

CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2018

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

THE CHURCH: WHAT GOD INTENDS IT TO BE

The reflections I write are to be found in a church newsletter, therefore will be primarily read by a church audience. The topic of the church, I find, is timely for there seems to be a growing chasm between belief and church participation, evidenced by an increasingly large number of empty pews on Sunday mornings and the increasing number of folks who believe that a relationship with God is a one-on-one proposition apart from any collective, relational gathering of believers who worship and serve God together. Therefore, I believe it is appropriate to ask and reflect upon a proper definition of the church, that is, what God intends the church to be for God is the one who called the church into existence.

Descriptions of the church are varied. Some believe it to be a place where one can hold membership, a place to go to on Sunday mornings or other designated times. Others believe the church to be a collection of believers who share some commonality; i.e. denominational theology and polity; maybe a shared taste and interest in music styles; maybe to make connections for participation and influence in the wider community; quite possibly to hear the "what's-going-on" in other folks' lives. Whatever we might come to believe about the church, we can affirm that God wants the church to be, for God has called it into existence and promises to be present in its gathering. That is, there is a purpose for the church beyond one's own personal, individual relationship with God undertaken outside and apart from the collective body of believers.

I believe that the Apostle Paul has provided clarity for us in discerning the purpose and role of the church and our needed participation within it. In addressing the activity of

God in and through Jesus, an activity of blessing and forgiveness and salvation, Paul writes to the church in Ephesus: “And God has put all things under Jesus’ feet and has made him the head over all things for the CHURCH, which is the BODY, the FULLNESS of him who fills all in all (1:22-23). Certainly from Paul’s perspective, the church’s existence, purpose, and activity is to be in line with the fullness of God’s intent revealed in the life of Jesus; that is, the church is the now gathered presence of God’s activity in and through the Risen Jesus manifested in the shared lives (the body) of believers. The church exists and has purpose because God wills it to be.

Paul adds in his address to the Ephesian church: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you (plural) were called to the one hope of your calling, one baptism, one God and Father of ALL, who is above all and through all and in all” (4:4-5). The church is to be properly understood from God’s calling for fullness and peace and not from our narrow appropriations of it. God has equipped the church to carry out and bring fulfillment to God’s will. God has given to the church gifts “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for BUILDING UP the body of Christ, until ALL OF US, come to the UNITY of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, the measure of the FULL STATURE of Christ” (4:12-13).

The church as God intends and calls it to be has a purpose and a goal far beyond the measurement of our individual beliefs and actions. As Paul indicates, “we are members of one another” (4:25). Quite thankfully, we have the grace-filled opportunity from God to worship God together on a regular basis. Might we ask: what forms the choices we make on those Sunday mornings? Too busy? Tired? Lack of interest? Other pressing matters? Dislike of others, maybe the pastor, in that gathering? The list could go on-and-on,

Hopefully, we can all pause and take a moment to reflect upon God’s will and purpose for the church.

During OCTOBER, we will have the opportunity to gather together as a PARISH, both congregations, to be the church in the unity of our shared worship experiences. Each Sunday morning we will gather for worship at the Elias building, the structure that housed an early Lutheran witness in our area, at 10 AM. The focus of our liturgy, a bit different from our traditional standards, will be to praise and thank God through representations of our histories as the church and on the revitalization and renewal of the church as we seek to follow God’s way into an anticipated, promised future. (In addition, there will be time of refreshment—a variety of hot and cold goodies—following worship. More information will follow.) Preliminary themes and readings: EPHESIANS 4:1-16

OCT 7 – Roots and Remembrance: Ephesians 1:15-2:21; Romans 6:3-11
 OCT 14 – Reconciliations and Reciprocations: 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:10; Romans 5:6-11
 OCT 21 – Redemption and Renewal: 1 Corinthians 11:23-12:13; Romans 8:18-30
 OCT 28 – Reformation and Revitalization: Romans 3:21-16; 12:1-21

--Pastor John

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 7:00 p.m. Tuesday studies will be held at 10:30 a.m. at First Lutheran.

This month's Bible study continues with study on the book of John and then on the 24th a study on the book of Job will begin.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
<u>Christ's United</u>	<u>First Lutheran</u>	<u>Christ's United</u>
September 3	September 4	September 6 (Thursday)
September 10	September 11	September 12
September 17	September 18	September 19
September 24	September 25	September 26

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B.C.

by Johnny Hart



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# Worship Schedule

## ***PARISH EVENTS***

- The Parish Social Committee met on August 19 and decided to cancel the Knoebels event scheduled for September 9 due to low number of sign-ups. Payments will be refunded.
- Instead of the event at Knoebels, a joint parish church service will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Christ's United with Pastor John Burk of Food for the Poor as our guest. A Koinonia Kafe will follow the service.
- During the month of October, the Parish will hold joint worship services at 10:00 a.m. at the Elias Church/Center for the Performing Arts in Mifflinburg on all four Sundays (7th, 14th, 21st and 28th). The Parish Council's goal of these services is to encourage parish unity and emphasize our traditions.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**



**October** – Pastor Appreciation Month

**October** - The Parish Council agreed to have one joint worship service for each of the Sundays in October at Elias Church. Time 10:00 a.m. Special events are starting to be planned. Check with any of our three parish council members (Greg, Dianne & Drew) for more information.

**October** - Senior Member Dinner (date is yet to be set)

**November 3** – Potpie Supper

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A man went to a factory in his hometown to fill out an application for employment. He arrived and began filling out the application for the job, but suddenly stopped. He became confused by the blank after "person to notify in case of accident." He paused for a moment then finally wrote, "anyone in sight."



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 7**. On this special Sunday we will meet at the Elias Church in Mifflinburg which 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 **October 5**. 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 1st. 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.



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 7**. If you would like to provide one or more of these colorful plants, please fill out the following and return it to Margie.

CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDER FORM

Cost: \$5.00
Order Deadline: September 23
Return with payment to Margie Dunkle or Janice Wagner

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 7***

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 7**, 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 Lord sees not as man sees;  
man looks on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks on the heart.*

*~1 Samuel 16:7*



## ***MUSIC NOTES***

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

After almost 40 years of being a choir director and having people depend on me, I feel the need to be able to come to church when it is comfortable and no longer have the responsibility of organizing and the stress of performing; therefore, with deepest regret and sincere apology, I am resigning as choir director, effective immediately.

~Paula

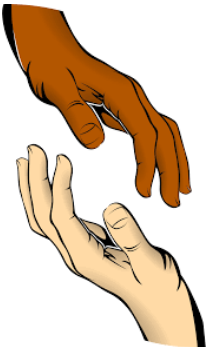
### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

There are no plans for a children's choir at this time.

### **ORGANIST**

Gary Hackenberg has submitted a letter of resignation as church organist and pianist effective May 9, 2019 at the latest.

## ***PARISHIONERS HELPING PARISHIONERS***



The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish's "Parishioners Helping Parishioners" committee is seeking members of Christ's United and First Lutheran to help out with the following:

- Small repair projects
- Pick up prescriptions, offer transportation, or cooking meals
- Offer to visit our shut-ins

The group welcomes helpful folks, ideas or suggestions. Interested? Contact Doug & Pearl Gemberling, Joe Dressler, Linda Smith or Dianne Shuck.





## ***2018 WEST END FAIR REPORT***

A big Thank You goes out to everyone who helped in any way with our meal stand at the West End Fair this year. Some people donated items, others helped at the work days, some baked pies, still others helped at the stand during the fair and many helped in multiple ways. Thank You! Thank You! We had a few people help this year at the stand who hadn't helped before and had a great time. Thanks for stepping up and giving it a try.

We had a snafu mid-week when the water heater died, but thanks to the Gemberlings, it was replaced overnight and the rest of the week went on without a hitch.

This year we served well over 500 Meals, over 250 Cold Sandwiches, over 150 Hot Sandwiches and over 300 slices of pies. Financially, it was the second best year ever! A full report will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office if you wish to see it. If you have any questions please talk to Kim Blyler.

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WHERE SHALL I WORK

*Father, where shall I work today'
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot,
And said, "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not that.
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work was done.
Not that little place for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not stern,
He answered me tenderly,
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or me'
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."*



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of JUNE 30, 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income for month (4 weeks)	\$ 8,460.48	\$ 10,376.92
Expenses for month	<u>8,265.78</u>	10,376.92
Difference	\$ 194.70	

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income Year-to-Date	\$ 67,137.04	\$ 64,855.75
Expenses Year-to-Date	<u>62,794.92</u>	64,855.75
Difference	\$ 4,342.12	

June Notes:

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June was a break even month with income slightly higher than expenses. We are half way through this year and our finances are positive.

Sources of Income:	<u>June 2018</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Offerings	\$8,607.00	102%	\$ 51,813.80	77%
Fund Raisers	.00	0%	14,578.48	22%
Other Income	<u>-146.52</u>	-2%	<u>744.76</u>	1%
Totals	\$ 8,460.48	100%	\$ 67,137.04	100%

The Church Council recommended and the Congregation approved replacing the 50+ year old main doors to the church. To accomplish this we need to raise \$8,000 by the end of August. If you wish to contribute to this fund, write "Capital Improvements" or "Door Fund" on the Special Designated Gift line and the amount.

As of July 15th we have \$3,052.00 of the \$8,000.00 needed. Need \$5,000.00 over next 6 weeks.

Cliff Valentine, Financial Recording Secretary

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**HYMNS THEY OUGHT TO SING**

THE ACCOUNTANT'S HYMN: "Earth Holds No Treasures"  
THE BAKER'S HYMN: "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned"  
THE BIRTHDAY HYMN: "Is It for Me?"  
THE BUDGET DIRECTOR'S HYMN: "Nearer, Still Nearer"  
THE CAR ACCIDENT HYMN: "We Saw Thee Not"  
THE CATERER'S HYMN: "All Things are Ready, Come to the Feast"  
THE CHAIN GANG HYMN: "Go Labor On"  
THE CHIROPRACTOR'S HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"  
THE CHOIR DIRECTOR'S HYMN: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
THE CHURCH GREETER'S HYMN: "Behold, a Stranger at the Door"  
THE CHURCH TREASURER'S HYMN: "Rescue the Perishing"  
THE COAL MINER'S HYMN: "Somewhere the Sun is Shining"  
THE CONTRACTOR'S HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"  
THE COWBOY'S HYMN: "Day is Dying in the West"  
THE DARNING ASSOCIATION'S HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
THE DATER'S HYMN: "The Night is Fast Passing"  
THE DENTIST'S HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
THE DIETER'S HYMN: "Thou, My Everlasting Portion"  
THE DISTILLER'S HYMN: "I Reached the Land of Corn and Wine"  
THE DIVORCED PERSON'S HYMN: "Out of My Bondage"  
THE DOCTOR'S HYMN: "The Great Physician"  
THE DYNAMITE SPECIALIST'S HYMN: "Safely Through Another Week"  
THE ELECTRICIAN'S HYMN: "Send the Light"  
THE FAMILY PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HYMN: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"  
THE FARMER'S HYMN: "Send Down the Rain Lord"  
THE FISHERMAN'S HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River"  
THE FOOTBALL QUARTERBACK'S HYMN: "Pass It On"  
THE GIRDLE ASSOCIATION HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"  
THE GOLD COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION HYMN: "Purer Yet and Purer"  
THE GOLFER'S HYMN: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"  
THE GOSSIPER'S HYMN: "Pass It On"  
THE HEARING AID SALESMAN'S HYMN: "Hear the Sweet Voice"  
THE HIKER'S HYMN: "Walking in the Sunlight"  
THE HOME BUILDER'S HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress"  
THE INSURANCE MAN'S HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"  
THE IRONING LADY'S HYMN: "I'm Pressing On"  
THE IRS HYMN: "All to Thee"



## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

**As of July 31, 2018**

|                            | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Income for month (5 weeks) | \$ 12,426.22     | \$ 12,971.15    |
| Expenses for month         | <u>12,048.57</u> | 12,971.15       |
| Difference                 | \$ 377.65        |                 |
|                            | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Budgeted</u> |
| Income Year-to-Date        | \$ 79,563.26     | \$ 77,826.90    |
| Expenses Year-to-Date      | <u>75,766.07</u> | 77,826.90       |
| Difference                 | \$ 3,797.19      |                 |

Door Fund as of Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>:

**\$ 5,137.00**

Needed By Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>:

**\$ 8,000.00**

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YTD income and expense are a little higher than projected. The difference is \$3,797.19 which is nearly the same amount of additional income of \$3,437, raised for the Door Fund as of July 31, 2018.

**Bottom Line: we are running at break even. This is a positive trend for our church since many years we are waiting for funds raised at the West End Fair Stand to pay bills. The reason we have done so well this year is offerings during the months of May, June and July have been strong enough to keep bill paid current.**

| Sources of Income: | <u>July 2018</u> |      | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |      |
|--------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Offerings          | \$ 11,169.00     | 90%  | \$ 62,982.80        | 79%  |
| Fund Raisers       | 858.70           | 7%   | 15,333.19           | 19%  |
| Other Income       | <u>398.52</u>    | 3%   | <u>1,247.27</u>     | 2%   |
| Totals             | \$ 12,426.22     | 100% | \$ 79,563.26        | 100% |

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Cliff Valentine, Financial Recording Secretary

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TOUGH ENOUGH TO LEARN ENGLISH?
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE TOUGH ENOUGH TO TRY TO LEARN ENGLISH?

This little treatise on the lovely language we share is only for the brave. It was passed on by a linguist, original author unknown. Peruse at your leisure, English lovers.

- *A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.*
- *A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.*
- *After a number of injections my jaw got number.*
- *He could lead if he would get the lead out.*
- *How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?*
- *I did not object to the object.*
- *I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.*
- *Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn*
- *Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.*
- *The bandage was wound around the wound.*
- *The buck does funny things when the does are present.*
- *The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.*
- *The farm was used to produce produce.*
- *The insurance was invalid for the invalid.*
- *The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.*
- *The wind was too strong to wind the sail.*
- *There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.*
- *They were too close to the door to close it.*
- *To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.*
- *Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.*
- *We must polish the Polish furniture.*
- *When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.*

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.



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.

REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

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.

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 _____

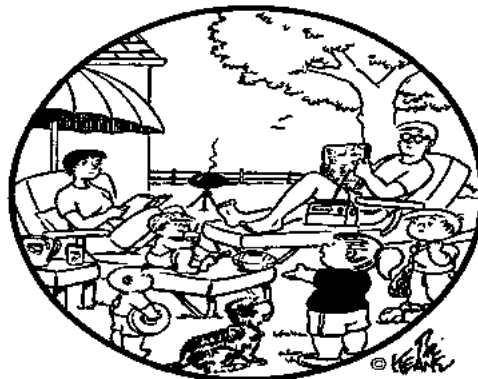
Telephone Number _____

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

The Shriners

Can Tabs (give tabs to Maurice Clouser)

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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



"How long after back-to-school day is Christmas?"

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*  
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## ***NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS***

### **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our condolences to Cortney Klose and Andre Roupp and their family upon the death of their father, Richard Roupp. Richard passed away at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown on July 29.

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Sara Moyer and Philip Crosbie** who were married on August 18. The newlyweds are living in Massachusetts.

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- |                                                              |                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 – Ramon Beiler<br>Steve Wenner                             | 20 – Doug Gemberling III<br>Molly Keister                |
| 14 – Sandra Sanders<br>Karen Zimmerman                       | 21 – Terry Kline                                         |
| 15 – Aiden Gemberling<br>Doug Gemberling, Jr.<br>Gayle Zerbe | 22 - Jacob Moyer                                         |
| 16 – Jim Mitchell<br>Bryan Zimmerman                         | 23 – Jodi Marshall                                       |
| 17 – Diane Knause<br>Stephen Wenner                          | 24 – Pastor John Yost<br>Mindy Yost                      |
| 19 – Forrest Showalter<br>Beth Zechman                       | 26 - Eugene Hassinger<br>Sara Crosbie<br>Jason Zimmerman |
|                                                              | 27 – Adam Hackenberg                                     |
|                                                              | 29 – Ashleigh Boyer                                      |
|                                                              | 30 – Donald Knause                                       |

### **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- |                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 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 & Courtney Klose	(2005)
18 – Zach & Abbi Harvey	(2004)
25 - Joe & Sherry Zimmerman	(1976)
29 – Ken & Patty Emery	(1973)



**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**

Winifred Aikey  
 Jacki & Gailyn Baker  
 Joel Blyler  
 Jim & Florence Boop  
 Jean Buoy  
 Bev Catherman  
 Paula Christy  
 Shirley Diehl  
 Doug & Pearl Gemberling

Vickie Kahler  
 Shirley Kerstetter  
 Pat Korman  
 Sheila Jean Levits & Family  
 Judy Mecouch  
 Dottie Rathfon  
 Alice Reitz  
 Teresa Shuck  
 Meda Struble

**Our Friends & Relatives**

Betty Blyler  
 John Bowersox  
 Candice Buck  
 Terry Davies  
 Bev Dodge  
 Chris Dunkle  
 Adam Garman  
 Gary & Barb Gemberling  
 Trisha Gemberling  
 Clay Gessner  
 Ray Gessner  
 Helen Gethring

Carol Gross  
 Linda Katherman  
 Norman Kline  
 Paul Kratzer Jr  
 Gerald Lloyd  
 Sharon Magyar  
 Bob Reedy  
 Kristin Showalter  
 Terry Smith  
 John Snook  
 Mark Troup  
 Jean Underwood  
 Karen Wagner

### **Our Shut-Ins**

Jim & Florence Boop  
Carolyn Bowersox  
Jean Buoy  
Barbara Grimooris  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Pat Korman

Betty Lauf  
Eugene Phillips  
Richard Schnure  
Marie 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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YOUR CHURCH IS YOU

“You are a walking advertisement of your church and the Christ whom it proclaims. You take the church out of its four walls, and make it live in the everyday affairs of life. In fact, what people think of your church, they think of you.

“Some have the idea that the pastor is the church. It is true that the pastor often speaks for the church, declares what it stands for, and invites people into its fellowship. It is the pastor’s job to know the church’s life and to act on its behalf. The pastor is your representative, but certainly not your substitute.”

“The preaching in the pulpit is fruitless unless it is reflected in the lives of members of the congregation. Christian education is ineffective unless it comes to life in the attitude and behavior of people. Your church is measured not so much by what its leaders say as by what you do. You are the means by which the good life advocated by the church is communicated to people.”

“Your church professes a concern for people; you express that concern in the way you act toward others. Your church tries to build up a Christian world; you validate these attempts by your community. Your church claims to have a gospel that will make people new, opening them to a fuller life; you are the demonstration of that claim.”

“Your daily acts as a Christian preach more sermons, teach more people, and save more lives than the words that are spoken inside the four walls of your church building. You are a cell of the living church. Without you, the church has no life.”



FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mifflinburg, PA 17844

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:00-2:00

Mission Trip

FELC is planning a recovery mission trip to Puerto Rico through Group Workcamp for June 22, 2019 - June 29, 2019. **Meeting in church basement on Sunday, September 30th @ 6:30 PM for more details.** If you are interested in serving at this Recovery Mission or if you would like more information, contact First Lutheran.

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.

Upcoming Opportunities for Travel to Serve and Grow

- GROUP WORKCAMP in Puerto Rico June 22-29 (see above)
- HARVEY CEDARS BIBLE CONFERENCE in New Jersey – July 15-20, 2019 for those entering 9th Grade in Fall 2019 - \$50 non-refundable deposit payable to First Lutheran Youth due by 01/05/19

**2018-2019 FELC/MACY Youth/Young Adult Ministry
FALL NEWSLETTER**

Please know that ALL these activities/trips are OPEN to ALL youth and young adults...We ALL ♥ Jesus!

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- September 23rd – Dinner & Devos @ Sawyers @ 6:00 PM – Who wants to lead? Can do with a friend! 😊
- September 26th 7:15 AM – Stand by the Pole @ your school
- September 30th – Church Basement @ 6:30 PM – Puerto Rico Meeting
- October 7th – Dinner & Devos @ Sawyers @ 6:00 PM – Who wants to lead? Can do with a friend 😊
- October 28th – No Tricks Just Treats Event – 6:00 PM Church Parking Lot – Need adult drivers!

- November 4th – Meet @ Methodist Church lot at 12 Noon to TAG HOMES and then Pizza and Devos @ Larry's Pizza after the tagging is done! Please bring friends!
- November 11th – Meet at Methodist Church parking lot at 12 Noon to divide into teams and collect food and then sort in the church gym – Please bring friends!
- November 18th – College Boxes due back to church for mailing = Kim Sawyer

- December 2nd – BREAKFAST Devotions @ Carriage Corner at 9:00 AM
- December – 13th, 14th, 15th – Christkindl Stand and Nativity needs lots of volunteers

- February – Tubing and Lenten Discussion or 30 Hour Famine with Dreisbach at Dreisbach
- March – “Egging Homes” and Winter Jam and Coffee Cards for Young Adults for Easter
- March - Palm Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt = _____
- April – Gym Night or Movie and Pizza or Bowling – more details later
- May – Youth Sunday @ First Lutheran
- June - GROUP WORKCAMP in Puerto Rico – June 22-29
- July 15-20 – Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in New Jersey for anyone entering 9th grade in Fall 2019

Please note that dates/times for a few events may change due to availability of the venue/host – will text you updates!

PLEASE contact Kim Sawyer @ 713-4577 with ANY questions! 😊



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

Dandelion Trail Run at CML **September 1, 2018**

Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg will be holding a 5 and 10 kilometer trail run race at the camp on Saturday, September 1, 2018. This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. 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. The 10k distance is included in the new Rocksylvania 10k race series. More details on that are available at <http://midpenntailblazers.com/links.html>. Race day registration is \$25. Spectators are welcome as well.

A kid's fun run will also be held with two age categories: six and under and 7-10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run. Again this year, a one mile fun walk on a dirt road will be held with the same registration fees and amenities applying (or you may just walk without receiving amenities for \$10).

Shower facilities are available after 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 register, visit <http://midpenntailblazers.com/trail-race-events/dandelionrun/dandelion-run.html>.

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 22, 2018. 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.



UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

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Lewisburg, PA 17837

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Disaster Response Work Team

The Susquehanna Valley Interfaith Disaster Response Network is planning a work week at the end of October in Daytona, Florida. If you are interested in participating to assist recovery from the hurricanes of the past few years contact Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission: prcmiller@usselca.org.

Disaster Response Training

September 5, 2018

The Presbytery of Northumberland is sponsoring Disaster Response Training to help us respond to disaster. The event will be from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Milton. Information is available at syntrinity.org/PDA and costs \$10 per person.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Day of Service

September 9, 2018

Save the date! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018! Access resources to guide your congregation’s planning, promotion and more at <https://elca.org/Resources/GWOH-Sunday>.

Liberia Organizational Meeting
September 9, 2018

Our synod is issuing a first call for anyone interested in joining either a work-team or a familiarization tour to meet the leaders of the Lutheran Church in Liberia and to tour the major facilities of the LCL, including historic churches, schools, and its two hospitals (Phebe and Curran)! A work team will repair the ceiling of Day Memorial Church and continue the renovation of small houses on the campus of the Lutheran Training Center. Don't freeze at home this January. Visit tropical Liberia and be uplifted by God's work in our companion synod. Learn more at our first organizational meeting on September 9, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. at our synod office, or phone Sandra Nelson (570)995-9327 or Bob Bradford (570)473-9505.

Appreciative Inquiry and Transition Ministry
October 8-12, 2018

The Upper Susquehanna Synod will sponsor a week-long Appreciative Inquiry workshop October 8-12 at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. This course, led by the Clergy Leadership Institute, will offer tools to lead through the rapid transitions taking place in our congregations. Special rate for Upper Susquehanna Synod leaders: \$550 plus room and meals (\$585 residential, \$100 commuter). The synod will offer financial assistance to meet the cost of this workshop. To learn about the Appreciative Way check out www.appreciativeway.com. To register, click here: <https://www.appreciativeway.com/registration/reg.cfm?prog=Halifax-Oct-18>. USS Synod leaders leave the Discount Option "None" and put "**HebSpx18**" in the Discount Source box to receive a \$200 discount per person. Contact Craig Miller for any questions about this event or for financial assistance.

Search of Volunteer Chaplain Assistants (VCAs)

The UPMC Susquehanna Pastoral Care Department is in search of Volunteer Chaplain Assistants (VCAs) who will visit hospital inpatients as pastoral care volunteers. A two-week training event for new VCAs is scheduled for September 6 and September 13, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the Divine Providence Hospital Auditorium in Williamsport. Topics include prayer, listening, patient-centered spiritual care, and more. Following the two-week group training VCAs will shadow with our staff chaplains to complete their preparation for providing spiritual care to hospital patients. For more information or to register for training please contact Jackie Perchinski at 570-321-2215, perchinskijm@upmc.edu. Volunteer opportunities are available at all six hospitals in the UPMC Susquehanna system.



IN THE MAILBAG

Haven Ministry Request

The kids at Haven Ministry enjoy fishing in the river and other outdoor play. They could use fishing rods and reels, fishing tackle, craft supplies, outdoor toys like Frisbees, balls, bubbles, and outdoor chalk, kid-friendly snacks and treats, kids' movies on DVD, bicycle pumps and inner tubes, band-aids, sunscreen, bug repellent, bee sting relief swabs, and other kid friendly items.

2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced

TIME IS RUNNING OUT to sign up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Gardens and lawns need tending to grow healthy and strong, and so does your marriage. Register TODAY to be sure to get the Weekend of your choice. Opportunities this fall are:

- * September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style retreat center with many acres of woodlands in the heart of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown, PA.
- * October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh, PA.
- * November 9-11, 2018 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. Situated on the edge of a nature preserve in the heart of the Berkshires, an hour northwest of Springfield, MA.

Go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org for all the details about Weekends and to register online. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Would you be interested in joining a prayer group for the children and staff of the Mifflinburg Area School District? A group has been meeting for that purpose and to pray for other area needs for over a decade since the time when Barry Tomasetti was Superintendent of Schools. Anyone interested is welcome to attend on Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the First Church of the Nazarene on Market Street in Mifflinburg. For more information, please call (570) 966-4800.



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...

...**Everyone** who helped in any way with the fair stand, be it organizers, committee members, cooks, servers, cashiers, bakers, donors, clean-up, dishwashers, or diners.
...**Maurice Clouser, Joe Dressler, Eugene Hassinger and Boy Scouts** for dealing with the flooded basement and loss of water situations in August.



ALTAR GUILD

Bev Catherman
Barry Spangler

USHERS

Maurice Clouser
Eugene Hassinger

GREETERS

2 – Betty Goss
9 –
16 – Barbara Grimooris
& Joe Dressler
23 – Sam & Ethel
Schnure
30 – Ben Wenrich

SOUND SYSTEM

Dianne Shuck

MUSIC PROVIDERS

2 – Gary Hackenberg
9 – Diane Valentine
16 – Dave Swartz
23 – Barry Spangler
30 – Gary Hackenberg

LAY READERS

2 – Kathy Spangler
9 – Bonnie Greeney
16 – Glenn Spangler
23 – Maurice Clouser
30 – Janet Hackenberg

**COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS**

2 – Lee Spangler
9 – Tom Catherman
16 – Glenn Spangler
23 – Judy Moyer
30 – Janet Hackenberg

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.

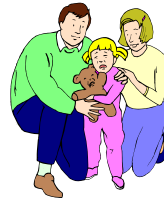


USHER

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



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The Rev. John D. Yost
The Members of the Congregation
Gary Hackenberg
Diane Valentine & Karen Zimmerman
David Swartz & Barry Spangler
Paula Christy
Tom Catherman
Margie Dunkle
Dianne Shuck
Janet Hackenberg
Cliff Valentine
Drew Christy, Dianne Shuck, Greg Shuck

Pastor
the Ministers
Organist
Pianists
Digital Music Arrangers
Chancel Choir Director
Custodian
Secretary/Asst. Tr.
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Financial Recording Secretary
Parish Council Representatives

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)

Maurice Clouser, Joe Dressler, Eugene Hassinger

Inreach (focus on ministry within the congregation)

Drew Christy, Dianne Shuck, Greg Shuck

Outreach (related to ministry beyond the congregation)

Doug Gemberling, Pearl Gemberling, Linda Smith

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

Meeet – we meet each other as sisters and brothers in Christ

Inviite – we invite and welcome others into the body of Christ

Shaare – we share the good news of Jesus and our gifts with all

Support – we support each other as we walk in the ways of Jesus

Imagiine – we imagine life filled with God's purpose and grace

Offer – we offer ourselves to God through faith, hope and love

Nourish – 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.


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

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*A student asked his professor why he had three pair of glasses.  
He explained, "I have one pair for reading, one pair for distance vision  
and the third pair for looking for the other two."*

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>There is a destiny that makes us brothers. No one goes his way alone; all that we send into the hearts of others, come back into our own.</i></p>						<b>1</b>
<p><b>2</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:30 Bible Study</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>4</b> 10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran</p> <p>7:00 Inreach Ministry</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Koinonia Kafe 10:15 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:30 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:30 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran</p> <p>7:00 Council</p>	<p><b>19</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:30 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:30 Bible Study @ First Lutheran</p>	<p><b>26</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:00 Mick Sampsell Estate Sale</p>
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><i>When we are happy, He is the joy. When we need, He is the provider. When we are lonely, He is the comforter. When we cry, He is the strength. When we are weak, he is strong. When we are lost, he is the way. ~Crystal C. A. Spence</i></p>					



ALL WORSHIP SERVICES IN OCTOBER WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ELIAS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 212 S 5<sup>TH</sup> ST., MIFFLINBURG



## ***CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE***

If after August 30, if we do not reach the \$8,000.00 front door repair capital appeal goal of \$8,000.00, the communication below should be printed in church bulletins.

*Since the church did not reach the front door repair capital appeal goal of \$8,000.00, Council voted and approved that the funds collected will be placed in the capital improvements savings account.*