

INSIGHT

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Times Change to 8 & 10:30 AM September 10

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



“For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

“Here we go again!” My guess is that many households have been uttering that phrase as the summer begins to draw to a close and the scent of fall begins in the air. “Here we go again” may be a phrase spoken by students returning to school. It may be said by professors and teachers also returning to the classroom. It may be said out loud by parents and grandparents who are adjusting to having children switch their summertime into learning time. It may be said by many people as the traditional summer way of passing time shifts into a busier fall activity.

We may all say that phrase: “Here we go again”, but the way we say it might not be the same. We may say it with eyes rolling; we may say it tongue and cheek, we may proclaim it with a great sense of enthusiasm, or we may speak it with a great sense of dread. Sometimes, maybe we say it with hints of all of it mixed together.

Here at Christ the Redeemer, we also are planning to return to our busy ministry schedule. “Here we go again” offers promise, hope, and challenge as we look to Sunday School, budget planning, educational opportunities, worship renewal, among many other things.

The challenge for all of us in these moments is that while we need to pay attention to detail in order for things to function well, we also seek to remind ourselves that there is also a bigger picture at work here—how we are living our lives, how we are growing in our lives, what we are modeling to those around us, especially the younger generation – matters. For it is in the midst of “here we go again” that our lives take shape and give direction to others. Let us embrace these moments and this calling. May it equip us in our “Praising God and Serving Others.”

See you in worship,

Pastor Randy

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Thank you!

I am so blessed to be a member of CRLC & the recipient of the many thoughtful, caring, calls, cards & prayers at this challenging time. I am looking forward to being back worshipping with you very soon.

Thank You & God Bless you all.

Carole J Wooten

Thank you!

Thank you to all of the wonderful parishioners of CRLC for the thoughts and prayers given to my family and son-in-law. The power of prayer has been very instrumental in his journey and we are grateful for all. While the journey is not over, we are making great progress towards a healthy body and mind.

Shirley Fisher

50K for 50 Years!

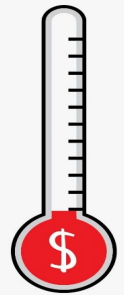
As Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates its 50th anniversary, we have taken on a big financial goal for this year in addition to our regular giving. We set a goal to raise \$50,000 to mark this golden anniversary. What will we do with this money? It will be used for Outreach and Inreach.

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 composite recycling material that will last for a long time. In addition to replacing the altar and possibly the cross, we hope to place a time capsule in the ground below the altar to be opened at the 100th anniversary. Watch for more details on it all.

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

Thank you!



50 YEARS Celebration Event!!

We are having another event to celebrate our 50 years together. On Sunday, September 10th as part of the church picnic we will dedicate the new chapel area as well as bury the anniversary time capsule!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our time, talent and resources...

Later this month you will be receiving a letter about our stewardship resources for 2024. This includes our time, talent, and financial resources.

On Sunday, October 1st, we hope to collect any remaining Intention of Giving cards that help guide us in our financial planning for 2024.

Also, that day, we would like to collect any remaining time and talent brochures that you have completed for the numerous and various roles in our ministry at CRLC.

Our congregation is truly blessed by those who serve and support this great community of faith. Let's keep growing with each other and sharing our journeys as we are "Praising God, Serving Others."





“THEO- THURSDAY” Returns

Theo Thursday is back after it’s normal summer hiatus. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will be meeting at Royal Breakfast & More on Thursday, September 21st @ 9:30AM.

(Note change of time back to our old slot) at Royal Breakfast & More!

This is located at 500 E Royalton Road in Broadview Heights.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!!

As per our normal schedule, we will begin worshipping on Sunday mornings at 8:00AM and 10:30AM with Sunday School at 9:15 beginning the weekend after Labor Day on Sunday, September 10th.

This will be our schedule until Memorial Day weekend in 2024.

Exception: Check the calendar of Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve worship.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation resumes this fall on September 10th however, the class will be meeting with the high school class through the first part of this fall. The class will begin meeting separately, with Pastor Randy teaching later this fall. If you are a parent of a confirmation age student and have not heard yet about this upcoming year, please contact Pastor Randy. Those who are completing their confirmation will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on Sunday, November 19th following the 10:30 service. The annual reports and proposals will be made available 2 weeks ahead of this meeting. On the agenda will be the proposed 2024 Mission Investment Plan and the election of our leadership positions.

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are pleased to announce the launch this Fall of "Growing in Faith" here in the Northeastern Ohio Synod!

In the letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul writes, "I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Holy Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Growing in Faith is a ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith as they become more deeply rooted and grounded in love. We believe that lay members of our congregations are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities.

Growing in Faith is a series of classes that you can take quickly in sequence or at a leisurely pace as it is convenient for you. Each course runs for 5 weeks and the cost is \$70 per course. The dates and times of these courses will be announced as they become available.

The courses available for registration now include:

- Worship Matters – Zoom 8-9pm – Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19
- Christianity in a Lutheran Key – Zoom 8-9pm – Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7
- Introduction to the Old Testament – Zoom 8-9pm – Dec 14, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25

You can read more [here](#), or register through this code:



You can also register through this link: www.tinyurl.com/NEOS-GiF.

For any questions about Growing in Faith, please contact Bishop Laura Barbins (lbarbins@neos-elca.org).

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 Saint John's Lutheran Church, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, the former home of the CRLC organ. The information is taken from an article published online via the Berks History Center. (*berkshistory.org*)

**A Brief History of Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sinking Spring
by Margaret Rumbaugh****Introduction**

Saint John's Lutheran Church celebrates its bicentennial in 2012 and this manuscript was written to commemorate this milestone anniversary. Although Saint John's Lutheran church began in 1812, the earliest written records of the congregation are from 1896 when there was a dispute between the Lutheran church and the Reformed church in Sinking Spring.

After separating from the Reformed congregation, the first order of business for the Lutheran congregation was to build a new church in which to worship. But why did they build the church right next to the Reformed church after the disagreement? This manuscript describes what happened and why.

Agreements and Disagreements

As early as 1818 the Lutheran congregation shared the Reformed congregation's church building. Ten years later, on December 27, 1828, Elijah Ruth deeded two acres to the "Sinking Spring Congregation" for \$99.56. However, the deed does not specify the congregation's denomination. This tract of land lies to the west of the Reformed Church and includes the land on which Saint John's Lutheran built their church.

Since the Reformed congregation agreed to let the Lutheran congregation use their church every other Sunday, the Lutherans helped to pay the church's expenses. This informal arrangement lasted until the Reformed congregation added a steeple in 1851. Apparently, the expense of this addition was hard to manage, and in 1854, a large amount of the expenses for the steeple's construction remained unpaid. In order to satisfy the debts, the Reformed congregation and Lutheran congregation formally agreed for each to pay half of the church's expenses. They also agreed to jointly elect pastors, and both congregations would equally split the salary. Finally, the agreement stated that they would also equally share the expense for all improvements and additions to the church. The last provision stating that both congregations would share equally in paying for all improvements and additions to the church caused the disagreement over forty years later.

In 1896 the Reformed congregation wanted to remodel the church that would cause significant expense and disruption. The Lutheran congregation disagreed with this decision, and the resulting dispute led to annulling the 1854 agreement. The formal dispute began on October 2, 1896, when the Lutheran congregation filed the suit against the Reformed congregation.

While Sinking Spring families were preparing for Christmas, the founding fathers of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Sinking Spring had something else on their minds. They were in the midst of a dispute with the Reformed congregation, and this was not something that faithful men undertook lightly. The final arguments to resolve the dispute were scheduled for December 21, 1896, but when the case was called, the officers of both congregations stated that they reached an agreement—an early Christmas present for both.

This agreement made front-page news in The Reading Eagle. The 1897 agreement rescinded the 1854 agreement and the settlement required that the Reformed congregation give the Lutheran congregation \$2,500.00 and title to the western half of the land acquired from Elijah Ruth in 1828, while the Reformed congregation kept eastern half. Each congregation met to vote and accepted the agreement in January 1897. This is why Saint John's Lutheran church is built right next door to Saint John's Reformed.



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Schlicker/Holkamp Organ (cont.)

Founding Fathers

The founding fathers of the congregation are considered those who were vestry members when the Lutheran congregation split from the Reformed congregation. The congregation's record book from 1896 identifies ten leaders:

1. Adam Dechert
2. Daniel Huyett
3. Henry Huyett
4. Joshua Huyett
5. Howard Y. Â Potteiger
6. Webster Potteiger
7. Aaron Fox
8. James Lash
9. Charles Yocum
10. Henry Yost

Since Mr. Adam Dechert was the congregation's President in 1897, this manuscript begins with his biography.



No stained-glass window bears his name, yet he donated a considerable amount of money to build the church. No plaque commemorates his service yet he was elected to be the congregation President, Vice President, and Elder year after year. His biographical sketch provides some insight into the man who was very influential in establishing the Saint John's Lutheran church.

Adam Dechert was born on August 23, 1823, in Lower Heidelberg Township, son of Daniel and Maria Magdalena (Lerch) Dechert. He was educated in local German schools when the Psalter and the New Testament were textbooks. He was raised working on the family farm and stayed with his parents until he was twenty-four years old.

In 1851 Mr. Dechert married Maria Weitzel, who was born on March 31, 1819. They raised a niece as their own daughter who was given Mrs. Dechert's maiden name, Maria Weitzel. Adam Dechert worked his own farm in Heidelberg Township until he moved to Sinking Spring in 1859. After 1860 he became the treasurer of the Sinking Spring cemetery. He built a house near the tollgate when he was the Berks and Dauphin turnpike manager after retiring from farming in 1863.

In 1897 Adam Dechert was instrumental in building Saint John's Lutheran Church by generously donating \$2,600 (almost \$70,000 in 2010 dollars) and leading the building committee. He was unanimously elected as the vestry President in 1897 and held that office until 1900 when the Pastor became Vestry President. At that time the congregation elected him to be the Vice President and Elder. In addition to these formal offices in the congregation, he took a leadership role in maintaining the property including painting, lighting, and getting a new bell. Not only was he generous with his time, he was also generous with his money. He paid the bills when the treasury was low; once he donated \$435 (equivalent to \$11,600 in 2010) when the treasury balance was only \$42.00.



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Schlicker/Holkamp Organ (cont.)

His generosity, however, was not limited to the church building. He also bought an acre of land adjacent to the cemetery for the poor who were unable to buy burial lots and donated it to the congregation.

His wife died on October 11, 1891, when she was seventy-two years old. The niece they raised as a daughter had grandchildren who lived with Mr. Dechert and took care of him until his death. Adam Dechert died on October 2, 1907 and although he left no heirs, his legacy lives on in the church he helped to build.

Breaking New Ground

Mr. Isaac Maurer was a local builder who was born in Lower Heidelberg Township on May 31, 1835. He became a carpenter's apprentice and worked as a millwright. With this experience Isaac Maurer worked extensively in contracting and building. The committee accepted his plans with a few changes. Next, the building committee agreed to pay ten cents per hour for common labor to build the church.

Mr. Maurer designed the church to be a two-story building 50 feet by 80 feet with a slate roof and a steeple nearly 100 feet tall. The first story was made of Berks County sandstone and was designed to be a chapel and Sunday School room with a 10-foot ceiling. He designed pilasters on both sides of the main entrance and two stairways to lead up to the Audience Room, which is what they called the sanctuary at that time. The interior woodwork was oak, and the original design called for the organ and choir to be on the left side of the pulpit. The pastor's robe room was behind the pulpit.

The illustration below is the architect's line drawing shows the initial plans for the church in 1897.



The congregation broke ground for the new church in March 1897. The cornerstone laying ceremonies were held two months later on Sunday, May 23, 1897, and were big events that attracted thousands of people from far and wide. There were at least 50 teams of horses in front of the cemetery and about 150 more at local hotels. Electric cars brought people from Reading, Womelsdorf, Robesonia, Wernersville, and other places along the railroad line. Anticipating a crowd, the congregation had stands that sold soda, mineral water, cakes, and candies.



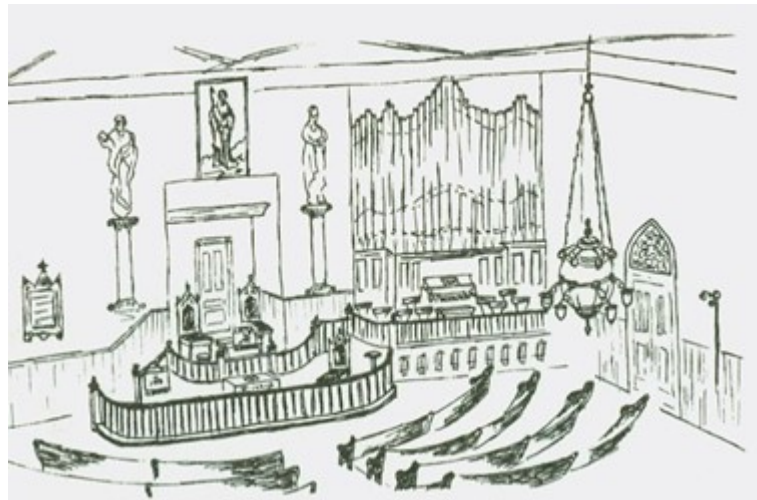
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There were two services: a worship service in the morning and the cornerstone laying service in the afternoon. The ceremony concluded by laying the cornerstone with a time capsule that contains English and German Bibles, a Lutheran Church Book, an Evangelical Lutheran hymn book, a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, the minutes of the last Lutheran synod, church almanacs, wine, and the names of contributors towards the building. It also includes uncirculated U.S. coins of different values, the names of church officers and building committee, pastor, as well as national, state and county officials' names. Finally, they added a copy of the Reading Eagle newspaper article about the cornerstone laying.

Church Consecration

The consecration ceremonies began on Saturday, October 23, 1897, and continued into Sunday, October 24, just five months after the cornerstone was laid. Berks County residents attended the services as the church was filled, and many more were outside. Services featured sermons by renowned Pastors along with hymns and musical presentations.

The pictures below illustrate the church's exterior and interior in 1897.



Over the years there were many renovations, the most recent was a new organ installed in September 2011.

Here is the future CRLC Schlicker Organ in Saint John's Lutheran Church.



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 3 — PENTECOST 14

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

SEPTEMBER 10 — PENTECOST 15

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER 17 — PENTECOST 16

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

SEPTEMBER 24 — PENTECOST 17

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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

Health News

“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” (Proverbs 4:23)

Sudden cardiac arrest has been in the news often this year. Anyone can experience **Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)** including infants, children, teens, young adults and those in their 30’s-40’s who do not have signs of heart disease. SCA is **not** a heart attack. While a [heart attack](#) may cause cardiac arrest, the two terms don’t mean the same thing. *A heart attack is caused by impeded blood flow through the heart.* **Sudden Cardiac Arrest** is caused by a *structural or electrical problem*, often from an undetected heart condition, and in other instances, from an infection or a severe blow to the chest.

Cardiac arrest is caused when the heart’s electrical system malfunctions. The heart stops beating properly. Hence the name: **The heart’s pumping function is “arrested,” or stopped.** In many cases, the SCA victim is lost. To survive SCA, the victim must receive life-saving defibrillation from an **automated external defibrillator (AED)** within the first 4-6 minutes. Cardiac arrest may be reversed if **CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)** is performed and a defibrillator is used to shock the heart and restore a normal heart rhythm. Every minute that passes without a shock from an AED decreases the chance of survival by 10%. Administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be a bridge to life until an AED arrives. ***Do you know where the AED is at our church or other community locations?***

Know three steps to saving a life:

Always call 911.

Get training. CPR administered in the first few minutes until an AED or emergency medical help arrives on scene is immensely important.

Be familiar with and know where AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) are located. These life-saving devices bring the power of the ambulance to your fingertips.

CRLC recently obtained a replacement AED as our original unit was purchased in 2004.

Consider signing-up to receive CPR/AED training at CRLC this month:

Sat., Sept 16 -10:00am-12noon *or* Mon., Sept. 18 - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Learn more about *risk factors for adults and children*. Evaluate your family’s heart history and assess your child for warning signs and unrecognized symptoms of a potential heart condition. Because sudden cardiac arrest prevention is not a standard part of youth health care, it’s important to talk to your health care provider about potential warning signs and risk factors.

<https://parentheartwatch.org/resources/sca-prevention/warning-signs-risk-factors/>

<https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/cardiac-arrest/causes-of-cardiac-arrest>

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

Help Save Lives With CPR

- ❖ Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death in the U.S.
- ❖ CPR if received immediately can double or triple the chance of survival.
- ❖ 73% of victims of sudden cardiac arrest collapse at home.
- ❖ Only 50% can locate an automated external defibrillator (AED) at work or in the community.
- ❖ Do you know where our AED is at CRLC?
- ❖ A willing bystander administering CPR can more than double a victim's chance of survival.
- ❖ "Lay people" initiated CPR in 40% of out of hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest in 2021

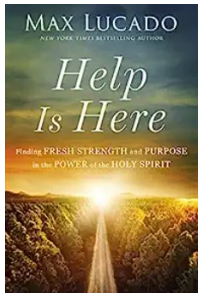
The *Chain of Survival* shows the elements of emergency response & care:



65% of Americans have been trained in CPR at some time.
Is it time for you to take (or refresh) your CPR & AED training?

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN



Women's Bible Study

We will gather to study “**Help is Here**” by Max Lucado on **Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00am and Thursday, September 7th at 7:00pm**. Sign-up to order a book in the Narthex Message Center or the church office. There will be a zoom option again for the Wednesday morning group as needed.

Please read Chapter 1, “The Holy Who?” and Chapter 2, “Come Alongside Me” If you don’t have a book, you can pick one up at the first meeting. All are welcome.



CRLC Faithful Readers

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS – September 10th!

NEW ADULT SERIES: CIVIC LIFE and our FAITH

Beginning on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 our adult Sunday class will resume for the fall. We will begin our year with a new series. Currently, the ELCA is in the study process for a social statement on our civic life and faith. At this point in the planning, there are prepared materials for the congregations to study and offer input. We are, therefore, going to begin a 6-week study looking at how our duty to citizenship and how our devotion to our faith inform each other, as we all seek to walk the line between politics and religion. Pastor Randy and retired Deacon Judy Hoshek will lead this study.

Children’s Sunday School is Returning!

Join us Sunday, September 10th at 9:15! Followed by the Church Picnic!

We will continue to "Shine Jesus' Light" as we learn and fellowship together.



Vacation Bible School Fun-July 24-28!

(Go to the members area of the church website to see more VBS pictures!)





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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



SUMMER WATERING

Help keep the beautiful geraniums in bloom throughout the fall months 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.

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.



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.



Lutheran Disaster Response

Our September Serving Project will be to donate to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid in relief to the people of Hawaii affected by the wildfires. **Lutheran Disaster Response** actively works in areas affected by tornados, hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, **helping with Ukraine refugee settlement, and most recently aiding the people affected by the wildfires in Hawaii**. 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.

Redeemer Crisis Center School Supplies Donations!

We want to thank everyone so much for the many donations of School Supplies for Redeemer Crisis Center. We especially appreciate all the things donated by our Vacation Bible School children. Your generosity will help each student start the school year out well prepared.



**“Thrivent Action
Team
Supported Project”**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT



We had a very productive Serving Sunday on August 27th, packing just over 15,000 meals with approximately 90 participants. **THANK YOU** to everyone of all ages who displayed their faith in gathering in a group and played a role in helping to get food to those in need. **THANK YOU** also to those who gave a monetary contribution to help reach our \$5,745 commitment to pay for the meals.



SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND

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

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

Need on a more regular basis:

Tissues, Laundry Detergent and Canned Fruit

ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST:

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

USED CELL PHONES

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

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

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

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

REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER***NEW EMPHASIS ON ITEMS NEEDED***

Peanut Butter, Boxed Cereal and 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, Hawaii 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.

**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!

The Funny Bus event is full!



**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

BRINGING BACK THE FELLOWSHIP!



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



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!



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



Simon's Restaurant— Brecksville 11:30am

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

September 26th
 October 24th
 November 28th

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

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

Thankful to Kathleen Zakar for suggesting our lunches!

Signup on the Message Board in Narthex isn't necessary to join us!

Cards, Games, and Conversation

Please join us for the kickoff meeting of our Cards, Games, and Conversation Group. If you are not a card player, there are other games that we play and some people come just for the conversation with fellow members. It's a new season and time to try new things. Even if you have never joined us before, give it a try. We always have fun and good things to eat.



What: Cards, Games, and Conversation

When: Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 PM

Where: Coleman's Home, 2146 Rusnak Trail, Broadview Heights

What: Bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert)

Do RSVP to either Blaine or Judy if you can attend.

Home Phone: 440-717-9418

Blaine's Cell: 440-227-3249

Judy's Cell: 440-227-3248



Sunday,
September 10th
Hope to see you
there!

September 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!

| September 3 | 8:00 am | 9:30 am |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Mike Berzins | Al Siebert |
| Communion Assistants | x | Laurie Siebert, Joan Castelucci |
| Ushers | Todd Kiick, George Stelmaschuk | Scott Witzke, Amy Marek |
| Altar Care | Gail Stelmaschuk | Jan Hansler |
| Counters: Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa | | |
| September 10 RALLY DAY | 8:00 am | 10:30 am TIME CHANGES |
| Assisting Minister | Nancyanne Sinclair | Elaine Foss |
| Communion Assistants | x | Wendy Dralle, Ilene Privara |
| Ushers | Ken Blank, Todd Kiick | Jeff Dentzer, Jennifer Eisenmann |
| Altar Care | Dorthea Kramer | Dana Vrcan |
| Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance | | |
| September 17 | 8:00 am | 10:30am |
| Assisting Minister | Deb Blank | Joan Castelucci |
| Communion Assistants | x | Tom Hoinski, Dan Bartik |
| Ushers | Mark Evans, Al Radefeld | Wendy Dralle, Chris Dralle |
| Altar Care | Pam & Bob Bertsch | Ilene Privara |
| Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke | | |
| September 24 | 8:00 am | 10:30 am |
| Assisting Minister | Judy Hoshek | Linda Eckenbrecht |
| Communion Assistants | x | Dana Vrcan, Lee Knicely |
| Ushers | Lou Carouse, Lis Kroepel | Dan Bartik, Frank Boulton |
| Altar Care | Cheryl Stiefvater | Shirley Fisher |
| Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney | | |



- 1 Ilene Privera **
- 1 Jim Helle
- 2 Wendy Dralle
- 3 Rami Shayeb
- 5 Sung Gullifer
- 5 Jimmy Henyey
- 5 Julianne Jirousek
- 5 Dan Marek
- 5 Tom Hoinski
- 5 Ben Lane
- 6 Kathy Hoinski
- 7 Sarah Cotter
- 7 Kathy Golem
- 7 Karen Haely
- 7 Al Radefeld
- 8 Mike Berzins
- 8 Dana Troike
- 9 Lee Knicely **
- 9 Fred Krause **
- 9 Ingrid Smith
- 10 Joel Bussard
- 12 Stevie Kusanke
- 12 Maureen Michal **
- 16 Patrick Coughlin
- 16 Gail Stelmaschuk
- 17 Candice Booher
- 17 Pat Cordiak
- 17 Bev Sabella **
- 18 Pam Bertsch
- 18 Stephi DiPadova
- 18 Jessi Schuhle
- 21 Chris Arnold
- 21 Daniel Dralle
- 21 Shawn Pagel
- 23 Don Grossenbaugh
- 23 Laura Medvec
- 24 Todd Stoneman
- 26 Cathy Stoneman
- 30 Vivien Luksa
- 30 Marilee Meinzer
- 30 Alyssa Miterko

** = Milestone birthday

- 7 Chaleo and James Pohle
- 7 Karen and Ryan Haely
- 7 Joan and Jim Castelucci
- 15 Marlene and Ken Kasper
- 17 Jane and Gil Perram
- 18 Jeanne and Paul Travagianti
- 21 Erica and Matthew Perlman
- 22 Lisa and Scott Witzke
- 23 Linda and Frank Shima
- 25 Cathy and Todd Stoneman
- 25 Rachael and Carl Glissman
- 30 Cristina and Steve Wells



Online Giving

Convenient.
Simple.
Secure.

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

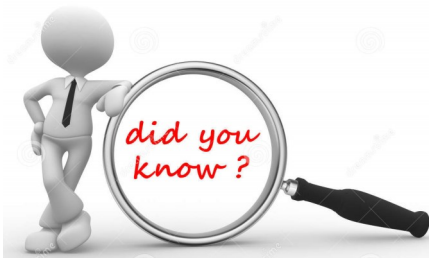
Renew your mind, body, and spirit on Mondays, 7:00 PM led by Jenna Waltz in Fellowship Hall. The cost is a free will offering. Bring your own yoga mat. For more information please contact Jenna at jenna.waltz@gmail.com



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 the meditative garden project is complete? If you haven't been out there, go take a look.
- ◆ Did you know that work continues on the outdoor chapel? The altar has been had a temporary upgrade and we look to the new pews arriving perhaps around the time you are reading this.
- ◆ Did you know that we did Rise Against Hunger food packing event last month?
- ◆ Did you know that our worship service times will change after Labor Day Weekend? We will move back to 8:00 and 10:30AM beginning September 10th.
- ◆ 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!

CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYS FOR. . .

Our Vision and Ministry Boards

Perry Family, Jeanne Travaglianti, Ken Kasper, Jones Family,
Carol Wooten, Karen Knicely, Joan Castelucci, Helen Stasek,
Barry Farine, Missy Koch
Rachael Glissman, Kathleen Zaker,
Ilene Privara, Nick Dobrinich, Paul & Marilyn Cameron,
Marlene Kasper, Alberta Manzi, Jacob Cordiak,
Janet Johnston, Kim Jennings, Melissa Candage,
Denise, John, Colby & Quintin
Terry, Alice, Marcine,
Lois Smith, Chris & Dave Foelber, Cole,
Kerri Weber, Doreen, Bob Gallik,
Marcia Peters, Don, Marc,
Adalyn, Bob Knicely, Tanya, Celine Fernandez
Hilde Schramm and family, Joanne North,
Stuart, Fred Denk, Bishop, Harper, Ben, Nuvia ,
all those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii





| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|--|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <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> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Praising God. Serving Others.</i></p> | | | | | | |
| 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship | Labor Day 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting | 10:00a Staff Meeting | 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA Back to the Beginning | 7:00p Ladies Bible Study | | |
| Rally Day-Sunday School Begins Worship Time Change 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School for All 10:30a Worship 11:30a -2:00p Church Picnic | 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting | 10:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Vision Board | 6:15p Ruah! Rehearsal 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA Back to the Beginning | | 6:30p Comedy Bus Tour Monthly INSIGHT Deadline | 10:00a CPR Class |
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| 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School for All 10:30a Worship | 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting | 10:00a Staff Meeting 11:30a Ladies Lunch Bunch | 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA Back to the Beginning | 6:45p Kiwanis | | |

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