presently a health educator helping people quit tobacco use. She has a BS in Communications from Clarion University of PA and a Masters degree in Health Administration from Penn State. She is also a certified personal fitness trainer and a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

Ruth Koble is a long-time member of WELCA. Her formal education is from Penn State and Temple Universities in Home Economics, Distributive Education, and Adult Vocational Education. Informal education from Life. First born of 5 children to Claude and Marie(Connelly) Knoebel in 1929. Raised on family farm near Sunbury during the Depression. Participated in 4-H club, school and church activities.

Work experiences include Teaching Home Arts in PA and DE, Penn State Home Economics Extension, Vocational Teacher Certification program for Temple Univ. Also, Patient Food Service Supervision at Geisinger Medical Center, local GED and ESL instruction, Life Skills for Union Snyder Office of Human Resources, and 12 volunteer Women Empowerment mission trips to Liberia. Currently a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, involved with Bible study/discussion group, Reading Partners, Women of ELCA, and President of Sunbury Area Church Women United.

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*"September starts with Labor Day when goldenrod are in full bloom and the crops are being gathered. It's harvest time on farms, when entire families helps in an intergenerational enterprise. We hasten in anticipation of autumn chill and a possible early frost. The heavier mists now hang over the valleys reminding us each morning that days are warm, but nights are cooler than the temperature of rivers, lakes and ponds. Work, even garden work, includes beating the frost and a mutual sacrifice. The birds flock in the evening and nature seems to anticipate what is in store. We pick elderberries for pie, press cider, deep freeze the grapes and continue to use the solar food dryer for beans and apples. We notice that the late tomatoes have a different taste this month. In the more even temperature of the month the peppers seem to fill the stalks miraculously with each passing day and hang heavy in yellows and greens and reds and purples. Butternut and winter squash are ready to store; we prepare the greenhouse for the first transfers as frost approaches. We trample the late summer woods nearby and find the acorns now falling from the oak trees. We taste the most exquisite of all fruit in the wild, the wild plum. And we hear the reports of hunters -- fathers and sons and daughters*

*bonding by bringing home a mess of squirrel. We see deer and rabbit and raccoon as well and hear the gobbling of the wild turkeys. Yes, this is September."*

*~Al Fritsch, S. J., [Spiritual Growth Through Domestic Gardening](#)*



### **August 16, 2016 Council Communique**

- The next two Sunday worship services (August 21 and 28) will be held at the large fellowship hall.
- Any fundraiser proposed by any member for 2016 will need to be presented by the October 18, 2016, meeting, no matter whether the fundraiser had been held in the past or is completely new.
- Our Corn Roast will be held on Saturday, August 27, starting at 6:00 p.m. Hot dogs and ice cream with toppings are also planned.
- Doug and Sharon Denisen, with two friends from Florida, will be leading the Sunday, September 4 worship music at our church.
- September 11 will be Family Day and God's Work/Our Hands Sunday at Camp Mt. Luther in conjunction with First Lutheran. Activities start with worship at the Evergreen Center at 11:00 a.m. with the theme being "service." Lunch will follow worship. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. After lunch, there will be activities for kids with Pastor Andy Weaver making items from balloons. Adults who stay and are able will be asked to help out and work on projects to help out the camp. Also, in recognition of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we are also inviting local first responders.
- Harvest Home/Blanket Sunday/Homecoming Sunday will take place on Sunday, October 2. We are asking for preserved, canned and dry foods from members to donate to the community. After worship, we will be serving chicken corn soup and sandwiches as part of Koinonia Cafe. We are asking people willing to make sandwiches to sign-up.
- The Senior Member Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 16, at 12 noon. We will need a count of people attending so we can have enough food to serve. The menu and other details will be forthcoming.
- The next Table Communion & Brunch is scheduled for Reformation Sunday, October 30, at 9:00 a.m.

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I go out all day looking fabulous and see no one I know.  
I go out for 5 minutes looking like crap and suddenly it's a reunion.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**For period as of August 29, 2016**

(Figures includes West End Fair proceeds & expenses)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income for month	\$18,127.00	\$12,713.00
Expenses for month	\$9,395.00	\$12,565.00
Difference	\$8,732.00	

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income Year-to-date	\$118,735.00	\$106,081.00
Expenses Year-to-date	\$107,279.00	\$104,851.00
Difference	\$11,456.00	

Parking Lot Loan Balance	\$12,532.20
Heating System Balance	\$0.00

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### **BE AN ANGEL! DO AN UNEXPECTED ACT OF KINDNESS**

1. Speak to People! There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at People! It takes 72 muscles to frown, but only 14 to smile!
3. Call People by Name! The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of his or her own name.
4. Be Friendly and Helpful! If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be Cordial! Speak and act as if everything you do were a real pleasure.
6. Be Genuinely Interested in People! You can like everyone if you try.
7. Be Generous with Praise, Cautious with Criticism! Praise will win out when it comes to gaining friends.
8. Be Considerate of the Feelings of Others! It will be appreciated. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's and the right one.
9. Be Thoughtful of the Opinions of Others! People love their opinions as they do their own children, calling them ugly won't get you anything but anger.

10. *Be Alert to Give Service! What counts most in life is what we do for others!*

11. *Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many-fold.*



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **2017 FUNDRAISERS**

Any fundraiser proposed by any member for 2017 will need to be presented by the October 18, 2016, meeting, no matter whether the fundraiser had been held in the past or is completely new.

### **FREE ENERGY CREDIT**

There is a free energy credit available to the church. If you want help to lower the church's electric bill, and save money on your own electric bill contact Greg Shuck for details.

### **REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE**

Please talk to Dianne Shuck, Al Pantaleo or any council member for information on how to obtain a reimbursement for expenses you may have for the church.

### **COFFEE CANS NEEDED**

We are in need of coffee cans to be used to send altar flowers home following a worship service. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at the kitchen or in the office.

### **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

#### **1. Baby News Correspondent**

When a new baby is born to a member of the congregation, the responsibility of the baby news correspondent is to contact the family and get “vital statistics” and then write a short article for the newsletter. Talk to Margie if you would like to tackle this position.

**2. Greeters, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers and Sound System Operators.**

Our list of people willing to do these jobs keeps dwindling. Will you help? Sign up on the attached “volunteer form” and drop them on Margie’s desk or put them in the offering plate.

**COMMUNIONS**

Communion for all confirmed members must be recorded in the parish register annually. If you do not commune on a regular basis, we ask that you fill out a communion record card (one per year is all we need) so we know you have communed. The cards are located in the racks on the back of the pews. Cards may be put in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

**MEMORABILIA**

The following memorabilia items are still available for anyone interested in purchasing anything:

- Wooden Miniatures of the Church - \$10.00
  - Church Prints - \$20.00
  - Blankets - \$10.00
  - Christmas Cards - \$10.00
- 12 cards per box feature a winter picture of the church

Talk to Bev Catherman if you have questions about, or would like to purchase, any of these items.

**DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?**

If you have an e-mail address that you have never given to us or if it has changed, please fill out the following and drop it off on Margie’s desk or give her a call.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## **HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?**

Over the past few years, some of you have been requesting favorite hymns and gospel songs and for that we give many thanks. Because of U.S. copyright laws, we do not have permission to reproduce or copy all of our favorites. You may choose selections from the following hymnals: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV). We are also permitted to use hymns that are in the "Public Domain". It's all very complicated. So, keep your suggestions coming and we will be happy to sort out and use all of your suggestions. Give any requests to Gary Hackenberg, Margie or Pastor John.

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## **Hymn Request**

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## **PRAYER CHAIN**

The Prayer Chain is a group of men and women of Christ's United who pray for the concerns and requests of Christ's United's members and friends. Someone in need of prayer calls the church office and requests to be put on the Prayer Chain. Each member of the Prayer Chain then receives either a phone call or an email notifying them of a prayer request. The prayer chain member receiving the phone call then calls one other person and so on down the list. Those notified by email do not have to pass it on.

Would you be willing to pray for someone in need? It is reassuring to know that you are supported by the prayers of others and not alone with your concern. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, fill out the following and put it in the offering plate or on Margie's desk.

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## **Prayer Chain Calling List**

I would like to be included on the prayer chain calling list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_





## **NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

### **CONDOLENCES**

With deepest sympathies, we inform you of the death of **Bob Lukens** who passed away on July 31. He was the son of Wilbur & Myrtle Lukens. Bob is survived by his wife, Doris, two daughters and one son-in-law, Eileen Wiand and Lisa & Doug Mattern, one son, Rodney, and his companion Heather Loss; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, two sisters and brother-in-law, Jean Buoy and Joanne & Jim Seidel; three brothers-in-law and their wives; and one sister-in-law.

Please keep the family in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

### **FORMER MEMBER NEWS**

On May 10, 2016 **Matthew Weiser**, University of Buffalo graduate, signed with the San Diego Chargers football team. Matthew is the third born child of Pastor Bill & Gwen Weiser.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **September**

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 6 – Cliff & Diane Valentine   | (1969) |
| 8 - John & Betty Stamm        | (1951) |
| 9 – Tom & Evelyn Rice         | (1972) |
| Chip & Beth Zechman           | (2009) |
| 16 - Kris & Carla Ruhl        | (1978) |
| 17 – Ryan & Cortney Klose     | (2005) |
| 18 – Zach & Abbi Harvey       | (2004) |
| 21 – Paul & Patty Kahler      | (1985) |
| 25 - Joe & Sherry Zimmerman   | (1976) |
| 27 - Barry & Regina Hosterman | (1986) |
| 29 – Ken & Patty Emery        | (1973) |

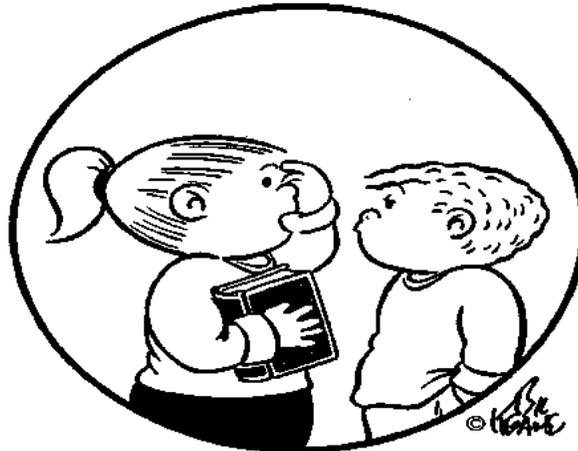
## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **September**

- |                                                              |                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 – Ramon Beiler<br>Steve Wenner                             | 19 – Forrest Showalter<br>Elizabeth Zechman            |
| 3 - Paul Kahler                                              | 20 – Doug Gemberling III                               |
| 5 – Debbie Welker                                            | 21 – Terry Kline                                       |
| 7 – Amanda Welker<br>Luke Welker                             | 22 - Jacob Moyer                                       |
| 14 – Sandra Sanders<br>Karen Zimmerman                       | 23 – Jodi Marshall                                     |
| 15 – Aiden Gemberling<br>Doug Gemberling, Jr.<br>Gayle Zerbe | 24 – Pastor John Yost<br>Mindy Yost                    |
| 16 – Jim Mitchell<br>Bryan Zimmerman                         | 25 – Betty Stamm                                       |
| 17 – Diane Knause<br>Stephen Wenner                          | 26 - Eugene Hassinger<br>Sara Moyer<br>Jason Zimmerman |
|                                                              | 27 – Adam Hackenberg                                   |
|                                                              | 29 – Ashleigh Boyer                                    |
|                                                              | 30 – Donald Knause                                     |

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### **THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**“Conscience is e-mail your head gets from God.”**

**from *The Joyful Noiseletter*  
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### **Remember In Thought and Prayer**

Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know of any names that should be added or removed

#### **Our Members**

Gailyn Baker  
Bev Catherman  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Max Miller  
Alice Reitz  
Sam Schnure  
Janet Spurr  
Mary Ellen VonNeida  
Arletta Zimmerman

Jim & Florence Boop  
Vickie Kahler  
Isabel Kline  
Diane Reamer  
Cindy Sampsell  
Rylan Shuck  
Stacey Veley  
Karen Watters

#### **Our Friends & Relatives**

John Bowersox  
Amy Evers  
Kadence Kopp  
Dennis Lucas  
Helen Metz  
Janet Sheesley  
Mark Troup

Mark Detweiller  
Matt Imhoff  
Shirley Long  
Jeanne McGlaughlin  
Linda Ruder  
Bev Shreffler  
David Woods

#### **Our Shut-Ins**

Carolyn Bowersox  
Leona Hackenberg  
Isabel Kline  
Betty Lauf  
Harold Sampsell  
Richard Schnure  
Betty Wallace  
Debra Wilson

Barbara Grimooris  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Pat Korman  
Eugene Phillips  
Myron Sampsell  
Connie Wagner  
Caroline Wenrick  
Arletta Zimmerman

#### **The Men and Women Serving In the Military**

Adam Gemberling  
Brandi Gemberling

Michael Spurr



## **DANDELION RUN** **September 3**

Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg will be holding a 5 and 10 Kilometer trail run race at the camp Labor Day Weekend. This is the fourteenth year for the event at the camp, located five miles west of Mifflinburg. This will be an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. It is being organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. The Dandelion Run was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion. The date of the race is Saturday, September 3, 2016. The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m.

Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run. Age group awards will be presented and pre-registered participants will receive a drawstring sports pack. (A limited number will also be available on race day.) Price for entry is \$20 if you pre-register before August 8th. Race day registration is \$25. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Spectators are welcome as well. A kid's fun run (registration for that is one dollar) and a one-mile fun walk will also be held. The same registration fees and amenities apply for the fun walk which will take place on a dirt road.

Awards will be given for overall male and female race time, three awards for each age group and an overall master's for male and female in both the 5K and the 10K. The awards ceremony will be immediately following the race. All miles for the course will be marked and there is one water stop on the course. Timing will be electronically done. To download a registration form, visit <http://midpenntailblazers.com/trail-race-events/dandelion-run/dandelion-run-application.pdf> or you can contact Joel Heasley at 570-765-0267. Shower facilities are available after the race.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the camp's general operating fund.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CML FUNDRAISER IN SEPTEMBER**

Camp Mount Luther is once again participating in a local festival to help raise funds for their campership fund. The camp will staff a booth at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Their booth will feature the sale of

homemade whoopie pies. Volunteers are needed to make these sweet treats, as well as to staff the booth on the day of the festival. If you are interested in donating whoopie pies (of any flavor) or helping to sell them that day, contact Sarah Hershberger at 570-966-9674 or Chad Hershberger at 570-922-1587.

## **BUILDING YOUTH GROUP EVENT AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

**October 22, 2016**

Keep your youth group strong and growing by laying a foundation for its future members! Bring your youth to Camp Mount Luther for BYG, a fun community building time. We'll work with you and your campers to facilitate relationship-building experiences. Youth leaders, pastors, and parents should bring as many as you can in this age bracket to help build comfort and trust within your future youth group. Come along- bring the youth leader, pastor, or parents with your kids. Camp Mount Luther invites you to bring one adult free for every seven kids you bring to camp. Additional adults come for half of the participant's fee. We'll have team building, reflection time on God's Word, Frisbee golf, ropes course, and fellowship. Our theme this year is "Pray!" Cost for the program is \$20.00, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Each participant is asked to bring a bag lunch.** To register, call the Camp Mount Luther office at 570-922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Click here to download a flyer/bulletin insert: <http://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/BYG-Day-Long-Flyer-2016.pdf>

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*"Tang of fruitage in the air;  
Red boughs bursting everywhere;  
Shimmering of seeded grass;  
Hooded gentians all a'mass.  
Warmth of earth, and cloudless wind  
Tearing off the husky rind,  
Blowing feathered seeds to fall  
By the sun-baked, sheltering wall.  
Beech trees in a golden haze;  
Hardy sumachs all ablaze,  
Glowing through the silver birches.  
How that pine tree shouts and lurches!  
From the sunny door-jamb high,*

*Swings the shell of a butterfly.  
Scrape of insect violins  
Through the stubble shrilly dins.  
Every blade's a minaret  
Where a small muezzin's set,  
Loudly calling us to pray  
At the miracle of day.  
Then the purple-lidded night  
Westering comes, her footsteps light  
Guided by the radiant boon  
Of a sickle-shaped new moon."  
~Amy Lowell*



## ***IN THE MAILBAG***

### **SECRET KEEPER GIRL “PURPLE PARTY TOUR”**

**September 8 6:30 p.m.**

WGRC announces the Secret Keeper Girl “Purple Party Tour” coming to Danville First Baptist Church on Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. Secret Keeper Girl is an event for moms and their 7 to 12-year-old daughters. The Secret Keeper Girl Purple Party Tour will give moms and daughters time to laugh, time to pray, and time to talk about the issues young girls are dealing with today. The event incorporates live worship, fun Bible teaching and memorable stories. Moms will be given proven tools to teach their daughters to embrace true beauty and biblical modesty. Young girls will walk away from the night knowing that they are each a masterpiece created by God! Tickets for this event are available now. Details are available by visiting [www.WGRC.com/SKG](http://www.WGRC.com/SKG) or [www.SecretKeeperGirl.com](http://www.SecretKeeperGirl.com). For more information about the event direct any questions to the WGRC offices at 570-523-1190.

### **LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**

The September 16-18 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is now full. (You may contact the Directors listed below to be on a waiting list.) However, there is still room for YOU at the **October 21-23** Weekend at Olmsted Retreat in Ludlow, PA. Please consider whether it is time for you to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intends. Olmsted Retreat is a beautiful, serene location in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at approximately 3 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are covered by a \$100.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish that you are given the opportunity to make toward the end of the weekend. Registrations are limited, so sign up TODAY by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

## **STRONG CENTER/OPEN DOOR: ENGAGING LUTHERAN WORSHIP IN THE PRESENT TIME**

**November 4-5, 2016:**

In this 10th anniversary year of the publication of Evangelical Lutheran Worship, you are invited to attend one of three identical events focusing on Lutheran worship in our current context. Whether you have extensive experience with ELW, are exploring this resource for the first time, or never intend to purchase the book or online resources, you will find a place at these events. These events will include:

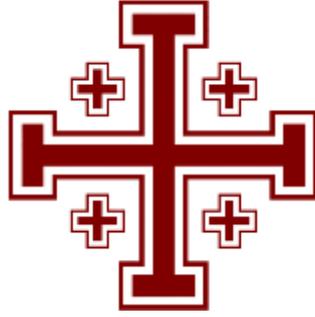
- ELW introduction – for those engaging this resource for the first time
- ELW refresher – for those who know the treasures well, but desire some renewed energy and a look at the multitude of resources in the ELW family that have been produced since 2006
- Foundations (strong center) –for those who want to connect with the core principles of worship in the ELCA at this time, but may be exploring other resources to use in your unique context...plus worship, singing, networking, creative brain-sailing, and more.

There are three identical events, with one being in Pennsylvania in November:

- ☐! October 7-8, 2016, at Augustana Lutheran Church Denver, Colorado
- ☐! October 14-15, 2016, at Zumbro Lutheran Church Rochester, Minnesota
- ☐! November 4-5, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church Lansdale, Pennsylvania

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*A man was up drinking one night and got totally plastered and went home and accidentally broke a window and cut up his belly real bad. He was too drunk to notice he was hurt but on arriving in the bedroom he saw blood was all over him, so he fixed it up the best he could and then went to bed. When he woke up in the morning his wife said, "Well, you really tied one on last night. Where did you go?" "I worked late," he said, "and I stopped off for a couple of beers." "A couple of beers? That's a laugh," she replied, "You got plastered last night. Where the heck did you go?" "What make you so sure I got drunk last night, anyway?" "Well," she replied, "my first big clue was when I got up this morning and found a bunch of Band-Aids stuck to the mirror."*



Your Prayers and Presence are Requested  
On The Eve of Reformation Sunday

Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

*for the*

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

*for*

**THE REVEREND BARBARA JEANNE COLLINS**

as Bishop of

The Upper Susquehanna Synod

Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
5<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets, Sunbury, PA 17801

A time of fellowship and light refreshments  
will follow the service downstairs in the social hall.

Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process.  
The color of the day is red.

*Please RSVP no later than October 15, 2016  
by calling the Upper Susquehanna Synod Office at 570-524-9778  
or by e-mailing directly to: [brenda@uss-elca.org](mailto:brenda@uss-elca.org)*

*Additional parking available in city lot between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets  
and one block north on 5<sup>th</sup> street.*



## **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

### **LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE:**

#### **Begins September 8 at West End Library**

The Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc.; Geisinger Health Plan; and Evangelical Community Health and Wellness will be sponsoring Live Your Best Life at the West End Library, 45 Ball Park Road, Laurelton, 17835. Live Your Best Life is a free chronic disease self-management program from Stanford University. This program has been proven to be effective in helping people to manage their chronic health conditions. It is supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, and is being offered in many counties throughout Pennsylvania. Educational materials and light refreshments will be provided.

An information session about the 6-week program will be held at the West End Library on Thursday, September 8 from 4:30- 7:00 pm. The program then starts on Thursday, September 15 and will end on Thursday, October 20. All sessions will be held from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at the West End Library.

Live Your Best Life is open to adults who wants to learn how to improve their quality of life while coping with a chronic health condition such as diabetes, arthritis, chronic pain, depression, a breathing problem, heart failure or any other health problem that alters your lifestyle. Anyone who cares for someone who has a chronic condition is also welcome to attend. Topics that will be covered during the program include: managing pain and fatigue; improving psychological well-being; nutrition and exercise; and communicating with family, friends and health professionals.

For more information or to register call the West End Library at 570-922-4773. Preregistration is not required.

### **HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP**

#### **September 10, 2016**

Members of your congregation are invited to a Healthy Congregations Workshop on Saturday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church, 229 South Broad Street, Jersey Shore. Pastor Tom Glasoe will be leading the workshop.

This is a very interactive workshop designed to equip lay and rostered leaders with tools to help them lead in the midst of anxiety and change. The workshops are open to all members of your congregation, and I would encourage you to advertise it widely, well in advance, as well as to specifically target not only current leaders, but future leaders of your congregation. Teenagers and adults are welcome. All participants are charged \$20.00 per person. Payment is to be made to the synod office. Make checks payable to the Upper Susquehanna Synod and write "Health Congregations Workshop" on the check's memo line. The registration includes workbook costs. A lunch will be provided by the Women of St. John Lutheran. Register for the course by contacting Pastor Aucker at 570-916-1317 or email at [kaucker1@comcast.net](mailto:kaucker1@comcast.net). Registration is important so we know how many workbooks to order and how much food to prepare for lunch. Please register by September 6. Here is a brochure about the event: <http://www.uss-elca.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/07/hcbrochure.pdf> Here are descriptions of the program: <http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Healthy-Congregations-desc.docx>

**"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." DAY OF SERVICE**  
**September 11, 2016**

Save the date and celebrate! On Sunday, September 11, 2016, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will again have the opportunity to gather together for "God's Work. Our hands." Sunday and celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday celebrates the work you do every day, serving communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. If your congregation cannot participate on that day, please consider another time. Visit [www.ELCA.org/dayofservice](http://www.ELCA.org/dayofservice) for more information. This year's observance also coincides with the 15-year anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. If September 11 is not feasible, congregations are encouraged to select another date.

**PENNSYLVANIA SHALOM CONFERENCE**  
**September 24-25, 2016**

Pennsylvania's first ever "Shalom Conference" will be held on September 24-25, 2016. The event will run from Saturday at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at The Hartman Center, a United Church of Christ retreat center on 5725 Old US Hwy. 322 in Milroy, PA 17063. Peacemaking work can be lonely work. The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is hosting this event in hopes of building a statewide network of peacemakers that will make peacemaking less lonely. Peacemakers of all types, including those who struggle against systemic racism, environmental destruction,

torture, domestic violence, gun violence, are all invited to participate in this conference. *Please come and hear from two prophetic voices in the peacemaking community:*

- Saturday evening: Shane Claiborne, a founding member of the Simple Way Community in Philadelphia and author of influential books *Irresistible Revolution* and *Jesus for President*
- Sunday afternoon: Saadia Ahmad, current McCormack Scholar and Master's student in Conflict Resolution at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Registration: \$125 (includes accommodations and food). Watch for further details and registration information at [www.pachurches.org](http://www.pachurches.org). Questions? [s.strauss@pachurches.org](mailto:s.strauss@pachurches.org) or 717-545-4761

### **WELCA BLANKET SUNDAY**

**October 2, 2016**

Blanket Sunday for Women of the ELCA in the Upper Susquehanna Synod is October 2, 2016. There will be a collection of Lutheran World Relief donations on October 11 ONLY at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Shamokin Dam. Mr. Zartman of Zartman Construction has agreed to supply a truck to take donations to New Windsor, MD, but is unable to do the collection at other area churches. Because of parking limitations at St. Matthews, the truck will only be there the one day, October 11 from 9 to 3. If you are unable to get things to Shamokin Dam this day please make arrangements with other churches in your area. To contact St. Matthew's, the number is 570-743-3052. St. Matthew's is located on Old Trail Road. You can turn from Route 11 at the Hoss's Steak house and reach their parking lot. Report forms can be mailed to Sue Baylor at the address on the form. It is not necessary to take the form to St. Matthew's.

### **“WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER” REGION 8 ELCA NETWORKS FOR MISSION EVENT**

**October 6-8, 2016**

In an increasingly specialized world, how can we collaborate for common ministry and mission? We'll gather for conversation and information sharing about important ELCA opportunities and initiatives, including *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* and equipping for network building. Through large group sessions, skill workshops and strategic sharing with participating ELCA ministries and networks, you can return to your congregation and community re-energized and ready to better coordinate and collaborate for mission and ministry in the midst of a changing church. Additional registration information is forthcoming. The event will be held in Waynesboro, PA. In the meantime, please mark your calendars. All are welcome. Begin inviting your congregational team today! For more information, please contact [NetworkEvent@elca.org](mailto:NetworkEvent@elca.org).



## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

*“Volunteers are gold”. Volunteers are the most valuable commodities in ministry. Without them, nothing would get done in our churches. We are fortunate to have the kind of dedicated people that we do. Do you know anyone who should be given a pat on the back and a “Thank You” for the contributions they make in and around the church? Let Margie know.*

### THANK YOU TO...

...**Everyone** who took any part in helping with the fair stand, be it organizers, committee members; cooks, servers, cashiers, bakers, donors, clean-up, dishwashers, or diners. We are truly blessed by God and enriched in our fellowship by the many people of this congregation who volunteer their time and their talent in small and large ways for the benefit of this church and for the advancement of the gospel of Christ in this place

...**Dave Bickhart, Maurice Clouser, Randy Harvey, Eugene Hassinger, Bob Rantz, Cliff Valentine & Tom Watters** for installing the memorial walk that leads to the basement. The walk is in memory of Carl & Jeanne Sampsell.

...**All who** prepared for and participated in the Corn Roast.

...**Winifred Aikey** for choosing Christ’s United as a recipient for “Choice Dollars” through the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Thrivent Choice program.

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*Scarecrows in the field,  
Pumpkins on the ground  
The leaves are changing colors  
From green to red to brown.  
Give thanks for all of our blessings  
And friends that gather near.  
The harvest is upon us,  
It’s the bountiful time of the year.*



**ALTAR GUILD**

June Wenrich

**GREETERS**

4 – Janet Hileman  
11 – Camp Mount Luther  
18 - Ben Wenrich  
25 - Maurice & Barbara  
Clouser

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Dianne Shuck

**USHERS**

Maurice Clouser  
Eugene Hassinger

**MUSIC PROVIDERS**

4 – Paula Christy  
11 – Camp Mount Luther  
18 – Dave Swartz  
25 – Gary Hackenberg

**LAY READERS**

4 – Maurice Clouser  
11 – Camp Mount Luther  
18 - Doug Gemberling  
25 – Barry Spangler

**COMMUNION  
ASSISTANTS**

4 – Judy Moyer  
11 – Camp Mount Luther  
18 - Tom Catherman  
25 – Barry Spangler

**REMINDER**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE WHEN SCHEDULED.**

**ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS, SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS & USHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTH.**

If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers to help with one or more of the following positions, please fill it out and return it to the church office.



**USHER**

I/we will serve as an usher

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

I/we will help with children's church

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR**

I/we will operate the sound system

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**ALTAR GUILD**

I/we will serve on the altar guild

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**COMMUNION HELPER**

I/we will serve as a communion helper

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**GREETERS**

I/we will serve as greeters

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**LAY READER**

I/we will serve as a lay reader

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



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website: [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com)

**Office Hours:**  
**Mon-Thu – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**  
**Fri – Closed**

THE DEADLINE FOR  
ARTICLES FOR THE

***OCTOBER***  
NEWSLETTER IS:

***SEPTEMBER 26***

## **THE M.I.S.S.I.O.N OF CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- M**eet – we meet each other as sisters and brothers in Christ
- I**nvite – we invite and welcome others into the body of Christ
- S**hare – we share the good news of Jesus and our gifts with all
- S**upport – we support each other as we walk in the ways of Jesus
- I**mage – we imagine life filled with God's purpose and grace
- O**ffer – we offer ourselves to God through faith, hope and love
- N**ourish – we nourish one another in the Word, by the Spirit

Christ's United Lutheran Church is a community of faith, gathered, empowered and entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ to bear witness that we are one body in Christ as together we worship God in all praise and thanksgiving and we serve one another with unconditional love and mercy.

## STAFF

The Congregation ..... The Ministers  
The Rev. John D. Yost ..... Pastor  
Margie Dunkle ..... Sec/Asst Tr  
Dianne Shuck ..... Treasurer  
Janet Hackenberg ..... Asst Tr  
Al Pantaleo ..... Data Entry Tr  
Tom Catherman ..... Custodian  
Paula Christy & Gary Hackenberg .....  
.....organists  
Diane Valentine & Karen Zimmerman....  
.....Pianists

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Officers

**Janet Spurr, President**  
**Drew Christy, Vice President**  
**Barry Spangler, Council Secretary**

### Ministry Assignments

#### Facilities/Administration

(deals with property, personnel and  
stewardship)

**Jim Boop, Tom Catherman,**  
**Maurice Clouser, Eugene Hassinger**

#### Inreach

(focus on ministry within the  
congregation)

**Dennis Boop, Dottie Rathfon**  
**Dianne Shuck, Lee Spangler**

#### Outreach

(related to ministry beyond the  
congregation)

**Dave Murray, Theresa Murray**  
**Barry Spangler**

## PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...

...when a member of your family is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.

...when your address and phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.

...when you move—out of town or locally.

...when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.

...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.

...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.

...when your class or group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.

...when something good happens to you or your family.

...when you feel the church can assist you in any way.

# September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.</i>				1	2	3
<b>4</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Koinonia Kafe 10:15 Sunday School	<b>5</b> 	6	<b>7</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven	8	9	10
<b>11</b> <b>Fall Kick-Off</b> 11:00 Worship @ CML	<b>12</b> 10:30 Bible Study	13	<b>14</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00 Bible Study	15	16	17
<b>18</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	<b>19</b> 10:30 Bible Study  6:00 Scouts (FH)	<b>20</b>  7:00 Council	<b>21</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00 Bible Study	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Chancel Choir 10:15 Sunday School	<b>26</b> 10:30 Bible Study	27	<b>28</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00 Bible Study	29	30	



*A tangerine and russet cascade of kaleidoscopic leaves, creates a tapestry  
of autumn magic upon the emerald carpet of fading summer.*

*~Judith A. Lindberg*

