

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran  
Church



# INSIGHT

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 8:00 & 9:30AM**  
**(9:30 TIME CHANGE)**

**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**

## FROM THE PASTOR

*“Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” (Luke 24:36b)*

As we continue this month celebrating the events of the empty tomb, here are some things “I think I think”:

...I think I think that people really enjoyed our Lenten theme and devotion this year. Thank you for your feedback.

... I think I think that the solar eclipse was a bigger deal than I anticipated.

... I think I think that I am glad March is over and that Spring is here.

... I think I think I am already for football to start up again.

... I think I think that human beings have just never mastered the art of being in relationship with one another, yet it is the thing we crave the most.

... I think I think that I am so grateful for the adults who have given of their valuable time to keep our Sunday School children motivated and learning. It is hard in these times to get participation in Sunday School for many congregations. I am thankful for the parents who make it a priority.

... I think I think I want to one more time again give a shout out to all those who do so much behind the scenes to make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter happen. From getting ashes, to arranging for soups, to decorating the gathering space, changing paraments, setting up the sand cloths, the musicians’ rehearsals, the ushering, the bulletin prep, the palm branches and flowers, are just a few of the many many things that our members do to make this a place of “Praising God, Serving Others.” I especially thank Laurie and Marci in the office who help navigate all of these things.

***See you in worship,  
Pastor Randy  
PGSO***

## THEO-THURSDAY



Theo Thursday continues this month with our final gathering before the summer break. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Royal Breakfast restaurant (Broadview Heights) on Thursday, May 23rd @ 9:30AM.

## WE LOVE PARKING LOTS!



At the 2023 Annual Congregational meeting not only did the congregation pass a 2024 Mission Investment plan but we also approved funding for a major re-asphalting of the parking lot and new concrete work on the driveway apron. With existing funds, the church is going to pay for 75% of this project. We are hoping to raise the additional 25% from the congregation. Therefore, in general rounded numbers this translates to a goal of raising \$25,000 from the congregation. The good news is that we have already received monies for the project since our congregational meeting, so we are already on our way.

Mark Donations: For any donations that you would make to this project, please make sure to mark and check or envelope for the purpose as “Parking Lot.” Thank you!

Added Bonus: For anyone who makes a donation for the new parking lot – Pastor Randy will deliver a chunk of the old parking lot asphalt that you can keep as a special Lutheran keepsake!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

As we do each Summer, beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor weekend our Sunday morning schedule changes. Sunday School breaks for the summer and our two Sunday morning worship service times become 8:00 and 9:30. The first Sunday of this summer schedule will be Sunday, May 26th.

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH OPTION:

We are now offering parents the option of sending their children for children’s time during the 10:30AM church service. Following the children’s message, volunteers will meet any children going to the nursery at the back of the church. They will return to the sanctuary in time for communion. This is available to infants through 4th grade students. Any questions talk to Kathy Hoinski and thank her and her helpers for doing this ministry.

## LMM THANK YOU

On behalf of the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry and the people we serve, thank you for your contribution on February 28, 2024. Your support of LMM is greatly appreciated!

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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



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## WITH DEEP APPRECIATION

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who gave me care and support through my whole knee/leg injury, treatments, and now knee surgery. Thank you for all your love and prayers, cards and meals. I am so blessed with a wonderful church family—Linda Radefeld

Gretchen and Don Grossenbaugh want to thank everyone at CRLC who expressed sympathy and condolences of the passing of Mary Belle Schneider, Gretchen's mother, on March 5, at the age of 103 1/2. The Schneider family appreciates all comforting thoughts and prayers.

## LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Thank you to all who helped, most of which often happens behind the scenes, to make our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services a meaningful part of our discipleship in worship of our Creator God.





## Hymns for the Ascension of Our Lord May 9, 2024

The risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. I'd like to share some information on hymns for the Ascension of Our Lord.

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855**

In the second edition of his *Hymns of the Heart for the use of Catholics* (1851), Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) published six eight-line stanzas that began "Crown Him with many crowns." The reference to Revelation 19:12 is this: "His eyes were as flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself." Matthew Bridges was born at Maldon, Essex, into the Church of England. In 1848 he joined the Roman Catholic Church. His hymns were introduced to Americans through the Protestant *Plymouth Collection* (1855) of the Congregationalist Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887). George Elvey wrote *DIADEMATA* for this hymn with which it was published in the 1868 Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. It is named for the Greek word for "crown".

### **Jesus Shall Reign ELW434**

This is Isaac Watts' Christological paraphrase of Part II of Psalm 72, from *Psalms of David* (1719). *DUKE STREET* is as well-known as the composer to whom it is attributed, John Hatton (d. 1793). The tune first appeared in Henry Boyd's *A Select Collection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes* (1793). It received the name *DUKE STREET* in 1865. John Hatton, whose birth date is unknown, was born in Warrington, England, and lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's in the township of Windle, Lancaster.

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ELW 634**

This hymn in seven stanzas by Edward Perronet (1726-1792) was printed in the *Gospel Magazine* (1780) and titled "On the Resurrection, the Lord is King." This hymn appeared once more in *A Selection of Hymns* (1787) by John Rippon (1751-1836). With only minor modifications *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses as its first four stanzas the first four of Perronet and as its last two from Rippon. Edward Perronet came from a family of Huguenots. He became a Congregational minister of a church near Canterbury and wrote three volumes of religious poems. John Rippon was born in England and studied at the Baptist Academy in Bristol. One of the most influential Baptist pastors of his generation, he chose the 588 hymns in his *A Selection of Hymns* from a wide variety of sources. He was also an authority on Isaac Watts. *CORONATION* was written by Oliver Holden (1765-1844). It is the oldest American hymn tune still widely used. Oliver Holden was born in Shirley, Massachusetts and from 1818-1833 was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Though he had little musical training, he taught music, composed it, compiled musical collections and directed a fine choir at First Baptist Church, Boston.

### **Hail Thee, Festival Day! ELW 394**

A long fifty-five stanza poem, two lines per stanza, by Venantius Honorius Fortunatus is the source from which this hymn comes. It was written to honor the newly baptized at an Easter Vigil (567-576). The tune (*SALVE FESTA DIES*) was written by Ralph Vaughan Williams and published in *The English Hymnal* (1906). The refrain is Vaughan Williams at his congregational best, with a bountiful sweeping vocal energy in twentieth-century dress.



## Hymns for the Ascension of Our Lord May 9, 2024—continued

### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing ELW 393

This is a Latin hymn attributed to the “Venerable” Bede (673-735) contained in an eleventh-century manuscript in the British Museum with translations by Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-1896) and Benjamin Webb. The hymn moves from Easter to Ascension. At its center is the question “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?” from Acts 1:11. The “Venerable” Bede is best known for his *Ecclesiastical History*. He spent his life as a priest, monk, and scholar. Elizabeth Rundle Charles was a gifted writer, poet, musician and artist. LAAST UNS ERFREUEN is a melody of large historical connective sweep. It was shaped by Catholics in Cologne until it was given an Anglican filter through Ralph Vaughan Williams in *The English Hymnal* (1906). This tune serves as another reminder of ecumenical connections. The musical being of the church transcends its divisions.

### The Head That Once Was Crowned ELW 432

Unusual superlatives attend this hymn and tune. The hymn was written by Thomas Kelly (1769-1855) and first appeared in his *Hymns on Various Passages of Scripture* (1820). It may have been inspired by a stanza in John Bunyan’s “One This Is Needful”. Thomas Kelly has been called the Isaac Watts of Ireland. He was a scholar, musician, a linguist who daily read the Bible in its original languages, a poet who wrote 765 hymns and an editor of hymnals. ST MAGNUS has been called an “invigorating tune, typical of the revival of interest in hymnody in Queen Anne’s reign (1702-1714). The tune may have been written by Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707). Clarke is best known for his “Trumpet Voluntary” played at many weddings. He was a chorister at the Chapel Royal, wrote services, anthems, psalm tunes and organ music as well as instrumental, operatic and keyboard music and catches.

### Rejoice, for Christ is King! ELW 430

This hymn by Charles Wesley is a hymn that simply celebrates the Lordship of Christ and rejoices in it. The tune (LAUS REGIS), unique to Lutherans, is by William E. Fischer (1849-1936). William Edward Fischer was born in Berlin, came to the United States and studied at Pennsylvania College and Gettysburg Seminary. He was ordained in 1875, served on hymnbook committees, was a director of Gettysburg Seminary and received an honorary doctorate degree from Susquehanna University.

### O Christ, Our Hope ELW 604

This was originally a Latin hymn that may have been written as early as the seventh or eighth century. John Chandler (1806-1876) translated it and included it in his *The Hymns of the Primitive Church* (1837). John Chandler was born in England at Witley. Julian calls him “one of the earliest and most successful of modern translators of Latin hymns.” Chandler was ordained an Anglican deacon in 1831 and a priest in 1832. He published sermons, tracts, the life of William of Wykeham (1842) and prayers and meditations of the Anglican Church (1854). LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN composed by Nikolaus Herman (1500-1561) was first used in 1554. Herman was cantor of the church and Latin school in Joachimsthal.

### You Servants of God ELW 825

This hymn by Charles Wesley was included in *Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution* (1744). William Gardiner published the tune (LYONS) in the second volume of his *Sacred Melodies* (1815). It has been attributed to Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806), the composer and younger brother of Franz Joseph Haydn, but sources have shown that it is actually taken from a composition by Joseph Martin Kraus (1756-1792). Joseph Martin Kraus was born in northern Bavaria. A respected vocal and instrumental composer of the Mannheim school, Kraus was called a genius by Franz Joseph Haydn. He not only composed music, but wrote about it and its role in the church.

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

# READINGS FOR MAY

## MAY 5

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

## MAY 12

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

## MAY 19

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

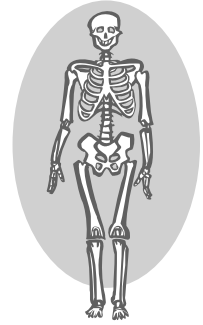
## MAY 26

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

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

May is a time of growth. Our bones are living, growing tissue. Bone changes over a lifetime. Osteoporosis occurs when you lose too much bone, make too little of it or both. Osteoporosis refers to “porous bones” which causes bones to become weak & brittle. This increases the risk of broken bones.



Even after children & teens stop growing taller, they continue to make more bone than they lose. This means their bones get denser and denser until they reach *peak bone mass* (sometime between age 18-25). In midlife, bone *loss* usually speeds up in *both* men & women. The higher your peak bone mass, the more bone you have "in the bank" and the less likely you are to develop osteoporosis as you age. Not getting enough vitamin D and calcium in your diet may lead to a lower peak bone mass and accelerated bone loss later.

Weakened bones increase the risk of fractures, most frequently in the spine, hip or wrist. In most cases, bones weaken when you have low levels of calcium, phosphorus and other minerals in your bones. Postmenopausal women, anyone at risk of **steroid-induced** osteoporosis, and **all men and women over 50** should aim for 1,200 mg of elemental calcium and at least 800-1000 IU of vitamin D daily. **BMD – bone mineral density test** can diagnose osteoporosis.

It's never too late – or too early – to address osteoporosis. You can take steps to keep bones strong & healthy throughout life. **Avoid excess caffeine & soda pop consumption. Alcohol and smoking also have a negative impact on bone health.** There is a link between the risk for osteoporosis & **family history**. It is important to review your family history in regard to bone health and the frequency of broken bones. This knowledge is helpful in osteoporosis prevention, diagnosis & treatment. Doctors & insurance companies will be more likely to support ordering bone density tests when you share knowledge of family history about osteoporosis. <https://www.bonehealthandosteoporosis.org/awareness-month/>

**Exercise** can help you build stronger denser bones and slow bone loss. Exercise will benefit your bones no matter when you start, but you'll gain the most benefits if you start exercising regularly when you're young and continue to exercise throughout your life. Combine strength training exercises with weight-bearing exercises. Strength training helps strengthen muscles and bones in your arms and upper spine.

“ . . . good news gives health to our bones (Proverbs 15:30). May we seek to build up our health, **strengthen our bones** and share the Lord's good news.

Jill Koubal

Parish Nurse, RN, BSN



Art Connections will be July 27 – August 4

*Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.*

*-Pablo Picasso*

### Can you remember the first time you were proud of something you created?

Was it surprising? Did you share it with others? Did you want to do it again?

We are all creative. And we each express it uniquely. We are each uniquely inspired.

Former Art Connection participants shared some reflections about their own art. They are inspired by the natural world, art styles like Impressionism, colors and designs, articles of clothing, and even happy accidents (providence, perhaps?) They paint, they draw, they crochet, they quilt and sew. One artist said she feels that her creativity and art are gifts from God, and so it only feels 'right' to make things and give them to others. Another artist loves the problem-solving aspect of creating something. Yet another artist shares that art affords their freedom from worldly rules and expectations. Another artist uses their medium as a form of meditation.

As you can see, art touches everyone in different ways and is part of expressing each person's uniqueness. Do you have a favorite artist? Musician? Celebrity Chef? Do you enjoy creative problem solving? What inspires you? Have you thought about how your creativity connects with God and others? We invite you to share your creativity with CRLC. It can be as an artist in the Art Connections exhibit. Or as a participant in the exhibit's kick-off event on July 27, 2024. Or perhaps you'd like to create a small part of a collaborative project CRLC will make?

Watch for more details in the next Insight and other church announcements. Or feel free to ask for more information from a committee member: Gail Berzins, Jen Evans, Ann Farine, Linda Eckenbrecht, Cheryl Laubacher, Jenna Waltz, or Carole Wooten.





## Women's Bible Study

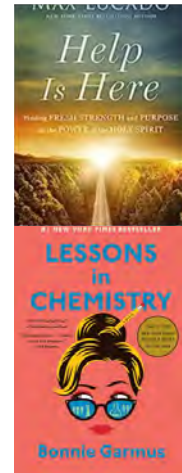
We will meet on Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00am and Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm.

Read chapter 13, Breath on Bones.

## CRLC Faithful Readers

Meeting on May 15th at 10:00am in Chapelview Room.

The book for May is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus



## Adult Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, May 5th, Pastor Randy will be leading the adult Sunday School class for the final 3 sessions of the Sunday School year before we break for the summer beginning on Memorial Day weekend. Pastor Randy will be leading the class on an informal devotional and our spiritual lives, as well as other topics. All are welcome to join in on any of these sessions!

## Cleveland Children's Book Bank

Children's books will be collected through May. Older children's chapter books will also be accepted.

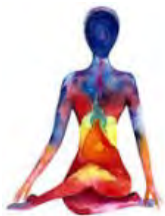
The collection bin can be found in the Gathering Space.

## Sunday School Updates



1. Our Children's church time at the 10:30 service has averaged 5 children each week.
2. The preschool class said "God speed" to Beau as he is moving to Pittsburgh. (pictured left)
3. Our last day for Sunday school this Spring will be May 19th. We will resume next September.

## 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](mailto:jenna.waltz@gmail.com).

## PROPERTY

## MIKE SKWARSKI, FACILITY MANAGER

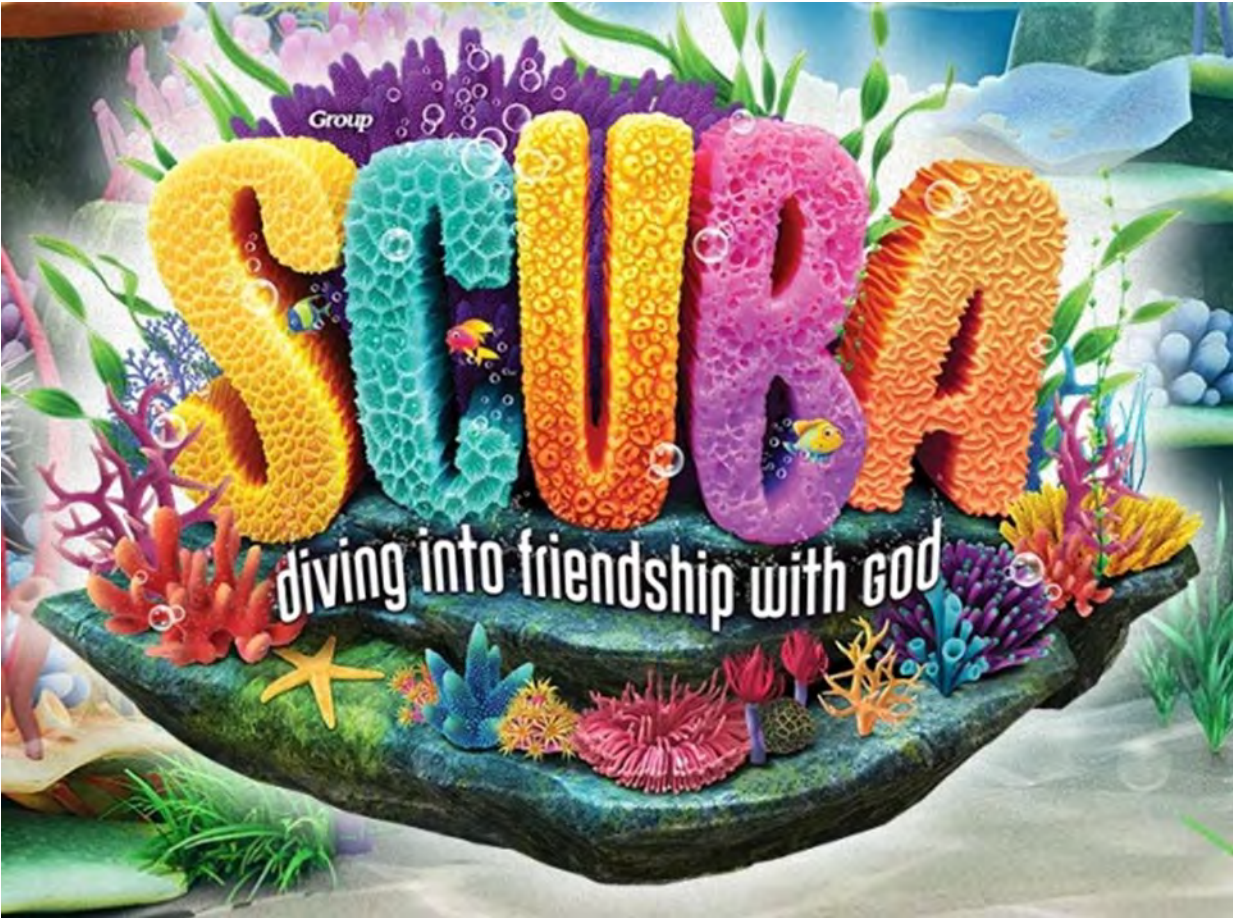
### Building Repairs

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.

### Thanks!

We thank Jim Hansler for his donation of lighting ballasts to CRLC.

## Scuba, diving into friendship with God



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8-12, 2024

5:00 – 7:50pm NEW TIME!

**Registration starts soon. Spread the word to your friends and family and sign up for this week of learning about God's love for you!**

**Volunteers are needed!**

**Join us for a volunteer meeting after 10:30 worship service Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Scan the QR code to volunteer:**



## Pierstorf College Lutheran Financial Aid Program



The Pierstorf College Fund was established in 1994 and is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program for all Lutheran students pursuing a higher education who live in Ohio. We have awarded over \$13 million in loans to more than 4,000 students since 1994. First time borrowers may be new or returning college students. We do not ask for family income information. The pastor of the applicant is their sole reference.

For more information, please visit [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org) to complete the online application. Applications are open from April 15 through June 30, 2024. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for further updates.

We are here to answer your questions. Please contact us at [Pierstorf@messiahfp.org](mailto:Pierstorf@messiahfp.org) or call 440-665-3653.

God's continued blessings this Easter season.

### 2024 High School Graduates

Hannah Boulton is graduating from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School in May and will be attending Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design in the Fall.

Daniel Dralle is graduating from Brecksville Broadview Heights High School in May. His future plans are undecided.

Alex Eisenmann is graduating from Independence High School on June 2nd. Alex plans to attend The University of Cincinnati to study Mechanical Engineering.

Joshua Papesh is graduating from St. Ignatius High School on May 20th. He will be attending Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, majoring in Pre-Med and playing football for the Wartburg Knights.

### 2024 College Graduates

Aaron Bailey is graduating in May from Cleveland State University with a B.S. in Environmental Science.

Taylor Suzanne Dentzer is graduating in May from Cleveland State University with a Masters of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Zach Persuric is graduating from Bowling Green State University on April 27th with a Bachelor's of Arts in Education degree. Zach will then be looking for a job as a high school history teacher and pursuing a masters degree.

Kaitlyn Persuric is graduating from Cleveland State University with Master's in Health Sciences. She will be starting medical school at Northeast Ohio Medical University in July.

Hailey Stoneman is graduating from Ohio University on May 4th with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Analytics and Management Information Systems. She is looking to work in the field of Business Analytics.

Olivia Vrcan is graduating from The University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences and Environmental Biology Minor. Olivia will stay in NW Ohio after graduation, working for the Sylvania Outdoor Parks. Future plan includes a career in conservation biology with a focus on invasive species management in aquatic ecosystems.

### Graduations

If you have a child that will be graduating from high school or college, please email the office with their name, school attended, graduation month, and future plans. We would like to list all of our graduates in the June insight.

*“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving” - Mother Teresa*



## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND

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

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

**Need on a more regular basis:**

**Tissues, Laundry Detergent and Canned Fruit**

### **ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST:**

canned meals/stew	canned soup
canned beans	canned fruit
canned vegetables	tuna fish
peanut butter & jelly	pancake mix
cereal	rice
macaroni & cheese	spaghetti sauce
Tissues	paper towels
diapers	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.**

## Aluminum pull-tabs needed 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.

A local recycler turns the pull-tabs into **money for their Family Fund.**

## REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

**\*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

Food items are needed for the OASIS ministry in Akron.

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, wild-fires 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.



## Road Trip Season!

**130 million.** That's the number of people the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) expects to be forcibly displaced or stateless by the end of 2024. That is more than the population of the largest 25 cities in the US combined based on the 2020 census. It's more than triple the total number of people that travel over the Memorial Day holiday in the USA.

Whether we take a vacation, service trip, volunteer vacation away from home in the USA or out of country or are on a journey of the heart, mind, and spirit from the place we call home, the opportunities for spiritual fellowship with others is there through ELCA resources.

Perhaps you recall singing this hymn, We Are One in the Spirit by Peter Scholtes from 1966.

We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
And save each one's pride:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

All praise to the Father,  
from who all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

Christian Fellowship is something we can put on our packing lists and take with us wherever we travel whether the journey is physical or spiritual. Below are some ELCA resources to help you engage with God and others you may encounter while on your journey locally or globally.

CRLC offers on demand listening to worship services from the website. You might also explore the following resources from the Northeast Ohio Synod websites useful links page: <https://www.neos-elca.org/useful-links.html>

[Sumud](#)

[Lutheran Volunteer Corps](#)

[Church World Service](#)

[Lutheran World Relief](#)

[The Bible Gateway](#)

## May 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!*

<b>May 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Don Dobos	Jill Koubal
Communion Assistants	x	Lisa Witzke
Ushers	Mark Evans, Lisa Antonucci	Dennis Nagy, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Jan Hansler
Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Hosts: open
<b>May 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Mike Berzins	Mark Lickert
Communion Assistants	x	Dennis Nagy, Dan Bartik
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Ken Blank	Jeff Dentzer, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Linda Eckenbrecht	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: open
<b>May 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Connie Minerovic	Ina Stanek
Communion Assistants	x	Karla Perry, Wendy Dralle
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Todd Kiick	Frank Bolton, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Andrew Perry, Amy Marek, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: open
<b>May 26</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am **NOTE: TIME CHANGE</b>
Assisting Minister	Barb Wojtala	Elaine Foss
Communion Assistants	x	Linda Echenbrecht, Diane Young
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Al Radefeld	Blaine Coleman, Dan Bartik
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Gail Stelmaschuk
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: open



# Happy Birthday!



# Happy Anniversary!

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Matthew Booher      | 20 Ella Troike      |
| 2 Jacob Papesh        | 20 Megan Witzke     |
| 2 Diane Wilson        | 21 Benjamin Emrick  |
| 3 Ben Wells           | 21 Jill Koubal      |
| 4 Jim Henyey          | 21 Meredith Shayeb  |
| 5 Jack Bailey         | 24 Alberta Manzi    |
| 5 Quinn Belsterling   | 25 Shirley Fisher   |
| 5 Reese Belsterling   | 26 Michelle Guzi    |
| 6 Bob Bertsch         | 26 Mary Lott        |
| 7 Bob Stack**         | 26 Connor Smith     |
| 9 Francesca Studnicka | 27 Barry Farine     |
| 10 Mandy Weber        | 27 Ellie Gibson     |
| 11 Denise Bandsuh**   | 27 Elise Pagel      |
| 12 Joan Castelucci    | 28 Xavier Pohle     |
| 12 Arlene Krause**    | 28 Grace Springer   |
| 12 Don Laubacher      | 29 Gabrielle D'Anza |
| 12 Grady Scheutzow    | 30 Pamela Czarnota  |
| 13 Mark Antonucci     | 30 George Hammond** |
| 13 Stephanie Daniels  |                     |
| 13 Bryn Laubacher     |                     |
| 13 Amy Marek          |                     |
| 13 Colin Toghill      |                     |
| 14 Nathan Garito      |                     |
| 15 Jeff Luksa         |                     |
| 15 Benjamin Haely     |                     |
| 17 Cristina Wells     |                     |
| 18 Noah Benza         |                     |
| 20 Lew Jenkins        |                     |

\*\*= Milestone birthday



- 7 Bryn Laubacher and Brian Koehler
- 10 Dave & Connie Minerovic
- 13 Jenni and Ray Halter
- 17 Lauren and TJ Lynch
- 18 Mardell and Frank Boulton
- 22 Susan and Mark Lickert
- 24 Jennifer and Robert Eisenmann
- 25 Cheryl and Don Laubacher
- 25 Melissa and Matt Garito
- 25 Jocelyn and Peter Smith
- 26 Amy and Robert Benza
- 29 Ann and Barry Farine
- 31 Marcy and Jim Henyey



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

- 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](http://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 one year ago this month we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our congregation?
- ◆ Did you know that Suzana Koch, of our congregation, will have her investiture this month as she is now a federal judge? Congratulations!
- ◆ Did you know that Art Connections will be back this year? It will be held at the end of July, the beginning of August.
- ◆ Did you know that VBS this year will be held in July?
- ◆ Did you know that Pastor Randy and Pastor Karen will again be attending the Festival of Homiletics? This year it is in Pittsburgh!
- ◆ Did you know that the Northeastern Ohio Assembly will be occurring next month? We thank Bob & Pam Bertsch for volunteering to represent our congregation at the assembly in Akron.
- ◆ Did you know the ELCA Youth Gathering will be held this summer?
- ◆ 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

### Our Vision and Ministry Boards

Marlene McKenzie, Karl Koubal, Harbath/Larsen families,  
Linda Radefeld, Zach Neubeck, Judy Coleman, Grossenbaugh Family,  
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Cordiak, Janet Johnston, Kim Jennings, Melissa Candage, Denise, John,  
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Jim Miller, Bev Kan, Bill Zellmer, David Kaderbech, John Gogerty,  
Skwarski family, Greg Zaker, Paul Brusk, Steve  
All those impacted by war and natural disasters





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School with Pastor Randy 9:15am Confirmation with YAC group 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages/Pentecost Party 10:30am Worship/Travagiant baptism reserved/10:30am Worship/Travagiant baptism 11:00am-5:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved 11:00am-5:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved	6 7:00pm Yoga	7	8 7:00pm Adult Choir	9 National Day of Prayer 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	10	11
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School with Pastor Randy 9:15am Confirmation with YAC group 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	13 7:00pm Yoga	14	15 <b>Monthly Insight Deadline</b> 10:00am Faithful Readers 6:15pm Ruah! Musicians Practice 7:00pm Adult Choir	16	17	18
19 <b>Pentecost</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School with Pastor Randy 9:15am Confirmation with YAC group 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages--LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Worship 11:30am Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting	20 7:00pm Yoga	21	22 7:00pm Adult Choir	23 9:30am Theo-Thursdays	24	25
26 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE</b> 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> 7:00pm Yoga	28	29	30	31	

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