

INSIGHT

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL: 9:15 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office is Closed on Monday

9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY



"Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and rescue us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise. "1 Chronicles 16:35

Once again, this year, in this season dedicated to giving thanks and expressing gratitude, I would like to use this space this month to give thanks for some of the many things I am grateful for in this community of faith here at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brecksville:

- ◆ I am thankful to the congregation for their many hours of discipleship and service, much that remains invisible to many of us.
- ◆ I am thankful for a congregation who have celebrated and been faithful for the last 50 years!
- ◆ I am thankful for the staff here at CRLC. It is a blessing to work alongside them as we endeavor to serve this community of faith. I am thankful for Karen Charbonneau for her time here as she prepares for a move and retirement.
- ◆ I am thankful for a congregation that supports this ministry not only with their financial giving but with their prayers, actions, and discipleship.
- ◆ I am thankful for a work environment that gives permission for mistakes, growth, change, and challenges.
- ◆ I am thankful for a congregation that shows up. I am thankful for those who physically participate and attend to our mission of "Praising God, Serving Others!"
- ◆ I am always thankful to hear the sounds of laughter emanating through the halls of our building that remind us of the joyous life together we can celebrate among a diverse group of people.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

See you in worship,

Pastor Randy

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All Saints Sunday - November 5th

During this special Sunday we remember all CRLC members who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. We also remember all our loved ones who have died this day. One way to do that is to put their name on the tree of life in the narthex area.

Advent is soon to begin!

Due to how the calendar year falls, this is the rare time when Advent doesn't begin until December. This impacts several aspects of a typical December and Advent season in our church life leading up to the Christmas celebration. Note some of the impact below:

- The first Sunday in Advent will be December 3rd. This signifies that the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend will not be the beginning of Advent, meaning decorating for the season will not occur until the following weekend.
- Due to the calendar and the Women's Advent Social, there will only be two Advent midweek worship services this year. These will occur on Tuesday, December 12th and 19th at 7PM. We invite you to take time during this busy month in the Advent and holiday rush to pause, give silence, and worship.
- The fourth Sunday of Advent is December 24th – Christmas Eve. Therefore, we will be doing the following: On Sunday morning, December 24th, we will have one 9:30AM worship celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent – lighting the final candle on the Advent wreath, etc. Then, that evening – Christmas Eve – we will have our normal three evening worship services celebrating the birth of our Savior. These worship times will be our normal pattern of 5:30, 7:30 and 11:00. (Also note the following Sunday – December 31st we will also only have one 9:30AM service.) There will be no Sunday School on those two Sundays.

Faith Formation Advent Team

Dear CRLC Family,

The Faith Formation Advent Team will be providing you with a chance to share your thoughts and insights this Advent season.

There will be 4 large candles on display in our gathering space with the labels. HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. We ask that you post anything, be it words or pictures, on the appropriate candle that represents this message to you.

We wish everyone a blessed Advent journey as this gives us yet another way to share in this wonderful season of anticipation.

ART CONNECTIONS IS RETURNING!

Art Connections will be returning to CRLC in 2024. But to do this, we need to start working on it now. Please consider joining the planning team as we gear up to share God's creative talents with our church and our community. If you are interested, please contact Jen Evans at 216-509-3347 or jenevans3ten@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome, so come help us get this show on the road.

We also encourage everyone to consider creating something for Art Connections. Artistic talents shared in the past include: children's art work, painting, drawing, mosaics, sculpture, photography, textiles, knitting, paper arts, needlepoint, woodworking, music, or performing art. We can't wait to see your creations!

Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and loving thoughts for the last 8 months since my surgery. I really think that this was a nice thing that the church did for me. I appreciated all the cards and phone calls. I'm honored to have you all as my loving friends.

Kathleen Zaker

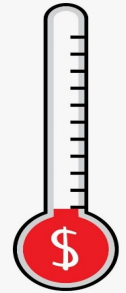
50K for 50 Years!

As Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church winds down its celebration of its 50th anniversary this year, we are still striving to raise \$50,000 to mark this anniversary. At this writing we are over \$31,000 and still hope to come closer to our goal. What will we do with this money? It will be used for Outreach and Inreach.

For Outreach: We will give one-half the total raised to Redeemer Crisis Center that will enhance their ability to serve people in need.

For Inreach: We are also using the other half to refurbish the outdoor chapel. The pews are now complete, and we hope to replace the altar next spring. 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". If you are planning to still donate to this, we ask that you do so as soon as you can as we soon bring this fundraiser to a close. *Thank you!*



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our time, talent and resources...

A reminder that is not too late to return the Time and Talent Survey, as well as your estimate of giving card.

THANK YOU! For all your support and for those who have already turned in their materials.

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."



Goodbye!

After being so warmly welcomed to my position as Church Secretary for Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, I have decided to fully retire the end of November. I will be moving and staying with my son temporarily as he is finishing work on his 100-year-old farmhouse. This will give me the opportunity to spend more time with my grandchildren and to do some travelling to a few places I have wanted to visit. It has been a wonderful experience working with Pastor Randy, Laurie, Jill and James. I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for all that you have done to make my experience at CRLC rewarding and meaningful. "Praising God, Serving Others" is truly the foundation of this congregation.

Best regards,
Karen Charbonneau

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
HOWARD M. METZENBAUM UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
201 SUPERIOR AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114-1235**

PRESS RELEASE

SUZANA KRSTEVSKI KOCH APPOINTED JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, AT CLEVELAND, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2, 2023.

CLEVELAND, OH. October 2, 2023. Mary Ann Whipple, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, announces that Suzana Krstevski Koch has been appointed to a 14-year term as Bankruptcy Judge, sitting in Cleveland, Ohio, by the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Arthur I. Harris (Recall).

Judge Krstevski Koch joins the Court after serving most recently as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio where she was the Coordinator of the Financial Litigation Program and responsible for the civil enforcement of criminal monetary penalties.

Prior to joining the Office of the United States Attorney, Judge Krstevski Koch was a partner in a regional law firm with a diverse commercial litigation and transactional practice focused on commercial reorganization and corporate restructuring, representing debtors in cash collateral and debtor-in-possession financing matters. She has frequently lectured and published on bankruptcy and insolvency topics. Judge Krstevski Koch is a graduate of Walsh University and The Michael E. Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio has court locations in Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Toledo and Youngstown. For more information, visit the Court's website at www.ohnb.uscourts.gov.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Point of Contact: Josiah C. Sell, Clerk of Court
(216) 615-4341



“THEO -THURSDAY”

Theo Thursday continues. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Royal Breakfast & More, Thursday, November 16th @ 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

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation class is currently meeting with our youth Director in the high school classroom in the lower level. Beginning in November, Pastor Randy will be teaching the new units to the returning and the first-year students.

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.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

(Tim & Shirley Shaver not shown below)

The Dobbins Family
Ken, Amanda and Oliver



The Falcone Family
Matt, Brandy, Andrew and Aaron



Lew and Joyce Jenkins



Carol Lebanik



Dave & Connie Minerovic



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 at the beginning of October.

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).



I've received positive feedback from my weekly "Hymn Notes", so I'd like to share some information on some hymns for the Festival of All Saints. Some of these hymns may be familiar, some may not. It is my hope that you learn something new! Enjoy!

Rejoice in God's Saints ELW 418

Fred Pratt Green was commissioned by the Dean of Norwich Cathedral to write two processional hymns for the six-hundredth anniversary of *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich. Julian lived in an anchoritic way outside the walls of the Norwich Cathedral, so Green wrote two hymns related to the monastic life. He then fashioned those two into a single hymn. "Rejoice in God's Saints", which highlights all kinds of saints in their prayer, praise, and daily living was the result. It was published in *More Hymns for Today* (1980). LAUDATE DOMINUM is taken from the end of the anthem "Hear My Words", which C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) wrote in 1894. Charles Hubert Hastings Parry was born at Bournemouth in England, studied with George Elvey, where he received the B.Mus. degree, then studied composition at Exeter College, Oxford. He was a prolific composer, a remarkably able tunesmith, a writer on the history of music and musical style and a congenial though rigorous man of many interests, from amateur scientist to yachtsman. He helped restore music to a place of importance in English life.

By All Your Saints ELW 420

Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913) included this hymn in his *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns, By a Layman* (1864). An opening stanza gave a general introduction, a stanza for a specific person or persons would be inserted, and a doxology served as a conclusion. Horatio Bolton Nelson was born in Burnham, Norfolk, as Thomas Bolton, succeeded to the title of Earl in 1835 and took the name of his uncle, Admiral Viscount Nelson. He studied at Trinity College, Cambridge. We remember him for this hymn, though he published other works with a concern for the family's devotional life. KING'S LYNN is one of the folk tunes made known to us through Ralph Vaughan Williams. He collected it on April 23, 1904, at East Horndon and on January 9, 1905, at King's Lynn, Norfolk. In the *English Hymnal* (1906) he tied it to G. K. Chesterton's potent hymn "O God of Earth and Altar." It is a compelling tune.

Behold the Host Arrayed in White ELW 425

From the Danish heritage, this was one of seventy hymns Hans Adolf Brorson wrote in the last year of his life and which his son published posthumously in *Svanesang: en Samling og aandelige digte* (1765). *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses a translation by Gracia Grindal. The text is generated by the description in Revelation 7:9 of the multitude robed in white, comparing it to the Scandinavian landscape of snow-clad mountains. The text itself picks up Revelation 7:13-17, where the ordeal, cleansing, and tears are not forgotten. DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK is a seventeenth-century Norwegian folk tune from Heddal that Ludvig Lindeman published in his *Aeldre og nyere norske fjeldmelodier* (1853). The harmonization is from Edvard Grieg's Opus 30, No. 10, for male chorus. Edvard Hagerup Grieg (1843-1907), born in Bergen, Norway, of Scottish ancestry, studied piano with his mother and piano and composition at the Leipzig Conservatory. He devoted his life to Norwegian music. He established the Norwegian Academy of Music, taught, conducted, played and toured. A prolific composer, his style is individualistic yet, like this folksong, has an uncanny capacity to mirror the haunting Norwegian landscape and soul.



Sing with All the Saints in Glory ELW 426

William J. Irons (1812-1883) included this hymn in the first edition of his *Psalms and Hymns for the Church* (1873). This hymn was meant for Easter. Like many hymns, it is multivalent and can be construed to fit with more than one theme. William Irons was the son of Joseph Irons, who was a friend of John Newton. He was born in England, studied at Queens College, Oxford and was ordained in 1835. He served a number of churches, including as rector at St. Mary-Woolworth, where John Newton had been and where he began his hymn writing and translating. William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947) wrote the tune (MISSISSIPPI) in 1993 when he and Carl Daw were commissioned to write a tune and text for Episcopal Church's Association of Diocesan Liturgy and Music Commissions. Roberts's tune, is named for the conference's location in Jackson, Mississippi. William Bradley Roberts, born in Greenwood, Mississippi, studied at Houston Baptist Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Taize and Solesmes in France and with Alice Parker. In addition to writing hymn tunes, he has written articles, been a member of numerous boards and commissions, contributed to or edited seven hymnals and related resources, and composed choral music for six publishers. His doctoral dissertation was on Darius Milhaud.

For All Your Saints, O Lord ELW 427

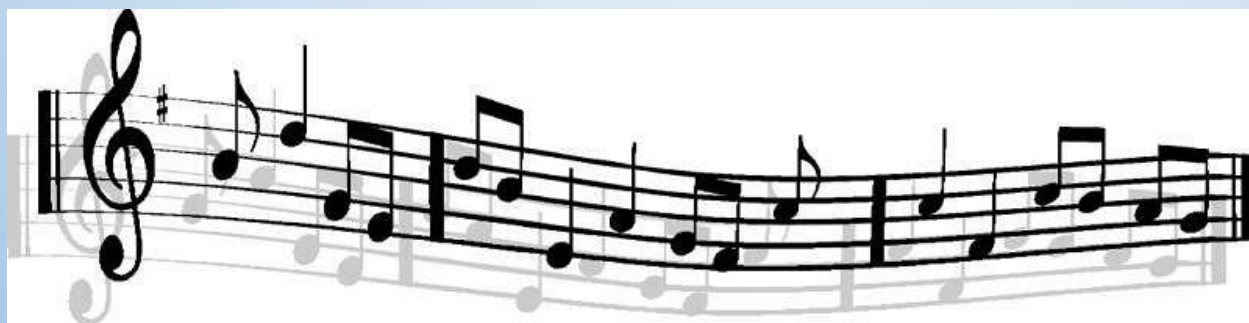
Richard Mant (1776-1848) included this hymn in his *Ancient Hymns from the Roman Breviary, for Domestick Use..To which are added Original Hymns* (1837). It was titled "Hymn on All Saints" and is one of the original hymns from the collection, not a translation from the Latin Breviary. This is essentially a hymn of gratitude. Richard Mant was the son of the rector and master of the grammar school in Southampton, England. He studied at Winchester School and Trinity College. He was ordained a deacon in 1802 and a priest in 1803. He became bishop of Killaloe and Kilfenoragh (1820-1823) in Ireland and of Down and Connor (1823-1842), and Dromore (1842-1848). A prolific writer and one of the earliest nineteenth-century translators of Latin hymns, he wrote a history of the Church of Ireland and *The Book of Psalms in an English Metrical Version* (1824). FESTAL SONG by William H. Walter (1825-1893) first appeared in J. Ireland Tucker's *The Hymnal with Tunes Old and New* (1872) for William Hammond's text "Awake and sing the song." William Walter was the organist at Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in Newark, New Jersey, his birthplace, and studied with Edward Hodges. William Walter wrote anthems, service music, and masses. His publications include a *Manual of Church Music* (1860) and *Lessons in Music* (1882).

“For All the Saints”
James Alfieri, Organ
Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

November 1, 2023 7:00 pm

Featuring music in Celebration of All Saints’ Day by Ross Anderson, Denis Bedard, Charles Callahan, Kevin Hildebrand, Gerhard Krapf, Dan Locklair and B. Wayne Sanders.

You are invited. Please come!



November 19, 2023 4:00 pm

**Recital to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the
Schlicker/Holtkamp organ.**

**The special piece commissioned for this occasion
“Partita on Engelberg” by John A. Behnke
will be included in the program.**

The concert is free and open to the public.



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

NOVEMBER 12 - PENTECOST 24

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thess 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 19 - PENTECOST 25

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thess 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 26 - CHRIST THE KING

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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



Parish Nurse News



During November our thoughts focus on Thanksgiving – may we be humbled by the bountiful harvest our Lord provides for us. He lovingly supplies for all our needs and helps us to share our blessings with others. There are many things that we are thankful for; among them the gift of memories. *Reminiscing* can enhance our life. It is ‘healthful’ for all ages but can be especially therapeutic as we age. Reminiscence involves *sharing thoughts & feelings* of one’s experiences to recall & reflect upon important events within one’s life. The ability to *recall & reflect* helps older adults remember who they used to be and helps them define their identity in the current moment. Stories of the past provide a **source of affirmation, hope, and belief that our legacy will be preserved.**

In this era of digital photos, my computer regularly shares with me “Your Memories from This Day”, since my techie family members have assisted me in saving them. I am visually reminded of previous travels, family & church events and am amazed to recall how many years ago these events occurred.

Reminiscing allows us to: (1) **recall life situations & re-experience them.** This helps to integrate our past life with our current life. (2) to **make meaning of previous life experience.** If we are unable to find meaning in our life, we are unable to develop any new insights, or benefit from our experiences. (3) it can **strengthen our self-esteem & reduce feelings of isolation** – it may protect against depression and loneliness. As we share our remembering with others, we can develop a powerful sense of ourselves as survivors.

Many people it seems, are considering “how and why nostalgia may be making a return (pun intended) in a society that was so future-focused and goal-oriented before the COVID-19 pandemic. **Nostalgia is usually a yearning for our past selves, not just for a time and place.** We crave to feel the positive emotions that we felt, to connect to the version of ourselves we were at the time we are reminiscing about.” <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-everyday-unconscious/202009/why-nostalgia-the-amazing-power-reminiscing>

“Life can only be understood backwards; but must be lived forwards” (Kierkegaard).

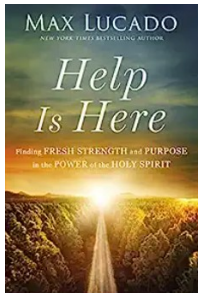
My grandchildren love looking at photos of themselves or others. Sharing memories helps solidify their current identity and helps them feel valued & appreciated. Photos certainly are a great way to reminisce, but discussing historical items such as toys, previous homes, events, favorite old songs, etc. are valuable too. Genealogy conversations share a unique perspective of self too. When reminiscing with others: listen attentively & thoughtfully, encourage them to share *not only experiences*, but also their *feelings*, consider recording them in print or digitally, to be recalled in the future.

Holiday times provide great opportunities for the Lord to richly bless your reminiscing.

May you experience His Peace & Joy! “Look to the Lord & His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles . . . ” (1 Chronicles 16: 11-12).

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN



Women's Bible Study

We will gather to study “**Help is Here**” by Max Lucado on **Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00am and Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm**. There will be a zoom option again for the Wednesday morning group as needed. Please read Chapter 4, “Groans of the Heart “. 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 be meeting on **Wednesday, November 15th at 10:00am**. The third book will be “Last Christmas in Paris” by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb Meetings are held in Chapelview Room on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. You can pick up a brochure at the meeting. All are welcome.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE!

Pastor Blair Morgan has resumed his series doing an overview of the books of the Bible. Anyone can come anytime – most of the sessions are stand alone on books of the Bible! Come and join this class

PROPERTY

MIKE SKWARSKI, FACILITY MANAGER

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.



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 into the NEW donation area of the coat closet.

Healthy after-school snacks for the children OASIS partners with. This would **include bags of small apples, bags of clementines or mandarin oranges, fruit cups, granola or fruit bars and peanut butter or cheese crackers**

Lutheran Disaster Response actively works in areas affected by tornados, hurricanes, flooding, wildfires and war. 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.



Harvest Sunday

Harvest Sunday is November 19th

We will be supporting our local Lend A Hand organization by bringing in paper products, personal toiletries and healthy non-perishable food items starting **November 1st through the 19th.**

We will need to deliver the goods on Monday the 20th before Thanksgiving.

There are decorative vinyl bags available in the Gathering Space starting on Reformation Sunday for you to use to bring food items to church and leave by the altar on Harvest Sunday. Please pick one up.

Thank you for your generosity feeding & helping those with less.

*Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!*

FELLOWSHIP

JEANNE TRAVAGLIANTI, JOAN CASTELUCCI

REFORMATION DINNER

Thank you to the Paul Koch family for sponsoring the Reformation Dinner in memory of Fred Koch again this year!

Cards, Games, and Conversation

Please join us for 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: TBD

Where:

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

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

BRINGING BACK THE FELLOWSHIP!

To All ... We are asking everyone to consider being a Coffee Host, an important part of our Fellowship Ministry. Having the coffee on is welcoming, promotes fellowship, and gives those heading to class or lingering in the Gathering space, a cup of warmth when shared with others. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two ... thank you!

WANTED

COFFEE HOSTS!

8:30AM - 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!



THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO
CAME OUT TO
ENJOY THE
FUNNY BUS!



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, November 28th. 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.

November 28th
December - PASS
January 23rd

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



A warm thank you to Jenni Halter, Jenna Waltz, and Linda Eckenbrecht for stepping forward to bring us ladies another meaningful evening together to begin our Advent season. We're excited to see how this evening unfolds, and hope that you'll be able to offer your help as they may ask over the weeks ahead. The theme will be "All Things New" ... and I think we'll get to see this theme in action.

Watch for more information on the Narthex sign-up board, and mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 5th to once again share this special evening together.

For more information, contact Jenni Halter at 440-897-0594.



Anyone Like to Go Christmas Caroling?

There's something about the songs of the season that just lift the spirits of everyone who hears them. Under the direction of James Alfieri, the group of CRLC members who participated last year, brought joy to the residents of Chippewa Place, and all arrived back at CRLC with a smile of their own. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex for those interested in going this year. No experience necessary ... just the willingness to bring the good cheer to those who need. it! Date to be determined ... get signed up as it will help with planning.

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

Women's Advent Social

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS, AND SNACKS

The annual CRLC Advent Tea has been revamped a bit this year as we work to unite tradition with change. We will take the tea and candle lit contemplative service of the past, and add to it the simplicity of a potluck and social hour. We look forward to you joining us for this beautiful evening!

When: Tuesday, December 5th

Where: CRLC

Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM, Service at 7:00 PM
with refreshments to follow



Sign up in the gathering space to bring an app or desert to share.

Annual CRLC *Lake Chautauqua Getaway!!*

LAKE CHAUTAUQUA GETAWAY ... January 12-15, 2024

All too soon the hustle and bustle of another beautiful and busy holiday season, from Thanksgiving through Christmas, will be upon us. Why not set your sights on a respite afterwards with your church family? Imagine being gathered around a roaring fire, cozy on a cold January night, at our Annual Lake Chautauqua Getaway. Mark your calendars now for this relaxing and fun weekend in January, 12-14, with the option to extend your stay through Monday, as it's MLK weekend.

This is a great weekend! Many of us settle in and play games and work puzzles together, while others spend some time catching up on reading. The adventurous type take to the nearby slopes or enjoy the outdoors hiking the grounds ... there is something for everyone! We also share a simple church service together Sunday morning after breakfast.

We stay at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, which offers a hearty breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morning. Lunch and dinner are on your own, although most gather in groups to go to the local eateries. You are welcome to bring your own food, and of course, please bring a snack to share. Coffee, hot tea and cocoa are available on site ... please bring any other beverage you'd like. If consumed on site, beer and wine are permitted.

There are two room accommodations ... one has a double bed with a trundle, the other has a double bed and a twin bed. Rooms are available on a first come/first serve basis. (Example: One, double bed room for a couple, plus 2 breakfasts each day, is roughly \$164 for the weekend)

There will be a sign-up sheet on board in Narthex. Please contact Jeanne Travagianti if you have any questions ... jctbeantown@gmail.com or 440-667-9803. Hope to see you in Lake Chautauqua!



November 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!

November 5	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Dana Vrcan
Communion Assistants	x	Al & Laurie Siebert
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Al Radefeld	Dennis Nagy, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Lis Kroepel	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Hosts: Laubacher's

November 12	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Jan Romance
Communion Assistants	x	Blaine & Judy Coleman
Ushers	Todd Kiick, Ken Blank	Bill Waltz, Jeff Dentzer
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Jan Hansler
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: Linda Shima

November 19	8:00 am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Karla Perry
Communion Assistants	x	Ilene Privara, Linda Eckenbrecht
Ushers	Al Radefeld, Lis Kroepel	Dana Vrcan, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Ilene Privara
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: Jan Romance

November 26	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lauren Jirousek	Kathy Hoinski
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy Dralle, Jen Eisenmann
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Mark Evans	Blaine Coleman, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: Lis Kroepel



- 1 Sharon Hicks
- 1 Ryan Haely
- 1 Samuel Eisenmann
- 2 Linda Riemer
- 3 Dane Davic
- 3 Robert Benza
- 3 Sterling Howatt
- 5 Olivia Beery
- 6 Jake Riggs
- 7 Amy Klinger
- 7 Marty Petrovic**
- 8 Gil Perram **
- 10 Linda Shima
- 10 Tori Ehrbar
- 10 Annika Shondrick
- 10 Sebastian Shondrick
- 11 Marlene McKenzie
- 11 Bob Meinzer
- 11 Devon Lewiston
- 11 Hailey Stoneman
- 11 Joanna Friedburg
- 12 Jenni Halter
- 13 Kathy Mook
- 13 John Brunovsky
- 14 Phyllis Obrock
- 14 Tonya Pagel
- 14 Bristol Howatt
- 15 Lisa Witzke
- 15 McKenna McGhee
- 16 Sandy Weiss
- 16 A J Marcinko
- 17 Anita Luksa **
- 18 Joan Huber
- 18 Sydney Wells
- 19 Michael Griech
- 21 Joseph Kos
- 21 Jeff Smith
- 21 Isaac D'Anza
- 21 Olivia Garvas
- 21 Mark Lickert
- 22 Dorthea Kramer
- 22 Henry Kay
- 23 Cindy Rohde
- 23 Shannon Moore
- 23 Allison Evans
- 24 Todd Kiick
- 25 Kathy Swasey **
- 27 Jack Krew
- 28 Michael Bodanza
- 30 Macey McGhee

**= Milestone birthday

- 2 Judy and Richard Montowski
- 6 Joanie and Ed McTernan
- 7 Linda and Bob Stack
- 7 Ina and Joe Stanek
- 7 Sara and Tony DeBaltzo
- 22 Adrienne and Dane Davic
- 25 Judy Hoshek and Nick Dobrinich
- 26 Megan and Tom Weber
- 29 Greg and Kathleen Zaker
- 29 Dorthea and Eric Kramer



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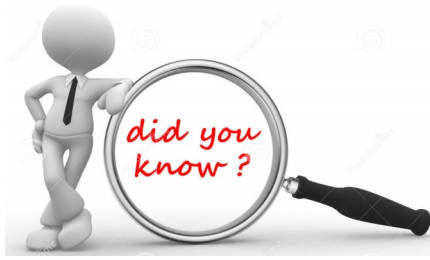
Did you know that we have the ability to receive online giving through our website? (www.crlcbrecksville.org)

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

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



- Did you know that our own member Suzana Koch was selected to be the new Federal Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District of Ohio? Congratulations Judge Koch on this major milestone accomplishment!
- Did you know that All Saints Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday in November? Again, this year we will remember those who have lost a loved one, plus recognized the death of any of our members since All Saints Sunday last year.

- Did you know that we are still receiving the time and talent surveys, as well as the estimate of giving cards? You are encouraged to complete these as you can.
- Did you know that the annual congregation meeting is this month on November 19th?
- Did you know that we welcomed the newest members among us last month?
- Did you know that we celebrated the confirmation of our youth on Reformation Sunday?
- Did you know you can still watch Pastor Randy's "State of the congregation address" on our YouTube channel? It is at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCwO_yPhnKs
- Do you know that the ELCA National Youth Gathering will next occur in the summer of 2024? The host city will be New Orleans. Registration is now open.
- 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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Kristin, Huck family, Karin,
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>All Saints Sunday 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School for All 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>6 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:00a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 7:00p Organ Recital-James Alfieri 7:30p AA Back to the Beginning</p>	<p>2 7:00p Ladies Bible Study</p>	3	4
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<p>Harvest Sunday 19 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School for All 10:30a Worship 11:30a Congregational Meeting 4:00p 50th Anniversary Organ Recital</p>	<p>20 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 10:00a Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22 Monthly INSIGHT Deadline</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day 23</p> 	24	25
<p>Christ the King Sunday 26 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School for All 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>27 7:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 10:00a Staff Meeting 11:30 Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>29 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA Back to the Beginning</p>	30		

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