

CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS

OCTOBER 2017

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

CROSS-BEARING DISCIPLESHIP

This month, the church celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, initiated as Martin Luther tacked 95 theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany for the purpose of engaging theological debate, primarily redirecting the church to engage its ministry and mission by following not the precepts of human want and desire but the way revealed in the crucified and risen Jesus. For Luther, the church, if it is to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ, is to bear witness to the manner in which Jesus lived in faithful obedience to the will of God, even to the point of dying on the cross (Philippians 2), and to bear the marks of Christ on the cross in ministry and mission before and to the world. Cross-bearing discipleship is about having the same mind as was in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2), and acting faithfully in the ways of conviction, commitment, and courage.

Douglas John Hall in The Cross in Our Context suggests, "Faith in the crucified one means courage to love the world and to seek one's place in it despite both the world's indifference and one's own yearning for security and calm." He adds, "The risen Christ, in his eternal reign as in his historical sojourn, is always going toward this world, the world's rejection notwithstanding, and discipleship, when it is authentically so, is always a matter of being taken up into this world-directedness, despite one's own preference for security and peace."

God's claim upon our world and our destiny is most surely to be understood through the cross (and resurrection) of Jesus. As Hall states, "the cross of Jesus is the end-

consequence of the divine determination to be ‘with us’ (Emmanuel)...” The cross marks the unconditional and irrevocable participation of God in the life of the world.

Christian discipleship is a call to engage the world via the cross of Jesus; it moves beyond merely reflecting the world’s standards. Through the priority of nonjudgmental and unconditional love, Christian discipleship demands justice, equality, inclusivity, and fair opportunity. As such, discipleship demands continual awareness of present day realities, a contextual awareness. Again Hall clarifies, “Engagement of the world occurs only where the bread of the gospel is cast on the waters of time and place- not carelessly, as pearls before swine, not just given away without any concern for its reception. Nevertheless, the evangelist is called to risk a real *sharing* of this precious thing, and that means to risk having it taken up into the souls and minds of others...”

The gospel of Jesus, bearing full witness to the meaning of the cross for the church and its witness, must always be discovered and rediscovered in relation to the specifics of the here and now. Our articulation of the *good* news need be formulated only as we experience and attempt to comprehend the *bad* news that is oppressive to many in God’s beloved creation.

In short, discipleship demands a choice: “the love of power” or “the power of love.” The cross reveals Jesus’ choice.

~Pastor John

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*Pastor, you are always there  
To help us when we fall  
We just want to thank you  
For answering the Master’s call.*

*To thank you for your caring  
When things can seem so bad.  
To thank you for your humor  
To lift us up when we’re sad.*

*We thank you for the prayers  
That you pray for us each day.  
You’re more concerned with others needs  
Than the troubles you must face.*

*We thank you for the sermons  
You always seem to know  
The problems we are facing  
And the way we need to grow.*

*We must also thank the Lord  
For this pastor strong in Christ.  
His example and his humbleness  
Inspire all our lives.*

*A pastor that relies on Christ  
Through happy times and tears  
You’re such a special blessing  
And we thank God he sent you here.*



## ***OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH***

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to honor and say thank you to the men and women who do more than any others to inspire us to grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. They work vigorously, often neglecting personal needs to give us comfort and direction. They do so much, yet receive so little in return.

Although some folks believe that pastors only work a few hours, one day a week, the truth is they're on call 24/7. Every Christian needs encouragement, and pastors are no exception. Because he is used by God to bless and encourage you, it's important that you do the same for him.

We encourage you to make it a priority to let Pastor John know he truly is deeply appreciated, not just in October, but all year through.

***Thank You Pastor John for All You Do For Us!  
May God Bless You Always!***

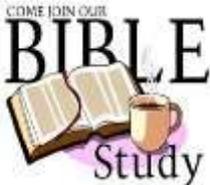
## ***REFORMATION SUNDAY***



On **Reformation Sunday, October 29**, there will be a single combined service here at Christ's United with First Lutheran, starting at **10:00 a.m.** A meal of soup and sandwiches will follow worship.

Teresa and Greg Shuck volunteered to make the soup and sandwiches. The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish will cover the meal costs. Help for meal prep and cleanup will be appreciated.

## ***BIBLE STUDIES***



The fall Bible studies will take place at Christ's United on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday studies will be held at 10:30 a.m. at First Lutheran.

At this study we will learn more about the Cross. It will include biblical readings, historical context, and symbolism

| <b>Monday</b><br><b>10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Christ's United</b>             | <b>First Lutheran</b>               | <b>Christ's United</b>               |
| <i>October 2</i>                   | <i>October 3</i>                    |                                      |
| <i>October 9</i>                   | <i>October 10</i>                   | <i>October 11</i>                    |
| <i>October 16</i>                  | <i>October 17</i>                   | <i>October 18</i>                    |
|                                    |                                     | <i>October 25</i>                    |
| <i>October 30</i>                  | <i>October 31</i>                   |                                      |

## ***PENNIES FROM HEAVEN TO THOSE IN NEED***



There is now a container in the hallway marked "Pennies from Heaven to Those in Need". This is similar to the container we had a number of years ago where anyone can put loose change. As the name suggests, the money collected will go to someone in need. Questions? Talk to a council member for answers.



## ***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 1**. 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 September 30** when we will 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 1<sup>st</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.



## ***BLANKET SUNDAY***

### ***OCTOBER 1***

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 1**, 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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*Football is a mistake. It combines two of the worst things about American life.
It is violence punctuated by committee meetings.
~George Will*



SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

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

If you were born in or prior to 1955, you, along with a guest, are invited to attend our annual Senior Member Dinner on **Sunday, October 15, at 11:30 a.m.**

The menu will be ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, harvard beets, applesauce and 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 1.**

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

SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

**October 15
11:30 a.m.**

Number of reservations _____

Signed _____

Telephone _____

(Return by October 1)

*If wrinkles must be written upon our brows,
let them not be written upon our hearts.
The spirit should never grow old.
~James A. Garfield*

BENEFIT CHICKEN & WAFFLE SUPPER PLANNED



A Chicken & Waffle Benefit Dinner to help out with Doug Gemberling's medical bills is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** The prices per meal are as follows: \$10/adult; \$5/age 4 – 10; Free for under 4. Teresa Shuck has been tasked to be in charge of the meal preparation. Barry Spangler will work on publicity. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary for help and donations.

FALL POTPIE SUPPER



A potpie supper is planned for **November 4.** Serving will begin at **3:30 p.m.** Tickets will only be sold at the door.

Adults - \$9.00
Children (6 – 12) - \$5.00
Children (5 and under) – No Charge
Take Out Meals - \$9.00
Quarts of Potpie - \$8.00

The workday will take place on **Friday, November 3** starting at **8:00 a.m.** Please come out on Friday to help make pickled cabbage, cut meat, peel and cut potatoes, mix broth, etc.

Help is also needed the day of the pot pie supper. At **8:00 a.m.**, help is needed to roll potpie, cook potpie, dish out applesauce and pickled cabbage, prepare dining room, etc. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including serving eat-ins and take-outs as well as clean up.

If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training!

We are also asking for donations for many of the needed supplies.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board or you can sign up online at www.4bellschurch.com/signup.

If you have any questions, please talk to Kim Blyler.

HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT



A Halloween Fun Night for kids is scheduled for **Saturday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m.** Watch the bulletins or contact Teresa Shuck for more details.

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

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 the church service on the Sundays the choir sings (1st, 4th, and if there is a 5th). No problem if you miss some of these days – we appreciate your presence any time. Talk to Paula for more information.

Children's Choir

I will no longer be doing choir with the children. Perhaps someone new would be able to do it.

~Diane Valentine

LOOKING AHEAD



November 4 – Potpie Supper
November 12 – Sunday Family Game Night
December 3 – Advent Fellowship Day
December 14-16 – Christkindl Market
December 17 – Christmas Caroling
February 17, 2018 – Date Night/Movie Night

BANQUET HELP WANTED



As you are probably aware, banquets are beginning soon. So far we have several scheduled for the spring. More will be added as contracts come in.

What you may not be aware of is **'Help is always needed'**

Help is needed in the dining room to serve the meals. We serve family style, so it is a matter of getting the dishes of food to each table. Once they have eaten, cake is served. Someone is needed to serve coffee at larger banquets as well. At smaller banquets, each server will cover their own tables. Servers are usually asked to arrive 45 minutes before serving time.

Help is needed in the kitchen as well. Some people are needed to come early, sometimes as early as 7am or 8am to start cooking the meat. Others are needed to come about 3 hours before serving time to cut meat. Several are needed about 2 hours before serving time to dish up the pickles, olives and applesauce. About an hour before serving time, others are needed to dish up the foods that will be taken to the tables.

All are encouraged to stay for dishwashing and clean-up!

Everyone is welcome! Experience not necessary! Training provided!

Donations of cakes are also appreciated. If you are a cake baker, please consider donating.

Please talk to one of these people to volunteer your help.

- To help in the Kitchen, contact Kim Blyler
- To help in the Dining Room, contact Bev Catherman
- To donate a cake contact Darlene Ulrich

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*Golf: If I hit it right, it's a slice—if I hit it left, it's a hook—if I hit it straight, it's a miracle.*



## ***WOMEN'S NEWS***

### **Fall Women's Retreat** **October 7, 2017**

All local women are invited to be participants at the Fall Women's Retreat, sponsored by Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization. The day-long retreat is in place of the fall cluster gatherings and will feature a presentation led by Christine Mabon titled, "Renew, Restore, Revitalize: The Five Essential Friendships That Enrich Our Lives and 101 Ways to Nurture Yourself. The day will be spent looking at how to embrace the unique gifts friendships bring to our lives and how to sustain these friendships. And, we'll look at how we might love ourselves more by nurturing our body, mind, and spirit. The retreat will take place at the camp on Saturday, October 7, 2017. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will begin with refreshments and end with singing and prayer.

The cost of \$22.00 per person includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. You are encouraged to bring a friend! Registration deadline is September 26. To register, contact Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Checks should be made payable to Camp Mount Luther. If you have questions, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). To view a flyer/registration form, click: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2017/06/2017-Womens-Retreat-Flyer.pdf>

Copies of the presenter's book, 101 Ways to Nurture Yourself, along with "friendship" aprons, pot holder/oven mitt sets and note cards will also be available for sale.

### **Day of Advocacy** **October 21**

**What:** Day of Advocacy at the Synod Office

**When:** Program will be at 11:00 a.m. on October 21

**Topic:** "Caring For Your Congregation and Your Neighbors?"

**Speaker:** Ryan Versluis.

Ryan Versluis became a trained Stephen Ministry Leader in 2006. He was involved in the Stephen Ministry program at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hamlin, N.Y. where he trained two classes of new ministers and supervised active Stephen Ministers. He moved to Danville, PA in 2013, to help his wife care for her parents and joined Pine St. Evangelical Lutheran Church. Restarted a Stephen Ministry program at Pine St. and trained new Stephen Ministers and is recruiting new members. He with his wife had served in a hospice home and Ryan serves two days a week as a hospital volunteer chaplain at Geisinger Medical Center.

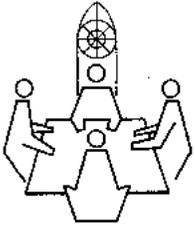
**What to Bring:** A Packed Lunch, (Dessert And Beverages Will Be Provided.)

**Cost:** The program is free, a free will offering will be collected.

It promises to be an exciting day.

## ***CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE***

September 19, 2017

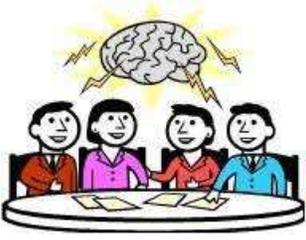


- Senior Member Dinner is planned for Sunday, October 15, with the main meal starting at 11:30a.m. The menu will be ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, applesauce and dessert. Reservations are requested by Sunday, October 1.
- The next Facilities & Administrative Ministry meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All congregational members are invited to plan for next year's budget as help out creating a five year plan on prioritizing major facility repairs for the church
- The Inreach and Outreach Ministries will meet jointly on Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. Input from our congregation is appreciated as we plan for next year's budget.
- The annual congregational meeting is scheduled to take place right after the Sunday, December 10 worship service. We will vote on the 2018 budget and hold a Church Council election.

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A cup of wisdom is worth far more than a vat of knowledge.

CHURCH COMMITTEES



The combined Inreach and Outreach ministries met on September 5 and discussed and planned for several events regarding our ministry within and outside our church.

While some items discussed are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, the following were also deliberated.

1. A Sunshine Box is an idea that members of our congregation have come up with to give to people recovering from illnesses. A donation box collecting items toward future “Sunshine Boxes” from our members will be out soon. To find out what you can donate toward “Sunshine Boxes,” contact Teresa Shuck.
2. Sunday Family Game Night is planned for Sunday, November 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. People of all ages are asked to bring games to share such as cards, checkers, Can Slam, etc. Ice cream is planned because we want to “build a sundae on a Sunday.”
3. Nativity Scene: We would like to purchase a Nativity Scene for this and future Christmas seasons that would be placed in front of our church facing Route 45. Donations toward this are being taken now. Questions may be forwarded to members of the Inreach and Outreach Ministries.
4. Advent Family Day will take place on the First Sunday in Advent, December 3. After the Koinonia Kafe following worship, we will decorate our sanctuary and church for the Christmas season.
5. Christmas Party: We will talk to Bev Catherman before making more plans.
6. Christmas Caroling: On Sunday, December 17, we will start at 3:00 p.m. and travel to Lewisburg to start and travel westward. We hope to be able to sing to our members who are in nursing homes, assisted living or are shut-in. Refreshments will follow the caroling. Warm bodies and hearts are more important than singing talents.
7. Date Night/Movie Night is currently scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2018. Write the date down. More details will be coming.

8. To encourage participation with our youth and other activities, the group hopes to create flyers and posters to distribute among the community and to families participating with our Hope's Haven distribution.
9. Although no plans or decisions were made, the group discussed the possibility of holding a vacation bible school (VBS) in 2018.

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### **THE CRAYON BOX THAT TALKED**

*While walking in a toy store the day before today  
I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.*

*"I don't like Red!" said Yellow, and Green said, "Nor do I!  
And no one here likes Orange, but no one knows just why."*

*"We are a bunch of crayons that doesn't get along,"  
said Blue to all the others, "Something here is wrong!"*

*Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me,  
And laid out all the colors so the crayons could all see.*

*They watched me as I colored with Red and Blue and Green,  
And Black and White and Orange and every color in between.*

*They watched as Green became the grass and Blue became the sky.  
The Yellow sun was shining bright on White clouds drifting by.*

*Colors were changing as they touched becoming something new.  
They watched me as I colored, they watched 'til I was through.*

*And when I'd finally finished I began to walk away.  
And as I did, the crayon box had something more to say.*

*"I do like Red!" said Yellow, and Green said, "So do I!  
And, Blue, you were terrific so high up in the sky!"*

*"We are a box of crayons, each one of us unique.  
But when we get together the picture is complete."*

*~Shane DeRolf*

*We could learn a lot from a box of crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names but they have learned to live in the same box. Look what we can learn from a box of crayons...no matter what color, what difference we have together we can learn to create a masterpiece and we can do it living the same community.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**As of AUGUST 31, 2017**

|                            | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Income for month (4 weeks) | \$ 21,672.03     | \$ 11,503.08    |
| Expenses for month         | <u>16,047.02</u> | 11,503.08       |
| Difference                 | \$ 5,625.01      |                 |

|                                | <u>Actual</u>     | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Income Year-to-Date (35 weeks) | \$140,867.35      | \$ 89,148.37    |
| Expenses Year-to-Date          | <u>125,164.39</u> | 89,148.37       |
| Difference                     | \$ 15,702.96      |                 |

### **August Notes:**

Income includes \$5,495 per month from the Buffalo Valley Parish Expenses include \$4,200 per month to Buffalo Valley Parish

Budget is based on Sundays per month. August has 4 Sundays so Budgeted based on 4 Sundays.

(Jan. Apr. Jul, Oct, & Dec have 5 Sundays – all others have 4 Sundays)

Thanks to the West End Fair Stand, August was a good month. The fair stand netted \$6,959.86. The offerings were down in August compared to June and July. At the same time expenses were up mostly due to paying insurance on the church and buying in oil for the winter months.

The year-to-date net is \$15,702.96. For most of the year extra money has been going to the principal on our parking lot loan. Most months \$1,000 or \$1,500 has been paid where payment required was \$700. The result is shown below as the Parking Lot debt was nearly paid off at the end of August.

| Sources of Income: | <u>August 2017</u> |     | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |     |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Offerings          | \$ 7,963.00        | 37% | \$ 72,220.53        | 51% |
| BV Parish          | 5,495 .00          | 25% | 43,960.00           | 31% |

|                     |                 |      |                  |      |
|---------------------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|
| Banquets/<br>Others | <u>8,214.03</u> | 38%  | <u>24,686.82</u> | 18%  |
| Totals              | \$ 21,672.03    | 100% | \$140,867.35     | 100% |

Parking Lot Loan Balance as of August 31, 2017: \$837.65

**\*\*PARKING LOT LOAN AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 – PAID IN FULL!!**

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OCTOBER'S PARTY

*October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.*

*The sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.*

*The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;*

*All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.*

*Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.*

*Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."
~George Cooper*



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

REIMBURSEMENTS

Please talk to Dianne Shuck 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.

3. **Someone** to sharpen pencils and replenish communion cards and comment cards in the sanctuary.

COMMUNIONS

Communions 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.

INFORMANTS WANTED

We like to publish news about our members in the newsletter, but we need your help to do so. If you know of interesting information about any of our members (youth or adult), i.e. an award or recognition, a funny tale or exciting adventure, please let Margie know about it so we can include it in an issue of Christ's United's News & Views.

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.

Hymn Request

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.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

SOCIAL/FELLOWSHIP REQUEST

If you have any ideas or suggestions for social/fellowship activities, drop a note on Margie's desk.

Social/Fellowship Events:

BUILDING & GROUND NEEDS

Do you know of any physical problems (or potential problems) that should be addressed by our property committee? Your insight is important. Maybe you have seen something that no one else has noticed yet. You can talk to Pastor John, any council member or Margie if you know of something that needs attention, or fill out the following and put it on Margie's desk or in the offering plate.

Building & Ground Needs:

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.

Prayer Chain Calling List

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

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

The Shriners

Can Tabs (give tabs to Maurice Clouser)

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### **THE SCARECROW**

*The farmer made a scarecrow  
And stuffed it full of straw.  
He put it in the cornfield,  
but the crows laughed, "Haw-caw."*

*One crow sat on Scarecrow's hat.  
He was not scared at all.  
That scarecrow did not scare  
A single crow away all fall*



## ***NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS***

### **CONDOLENCES**

We also offer our sincerest condolences to **Delight Showalter, as well as Forrest & Torey Showalter and their family**, following the death of their daughter/sister, Beverly Schreffler, on July 29.

### **BIRTHS**

A family of two became a family of three at 2:20 a.m. on August 13, when a son, Cooper William, was born to **Colby & Corrin (Showalter) Zechman**. The dark brown-haired, blue-eyed, little boy weighed 9 lb. and measured 21 inches in length.;

Forrest & Torey Showalter and Martin & Sabrina Sickle are the proud grandparents. Also, Corrin's grandmothers, Delight Showalter and Connie Wagner will be happy to help spoil their new great-grandson.

**Ashley Ann Wenrich and Brandon Auld** also welcomed their first child in August. Landon Kai Auld was born on August 11 at 1:37 p.m. in Federal Way, Washington. The 7 lb. 9 oz. boy measured 19½ inches. He has brown hair and blue eyes.

His grandparents are Jeffrey Wenrich and Anye Ange Yi. Ben Wenrich is a proud great-grandfather. Landon, being born into the Wenrich family also has a number of other relatives in our church family including Ron & Darlene Ulrich, Stacey, Joe & Courtney Veley, Terry & Sally Kline, Deken & Traci Kline, June & Frances Wenrich, Caroline Wenrick, Dianne Shuck, Lance & Janice Wagner, Greg & Teresa Shuck and their family.

Colby & Corrin, Ashley & Brandon, we are all delighted to hear of the birth of your baby boys. Everyone here sends best wishes to you and your new sons. God bless you and your family as you celebrate a new life.

## **NEW MEMBER**

We are delighted to welcome **Joseph (Joe) Wilson Dressler** as the newest member of our church family.

Joe, who lives in Swengel, is retired from Pennsylvania House. He has 1 child and 3 grandchildren. A graduate of Selinsgrove High School and Sun Vo Tech, where he was enrolled in the mechanical drafting & welding program, he lists his interests as wood working, plants & herbs and steam punk.

We hope that as member of this church you will allow yourselves to know and to be known, to minister to and to be ministered unto, to love and to be loved, by this congregation.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **October**

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 – David Swartz      | 17 – Preston Hosterman   |
| 2 – Kris Ruhl         | Caleigh Rantz            |
| 3 – Briana Krawec     | Sherry Zimmerman         |
| Gertrude Mitchell     | 18 – Meda Struble        |
| 5 – Marie VonNeida    | 19 – Mary Ellen VonNeida |
| 6 – Michael Christy   | Elizabeth Wenner         |
| Jeffrey Sanders       | 20 – Dryden Yost         |
| 7 – Justin Marshall   | 22 – Barry Spangler      |
| Delight Showalter     | 24 – Andre Roupp         |
| Bryanna Yost          | Chad Shuck               |
| 11 – Richard Troutman | 26 – Rebecca Forcheskie  |
| 13 – Marjorie Dunkle  | 27 – Dawn Dreese         |
| Samuel Zimmerman      | Chloe Heimbach           |
| 14 – Sarah Keister    | Melinda Noll             |
| Idella Zimmerman      | 28 – Renda Shively       |
| 15 – Mary Hassinger   | 29 – Shirley Diehl       |
| Nancy Klinepeter      | Pearl Gemberling         |
| 16 – Kyle Baker       | Betty Lauf               |
| Eugene Phillips       | 30 – Scott McJilton      |
|                       | 31 – Cindy Loss          |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### October

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 5 – George & Tammy Seedor         | (1996) |
| 10 – Paul & Sherri Klauger        | (1975) |
| 11 – Eugene & Katherine Hassinger | (1959) |
| 14 – Ken & Jody Strowbridge       | (1995) |
| 16 – Jim & Karen Zimmerman        | (1976) |
| 20 – David & Dayna Bickhart       | (1979) |
| Mike & Patty Flickinger           | (2007) |
| 21 – Tom & Judy Mecouch           | (1972) |
| 24 – Adam & Mimi Hackenberg       | (1998) |
| 27 – Justin & Jodi Marshall       | (2007) |



*The family of Meda Struble is extending an invitation to the congregation to an open house celebration in honor of her 90th birthday.*

*The event will be held on Sunday, October 15th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Meda's residence at Mifflin Place in the social room. No gifts please.*

*If you can't stop by but would like to send her a card, her address is:*

*Meda Struble  
209 Mifflin Place  
Mifflinburg, PA. 17844*





**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 & Jacki Baker  
Jim & Florence Boop  
Jean Buoy  
Shirley Diehl  
Doug & Pearl Gemberling

Vickie Kahler  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Bob & Eve Rantz  
Alice Reitz  
Teresa Shuck  
Janet Spurr

**Our Friends & Relatives**

Bonnie Bilger  
John Bowersox  
Shannon Dressler  
Darlene Endy  
Adam Garman  
Ken Gaugler  
Gary & Barb Gemberling  
Carol Gross  
Bella Guisewite  
Jeanne Howard  
Dave & Cindy Janas

Linda Katherman  
Norman Kline  
Keagan Lahr  
Gerald Lloyd  
Linda Ruder  
Deb & Brian Sprenkle  
Mark Troup  
Karen Wagner  
Verna Erdley Weller  
Russell Wise  
David Wood

**Our Shut-Ins**

Jim & Florence Boop  
Carolyn Bowersox  
Barbara Grimooris  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Pat Korman  
Betty Lauf

Eugene Phillips  
Myron 'Mick' Sampsell  
Richard Schnure  
Marie VonNeida  
Mary Ellen VonNeida  
Connie Wagner  
Caroline Wenrick

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

Brandi Gemberling

*In an effort to keep our prayer list current, we are going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. **A new list will begin in January, April, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.***

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HOW LIFE IS MEASURED

I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband unexpectedly died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students.

As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there. With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, "Before class is over, I would like to share with all of you a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important."

"Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. Perhaps this is God's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day."

Her eyes beginning to water, she went on, "So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent-perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground."

"Please, look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the 'stuff' of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted. We must make it important to notice them, for at any time... it can all be taken away."

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double-dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.

(author unknown)



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Community Meal

The Community Meal Committee is looking for a few good folks to help serve meals on the first Saturday of each month. We begin preparing the meal at 9:00 and are usually done by 1:00. You can come for an hour or 2, or stay the whole time. We serve between 30 and 60 people each month. This is a great way to help reach out to our community. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please Contact Libby Loss @ 966-1606 or Sue Jows @ 966-3644 if you can help.

"Trek the Trail for Tomorrow"

This is the event that I shared earlier...it's coming together...we (MACY) have donated \$250 as a sponsor to cover the cost of the s'mores. Really hoping that we can represent MACY and ALL the churches on the West end of the county. Any questions? Please see Vicki Hackenburg or myself, Kim Sawyer (570) 713-4577.

Below is a suggested message from the United Way to encourage EVERYONE young and old to join in this event. Please share in your church bulletins, newsletters, Facebook – wherever!!! Thanks!

This message is timely in light of the most recent round of white supremacist flyers found in Sunbury this week, but it seems like it is sadly always timely these days. I'm volunteering with the Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way Diversity and Inclusion Council and we are working on an event for October 15 at Ard's which would be part of the series "The Valley Together: Never Alone." Previous events in the series have included a bonfire in Milton and a community walk in Selinsgrove. The idea is to reach out to people who aren't necessarily comfortable attending unity rallies, but are

unhappy with the white supremacy and hate rearing its head in our communities, and to offer them an occasion to show their welcoming stripes, too This event which has been dubbed "Trek the Trail for Tomorrow" is targeted to be between Lewisburg and Mifflinburg.

We are going to be inviting the communities to come together and celebrate being an open and welcoming community. We'll start at 2pm that afternoon with a remarks by Lewisburg Mayor Judy Wagner and Fire Chief Steve Walter from Mifflinburg. Then people who are interested/able will take a walk on the rail trail together. Following the walk, everyone will reconvene for hot cocoa and s'mores around the fire pit. During that last segment, from 3:15 to 4pm there will be songs around the fire pit lead by a local musician.

We encourage ALL to come out to Ard's on Sunday afternoon, October 15th at 2:00 PM...they can walk the trail or just hang out until the walkers return and then enjoy s'mores and great music – all together with others of different backgrounds and faiths.

Growth And Service Trips

It's exciting that we are now a Parish and I encourage Christ's Lutheran to be involved! We're planning four exciting growth and service trips throughout the next year and will have fundraising available to support these trips.

January 1-3, 2018 PASSION CONFERENCE in Washington, DC for High School Seniors and College Age

June 17-23, 2018 GROUP WORKCAMP in Wrightsville, PA for 6th Grade to Age 100

June 27-July 1, 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX led by Pastor John (Will add a couple days before and after for travel and sightseeing)

July 9-14, 2018 Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in New Jersey for Senior High students

We are planning once a month "Dinner and Devotions" for 6th Grade through College Age

Monthly fun activities as a group and with other area churches (MACY = Mifflinburg Area Christian Youth). PLEASE encourage any parents of the above age groups to join us to make final plans and details at this meeting.

Any questions, please have them contact Kim Sawyer, Youth Director at (570) 713-4577



355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
Telephone (570) 922-1587 Fax (570) 922-1118
E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

GROW Writer's Retreat

Oct 4 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther's First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on October 4, 2017. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the camp office at cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587 before September 30, 2017.

Building Youth Group Event at Camp Mount Luther

October 21

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 youth 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 \$22.00, 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. To download a flyer/bulletin insert:

<http://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/BYG-Day-Long-Flyer-2016.pdf>. **Deadline to register is October 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

Evening at Shade Mountain to Benefit Mount Luther
November 3, 2017

Come to Shade Mountain Winery to share fellowship, entertainment, and enjoy locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Bernie Rich, a local musician who sings contemporary folk music and Christian anthems. The menu will include heavy appetizers, dessert, and one glass of wine per person. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Mount Luther. We ask all participants to make a donation to the camp that evening, equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided. Download a flyer/bulletin insert here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-Shade-Mountain-Winery-Flyer.pdf>

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**MY MEDICATION**

*A row of bottles on my shelf  
Caused me to analyze myself.  
One yellow pill I have to pop  
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.*

*A little white one that I take  
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.  
The blue ones that I use a lot  
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.*

*The purple pill goes to my brain  
And tells me that I have no pain.  
The capsules tell me not to wheeze  
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.*

*The red ones, smallest of them all  
Go to my blood so I won't fall.  
The orange ones, very big and bright  
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.  
Such an array of brilliant pills  
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.  
But what I'd really like to know.....  
Is what tells each one where to go!*



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **Healthy Congregations Facilitators Training**

**October 6-7, 2017**

Our synod will host a two-day training for those interested in becoming facilitators for Healthy Congregations. This training will take place at the synod office – 500 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg. Anyone who would like to learn more about Healthy Congregations may attend this event.

Registration is available here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-congregations-facilitator-training-tickets-38129032964>

Healthy Congregations is an interfaith organization that understands the times in which we live in. They equip leaders for challenges of thinking more clearly about families, relationships, and faith communities. Resources and training are based on seeing all communities as living systems that incorporate thinking, feeling, responsibility, and purpose. Healthy Congregations, Inc. has created educational resources and leadership development material designed with the purpose of encouraging healthier, clearer and deeper individual and community life based on the contributions of leaders in the field of Bowen Theory and congregational life.

### **Lecture at Bucknell University**

**October 12, 2017**

"The Reformation as Disruption: How Cheap Print Destroyed Latin Christendom and Made the Modern World" is the title of a lecture that will be held on October 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the LC Forum on the campus of Bucknell University. The speaker is Philip Gorski, Professor of Sociology, Yale University.

### **Children, Youth & Family Ministry Certification School**

**October 15-20**

Vibrant Faith ([www.vibrantfaith.org](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)) is a great ministry that has been at work for many years building up the church through leadership development and research. Bear

Creek Camp (BCC) near Wilkes-Barre is hosting Vibrant Faith's 75th certification school in October. The CYF Training School changes lives, equips leaders and helps transform ministries in effective and creative faith formation. It's a 9-month program for the participants that begins with five days of group training at BCC and continues with one-on-one training via phone, blogs, videos, and webinars. Youth leaders, pastors, volunteers, other interested adults are the perfect folks who could benefit from a program like this. It's typically a \$2,000 fee, but, the camp is offering the program for \$1,600. To sign up or get more information visit [www.bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/)

Vibrant Faith ([www.vibrantfaith.org](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)) is a great ministry that has been at work for many years building up the church through leadership development and research. Bear Creek Camp (BCC) near Wilkes-Barre is hosting Vibrant Faith's 75th certification school in October. The CYF Training School changes lives, equips leaders and helps transform ministries in effective and creative faith formation. It's a 9-month program for the participants that begins with five days of group training at BCC and continues with one-on-one training via phone, blogs, videos, and webinars. Youth leaders, pastors, volunteers, other interested adults are the perfect folks who could benefit from a program like this. It's typically a \$2,000 fee, but, the camp is offering the program for \$1,600. To sign up or get more information visit [www.bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org/vibrant-faith-training-school/)

### **Cries from the Wilderness:**

#### **A Down-to-Earth Conversation About Racism & Our Role in Ending It    *Bishop***

*Barbara Collins invites you to a day of conversation with colleagues and friends on October 18, 2017, at Follmer Lutheran Church. The day will feature a presentation from Kelly Fryer, as well as time for sharing with one another. Pastors are invited to bring leaders from their congregations to this event. Cost for the day will be \$15 per person with discounts for multiple registrations from one congregation.*

Registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cries-from-the-wilderness-a-down-to-earth-conversation-tickets-38124362996>

Anyone who watches the news has to be wondering what is happening to our nation. Sometimes it seems as though we are being torn apart. What, if anything, is God up to in the midst of it all?

Author and former ELCA pastor and professor, Kelly Fryer, has literally been in the desert for the past five years serving as CEO of YWCA Southern Arizona, whose mission is eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Kelly will be with us to share what she has learned in the wilderness and lead us in a tough but necessary conversation about racism, the ways in which it harms all of us and what church leaders can do to end it.

Come with an open mind and a soft heart. This is a time and place to ask questions, untangle misperceptions, grow in understanding and conspire together to join God's mission of love and justice

### **Concert at Bucknell University**

**October 20, 2017**

"Reformation 2017: Reform/Revolt," featuring J.S. Bach's Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80; and songs of revolution and reform from across the globe, will be in October at Bucknell University. The concert is October 20 at the Weis Center starting at 6:30 p.m. with a pre-concert lecture and the actual concert starting at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

### **LARC Vespers and Day of Dialogue**

**October 22-23, 2017**

Save the Date. Our annual Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) Vespers will be on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg Campus) Chapel. The LARC Day of Dialogue will be Monday, October 23, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center. The events will take special note of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as well as our progress on the path to Christian Unity. Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Bishop Emeritus Donald J. McCoid, who as Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) had a key role in developing the document Declaration on the Way, will be the speaker for the Day of Dialogue.

### **Looking Back and Called Forward—ELCA 500**

**October 31**

This event, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, will feature ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as co-host. It will also include speakers and a service at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Dick Graham. The event is open to the public and will be available online via livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as we bear public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us. More details will be available soon at <https://elca500.org/events/looking-back-called-forward-elca-500-washington-d-c/>

## **Healthy Congregations Workshop**

**November 4, 2017**

On Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a workshop held titled, "Healthy Congregations 2." The workshop will focus on dealing with anxiety in your congregation. The event will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 229 South Broad Street, Jersey Shore. It's designed for any member of a congregation and is free of charge. Lunch will be provided. Please register by calling Molly Mitchell at 570-398-1676.

## **Lecture at Bucknell University**

**November 9, 2017**

"Genuine Love in the Reformation" is the title of a lecture on November 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Bucknell University. It will be held in the LC Forum and feature Peter Iver Kaufman, George Matthews & Virginia Brinkley Modin Chair in Leadership Studies, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond.

## **A Growing Need for Caregivers**

Home Helpers of Central Susquehanna Valley (based in Sunbury) is looking for compassionate individuals to provide companion care and daily living assistance to the elderly, new parents, and those requiring recuperative or continuing care. If you are a compassionate caregiver who is looking for a rewarding career, there are full-time, part-time and live-in positions available with Home Helpers...and the need is growing. Contact them directly to learn more: 570-286-9460 or [www.HomeHelpersHomecare.com/CSV](http://www.HomeHelpersHomecare.com/CSV).

## **LAMPA Looking for Help**

Travis Woodfield, an intern with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is currently looking to put together a list of Lutherans around the state who might be interested in working on mental health and addictions issues. They are seeking individuals from diverse perspectives on these issues. Some ideas for perspectives that would be helpful include: medical professionals, pastors and rostered persons, people who currently live with addictions or mental illness either directly or are affected by these issues directly, law enforcement and lawyers, business professionals, and any others that have a passion for these issues. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this kind of ministry, LAMPA would love to talk to them. To see the kind of work LAMPa is currently doing feel free to check out our website: <http://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org>. To volunteer, contact Travis at [travis@lutheranadvocacypa.org](mailto:travis@lutheranadvocacypa.org).

## **Getting Ready Material for ELCA Youth Gathering Now Available**

The Getting Ready Material is now available and on the Gathering website for youth leaders to download. The web address is [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering) where you can also sign up for gathering news. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering opens on September 15 and continue until November 15 for the early bird discount. Late fees go into effect on February 15. The gathering will be held in Houston, TX, from June 27- July 1, 2018, with MYLE and the table being from June 24-27. Now is the time to set a budget and begin fundraising efforts. The gathering staff suggests budgeting between \$900-\$1200 to get youth to and from Texas. This includes a range in the cost of hotel rooms of \$99-\$150. On July 15, financial aid registration opened on the Gathering website. No congregation is too small to send kids. For congregations who do not have youth attending the gathering – consider helping to support other youth of our synod by sponsoring a youth participant from a neighboring congregation. After all – we are church together! The average size group at the Gathering is 3-7 kids. If you are concerned about not having enough youth, you can also join in with a nearby congregation. More questions? Want more information? Check out [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering), join the Facebook group USS ELCA Youth Gathering Leaders (for adult leaders only) or contact Charlene Rineer at [ckrorange@yahoo.com](mailto:ckrorange@yahoo.com) or 717-880-2872.

## **Ministry Opportunities in the Synod**

Do you have a passion for a particular area of ministry such as Advocacy, Congregational Health, Disaster Relief, Ecumenical Relationships, Global Partnerships, Mission, Outreach, World Hunger, or Youth? We are looking to engage more leaders from across the synod, with a number of these areas of ministry that take place within our synod, in order to grow and empower leaders. If you would like to be more involved in any of these areas of ministry, please contact Bishop Collins at the synod office ([bpcollins@uss-elca.org](mailto:bpcollins@uss-elca.org)).

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*Deaf ears can't be reached;
Lectures go unheard;
Words that are lived,
Not preached
Outtalk the spoken word.
(The NEWSLETTER Newsletter)*



WAYS TO GIVE TO DISASTER RELIEF

1. Christ's United

Include a donation in your regular offering envelope. Mark the designated gift line "Hurricane Relief" or "Disaster Relief."

2. Lutheran Disaster Relief

Dear friends,

Hurricane Irma is one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic. The Category 5 storm hit the Caribbean and is expected to skirt or pass directly over Florida, causing widespread damage and threatening loss of life.

As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who are already affected, and we are ready to assist in additional locations as disaster strikes. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliates, companion churches and international partners are collaborating with community leaders and government officials to respond.

Please give now to support this response.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma was not the first major hurricane with catastrophic effects this season, and it may not be the last. If you've given to support Hurricane Harvey relief, Thank You. **To give to the hurricane response where funds are needed most, click here and select "Hurricane response."** **To give directly to relief efforts for Hurricane Irma, click here and select "Hurricane Irma."** Either way, **your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response efforts.**

Stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our **Facebook** page. Join me in prayer and partnership, and use this **bulletin insert** in your congregation to help spread the word. Find additional

[resources for worship here.](#)

With gratitude for your partnership,



The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Additional Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "**Hurricane Response**" on your check memo line. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or [online](#)

3. Thrivent

Dear Friends at Christ United Lutheran Church:

We join you in praying for all those affected by devastating Hurricanes.

When disaster strikes, Christians are among the first to roll up their sleeves and open their wallets – and Thrivent Financial members often look for additional opportunities to help those in need. In addition to relief efforts your church might be involved with, Thrivent members and others in your church can help in the following ways:

Donate. Thrivent will match up to \$3 million on individual personal donations to specific disaster relief organizations.*

Lend a hand. Learn how Thrivent members can share time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team. Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars®.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Susquehanna University

Susquehanna University and WVIA Studios present “*This is My Song: 500 Years of the Reformation*,” a one-hour musical program airing on all PBS stations in Pennsylvania in late October. Check local listings for dates and times in your area.

Featuring the Susquehanna University Choir, Chamber Singers, Chorale, Orchestra, Wind and Brass Ensembles.

The program is filmed on location at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., and in St. Anne’s Church in Augsburg, Germany,

It is also available on DVD at WWW.SUSQ.EDU/BUYMUSICDVD.

Veterans Day Ceremony

November 4 11:00 a.m.

Union County WWII Honor Roll

Mifflinburg Park

Speaker is Colonel Kenneth Lenig

Nazarene Church Singers - Shikellamy JROTC - Cub Scout Pack 3520 –

Boy Scout Troop 520 - Girl Scouts Community 642 -

Children of the American Revolution

In case of bad weather the event will be held at the Nazarene Church, 12 Market St., Mifflinburg.

To purchase a brick or make a tax deductible donation to maintain the monument grounds: Union County Veterans Foundation, 1009 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg (570-524-4367).

For the past two years we have included a dinner dance with our Veterans Day ceremony in Mifflinburg and it was a huge success. We were able to raise over \$5000

which we donated to veterans groups. Last year we made the VA Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg our recipient and after visiting with them it was an easy decision to keep them as our permanent spot to help. I was moved to tears as we visited with many veterans that were once homeless and now have a roof over their head and food to eat. I hope you agree that two words that should never be in the same sentence are...homeless and veteran.

So this year a bit of a revamping as we will no longer have the dinner dance but a collection of sorts for the heroes at Hollidaysburg. After conferring with Valerie at the home, we have decided to not only take monetary donations, but also collecting pocket T-shirts, sweat tops and sweatpants (sizes small to 5X). Any donations, clothing or monetary can be dropped off at our November 4 Veterans Day ceremony in Mifflinburg or by contacting me. Checks can simply be made out to: Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. This is a tax deductible donation and their tax number is 23-6002830.

We are really excited about what we can accomplish in helping out our heroes. They already did their part to ensure our freedoms and the least we can do is say thank you by brightening their lives.

Doug Walter
916 Washington Ave., Lewisburg, Pa. 17837
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### **DAFFY DEFINITIONS**

- **ABBREVIATION:** *An inordinately long word in light of its meaning*
- **ABSENT:** *The notation generally following your name in a class record.*
- **BULLETIN:** *Your receipt for attending church.*
- **CHOIR:** *A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.*
- **LAUGHTER:** *the best and cheapest medicine.*
- **OCTOBER:** *This is one of the particularly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February. (Mark Twain)*
- **RELIC:** *People who have been going to church for so long they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.*
- **RETIREMENT:** *That's when you return from work one day and say, "Hi, Honey, I'm home — forever."*
- **TOMORROW:** *A mystical land where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievements are stored*
- **GOLFING -** *A pastime that gives people cooped up in the office all week a chance to lie and cheat outdoors.*
- **CONGRESS:** *The antonym of progress.*
- **HAIR DRESSER:** *Someone who is able to create a style you will never be able to duplicate again.*
- **RAMSHACKLE:** *Chains for a male goat.*
- **RUBBERNECK:** *What you do to relax your wife.*
- **RECOVERY ROOM:** *Place to do upholstery.*
- **SAILCLOTH:** *Fabric offered at a discount*
- **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC:** *Soft snoring.*
- **ABOVEBOARD:** *Place for a surfer*
- **BABY BIRD:** *A stork*



## ***IN THE MAILBAG***

### **Camp Koala for Grieving Children**

www.campkoala.org

PO Box 2106, Kingston Pa 18704

717-258-1122

Dear Friend,

Founded in 2008, Camp Koala is a 501c3 nonprofit public charity offering grief support for children who have experienced a death.

Camp Koala provides one, two and three day camps at no-cost to grieving children and teens at no cost to the families we serve, thanks to our generous community. We offer peer grief support groups for children in schools and hospitals. We provide Comfort Boxes to newly bereaved students through their school counselors, and offer activities for Children's Grief Awareness Day in our local schools each November.

In 2016, we expanded and started our first weekend camp for grieving children in Union County, as well as support groups at Evangelical Hospice and Geiringer's Janet Weis Children's Hospital. We need your help to reach more grieving families in your area.

Upcoming dates:

10/6-10/8: three day overnight camp in Mifflinburg

10/17-11/28: support group at JWCH, Geisinger, Danville \*\*

4/7/18: fundraising gala at Rusty Rail, Mifflinburg

**\*\*Camp Koala Bereavement Support Group for Kids @ Janet Weis Children's Hospital**  
*(For children ages 7-12 who have experienced a death)*

Location: Janet Weis Children's Hospital, Geisinger, 100 North Academy Avenue,  
Danville

Dates: October 17, October 24, November 7, November 14, November 21,  
November 28

Time: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served at the beginning of each group. There is no cost

To attend.

Facilitator: Paige Deljanovan, CCLS, CEIM, Certified Child Life Specialist, Janet Weis Children's Hospital

Activities are fun and Therapeutics Arts based.

This group is sponsored by Camp Koala, NEPA

For an application and more information, please visit

[www.campkoala.org/supportgroups](http://www.campkoala.org/supportgroups) or call 717-258-1122

### **Keep Your Heating Bills Down This Winter**

Income-qualified residents can save money and stay warm this winter with free weatherization services offered by SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG). This service is available to qualifying homeowners and renters in Columbia, Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Perry, Snyder and Union counties.

Weatherization services include energy education, diagnostics and solutions, emergency furnace repair or replacement, and Cold Weather Crisis intervention.

To get the whole picture, SEDA-COG staff reviews the home heating bills, energy leaks, and heat distribution system. Specifically, services can include:

- Insulation and sealing air leaks.
- Heat system repairs and insulation, and water pipe insulation.
- Refrigerator/freezer and hot water heater replacements.
- Energy-efficient lighting, faucet aerators and smart strips.
- Thermostats, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, and ventilation fans.
- Indoor air quality tests and corrective action.

Income qualifications range from \$23,540 for a family of one to \$81,780 for a family of eight. (Add \$8,320 for each additional family member.) Residents also must live in the home year-round to qualify.

Since the inception of SEDA-COG's Weatherization program in 1976, over 37,000 homes have been weatherized. SEDA-COG makes homes more affordable, comfortable and energy efficient with staff and technology expertise. For more information, call SEDA-COG at 1-800-332-6701 and ask for the weatherization program.

## **Marriage Encounter Weekend** **October 6-8, 2017**

Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage. The next event will be held on October 6-8, 2017, at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT. Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: [www.Godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.Godlovesmarriage.org) and paying the registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.



### ***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. 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. 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...**

- ...**June Wenrich** for taking care of the candles and serving as Sunday School Secretary
- ...**Maurice Clouser & Eugene Hassinger** for dealing with the broken window in the sanctuary
- ...**Dave Bickhart** for getting our telephone fixed
- ...**Judy Mecouch, Pat Spangler, June Wenrich and women of *Messiah* Lutheran Church** for making 50 quilts for Lutheran World Relief

**ALTAR GUILD**

Dianne Shuck  
Janice Wagner



**OCTOBER**

**GREETERS**

1 – Mary Hassinger  
8 – Kris & Carla Ruhl  
15 – Winnie Aikey &  
Bonnie Greeney  
22 – Becky Dunkle  
29 – Bev Catherman

**LAY READERS**

1 – Drew Christy  
8 – Glenn Spangler  
15 – Greg Shuck  
22 – Janet Hackenberg  
29 – Barry Spangler

**USHERS**

Tom Catherman  
Don Fornwalt

**MUSIC PROVIDERS**

1 – Barry Spangler  
8 – Diane Valentine  
15 – Dave Swartz  
22 – Gary Hackenberg  
29 – Gary Hackenberg

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Dave Bickhart

**COMMUNION  
ASSISTANTS**

1 – Dianne Shuck  
8 – Glenn Spangler  
15 – Greg Shuck  
22 – Janet Hackenberg  
29 – 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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**Fri – Closed**

THE DEADLINE FOR  
ARTICLES FOR THE

***NOVEMBER***  
NEWSLETTER IS:

***OCTOBER 22***

## **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  
Cliff Valentine .....  
..... Financial Recording Secretary  
Tom Catherman ..... Custodian  
Gary Hackenberg ..... organist  
Diane Valentine & Karen Zimmerman  
..... Pianists

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **Officers**

**Greg Shuck, President**  
**Drew Christy, Vice President**  
**Linda Smith, Council Secretary**  
**Barry Spangler, Recording Secretary**

### **Ministry Assignments**

#### **Facilities/Administration**

(deals with property, personnel and  
stewardship)

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

#### **Inreach**

(focus on ministry within the congregation)

**Drew Christy, Greg Shuck,  
Janet Spurr**

#### **Outreach**

(related to ministry beyond the congregation)

**Doug Gemberling, Dianne Shuck,  
Linda Smith**

## **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.

# OCTOBER 2017

| Sunday                                                                                             | Monday                         | Tuesday                                                                              | Wednesda                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 HARVEST HOME/BLANKET SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Koinonia Kafe<br>10:15 Sunday School | <b>2</b><br>10:30 Bible Study  | <b>3</b><br>10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran<br><br>7:00 Facilities & Administra'n | <b>4</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br><br>4:00 Chicken & Waffle Supper |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School                                                    | <b>9</b><br>10:30 Bible Study  | <b>10</b><br>10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran<br><br>6:30 Inreach & Outreach       | <b>11</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                                                                                                                                                            | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                    |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>11:30 Senior Member Dinner                     | <b>16</b><br>10:30 Bible Study | <b>17</b><br>10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran<br><br>7:00 Council                  | <b>18</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                                                                                                                                                            | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                    |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School                                                   | <b>23</b>                      | <b>24</b>                                                                            | <b>25</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                                                                                                                                                            | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br><br>6:00 Halloween Fun Night    |
| <b>29</b><br>10:00 Joint Reformation Worship Service Followed by a Lunch                           | <b>30</b><br>10:30 Bible Study | <b>31</b><br>10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran                                      | <i>The leaves are green, the nuts are brown,<br/>           They hang so high they won't come down.<br/>           Leave them alone till frosty weather,<br/>           Then they will all come down together.</i> |           |           |                                              |