

INSIGHT

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL: 9:15 AM

TIMES CHANGE TO 8 & 9:30AM ON MAY 28TH

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office is Closed on Monday

9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY



In the building of the original tabernacle of God's presence in the Old Testament we read this: *"All those with skill among the workers made the tabernacle with ten curtains; they were made of fine twisted linen, and blue, purple, and crimson yarns, with cherubim skillfully worked into them. 9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains were of the same size. 10 He joined five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he joined to one another. 11 He made loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain of the first set; likewise, he made them on the edge of the outermost curtain of the second set; 12 he made **fifty** loops on the one curtain, and he made **fifty** loops on the edge of the curtain that was in the second set; the loops were opposite one another. 13 And he made **fifty** clasps of gold, and joined the curtains one to the other with clasps; so, the tabernacle was one whole.*

So that the tabernacle was one whole." As we read, the number '50' played a role in the building of this dwelling place of God. As we almost all certainly know by now, this month we also celebrate 50. In 50 years of "Praising God, Serving Others" in this mission station in Brecksville, Ohio, we also, in Christ are made one whole. Every history has its ups and downs, its challenges points, and cheering events. Through it all the people of CRLC have sought to carry out the Easter message of the risen Christ. As we celebrate these 50 days in the church season of Easter, we also tip our hat to God journeying with us for 50 years of ministry in this place. May to God be the Glory! We continue to pray for God's direction in our future partnership in Christ together!

PGSO,
Pastor Randy



CONGRATULATIONS!

On Maundy Thursday, we recognized these four students who completed their formal instruction on the Lord's Supper – Holy Communion.

**Nathan Olman
Elise Pagel
Sam Perlman
Sydney Wells**



Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Thank you to all who helped, most of which often happens behind the scenes, to make our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services a meaningful part of our discipleship in worship of our Creator God.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

As we do each Summer, beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor weekend our Sunday morning schedule changes. Sunday School breaks for the summer and our two Sunday morning worship service times become 8:00 and 9:30. The first Sunday of this summer schedule will be Sunday, May 28th.



50K for 50 Years!

As Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, we have taken on a big financial goal for this year in addition to our regular giving. We are setting a goal to raise \$50,000 to mark this golden anniversary. What will we do with this money? It will be used for Outreach and Inreach.

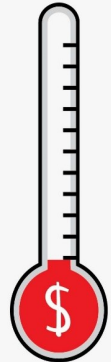
For Outreach: We hope to give one-half our goal, \$25,000, to Redeemer Crisis Center that will enhance their ability to serve people in need.

For Inreach: We hope, as a gift to the congregation, to also use the other half, \$25,000, to refurbish the outdoor chapel. The benches are experiencing weather rot, as well as the altar. We hope to replace the benches with a composite recycle material that will last for long time. In addition to replacing the altar and possibly the cross, we hope to place a time capsule in the ground below the altar to be opened at the 100th anniversary.

Watch for more details on it all.

If you would like to donate to this 50th anniversary goal, please mark any donation "50K for 50 years".

Thank you!



**50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon
Woodside Event Center at St Michael's - 5025 E Mill Road
Broadview Hts., Ohio 44147
Sunday, May 21st Luncheon at NOON**

Last day to buy tickets will be Sunday, May 7th in The Gathering Space between worship services. Meal choices are Champagne glazed chicken or Baked/breaded scrod. Both lunches come with oven roasted new potatoes, sugar snap peas, salad, rolls, and a delicious chocolate tuxedo truffle torte. There is a children's meal choice of chicken fingers, French fries, sugar snap peas, and chocolate tuxedo truffle torte. Cost of the lunch is \$20 per person. If you are unable to attend on any of these Sundays, but would like to order a lunch, please send your meal choice and check to the office.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

50 Years

CRLC IS TURNING 50!
WE WILL BE HAVING A CASUAL
OPEN HOUSE AT THE CHURCH.
GAMES, MUSIC, FUN, AND A
COOKOUT!

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 5PM-9PM

PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOOD FOR.
SIDE DISHES WOULD BE APPRECIATED; BURGERS, HOT DOGS,
ICE CREAM, AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP ON SIGN UP SHEET IN GATHERING SPACE



50 Year Celebration

May 21, 2023

10AM Worship Service

Bishop Laura Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod will preach as well as some other special guests participating in the worship service as we celebrate 50 years as a congregation in Brecksville.

The banquet follows the service at NOON.

(A reminder that our regular worship times of 8 and 10:30 will be combined for that day and there will not be a Sunday School hour that day).

TRIVIA QUESTIONS ANSWER:

April questions:

1. In the early 2000's CRLC had two AIMS, Associated In Ministry, on the staff what were their names?
JOANNA PRETZ ANDERSON & PAMELA CZARNOTA
2. What year was the first women's Advent Tea held? 1987
3. What year did we begin our ministry partnership with OASIS in Akron? 2007
4. When was the first 24Tuesday worship held? JUNE 9, 2014

(Remember – many answers can be found on the church website)

Thank you from Oasis

Pastor Randy and the congregation of Christ the Redeemer:
Blessed Easter Season to you all! All Love Continues!
In Grace and Gratitude always.
Oasis and Pastor Lisa Arledge

“THEO -THURSDAY”



The Theo Thursday's plan is to meet once a month. This informal meal and fellowship time is open to all. However, due to venue issues we will meet most likely at CRLC in May for the final one before we break for summer.

Full details are not available at this writing so watch for more information.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, speak with Pastor Randy.

PENTECOST GERANIUMS



We will once again decorate our altar with red geraniums for **Pentecost Sunday, May 28th!**

Watch for order forms in the May Bulletin!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HELP!

In an effort to enhance the appearance of **CRLC's outdoor spaces**, we are looking for a few people to assist with the various tasks that come up during the year; weeding, mulching, etc. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please send your name, phone number and email to Steve Wilson at stevewilson440@sbcglobal.net. As jobs arise, you will be contacted as to your availability and you can pick and choose which ones you can help with. Maybe you can only help out once a season or maybe you can assist on a regular basis. Whatever your availability, please consider adding your name to our contact list. Thank you



The Holy Rollers were at it again!!

Thanks to the painting crew that painted the lower level restrooms in the back hallway and the back stairwell. Everything looks so clean and fresh!

If you notice something that needs to be fixed around the building, please complete a **Brown Maintenance Request Form** next to the mailboxes in the office and put it in Mike Skwarski's (our Facility Manager) mailbox.



Spring has arrived!

It will be fun to see the next steps of planting the **Meditative Garden** as the weather and timing permits.

Praise the Lord for this opportunity to create a place of beauty and reflection.

YAC THANKS YOU!



Thank you, CRLC family, for once again supporting our youth group, YAC, at their annual Easter Sunday pancake breakfast. They were busy making pancakes and serving breakfast from after the Sunrise service until before the late service at 10:30 am. The free-will offering collected was a little over \$600 and helps offset costs of their summer Mission trip. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



The 2023 YAC Mission Trip will be to Indianapolis, June 18th -23rd !



*“O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!”*

This is the first verse of Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church’s 50th Anniversary hymn.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English Congregational minister, hymn writer and theologian, captured the infinite timelessness of God in contrast to the fleeting nature of humanity in his metrical paraphrase of Psalm 90, “O God, our help in ages past”—a classic hymn for All Saints’ Day. Watts is often called the “Father of English hymnody”—that is, hymns on a wider range of topics rather than metrical versions of the psalms in the English language. He is credited with some 750 hymns, many of which are still sung today. Before him, congregational song focused almost exclusively on singing strict metrical versions of the psalms.

Watts composed three metrical paraphrases of portions of Psalm 90 which appeared in his famous *Psalms of David, Imitated* (1719). The version that we use is the second paraphrase, originally in nine stanzas, appearing under the title “Man Frail and God Eternal.”

One may read Psalm 90:1-5 and compare Watts’ paraphrase of these verses in stanzas 1-5 of our hymn. There are striking similarities, on the one hand, but some beautiful poetic variations on the other that put Watts’ version in the realm of lyrical poetry rather than methodical rhymed metrical verse.

The antithesis between God and humanity is the primary message of Psalm 90 and Watts’ paraphrase. “This is one of Watts’s greatest hymns on the human condition, setting the shortness of life and the littleness of human beings against the timeless greatness of God....who has been our help in the past and hope in the future.”

Sacred music scholars Stephen Marini, Denny Prutow and Michael LeFebvre describe the ways in which Watts contributed to English hymnody and the previous tradition of the Church. Watts led the change in practice by including new poetry for "original songs of Christian experience" to be used in worship. The older tradition was based on the poetry of the Bible: The Psalms.

Psalms had been sung by God's people from the time of King David, who with a large staff over many years assembled the complete book of Psalms in a form appropriate for singing. The practice of singing Psalms in worship was continued by Biblical command in the New Testament Church from its beginnings in Acts through the time of Watts.

Watts also introduced a new way of rendering the Psalms in verse for church services, proposing that they be adapted for hymns with a specifically Christian perspective. The Psalms should be "imitated in the language of the New Testament." The meaning of the Psalms is illuminated by gospel light. This helps us to see the New Testament gospel truths that lie hidden in the Old Testament scriptures. “Where the Psalmist describes religion by the fear of God, I have often joined faith and love to it. Where he speaks of pardon of sin through the mercies of God, I have added the merits of a Savior. Where he talks of sacrificing goats and bullocks, I rather mention the sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God. When he attends the ark with shouting into Zion, I sing of the ascension of my Savior into heaven, or His presence in His church on earth. Where he promises abundance of wealth, honor, and long life, I have changed some of these typical blessings for grace, glory, and life eternal, which are brought to light in the Gospel, and promised in the New Testament.”

The hymn tune "St. Anne" to which the text is most often sung was composed by William Croft in 1708 while organist of St. Anne’s Church, Soho. It first appeared anonymously in the *Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms*, 6th edition in 1708.

Information from: Wikipedia, Hymnary.org. and Discipleship Ministries.

Assistant Organist of the Day Experiment

The American Guild of Organists Committee on the New Organist has as its purpose: “To create the materials and means for engaging and developing new organists, as well as to develop and promote programs and age-appropriate materials to introduce them to the organ and enable their development. The committee oversees the presentation of POEs (Pipe Organ Encounters) and POE+ in addition to PipeWorks programs. The committee develops educational opportunities and presentations to introduce non-organists of all ages to the organ.”

Mr. Ryan was determined to find a way to address the issue of the dwindling number of organists among us. Thus commenced the “Assistant Organist of the Day” experiment. Children (and adults) were invited to sit one or two at a time at the console during worship. Assistants actually do not need any preparation and I try to tailor the experience to the person. Generally, however, they do the following:

- Turn the organ on and off
- Prepare the next hymn, and stay ahead of the worshipping congregation
- Push pistons, especially the “general cancel” at the end of each piece
- Select individual stops
- Turn pages, if confident
- Give pitches to the Cantor for intonation

Here are the April Assistant Organists of the Day!

Elizabeth



Gail



READINGS FOR MAY

MAY 7 — Easter 5

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

MAY 14 — Easter 6

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

MAY 21 — Easter 7

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

MAY 28 — Day of Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.



Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

...The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



Health News

May is Mental Health Month. Focusing on the emotional or mental dimension of our health is part of maintaining balance in our lives. Encouraging good mental health within our interpersonal relationships is an important goal. Emotional health focuses on the awareness and acceptance of *personal* feelings. Included is the ability to manage one's feelings and behaviors.

Economic concerns increase stress. This can result in our personal support system being under threat at a time when we need it the most. **The single most toxic factor to good mental health in relationships is a sense of not feeling respected.** Our home life is the area in which our mental health is most affected. *The way we interact with family has a powerful effect on our quality of life in general.* It can make us feel warm & safe, or anxious & depressed. So, when you disagree, "talking down" to your spouse or child, dismissing their point of view, and criticizing without listening can produce an atmosphere of anger & alienation. Home becomes another problem and not the answer. **Listen, respond with compassion & respect, and create an atmosphere of emotional safety.** *It's hard to pause before speaking, soften our tone of voice and be willing to listen, as well as being heard, but the rewards are great.*

Social connections have many health benefits. Healthy relationships & good mental health lower rates of anxiety & depression, provide higher self-esteem, greater empathy, and more trusting & cooperative relationships. In addition to strengthening the immune system. **loneliness is different from solitude. Feeling lonely is a problem, but being alone may not be a problem at all.** <https://screening.mhanational.org/content/feeling-lonely-crowd/>

Spending time in nature is linked to many positive mental health outcomes, including improved focus, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of developing mental health conditions, and a sense of connection to yourself, community, and purpose. *Being around nature doesn't have to mean hiking in a forest. It can be walking in a park, bringing a plant inside, or sitting in your backyard.*

Do you know someone needing help with a fully treatable mental health issue such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress or substance abuse? Many people who are living with a mental health condition never seek or receive help due to stigma, lack of information, cost, or lack of insurance.

Mental health counselors help individuals and families with **problem solving; personal, social and career development; decision making; and self-understanding.** There are tested tools available that can help every person face difficult times and challenges and improve *resiliency*. Mental health awareness helps individuals avoid the significant consequences of untreated anxiety, depression and stress. *Positive mental health fosters self-esteem and promotes personal happiness and effectiveness.*

St. Paul encourages us in Philippians 4:6-7 "... do not be anxious about anything but in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". What a comfort these words are! God's peace can help us to be whole emotionally. May we all work towards improving our mental health and live in God's peace as whole persons – body, mind and spirit.

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

Get hoppin' to the event of the summer!

Launch kids on an egg-cellent adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

Register at: by paper form (found at message board or in office) or online at crlcbrecksville.org ("news and events")

VBS dates: July 24th- 28th

VBS times: 9am-12pm

For more information, call: church office @ 440-526-2303



Vacation Bible School!

July 24th –28th, 2023

Volunteers please mark your calendars!

Looking for youth helpers to serve as crew leaders for the young children.



Sunday School



5th & 6th grades made easter eggs to share with home visited members!

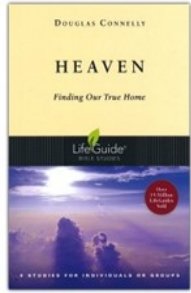
****We will be burning our prayer chain on Sunday, May 7th.**

The last day for All Sunday School will be May 14th at 9:15.

Pre-School Items Found a Home!

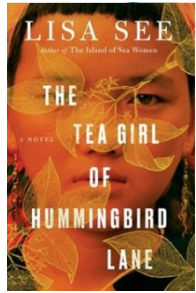
We are so happy to let everyone know that 2 volunteers from Zoe For Life came to CRLC and were able to pickup 8 boxes of old preschool items to share with families in need.

Thanks to Shirley Fisher and her connection to these wonderful people. Once again our congregation has been given the opportunity to be blessed to be a blessing.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We will gather to study “Heaven, Finding Our True Home” on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:00am and Thursday, May 4th at 7:00pm.** There will be a zoom option again for the Wednesday morning group as needed. Please read the eighth chapter “**Looking for the City**” If you don’t have a book, you can pick one up at the meeting. All are welcome.



CRLC Faithful Readers

Faithful Readers will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00am.** The eighth book will be “**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**” Meetings are held in Fellowship Hall. You can pick up a brochure at the meeting. All are welcome.

SERVING

JAN ROMANCE, LINDA RADEFELD

Lend-A-Hand

A special thank you to Bryan & Heather Schlickman for their years helping with Lend-A-Hand and being our liaison. They have recently moved to be near Bryan’s parents in Lima, OH to help care for them !

**LAH needs tissues, laundry detergent & canned fruit on a more regular basis.



SAVE THE DATE—RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Save the Date for the next Rise Against Hunger event on Sunday, August 27th, 9:30am. We will be packing 15,000 meals, need to raise \$5,500 and need 100 volunteers of all ages. Join us for the fun Serving event.



Meals Ministry

Thank you to the **Meals Ministry** and everyone who gave me food following my surgery. I was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of this ministry. The food was exactly what I needed and wanted. Also, thank you for the phone calls, cards, prayers and visits. They meant a lot to me. It is an honor to be a member of this congregation.

Sincerely, Ilene Privara

...Do you want to be a part of our meals ministry? We have a small group that will provide meals to those who have been recently hospitalized or had surgery. If you would like to join this group or find yourself in need of a few meals after a hospitalization, please call Judy Coleman at 440-717-9418.

SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND

We continue to collect food for the food pantry in Broadview Heights that serves residents of Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills.

Call 440-526-0514 if you would like to help or need assistance.

Need on a more regular basis:

Tissues, Laundry Detergent and Canned Fruit

ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST:

canned meals/stew	canned soup	
canned beans	canned fruit	
canned vegetables	tuna fish	
peanut butter & jelly	pancake mix	
cereal	rice	spaghetti sauce
macaroni & cheese	toilet paper	
Tissues	paper towels	diapers
hygiene products	liquid laundry detergent	

USED CELL PHONES

Used cell phones are being collected throughout the year and will be donated to the **JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING** (formerly *Domestic Violence Center*). There is a marked bag located on the coffee counter in the Gathering Space by the front entry doors.

The **JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING** provides services that foster safety and healing for those affected by child abuse and domestic violence. Their model is grounded in self-determination and operates from a strengths-based philosophy while incorporating best practices and evidence-based strategies. Services are delivered through a trauma-informed lens with an emphasis on individual empowerment as persons navigate their own journey.

We are collecting aluminum pull-tabs for RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES.

There is a large jar in the Gathering Space by the stairwell as well as in the coat room at the bottom of the food shelf.

REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

NEW EMPHASIS ON ITEMS NEEDED

Fruit cups, vegetable cups, and small cans of vegetables with pull tabs to our list of items needed. They are used in bags for the homeless

Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup

Canned Tuna

Toilet Paper

Hand/toe warmers, Towels

Blankets and Comforters

Hand can openers, Pots and Pans

Electric fry pans & hot plates

Shampoo and Conditioner

Lotions, Body Wash, Shaving Cream

Toilet paper, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

OASIS COLLECTION

NEW ITEMS

Food items are needed for the **OASIS** ministry in Akron. There are about 50 children in the program that need to be fed. Items can be dropped off at church and placed in the plastic bin on the side of the building in the box marked **OASIS**. **With the new outreach to elementary age students at our main facility and to the children of our Oasis participants at our Oasis Healing House, we are asking for snacks and foods suitable for younger children such as: *Smooth Peanut Butter, Jam and Jelly (strawberry and grape), goldfish crackers, white grape juice, raisins, trail mix, fruit cups, applesauce, sunflower seeds, granola bars, cookies, popcorn, nuts, pasta, pasta sauce, apples, potatoes & baby carrots.**

Lutheran Disaster Response actively works in areas affected by tornados, hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, the covid-19 pandemic, and helping with Ukraine refugee settlement. Donations can be made on our website home page or click on the donate tab. Checks can also be written to CRLC and write LDR on the memo line. CRLC will send your donation to LDR.

BRINGING BACK THE FELLOWSHIP!



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

A Ladies Lunch ... Join Us!
Fourth Tuesday of the Month

We hope you'll join other CRLC ladies for some lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, May 23rd. We'll meet at Simon's in Brecksville at 11:30am.

Mark your calendars for the fourth Tuesday of the month for this special time.

June 27th
July 25th
August 22nd

Thankful to Kathleen Zakar for suggesting our lunches!
Signup on the Message Board in Narthex isn't necessary to join us!



A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to each and every one of our Coffee Hosts and Hostesses for their dedication to preparing for and cleaning up after our weekly coffee hours. We appreciate their time and willingness to keep this wonderful Fellowship tradition alive and well at CRLC!

- Linda Eckenbrecht • Jan Romance
- Linda Radefeld • Cheryl & Don Laubacher
- Lis Kroepel • Bev Sabella • Gail & George Stelmaschuk • Cheryl Stopar • Linda Shima
- Jenni Halter • Cindy & John Brunovsky
- Joan Castelucci • Jeanne & Paul Travagianti (my apologies if I missed you ... thankful for everyone's help!)

Coffee Hour takes a break for the summer ... we look forward to resuming in the Fall, and are hopeful that more of you will join this group of wonderful volunteers!

Who Wants to Go on an Outing?

I'm looking at dates to head northwest to Maumee, Ohio, to visit Clara J's Tea Room for a delicious Luncheon or Proper Tea. I found this delightful tea room late last summer, and have wanted to share it with you ever since. Cost for the luncheon/tea would be under \$40, all inclusive. There are a couple of cute shops we could add on to make it a really fun day. We could car pool, or if enough are interested, I could check on the cost of a motorcoach ... I have connections. (wink wink)

Please see the signup in the Narthax to indicate your interest. Once a date is selected, a deposit must be made. Hope we can make this happen!



Another huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Gail Berzins for again coordinating our Lenten Soup Suppers, and to everyone who helped with set-up, clean-up, and by bringing soup, salad, or bread for our Wednesday meals. The time of Fellowship around this simple supper is immeasurable, and we are grateful for many hands helping to make that happen.

- Linda Eckenbrecht • Judy Coleman
- Lis Kroepel • Laurie Siebert
- Joel Bussard • Phyllis Obrock • Jill Koubal
- Gail Berzins • Lisa • Blair Morgan
- Jeanne & Paul Travagianti (my apologies if I missed you ... so thankful for everyone's help!)

Grateful for this special group of wonderful volunteers!



SHOUT OUT TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS!

SINGLES ... 20's - 30's - 40's ... COUPLES!
 We're planning Fellowship time for YOU, as it's important to RELAX, REFRESH, AND RECHARGE!



CITY HIGHLIGHTS AND A LOCAL COMEDIAN ...

Plans are underway for a group of young adults to enjoy a great evening in Cleveland aboard the FUNNY BUS ... June 2nd or 3rd! This fun night out "features a local comedian showcasing the highlights of our beloved city and the surrounding area."

Participants will meet at the Collision Bend Brewing Company for an hour and a half ride ... cost is just \$29. Tips to comedian and driver are extra. Guests can bring beer and wine ... space is limited to 34. Watch for sign-up in the Narthax, or contact Jeanne Travaglianti (440-667-9803) for more information. Paul and I did this event and had a blast!

Stop & Play Family Day ...

Potluck Picnic Brunch at Kids Quarters

- When: Sunday, June 11th ... After 9:30 service
- Who: Families w/children, Young Singles & Couples 20-40!
- Why: To bring our young adults and families together!
- Bring: Bring a potluck brunch item to share ... bagels, fruit, donuts, danish, whatever you like to munch on



Sign up Sheet in the Narthax

There's nothing like the camaraderie built around our children ... mutual interests, challenges, support. We're fostering a time for you to spend with your children, and mingle with others walking a similar path. Strong bonds in all areas of life are invaluable ... and young adults, with or without children, are invaluable to our CRLC family! All are welcome ... God's children come in all sizes!

Please note a few changes from the last Insight ... regarding time and what's served. Coffee and water will be provided. Sign up sheet in the narthax ... see you there!

We're committed to continue to come up with ideas to keep us connected and enjoying each and every day we're given. We hope you'll find one of our events a good way to share fun and fellowship with others, like our CRLC family. If you'd like to be part of the planning or have a fellowship opportunity you'd like to put together, please contact one of us ... we welcome you! And always check here and the Narthex sign up board for opportunities to reconnect with your CRLC family!

Fellowship Ministry

Jeanne Travaglianti ... 440-667-9803
 Joan Castelucci ... 440-526-5129

May Volunteers In Parish Service

As always, if you are unable to serve on a scheduled date, *please find your own replacement* and let the church office know by Wednesday of that week.

Thank you for your service!

May 7	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Al Siebert
Communion Assistants		Maureen Michal, Pam Waltz
Ushers	Ken Blank, Mike Berzins	Amy Marek, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Shirley Fisher
Counters:	Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa	

May 14	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Mark Lickert
Communion Assistants	x	Dan Bartik, Tom Hoinski
Ushers	Todd Kiick, Al Radefeld	Jeff Dentzer, Blaine Coleman
Altar Care	Lis Kroepel	Jan Hansler
Counters:	Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance	

May 21	One Service at 10:00 am	50th Anniversary Celebration
Assisting Minister		
Communion Assistants		
Ushers	Wendy Dralle, Chris Dralle, Scott Witzke	
Altar Care	Dana Vrcan	
Counters:	Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke	

May 28 Pentecost	8:00 am	9:30 am Service Times Change
Assisting Minister	Mike Berzins	Deb Dey
Communion Assistants	x	Kathie Brusk, Linda Eckenbrecht
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk	Dan Bartik, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Ilene Privara
Counters:	Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney	



MAY

Birthdays



MAY

Anniversaries

- 1 Matthew Booher
- 2 Jacob Papesh
- 2 Diane Wilson
- 3 Ben Wells
- 4 Jim Henyey
- 5 Jack Bailey
- 6 Bob Bertsch **
- 7 Anthony Camperchioli
- 7 Bob Stack
- 9 Francesca Studnicka
- 10 Mandy Weber
- 11 Denise Bandsuh
- 12 Joan Castelucci
- 12 Arlene Krause
- 12 Don Laubacher
- 12 Grady Scheutzow
- 13 Stephanie Daniels
- 13 Bryn Koehler
- 13 Amy Marek
- 13 Colin Toghil
- 13 Mark Antonucci
- 14 Nathan Garito
- 15 Jeff Luksa **
- 15 Benjamin Haely
- 17 Cristina Wells
- 18 Noah Benza
- 20 Ella Troike
- 20 Megan Witzke
- 21 Benjamin Emrick
- 21 Jill Koubal
- 24 Alberta Manzi
- 25 Shirley Fisher
- 26 Michelle Guzi
- 26 Mary Lott*
- 26 Connor Smith
- 27 Barry Farine **
- 27 Ellie Gibson
- 27 Elise Pagel
- 28 Xavier Pohle
- 28 Grace Springer
- 29 Gabrielle D'Anza
- 30 Pamela Czarnota
- 30 George Hammond

** = Milestone birthday

- 7 Bryn and Brian Koehler
- 13 Jenni and Ray Halter
- 17 Lauren and TJ Lynch
- 18 Mardell and Frank Boulton
- 22 Susan and Mark Lickert
- 24 Jennifer and Robert Eisenmann
- 25 Cheryl and Don Laubacher
- 25 Melissa and Matt Garito
- 25 Jocelyn and Peter Smith
- 26 Amy and Robert Benza
- 29 Ann and Barry Farine
- 31 Marcy and Jim Henyey



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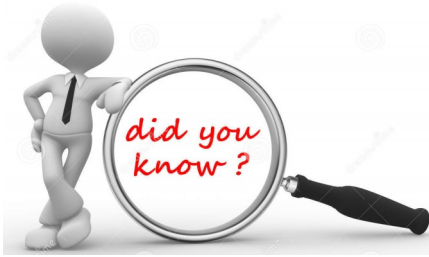
CHRISTIAN YOGA AT CRLC

Renew your mind, body, and spirit on Mondays, 7:00 PM led by Jenna Waltz in Fellowship Hall. The cost is a free will offering. Bring your own yoga mat. For more information please contact Jenna at jenna.waltz@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS



Please sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex Message Center to reserve a Sunday or call the church office to reserve your date. Cost of flowers is \$35 and you can place your check in the offering plate (or send it in the mail), marked **Altar Flowers**. Flowers can be picked up after the second service.



- ◆ Did you know that every family who attends the 50th anniversary worship service will receive a gift?
- ◆ Did you know that the Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly occurs this month?
- ◆ Did you know that Matt Beery will complete his term serving the synod as the secretary of the entire synod? Well done good and faithful servant!
- ◆ Did you know that Pastor Randy will attend the Festival of Homiletics (a preaching conference) this month in Minneapolis?
- ◆ Did you know that you have a spot on the anniversary timeline up for the celebration of our 50-year anniversary? Take part in placing your information upon it.
- ◆ Did you know that our basement bathrooms and back stairwell have been given a fresh coat of paint by our volunteers? We thank them for their help!
- ◆ Did you know that Easter in 2024 is in March?
- ◆ Did you know that activity has begun again on the Meditative Garden?
- ◆ Did mark your calendar for the 50th anniversary celebration of CRLC on May 21st?
- ◆ Did you know that in order to publicize something in the [newsletter](#) we need it by the 15th of the month prior?

.. and Now You Know!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	2 10:00 a Staff Meeting	3 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p Special 50 th Choir 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	4  Ladies Bible Study 7:00p	5	6
7 8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School for All 10:30 a Worship	8 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	9 10:00 a Staff Meeting 7:00p GS Troop 71745	10 6:00p GS Troop 71369 7:00 Choir 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	11 6:45 p Kiwanis	12	13
14 Mother's Day 8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School-Last Day All 10:30 a Worship	15 Monthly INSIGHTI Deadline 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	16 10:00 a Staff Meeting	17 10:00 a Faithful Readers 7:00 p Choir 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	18	19	20 50 th Anniversary Open House
21 10:00a Worship/50 th Anniversary 12:00p 50 th Anniversary Luncheon	22 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	23 10:00 a Staff Meeting 11:30 Ladies Lunch Bunch	24 6:00p GS Troop 71369 7:00 p Choir 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	25 6:45 p Kiwanis	26	27 9:00 a Decorate for Pentecost
28  Worship Time Change 8:00 a Worship 9:30 a Worship	29 	30 10:00 a Staff Meeting	31 7:00 p Choir 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141 440.526.2303 www.office@crfbrecksville.org Monthly Insightsmissionsinsight@crfbrecksville.org		

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