

INSIGHT

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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



**“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62:8**

Time marches on. Time is flying by too quickly. I can't believe the time! These are all phrases, if you are like me, you find coming from your own mouth in many of our conversations with others. It is hard to believe that 2023 is well beyond half over! Unbelievable! I said to Karen – I might as well put the Christmas lights up now while it's still warm because by the time I turn around, snow will be on the ground. I think for many, especially school age students, the summer months go by at warp speed.

I hope you have been enjoying these summer months and taking time to enjoy the good weather days. We all need to be able to take some time for relaxation and enjoyment in various and different ways. It hopefully serves as a time of refreshment and a time to recharge our batteries. I hope your situation has provided an opportunity for these experiences.

Here at CRLC, as a congregation, we too are sort of recharging, or reshaping, ourselves as we prepare for the return of the fall schedule. We have had a fairly busy few months of ministry since our 50th anniversary celebration. By the time you are reading this, we will have completed our Vacation Bible School ministry, the summer youth mission trip, our service project with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, and have completed the majority of the summer educational series on “Understanding the Bible”, just to name a few things in addition to our regular ministry and services. We are already working on and looking forward to regular and new opportunities for ministry returning this fall.

As we enjoy these August days of shifting back into a "school mode;" may we all pause to appreciate the passing of time, and the opportunities to be refreshed and made anew for discipleship in the kingdom.

PGSO,

Pastor Randy

Thank you!

Kathleen Zaker is thankful for all the prayers, cards and phone calls as she has recovered from surgery complications. Please continue to remember her during this time of improving her strength and normal life.

50K for 50 Years!

We are over halfway there!!

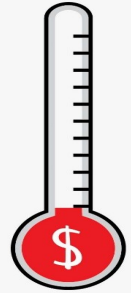
As Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates its 50th anniversary, we have taken on a big financial goal for this year in addition to our regular giving. We set a goal to raise \$50,000 to mark this silver anniversary. What will we do with this money? It will be used for Outreach and Inreach.

For Outreach: We hope to give one-half of our total raised 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, to refurbish the outdoor chapel. The benches and altar have experienced weather rot. We hope to replace the benches with composite recycling material that will last for a long time. In addition to replacing the altar 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!



CHURCH FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE!

We are looking to see if we have any fantasy football players that would like to play in the church fantasy football league. No experience and new players are welcome! Please let Pastor Randy know if you are interested **by Tuesday, August 15th at the very latest.** Thanks!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUES THIS MONTH

We continue this August in our Memorial Day through Labor Day, Sunday morning worship schedule with 8:00 and 9:30AM worship times. **OUTDOOR WORSHIP NOTE:** Our final outdoor worship service is scheduled for August 20th – weather permitting. Also, note that on the final Sunday in August, we will not have a normal 9:30AM worship time as that is our Serving Sunday with the packing of the meals for Rise Against Hunger. The 8:00 service that day will occur as normal. Then we will have Labor Day weekend summer worship before the regular fall schedule returns on September 10th.



Living Lutheran will print its final issue in December 2023 and will transition to a full online storytelling engine. Throughout the rest of 2023, *Living Lutheran* will begin producing more content in the forms of podcasts, audio stories, videos, and more so be sure to subscribe to the [Living Lutheran e-digest](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, speak with Pastor Randy. We are planning to welcome our newest members early this fall.

"THEO -THURS"

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



Altar Flowers



Thank you to all who signed up to sponsor the altar flowers. In case you are wondering who makes the arrangement for us, it is the Brecksville Heinen's floral department. They have been kind enough to do this for many years at a very reasonable cost - -\$35. If we were to go to a regular floral shop the cost for the size of arrangement, we get would be at least \$60 if not more - - yes floral arrangements are very expensive!

Heinen's no longer makes flower arrangements for the general public, they do this as a community service for our church (and only our church since we have been with them for so many years). Please do not ask them to make an arrangement for your own use.

The church has a total of seven vases that are the correct size and shape for the kind of arrangement we need. Heinen's does not provide the vase. The person sponsoring the arrangement may take it home after the second service and enjoy. When the flowers have wilted, throw away the flowers and wash the vase. Please return the vase to the church office. This is where I pick up the vase to re-use! A little hint to keep the flowers fresh longer is to regularly change the water and add one capful of liquid bleach. Although many of you would like to clean out your closet of old vases, please do not give them to the church - - only the vase that we use for the altar flowers is to be returned. Another hint, if you want to get rid of your old vases take them to a florist (Floral Shop) and many will give you credit toward flowers for yourself.

At the beginning of each week, I email the person sponsoring the flowers asking what they would like for the dedication and if there is anything special they would like for the arrangement (colors) or if they are happy with the "Florist's Choice". Pastor Randy/Office try to put together the power point that includes the dedication we see on the screens at the Sunday Service early in the week (usually Tuesday). So please, send in your dedication to me ASAP when you get your reminder email. The flowers that Heinen's has to work with are ordered from the buyer at the corporate office. The Brecksville Heinen's does not know from week to week what they will be getting. So with that in mind if you request particular colors or types of flowers they may or may not be able to fulfill your request - - they certainly try if possible. Unless you have a specific reason for particular colors/flowers (beyond "pastels" or "bright & bold"), I always recommend the "Florist's Choice". This allows them to use the freshest flowers and be creative.

To pay for the church flowers simply write a check to CRLC for \$35 and put on the memo line "altar flowers". Place in envelope (or can put cash in envelope) and write on outside of envelope your name and "altar flowers". The envelope can be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 440-526-2975 or mgmichal@aol.com.

Thanks,

Maureen Michal



**Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of the Schlicker/Holkamp Organ
1973-2023**

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the CRLC organ, I'd like to share some history of the organ builders of this instrument: The Schlicker Organ Company, Buffalo, New York and the Holtkamp Organ Company, Cleveland, Ohio. In next month's newsletter, I will share the history of Saint John's Lutheran Church, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, the former home of the CRLC organ.

The Schlicker Organ Company was founded in 1930 by Herman L. Schlicker, a third-generation builder, who apprenticed with firms in Germany, France and Denmark before emigrating to America in the late 1920's. It was at this time that organ building in America was in the infancy of a reform movement which would shift tonal philosophy away from orchestral stop lists which were based upon 8' pitches of a solo/accompaniment idiom and performance literature that drew heavily upon transcriptions. There was growing consensus among musicologists that the listening experience could be enhanced by performing music of a given period on instruments authentic to that period.

Riding the wave of this organ reform movement, which became a pendulum swing reaction to the excesses of early twentieth century organ building, Herman built literally hundreds of organs during the ensuing decades. He was at the forefront of the neo-baroque revival building organs after the "Werk-Prinzip" in good German tradition. His organs are characterized by attention to detail in the upper work and possess a brightness and clarity of tone along with a slightly thin edginess in the plenum. This was in keeping with the narrow scaling and no-nicking style of voicing in vogue at the time. His reeds are quite German in nature.

Schlicker organs have proved to be very reliable and Herman's console design was a unique contribution. Trim and chaste in appearance, a Schlicker console gives the organist a clear, straightforward view of the stops as well as a very positive "toggle-action" to the feel. Many were graced with luxuriously thick and beveled ivory keys as well.

It is this trim and attractive console along with a pleasing tonal scheme that contributed to the company's leadership in the practice organ genre. Capitalizing on the townhouse sub bass octave, the Schlicker practice organs were compact and by far the most popular. There is hardly an organ student, even today that has not spent many hours at the console of one. They possess an unusual degree of dependability and are still highly sought after even in today's pro-tracker environment.

Following Herman's untimely death in 1974, the Schlicker Organ Company was directed by his son-in-law, Ralph Dinwiddie. Not being an organ builder, he sold the company in the early 1980's. The company again changed hands in 1992 and was acquired by Matters, Inc., an innovative supplier to pipe organ builders in September, 2002.

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One of America's oldest and most respected pipe organ builders, the Holtkamp Organ Company traces its lineage back over a century to 1855 when G.F. Votteler established a shop for the manufacture of organs in Cleveland, Ohio. Management of the company during this period has included two generations of Vottelers and four generations of Holtkamps. In 1903, the first of the Holtkamps, Herman Heinrich, came from St. Mary's Ohio to join the then retiring Henry Votteler. Control of the company, now named Votteler Holtkamp Sparling Company passed to Herman's son Walter in 1931. The Holtkamp Organ Company emerged in 1951 and continues today. In 1956 Walter Holtkamp, Jr. became associated with his father, assuming control of the firm in 1962. In 1987 F. Christian Holtkamp joined the firm, the fourth generation of Holtkamps to be active in this small Cleveland Company dedicated to the art of organ building.

During the Votteler years, the first instruments were built in and around Cleveland, Ohio. The work was primarily mechanical action. The instruments were generally one or two manuals, with robust construction and ornate casework.

Henry Holtkamp constructed numerous instruments in his 30 years of organ building. The first instruments were in and around Cleveland, Ohio but as the firm prospered his field of activity extended from Pennsylvania west to the Dakotas. His work reflected the aesthetic of his time, that of the orchestrally oriented organ. Henry Holtkamp devoted a large part of his time and efforts endeavoring to duplicate the sounds of the symphony orchestra. Many of his instruments continue in use today.



**Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of the Schlicker/Holtkamp Organ
1973-2023 (cont.)**

Under the direction of Walter Holtkamp, Sr. (1894-1962) the reputation of the company grew until it became known as one of the finest in the country. Holtkamp was an early pioneer of the so-called "organ reform movement" in this country. The organ reform movement was a departure from the orchestrally oriented tones of the previous generations. Musicians and organ builders sought a return to the century's old aesthetic of the pipe organ as an instrument of church and church-oriented music. The literature of the organ reform movement was the traditional literature of such composers as Bach, Buxtehude, Couperin and Frescobaldi rather than organ transcriptions of Wagner and other 19th century orchestral composers.

Walter Holtkamp, Jr. succeeded his father as head of the company in 1961. Under his leadership the firm has maintained its reputation as one of America's leading designers and builders of organs. Soon after assuming control, Walter Holtkamp, Jr. introduced the principle of mechanical key action to the firm, thus realizing a goal attempted by his father in the mid-thirties but abandoned because America was not yet ready to accept this then radical idea in organ building. Today significant instruments, of both mechanical and electro pneumatic action leave the firm each year. Walter Holtkamp, Jr. retired in 1997.

In 1987 F. Christian Holtkamp entered into partnership with his father. Since that time, he has had many responsibilities throughout the firm, including: tuning and maintenance, management of the company pipe shop, company draftsman, voicing, and director of tonal design. In 1995 he became President and Managing Director of the firm with responsibility for all operations in the shop. In 1997 he assumed all responsibilities for sales and visual design. This, combined with his experience as an organist, including a Master of Music Degree in organ performance, provides an exceptionally broad background for the leadership of the firm. He currently designs and coordinates all essential details of each instrument that the firm produces, including tonal design, scaling, voicing, structural design, and visual design. This results in instruments which are exceptionally well balanced and coordinated in all their many elements, and a very high degree of consistent quality from year to year.

The Holtkamp firm is much the same today as it was in 1922 when it opened its new factory at 2909 Meyer Avenue. It remains small, employing about twenty skilled craftsmen. In fact the firm may well be of optimum size for the production of pipe organs; large enough to allow the employ of specialists in certain phases of the art of organ building yet small enough for the proprietor to assume a direct control and interest in every phase of the 4 or 6 organs that leave the factory in an average year.

Information from the Schlicker and Holtkamp Organ Company internet Website



READINGS FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 6 – Pentecost 10

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 13 – Pentecost 11

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 20 – Pentecost 12

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matt 5:[10-20] 21-28

AUGUST 27 – Pentecost 13

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

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

Health News – Cancer Info – Part 3

Cancer is complex and mysterious, which makes it difficult to understand and predict.

Cancer can cause many symptoms. If any symptoms or issues do not get better after a few weeks, get medical evaluation. Often, cancer does not cause pain, so do not wait for pain before seeing a doctor to guide your care and ease concerns.

Diagnosis: A biopsy to remove tissue for testing by a pathologist provides important information and final diagnosis; it determines the grade of the cancer cells. **Tumor grade** is not the same thing as **cancer stage**. Grade looks at cells (how normal or abnormal they look), stage refers to how large a cancer tumor is and how far the cancer has spread. How cancer is diagnosed:

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/diagnosis-staging/diagnosis>



Knowing the stage of cancer helps doctors (1) plan the **best treatment**, (2) understand how serious the **cancer status** is and survival chances, (3) identify **clinical trials** that may be treatment options.

Genetics: Some types of cancer run in families, but most cancers are not clearly linked to the genes we inherit. Gene changes that start in a single cell over the course of a person's life cause most cancers. Inherited or family cancer syndrome is caused by an abnormal gene passed down. Only 5-10% of all cancers are known to be strongly linked to mutations inherited. News reports related to the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene are well publicized in relationship to breast, ovarian, pancreatic and prostate cancer risk. 10% of all melanoma cases have a family history of the disease. Family lifestyles & environment can also impact risk, rather than gene mutation, such as family history of smoking and lung cancer. <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/genetics>

Increased knowledge of genes is providing increased *guidance of treatment*. A tumor is caused by DNA changes that cause cells to grow out of control. Doctors can test some tumor's DNA to find out which genes are active. They have discovered that knowing the set of genes that are active provides important clues to which treatment is most likely to be effective. i.e. "MammaPrint" has been developed for additional info about breast cancer. It checks 70 genes in order to classify tumors as low or high risk of recurrence. (GLSC)

Persons & families impacted by cancer learn new info and can benefit from a wide range of support systems provided by their treatment center and the community.

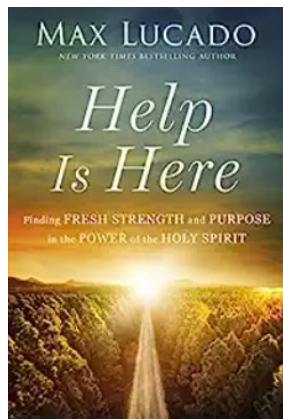
The Gathering Place - our local cancer support organization has helpful programs for all whose life is impacted by cancer. Their free programming is helpful during all phases including adjusting to changes that accompany the end of treatment. <https://touchedbycancer.org/> Share your prayer requests and concerns so you can receive faith support also!

"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

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 in the Narthex Message Center and join either the Wednesday morning or Thursday evening group.



CRLC Faithful Readers -Beginning Fall 2023

Faithful Readers will begin meeting on **Wednesday, September 20th at 10:00am.**

The first book will be **“The Golden Doves”** by Martha Hall Kelly.

Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

You can pick up a brochure at the meeting. All are welcome.

“How do we understand the Bible?”

Pastor Randy will be finishing this series in August.

This series is being offered at 2 different times:

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

Note: We will return after a summer break hiatus on Wednesday August 16th, 23rd and 30th for the final three sessions.

Even if you missed the first part or cannot make every week, we invite you to come when you can



Watch for more pictures in the September Insight!





CRLC and the YouthWorks Staff

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

Four CRLC youth (Hannah Boulton, Zach Toghill, Alex Emrick, Ben Wells) and Paul Travaglianti did a mission trip to Indianapolis, Indiana on June 18-22, 2023. The program is coordinated by a company called YouthWorks, a Christian based organization based in Minnesota.

Upon arrival, the three coordinators (plus a Youthworks District Manager) greeted our group as well as the youth and adults from two other churches, one from Bettendorf, Iowa and the other from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In total, there were about 15 youth and 8 adult leaders.

The CRLC youth attended the 8 AM service which concluded with a sendoff by Paul Travaglianti and prayer by Pastor Randy. Then we all traveled to Indianapolis.

Each day began with breakfast followed by devotions (private time for each youth and adult to reflect on a theme of the day) and then off for the work day. Our youth were able to meet the youth from the other churches because we worked together on a project or the CRLC youth were with another church.



Getting ready for breakfast presentation

The groups did a variety of tasks including

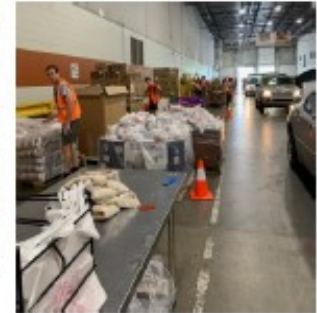
Dathouse: This organization is in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood on the near south side of Indianapolis. Their goal is to be leaders in healthy community development and it is in this spirit that they operate The Lincoln Center which offers an after school kids program, various community business developments and a variety of other community programs. Some of the businesses include the Lincoln Lane Coffee Company, The Loft and Dat Laundry.



The Lincoln Center, home of the coffee shop, laundrymat and the loft.



Gleaners Food Bank – This is the largest food bank in Indianapolis and is part of the national network of food banks that fight Hunger in America. They see over 20,000 volunteers a year and their vision is to put out food for every table and empower every future. Gleaners is a drive-thru distribution center. We held check in households to know their food allotment, bagged can goods and rice, vegetables, snacks and loaded vehicles. We had a training session and worked for five hours in which 691 cars were loaded.



Gleaners Drive-up Facility

Wheeling Mission Shelter – This organization offers temporary shelter for men while providing other services such as case management and assessment, medical services, lodging, chapel services and elective classes. We worked in the kitchen area and stocked goods, cleaned, prepared dinner and served lunch to 115 men in 30 minutes.

Holy Family Shelter – This organization is working to combat homelessness in Indianapolis by offering a thirty-day emergency shelter specializing in families. Each family is assigned their own room or suite, a caseworker who helps to get them back on their feet, and various other life skill classes and resources. They host an average of 22 families per night and run various other programs throughout the year, all which continue to support their mission to fix urban homelessness through building families up and providing long term solutions. We sorted donations, cleaned and helped with indoor and outdoor projects.



Sorting some of the clothes

After a much-needed shower, everyone had a little free time. Every day, there was an activity such as admissions to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, dinner in a local church and time in the city, a scavenger hunt and church service at the church where we stayed followed by outdoor free time.

The theme of the week was “You Are Here”. Each night, about 8:30 PM, the Youth Works staff hosted a group time to talk about the day, worship through songs and hearing a staff members story, talk about highs of the day followed by a Christ-centered talk. This was followed by church group time where we met with only our youth to talk about the day. Lights out at 10:30 PM.

Thursday’s worship featured a foot washing. The Youth Works staff began by washing the feet of the adult leaders and said a prayer. Then Paul washed the feet of the CRLC youth followed by a prayer. Following the Adult prayer, the youth also prayed for each individual. A very emotional evening to say the least.

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. The youth will be talking about their experience during one of the adult classes in the fall.

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.



LMM Women's Reentry Program

Thank you to all who brought in donations or offered prayers on behalf of LMM's Women's Reentry program. We took two trips to LMM to deliver all of the donations we received. All of the many items were greatly needed and they appreciated our generosity.

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.



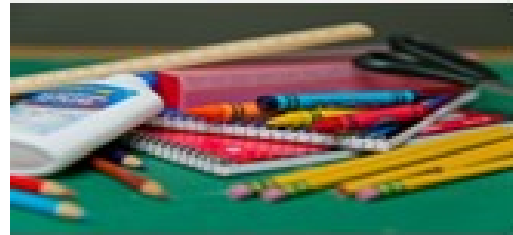
"Thrivent Action Team Supported Project"

School Supplies Needed

In the month of August, we will again be collecting book bags and school supplies for

Redeemer Crisis Center

Needed: Notebook paper, spiral notebooks, folders,
pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons,
rulers, markers, washable markers,
highlighters, glue/glue sticks, tape,
scissors, bookbags, etc.



Let's help these students get a good start on the school year. They will greatly appreciate your donations!
Please place your supplies in the bin in the gathering space by August 27, 2023.

"Thrivent Action Team Supported Project"

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT



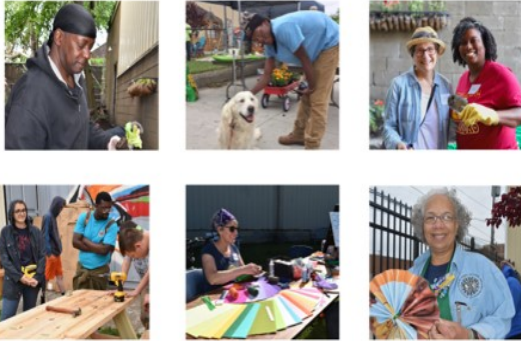
Starting Sunday morning, July 30th, we will be actively signing up the 100 volunteers that are needed and receiving financial contributions necessary to hold this event (\$5,500).

***Rise Against Hunger event on Sunday, August 27th, 9:30am. We will be packing 15,000 meals!**

Please see Linda Radefeld or Jan Romance in the Gathering Space.

Team Up to Clean Up 2023

Saturday, August 26, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Registration from 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM
 2100 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114



Join us for a day of community building, gardening, art, a neighborhood cleanup, a cook out, and more!

RSVP to: Lydia Bailey, Coordinator of Volunteers
 LBailey@lutheranmetro.org or 216-649-7723

Hello 2100 shelter volunteers, partners & friends,

Please join us for the shelter's annual *Team Up to Clean Up* at 2100, August 26th, 2023.

Registration 8:45, activities 9:00-noon, cookout 12-1:00.

We are revamping it a bit, thanks to everyone who gave input and ideas. We will have some similar activities from last year (gardening, art projects, a small construction project, and neighborhood clean-up), but also have a bigger emphasis on games, music, large scale barbeque, and... fun. 😊

Please RSVP to me. On behalf of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter, thank you for all you do!

Lydia Bailey

Coordinator of Volunteers

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Housing & Shelter

2100 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114

216-649-7723



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.

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!



JOIN US! ... September 10th
11:30am - 2pm

NOTE
Date Change

11:30 - Noon ... Greetings and Sack Race
 Noon ... RALLY DAY Picnic Lunch
 12:30pm - 2pm ... Games, Ice Cream & Fellowship

We will provide hot dogs, snacks, lemonade, water and ICE CREAM! Please sign up and choose a side dish or dessert to share.

Yard Games ~ Food ~ Fellowship & Ice Cream!

Still 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!



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, August 22nd. 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.

September 26th
 October 24th
 November 28th

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



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

- S'Mores Fellowship
- Ladies Lunch
- Hobby Weekends
- Games Nights
- Advent Tea

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN ...
PREPARING FOR THE START UP OF
OUR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP!**

WANTED

COFFEE HOSTS!

9AM - 10:30AM

**STEP BY STEP DIRECTIONS
PROVIDED**

- START COFFEE
- BREW MORE AS NECESSARY
- BRING A SIMPLE SNACK TO SHARE
- CLEAN UP SPACE AFTERWARD

Can ask someone to share
the time with you, or
handle the morning yourself.
Easy and gratifying!

Sign up sheet in the narthex ...
contact Jeanne or Joan
with any questions

THANK YOU FOR HOSTING!



CITY HIGHLIGHTS AND A LOCAL COMEDIAN ...

Who: ALL Interested (over 18)

What: The Funny Bus of Cleveland!

When: **Friday, September 15, 6:30pm**

Where: Meet at Collision Bend Brewing Co.

Why: A FUN outing 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! **Go 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. When 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 dinner/beverages together at Collision Bend Brewing Company after the ride. Please contact Jeanne with any questions. We don't want anyone left out, but the bus fills up quickly.

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 connect with your CRLC family!

Fellowship Ministry

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

August 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!

August 6	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Debbie Dey
Communion Assistants	x	Frank & Mardell Boulton
Ushers	George Stelmashcuk, Todd Kiick	Dan Bartik, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Lis Kroepel	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		
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August 13	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Blaine Coleman
Communion Assistants	x	Kathie Bruska, Judy Coleman
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Ken Blank	Jeff Dentzer, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Ilene Privara
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		
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August 20	8:00 am	9:30am Outdoor Worship
Assisting Minister	Shirley Fisher	Karla Perry
Communion Assistants	x	
Ushers	Mike Berzins Mark Evans	Scott Witzke, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Gail Stelmaschuk
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		
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August 27	8:00 am	9:30 am RISE AGAINST HUNGER
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	x
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	Lou Carouse	x
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	x
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		



- 3 Richard Montowski
- 3 Linda Stack
- 3 Cheryl Stiefvater
- 3 DJ Howatt
- 4 Helen Stasek
- 4 Joshua Troike
- 5 Fay Morgan
- 6 Nicole Simmons
- 7 Ruth Plautz
- 8 Sue Farney
- 8 Kendall Smith
- 8 Michael Young
- 9 Lou Carouse *
- 9 Dave Thomas
- 10 Kaley O'Donnell
- 10 Rachel O'Donnell
- 11 Alyssa Bandsuh
- 11 Lisa Antonucci
- 12 Will Petro
- 13 Michelle Moock
- 15 Matthew Lane
- 19 Dennis Nagy
- 20 Carla Jacobsen
- 20 Todd Springer
- 20 Dana Vrcan
- 20 David Weber
- 21 Jim Jirousek
- 21 Barrett Scheutzow
- 22 Steve Petro
- 23 Nathan Olman
- 24 Cheryl Laubacher
- 24 Blair Morgan
- 24 Mel Smith
- 25 Theo O'Donnell
- 27 Samuel Perlman
- 27 Aubrey Vollweiler
- 28 Lidia D'Anza
- 28 Grace Vilem
- 30 Emerson Beery

** = Milestone birthday

- 2 Kathy & Ralph Swasey
- 2 Pam & Lou Carouse
- 2 Sue & Chuck Miller
- 3 Judy & Blaine Coleman
- 3 Dianne & Mike Young
- 5 Beth & Mike Marcinko
- 6 Deb & Ken Blank
- 10 Pam & Bill Waltz
- 10 Brittany & Shawn Studnicka
- 11 Diane & Steve Wilson
- 12 Joan & Peter Harbath
- 14 Janet & James Hansler
- 19 Linnet & Bob Fritz
- 19 Jill & Butch Koubal
- 24 Ingrid & Mel Smith
- 24 Karla & Andrew Perry



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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."**

CHRISTIAN YOGA AT CRLC

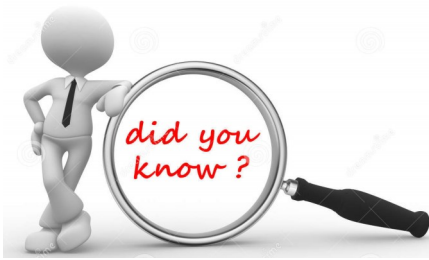
Renew your mind, body, and spirit on Mondays, 7:00 PM led by Jenna Waltz in Fellowship Hall. The cost is a free will offering. Bring your own yoga mat. For more information please contact Jenna at jenna.waltz@gmail.com



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 our contractor work on the Meditative Garden has concluded? Come and check out this new space.
- ◆ Did you know that we are working on the chapel renovation as part of the celebration of our 50th anniversary. If the new pew benches have not arrived by the time of this reading, they should be there very soon!
- ◆ Did you know that Pastor Karen Liddy and Pastor Randy served 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 month? 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

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Stuart, Fred Denk, Bishop, John, Charles





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Serving Others.

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