

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



# INSIGHT

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL: 9:15AM

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Church Office is Closed on Monday*

9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

*(Luke 1:78-79)*

Where are you looking for the light? An age-old question, even with connections back for some of us to our Sunday School years of singing "This little light of mine – I am going to let it shine." I do not know about you, but there are times when that light seems really dim. For many in our world, in our country, these are times when it feels like it is hard to find the light. Whether it is in political results, impacts of financial hardships, vocational challenges, or relationship struggles, we often need not only to look at how we shine our own light, but where we look to find the source of light. I am reminded that in our end of the year Gospel texts that happen in Pentecost this past November, we heard the disciples and other hearers of Jesus become really rattled when Jesus says of the sacred temple: "not one stone will be left upon another." Jesus is pointing to God in ways that mean more than a building. Sometimes we look for light to come from our human-made institutions like temples, church buildings, and other human relationships, but all of this is temporary. The true light of the world doesn't come through Scripture, through human hands, through buildings, it comes in the way of a God made flesh, a God incarnate. As we prepare for the arrival of the true light of the world, may we all experience a light that will shine on those of us all who dwell in darkness! May this word made flesh light up your life this Christmas!

*See you in worship,*

*Pastor Randy*

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## THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER WRAPS UP THIS MONTH!

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 or envelope for the purpose as "Parking Lot." Thank you!

### THEO-THURSDAY

Theo Thursday continues this month. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Royal Breakfast restaurant on Thursday, December 19th @ 9:30AM. A couple of special guests may be present.



### MEN'S "HOLIDAY NIGHT"

As in recent times, traditionally following the women's Advent Tea, the men of the congregation meet for the "Men's Advent Beer." This will occur at London Pickleworks here in Brecksville on Monday, December 9th @ 6:30PM.



### TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

Each plant is 7.5" double-stem red and is \$17.00. Orders must be in no later than December 15th. Order forms can be found in the Sunday bulletin, or contact the office to order.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your cards, calls, and prayers during my recovery. It has been truly appreciated.

Everything went well but recovery will be lengthy.

God Bless you all.

Karen Knicely

### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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

### 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).



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pastor Randy's Message
- Men's "Holiday Night"
- Order Poinsettias
- Worship Schedule for December
- CRLC Music Ministry
- YAC Pancake Breakfast & Children's Christmas Pageant
- Giving Tree
- God's Global Barnyard Bake Sale
- Women's Advent Social

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Advent Midweek worship:

“Let Your Light Shine”

This year there will be 2 midweek Advent services on the Tuesdays in Advent. Once again, we will use Holden Evening Prayer as our worship format. We invite you to take time during this busy month in the Advent season and holiday rush to pause and remember the core of what this is all about.

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM (Organ Concert following)

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

5:30PM: - Holy Communion Christmas Service

7:30PM: - Holy Communion Christmas Service

11:00PM: - Holy Communion Christmas Service

Also note:

December 29<sup>th</sup> -Sunday morning (one 9:30AM Service only)

## ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> our annual congregational meeting was conducted following the 10:30 worship service. A 2025 Mission Investment Plan (Budget) was approved, and the following were elected/appointed to leadership positions:

Vision Board: Gabby D’Anza & Tom Weber

Vision Board Youth Representative: Nate Brunovsky

Treasurer: Laura Kiick

The following were ratified for the 2024 Ministry Board:

Education: Kathy Hoinski

Serving: Linda Radefeld and Jan Romance

Fellowship: *Committee Approach*

Worship: Mark Lickert

Secretary: Diane Haberny

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

Ministry Board: Gail Stelmaschuk (Vision Board) & Lis Kroepel (Fellowship). We also thank Steve Wilson for serving as President of our congregation these last few years.

Also we recognized this year’s HIDDEN DISCIPLES:

Pam Waltz and Maureen Michal

Pam– For all her work in coordinating our outdoor sign.

Maureen – For all the work she does for flowers in our worship space and beyond!

***Congratulations and Thanks Pam & Maureen!***

## CRLC MUSIC MINISTRY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2024

### **Rev. David Eck's Everlasting Light liturgical setting**

CRLC will begin utilizing Rev. David Eck's Everlasting Light liturgical setting for Advent, 2024. Rev. David Eck has been the pastor of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Fairview, NC since 1993. He earned his MDiv from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He is a singer/songwriter who has released a number of worship CDs as well as devotional and liturgical materials. Pastor Dave lives in Asheville with his husband, Gary Mitchell, who is a retired school teacher and church musician. Together, they have two adopted children and two granddaughters. His Everlasting Light setting is based on carols of the season.

### **Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer Dec. 10 and 17 at 7pm**

Written in 1985-86 by Marty Haugen during a musical residency at Holden Village, Holden Evening Prayer is a simple Lutheran vespers service that follows traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Since then, the service has been adopted around the world and continues to be used weekly at Holden Village where it is lovingly known as Vespers '86. Once a year Holden invites Villagers across the globe to come together through participation in the Holden Evening Prayer. Together, we seek to support and draw strength from one another, reaffirming our values as people who have been called, equipped, and sent, and supporting each other's work in environmental stewardship and justice for all people.

### **Christmas Caroling and Fellowship Dec. 15 at 3pm**

Join us as we bring Christmas Joy to the residents of Chippewa Place in Brecksville. Hot chocolate and cookies follow in the Gathering Space.

### **Christmas Around the World Organ Recital Dec. 17 at 7:30pm**

Seven carol settings from France, Spain, Poland, England, Ireland, Mexico and the West Indies by Sondra Tucker.

### **Christmas Eve Extended Musical Prelude Dec. 24 at 7pm**

Featuring soloists, instrumentalists, Ruah! Musicians, CRLC choir and special guests.

## ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

James Alfieri, our Music Director, will be putting together a concert series in 2025. If you would like to become a sponsor, please fill out a form that can be found on the message board in the Narthex, or on our CRLC site under Worship. Complete the form and place in the offering plate at church, or mail to the church.

# READINGS FOR DECEMBER

## DECEMBER 1—First Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## DECEMBER 8—Second Sunday of Advent

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer’s voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi’s prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the “salvation of God.”

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## DECEMBER 15—Third Sunday of Advent

Christ’s presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

## DECEMBER 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary’s magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ’s advent is for “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—“we proclaim the Lord’s death.”

Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

## DECEMBER 29—First Sunday of Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

From the cold weather to holiday meals, it's important for individuals with allergies or asthma to be aware of potential risks they might face during the holidays: **Allergies, Asthma and the Winter Holidays.**

**Food Allergies:** Food plays a central role in many events. Food allergies can make these functions difficult to navigate. Ask about the ingredients used to make each dish. Be aware that cross-contamination can occur during preparation. If you think the foods served pose too much risk, or if you just don't feel comfortable eating foods provided by others, you can bring your own meal or snacks or eat before you arrive. If you use medications for your allergy, be sure to bring those along so you're ready for an emergency.

**Trees and holiday decorations:** If you are around a live tree, the tree itself is unlikely to cause an allergy, but the mold, pollen, tree sap or chemical sprays on it can. Use of an artificial tree or letting a real tree dry in an enclosed space for a week before bringing it inside can help.

Dust and mold can accumulate on decorations, especially if they're stored in a damp basement. Wrap decorations in plastic before storing them or use a tree bag to keep them free of allergens. Wipe down & air-dry decorations before packing them away. Wash your hands after unpacking decorations.

Poinsettias, a member of the rubber tree family. Although the risk of a severe reaction is low, it's best to avoid direct contact with this plant if you have a latex allergy.

Scented candles & wood-burning fireplaces can cause headaches, watery eyes & aggravated noses. Avoid holiday air fresheners. Gingerbread, pumpkin, & pine scents can be inviting for some, yet hazardous for others.

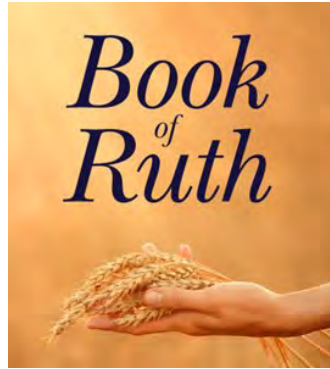
**Traveling Points to Remember:** Travel causes exposure to winter triggers and inconsistent use of medications can cause asthma or allergy symptoms to flare around the holidays. If you're visiting friends or relatives over the holidays, you may encounter all kinds of triggers — whether from perfumed fellow travelers or your friends' pets that send your allergic reactions into high gear. Cold dry outside air can also trigger asthma. Before traveling, make sure you're up to date on your medications. Take them before your trip — and be sure to pack whatever you need to get through your travels with as little difficulty as possible. Asthma can also be triggered by exposure to the cold/dry air of winter. Our increased exposure to viral infections during these winter months is an additional concern for asthmatics.

Holiday celebration increase our times of hugging & kissing- hello & goodbye, therefore assisting respiratory viruses to get passed around. If you have a cold, use good judgment about close physical contact. Remember the basics: wash your hands frequently with soap & water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue rather than your hands. In addition, make sure to take care of yourself-get enough sleep, manage stress, & stay hydrated.

*May He who breathes into us His Spirit be with you and strengthen you in every way (John 20:22).*

*Jill Koubal*  
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



### **THE BOOK OF RUTH!**

Deacon Judy Hoshek will lead the adult Sunday School class on the book of Ruth for two sessions this December. (We are looking for leaders and topics for 2025)

The Adult Sunday School schedule this month:

December 1st – No class Thanksgiving weekend

December 8th – Book of Ruth part 1 – Judy Hoshek—We'll consider the themes of loss, loyalty, risk and hope and explore the characters Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz

December 15th – Book of Ruth part 2 -Judy Hoshek—We'll consider the themes of loss, loyalty, risk and hope and explore the characters Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz

December 22nd – No class – pancake breakfast & children Christmas pageant

December 29th – No class – Christmas break

January – TBD

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH TIME

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 are needed** so please 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.**



**YAC PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Pancake  
Breakfast



December 22nd

8:30—10:30am

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

December 22nd

9:15am

Plan to attend our Sunday school Christmas pageant, during the youth pancake breakfast. This memorable Christmas breakfast show presents the children acting out ***An Unexpected Christmas***.

During this time, please consider donating to angel wings.



## GIVING TREE



**Paper ornaments are on the tree  
for the taking.**

**Deadline to return gifts is December 8th.**



*"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
- 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.

### 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.**

**God's  
Global  
Barnyard**

# ***BAKE SALE!***

Sunday,  
December 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 10:30am

Satisfy your sweet tooth while  
helping a worthy cause



**Our Sunday School children are raising money for God's Global Barnyard, hoping to raise enough to send someone to farm school.**

God's Global Barnyard supports our livestock, agriculture and other sustainable development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

# Women's Advent Social

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS, AND SNACKS

The annual CRLC Advent Social is back! Once again we will gather together to start off the Advent Season in a place that warms our heart, and prepares our soul for the gift of Christmas to come. We look forward to you joining us for this beautiful evening!

When: Tuesday, December 3rd

Where: CRLC

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



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

## VIRTUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



The Women of the ELCA is presenting a virtual Blue Christmas Service on December 21, from 7:00pm—8:00pm.

Their Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/blue-christmas-service-virtual-2>

## NEOS ELCA EVENTS

See what's happening around the SYNOD.

Check out the list of upcoming events at <https://www.neos-elca.org/upcoming-events.html>

## 2024 LSM MUSICAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Experience the anticipation and hope of the Advent season with Lutheran Summer Music's fourth-annual Musical Advent Calendar. From December 1-24, immerse yourself in a daily moment of music and reflection shared on their Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube pages and archived on their website—<https://www.lsmacademy.org/acal>

## 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](mailto:jctbeantown@gmail.com) or 440-667-9803. Hope to see you in Lake Chautauqua!



## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

**Wednesday December 11th at 11:30am, Simon's Deli – Brecksville**

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



## December 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>December 1</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Mark Lickert
Communion Assistants	x	Joan Castelucci, Dana Vrcan
Blessors	Dianne Young, Gail Berzins	Pam Waltz, Dianne Young
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Lisa Antonucci	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee host: Gail Stelmaschuk
<b>December 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Diane Wilson	Debbie Dey
Communion Assistants	x	Dennis Nagy, Jen Eisenmann
Blessors	Jeanne Travaglianti, Joani Huber	Jill Koubal, Laurie Siebert
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Mark Evans	Blaine Coleman, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee host: open
<b>December 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Cristina Wells
Communion Assistants	x	Lisa Witzke, Jan Romance
Blessors	Connie Minerovic, Linda Radefeld	Ina Stanek, Sandy Weiss
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Al Radefeld	Bill Waltz, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Jan Hansler
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		Coffee host: Linda Radefeld
<b>December 22</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Linda Radefeld	Blaine Coleman
Communion Assistants	x	Tom Hoinski, Pam Waltz
Blessors	Lisa Antonucci, open	Linda Eckenbrecht, Kathy Hoinski
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Todd Kiick	Scott Witzke, Dennis Nagy
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Famey		Coffee host: open

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### Christmas Eve Services

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#### December 24 5:30pm

Assisting Minister	Deb Blank
Communion Assistants	Cheryl Laubacher, open
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Ken Blank
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk

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#### December 24 7:30pm

Assisting Minister	Lauren Jirousek
Communion Assistants	Julianne & Jim Jirousek
Ushers	Dana Vrcan, Dan Bartik
Altar Care	Dana Vrcan

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#### December 24 11:00pm

Assisting Minister	Open
Communion Assistants	Dennis Nagy, open
Ushers	Scott Witzke, open
Altar Care	TBD

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#### December 29 9:30 am ONE SERVICE

Assisting Minister	Nancyanne Sinclair
Communion Assistants	Shirley Fisher, Dianne Young
Ushers	Blaine Coleman, Frank Bolton
Altar Care	Shirley Fisher

Counters: Pete Smith, Diane & Steve Wilson

Coffee host: Don & Cheryl Laubacher

# Happy Birthday!

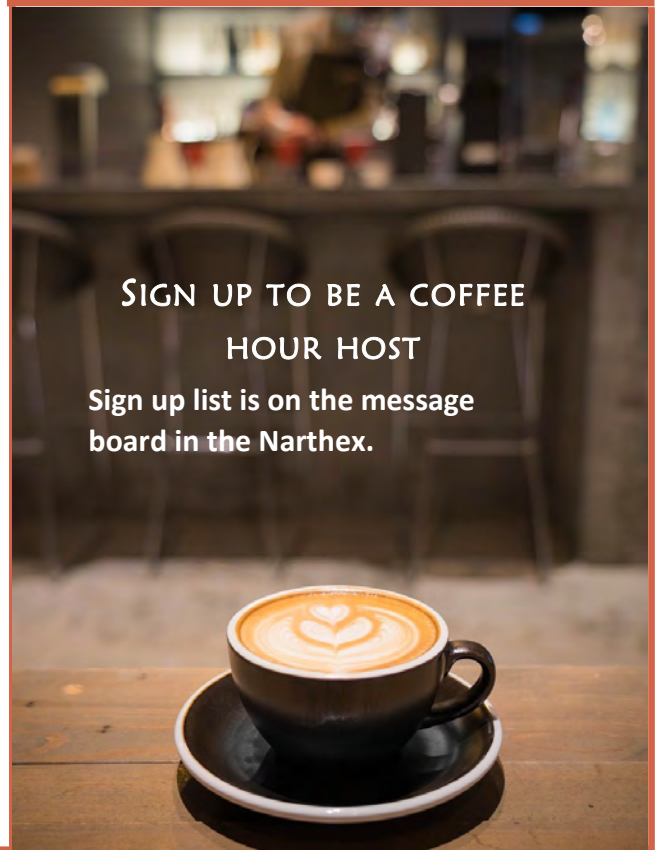
# Happy Anniversary!

1 Elaine Foss\*\*  
6 Johnathan Miller  
6 Sue Miller\*\*  
6 Hilary Vilem  
8 Sara DeBaltzo  
8 Chris Hazelton\*\*  
9 Gretchen  
Grossenbaugh  
9 Beth Marcinko  
11 Janet Hansler  
12 Christine Carouse  
13 Alan Witzke  
15 Laura Kiick  
17 Joy Petrovic  
17 Jenna Waltz  
20 Frank Shima  
21 Jeff Abke  
21 Samantha Aller  
26 Averie Boerner  
28 Jeanne Travaglianti  
29 Mark Evans  
29 Karen Petro  
30 Ayla Kusanke  
30 Otto Witzke  
31 Alex Koch

\*\*= Milestone Birthday



3 Jennifer and Mark Evans  
20 Karen and Lee Knicely  
21 Dianne and Joseph Kos  
26 Ron Lasher & Lori Jakel  
29 Meredith & Abe Shayeb  
31 Brooks and Jacki Kerrick



SIGN UP TO BE A COFFEE  
HOUR HOST

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](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 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 we will again be doing Holden Evening Prayer during our Advent Midweeks?
- ◆ Did you know that Christmas Eve is on Tuesday this year? Check this newsletter for service times.
- ◆ Did you know that on Sunday, December 29th we will have one 9:30AM service only?
- ◆ Did you know that the annual congregation meeting was held in November?
- ◆ Did you know that in 2025 some of our youth will attend the Youth Quake in Pittsburgh?
- ◆ 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

Brusk Family, Doug Radefeld, Karen Knicely, Stasek Family, Barry Farine, Romance Family, Elaine Foss, Karl Koubal, Wendy, Paul Cameron, Annie Root, Barb Wojtala, Beth Marcinko, Bob Stasek, Ken Kasper, Marlene Kasper, Adalyn, Nancy, Don, Mildred Tackett, Thea, Paul & Betty Swartz, Brandy & Jeff, Randy, Marcy Bryan, Steve Schneider, Heather Hollerbach, Dan, Dale, Don, Trish Keils, Beckie Yinger, Matt Dolan, Suzanna James, Alan  
All those impacted by war and natural disasters.



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

# >>> December 2024

Thralising God,  
Serving Others

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Advent Ladies Advent Social Set Up 8:00am Worship 9:15am No Sunday School- All Ages 10:30am Worship	<b>2</b> Ladies Advent Social Set Up 7:00pm NO Yoga	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Ladies Advent Social	<b>4</b> 10:00am -2:00pm Advent Tea <u>clean</u> up 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School with Judy Hochstet-Book of Ruth 9:15am Confirmation with Pastor Randy 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Men's Advent Fellowship Night 7:00pm Yoga	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship/Holden Evening Prayer	<b>11</b> 11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch at Simon's 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Monthly Prayer Deadline 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School with Judy Hochstet-Book of Ruth 9:15am Confirmation with Pastor Randy 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Christmas Caroling at Christens Piece (next to church)	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Yoga	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship/Holden Evening Prayer 7:30pm Advent Recital "Christmas Around the World"	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30am Theo-Thursday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00am Worship 8:30am -10:30am YAC Pancake Breakfast 9:15am Sunday School Christmas Pageant 10:30am Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Yoga	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7:00pm -7:30pm Christmas Eve Extended Musical Prelude 7:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 11:00pm Christmas Eve Caroling/Worship	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Worship-ONE SERVICE	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Yoga	<b>31</b>	CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141 440.526.2303 <a href="http://www.office@crlcbrecksville.org">www.office@crlcbrecksville.org</a> Monthly Insight submissions: <a href="mailto:insight@crlcbrecksville.org">insight@crlcbrecksville.org</a>			

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