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9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY

FROM THE PASTOR

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near." (Matthew 24.32)

June. A month I always looked forward to as a kid. It meant the end of school and my birthday. Now when June arrives it still means my birthday, but now I no longer look forward to it, and it means the almost halfway point of a calendar year is drawing close already - which points out my theory that time speeds up as we age!

Some things I think I think this month...

...I think I think that while the church settles into a different rhythm in these warm weather months, it doesn't mean to take a step away from worship and spiritual growth.

... I think I think that while the days go fast, the election cycle is just heating up for a long drawn-out period until we vote in November and then the aftermath.

... I think I think that I want to slow down....

... I think I think I am already for football to start up again. I think I thought this last month too, and will next month as well!

... I think I think that my young children are already wiser and more technological literate than I was when I was twice their age.

... I think I think we all need to strive to appreciate the present as much as we can in a moment of time.

... I think I think I am amazed that I will have been married to my wife, Karen, for a decade already. Ten years ago, this month, we were getting ready to become married people again!

... I think I think that I love the changing of the seasons, but it is hard to beat summer. I hope all have a time to relax, retreat, and rest these beautiful summer months.

*See you in worship,
Pastor Randy
PGSO*

THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER!



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!

At this writing we are more than 25% there for our 25K goal! Thank you!!

The work on the parking lot has begun! The drain tile will be installed first and then they will complete the resurfacing of the parking lot. Planned dates right now are the week of June 24th. Parking will be available at the Community Center next door. All this is subject to change if the weather does not cooperate.



THEO-THURSDAY

The Theo Thursdays is on a summer hiatus but will return this fall. Watch for the date and time in the September Insight issue.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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

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.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

As we do each Summer, on Memorial Day weekend through Labor weekend our Sunday morning schedule has changed. Sunday School breaks for the summer and our two Sunday morning worship service times become 8:00 and 9:30.

OUTSIDE SUMMER WORSHIP

As in the past on the third Sunday of the month we will have worship in the outdoor chapel, weather permitting at the 9:30am service.

June 16th

July 21st

August 18th



SCAM ALERT!

Beware of scam **emails** or **texts** asking for money or gift cards. Pastor Randy and the office staff will not send you emails (like the example below), or texts and will not ask for money or gift cards. The email address in the "From" line will display the scammer's email address.

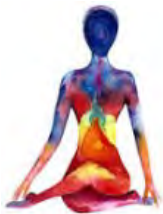
From: Pastor Randy O'Donnell <churchoutlook91@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:09 PM

To: Laurie Siebert <office@crlcbrecksville.org>

Subject: Laurie Siebert

Hey! Let me know if you have a minute, I have a request.



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.

SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of South Hills Lend-A-Hand, I would like to express, again, our sincere appreciation of your support of our programs. Your generous donation of 50 pounds of food items and paper goods will be put to good use. We served over 55 families—each family getting multiple bags of groceries, meat and produce.

The Lend-A-Hand program could not continue to exist without the support of area churches, groups, companies and individuals. These types of donations enable us to continue to provide assistance every month to an increasing number of families in need.

Thank you for your generosity! Debbie Kean, Volunteer

CONTACT THE OFFICE...

If you're not receiving the weekly sermons and mid-week announcements please call the office. Some people have mentioned not receiving them in their inbox. We want to ensure your email is correct in our system.

THANK YOU

Marlene McKenzie wants to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. She really appreciates hearing from all the people of Christ the Redeemer.

Beginning May 29, 2024, we will use ELW Holy Communion Setting 10. This setting is based on familiar hymn tunes. I'd like to share some information on these tunes and I hope you enjoy singing this setting.



Kyrie: SOUTHWELL

SOUTHWELL, whose composer is unknown, is one of the earliest English Short Meter psalm tones. Its source is *The Psalmes of David in English Metre, with Notes of Foure Partes set unto them* (1579), collected and harmonized by William Damon (1540-1591), where it was the setting for Psalm 45. William Damon came to London in 1565, serving Lord Backhurst. He became one of the Queen's musicians in 1579.

Hymn of Praise: HYMN TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) is one of the few famous composers who wrote a hymn tune. HYMN TO JOY was composed for J.C.F. von Schiller's "Ode to Joy", which Beethoven set for a chorus in the fourth movement of his Ninth Symphony. Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany, into a poor home where his father was abusive. He studied with Franz Joseph Haydn and other composers in Vienna. He wrote a prodigious amount of orchestral, chamber, piano, choral, and other music. Though from 1798 on he gradually lost his hearing, he nonetheless wrote some of his finest pieces after he was deaf.

Gospel Acclamation: UNSER HERRSCHER

UNSER HERRSCHER by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) is from *Alpha & Omega* (1680), where it went with the hymn that named it, "Unser Herrscher, unser Konig". Joachim Neander was born in Bremen, Germany. He was educated at the Paedagogium in Bremen and studied at the Gymnasium Illustre. After tutoring in Heidelberg (1671-1673), he was the headmaster of the German Reformed Latin grammar school at Dusseldorf (1674-1679). In addition to hymn tunes, Neander wrote about sixty hymns, among them "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty". He has been called "the Paul Gerhardt of the German Reformed Church".

Sanctus: LAND OF REST

LAND OF REST is an American folk tune with roots in the ballads of northern England and Scotland. It was known throughout the Appalachians. A shape-note version of the tune was published in *The Sacred Harp* (1844) and titled NEW PROSPECT as the setting for "O land of rest! for thee I sigh."

Agnus Dei: TWENTY FOURTH

TWENTY-FOURTH appeared in John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music* (1813). It is attributed to Lucius Chapin (1760-1842) a singing master in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Kentucky. Ananias Davison, who compiled *Kentucky Harmony* (1916) may have been one of his students.

READINGS FOR JUNE

JUNE 2

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

JUNE 9

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

JUNE 16

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
[11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 23

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

JUNE 30

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

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

“An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge” (Proverbs 18:15).

Summertime **safety** – let’s focus on severe weather safety. Sirens can be heard, alert messages are on TV, radio, phones, and computer tablets -**thunderstorms are dangerous**. They can produce storm-related deaths from flash flooding (the #1 killer), lightning & **tornados**. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. Most lightning victims survive, but often have long-term symptoms. **Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge but need care immediately!**

To be prepared: Download an emergency alert app for your phone or sign up for a community home alert program.

<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wea> Traveling consider “Weather warnings on the go!” When traveling in Wisconsin we heard an emergency alert and stopped, later as we continued on the road, there were several semi-trucks that had blown off the road. Additionally, when visiting out of state we receive alerts to weather happening at home & where we are staying. Red Cross has a free emergency mobile app.

Before Thunderstorm & Lightning Prepare: <http://www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning>

[Build an emergency kit](#) and [make a family communications plan](#).

- Remove dead or rotting trees & branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a severe thunderstorm.
- Postpone outdoor activities.
- **30/30 Lightning Safety Rule:** Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Get inside a home, building, or hard top car (not a convertible). Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.
- **Rubber-soled shoes & rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning.** The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.
- Shutter windows & secure outside doors. Close window blinds, shades or curtains.

Unplug any electronic equipment well before the storm arrives.

Lightning: What You Need to Know

- **NO PLACE** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.



Indoor Lightning Safety

- Pay attention to alerts & warnings
- Avoid using electronic devices connected to an electrical outlet. Avoid watering water.
- Stay away from windows and doors and stay off porches. Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

If you are caught outside **with no safe shelter anywhere nearby** the following actions *may* reduce your risk:

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks. Never lie flat on the ground – ground current danger.
- Never shelter under an *isolated* tree; never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)
- **Turn around. Don't Drown! 6" of moving water can knock you down, and 1 foot can sweep your vehicle away.**

More than 80% of lightning fatalities are men who did not seek shelter from an approaching storm, but instead kept on fishing, boating, golfing, biking, or working outdoors. **BE SAFE- If you can hear thunder, even a distant rumble, lightning is close enough to strike you.** Did you know? Commercial planes are struck by lightning an average of 1-2 times each year. They are designed to conduct electrical currents safely around the shell of the plane.

May you seek wisdom and peace from the Lord when you are faced with life's storms physical or emotional.

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.



“ROMANS—A BEGINNING STUDY”

A FIVE PART SERIES

Pastor Randy will be leading this

Summer education series on this important book of the Bible.

Perhaps the book of Romans is one of the key books of Scripture outside of the Gospels that shaped Martin Luther’s theology and still forms our theology today. Beginning on Wednesday, June 12th and running through July 10th, each Wednesday Pastor Randy will be teaching this beginning series on the book of Romans. There will be a morning and an evening session (provided enough sign up for each)

This class is for you if any of the following apply:

- + If you are completely new to studying the Bible and have always wanted to know more...
- + If you have always had questions about studying the Bible...
- + If you are a veteran reader of Romans and would like a refresher course on this letter written by the apostle Paul.

This 5 PART series will be offered at 2 different times:

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS @ 11AM beginning June 12th (concluding July 10th) **OR**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 6:15PM beginning June 12th (concluding July 10th)

*For planning purposes, please sign up if you plan to attend the weekday sessions, as a minimum number is needed. Please **SIGN-UP** at the message center in the narthex. **Even if you cannot make every week, we invite you to come when you can.***

Sunday School Updates



- ◆ The Children’s time during the service will be suspended during the summer. This will allow for us to make any changes and solidify staffing for its return once Sunday school resumes in the fall.
- ◆ Our children celebrated Earth Day by making bird feeders and discussing ways we can share our love of God’s creation.



Also anyone interested in helping with the Children’s time rotation schedule or volunteering in the nursery, please contact Kathy Hoinski @ kmhoinski@aol.com or 440-364-4161.

Women's Bible Study Lunch

As summer begins let's take some time for fellowship.

Inviting past & present participants in CRLC's Ladies Bible Study in celebration of our time together learning and sharing.

Finger food & tea



bring appetizers, mini-sandwiches,
or dessert

11am-1pm Wednesday June 5

If possible, RSVP to Jill Koubal or the church office

Please include what category of food you might bring
(anticipating about 25 will attend)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



REGISTRATION IS OPEN
 this summer for an underwater
 adventure at CRLC's Scuba
 VBS!

July 8-12
5:00-5:30pm kid-friendly
dinner (optional)
5:35-7:50pm VBS Program



Where we will learn that God is our Friend!

Register NOW by
 Scanning the QR code
 with your phone's
 camera.

Contact Cristina Wells
 with questions at
cris1781@gmail.com



Community Baby Shower in support of Haven Home

CRLC would like to join the local Kiwanis club of Brecksville, to provide the following items to mothers cared for at Haven House:

- Diapers all sizes, but especially size 6 & 7
- Infant powdered formula
- Toddler fruit & veggie squeeze packages
- Baby wipes
- Soaps
- Gentle laundry detergent

Drop these items off at CRLC by June 23rd.



About Haven Home

In early 2024, The Haven Home pivoted to a housing program *dedicated to pregnant and parenting women*, with programming designed to restore familial relationships.

The primary objective of the family maternity home is to provide a safe and supportive environment for expectant mothers and new mothers who may not have access to adequate housing, medical care, or support during their pregnancy and the postpartum period. Our goal is to ensure that each mother, infant and their immediate families receive the best possible care and support to promote their health and well-being as individuals and a family unit.

Oasis Outreach Changes

Greetings in the name of Christ! I thank you for your genuine love, ongoing prayers, and financial support of Oasis!

I am writing to announce the new beginnings at Oasis as I leave my role as Executive Director, which I have served in for the last nineteen years. I have decided to accept the call to be pastor at two small ELCA congregations, in the greater Akron area. James Wright, my son, who has served Oasis for the past 13 years, will take over as Executive Director in May. Oasis will continue to serve children and their families in Akron. Small group and retreat experiences will continue out of the Oasis Healing House on the north side of Akron.

In a new outreach, Oasis is exploring how to reach youth in Akron Public Schools who are experiencing homelessness. At any given time 2000 students are identified as dealing with homelessness through Project Rise. Oasis staff will meet them through our partnership with Dare to Love More, located at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron.

Oasis will continue to be involved in Oasis Mission Development by providing financial and spiritual support to ELCA congregations. Currently, Oasis provides resources to New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland for their "Encounter" worship service and wages for youth employees of Youngstown's urban farm run through Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your support of thousands of youth over the years. When Oasis reaches youth with the saving Grace of Jesus Christ, they are forever connected to the power of God as they live their lives strong in faith. Lives have been changed. Thanks for everything! - **Rev. Dr. Lisa Arledge**

Metro 45 Café and Catering “Great food, a better story” Keep on Trucking!



CRLC members recall the fun visit of the Metro45 food truck to our parking lot, in fall of 2022. The food was delicious, plentiful and well received! The slogan of the food truck, “great food, a better story,” reflects their mission. As a part of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, this social enterprise provides life changing services to those most in need. Along with feeding individuals living without shelter, they offer culinary training to empower and support change.

Currently, the food truck is able to employ an entire staff, comprised of women and men, coming direct from the LMM Chopping for Change program. This program trains incarcerated individuals in the culinary arts. Their training is instrumental in preventing recidivism by teaching marketable work skills.

The Metro45 food truck is nearly booked for the entirety of the summer 2024 season! It will be appearing at many local festivals and events along with regular visits to food truck parks. Metro45 also offers catering services, available to individuals, companies and other organizations, upon request.

Arrangements for catering services can be made by contacting their web site:

Metro45.com

Due to the success of this original food truck, and its frequency of use, fundraising is underway to help finance a second truck. The Keep on Trucking initiative, will enable the Metro 45 social enterprise to go to more venues, feed more people in need, while expanding the ability to serve more individuals in their onsite training program.

Donations to the Keep on Trucking initiative are being accepted through lutheranmetro.org. Mark your donation specifically for Keep on Trucking, Metro45.

Please consider supporting the Metro 45 food truck at one of the summer events or food truck parks where it will be located over the summer season. This is a terrific way to enjoy a change of pace meal, while giving back to a most worthy cause, and serving the greater good of humanity!
Keep on Trucking...

FIND the Metro45 food truck in the following ways:

Metro45.com

Connect via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Additionally, see:

StreetFoodfinder.com (daily updates available)

Metro45 will make regular appearances at the Lakewood and Beachwood food truck parks.

For more information:

lakewoodtruckpark.com

beachwoodtruckpark.com



“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
hygiene products	diapers
	liquid laundry detergent

USED CELL PHONES

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

The **JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING** provides **services that foster safety and healing for those affected by child abuse and domestic violence.**

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,

lamps & lightbulbs
 matching bed linens (bagged & size indicated)
 16 qt. pots for rice
 only chicken noodle soup in cans
 tuna fish
 Peanut butter
 Personal hygiene items for men& women
 Toilet paper
 Hand held can openers

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.

Saying Grace

Whether you do it hands folded or hands holding, if you were raised Lutheran, chances are you've either said or heard someone say grace at a meal at some time in your life. Maybe you still do it often. A recent study found that perhaps this is no longer the case in many American households. In a 2022 study on Prayer in America, researchers found 32 percent of Americans say grace daily. That means that 68 percent do not say grace daily.



There is a 1951 Norman Rockwell painting on the subject that sold for \$46 million dollars a few years ago. There are paintings dating back to the early 1600s of people saying grace as well.

Dictionary.com explains saying grace this way: The word *grace* here signifies asking for God's blessing or giving thanks for the food being served. [Early 1300s].

There is a website that discusses the etiquette of saying grace.

My Aunt had a book she kept in a drawer of her dining room table called Graces and when our family visited, we would pick something from the book to read before our meal.

"Come Lord Jesus be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed." is the first prayer I learned for saying grace as a child. It is known as the Common Table Prayer and some say it is the best known mealtime prayer among North American Lutherans.

Wikipedia has a posting about saying grace that takes you through an astounding array of different ways to say grace across the spectrum of well known faiths and many say grace both before and after the meal. This gave me great joy to see that across all faiths around the globe, people take time to show gratitude for their meal and thank the God of their understanding. Saying grace is something else we have in common with others around the world.

According to OpenBible.com there are 42 verses that reference blessing food before eating meals. So, you might say ' it's a thing'!

Perhaps saying grace is an act of not only gratitude and an expression of faith but also an opportunity for fellowship. Perhaps we need to bring saying grace back into our lives.

Ladies Lunch Brunch Interest

Interested in continuing the Ladies Lunch Brunch through the summer? The schedule will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month, including the summer months.

11:30 am at Simon’s Restaurant in Brecksville (pending enough interest).

For those interested in attending, please contact Kathleen Zaker at (440) 230-0911.



Men’s Fellowship Group

Saturday, June 22 at 8 AM - Royal Breakfast in Broadview Heights.

June 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

June 2	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Nancyanne Sindair	Julie Hammond
Communion Assistants	x	Mark Lickert, Alberta Manzi
Ushers		
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		
June 9	8:00 am	9:30 am
Assisting Minister	Diane Wilson	Sandy Weiss
Communion Assistants	x	Cristina Wells
Ushers		
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		
June 16	8:00 am	9:30 am OUTDOOR
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Debbie Dey
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers		
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Gail Stelmaschuk
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		
June 23	8:00 am	930 am
Assisting Minister	Adrienne Davic	Carole Wooten
Communion Assistants	x	Shirley Fisher, Dana Vrcan
Ushers		
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartk, Dennis Famey		
June 30	8:00 am	930 am
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Joan Castelucci
Communion Assistants	x	Jan Romance, Kathie Brusk
Ushers		
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Peter Smith, Diane & Steve Wilson		



*Happy
Birthday!*



*Happy
Anniversary!*

2 Linnet Fritz**
 2 Cassidy Crowder
 3 Dianne Kos
 3 Betsy
 Riemenschneider
 4 Chris Schuhle
 4 Jaxy Jenkins
 4 Joyce Jenkins
 4 Easton Kusanke
 4 Myla Shayeb
 5 Logan Smith
 5 Lydia Smith
 6 Joanie McTernan
 6 Barbara Sicz
 7 Blake Koch
 8 Ken Blank**
 8 Aaron Falcone
 8 Kaitlyn Persuric
 9 Chaleo Pohle
 9 Zach Neubeck
 10 Gale Barich
 12 Doris Caldart
 12 Ina Stanek**
 13 Cindy Brunovsky
 15 Al Siebert
 15 Andrew Falcone
 17 Michael Guzi
 17 Pastor Randy
 O'Donnell

18 Suzie Putich Kisling**
 18 Katie Lickert
 18 Niall Lewison
 19 Jocelyn Scheutzow
 19 Dave Minerovic
 20 Suzana Koch
 20 Ella Dralle
 21 Layla Weidner
 22 Al Hartwig, **
 22 Kristen Smith
 25 Laurie Siebert**
 28 Judy Hoshek

**= Milestone
birthday



1 Suzana and Paul Koch
 5 Marilee and Bob Meinzer
 5 Dan & Katarina Miller
 7 Amy and Dan Marek
 7 Anita and Jeff Luksa
 10 Debbie and Kendall Smith
 13 Cassidy and Adam Crowder
 20 Pam and Bob Bertsch
 24 Linda and Al Radefeld
 24 Sung and Guy Gullifer
 28 Wendy and Chris Dralle
 29 Todd and Gina Springer
 30 Gail and Michael Berzins



WATERING OUR GERANIUMS

Help keep the beautiful geraniums in bloom all summer long with regular watering. Sign up to water a day or two during the hot weeks with no rain. Our Courtyard plants also need watering. Choose a week and sign up on the message center or call the church office to volunteer.



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 wished farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Blair and Faye Morgan as they moved back to their home area in Pittsburgh?
- ◆ Did you know that VBS this year will be held in the evenings this July?
- ◆ Did you know that Pastor Randy and Pastor Karen attended the Festival of Homiletics last month? This year it was in Pittsburgh!
- ◆ Did you know that Bob & Pam Bertsch volunteered to represent our congregation at the synod assembly in Akron this year! It will occur in June. Thanks to them both.
- ◆ Did you know that our participating youth will attend ELCA Youth Gathering next month?
- ◆ 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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David Kaderbech, Skwarski family,
Paul Brusk, Steve, Nancy
All those impacted by war and natural disasters



>>> June 2024

Praising God,
Singing Others

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	3 7:00pm Yoga	4	5 11am-1pm Women's Bible Study Lunch	6	7	8 1 Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly
9 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	10 7:00pm Yoga	11	12 11am & 6:15pm Roman's Bible Study	13	14	15 Monthly Insight Deadline
16 Father's Day 8:00am Worship 9:30am Outdoor Worship	17 7:00pm Yoga	18	19 11am & 6:15pm Roman's Bible Study	20	21	22 8:00am Men's Fellowship at Royal Breakfast
23 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	24 7:00pm Yoga Parking lot resurfacing	25 Parking lot resurfacing	26 11am & 6:15pm Roman's Bible Study Parking lot resurfacing	27	28	29
30 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship						

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