

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



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***Church Office is Closed on Monday***

**9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS**

**9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY**

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

For this new year I begin this column with a prayer:

*"Lord, as we step into this new year, we ask for your direction. Help us to walk faithfully, trusting in your plans for us. Give us wisdom to make decisions that honor you, and strength to face the challenges ahead. May we seek your presence daily and serve you with open hearts. Amen."*

What is interesting about that particular prayer was it was the first time I ever tried something on AI (Artificial Intelligence). I asked a newly downloaded app to give me a church January newsletter prayer and the above is what I got. Not bad. In fact, we are all becoming more and more amazed at just what AI can do. It is both astounding and terrifying. The world and technology are changing at breakneck speeds.

As we begin this new calendar year of 2025, I am asking what is the "long view" for the Church – asking the question from a perspective of thinking of the Church as the body of Christ meaning everyone, but also thinking about it in terms of our particular mission station here in Brecksville that we call Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. In other words recognizing the pace of change in our culture and in our surroundings what impact does this have on CRLC, what things should we be examining, exploring, changing, for our future ministry together?

It promises to be a question that is repeated this year.

In the meantime, I want to thank everyone for all their time and discipleship that goes into making the Advent and Christmas season so meaningful for our ministry together. May we all have a blessed 2025.

***See you in worship,***

***Pastor Randy***

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# ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

In November of 2024, our annual congregational meeting was held. A 2025 Mission Investment Plan (Budget) was approved and the following were elected/appointed to leadership positions:

Vision Board: Gabriel D'Anza and Tom Weber  
Vision Board Youth Representative: Nate Brunovsky  
Treasurer: Laura Kiick

The following were ratified for the 2025 Ministry Board:

Education: Kathy Hoinski  
Serving: Linda Radefeld and Jan Romance  
Worship: Mark Lickert  
Secretary: Diane Haberny

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

Vision Board: Gail Stelmaschuk  
& Zach Toghil (youth rep)  
Ministry Board: Lis Kroepel (Fellowship)

## THEO-THURSDAY

Theo Thursday meets again this month. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Royal Breakfast and more on Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 9:30AM.



## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

There will be a service on Thursday, January 23rd at 7:00pm and open to the public.

## NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Remember on **Sunday, January 5th** we return to our normal Sunday morning schedule with worship at 8:00AM and 10:30AM with Sunday School starting at 9:15AM.

## THANK YOU

From the family of Harris Paul Cameron who died on December 3, 2024: Thank you for all the prayers and the cards and the caring thoughts of everyone. I really appreciate it.—Marilyn Cameron and family

## 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
- Ecumenical Service
- Normal Sunday Schedule
- Adult Sunday School
- Bake Sale Success
- Blood Drive
- Hobby Days
- Lake Chautauqua Getway
- Ladies Lunch Bunch

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## EPIPHANY HYMN

I'd like to share some information on the Epiphany Hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright". You will hear two settings of this chorale by Charles Callahan in worship on January 19, 2025. It is my hope that you learn something new! Enjoy!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 JANUARY

## JANUARY 5—Second Sunday of Christmas

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

## JANUARY 12—Baptism of Our Lord

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## JANUARY 19—Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

## JANUARY 26—Third Sunday after Epiphany

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

**Epiphany** - “to make known”. Isaiah 42:1-7 describes living a spirit filled life. God has called and enabled each of us to be **His healing lights in our dark world** as we “open the eyes that are blind, to free the captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness”. Eyes can be blinded both physically & spiritually, this causes the darkness to overshadow the light.

Remember that our great God can use us to help others know **the light of His love** as we care for them. Society in general is very motivated to reach out to the needy during the Christmas holidays, but as Christians we know that those in need, are in need all year long! Speak God’s word of **healing grace** to others & invite them into a relationship with ourselves and our faith community. The darkness of our lives can only be overcome when we see the **Baby of Bethlehem** in the face of every precious person He has created (Matthew 25:35-40).

January is **Glaucoma** awareness month. Glaucoma is an eye disease that causes loss of sight by damaging a part of the eye called the optic nerve. This nerve sends information from your eyes to your brain. When glaucoma damages your optic nerve, you begin to **lose patches of vision, usually side vision** (peripheral vision). Risk factors for glaucoma include: age, race, family history (if you have a parent, brother or sister with glaucoma, you are at high risk) and medical history (diabetes, eye injuries, eye surgery and long term steroid use increase risk). <https://www.aaopt.org/eye-health/diseases/what-is-glaucoma> There are now 2 types of laser surgery to treat glaucoma.

**Vision impairment and blindness is increasing** - fortunately, **nearly 80% of blindness is preventable**—it is either curable or could have been avoided. Be sure to protect your eyes through proper eye care.

Increasing your awareness of eye disease, learning about proper eye care and health and getting an eye exam are important first steps in saving your sight. By age 65, one in three Americans has some form of vision-threatening eye disease, but many people do not know it. Some eye diseases and disorders show no symptoms until vision has been affected.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology generally recommends medical eye exams **every year for people 65 and older** with no known risk factors. People with **diabetes are 25 times more likely to become blind than the general population**. However, early detection and treatment have helped preserve vision for nearly 90 percent of those who otherwise would have lost their sight.

If you have lost some of your sight from an eye disease or an eye injury, you can make the most of the vision you still have with low vision aids. Low vision aids will help you to stay independent. Some examples of low vision aids are magnifying glasses, high-intensity reading lamps, and large-print reading materials. The Lutheran Braille Workers organization <https://www.lbwloveworks.org/> provides many large print copies of Lutheran publications for free – contact me for more information. Another way to make the most of your vision is a type of special training called vision rehabilitation. Vision rehabilitation can teach you skills for living with low vision.

Learn about eye health – it could be a “sight-saving” experience!

*Jill Koubal*  
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### “DOWN & OUT: Where Grace Takes You”

As we begin the new year, the Adult Sunday School class is going to explore a little deeper in Lutheran Theology with the whole concept of grace in a video series made by Luther Seminary. This will be a six week series.

## CRLC FAITHFUL READERS



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

The book for January is “The Magnolia Palace” by Fiona Davis

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY



Meeting on January 8th at 10:00am and January 9th at 7:00pm.

We will be doing session 3: Receiving Grace! Grace-filled living, ancient and new.

## 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.**



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PICTURES

This memorable Christmas breakfast show presented the children acting out *An Unexpected Christmas*.



## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND FOOD PANTRY

Dear Congregation,

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 517 pounds of food items and paper goods will be put to good use. Last Saturday we served 60 families—each family getting multiple bags of groceries, meat, paper products and produce—and a pumpkin pie. The need is still there.

Each month we are able to purchase about 4,500 pounds of food items and produce from the Cleveland Food Bank as well as purchase an additional 500 pounds of meat and miscellaneous items. We are hoping to find additional funding sources in 2025 so we can purchase less items with our limited cash. We also collect food items during the Broadview Heights Shredding Days.

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, South Hills Lend-A-Hand





## GIVING TREE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the families of Redeemer Crisis Center. Your thoughtfulness made a special Christmas for many deserving children.





*"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.**



## BAKE SALE SUCCESS

The Sunday school staff and children would like to thank our extremely generous congregation for their support of our bake sale.

We raised over \$600.00 allowing us to purchase a chick, a rooster, a set of honeybees, school supplies for a child, an environmentally friendly cookstove, send a woman to farming field school, provide a portion of an irrigation project, and provide nutrition for a child for one year.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Left: Sunday school children deciding how to spend their money earned from the bake sale.



## JESSE TREE PROJECT

Thank you are in order for Tanya Pagel and Katie Lickert for their Jesse Tree project preparation and Jessica Troike for directing the Sunday school Christmas presentation.

Our Sunday school is so blessed to have supportive families and adults!!

## BLOODMOBILE DATE AT CRLC

There is an ongoing shortage of blood supply. We will hold our next blood drive at CRLC on Sunday, January 26th from 8:30am until 2:30pm. Please consider giving the gift of life.



## WOMEN'S ADVENT SOCIAL

The 38th Annual Advent Social on December 3rd, was an opportunity for the ladies of the CRLC, along with friends and family members to gather in prayer, worship and shared goodies. Laughter and music made the night that much more enjoyable, with a special thank you to Grace Springer who played the flute and Emerson Berry who sang a solo. Also thank you to Jenni Halter and Jenna Waltz for coordinating the event.

Thank you to all of you who donated to Journey, the Center for Safety and Healing. Donations totaled \$1,140.



## MEN'S ADVENT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

The Men's Fellowship night was a chance to gather for good food, great conversations, and plenty of laughs. Thanks to all who joined in the fun!

Also, thanks to Al Radefeld who organizes the event each year.



## 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!



## HOBBY DAYS

Hobby Days are two days/nights of creative fun with time for yourself, your favorite hobby, and fellow crafters. All proceeds go to our Youth Group (YAC) to put towards their summer youth mission trips.

January 3rd & 4th, 10:00am—12:00am

Weekend includes:

- Half of a round table
- Coffee, ice tea, water

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP CARD GROUP

Looking for fun playing games and sharing laughs with friends? The card group needs a host for the January card night and for future get togethers.

Contact Blaine Coleman to be a host.

## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH



**Tuesday January 7th at 11:30am**, Simon's Deli – Brecksville  
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Kathleen Zaker with questions (440) 230-0911.

## GIRL SCOUTS SERVING AND FELLOWSHIP

Thank you CRLC for the use of the lobby for Girl Scout serving others. Cristina Wells was such a big help cleaning up the extra fleece pieces. The girls really needed to spread out on the ground to complete the fleece blanket projects. The blankets were donated to Doctors on the Streets (photo below, right). It looked like we mostly filled your shelves with food and some toilet paper for those in need when we were there. Since our Troop never did that outside service project yet, it felt good to give back a little for the Holidays.

Also, please enjoy these pictures of this years Brecksville Christmas parade. Many of the girls in the troupe participated.



## January Volunteers In Parish Service

As always, if you are unable to serve on a scheduled date, *please find your own replacement* and let the church office know by Wednesday of that week.

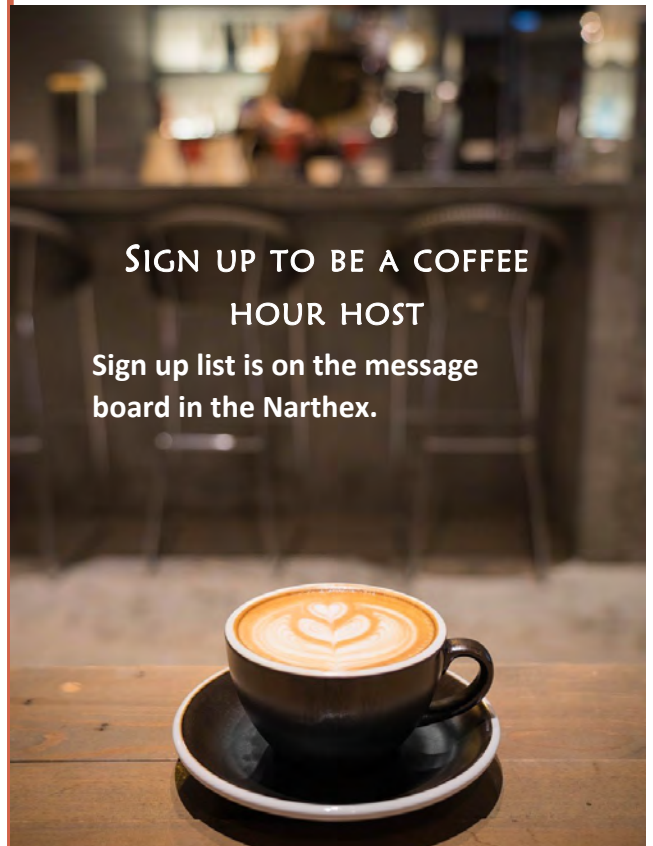
*Thank you for your service*

<b>January 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Lauren Jirousek	Diane Young
Communion Assistants	x	Mark Lickert, Linda Echenbrecht
Ushers	Todd Klück, Lisa Antonucci	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Cathy & Jeff Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee host:
<b>January 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Connie Minerovic	Ina Stanek
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy Mogill, Shirley Fisher
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Al Radefeld	Jeff Dentzer, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Jan Hansler
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee host:
<b>January 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Karla Perry
Communion Assistants	x	Mardell & Frank Boulton
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Ken Blank	Dennis Nagy, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		Coffee host:
<b>January 26</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Don Dobos	Jan Romance
Communion Assistants	x	Chris Schuhle, Debbie Dey
Ushers	Mark Evans, Lisa Antonucci	Dan Bartik, Frank Bolton
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee host:

# Happy Birthday!

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

\*\*= Milestone Birthday



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 are already thinking about the church season of Lent in our planning?
- ◆ Did you know that Ash Wednesday in 2025 does not occur until March?
- ◆ Did you know that CRLC will host a Christianity Unity service for a sizeable ecumenical gathering on Thursday, January 23rd?
- ◆ Did you know that next month some of our youth will be attending a Youth Quake in Pittsburgh?
- ◆ Did you know that back in December a group of our men brought their chainsaws and cut down some of the dead trees around our church grounds?
- ◆ Did you know that Karl Koubal made new heat returns for the sanctuary? Thanks Karl!
- ◆ 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

Lew Jenkins, Gil Perram, Cameron Family, Lebzelter Family,  
Elaine Foss, Karl Koubal, Wendy,  
Beth Marcinko, Ken Kasper, Marlene Kasper,  
Adalyn, Nancy, Don, Mildred Tackett, Paul & Betty Swartz,  
Brandy & Jeff, Randy, Marcy Bryan,  
Dan, Dale, Don, 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.

# JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>  <b>9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141</b>  <b>440.526.2303 <a href="http://www.office@crlicbrecksville.org">www.office@crlicbrecksville.org</a></b>  <b>Monthly Insight submissions: <a href="mailto:insight@crlicbrecksville.org">insight@crlicbrecksville.org</a></b></p>						
5 Epiphany Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School— Down & Out, Where Grace Takes You 11:50am Confirmation with Pastor and 1:00pm Sunday School—All Ages 1:00am Worship	6 Epiphany 7:00pm Yoga	7 11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch at Simon's (changed from Wednesday the 8th)	8 New Year's Day 7:00pm Adult Choir 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir	9 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	10 10:00am – 12:00am Hobby Days	11 10:00am – 12:00am Hobby Days
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