



# OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, 10am

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Cami Zimmerman, President</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2018
<b>Charlie Dinsmore, V. President</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2018
<b>Annette Baker, Secretary</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2018
<b>Ken Baker, Treasurer</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2020
<b>Ken Criswell</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2019
<b>Amy Danowsky</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2019
<b>Frank Danowsky</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2018
<b>Marianne Murray</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2019
<b>John Sheaffer</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2018
<b>Bob Swartz</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2019

Council Members are elected for a term of three years and no more than 2 consecutive terms.

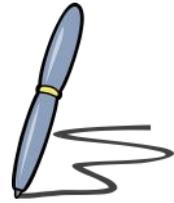
### ***United In Christ's Mission Statement:***

*Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.*

# Mark Your Calendars

- SUN, OCT. 7**      **HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**  
**CROP WALK**  
**HAYRIDE**
- WED, OCT. 10**    **OAKS**
- SAT, OCT. 13**    **BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- WED, OCT. 17**    **FOOD STAND AT ONLY RISHEL'S**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**
- SAT, OCT. 20**    **HILKERT REUNION**
- MON, OCT. 22**    **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUN, OCT. 28**    **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
- SAT, NOV. 3**      **TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**
- SUN, NOV. 4**      **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
- TUE, NOV. 6**      **PA GENERAL ELECTIONS**
- SUN, NOV. 18**    **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- MON, NOV. 19**    **PHOTOS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**

# FROM THE PASTOR



*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

Hebrews 1:1-4

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Dear United In Christ,

Have you ever noticed how sometimes God likes to approach things a little ~differently~?

I mean, just think about it. For centuries the people of Israel grew accustomed to interacting with God through the routine complex of the Temple in Jerusalem. It's where people came to make their sacrifices and offer up their first fruits to God. They knew that the Temple was the arena in which God operated. In turn, they fully anticipated God's word to arrive through messengers, through prophets to help guide the way. Yet, for all of that setup, for a system so well established, it seemed that things always had a way of going awry. Eventually, we the people made the institution of religion much more about the rules we could enforce, rather than about the God who encounters us.

That's when God decided to try something a little different. Rather than offer up a revision of rules, rather than speak

through one more representative, God decided to come down from on high and step into God's creation. We called him the Son, the Messiah, Emmanuel, the God with us. We called him Jesus. Through him, God finally perfected what God had always set out to do: to establish a good and right relationship with God's people in God's love. And while doing this different thing did not invalidate any of the ways in which God had worked before, it was certainly a new way of acting for our good. It showed that God is still willing to get creative for our sake and try things a little ~differently~.

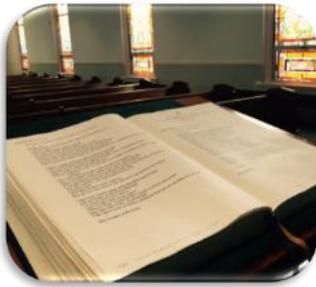
In this month where we commemorate the bold actions of the Reformers who themselves tried things a little differently, I think it's helpful for us to remember God's precedent for us. God has never let things grow stagnant. At every turn along the way, God has been willing to try new things all for the sake of reaching God's people. It's a heritage that goes further back than even Luther and the Reformers; sometimes we have to try something different, something new. A seminary professor of mine called it "faithful experimentation." It's those moments when we set out to try something, not knowing fully how it will go, but trusting that we do so as faithful stewards of God's mission in the world.

This Reformation month, I encourage you to think boldly! Maybe try something a little ~different~. Embrace the freedom of faithful experimentation and watch where the Holy Spirit takes you. There's no guarantee that every new thing will be met with success, but you can be sure that the God who tried something new to walk alongside you will be there along the way.

Yours, united in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Pastor Justin".

# ROUNDTABLE PULPIT



*Have you ever wondered  
how a sermon gets made?*

*Have you ever been listening  
to a homily and thought  
“Hmm, this one’s not for me?”*

*Have you ever tried to figure out where  
in God’s name preachers get this stuff?*

Well you’re in luck! Pastor Justin wants you, yes YOU, to help him avoid those unfortunate lines of questions!

***Join us Sundays at 9:00am for our “Roundtable Pulpit.”***

ere, we will take a look at the upcoming Sunday’s assigned texts and simply discuss the themes and highlights that we each hear. Zero preparation is required to attend! These conversations will then help Pr. Justin craft his sermon for the following week, based on the questions that come up and the items we discuss. Come check it out!

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## PRAYER CHAIN



Did you know that here at UIC we have a group of dedicated individuals who are always at the ready to pray on your behalf? If you ever have a need or concern you can call the office with as many or as few details as you’d like and we will notify the members of our prayer chain who will lift up your concerns in prayer to God.

***If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain,  
you can touch base with Linda Caris or  
leave a note for Terri in the office.***

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



We are currently accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council, or Pastor Justin. **Deadline for council nominations is Sunday, November 11.**

**On Sunday, November 18 we will hold our annual congregational meeting.** At the meeting we will approve the proposed 2019 budget and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. Watch for copies of the proposed budget to be made available in the fellowship hall.



*On September 2, we welcomed 6 new members!  
Ben and Kim Criswell, Justin Cooley,  
Judy Rishel, Johanna Swanger, and Sandra Brown.*

# NEW GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY



Over the course of the summer, the Congregational Council has been working closely with a representative from the ELCA Foundation to establish a healthy set of practices for gift acceptance and sustainability here at UIC.

As a result, at the September meeting, the Council officially adopted a new Gift Acceptance Policy for the congregation. Taking seriously the Council's responsibility to act faithfully in stewarding the gifts and resources provided through this congregation, this policy will help to appropriately guide the acceptance and use of gifts made to the congregation. You can find the new policy enclosed in the newsletter or on the church website. If you have any question, feel free to reach out to any of the Council Representatives.

## FREE ESTATE PLANNING



**ELCA Foundation**  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

Did you know that, as a member of an ELCA congregation, you have access to free financial planning resources through the ELCA Foundation?

The ELCA Foundation has a number of regional representatives available to help you set up estate plans that best reflect your situation and your wishes. These professional consultations will help you consider what the most efficient means of legacy giving and estate planning are for you and your family.

To set up a free appointment, you can call the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522. If you have any other questions, feel free to touch base with Pastor Justin.

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4, 2018

*On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.*

*Please notify the church office of those who have been born, were baptized or died since Nov. 1, 2017, their names will be listed in the bulletin on All Saints Sunday.*

*Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in honor of UIC Members who have been born or baptized this year, and in memory of our Members who have passed into eternal life.*

***If you need additional sheets, there are more forms on the Sign-Up Table in the fellowship hall.***

***IN MEMORY (those who have died in the past year)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Yes, I WILL*** be present at the service to light a candle.

***No, I WILL NOT*** be present to light a candle.

***IN HONOR (those born or baptized in the past year)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth/baptism *(circle one)* \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Yes, I WILL*** be present at the service to light a candle.

***No, I WILL NOT*** be present to light a candle.

# MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each month. Your donations get delivered to Mazeppa Manna and HandUP on an alternating basis. Both organizations are especially in need of cereal, peanut butter, tuna, mac & cheese dinners, ketchup, canned fruit, pasta, sauce, and boxed mixes.

**Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.**

## STAY IN THE LOOP



Go to the church's website to view an up-to-date Church Calendar of Events or current month's Worship Volunteers, which are listed in all upcoming "worship" events.

## COMMUNITY AID BIN



We've partnered with CommunityAid, which is a thrift stores in Selinsgrove. Please help support us by dropping off any lightly used clothing or shoes.

# YOUTH AND FAMILY

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During worship on Sunday, September 9, our youth gave testimony to their experience of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. You can listen to their testimonies by visiting UIC's website. Click on SERMONS and look for September 9th.



# EXCITING NEWS!!

It's been 5 years since our last church directory and we have quite a few new families! How long has it been since your family was professionally photographed? Plan now and you will have a portrait to be proud of.



## MONDAY NOV. 19

Photographers from Universal Church Directories will be here on Monday, November 19 from 2pm until 8:30pm to take family portraits for our new directory.

### OUR SCHEDULING PROCESS HAS BEGUN

You need to schedule your family for their portrait time by either signing up on Sundays during fellowship hour or by calling the church during office hours.

**Don't wait, schedule your family today!**

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God. It honors loved ones and gives thanks for special people and events in our lives.

The cost is \$30 and you may take your flowers home with you after service!

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Our Members:** Lisane Snyder, Bob Keifer, Alice Snyder, Laurel Hertz .

**Family and Friends:** Jon Noaker, Angela Smith, Charlie Fegley, Josie, Denny Rearick Jr, Jay Young, Betty Blyler, Art Keister, Hurricane Victims, Donny Ritter.



**Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?**

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-568-2254 or emailing it to [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net). We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain. We'll also print your prayer request for 4 weeks.

## LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 or Pastor Justin at 610-973-4052 to let us know.

Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out. Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.

# OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

\* Please remove from newsletter and post on your fridge.\*

	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Altar Guild	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	S. Keifer	K. Guffey
Greeter	Ken B.	E. Brown	P. Swinehart	J. Snyder
	R. Baker	S. Brown	K. Guffey	T. Snyder
	L. Rabuck	C. Zimmerman	E. Brouse	N. Walter
Acolyte	K. Swanger	A. Danowsky	L. Warren-Lee	E. Danowsky
Asst. Minister	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Lector	T. McPherrin	Jen Sheaffer	B. Swartz	M. Shearer
Comm. Asst.	K. Koch	S. Danowsky	Ken B.	D. Shearer
	W. Wirth	M. Murray	S. Weiser	A. Baker
Usher	Linda C.	S. Keifer	K. Arndt	Jen Sheaffer
	Karen B.	R. Kling	K. Koch	P. Swinehart
	BJ Koch	L. Rabuck	J. Mertz	D. Baker
	S. McPherrin	W. Wirth	K. Criswell	S. Brown
Guest Rel.	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	Ken B.	F. Danowsky
Offering Counter	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	T. Snyder	K. Guffey
	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer
Bread/Wine	S. Noll	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	T. Snyder
Social Hour	S-Z	A-D	E-K	L-R

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change. If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.

# MEMBER UPDATES

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## Change of Address

***Irene Stark***

*Elmcroft of Lewisburg  
2421 Old Turnpike Rd, #151B  
Lewisburg, PA 17837*

***Ruth Stump***

*Buffalo Valley Assisted Living  
189 Tressler Boulevard, #301  
Lewisburg, PA 17837*

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## HAPPY *Anniversary*

*John and Jen Sheaffer 10/6/01*

*Chris Lee and Dawn Warren 10/10/11*

*Jeff and Tina Snyder 10/15/94*

*Tom and Marilyn Gresh 10/18/69*

*Rick and Kathy Guffey 10/25/86*

*Aaron and Betty Guffey 10/28/17*



## *Happy Birthday*

*Linda Caris 10/1*

*Ruby Baker 10/20*

*Noah Snyder 10/1*

*Kelsey Lingenfelter 10/20*

*Shirley Russell 10/10*

*Dylan Cromwell 10/23*

*Vivian Marsh 10/17*

*Mel Baker 10/25*



*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.*

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# OAKS TURNED 5!

2013



2018



Look at how much we have grown.

**GOD IS GOOD!!**



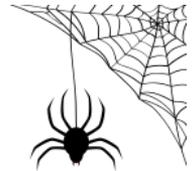
At September's OAKs we had  
45 bingo players and  
serviced 62 people lunch.

After lunch  
KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner  
did a sing-a-long.





**Older Adults  
Kickin' it up!  
Monthly Senior Center**



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**Wednesday, Oct. 10 ~ 10am-2pm**

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10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



1:00 pm - *"The Dark Side of Fairy Tales"*

LINDA WALKER FROM EDUCATORS INC,  
WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON  
*THE DARK SIDE OF FAIRY TALES.*



**OAKS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

# SOLES 4 SOULS

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. New and gently-worn shoes are sold to individuals who live in extremely poor countries so they can start a small business. The income the small business owners earn gives them the ability to purchase necessities like food, shelter, and education for their families.



YOUR USED SHOES  
BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S  
FOOD, HOUSING  
AND EDUCATION.

The Kiwanis Club of Milton/Warrior Run is holding a "SOLES 4 SOULS" shoe drive. Jane Mertz is the contact person for the shoe drive. She can be reached at 570-971-9534.

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

*A large box will be placed in the fellowship hall, near the sign-up table, to collect shoes, boots, etc. of all ages.*

*They should be in pairs, and not ruined (no tears, broken heels, etc.).*

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The money raised from this will help our area needy children. Several projects and activities include helping out at Magical Memories (a Halloween event for children with life-threatening illnesses from 5 counties), a daddy/daughter dance, Panther Packs, National Night Out, trauma dolls for the fire department, WNEP Trail of Treats (a Halloween event for special needs kids from many school districts), mini libraries in 3 area laundromats, Music in the Park for kids, created activity boxes for children admitted to Evangelical Community Hospital, and provide children's books for our diaper pantry.

**Clean out your closet and help our children.  
It's a win/win situation.**



# Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

1,720 diaper were given out at  
September's diaper pantry.

## NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

October 13 ~ 10-11:30am  
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

## RECORDED SERMONS



Pastor Justin's sermons are but a click away. Visit UIC's website and click on "Sermons" to listen to past sermons. You'll also find that Sunday's readings written out for you to read.

# Social Ministry



On “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, Sept. 9, we venture over to Camp Mount Luther where we gave the dining hall a good scrub down. Thanks to all who came out! Chad says he hasn’t seen those tables so clean in **YEARS!**





# HARVEST HOME

## SUNDAY

Please bring non-perishable food  
and can items to the church  
by Friday, Oct. 5.  
We will bless these items on  
Harvest Home Sunday, Oct. 7.



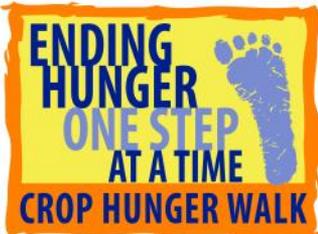
**Fresh items will only be accepted on Oct. 7.**

**Please no home canned items!**



Donations may be placed in  
the baskets in the church Narthex.

**Cash or check donations will also be collected  
and designated for CROP WALK.**



United In Christ is putting together a  
team to walk in the Lewisburg CROP  
Walk on **Sunday, October 7.**

If you are interested in joining the team  
please contact Michelle Shearer, UIC's  
CROP Walk Rep, at church or by phone at 570-768-8316.

# THANK YOU

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This is my last year tending to the church's flowerbeds.  
Thank you to everyone that helped me over the years!  
~ Carol Troxell

Thank you for all of the cards and food when I came home. Praise the Lord for Dr. Cole, my doctor. He did a great job on my knee.  
God bless and take care,  
Bertie Danowsky



*UIC Ladies, I am attending the CML Fall Women's Retreat. Sister in Christ, come out and spend the day with me as we grow our faith and spend a day away from kids, spouses and all of the other daily things we do!! ~ Terri Cromwell*

# **CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

*and the*

Upper Susquehanna Synodical

Women's Organization

*Present*

## **Fall Women's Retreat and Cluster Gatherings**

*All women are invited to come for a day-long retreat to spend some quiet time with God and with your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation.*

### **Just Say Yes to God**

*Led by Friends of the Heart*

Friends of the Heart is comprised of three Millersburg women who share God's love through teaching, testimony, drama and song. "Just Say 'Yes' to God!" is a retreat based on the book of Philippians that focuses on balancing work with worship. They talk about: "Looking In," issues that keep you from moving on in life, "Looking Up," developing an ongoing relationship with Christ and "Looking Out," using your talents, gifts and passion to touch the world. Skit characters are Mary, Martha, and a psychologist who helps them determine how they might best express devotion to Christ.



**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:00  
Evergreen Center at Mount Luther

Cost includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program.

# WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Cost: \$22.00

Registration Deadline is October 12, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Permission to take part in program:

I am interested in the policies, goals, and programs of Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synod and hereby give consent and give permission to participate in this program. Any photos or video recordings taken in which I or my child might appear may be used for promotion of the camp/synod free of any claims.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Camp Mount Luther with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line and send to the address below:*



## CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118

E-Mail: [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)



# Lutheran Disaster Response Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**Give now for Hurricane Florence relief**



Hurricane Florence has begun its assault on the coastal areas and is anticipated to be slow moving, allowing it to dump large quantities of rain and hurricane-force winds covering more than 15,000 square miles.

As a church, we're standing ready to assist our neighbors through their recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia and the synods in the hurricane's path to respond to this disaster.

Your gifts designated for Hurricane Response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those in path of these hurricanes.

Stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ELCALDR/](http://www.facebook.com/ELCALDR/).

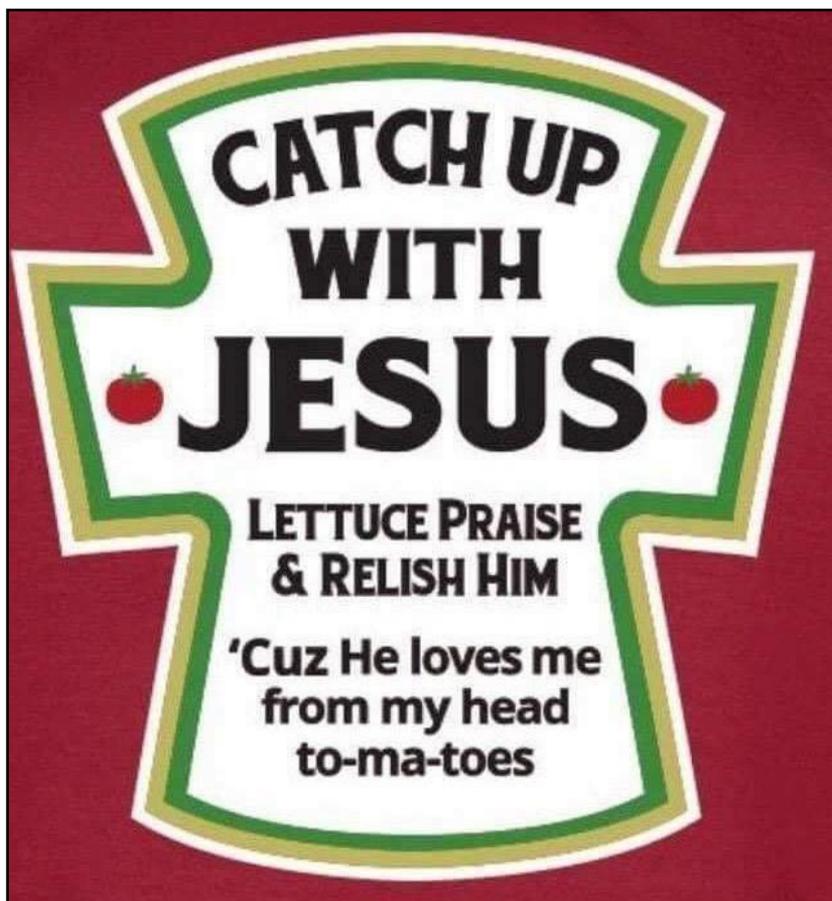
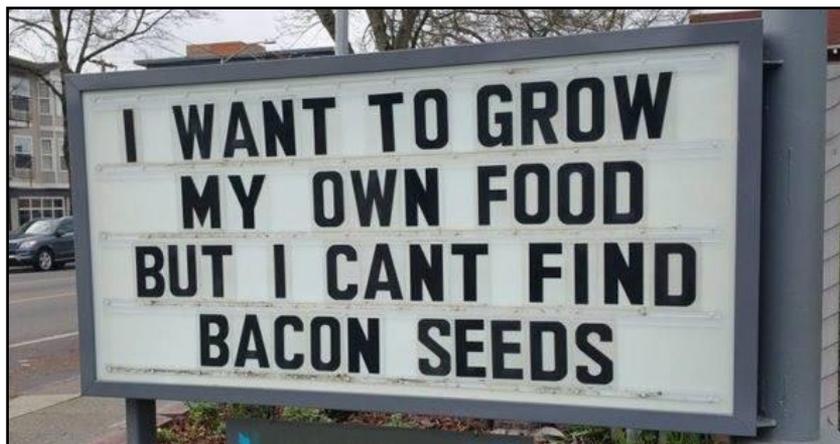
A LITTLE **HUMOR** TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY.

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That moment when you spell a word so wrong that even auto correct is like, I've got nothing man!





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