

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



INSIGHT

JANUARY 2024

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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

FROM THE PASTOR

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power." (Ephesians 1:17-19)

A new year. A new start. A new year's resolution. I'm not sure how many of you make new year resolutions anymore. I am wondering if that is an old custom that is fading away with time. Do you still make any? Putting up a new monthly calendar, changing the digits of our year in writing and how we see it, certainly is an opportune time in our lives to examine our pathways and life situations. Maybe with all of that, we can too, in the faith, discern a personal spiritual new year resolution as well. We certainly recognize that in our baptism we are constantly renewed, forgiven, and loved in Christ, but perhaps as our society moves into 2024, we can use this time as well to discern our 'spiritual goals' for these next twelve months. Some potential questions to ask ourselves:

- + How will worship be a priority in my weekly practice this year?
- + Where can I stretch, exercise, and build up my faith this year?
- + What faith issue do I wrestle with the most that maybe I will make deliberate attempts to explore further, by reading, by asking, by attending, by giving purpose-filled time to?
- + Where do I look to be different in my spiritual journey by the end of Christmas next year?

God's Holy Spirit penetrates into our lives my many different means, but sometimes by taking intentional steps, intentional planning, intentional time, we open up the door even wider to see God stepping into our midst. It is then as the Ephesians text reads: *"with the eyes of your heart enlightened"* we are able to view this planet differently.

Blessings to CRLC and our faith journey in 2024!

See you in worship,

Pastor Randy

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THEO-THURSDAY



Theo Thursday continues this month. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Royal Breakfast restaurant on Thursday, January 18th @ 9:30AM.

“Make today worth remembering”—Zig Ziglar

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

On Sunday, November 19th our annual congregational meeting was conducted following the 10:30 worship service. A motion was passed to fund a 2024 parking lot project at 75% from existing funds while seeking to raise 25% from the congregation. A 2024 Mission Investment Plan (Budget) was approved, and the following were elected/appointed to leadership positions:

Vision Board: Steve Wilson and Ryan Haely
Vision Board Youth Representative: Zach Toghill
Treasurer: Laura Kiick

The following were ratified for the 2024 Ministry Board:

Education: Kathy Hoinski
Serving: Linda Radefeld and Jan Romance
Fellowship: Lis Kroepel (Co-chair open)
Worship: Mark Lickert
Secretary: Diane Haberny

We thank the following individuals who completed their terms of leadership in 2023:

Ministry Board: Lisa Witzke (Worship); Gail Berzins & Jennifer Eisenmann (Evangelism); and Jeanne Travaglianti and Joan Castelucci (Fellowship)

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are pleased to announce the launch this past 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:

Introduction to the Old Testament – Zoom 6-9pm – 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).

“New Transfer Instructions for Charitable Donations of Stock, Bonds or Mutual Funds to CRLC”

Please note that we have a new account to receive donations of stocks, bonds or mutual funds to CRLC. Transfer instructions are as follows:

Account Title/Registration: CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Receiving Institution Account Number*: *Contact Laura Kiick or Lee Knicely for our 8-digit account number (see contact information below)*

Contact Name: Pastor Randy O'Donnell

Name of Receiving Institution: Charles Schwab

DTC Number: 0164, Code 40

*For the Receiving institution account number or if you have any questions, please call or email Laura Kiick (330)255-2138 kiick@sequoia-financial.com or Lee Knicely knicelyalee@yahoo.com (330)468-4117



O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

I'd like to share some information on the Epiphany Hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright". You will hear two settings of this chorale in worship on January 7, 2024. It is my hope that you learn something new! Enjoy!

This hymn came to be known as the "Queen of Chorales" and its partner "Wake, awake, for night is flying" as the "King of Chorales". Both hymns and their tunes are by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), who included them in his *Frewden-Spiegel dess ewigen Lebens* (1599)—"joyful mirror of eternal life."

"O Morning Star" is based on Psalm 45, with allusions to the jewel, jasper, and pearls of Revelation 21:11, 19, and 21, the Alpha, Omega, and Morning Star of Revelation 22:13 and 16. Much more than that, however, the hymn's images pull together God's love in Christ through word and sacraments in a joyful song that is at once cosmic and intensely personal. Nicolai kept the "objective" character of God's loving action but heightened the "subjective" accent of our loving response. A whole gestalt about God's powerful action and a responsively potent Christian life is present here. The poetic shape of the poem itself suggests this. If you center its lines—in German or English—and lay them out according to their rhyme scheme, the outline of a chalice emerges:

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
 You shine with God's own truth and light,
 aglow with grace and mercy!
 Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
 our Lord and Savior, you have won
 our hearts to serve you only!
 Lowly,
 holy!
 Great and glorious,
 all victorious,
 rich in blessing!
 Rule and might o'er all possessing!*

That may have been Nicolai's intent, given the all-encompassing character of the Lord's supper.

The German text had seven stanzas. The first letter of each stanza formed an acrostic in honor of Nicolai's friend and student Wilhelm Ernst, who died in 1598: WEGVUHZW, **Wilhelm Ernst, Graf und Herr zu Waldeck** (Wilhelm Ernst, Count and Lord of Waldeck). *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* prints an English version of six stanzas.

This hymn stimulated clones, variations, and new creations in German followed by various English translations of them. The text in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is largely the one prepared by the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship for *Lutheran Book of Worship* and shows some influences from Catherine Winkworth.

Nicolai was born near Waldeck, Germany, studied first at Erfurt, graduated from Wittenburg in 1579 and received a DD there in 1594. In 1588 he was the pastor at Altwildungen and in 1596 at Unna in Westphalia. In 1597-1598 the plague struck Unna. Thirteen hundred people died in a six-month period. Nicolai's house overlooked the cemetery where he conducted the interments of as many as thirty funerals a day. Turning to Augustine's "City of God", he wrote "O Morning Star" and "Wake, awake"—which is one more instance in the church's history where intense pain and suffering produced remarkable creations. In 1601 Nicolai was called to St. Catherine's Church in Hamburg. He died seven years later, remembered as an eloquent preacher whom some people likened to Chrysostom.

WIE SCHON LEUCHTET is a jubilant tune. A common musical coinage (where individual crafting was regarded as part of the communal whole) is at work for this time in that it may have been adapted by Nicolai from the tune for Psalm 100 in Wolff Kophel's *Psalter* (1538). The rhythmic version given here is the congregational original and fits the character of the text as well as congregational singing.

Information from: Hymnal Companion To Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Paul Westermeyer, 2010

READINGS FOR JANUARY

JANUARY 7

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 14

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

1 Samuel 3:1-10
[11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

JANUARY 21

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

JANUARY 28

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

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

Health News

May God Bless you in the New Year. Resolution in the New Year: what if we each tried to improve the emotional climate of our personal world? We lament that our society & thinking is **self-centered, rude & disrespectful**. The pervading attitude that thinks: "I don't like ...", "I'm not comfortable with - - - poor/rich people, old people, slow/fast drivers, people of different ethnic or racial background, people with piercings, weird hair, etc." and it is my right to let them know! Such selfishness in attitudes is a challenging way of thinking which can easily slip into all areas of our lives – showing itself in our interactions with family, strangers & even within the church community.

"To watch over mouth and tongue is to keep out of trouble." (Proverb 21:23)

We all have impulses to do things & say things that aren't helpful & kind to others. It may not be realistic to expect to stop having these impulses/thoughts, but it is important to **stop yourself from acting on every impulse** you have. Healthy people have internalized the "**stop and think**" message & use it to make choices about their actions. Impulse control can be learned.

"Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill." (Proverbs 1:5)

Avoiding rude responses & behaving in a respectful way is modeling Christ-like responses in our world. It is basic good communication to all from preschoolers to seniors. **Respect is an attitude.** **Be positive** - Don't embarrass, insult, or make fun of others. **Compliment** others. **Be Trusting** - Let others make choices and take responsibility. **Be fair** - Listen to the other side of the story before reaching a conclusion. **Be polite** - Use "please" & "thank you". Knock before entering a room. **Be reliable** - Keep promises. Show that you mean what you say. **Be a good listener** - Give your full attention. **Be caring** - Show concern for people, animals & the environment.

- (1) **Model it:** If you want others to do it, you have to do it too.
- (2) **Expect it:** When your expectations are reasonably high, others rise to the occasion.
- (3) **Teach it:** Give children the tools they need to show you respect.
- (4) **Praise it:** When you see or hear children using respectful language and making respectful choices, recognize it and praise them for making positive, respectful decisions.
- (5) **Discuss it:** Pick out times when you see other people using respectful or disrespectful language or behavior & discuss it.
- (6) **Correct it:** Be strong, firm & direct when teaching respect. At the same time, be sure you are being respectful yourself while correcting the behavior.
- (7) **Acknowledge it:** *Don't just let things slide!* Be sure to notice when respectful behavior is being exhibited & make sure to "call them out" on disrespectful behavior!
- (8) **Understand it:** Children are growing & learning. But have you considered whether you may have picked up bad habits? Sometimes word choice & behavioral decisions are made because: "I'm tired," "I'm frustrated," or "I'm angry." Apology may be necessary.
- (9) **Reinforce it:** Remind children of their good decisions so that they remember how it felt, the praise they received, and the overall experience of being respectful.
- (10) **Reward it:** Respectful behavior should be something that children want to do without rewards.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." (1 Thes. 5:11)

May the Peace that comes from the Lord, help you to feel His Comforting Presence in Your Life.

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by YAC (Youth in Christ)

Thank you to all who participated!



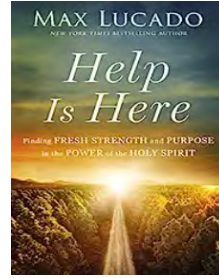
Recent Graduate

Grace Springer graduates 12/16/23 from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism with minors in Communication Studies and Media Advocacy. While in college, Grace was enrolled in the honors college, played piccolo in the marching band, was a member of club figure skating and was an editor at the student newspaper, KentWired. After graduation, Grace will work as a reporter at the Canton Repository newspaper. Please join us in congratulating Grace on her graduation!

Women's Bible Study

We will meet on Wednesday, January 3rd at 10:00 and Thursday, January 4th at 7:00.

Please read chapter 7 "How to Hear from God," for the January Bible Study.



CRLC Faithful Readers

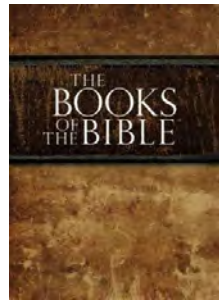
Meeting on January 17th at 10:00am in Chapelview Room.

The book for January is "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict.



Adult Sunday School—The Books of the Bible

Pastor Blair Morgan resumes his series doing an overview of the books of the Bible in January. Anyone can come any time – most of the sessions are stand alone on books of the Bible! Come and join this class!



Christian Yoga at CRLC

Renew your mind, body, and spirit on Mondays, 7:00PM led by Jenna Waltz in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

The cost is a free will offering. Bring your own yoga mat.. For more information please contact Jenna at jenna.waltz@gmail.com.

Kitchen Microwave

Thank you to Mike Bodanza for donating a microwave to our kitchen to replace the other one that stopped working. We appreciate it!

Building Repairs

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.



Sunday School

Our Sunday school may be small but it sure is mighty!!! We had Noah, the Ark and some animals join us at our Bible character costume party.

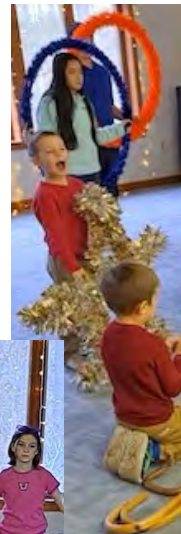
We also sent Thanksgiving post cards and made Christmas trees for our home bound members.

We are shining Jesus' light wherever we can!



Children's Christmas Pageant

The Sunday school Christmas program during the youth pancake breakfast, featuring Shine Jesus' Light, was a big success! Enjoy these pictures of the fun festivity.





Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to all who
donated for the
Christmas Giving Tree!

Your generous gifts are
greatly appreciated.

Red Cross Blood Drive

On Sunday, January 28th, beginning at 8:30am through mid-afternoon CRLC will host our next Bloodmobile event in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider giving life to others through your donation. There is always a shortage.



**American
Red Cross**



Join Our Adult Fellowship Card Group

Saturday, January 27th at 6:00 PM

The name of this fellowship opportunity may be misleading. You really don't need to know how to play cards in order to join us.

Some people play cards, others play various games, and we do a lot of eating, talking and having fun. The group is for both singles and couples and we always have a good time.

Carole Wooten will host our event in January

Here are the details:

HOST: Carole Wooten

WHEN: January 27, 2023 at 6:00pm

WHERE: 624 Ridgeview Drive in Seven Hills

To confirm your attendance, you can call Carole at (216) 524-4288 or by email at applk6247@yahoo.com.

If you would like to host, please contact Blaine Coleman at (440) 717-9418

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.

Women's Advent Social

Thank you to all the women who attended and embraced our updated Advent Social! The evening was filled with joy, fellowship, and reflection, and we are thrilled with how it turned out. We hope this event can continue to grow in popularity in the future! Merry Christmas to all!



Ladies Lunch Brunch

We hope you'll join our CRLC ladies for some lunch and fellowship on January 23rd, at 11:30am. We'll meet at Simon's in Brecksville.



To Our Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

It is a blessing and a gift to have been given the privilege to meet in your beautiful building. Your thoughtfulness in sharing your space is tantamount only to your kind, considerate hospitality. All the people we have met associated with Christ the Redeemer are so welcoming; truly the embodiment of a faith-filled community.

A lovely, enjoyable area adds greatly to the ambiance and camaraderie of our PEO gatherings. As we have guest speakers in addition to more formal meetings, both are complemented by such an engaging location.

Your generosity in allowing us the use of your meeting room and kitchen is so very much appreciated.

On behalf of PEO Chapter CA, Thank You. Sincerely, Susan Splichal

Warm wishes to you, your families and your parish for a meaningful and memorable holiday season.



2024 Fellowship Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 6th, 12-1PM
Fellowship Hall

Thanks to all the Fellowship

Committee members who responded to the invitation to meet. Please bring your well thought out ideas (time commitment, cost estimate, volunteers needed) a positive attitude, and an open mind. Some ideas may need to be referred to a different ministry for consideration.

Our goal is to gather ideas that are practical and within budget prior to the Ministry Board meeting later in the month. We aim to carve out space on the calendar for Fellowship activities and dovetail with other ministries when possible. Remember, all the ministries at CRLC share the same resources: congregation volunteers and the same church calendar. Please review the email I sent dated 12/1/23 prior to the meeting.

There will be an option to join the meeting via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent via email prior to the meeting to those that indicate they need to use Zoom rather than attending in person.

If anyone else would like to attend this brainstorming meeting (and volunteer when the time comes), please RSVP to Lis Kroepel at EJKroepel@outlook.com or call 216-889-7628 by Thursday, January 4th. Light refreshments will be served.

Annual CRLC Lake Chautauqua Getaway!!

MLK Weekend...January 12—15, 2024

Don't miss out on this annual fun weekend spent in beautiful Lake Chautauqua, New York at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center.

Sign up in the narthex...any questions can be directed to Jeanne (440) 667-9803, or Paul (440) 667-1721 Travaglianti.





Coffee & Conversation hosts needed!

When: Sunday
Mornings 9-10:30 AM

Where: The Gathering Space

What: Brew coffee, bring a snack to share, clean up.

How: Brewing directions are next to the coffee maker in the Gathering Space. Arrive by 8:30 AM to brew coffee and set up. Supplies are in the cupboards in the Gathering Space or the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Coffee hour at CRLC is a treasured time for both visitors and members to enjoy camaraderie and fellowship that strengthens the bonds we share around our faith. We catch up with folks we haven't seen in a while, offer encouragement, and enjoy a little treat (or two)!

You are welcome to host the entire time slot for the morning or share the time with another host. Coffee & Conversation runs from September through May. It's a 'team sport' at CRLC and any member may host. Sign up to host on the sheet provided in the Narthex. Coffee will not be available in weeks when no host is signed up.

If you have questions, need an overview of coffee maker operation and/or low waste coffee hour best practices, please contact Lis Kroepel at EJKroepel@outlook.com or 216-889-7628.

2024 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & SERVICE

Soup: 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Service: 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays during Lent:

- February 14th (Ash Wednesday Soup following Noon Service)
- February 21st
- February 28th
- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 20th

Hosts/Helpers: See sign-up Sheet in the Narthex Message Center

Questions or RSVP: Contact Gail Berzins or Lis Kroepel

January 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!

January 7	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	x	x
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Ken Blank	Amy Marek & Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Smith, Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Hosts: open

January 14	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	x	x
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Mark Evans	Jeff Dentzer, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Bob & Pam Bertsch	Jan Hansler
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: open

January 21	8:00 am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	x	x
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Lis Kroepel	Bill Waltz, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Ilene Privara
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: open

January 28	8:00 am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	x	x
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Al Radefeld	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Bob & Pam Bertsch	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: open



*Happy
Birthday!*



*Happy
Anniversary!*

- 1 Nathaniel Brunovsky
- 1 Charlotte Jenkins
- 3 Mario Travaglianti
- 7 Deborah Dey
- 8 Helen Soucek
- 10 Peggy Springer
- 11 Paul Travaglianti**
- 13 Donald Barich, Anita Polacek
- 13 Paul Cameron**
- 14 Karen Liddy
- 14 Aaron Moore, Andrew Powers
- 15 Ralph Swasey
- 16 Eva Evele**
- 17 Louie Travaglianti
- 18 Jacki Kerrick, Blain Kisling**, Chuck Miller**, Lee Simmons
- 20 Jill Dentzer, James Hansler, Dianne Young**
- 21 Marikka Pretz-Shondrick
- 22 Bill Waltz
- 23 Rhys Witzke
- 25 Jody Greich, Lucas Witzke
- 26 Adam Crowder, Catherine Thier
- 27 Pam Carouse, Chase Coughlin
- 29 Andrew Perry
- 31 Marilyn Cameron

**= Milestone birthday

30 Helen and Robert Stasek



*Wishing Everyone
a happy, healthy, blessed
Christmas!*

*Pastor Randy
James Alfieri*

Cecile Mastroianni

Jill Koubal

Marci Kehoe

Laurie Siebert

Paul Travaglianti



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."



- Did you know that we are already thinking about the church season of Lent in our planning?
- Did you know that Ash Wednesday in 2024 is February 14th?
- Did you know that Easter is in March this year (March 31st)?
- Did you know that CRLC hosted the meeting of the Northeastern Ohio conference of our synod in December?
- Did you know some of our youth will be attending the Youth Quake in Pittsburgh next month?
- Did you know that this year is the triennial ELCA Youth Gathering?
- Did you know that in order to publicize something in the newsletter we need it by the 15th of the month prior?

... and Now You Know!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	New Years Day 1		10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Back to the Beginning	7:00pm Ladies Bible Study		9:00am Undecorating the Sanctuary 12:00pm Fellowship Planning Meeting
8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School for All 10:30 a Worship	7:00pm Yoga 7:30pm AA Meeting	7:00pm Vision Board Meeting	7:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Back to the Beginning		Lake Chatauqua Weekend Getaway begins	
	M.L. King Day 7:00pm Yoga 7:30pm AA Meeting Monthly INSIGHT Deadline		10:00am Faithful Readers 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Back to the Beginning	9:30am Theo Thursday		
8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School for All 10:30 a Worship	7:00pm Yoga 7:30pm AA Meeting	11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch	7:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Back to the Beginning			6:00pm CRLC Cards at the Wooten's
8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship 8:30am -2:30pm Red Cross Bloodmobile	7:00pm Yoga 7:30pm AA Meeting		7:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Back to the Beginning			

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