

INSIGHT

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 8 & 9:30 AM

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



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” Matthew 28:19

For the last several months, I have been talking about the basics of our faith as we continue to emerge and understand the impact of a worldwide pandemic. As a congregation, our purpose statement has been: “Praising God, Serving Others. In it, we have identified a core value that serves to give us a foundation, a direction for our course of ministry.

This core value reminds us that we are inherently called to share the Gospel and to grow the church. I once heard it said that a congregation is either growing or dying, pregnant or sick. As a Christian, as a congregation, our work in discipleship is a call upon the entire length of our lives. Whether we are at prayer, at worship, at service, we do so to grow the church and make disciples. Jesus great commission listed in the verse above gives us directive to “go” and “make.” Therefore, if we are about sharing the Gospel of going and making disciples, it is reasonable to expect the church to grow in various kinds of ways – not just numerically. This really is a core value of the entire Christian Church that listens to Jesus’ words. This is not just a call to pastors or to churches, rather it is a call to each individual to use their God given gifts to help build up the Church. Therefore, as individuals and a congregation, we will continue to reach out in our community, inviting and welcoming people into our family of faith.

I hope that each of you are enjoying this summer and having time for relaxation and renewal. If you visit a church in your travels, bring back a bulletin for me. It is always good to see what others are doing.

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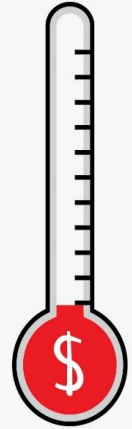
Pastor Randy

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!*



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 8:00am and 9:30am.

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



"THEO -THURSDAY"

The Theo Thursdays is on a summer hiatus but will return this fall. We continue to contemplate a future location when we resume.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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

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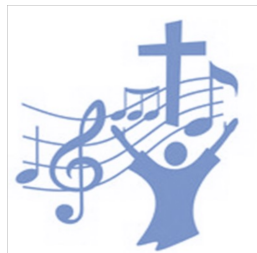


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The Star-Spangled Banner

In honor of Independence Day, 2023, here is some history of “The Star-Spangled Banner”.

Be sure to come to worship on July 2 to hear Charles Callahan’s *Theme, Variations and Finale on “The Star-Spangled Banner”*.

On September 14, 1814, U.S. soldiers at Baltimore’s Fort McHenry raised a huge American flag to celebrate a crucial victory over British forces during the War of 1812. The sight of those “broad stripes and bright stars” inspired Francis Scott Key to write a song that eventually became the United States national anthem. Key’s words gave new significance to a national symbol and started a tradition through which generations of Americans have invested the flag with their own meanings and memories.

Although its events inspired one of the nation’s most famous patriotic songs, the War of 1812 is a relatively little-known war in American history. Despite its complicated causes and inconclusive outcome, the conflict helped establish the credibility of the young United States among other nations. It fostered a strong sense of national pride among the American people, and those patriotic feelings are reflected and preserved in the song we know today as the U.S. national anthem.

Britain’s defeat at the 1781 Battle of Yorktown marked the conclusion of the American Revolution and the beginning of new challenges for a new nation. Not even three decades after the signing of the Treaty of Paris, which formalized Britain’s recognition of the United States of America, the two countries were again in conflict. Resentment for Britain’s interference with American international trade, combined with American expansionist visions, led Congress to declare war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812.

In the early stages of the war, the American navy scored victories in the Atlantic and on Lake Erie while Britain concentrated its military efforts on its ongoing war with France. But with the defeat of Emperor Napoléon’s armies in April 1814, Britain turned its full attention to the war against an ill-prepared United States.

Francis Scott Key was a gifted amateur poet. Inspired by the sight of the American flag flying over Fort McHenry the morning after the bombardment, he scribbled the initial verse of his song on the back of a letter. Back in Baltimore, he completed the four verses and copied them onto a sheet of paper, probably making more than one copy. A local printer issued the new song as a broadside. Shortly afterward, two Baltimore newspapers published it, and by mid-October it had appeared in at least seventeen other papers in cities up and down the East Coast.

Attorney Francis Scott Key witnessed the twenty-five-hour bombardment of Fort McHenry from a British troopship anchored some four miles away. He had boarded the ship to negotiate the release of an American civilian imprisoned by the British, and had been detained aboard as the bombardment began. On September 14, 1814, as the dawn’s early light revealed a flag flying over the fort, Key exultantly began jotting down the lines of the song that became our national anthem. After the war, Key continued to practice law in the District of Columbia.

The melody Francis Scott Key used for his song was the popular English tune known as “To Anacreon in Heaven”. Anacreon was an ancient Greek poet noted for his praise of love and wine. Written about 1775 by John Stafford Smith, the tune was originally the “constitutional song” of the Anacreontic Society, a gentlemen’s music club in London.

During the 19th century, “The Star-Spangled Banner” became one of the nation’s best-loved patriotic songs. It gained special significance during the Civil War, a time when many Americans turned to music to express their feelings for the flag and the ideals and values it represented. By the 1890s, the military had adopted the song for ceremonial purposes, requiring it to be played at the raising and lowering of the colors. Despite its widespread popularity, “The Star-Spangled Banner” did not become the National Anthem until 1931.

Happy 247th Birthday, America!

READINGS FOR JULY

JULY 2 — Pentecost 5

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matt 10:40-42

JULY 9 — Pentecost 6

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 16 — Pentecost 7

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 23 — Pentecost 8

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 30 — Pentecost 9

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Health News

Health News – Cancer Info – part 2

Knowledge & improvements in cancer prevention & treatment

are credited for today's higher survival rates – Praise the Lord!

- **Screening tests may find cancers earlier.** These tests include:
 - * [Mammography](#) for breast cancer
 - * [Prostate Specific Antigen \(PSA\)](#) for prostate cancer
 - * [Colonoscopy](#) for colorectal cancer
 - * [Pap test](#) for cervical cancer
- Existing treatments are being used in better ways.
- Less side effects, which keeps planned treatments on schedule.
- Newer treatments such as [targeted therapy](#) and [immunotherapy](#)

Some people with cancer will have only one treatment. But most people have a combination of treatments, such as surgery with chemotherapy (often several types of medications) and radiation therapy.

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/types>

Chemotherapy works by stopping or slowing the growth of cancer cells, which grow & divide quickly. Chemotherapy is used for two reasons: (1) **Treat cancer:** Chemotherapy can be used to cure cancer, lessen the chance it will return, or stop or slow its growth. (2) **Ease cancer symptoms:** Chemotherapy can be used to shrink tumors that are causing pain and other problems.

There are several types/categories of chemo medications that might be used in combination to attack cancer cells growth in different ways. One medication category is **Angiogenesis Inhibitors**; they block the growth of blood vessels that support tumor growth. **Hormone therapy** is used to treat prostate and breast cancers that use hormones to grow.

Targeted therapy is a type of cancer treatment that targets proteins that control how cancer cells grow, divide, and spread. It is the foundation of precision medicine. As researchers learn more about the DNA changes and proteins that drive cancer, they are better able to design treatments that target these proteins.

Immunotherapy is a type of cancer treatment that helps your immune system fight some cancers.

Tumor Markers: A tumor marker is anything present in or produced by cancer cells or other cells of the body in response to cancer or certain benign (noncancerous) conditions that provides information about a cancer, such as how aggressive it is, what kind of treatment it may respond to, or whether it is responding to treatment. *They may be used to estimate prognosis; determine stage of cancer; detect cancer that remains after treatment (residual disease) or that has returned after treatment; assess how well a treatment is working; or monitor whether the treatment has stopped working.*

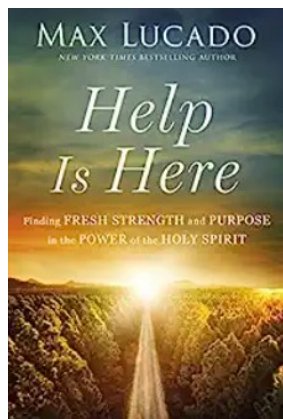
Cancer treatment and diagnosis has become complex – just as our bodies & individual responses to treatment can be – for as God's creation we are *uniquely* created by Him! Asking questions & learning about a specific type of cancer is an important part of each cancer journey.

Rejoice with the words of Moses "...I am the Lord, who heals you" (Exodus 15:26).

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

Next Womens Bible Study – Beginning Fall 2023



“Help is Here”

Finding Fresh Strength & Purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit by Max Lucado.

~ *Help Is Here* reminds us that our Good Shepherd doesn't just feed us; he leads us. He does more than correct us; he directs us. God keeps us on track--and best of all, he's commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us.

Sign-up to order a book and join either the Wednesday morning or Thursday evening group will begin during July.

“How do we understand the Bible?”

**Pastor Randy is leading this
Summer education series**

It's not too late to join!

This series is being offered at 2 different times:

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS @ 11AM and again WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 6:15 PM

Note: There will be a multi-week break after the July 12th session and we will resume and complete the series in August.

Even if you cannot make every week, we invite you to come when you can.



Vacation Bible School!

July 24th –28th, 2023

Volunteers Needed to be Crew Members for VBS! July 24-28. 9am-12pm. Lead the kids through the stations and guide new relationships as you share God's love with the kids. Volunteers do not have to attend all 5 days. We are flexible to accommodate your scheduling needs. See church website for "VBS Volunteer Sign-up".



**When people need help...
*shine Jesus' light!***

Registration for VBS runs through July 10th! Sign-up on website or fill out paper registration form found in gathering space.

Are you able to donate food or craft supplies to help our VBS? Please check the church website for "VBS Wish List" or consider monetary donations to help.

Contact Cristina Wells, VBS 2023 Director at cris1781@gmail.com with questions.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

Meditative Garden:



As you many have noticed as you come into our grounds the Meditative Garden project has made significant strides toward completion. By the time of your reading of this article we hope even more progress has been made toward its completion.



Outdoor Chapel:

One of our goals in raising the 50K for 50 years is for a much-needed renovation of our



outdoor chapel. Work has already been started to establish a level permanent pad for instrumentation when we have services there. Also new benches have been ordered and we hope will arrive this month. Work has now begun on the new altar. Watch for more details as we can move to a *potential* rededication for this area in August – including the burial of the time capsule!

HVAC units:

The Air Conditioners units that cool our sanctuary in hot weather have been replaced with units that will work better and more efficiently – giving us future years of cool worship!!

New Pavers in the Outdoor Chapel!

The Holy Rollers completed another work project in the Outdoor Chapel. They installed pavers where the music equipment will rest during the outdoor services.

Thank you to this work crew of Al Radefeld, Mike Jirousek, George Stelmaschuk, and Blaine Coleman.



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.

TABLECLOTHS & VASES

Please return vases from the altar flowers to the office. Vases are marked on the bottom. Our inventory is dwindling and we need them for the next week's flower arrangement. Tablecloths used in Fellowship Hall for events should be washed, returned, and hung up within a week after your event. Please check your cupboards as we are missing 6 black round tablecloths.



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.



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.

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.



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	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!



CITY HIGHLIGHTS AND A LOCAL COMEDIAN ...

Who: ALL Interested (over 18)

What: The Funny Bus of Cleveland!

When: **Watch Narthex & Insight for Date**

Where: Meet at Collision Bend Brewing Co.

Why: A FUN day out seeing the sights of CLEVELAND!

Cost: \$29 per person

Enjoy a comedian guided tour of parts of the CLE and interact with those out and about, aboard the Funny Bus! **When the date is chosen, you'll get tickets by going to funnybus.net/cleveland, scrolling down to "Click here for Complete Tour Calendar". You'll choose the date, and number of tickets you're purchasing. If prompted, you'll enter our private code CRLC ... and complete purchase. Code is good for a short time, so don't delay!** Please sign-up on the new sheet in the Narthex so we know who's going.

Beer and wine are allowed on the bus ... please bring in a small container with your own cups. More info at the Funny Bus website.

If there's interest ... we can have lunch together at Collision Bend Brewing Company before the ride. Please contact Jeanne with any questions. We don't want anyone left out, but the bus can fill up fast.

Hope you can join us!

S'more Fellowship

After a wonderful evening late last September, we'd like to again offer a time for fellowship around a fire with CRLC friends, as it's always good to have **"S'MORE"** fellowship. Of course that means good conversation and stories ... but it will surely include S'MORES, too! Looking for a few hosts with a fire ring to host a gathering in August and September. Could get a couple of these relaxing evenings in this year. Contact Jeanne or Joan if you're willing to host.



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, July 25th. 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.

August 22nd
September 26th
October 24th

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

Save the Date ... August 13



Church Picnic

Mark your calendars and be sure to join in the fun of our CRLC Church Picnic planned for Sunday, August 13th. There'll be yard games, food, fellowship and of course ICE CREAM!! Watch for more information and sign up with your interest to attend, so we have an idea how many to plan for.

Yard Games ~ Food Fellowship & Ice Cream



Looking for volunteers, young and old, to help with various yard games at the Church Picnic.

Our hope is to have each game manned for enjoyment throughout the picnic.

Please see one of us if you're able to assist for a half hour of the game time ... or if you can face paint. Thank you!



ADVENT TEA

While you may be wondering why you're seeing "Advent Tea" in the July Insight, now is actually the perfect time to begin planning, before the rush of the Fall/pre-holidays is upon us. Early planning is not only more fun, but is a lot less stressful, too. Dividing the event into doable tasks helps to bring

the whole evening together. There are copious notes to follow the same format we've used over the years, or new ideas are always welcome.

A Continental Breakfast brainstorm session is scheduled for Sunday, July 9th, in the Gathering space, after the 9:30am service. Please plan on joining this discussion, and lending your support so that we have strong leadership and manageable, shared responsibilities. This will enable us to share and enjoy another wonderful Advent Tea.

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

July 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!


July 2	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Mike Berzins	open
Communion Assistants	x	Maureen Michal, Jennifer Eisenmann
Ushers	Don Laubacher, George Stelmashcuk	Dan Bartik, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		
July 9	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lis Kroepel	Don Dobos
Communion Assistants	Jeanne Travaglianti	Sandy Dobos, Mark Lickert
Ushers	Lis Kroepel, Ken Blank	Jeff Dentzer, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Lis Kroepel	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		
July 16	8:00 am	9:30am Outdoor Worship
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Kathy Hoinski
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Todd Kiick	Dennis Nagy, Scott Witzke
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Jan Hansler
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		
July 23	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Barb Wojtala	Dianne Young
Communion Assistants	x	Jill Koubal, Laurie Siebert
Ushers	Don Laubacher, George Stelmaschuk	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		
July 30	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lauren Jirousek	Cristina Wells
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy McGill, open
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Mark Evans	Amy Marek, Blaine Coleman
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Ilene Privara
Counters: Peter Smith, Diane Wilson, Steve Wilson		



- 1 Karla Arens
- 1 Linda Eckenbrecht
- 2 Wendy McGill
- 3 Ken Kasper
- 4 Adrienne Davic
- 4 Donna Opperman
- 6 Alice Sheeler
- 7 Sarah Mowder
- 8 Joan Harbath
- 8 Michael Jirousek
- 8 Jane Perram
- 8 Christine Powers
- 10 Cam Kessler
- 11 Jeff Dentzer
- 11 Addison Singleton
- 13 Marlene Kasper
- 15 Rick Golem
- 16 Lori Jakel
- 16 Butch Koubal
- 17 Grace Dralle
- 17 Cody Podsiadlo
- 18 Karen Knicely
- 19 Tony DeBaltzo
- 19 Nick Dobrinich, Jr.
- 19 Sawyer Gibson
- 20 Betti Hazelton
- 20 Scott Witzke
- 20 Hannah Leffler
- 21 Jan Romance
- 23 Dan Bartik
- 24 Aaron Bailey
- 25 Shirley Fisher
- 27 Zachary Toghil
- 27 Hailey Jane Jenkins
- 28 Alexander Eisenmann
- 29 Guy Gullifer
- 30 Madeleine Kucera
- 30 Joy Witzke

** = Milestone birthday

- 1 Laurie and Al Siebert
- 1 Pastor Randy and Pastor Karen
- 3 Lauren and Michael Jirousek
- 3 Kari and Matt Beery
- 14 Cathy and Dave Thomas
- 14 Beth and Thomas Spann
- 24 Tonya and Brent Pagel

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

Convenient.
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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."**

CHRISTIAN YOGA AT CRLC

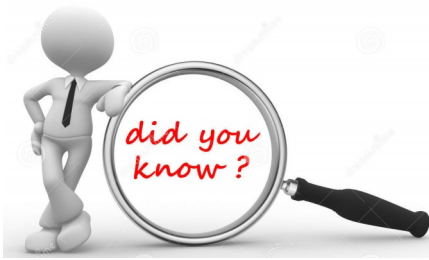


Renew your mind, body, and spirit on Mondays, 7:00 PM led by Jenna Waltz in Fellowship Hall. The cost is a free will offering. Bring your own yoga mat. For more information please contact Jenna at jenna.waltz@gmail.com

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 we plan to hold Vacation Bible School this month? Invite your extended family and neighborhood!
- ◆ Did you know that the Pittsburgh Steelers open up training camp this month? Mark your calendars!
- ◆ Did you know that our youth group was on a mission trip in Indiana last 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 month? You too can attend this Lutheran family camp at any time this summer. (www.hopewoodoutdoors.org)
- ◆ 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:00 a Worship 9:30 a Worship	3 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	4  Office Closed	5 11:00a Understanding the Bible 6:15p Understanding the Bible 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	6	7	1 1
9 8:00 a Worship 9:30 a Worship	10 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	11 10:00 a Staff Meeting 7:00 p Vision Board Meeting	12 11:00a Understanding the Bible 6:15p Understanding the Bible 7:00 p Rough Rehearsal 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	13	14	8 15 Monthly INSIGHT Deadline
16 8:00 a Worship 9:30 a Worship-Outdoor	17 Pastor-Camp Luther 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	18 Pastor-Camp Luther 10:00 a Staff Meeting	19 Pastor-Camp Luther 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	20 Pastor-Camp Luther	21 Pastor-Camp Luther	22
23 8:00 a Worship 9:30 a Worship	24 VBS 9:00-12:00 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	25 VBS 9:00-12:00 10:00 a Staff Meeting 11:30 a Ladies Lunch Bunch	26 VBS 9:00-12:00 7:30 p AA Back to the Beginning	27 VBS 9:00-12:00	28 VBS 9:00-12:00	29
30 8:00 a Worship 9:30 a Worship	31 7:00 p Yoga 7:30 p AA Meeting	<p>CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141 440.526.2303 www.office@crlcbrecksville.org Monthly Insight submissionsinsight@crlcbrecksville.org</p>				

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