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9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—12:00 PM FRIDAY (through October 11th)

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY (beginning October 18th)

FROM THE PASTOR

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

I would like to use this column this month to share some personal information from our household. Many of you know that my wife, Karen, is an ELCA pastor as well and serves Peace Lutheran Church in Ashland, Ohio. For those of you who have not heard, she has resigned this call to take a new call to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, Ohio. Her last Sunday at Peace will be Sunday, October 6th. She will then start to make the transition to Jerusalem Lutheran by the end of the month.

Leaving a call is never an easy thing, especially when things are going well. This has been a very emotional time for Karen (and all of us). Peace was Karen's very first call and she has served there since 2012. Like CRLC, they have been witness to many personal things in her (and mine) life over these years: our marriage in 2014 and then us having our two children Theo and Tess, just to name a few. Karen has had a remarkable and fantastic call at Peace. She is not leaving because anything is wrong, but rather the excitement and venture of a new opportunity. Not only does the congregation seem like a good match for potential ministry, but this congregation is also located only 15 minutes from our house! This is a game changer for our household. With Theo now in first grade and Tess in preschool, this allows us to have much more geographical flexibility. I have told many that I can readily understand Karen's emotional roller coaster having done this three times in my ministry. I think I am living through it vicariously through her again. We are excited to see what the Holy Spirit is up to. Thank you for all your prayers and support!!

See you in worship,

Pastor Randy

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THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER!

The parking lot project has been completed. This was a major accomplishment and a big financial undertaking. We are still wanting to raise the 25% of this cost. If you haven't had time to make a donation to this project, please give it consideration. Thank you!



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

THEO-THURSDAY RETURNS



Theo Thursday is back after its normal summer hiatus. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Simon's restaurant on Thursday, October 17th @ 9:30AM, at Royal Breakfast & More! This is located at 500 E Royalton Road in Broadview Heights.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our time, talent and resources...

You hopefully have received a letter, as well have had an opportunity to view the video: "The Long View" as it talks about our stewardship resources for 2025 and a future look. This includes our time, talent, and financial resources.

On **Sunday, October 13th**, we hope to collect any remaining Intention of Giving cards that help guide us in our financial planning for 2025.

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

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pastor Randy's Message
- Stewardship Sunday
- Annual Meeting
- Concerts @ CRLC
- Confirmation
- Children Church Volunteers
- Oasis Donation Needs
- Reformation Dinner
- Emergency Contact Info

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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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on **Sunday, November 24th following the 10:30 service**. The annual reports and proposals will be made available 2 weeks ahead of this meeting. On the agenda will be the proposed 2025 Mission Investment Plan and the election of our leadership positions.



TIME CAPSULE BURIAL—SEPTEMBER 22

Some of the items in the time capsule include the following:

- * Small items made by the children in Sunday School
- * The 50th anniversary pictorial directory
- * Some small items from the celebration
- * Icons from a church timeline we did that celebrated the anniversary
- * Bulletin from the 50th anniversary of the organ held in November of 2023 which a special music piece especially commissioned for this event
- * A jump drive (assuming you could still be using this technology or at least have the means to open the files) that contains video from our Vacation Bible School, anniversary video, and some pictures of the celebration worship and banquet
- * A copy of the bulletin for that day
- * A number of other documents surrounding the planning and the carrying out of the celebration



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, speak with Pastor Randy. We are hoping to recognize our newest members this month.

CONCERTS @ CRLC—A COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

I would like to share with all of you my ideas for a music series at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church: **Concerts @ CRLC**. Its goal and aim come from Martin Luther's quote: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise". **Concerts @ CRLC** is a community outreach ministry of Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. This concert series seeks to provide diverse programming and will offer something for everyone.

I am envisioning three concerts in the Spring and three concerts in the Fall, beginning in 2025, with guest artists such as Organist Dr. John Behnke, Pianist Dr. Maria Thompson-Corley, Flute/Harp Duo Angela Massey and Rachel O'Brien, the Brecksville High School Choir, the Cleveland Flute Choir, CSU Percussion Ensemble, Harpist Kirk Kupensky, the BW Mer's Chorus, the Firestone Madrigals and the Stow Heritage Ringers. The possibilities are endless!

All concerts are free and open to the public and are held in the Sanctuary. All concerts begin at 4pm.

Concerts @ CRLC is supported by free will offerings and sponsorships. I am donating some funds to start the series. I am also asking members of the congregation and community to consider becoming sponsors. In the upcoming weeks, look for **Concerts @ CRLC** sponsorship forms in the Information Center. The sponsors will be listed in each and every concert program. Sponsorship forms will be included in each concert program and will help us continue and expand the program. Generous support from our members and sponsors help to make this offering of music to our community possible. Note the sponsor levels from the categories listed below:

Copper Sponsor: Up to \$49
Bronze Sponsor: \$50-\$99
Silver Sponsor: \$100-\$199
Gold Sponsor: \$200-\$299
Platinum Sponsor: \$300-\$399
Diamond Sponsor: \$400+

The dedicated funds for the concert series will be in a separate account. Offerings and sponsorship funds will be used solely for the concert series. This dedicated account allows for easy managing and tracking of expenses and income. If at any time the funds are below the budgeted amount, a concert will not be scheduled. The monies will carry over to the next year.

I will track incoming offerings/sponsorships and oversee the account. I will be responsible for preparing the budget and coordinating/contacting the musicians. I will request checks for payment of the musicians and am the "go to" person for questions/concerns.

I will contact the sponsors/patrons annually. I would like to have some volunteers from the congregation to help with advertising, mailing lists, coordination of fellowship time after each concert, ushering and ideas/suggestions for future musicians/groups, etc.

I pray that **Concerts @ CRLC** will be a success and continue our mission of Praising God, Serving Others through music!

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 13

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 20

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 27

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

We have a God who created us and loves us as unique human beings.

Many technologies are used to help medical professionals understand possible health conditions we may experience. A primary means of assessing many issues is via x-rays & ultrasound imaging. Ultrasound helps doctors make a diagnosis and determine the best, most effective means possible to achieve health.

Ultrasound: Sonography is a diagnostic medical procedure that uses high frequency sound waves to produce visual images of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body. Sonographers are a trained group of medical professionals who use ultrasound technology to ***see the body's organs, tissues, and musculature.***

A computer analyzes the sounds from the sound waves that are bounced off internal structures in the body and creates an image of the structure. But unlike X-rays, no radiation is used. The sonographer places a small device known as the transducer against the skin in the area to be imaged. The transducer sends high frequency sound waves into the body, which are bounced off internal structures in the body.

Doctors use ultrasound in women, men, & children to gain advanced insights into the inner workings of the body. In fact, after x-ray exams, ultrasound is the most utilized form of diagnostic imaging available today. How wonderful that much information about our bodies can be obtained non-invasively!

May God continue to guide our medical care and advancement in ways to help improve our quality of life during our time in this world.

“You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you” (John: 14:16-17).

Jill Koubal
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation and the high school Sunday school class has resumed this fall. The class is currently meeting with Paul Travaglianti in the high school room. On October 13th Pastor Randy will meet with just the youth who are getting confirmed, in his office. The confirmation class will begin meeting separately, with Pastor Randy teaching later this fall. The high school class will continue meeting with Paul in their normal youth room. If you are a parent of a confirmation age student and have not heard yet about this upcoming year, please contact Pastor Randy. Those who are completing their confirmation will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27th.



RALLY DAY/GOODIES WITH GRANDS APPRECIATION

Along with Rally Day, Grandparents day was celebrated on September 8th with the pre-kindergarten through 6th graders inviting their grandparents to Goodies with Grands. It was an opportunity to say "Thank you" for their support.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our staffed Children's Church time continues this month.

An adult will meet the children after the children's sermon and return them as Communion begins.

Volunteers can sign up for a single Sunday, multiple Sundays, or be part of a rotating schedule. Anyone interested in volunteering please call Kathy Hoinski @

440-364-4161 or the church office. **All materials will be provided.**



SPECIAL GUEST DR. JOHN BYRON - RETURNS OCTOBER 13th AND 20th!



A NEW ADULT SERIES with

John Byron is Professor of New Testament at Ashland Theological Seminary. He completed undergraduate studies at Elim Bible Institute in Lima NY, a Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA, post-graduate work at Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel and a Ph.D. in Theology at the University of Durham in England. He is the author of six books and more than 30 published articles and

essays. He served as a translator for the Common English Bible, is a columnist for Biblical Archaeology Review and excavated at Tel-Gezer in Israel. He has been married to Lori Byron since 1990. They enjoy spending their free time cycling, cooking and traveling together. In addition, they both attend worship at Pastor Karen's congregation: Peace Lutheran in Ashland, Ohio.

October 13th:

Rewriting the Bible: Versions of Bible stories your Sunday school teacher didn't know.

It is not uncommon to hear comments in the media claiming that the Bible has been changed and/or altered over time. These sound bites leave the average Bible reader wondering: Did scribes in antiquity change some of the stories in the Bible and if so why? In this lecture Dr. John Byron will look at an ancient practice of interpretation sometimes called "rewritten" Bible. Dr. Byron will provide examples of how stories were sometimes expanded and/or altered by Jewish and Christian interpreters and will explain why these scribes felt they could and should interpret the Bible this way. Dr. Byron has published a book on ways that the Cain and Abel story was reinterpreted, which will be a particular focus of the lecture.

October 20th:

Trusting in the Word of God: Is the Bible the center of our faith?

A significant majority of Americans own a Bible and consider it to be sacred literature. From the pews of the church to billboards along the highway, to the presidential inauguration, the Bible's influence can be observed and experienced at all levels of society. A quick scan of any bookstore will demonstrate that, for some people, the Bible is a book of answers. From theology to science to diets and finances, the Bible is viewed by some to be the source of all knowledge and understanding. Yet, if this is true, why are there so many disputes over what the Bible means? If the Bible is said to be "clear" on any number of topics, why isn't it always clear to those who are interpreting it? In his lecture, Dr. Byron will address the role of the Bible in Christian faith and what it means to trust in the Word of God. He will demonstrate that preoccupation with "what the Bible says" has sometimes caused us to focus our faith on the Bible rather than God.

On October 27th – Pastor Randy will start the last sessions on Frederick Buechner dealing with issue of pain and memory in our discipleship.

FROM THE NORTHEAST OHIO SYNOD

2024-2025 COURSE OFFERINGS

While classes may be taken in any order, we highly recommend taking all Foundations Classes before registering for Practical Classes. The Foundations Course of study will help you prepare for the Practical classes. Without previous engagement in foundations classes, practical classes will be challenging.

The courses are offered collaboratively through Zoom. Each class runs for 5 weeks and costs \$65/course + credit card fees.

*Class dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor.
Stay Tuned for 2024-2025 Class Registration

FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

Worship Matters

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24

Why do we worship Sunday after Sunday? Is worship intended for an 'in group' to comfort and console? Is worship intended to equip for mission and service? Is worship for God or for us? As we explore these questions, we will discover tensions in worship: a God focus or a communal focus, a head focus or a heart focus, a structured worship or a free worship, a universal church focus or a focus on the local assembly and its needs.

Christianity in a Lutheran Key

November 7, 14, 21, December 5, 12

While all Christians share a common set of theological beliefs, Lutherans look at things through a filter of grace. In this course we will discover more about our Lutheran roots. We will also look forward to challenges that face us in the future.

Intro to the Old Testament

December 19, January 2, 9, 16, 23

The aims of this course are: to give the students an overview of the structure and theology of the Hebrew Scriptures and present the varieties of forms used to communicate the truth of God's Word contained in them. Special attention will be given to covenant theology and to relating Old Testament theology and history to our understanding of the New Testament.

Intro to the New Testament

February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

The goals of this course are to understand the gospel message as revealed in the New Testament (NT), to explore the life and faith of the Christian church in the first century, to understand how the Bible came down to us in its present form, and to understand and use a variety of tools for interpreting the Bible. Throughout the course students will reflect on how the New Testament Gospel has shaped our Christian lives.

Lutheran Creeds & Confessions

March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24

This course provides an analysis of the historical context and theological content of the Book of Concord (the Lutheran Confessions) with an eye to establishing the importance of its witness for Christian mission and ministry.

Living as a Christian in the World

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

Students will discuss and explore their role as a member of a Christian community and the community at large. This course allows students to explore their place in a community that is not necessarily predominately Christian. Begin discernment on future service and ministries in their congregations and communities.



FROM THE NORTHEAST OHIO SYNOD—Continued

PRACTICAL CLASSES (Please take Foundation classes before enrolling in Practical Classes)

Pastoral Care

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24

Caregiving is the responsibility of the entire faith community. With differing gifts individuals care in a variety of ways. This course is intended to assist the faith community in its caregiving ministries and give practical guidance on how to care.

Church History

November 7, 14, 21, December 5, 12

Every 500 years society and its institutions go through major changes. The church, too, has been emerging in the same pattern. This course will explore those patterns, people, and factors that have led and are now leading to a continuing evolution of the Christian movement.

Elective TBD

December 19, January 2, 9, 16, 23

In this elective course (TBD), you stretch yourself through practical study that will prepare you for a Life of Service.

Cultural Diversity

February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

Participants will discover their own biases and those of the institutions of which they are a part, why those biases exist, and how to confront and overcome them.

Elective - TBD

March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24

In this elective course (TBD), you stretch yourself through practical study that will prepare you for a Life of Service.

Christian Ethics

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

Participants will reflect on the implications of the Ten Commandments for contemporary life. They will be introduced to concepts and systems by which the Christian tradition has taught personal and public morality, for example, the "Deadly Sins" and "Cardinal Virtues," the "Just War" Theory vs. Christian Pacifism, human nature and human sinfulness, and Luther's "Two Kingdoms" theology. The course provides opportunity for disciplined reflection on ethical issues such as sexual ethics, sanctity of life, political witness, and economic justice.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

On October 6th – Paul Travaglianti and some of our youth will share their experiences at the ELCA National Youth Gathering held this last summer in New Orleans.

CRLC FAITHFUL READERS



Meeting on October 16th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for October is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

Please join in on a potluck luncheon for the October meeting.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY



Meeting on October 2nd at 10:00am and October 3rd at 7:00pm.

We will be using the Fall 2024 "Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians" by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp, session 1, Is Grace Real.

OCTOBER FOCUS: NEW MINISTRY AT OASIS

OASIS
AKRON



As OASIS evolves under the leadership of Pastor Lisa's son, James Wright, as their new executive director, they have been asked to run an after-school program for 50 teenagers at Lady of the Elms private school. The majority of these young ladies are there through grants & scholarships. Their families have financial needs, so we can help them with the following hygiene & programming needs:

- deodorant- women's scents
- body wash
- lotion - regular or cocoa butter
- face wash - for sensitive skin
- tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Individual bags of pretzels or goldfish or cookies
- Nutri-grain bars
- fruit snacks
- coloring books
- color pencils

CRLC will continue to help OASIS financially as they continue to support and partner with multiple inner-city Lutheran church's efforts to help disadvantaged youth. Thank you for your ongoing prayers & support.



"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.**

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.

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

OCTOBER FOCUS: NEW MINISTRY AT OASIS

Items can be dropped off at church into the **NEW** donation area of the coat closet.

Items needed include:

- deodorant- women's scents
- body wash
- lotion - regular or cocoa butter
- face wash - for sensitive skin
- tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Individual bags of pretzels or goldfish or cookies
- Nutri-grain bars
- fruit snacks
- coloring books
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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.**

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER

Pet Blessing & Care Fair

On Sunday, October 6, 2024 from Noon-2pm, Celebration Lutheran Church, 10621 Auburn Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024 will host a Pet Blessing & Care Fair. The event will be held in the parking lot, weather permitting; indoors if the weather is inclement! Bring your companion animal(s) and/or service animal(s) for a blessing and a goodie bag. Visit with representatives from area rescue and animal therapy organizations, including Lake County Humane, Rescue Village, the Sanctuary for Senior Dogs, Geauga Mama Dogs and Pups, InStep with Horses, and Ohio Paws with Purpose.

Bring pet food donations for local pet foodbanks. For additional information, visit: www.celebration-lutheran.org or call 440-285-5402.

Hopewood Pines Apple Butter & Fall Festival Sunday, October 13, 2024 from Noon-6PM FREE

The will have all your favorite apple butter goodies and adds the Oktoberfest vibes of pumpkin patch, inflatable bounce activities, food trucks, live music, and a local beer and wine tent! There will be activities for every age to enjoy. Take a hayride through camp property and try fresh apple butter made on site. When you get hungry, taste the homemade bean soup cooked over the fire, fresh baked goods, and a variety of food truck offerings. Hang around for some music while the kids play in the children's area.

There is no need to register; food and activities are set at a reasonable price. Your support of this festival will help us provide camperships at HopeWood Pines to make camp accessible to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

It's located at 2790 State Route 61 in Marengo, OH 43334. **Set amid 400 acres of picturesque scenery alongside Alum Creek, offering a natural sanctuary of woods, nature trails, and waterways. It's about 90 minutes from Brecksville.**

Festival Activities

- children's activity area
- Inflatable bounce activities
- Local vendors
- Food and refreshments
- Food trucks
- Beer and wine tent
- Games
- Freshly made apple butter
- Gaga ball
- Hayrides
- Hiking
- Music
- Nature activities

Festival Volunteers (yes they need volunteers!) can choose to arrive either on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Free lodging is available for volunteers who stay over Friday or Saturday nights. Contact our office with any questions you may have about volunteering or with questions about the festival: Phone: (419) 864-8030 or

Email: pines@hopewoodoutdoors.org. Register on line to volunteer at

<https://hopewoodoutdoors.campbrainregistration.com/>

ReNew! Youth and Family Minister's Retreat at Hopewood Pines (Oct. 28-30)

Sign up for a retreat specifically designed to support and equip full-time and part-time youth and family ministry staff. Share in the educational sessions and discussions, networking and resource sharing, relaxation, free time, conversation, and worship. Or, take a break from the group and enjoy a hike, nap, or some time by the fire. When you return to your ministry, you'll be refreshed and renewed.

Online registration is required two weeks in advance. Register online here:

<https://hopewoodoutdoors.campbrainregistration.com> Hopewood Pines is about 90 minutes from Brecksville at 2790 State Route 61 in Marengo, OH 43334. Phone: (419) 864-8030 or

Email: pines@hopewoodoutdoors.org.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING AT CRLC

Thank you to everyone for allowing me to serve in a Fellowship capacity this year. It has been an interesting experience to share with you each month. A huge thank you to all who took the time to host a coffee hour, card party/game night, breakfast, luncheon, soup suppers, social events, send a card or message to uplift someone, give a hug, shake a hand, say a prayer, or extend a welcome and a listening heart and ear to anyone who needed it. Laurie and Marci have been a great resource in getting information out to everyone at CRLC via the Insight and the messaging screens at CRLC. It takes a village to create a community of faith.

My tenure is at an end. If you would like to lead the Fellowship efforts going forward at CRLC, please reach out to Pastor Randy before the Annual Meeting in November to express your interest and get on the 'ballot' for the meeting.

Lis Kroepel—Mathew 18:20

REFORMATION SUNDAY DINNER



Suzana and Paul Koch have again generously offered to sponsor a Reformation Dinner in honor of Paul's dad, Frederick W. Koch, who passed away on Reformation Day 2020. You are invited to a congregational dinner on **Sunday, October 27th**, after the 10:30 service.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex with your name and how many will be attending by **Sunday, October 20th** so we can get our count to the caterer.

We are looking for assistance with set-up and clean-up, so if you can lend a hand, please indicate so on the sign up sheet or contact me. We look forward to sharing this day together, and honoring Fred Koch.

Jeanne Travaglianti ... 440-667-9803

ANNUAL CRLC LAKE CHAUTAUQUA GETAWAY

January 17 - 20, 2025



Who: YOU! ... your spouse, family, and church family!

What: Relax! Dine together! Skiing! Restore! Games! Fun!

When: January 17 - 20, 2025

Where: Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center ~ New York

Why: To refill your inner well after the busy holiday season. To rest, play, read... enjoy the fellowship of others!

How: Reserve a room for the weekend by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Please contact Jeanne Travaglianti if you have any questions...

jctbeantown@gmail.com or 440-667-9803. Hope to see you in Lake Chautauqua!



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday October 9th at 11:30am, Simon's Deli – Brecksville

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Kathleen Zaker with questions (440) 230-0911

October 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

October 6	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Sandy Weiss
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy McGill, Dianne Young
Ushers	Ken Blank, Lisa Antonucci	Scott Witzke, Blaine Coleman
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Cathy & Jeff Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee host: Gail Stelmaschuk
October 13	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Diane Wilson	Elaine Foss
Communion Assistants	x	Joan Castelucci, Shirley Fisher
Ushers	Mark Evans, Al Radefeld	Jeff Dentzer, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee host: Jan Romance
October 20	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Lee Knicely
Communion Assistants	x	Bill & Pam Waltz
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Mike Berzins	Dennis Nagy, Frank Bolton
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		Coffee host:
October 27	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lauren Jirousek	Carole Wooten
Communion Assistants	x	Linda Echenbrecht, Dan Bartik
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Todd Kiick	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Jan Hansler
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee host: Don & Cheryl Laubacher

Happy Birthday!

2 Melissa Garito
3 Chase Garito
3 Alex Brunovsky
4 Kay Helle
4 Joshua Papesh
6 Anthony Guzi
6 Sean Simmons
6 Nancyanne Sinclair
8 Laura Podsiadlo
10 Kathleen Zaker**
11 Gina Springer
11 Elizabeth Marek
12 Sylvia James
12 Daniel Miller
12 Jacob Cordiak
12 Matteo Aller
12 Brandy Falcone
15 Scott Sheets
15 Erica Perlman
15 Zachary Stoneman
16 James Pohle
18 Joe Huber
18 Don Dobos
19 Amy Benza
19 Greyson Studnicka
20 Deb Blank
21 Matt Garito
21 Grace Smith
23 Connie Gearhart
23 Autumn Halter
24 Annie Root**
24 John Eisenmann

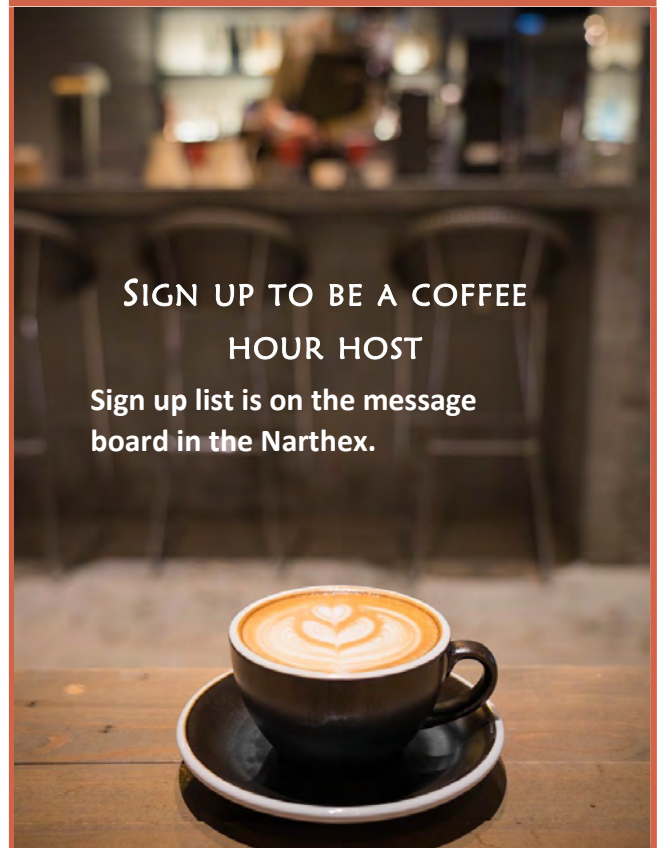
25 Delaney Evans
26 Jacob Henyey
27 Judy Montowski**
28 Tim Marcinko
29 Bob Fritz**
29 Patrick Smith
31 Eric Witzke

**= Milestone
birthday



Happy Anniversary!

4 Karen and Steve Petro
6 Paul and Marilyn Cameron
8 Cathy and Jeff Smith
10 Jill and Jeff Dentzer
18 Gail and George Stelmaschuk
18 Jessica and Joshua Troike
22 Marikka Pretz-Shondrick & Andrew Shondrick
25 Cindy and John Brunovsky
30 Kendrick & Amanda Dobbins



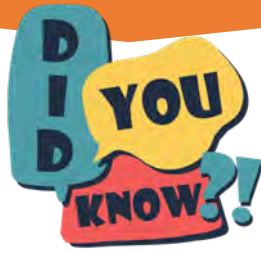
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**Sign up list is on the message
board in the Narthex.**



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 recurring 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 work is already underway for our 2025 ministry?
- ◆ Did you know that we will have a guest lecturer for our adult Sunday School class when Dr. Byron returns this month? Details in this newsletter.
- ◆ Did you know we will soon be welcoming the newest members to CRLC? Contact Pastor Randy if you might be interested in joining?
- ◆ Did you know that we buried the time capsule for our 50th anniversary?
- ◆ Did you know that our youth had a great time in New Orleans at the ELCA Youth Gathering? We will have an opportunity to hear about their trip in October on October 6th.
- ◆ 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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Randy, Marcy, Steve Schneider, Wasil Romance
All those impacted by war and natural disasters.

Prayer concerns will be removed after 8 weeks, unless otherwise requested.



>>> October 2024

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Serving Others

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141</p>						
<p>6</p> <p>World Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Overview of the ELCA Youth Gathering 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm Yoga</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch at Simon's 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Stewardship Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am 2024 Confirmation Class meeting with Pastor Randy 9:15am Adult Sunday School series with Dr. John Byron 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Columbus Day 7:00pm Yoga</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Monthly Insight Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Faithful Readers 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Theo-Thursday</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:00am Worship/Rev. John Butchko, guest preacher 9:15am Adult Sunday School series with Dr. John Byron 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship/Rev. John Butchko, GUEST preacher</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00pm Yoga</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Reformation Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday school with Pastor Randy-aspects of pain & memory 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship/Confirmation 11:30am Reformation Dinner</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Yoga</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p>	<p>440.526.2303 www.office@crfbrecksville.org Monthly Insight submissions: insight@crfbrecksville.org</p>	

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Now is the time of year that schools are reviewing their emergency contacts. Here at CRLC we are also reviewing and updating our emergency contact information. Please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the church office, or email to Insight@crlcbrecksville.org, or feel free to call in the information (440) 526-2303.

Emergency contact

Please share your emergency contacts.

If you are hospitalized or in rehab, *especially if you live alone or we don't know your family*, we often have no way of knowing how you are doing or where you might be. When our efforts to contact you are unsuccessful, we are concerned. Please share with the church office an emergency contact for us to keep in our church files.

Thank you



Your name:

Your cell phone number:

Emergency contact – name:

Contact information (phone and/or email):

Relationship to you (if this applies):

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