

INSIGHT

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 8 & 9:30 AM

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Church Office is Closed on Monday

9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:10-11)

As we continue beyond the May 21st worship celebration 50 years of ministry and as we enter now into the summer of 23, we are reminded that we "are to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." This passage in First Peter exerts us to commit to serving one another because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Often in the church our serving can easily be turned into a sense of duty or even dread, but it is a serving heart that has guided us in 50 years of ministry as Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

"You are called" is a theme that each of us can relate to and wrestle with through our faith journey. This calling just doesn't come to church leaders or pastors, but it comes to us all in our ministry together of: "Praising God and Serving Others."

This calling from God never ceases despite what life predicaments we encounter, no matter our age, or how long we have been at a church or how old the church build or congregation is. Each of us throughout our discipleship has something to strengthen the witness of Christ not only for the world's view, but for our own growth in faith. Each of us has been gifted uniquely for that witness, it may be prayer, it may be resources, and it may be certain skills and talents. Where is God's calling in your life? What is God calling you to do to grow in the faith? This summer, amid the opportunities for fun and recreation take time to worship and take time to ponder where God may be encountering and challenging you.

**PGSO,
Pastor Randy**

A Message from Reverend Paul Swartz our Founding Development Pastor

May 15, 2023

Dear Followers of Christ the Redeemer,

Betty and I send our sad regrets that we are not where we'd like to be this weekend with you to celebrate the Fiftieth anniversary of CRLC. You nevertheless took advantage of reminding us how "old" we are and the reality of physical limitations age can so often impose! Betty's impaired vision makes travel uncomfortable for her with threatening images coming at her, and while she encouraged me to travel, I do not feel comfortable leaving her alone and being that far away. Otherwise, we are thankful for our relatively good health and spirit.

First and foremost, congratulations on 50 Years of faithful ministry! How humbled and privileged to have been called to join a great procession of pastors whose pioneering spirit and commitment led them to venture forth to plant the Church and then to witness it's fruitful ministry as the bodily presence of Christ our Redeemer.

I believe the challenge of any anniversary is to discover that inspired path that leads us as individuals, congregations, communities, Church and Nation to avoid two equally threatening dangers. Anniversaries can serve to reinforce myths and entrenched, often exaggerated, narratives of the past, rather than encourage us to look afresh at historical events and the culture surrounding them. On the other hand, anniversaries can also serve to disparage the past as irrelevant by ignoring the enduring value and guiding principles embedded in the "rest of the story" those events and individuals impart.

Looking back at that historic time in our observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of CRLC, I certainly don't need to resort to embellishment to describe the enthusiasm, interest, and excitement we experienced. From arriving in Brecksville in October 1972, I initially set out to meet all the local clergy to introduce myself and to assure them I was not coming to steal sheep from their flocks, but rather to visit and invite those unchurched individuals and families to a new venture. One of those pastors, Vernon Holloway, on a subsequent meeting asked me where we would hold worship services. I confessed that I did not know but was confident that God would provide. His response was, "Well, I guess your prayer is answered. God has provided because our congregation would like to invite you to share our facilities." Thus began the relationship with the Brecksville United Church of Christ which housed CRLC for, I believe, its first fourteen years.

In making calls on over 3000 homes in the Fall and trudging through the winter snow, I recall the elderly man on Hilton Road who invited me to come into his home. It was not my practice, but under the circumstance I could not resist after he told me he had built that home years ago and never could get the priest to visit him. Admitting he would not be a prospect for the new congregation, he wondered if I could fulfill his wish of having a visit by priest in his home and to bless it before he died. A Lutheran pastor would do!

A Message from Reverend Paul Swartz our Founding Development Pastor (con't)

My standard question after introducing myself to residents at the door, was not inquiring what church they attended, but rather what they thought the churches could be doing to make Brecksville a better place in which to live. I was shocked to discover that the number one concern expressed was getting the garbage collected on the day scheduled. I took that concern to Mayor Jack Hruby and the head of the Sanitation Department. They invited me to a City Council meeting that was covered by the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the local Sun Courier. The new mission being developed received such positive exposure which money could not purchase in advertising, that I soon discovered myself being greeted by name with expressions of gratitude on subsequent visits throughout the city.

Some may recall another incident involving the Mayor's circus fund raising event for a Senior Citizen's Bus CRLC was spearheading for the community. A good public and political position in an election year except he allegedly used public funds to underwrite the circus which was a flop. His opponent met with me and demanded my presence at Saturday's public square campaign event to reveal what I knew about the circus financing. I responded that I would not be present as an advocate for his campaign, but in turn invited him to worship with us. He showed up that Sunday during the sermon with a loaded pistol and thankfully, Tom Rardin, the head usher and an observant FBI agent, wrestled him to the floor when he saw the gun aimed at me in the pulpit! I kept preaching not knowing exactly what the scuffle in the back of the sanctuary was about.

I could go on about the outreach service the congregation rendered in its infancy like sponsoring, providing housing in the parsonage, and supporting two 21 year old refugee men from Vietnam financially in their resettlement; committing 25% of our offerings for Benevolence; bucking the suggestion of the Mission Board of the national LCA to take a capital fund offering on Organizational Sunday and choosing instead to receive a special offering of gratitude to be used toward the LCA's development of another new congregation.

Then too, the gathering community was blessed with the shared gifts and skills of so many: in printing and assembling bulletins and newsletters and a host of behind the scene, but valuable tasks; educators like Francine Buban and Jean Dorow, recruiting and training teachers so we could offer team teaching in Sunday School for three year olds through adults before we officially became a congregation; the competent leadership of those willing to help guide the development and direction of the new mission as a Service Committee headed by John Basista who would then lead the Board of Ministers as President of the congregation; and with musical talent in Doug and Marilyn Farr, we had directors for choirs to enrich our worship experiences; and the opportunity to share in magnificent festival worship services with our hosts.

A Message from Reverend Paul Swartz our Founding Development Pastor (con't)

It would be a major neglect if I failed to acknowledge the crucial support I have had in Betty throughout my ministry and her partnership and enthusiastic encouragement in these ministry ventures to which I was called. With an infant in our home, she planned and hosted several open houses with five or six couples invited each evening for several weeks before the first worship service. Having people come together, getting acquainted with others sharing a common interest in the new mission permitted enthusiasm and support to breed and became the pivotal foundation upon which a spirited sense of community developed.

God's mission has the Church—the faithful people of God—to proclaim the Good News, and to be the physical presence of Christ's body in the world until the end of time. It thus seems to me that the primary job of our life together is to nurture, equip, send, and sustain persons as they seek to respond to God's call to serve in and through what they are doing already as parents, students, workers, citizens, and as neighbors. St Paul characterizes this privileged dynamic as being "*ambassadors for Christ since God is making His appeal through us*"—the Church! God's mission has the Church and that is you, the Body of Christ, faithfully serving Him as your Lord and Savior by serving and loving your neighbor.

It has certainly been my highest honor to have been entrusted with the joy of establishing a new community of committed and dedicated disciples and treasuring the discovery that I was having to run to keep up with where their contagious excitement was leading them, not only to become a church, but to *BE* the Church founded by Christ the Redeemer!

Privileged to have served,

Pastor Paul

50K for 50 Years!

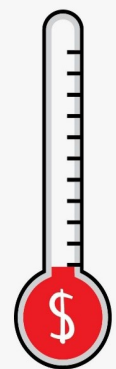
As Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, we have taken on a big financial goal for this year in addition to our regular giving. We are setting a goal to raise \$50,000 to mark this golden anniversary. What will we do with this money? It will be used for Outreach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

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

Thank you!



Thank you to all who helped with the 50th anniversary celebration and worship service!

While there will be more celebrative events in this 50th year of ministry yet in 2023, we give thanks to all who helped in various ways in this all coming together. Especially the following who attended and were a part of the 50th anniversary committee:

KATHIE BRUSK
BLAINE COLEMAN
JUDY COLEMAN
MARK LICKERT
JOAN HUBER
JOE HUBER
JAMES ALFIERI
CHERYL STIEFVATER
JOAN CASTELUCCI (Fellowship)
JEANNE TRAVAGLIANTI (Fellowship)

THE SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT COMMITTEE:

LINDA ECKENBRECHT, JENNA WALTZ, & PAUL TRAVAGLIANTI

Pictorial Directories

Thank you to everyone who showed up to have your picture taken or submitted a photo for the directory. And thank you to all the people who helped with taking pictures and assembling the directory:

Jenna Waltz, Maureen Michal, Kathie Bruska, Jan Hansler, Karen Charbonneau and Laurie Siebert.

The Directories are on the table in the Gathering Space so pick up your copy the next time you are at church.

50th Anniversary Luncheon - Woodside Event Center



Please send any pictures you would like to share from the 50th Celebration (Saturday night fellowship, Sunday worship, or Woodside Luncheon) to the office - office@crlcbrecksville.org or insight@crlcbrecksville.org

“How do we understand the Bible?”

Pastor Randy will be leading this Summer education series

Pastor Randy has been talking about the basics of our faith on this side of the pandemic. Pastor Blair Morgan led an overview of the Bible in the adult classroom. Pastor Randy is giving a refresher from a series he gave over 9 years ago about how the Bible was put together and how we approach it.

This class is for you if any of the following apply:

- If you are completely new to studying the Bible and have always wanted to know more...
- If you have always had questions about studying the Bible...
- If you wonder why Christians often have different perspectives on the Bible...
- If you have read the Bible before and often feel overwhelmed by it...
- If you are a veteran reader of the Bible and would like a refresher course....

This is the series for you! No expertise or experience necessary!

We will be looking at how we got the Bible, how we approach the Bible, and how we are guided by the Bible. Pastor Randy will lead these sessions, though for the core of the study we will be viewing lectures by Dr. Mark Allen Powell, a Lutheran pastor and former Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, about how Lutherans interpret the Bible.

This series will be offered at 2 different times:

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS @ 11AM beginning June 21st **OR**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 6:15 PM beginning June 21st

For planning purposes, please sign up if you plan to attend the weekday sessions, as a minimum number is needed. Please sign up at the message center in the narthex.
Even if you cannot make every week, we invite you to come when you can.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

As we do each Summer, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend our Sunday morning schedule changes. Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer and our two Sunday morning worship service times become 8:00 and 9:30.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP NOTE: As in the past on the third Sunday of the month (June 18th, July 16th & August 20th) we will have worship in the outdoor chapel – weather permitting.



“THEO -THURSDAY”

The Theo Thursdays will meet one last time before the summer break. We will meet here at CRLC on Thursday, June 1st at 11AM. All are welcome for this informal time together. Food and drink **WILL BE** provided. We continue to contemplate a future location when we resume in the fall.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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

PROPERTY

MIKE SKWARSKI, FACILITY MANAGER

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

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.



SUMMER WATERING

Help keep the beautiful geraniums in bloom all summer long with regular watering. Sign up to water a day or two during the hot weeks with no rain. Our Courtyard plants also need watering. Choose a week and sign up in the message center or call the church office to volunteer.



Thank you to CRLC Music Ministry

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the CRLC music ministry (all choir members, Christmas carolers, Organist Assistant's, musicians, instrumental soloists, vocal soloists and Ruah musicians) for their dedication and commitment.

I'd like to share some prayers of thanksgiving for music, musicians and singers.

O Lord, I pray that the music I make or the songs that I sing are always from my heart to You. I pray that as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, we genuinely dedicate each melody to You. I pray that I always give You thanks for all things, in Jesus' Name. I thank You for this talent You have given me, I choose to give it back to You by using it to glorify Your Name.

Awesome God, I praise You. I praise You in Your sanctuary and I praise You in Your mighty heavens. I praise You Lord for Your acts of power and I praise You for Your everlasting greatness. I praise You with the sounding of the trumpet and with the harp and flute. I declare that everything that has breath praises You! Hallelujah! I pray that my instrument (whether this be my voice or my guitar, piano or drum) worships You.

Oh Lord, please bless this music that it might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon us be used only to serve you. Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love, and remind us that you are always watching, and listening, from your throne above. May your presence and beauty be found in every note, and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you. May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be the instruments of your peace, and proclaim your glory with glad voices.

Creator God, Since You formed us in Your image, we humans have been singing. After You led them out of slavery, Moses and Miriam and all Your people sang songs of thanksgiving. After You sent an angel to tell Mary of her son, she sang her praise, her soul magnifying the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song; I will sing to the Lord all my life, Making music from my heart to the Lord. I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

How can we keep from singing?

Amen.

Prayers from: www.beliefnet.com, connectusfund.org, www.living-prayers.com, pres-outlook.org.

READINGS FOR JUNE

JUNE 4 — The Holy Trinity

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Cor 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

JUNE 11— Pentecost 2

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

JUNE 18— Pentecost 3

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matt 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

JUNE 25— Pentecost 4

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Ps 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matt 10:24-39

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

Health News

For many, cancer is the disease they fear most - it is an emotional and psychological experience as well as physical.

Most people have family, friends or themselves been impacted by cancer. Therefore, during the next 3 months, let's focus on a more in-depth look at cancer.

Cancer causes cells to divide uncontrollably. It also prevents them from dying at the natural point in their life cycle. Some types of cancer cause rapid cell growth, while others cause cells to grow and divide at a slower rate. Cancerous cells lack the components that instruct them to stop dividing. Cancerous cells can form tumors, impair the immune system and cause other changes that prevent the body from functioning regularly. <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/323648>

The name for many cancers derives from the type of cells in which the cancer begins. They are also divided into "solid" (tumor) cancer type or blood-related cancers ~ Myelomas: plasma cells; Leukemias: blood cells; Lymphomas: immune system.

Genetic factors and lifestyle choices, such as smoking & heavy alcohol consumption, can contribute to the development of the disease. Several elements affect the ways that DNA communicates with cells and directs their division and death. **Age is an unpreventable risk** – 87% of cancer diagnosis is in people aged 50 or older.

When cancerous cells spread to other parts of the body, the medical term for this is **metastasis**. When a person has cancer, the outlook will depend on whether the disease has spread plus on its **type, severity, and location**.

After nonmelanoma skin cancer, breast cancer is the *most common type* in the U.S. However, [lung cancer](#) is the leading cause of cancer-related **death**.

Treatments are prescribed based on the **type** of cancer, its **stage** at diagnosis, and the person's *overall health*. **Treatments are constantly improving**. Examples of current methods include **chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and surgery**. Some people benefit from newer options, such as **stem cell transplantation and precision medicine**.

67 % of cancer survivors were diagnosed 5 or more years ago. Nearly half are age 70 or older. Most survivors have had common cancers - breast, prostate, colorectal, melanoma.

Knowledge is power. Cancer impact is minimized by early detection & treatment changing the "auto" mental reaction to hope, versus fear. Live a life that includes a focus on health and trust in the Lord in all circumstances.

I pray that you have healing hope thru Christ: ***"I am leaving you with a gift -peace of mind and heart.***

And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN



Congratulation 2023 Graduates!

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High School

Nate Arens graduated in the top ten of his class at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. He will attend The Ohio State University and will major in data analytics and computer and information sciences.

Jacob Cordiak graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School. He will attend University of Cincinnati to study nursing.

Sam Eisenmann graduated from Independence High School. He will attend The Ohio State University majoring in Engineering.

Benjamin Emrick graduated from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School and the media arts program at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center.

Delaney Evans graduated from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. She will attend the University of Cincinnati to study Chemical Engineering.

Chase Garito graduated from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School.

Kevin Haely graduated from Normandy High School. He will attend Cleveland State University and has been accepted into the business program.

AJ Marcinko graduated from Independence High School and the media arts program at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. He will attend Butler University and will major in sports media and minor in esports media.

Connor Smith graduated from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. He will attend Michigan State University to study Chemical Engineering.

College

Adelyn Arens graduated from Ohio State with a dual degree in data analytics and economics with a minor in leadership. She will continue to attend Ohio State to complete a graduate degree in systems and information engineering.

Jacob Henyey graduated Magna Cum Laude from The Ohio State University Fisher Business School with a dual degree in Marketing and Finance. Jacob has accepted and will begin his business career with Unilever 3-year Future Leaders Program in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tim Marcinko graduated from Butler University with a BS double major in finance and accounting. He will attend law school in the fall.

Quinn Springer graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering and Masters in Mechanical Engineering. She will be working at Medpace in Cincinnati as a Project Coordinator starting this summer.

Cayden Stopar graduated from the University of Findlay with dual Bachelor of Science degrees. Her double major studies are in Equestrian Studies with an English Riding/Training Emphasis and Business Administration with a Management Emphasis. After graduation, Cayden accepted a 3 month internship in Marshall, VA., where she will continue her training and start babies and young/unbroken horses alongside of many elite equestrians world champions.



**Mission Trip
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 18-23, 2023**

“Praising God and Serving Others” . . . This is exactly what the youth do when we go on a Mission Trip. We go on these mission trips on the years that there is no National Youth Gathering. I believe that many of our youth don’t realize there are people in need so close to our church so I make it a priority to go to a destination that is only four to eight hours away.

This year, the mission trip is to Indianapolis, Indiana on June 18-23. We chose Indianapolis because of the serving opportunities which can include working in a soup kitchen, children’s program, elder care facility, clothing distribution center or in a food shelf.

The program is coordinated by Youth Works, a Christian based organization based in Minnesota. The youth going on the trip will attend church service at CRLC on June 18 which includes a sendoff and prayer by Pastor Randy. Then we depart and travel to Indianapolis, arriving about 4 PM.

Upon arrival, the four coordinators from Youthworks greet our group as well as the youth and adults from other churches. In total, there are typically about 65 and 18 adult leaders. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided by Youthworks.

Each day begins with breakfast (adults have a meeting to prepare for the day during breakfast) followed by devotions (private time for each youth and adult to reflect on a theme of the day). Then off for the Work Day. Our youth are often combined with another church. Youthworks coordinates the service that is needed in the area. Over the years, I have built a wheelchair ramp, helped at a day care, repaired and painted a house, helped in a food bank, landscaping, visited a senior center, demolished a kitchen (to get it ready for remodeling), mowing overgrown fields in a park and promoted a community cookout.

After a much needed shower, everyone has free time. In the evening, after dinner, there is typically a planned event followed by worship and church group. During worship, one of the YouthWorks staff typically tells their story. Since they are in college, they really relate to the youth. One of the evenings is a community cookout where the youth cook and serve dinner to the needy in the area. I typically ask the YouthWorks directors if our church youth can prepare the meals (usually grilling). It is great to see how they respond when helping others . . . and if you know anything about Papa T, I am there to assist but the youth get the most out of the experience.

Not only is this a way for our youth to help others. This is also a perfect “bonding time” that will last for years . . . just ask the youth that are in college or beyond. The connections made with the youth, the adult leaders and the Youthworks staff is truly amazing when you consider that you are only together for five days.

I want to thank the congregation for their continued support of the youth. I look forward to having another great experience in Indianapolis.

Paul Travaglianti (Papa T)





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.



Save the Date -Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry

Team Up to Clean Up
 Saturday, Aug 26, 2023 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter
 2100 Lakeside Avenue, CLE

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! Come for the entire time or drop in for part of it, whatever you choose. This event will include a variety of activities, including music, crafts, art projects, opportunities to pitch in to clean up the neighborhood, and participate in tasks at the shelter. Food is provided with a delicious cookout on site.

This is a unique opportunity to gather with shelter residents, LMM staff, volunteers, neighborhood partners, folks from other congregations. Together, we will lend our hands toward the benefit of the shelter.

Please consider attending this special event!

More info will be coming as the date approaches. Questions? Contact Deb Blank

Great Food...Better Story!

Updates on the Metro 45 Food Truck.....

Many of us recall the hearty and delicious meals we enjoyed when the Metro 45 Food Truck, a social enterprise of LMM, visited CRLC's parking lot last Oct. Now you have the opportunity to enjoy another delicious meal by visiting one of the local food truck parks or other venues where Metro 45 food truck will be serving meals over the upcoming summer months.

Stops include:

Beachwood Truck Park, Chagrin Blvd, Beachwood
 Lakewood Truck Park, Detroit Ave, Lakewood
 The Yard, downtown Willoughby



For up-to-date info on the exact locations, dates and times of service, visit the Metro 45 food truck website at: metro45.com

Updates are available via Instagram and on Facebook

[@Metro45cafe](https://www.instagram.com/Metro45cafe)

Please remember Metro45 is also available for traditional catering services. The menu is available through their website. Consider using this option for your upcoming family or business gathering, or any special occasion.

Proceeds from each meal served help provide life changing services to those most in need by feeding the homeless, and offering culinary training to empower and support change. All of the Metro 45 ventures help fund reentry training as well as providing over 1000 meals for people experiencing homelessness each day. As you make your summer fun plans, please try to include a meal from Metro 45 on your list! Invite friends and family to join with you to lend support to this vital ministry.



LMM Service Project

Women’s Re-entry support donations requested:

In an effort *to provide increased dignity* to women being released from Northeast Reintegration Center, **LMM’s Workforce Development Resource Room** provides each woman utilizing our Workforce Development services with a large tote bag to carry her items, *rather than using just a trash bag.*

Give your old bags new life!

We're asking for your:

- Reusable grocery tote bags (fabric or tarp material are both great!)
- Gym duffels/travel bags
- Purses of any size (the larger the better!)
- Adult backpacks (NOT drawstring)

Other donation needs include:

- Women’s boots and shoes (no heels, all sizes)
- **NEW women’s underwear** (size 7 and up)
- Women’s jeans, leggings, athleisure, and sweatpants (size 12/Large and up)
- Women’s hoodies and zip-ups (any size)

With the exception of underwear, gently used items are helpful.

Cash donations to purchase additional items are always accepted – checks to CRLC, memo LMM women support. This is a Thrivent Financial Action Team supported event.

Thank you from South Hills Lend—A Hand Food Pantry

Dear Jan and Congregation:

On behalf of South Hills Lend-A- Hand, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support of our programs. Thank you for your donations to our food pantry. These items will be put to good use! We packed bags today for 50 families—the need is still there.

Thank you once again for your generosity! Debbie Kean Volunteer, South Hills Lend a Hand

EDUCATION

KATHY HOINSKI

Thank you to the Sunday School Teacher's for their Dedication!

Get hoppin' to the event of the summer!

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

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

register at: _____

BS dates: July 24th- 28th

BS 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.

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
macaroni & cheese	spaghetti sauce
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!



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, June 27th. 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.

July 25th
August 22nd
September 26th

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



CITY HIGHLIGHTS AND A LOCAL COMEDIAN ...

My apologies this wasn't working out as planned, so we'll go another direction ... especially since there was interest from others in the congregation.

To **ALL CRLC ADULTS** ... are you interested in a July night of fun? Thirty-four (34) means I can reserve the bus, if we have less than 34, we'll just purchase tickets and join others.

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. Sign-up in the Narthax, or contact Jeanne Travagianti (440-667-9803) for more information. Paul and I did this event and had a blast! More info here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Fqyk5mc4O4>



Watch for new or these recurring Fellowship opportunities in the months ahead!

- Ice Cream Social
- Games Nights
- S'more Fellowship
- Hobby Weekends
- Congregation Picnic
 - Ladies Lunch
 - The Funny Bus

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 Travagianti ... 440-667-9803

Joan Castelucci ... 440-526-5129

June 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!

June 4	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Diane Wilson	Joan Castelucci
Communion Assistants		Deb Dey, Kathie Brusk
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Lis Kroepel	Amy Marek, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Dana Vrcan
Counters:	Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa	
June 11	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	Ina Stanek
Communion Assistants	x	Bill Watzl, Dennis Nagy
Ushers	Todd Kiick, Ken Blank	Jeff Dentzer, Blaine Coleman
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters:	Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance	
June 18	8:00 am	9:30am Outdoor Worship
Assisting Minister	Nancyanne Sinclair	Jan Romance
Communion Assistants		
Ushers	Don Laubacher, George Stelmaschuk	Dennis Nagy, Scott Witzke
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Jan Hansler
Counters:	Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke	
June 25	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Jill Koubal
Communion Assistants	x	Karl Koubal
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Mark Evans	Amy Marek, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Bob & Pam Bertsch	Shirley Fisher
Counters:	Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney	



JUNE

Birthdays



JUNE

Anniversaries

- 2 Linnet Fritz
- 2 Cassidy Crowder
- 3 Dianne Kos
- 3 Betsy Riemenschneider
- 4 Chris Schuhle **
- 4 Jaxy Jenkins
- 4 Easton Kusanke
- 5 Logan Smith
- 5 Lydia Smith
- 6 Joanie McTernan
- 6 Barbara Sicz
- 7 Blake Koch
- 8 Ken Blank
- 8 Kaitlyn Persuric
- 9 Jane Lebzelter
- 9 Chaleo Pohle
- 9 Zach Neubeck
- 10 Gale Barich
- 12 Doris Caldart **
- 12 Ina Stanek
- 12 Evan Griech
- 13 Cindy Brunovsky
- 15 Al Siebert
- 17 Arthur Lohse
- 17 Michael Guzi
- 17 Pastor Randy
- 18 Suzie Putich Kisling
- 18 Katie Lickert
- 18 Niall Lewison
- 19 Jocelyn Scheutzow
- 20 Suzana Koch
- 20 Ella Dralle
- 21 Layla Weidner
- 22 Al Hartwig,
- 22 Kristen Smith
- 23 Elaine Vilem
- 25 Laurie Siebert
- 28 Judy Hoshek **
- 28 Joshua Griech

** = Milestone birthday

- 1 Suzana and Paul Koch
- 5 Marilee and Bob Meinzer
- 7 Amy and Dan Marek
- 7 Anita and Jeff Luksa
- 10 Debbie and Kendall Smith
- 13 Amy and Randy Klinger
- 13 Cassidy and Adam Crowder
- 20 Pam and Bob Bertsch
- 24 Linda and Al Radefeld
- 24 Sung and Guy Gullifer
- 28 Wendy and Chris Dralle
- 30 Gail and Michael Berzins



Online Giving
Convenient.
Simple.
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Did you know that we have the ability to receive online giving through our website? (www.crlcbrecksville.org)

This option will allow for folks to contribute to our congregation using their credit card or debit card. There is not a cost for the church to host this ability, however this is a cost to us for every transaction that is processed. The donor however, can add this fee to any donation they make using this process so that the church receives the full amount intended. This will allow for folks who prefer to handle their giving in this way. This can be used for a one-time donation or it can be set up for reoccurring contributions. It also will allow specific giving to specific funds in our church. You also can download an app for your phone, and after a one-time set-up, you can easily use your mobile device for giving. **Donors also have the ability to have recurring donations directly charged to their Bank or S&L checking or savings account through the church Simply Giving program without needing to use the on-line system. Please contact the church office to get more information or to set up this option."**

ALTAR FLOWERS

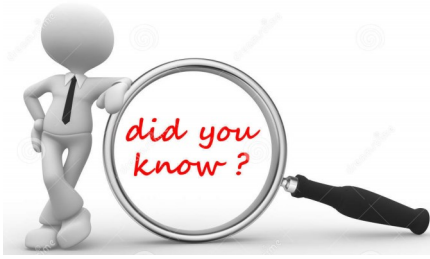


Please sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex Message Center to reserve a Sunday or call the church office to reserve your date. Cost of flowers is \$35 and you can place your check in the offering plate (or send it in the mail), marked **Altar Flowers**. Flowers can be picked up after the second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



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



- * Did you know that we plan to hold Vacation Bible School in July? Invite your extended family and neighborhood!
- * Did you know that the Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly occurred in Akron last month?
- * Did you know that our youth group will be on a mission trip in Indiana this month?

- * Did you know that Pastor Karen Liddy and Pastor Randy will serve as chaplains at Camp Luther (now Camp Hopewood Outdoors this summer) for a week this summer? You too can attend this Lutheran family camp at anytime this summer. (www.hopewoodoutdoors.org)
- * Did you know that we have hope activity will begin again on the Meditative Garden?
- * Did you know that our Sunday School takes a hiatus over the summer months? A major thank you to Kathy Hoinski and all the Sunday school teachers and helpers!!
- * Did you know that our food packing project – Rise Against Hunger will return this year. August 27th will be the date.
- * Do you know that the ELCA National Youth Gathering will next occur in the summer of 2024? The host city will be New Orleans. The youth will be registering this fall.
- * 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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Our Vision and Ministry Boards

Henry/Jirousek families Missy Koch, Donna Franz, Perry family
Judy Coleman, Annie Root,
Rachael Glissman, Kathleen Zaker, Dorothy Jones & husband,
Putich/Kisling Families, Ilene Privara, Marilee Meinzer,
Judy Hoshek, Nick Dobrinich, Paul Cameron,
Louie Travaglianti, Marlene Kasper, Beau Rice,
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Anders Carlson, Celine Fernandez





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Serving Others.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Trinity Sunday 4	5	6	7	11:00a Theo-Thursdays CRLC	1	3
8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship	7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting	10:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p VBS Meeting	7:30p AA Back to the Beginning	6:45p Kiwanis	8	10
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Father's Day 18	19	20	Summer Begins 21	22	23	24
YAC Mission Trip 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship-Outdoor	YAC Mission Trip 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting	YAC Mission Trip 10:00a Staff Meeting	YAC Mission Trip 11:00a Understanding the Bible 6:15p Understanding the Bible 7:30p AA Back to the Beginning	YAC Mission Trip 6:45p Kiwanis	YAC Mission Trip	
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