



CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

NOTICE: WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

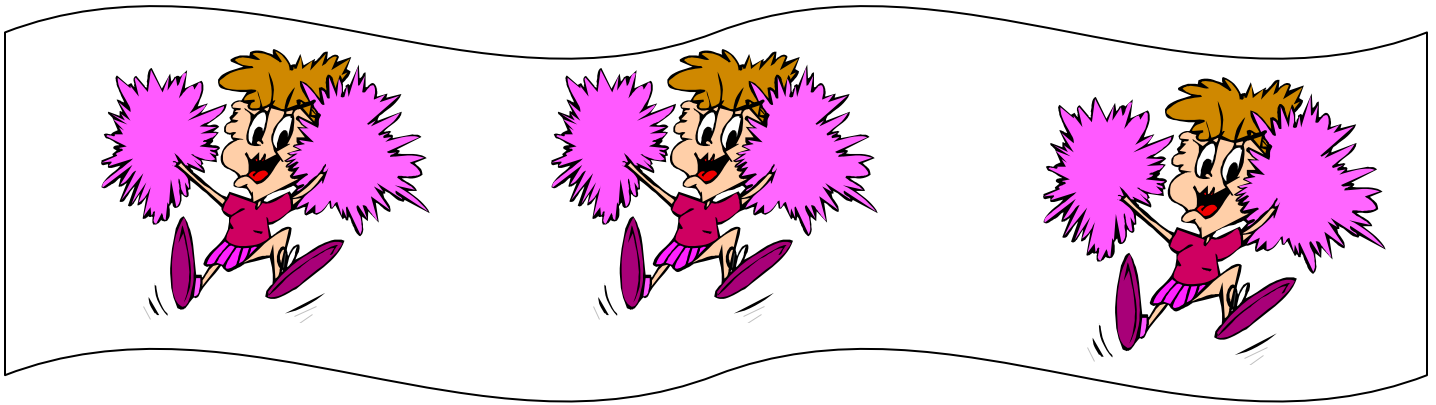
Beginning Sunday, September 25th, on each 4th Sunday of the month we will be moving to one worship service at 10:15 AM, with Sunday School at 9:00 AM. Again, this only pertains to the 4th Sunday of the month; the other Sundays will continue with both 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM services. This change will allow us to come together as one body in Christ, and hopefully be able to get to know each other better. The service on the 4th Sunday of each month will be more interactive and have a special theme or focus. We encourage you to see this as a new and different opportunity to worship God, focus on how and where Christ Jesus is leading us as the church, connect with your other sisters and brothers in Christ, and catch the Spirit. The order of this service will include the opportunity to pick a few of your favorite hymns, hear and participate in special presentations regarding the theme or focus of the day, and celebrate anniversaries of baptisms of that month. Themes for the upcoming 4th Sunday celebrations are as follows:

September 25th - HOMECOMING/HARVEST HOME
October 23rd - OUR LUTHERAN HERITAGE
November 27th - THANKSGIVING
December 25th - CHRISTMAS

If you would like to have a special part in any of these celebrations, such as sharing a person or family recollection, or providing special music, or a dramatic skit, or whatever else you might think of to honor God and enhance our worship, please let me know. Particularly for the September focus I would like folks who participated in the 4 founding congregations to share some of their histories as a way to celebrate homecoming. Whatever other thoughts you may have to add to these celebrations are most welcome.

May we walk together as we follow Christ and share the good news! Pastor John

--Pastor John



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
A DAY FULL OF FUN—A DAY FILLED WITH ENJOYMENT

September 25 will be a busy Sunday. We will celebrate Harvest Home and Homecoming. It will also be Blanket Sunday.

There will be one service, at 10:15 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.

Following the service, we will have a congregational potluck and an afternoon filled with merriment. We will supply the meat and drink. You are invited to bring yourselves and your family. We also invite you to invite some guests to share the day's activities with us. Also bring a covered dish to share and table settings for your family/guests.

The day does not stop here. We will play bingo and other fun things. If you have a game you would like to play, please bring it along to share.

Plan on joining us for a day full of worship, food, fun and fellowship.

BLANKET SUNDAY



Oh how good a warm blanket feels! All of us know the feeling. A blanket can ease pain, up-lift spirits, and make the world seem brighter. Earthquakes, tsunami storms, tornados, and other natural disasters have devastated areas around the world. In such situations blankets become a tool of survival.

One blanket serves many needs - clothing, warmth against the cold, shelter from the elements, a pack to carry possessions, a sling to carry a child, or a stretcher to carry the wounded. Blankets are a gift of love that keeps on giving.

Through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) we can provide wool blend or cotton blankets to those in need. The blankets cost \$5 each. You can put your love for your sisters and brothers into action by providing the warmth of a blanket. Simply use the envelope that will be in your bulletin on Blanket

Sunday, **September 25**, or put a donation in your regular offering envelope and mark the designated gift line, "Blankets". This special offering will help LWR provide blankets for people who suffer from war or natural disasters all around the world.

We will also be accepting donations of new or slightly-used blankets and will send them, along with the quilts that have been made by our church women and the school kits which have been assembled, to Baltimore, Maryland for distribution at home and in foreign countries.

In 2010, LWR sent \$11.8 million worth of LWR Quilts & Kits (school, health, sewing, layettes) and soap to 838,302 people in 24 different countries.

NOTE! Even though we have an annual "Blanket Sunday" to focus on blankets and provide special envelopes for contributing to the purchase of LWR blankets you don't have to wait for that one day. You can contribute at any time by indicating "blankets" on the designated gift line of your offering envelope.

HARVEST HOME



*For food upon my table, Lord, for clothes that I may wear,
For shelter of my little home, for all the comforts here;
For health to do my daily tasks, for eyes that I may see,
For ears to hear the songs of joy, Dear Lord, I now thank Thee.*

There will be just one service on **Sunday, September 25, at 10:15 a.m.** It will be a service where we will gather together to offer our heartfelt thanks and praise for the bounty and variety of God's creation...the succession of the seasons, the productiveness of the soil, the harvest of land and sea.

We will also be having a food drive and we ask that you bring one or more non-perishable items along to worship that day. We have all been truly blessed and we ask that you share your blessings with those less fortunate.

This special Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with glories of the harvest. If you can provide any of the following items to help us do that, please have them here by **9:00 a.m. on September 24.**

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

Be sure to have your name on all items, so they can be returned to you.

BIBLE STUDIES



We invite everyone to join us as we continue the study of the Book of Romans at our weekly Bible studies. This month's schedule is as follows:

10:30 a.m.

September 12

September 19

September 26

7:00 p.m.

September 14

September 21

September 28

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

WHY I CAN'T JOIN THE CHOIR

"My voice is so tiny you'd never hear me."

There's safety in numbers. Small voices add up.

"But I'm not a soloist"

Good! A church choir made up entirely of soloists might be like a plate of gravy with no meat and potatoes.

"You're all so good"

We're just average people who work hard.

"I could never learn such difficult music"

We spend time learning and absorbing each anthem.

"I don't read music"

A legitimate concern. However, some very fine choir members don't read music either, but pick it up quickly.

"But once in a while we have to go see Aunt Gussie"

Most choir members miss occasionally. We just need to know in advance.

"Yes, but..."

The excuses go on and on. Not everyone has been given musical gifts. But if you have, and if you could be singing in the choir but are not, you are missing an enjoyable experience and a rewarding avenue of Christian service.

(The NEWSLETTER Newsletter)



Chancel choir practice will resume on **September 8 at 7:00 p.m.** and will be the same as usual—rehearsals on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, and singing the 1st, 4th, and 5th (if there is one) Sundays. There is room for you in the choir...please join us? Just a small commitment (4 or 5 days out of the month)... for such an enjoyable and important ministry.

If you have any questions you want answered, contact Paula Christy.

In the span of something like three quarters of a century this country has gone from the little red schoolhouse to the consolidated schoolhouse in the red.

ELIJAH'S TABLE



The planning for an upcoming Elijah's Table meals is currently underway. It will be a picnic-style meal that will be served on **September 7 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.**

All are welcome to share in this luncheon.

2011 BANQUET SCHEDULE



The banquets scheduled for the remainder of 2011 are as follows:

September 15
7:00 p.m.
Farm Bureau

November 12
TBA
BV Riding Club

November 19
TBA
IHC

Help will be needed in both the dining room and kitchen. Watch the bulletin board across from the sanctuary for sign-up sheets for dining room help. If you are able to help in the kitchen, talk to Shirley Kerstetter (966-0034).

Cakes will also be needed for these banquets. If you are able to provide one or two, sign up on the attached form or talk to Shirley. All help is greatly appreciated

BANQUET CAKES

I will provide a cake(s) for the following banquet(s). Please list number to be provided.

_____ **September 15**
7:00 p.m.
Farm Bureau

_____ **November 12**
TBA
BV Riding Club

_____ **November 19**
TBA
IHC

Signed _____
Telephone _____

Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in the world – there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

CHICKEN & WAFFLE SUPPER



A benefit chicken & waffle supper is scheduled for **October 8**. Serving will take place from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets will only be sold at the door.

Adults - \$7.50
Children (5-12) – \$5.00
Children under 5 – No charge

The proceeds from the meal will benefit Hope's Haven Food Bank. If you want more information, talk to Janet Hileman, Stella Walters, or Pastor John.

SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

“Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.”



The fellowship committee invites our “older folks” (anyone born in or prior to 1949), along with a guest, to attend our annual Senior Member Dinner.

This year's dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 9**. The meal will be served at **noon**, which will allow time for some fellowship after worship and before the meal begins.

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.

Mark your calendars and plan to be present for a tasty meal and good fellowship.

SENIOR MEMBER DINNER **October 9**

Number of reservations _____

Signed _____

Telephone _____

*The woods flame red with scarlet oak
Or glow with poplar's burnished cloak
Within a rustic golden gate
Sweet pinks and cosmos blossom late;
The orchard boughs are bending low
Where ruddy gourds and peppers show
Throughout each village, forest, farm
Steals gold September's peaceful charm.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Audrey Crone, who has served as chairperson of our public meal stands, has announced her intention to resign from that position.

If you would be willing to take on this responsibility, please contact Margie or Pastor John. If you want information on what is involved in it, talk to Audrey.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES



Due to dwindling interest in the program, we will no longer be serving as a host site for Angel Food Ministries. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has participated in the program and who has helped on distribution days. If you have any questions, talk to Al Pantaleo (966-5068) or Kim Blyler (922-4114).

HOPE'S HAVEN



We are now distributing fall/winter clothing at Hope's Haven. The summer things have been packed up and given to the American Rescue Workers and Haven Ministry. When cleaning out your closets this fall, please keep Hope's Haven in mind when disposing of appropriate unwanted items.

COOKBOOK UPDATE ***NOW ACCEPTING RECIPES***



Because we have only received approximately half of the recipes we would like to have for the new cookbook, we have extended the submission deadline. Recipe submission forms are available on the bulletin stand in the hallway, on the stand in the vestibule, and in the newsletter. Please submit as many recipes as you would like (the more the better). You do not have to use the "official" form, however we would like recipes to be submitted in a similar format. We welcome recipes from church members and friends alike. We are hoping to get 400-500 for the cookbook. It is expected that the cost of a cookbook will be \$10.00. There is a form at the bottom of the recipe submission form to reserve copies of the cookbook. This will help us to determine how many cookbooks to order. Recipes can be handed in to Margie at the church office. If you have any questions, talk to Kim or Sue Blyler.

Funny how it seems we need two or three weeks to fit an event at the church into our schedule

and always are able to adjust it for a social invitation at the last minute.



YOUTH NEWS

Awards & Recognitions

D.J. Boop & Sara Moyer were members of two Mifflinburg FFA Chapter teams who won their respective state career development events during FFA Activities Week held at the Pennsylvania State University. The teams competed against the best in the state and have now earned the right to compete at the National FFA Convention, which will take place in Indianapolis in October.

Sara was one of a four-member Agronomy team that took first place honors; the four-member Agricultural Mechanics team included D. J.

D.J. was also recognized as having the best SAE Book in the Northern Region of Pennsylvania and was presented a cash award from the Farm Credit Association. In addition, he was also awarded the State Proficiency for Fiber and Oil Crop Production and will be sending his application on to national completion in Indianapolis.

Additionally Sara won a 9th place gold in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Sewing Days

9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday morning of each month is our time to bring out the sewing machines, scissors and supplies and spend the time constructing quilts/blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Workdays in **September** are scheduled for the **14th & 27th**. Give some thought about spending this time with us, won't you? We need all skills including sewers, cutters, and knitters.

Enjoy good company and a great feeling at being a part of an important ministry! Any questions?
Talk to Audrey Crone.

Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **September 20**, at which time we will be assembling school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Janet Hileman is in charge of this ministry and is in need of the following items for each school kit :

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long*

Do not add other items. All items should be new and in good condition. Drop off any donations in the office.

Annual Women's Retreat

September 17

9:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.

Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther

All women are invited for a day-long retreat to spend some quite time with God and with your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation. The day will begin with refreshments and end with singing and prayer. Morning and afternoon sessions will be led by Rev. Sarah V. Hershberger. The theme for the retreat is "Daily Spiritual Life: A Lutheran Woman's Perspective." Cost for the retreat is \$16.95, which includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch and the program. Registration deadline is Friday, September 9, at 3:00 p.m. 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

Peace Pole Service

October 15

The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization will sponsor their annual Peace Pole Service on October 15, 2011, at the synod office. The theme will be "Rebuilding Through Faith," and the guest speaker is Pastor Jill Seagle. It will start at 9:00 a.m. (rain or shine) and a continental breakfast will be provided after the service. If there is sunshine, the service will be outdoors and you should bring a lawn chair.

WEATHER LORE

The first snow comes six weeks after the last thunderstorm in September.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

West End Fair

TOTAL MEALS SERVED

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>		
Smoked Ham Dinners	- 41	16	Hot Turkey Sandwich Platter	40
Turkey Dinners	- 188	52	Barbecue Platter	29
Roast Beef Dinners	- 36	7	Barbecue Sandwiches	52
Chicken Pot Pie Dinners	- 32	10	Meat of the Day Sandwich	47
Ham Pot Pie Dinners	- 48	8	Cake (pieces)	5
Roast Pork Dinners	- 22	6	Pie (pieces)	200
Pork & Sauerkraut	- 42	9	Potpie Quarts	19

Volunteers Sought

Would you like to volunteer? We are in need of volunteers to help with Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers and Sound System helpers. . If you are willing to help, please talk to Idella Zimmerman or complete the form in the bulletin or the newsletter and place 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 - \$18.00
Church Prints - \$25.00

Blankets - \$25.00
Christmas Cards - \$15.00
12 cards per box feature a winter picture of the church

Talk to Judy Moyer 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*.

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 _____

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 many 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 the Worship and Music Committee will be happy to sort out and use all of your suggestions that copyright laws permit. Please put the title or first line of your song(s) on a piece of paper and give it to Margie, or any member of the Worship and Music Committee (Bev Catherman, Paula Christy, Gary Hackenberg, Judy Mecouch or Barry Spangler).

Hymn Request

Fellowship Committee Request

The fellowship committee would like input from the members of the congregation regarding what social/fellowship activities they would like to have. If you have any suggestions, drop a note on Margie's desk.

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

If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please fill out the following and return it to Margie

How does the prayer chain work? When a prayer request is received, that request is passed on to the second person on the prayer chain who in turns passes it on to the third person, the third person to the fourth, and so on. When and how you pray is up to you.

Prayer Chain Calling List

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

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Ongoing Collections

(Collection boxes are in the hallway)

(1) Haven Ministry

(no deadline)

Packaged & Canned Food Items - Personal Hygiene Items - Cleaning Supplies

(2) Rock Point Mission

(no deadline)

UPC codes and box tops from:

Campbell's - Franco American - Pepperidge Farm – Swanson - Market Day - V-8 Juices

PLEASE NOTE!! There has been a change in what Campbell's is accepting in the label redemption program. They are now taking only the UPC CODE piece from the label and box tops, not the front label.

(3) Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition

(no deadline)

Paper Towels	Large Size Diapers
Baby Car Items	Prepaid Phone Cards
Gift Certificates to Department Stores	Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent	Clorox
60 Watt Light Bulbs	AA and AAA Batteries
“Sippy” Cups	First Aid Ointment
Sterile Pads	First Aid Foam/Waterproof Tape
Alcohol Swabs	Children’s Tylenol
Children’s Motrin	Comtrex
Advil Cold and Sinus	Robitussin CF & DM
Freezer Bags: Quart & Gallon Size	Cling Wrap & Aluminum Foil
Garbage Bags: Kitchen, Lawn & Garden	

(4) The Shriners
Can Tabs

ANSWERING MACHINE AT SCHOOL

This was voted unanimously by the office staff as the answering machine message for a school:

Hello! You have reached the automated answering service of your school. In order to assist you in connecting the right staff member, please listen to all your options before making a selection.

- *To lie about why your child is absent – Press 1*
- *To make excuses for why your child did not do his work – Press 2*
- *To complain about what we do – Press 3*
- *To cuss out staff members – Press 4*
- *To ask why you didn’t get information that was already enclosed in your newsletter flyer and several flyers mailed to you – Press 5*
- *If you want us to raise your child – Press 6*
- *If you want to reach out and touch, slap or hit someone – Press 7*
- *To request another teacher for the third time this year – Press 8*
- *To complain about bus transportation – Press 9*
- *To complain about school lunches – Press 0*
- *If you realize this is the real world and your child must be accountable and responsible for his/her own behavior, class work, homework, and that it’s not the teacher’s fault for your child(ren) ’s lack of effort, hang up and have a nice day!*



NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Awards & Recognitions

Glenn Spangler received Pennsylvania FFA Honorary Membership during the 82nd Pa. FFA summer convention held at the Pennsylvania State University. Glenn recently retired from the Mifflinburg School District with more than 36 years of service. Glenn served the FFA members from the Pennsylvania FFA in numerous ways from serving on statewide committees and leading career development events.

Deaths

We offer our sincerest condolences to **Donald & Judy Everitt** following the death of his sister, Dorothy Dersham, on August 3.

We also extend deepest sympathy to **Steve & Susan Wenner** upon the death of her father, Harold Rice, on August 20.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

Address Change

Mary Erdley
Room 406
RhodesMere
235 Fairground Rd
Lewisburg Pa 17837

Anniversaries

September

2 – Carl & Jeanne Sampsell	(1950)
6 – Cliff & Diane Valentine	(1969)
8 - John & Betty Stamm	(1951)
9 – Tom & Evelyn Rice	(1972)

16 - Donald & Judy Everitt	(1961)
Kris & Carla Ruhl	(1978)
17 – Ryan & Cortney Klose	(2005)
18 – Zachary & Abby Harvey	(2004)
21 – Paul & Patty Kahler	(1985)
25 - Joe & Sherry Zimmerman	(1976)
27 - Barry & Regina Hosterman	(1986)
29 – Ken & Patty Emery	(1973)

Birthdays

September

- 1 – Steve Wenner
- 3 - Paul Kahler
- 5 – Debbie Welker
- 7 – Amanda Welker
 Luke Welker
- 12 – Joyce Herb
- 13 – Pauline Davenport
- 14 – Merrill Buoy
 Sandra Sanders
 Karen Zimmerman
- 15 – Doug Gemberling, Jr.
 Gayle Zerbe
- 16 – Jim Mitchell
 Bryan Zimmerman
- 17 – Diane Knause
 Stephen Wenner
- 19 – Elizabeth Mecouch
 Forrest Showalter
- 20 – Doug Gemberling III
- 21 – Terry Kline
- 22 - Jacob Moyer
- 23 – Jodi Marshall
- 24 – Michael Glennon
 John Yost
 Mindy Yost
- 25 – Betty Stamm
- 26 - Eugene Hassinger
 Sara Moyer
 Jason Zimmerman
- 27 – Adam Hackenberg
- 29 – Ashleigh Boyer
- 30 – Donald Knause

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

Jim Boop
Tom Catherman
Jo Haggy
Alice Reitz
June Spangler
Debra Wilson

Theodore 'Pete' Catherman
Mary Erdley
Diane Reamer
Henry Sanders
Ethel Wenrich

Our Friends & Relatives

Alexandra Bankes
Karla Benfer
Katy Bush
Bob Earnest
Forrest Emery
Mary Gonzales
Eleanor Hackenburg
Richard Harvey
Dorothy Huber
Jeff Kerstetter
Roy Laudermilch
Candy Mitchell
Harry Moyer
David Noblit
Mike Osgood
Meg Phelps
Gail Reamer
John Renninger
Fred Schlenker
Bev Shreffler
Shirley Smith
Richard & Rita Tinnes
John Weaver
Sharon Wert
Richard Zerbe
Ed Zimmerman

Daryl Baumgardner
Diane Brown
Kristi Dukes
Sara Earnest
Liz Gaugler
Becky Greeney
Michelle Hackenburg
Charles Howerter
Linda Katherman
Karen King
Trey Love
Donald Moyer
John Murray
Molly O'Keefe
Gary Paulson
Zachary Prochasko
Charles "Skeet" Reidell
Bess Ruhl
Brandi Schlieff
Doreen Slaybaugh
Crystal Tice
Barbara Trantham
Joe Weisser
Pat Yount
Russell Zerbe

Our Shut-Ins

Carolyn Bowersox
Carolyn Catherman
Margaret Himes
Bob & Betty Lauf
Richard Schnure
Erna Wolfe

Merrill Buoy
Mary Erdley
Sally Kenamond
Harold Sampsell
Connie Wagner

The Men And Women Serving In The Military

John Hosterman
David & Kristin Huston

Brandi Gemberling
Tristan Roupp



FROM THE MAILBAG

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND.

Attention married couples: Time is running out to sign up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The September Weekend has filled; however, you may contact us at the information below to be added to the waiting list. If you act quickly, there is still room for you at the final 2011 Weekend scheduled for Nov. 4-6, 2011 at Park Inn by Radisson-Sharon in West Middlesex, PA. This popular facility with a tropical atrium has a king bed and an in-room hot tub in each guest room. It is located just an hour north of Pittsburgh. Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to allow you to take time off from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful relationship with each other. **Weekends** run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. There is a \$45 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. Register now to avoid being disappointed--simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

BUFFALO VALLEY SINGERS

Buffalo Valley singers invites choral singers to join for our Christmas concert season by attending weekly Monday rehearsals starting on September 19 at 7 PM at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd. (Route 192), Lewisburg. No auditions are necessary.

The concerts will be on Sat., Dec. 17 at 7:30 PM and Sun., Dec. 18 at 3 PM. BVS will also participate in the Evangelical Hospice's Lights of Love Ceremony on Dec. 4.

Directed by Tom Ruhl, the concert will feature John Rutter's "Gloria" in addition to other Rutter Christmas songs, traditional carols and popular songs. Connie Pawling-Young is the piano accompanist.

See www.buffalovalleysingers.blogspot.com or call Joe Keller at 570-524-0717.



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

THANK YOU TO...

...**Eugene Hassinger & Maurice Clouser** for “housecleaning” the shed.

...**Each and Everyone** who helped in any way with the West End Fair stand

...**Barbara Grimooris** for keeping the pews supplied with communion cards, scribble sheets and sharpened pencils.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with all the food stands we had at public sales this summer. There were two one-day sales and three two-days sales. We got quite good at setting up and taking down canopies.

It seemed as though we had sign-up sheets on the bulletin board requesting help and donations all the time. Of course our Christ’s United members came thru with donations of most of our needed items. Thank you to our pie bakers. They contributed 76 pies total. Ben Wenrich had his homemade chips at every sale (always a hit).

Over all the weather was good. The first sale day was cloudy and drizzly. Then in July it was very hot and our biggest seller was cold drinks—not so many sandwiches. On Friday afternoon of the last sale the thunderstorm with high winds and rain passed thru. It lasted 30-45 minutes—the the sun came out and the sale resumed.

The total profit realized from all the sales was \$4,083.18.

Thank you again to the committee, other helpers, those who donated cash and supplies and supported us in any way. Good fellowship was had by all.

--Audrey Crone

To My Loyal Church Friends,

Thank you for all your cards, flowers and visits from everyone. No one, until you have been in Riverwood and now Elmcroft, realizes how nice it is to be at home and be mobile. I can't believe it is going on two years.

--Love to All
Sally Kenamond

Christ's United Lutheran Church,

We just wanted to say thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for Brittany after her accident. She is doing very well this summer. A special thank you to the adult Sunday school class for the card! God bless!

--Love,
Chad, Amy, Elizabeth & Brittany Shuck

Dear 4-Bell Friends,

Once again "thank you" for all you do in support of the West End Community VBS program. Although we were few in numbers this year, the children had a wonderful time, and the pastors, teachers, and helpers certainly enjoyed sharing the love of Christ with all God's children.

--Thank You,
West End Community VBS

10 LITTLE CHRISTIANS

*10 little Christians standing in line. I disliked the preacher, then there were 9.
9 little Christians stayed up very late. I overslept Sunday, then there were 8.
8 little Christians on their way to Heaven. I took the low road and then there were 7.
7 little Christians chirping like chicks. I disliked music, then there were 6.
6 little Christians seemed very much alive, but one lost his interest then there was 5.
5 little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore, but one stopped to rest, then there were 4.
4 little Christians each busy as a bee. I got his feelings hurt, then there were 3.
3 little Christians knew not what to do. I joined the sporty crowd, then there were 2.
2 little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done, differed with each other, then there was 1.
1 little Christian can't do much 'tis true, brought his friend to Bible study, then there were 2.
2 earnest Christians, each won one more. That doubled the number, then there were 4.
4 sincere Christians worked early and late. Each won another then there were 8.
8 splendid Christians if they doubled as before. In just so many Sundays, we'd have 1,024.
In this little jingle, there is a lesson true, you belong either to the building or to the wrecking crew!*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

HOME COMING – HARVEST HOME – BLANKET SUNDAY



WORSHIP

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.
AND
WORSHIP AT 10:15 A.M.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

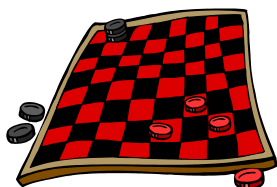
**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE
BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SETTINGS**



AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES

***Bingo – Cards – Monopoly – Checkers – Sorry
Volleyball – Lawn Darts – Horseshoes***

**BRING ANY GAMES YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PLAY FOLLOWING THE MEAL**



HARVEST HOME

**BRING NON-PERISHABLE
ITEMS TO SHARE WITH
OTHERS**



BLANKET SUNDAY

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR
LWR BLANKETS**



**DONATIONS OF NEW & SLIGHTLY
USED BLANKETS WELCOME**

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
(10:15 service only)

I/we will serve as an usher

Name _____
Telephone _____



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
(10:15 service only)

I/we will help with children's church

Name _____
Telephone _____



SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR
(10:15 service only)

I/we will operate the sound system

Name _____
Telephone _____



ALTAR GUILD
(8:00 & 10:15 services)

I/we will serve on the altar guild

Name _____
Telephone _____



COMMUNION HELPER

I/we will serve as a communion helper

Schedule me at: _____ 8:00
_____ 10:15

Name _____
Telephone _____



GREETERS

I/we will serve as greeters

Schedule me/us at: _____ 8:00
_____ 10:15

Name _____
Telephone _____



LAY READER

I/we will serve as a lay reader

Schedule me at: _____ 8:00
_____ 10:15

Name _____
Telephone _____

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Hassinger
Delight Showalter

USHERS

Don Fornwalt, Capt.
Tom Catherman



SEPTEMBER

SOUND SYSTEM

Lee Spangler

10:15 GREETERS

4 - Mary Hassinger
11 – The Wayne Doeblar
Family
18 – Mary Ellen VonNeida
25 – Kris & Carla Ruhl

LAY READERS

8:00 a.m.

4 – Kathy Spangler
11 – Steve Moyer
18 – Glenn Spangler

LAY READERS

10:15 a.m.

4 – Maurice Clouser
11 – Audrey Crone
18 – Drew Christy
25 – Florence Boop

COMMUNION HELPERS

8:00 a.m.

4 – Bonnie Greeney
11 – Steve Moyer
18 – Glenn Spangler

MUSIC PROVIDERS

8:00 a.m.

4 – Dave Swartz
11 – Dave Swartz
18 - Dave Swartz.

COMMUNION HELPERS

10:15 a.m.

4 – Tom Catherman
11 – Audrey Crone
18 – Bev Catherman
25 – Dianne Shuck

MUSIC PROVIDERS

10:15 a.m.

4 – Paula Christy
11 – Diane Valentine
18 – Paula Christy
25 – Gary Hackenberg

REMINDER

1. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE WHEN SCHEDULED.
2. ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS, SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS & USHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTH.

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 Bette McCrandall Missionary
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 Bev Catherman Fellowship/Fellowship Hall
 Drew ChristyMutual Ministry
 Wendy Doebler Youth
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 Stella Walters..... Church in Society
 Debra Wilson Stewardship
 Idella ZimmermanVice President
 Worship & Music



THE DEADLINE FOR
 ARTICLES FOR THE

OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER IS:

SEPTEMBER 20

**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 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.

<p>Please use this form for your recipes. To avoid errors, please type or neatly print your recipes and double check for completeness and accuracy. Thank You!</p> <p>PLEASE USE APPROPRIATE ABBREVIATIONS</p> <p>teaspoon = tsp. tablespoon = tbsp.. cup = c. quart = qt. ounce = oz. pint = pt. gallon = gal. inch = in. pound = lb. Fahrenheit = F</p>	<p>Our Cookbook contains the following categories. We will sort the recipes accordingly. Please check the category in which you want your recipe to appear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Appetizers & Beverages <input type="checkbox"/> Soups & Salads <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables & Side Dishes <input type="checkbox"/> Main Dishes <input type="checkbox"/> Breads, Rolls & Muffins <input type="checkbox"/> Cakes & Desserts <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies, Bars & Candy <input type="checkbox"/> Allergen Free <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> This & That
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<p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Name of Recipe</p> <p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Your Name</p> <p>Ingredients (Be sure to list quantity or amount)</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p>	<p>6. _____</p> <p>7. _____</p> <p>8. _____</p> <p>9. _____</p> <p>10. _____</p> <p>11. _____</p> <p>12. _____</p> <p>13. _____</p> <p>14. _____</p>
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METHOD (BE SURE TO INDICATE CONTAINER SIZE, OVEN TEMPERATURE AND COOKING TIME)

RESERVATION ORDERS: To reserve copies of the Christ's United Lutheran Church Cookbook for yourself, please complete this form. Make sure to reserve enough for birthday, Christmas, Easter and birthday gifts!

Your Name: _____ Number of Cookbooks to reserve: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

DEAR GOD
(Children's Letters to God)

Dear God: Are you really invisible or is it just a trick?

Dear God: Can you send me a horse? Caitlan has one, and she's always bragging about how fun he is. I want a bigger and smarter horse than hers. My horses' name will be Bullet so make him the fastest, too, please.

Dear God: You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways.

Dear God: Why didn't you make me special? Chloe is specially pretty and Janine is specially smart. Ryan can run faster than anyone and wins all the races. Tina has perfect teeth. And Carmen can speak two languages. Did you forget to give me something special to be?

Dear God: My turtle died. We buried her in our yard. Is she there with you now? If so, she really likes lettuce.

Dear God: Of all the people who work for you, I like Noah and David the best

Dear God: My family, the Sandersons, is pleased to invite your family, the Gods, over for bread and wine (I figured you might like this)...please respond in writing or on a tablet.

Dear God: I'm sorry I forgot the words to your songs yesterday in Sunday school. I don't sing that good anyway so sometimes I just hum along. Is that o.k. with you?

Dear God: In Bible times did they really talk that fancy?

Dear God: If you give me a genie like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want, except my money or my chess set.

Dear God: If we come back as something else, please don't let me be Mary Horton—because I hate her.

Dear God: I want to be just like my daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over.

Dear God: I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?

Dear God: I have no best friend. Everyone at school seems to have a best friend but me. Could you send me one, please? And hurry.

Dear God: I love you, God.

Dear God: I play worse than anyone on my soccer team. I'm the smallest one, too. That doesn't seem very fair. Did you play a dirty trick on me?

Dear God: I saw a kangaroo and a buffalo today at the zoo. I like the lion best. What is your favorite? I think the ostrich is funny looking—did you do that on purpose

Dear God: Could you please make my leg be strong? I want to play like the other kids. They tease me so please make them stop.

Dear God: Did you really mean "do unto others as they do unto you?" Because if you did, then I'm going to fix my brother.

Dear God: Why is Sunday school on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest.

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:00am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	5	6	7 10:00am Hope's Haven 6:00pm Sanctuary Reserved 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee	8 7:00pm Choir Practice	9	10
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25 Blanket Sunday Harvest Home Homecoming 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	26 10:30am Bible Study	27 9:00am Quilt Knotting	28 10:00am Hope's Haven 7:00pm Bible Study	29	30	