

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



# INSIGHT

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL: 9:15AM**

**MAY 25TH WORSHIP TIME CHANGE: 8:00 & 9:30AM**

### 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

*"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:6)*

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

As we move into the month of May, we continue to bask in the light and hope of Easter. Though Easter Sunday may be behind us on the calendar, its message lives on in our lives every day. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a moment—we live in the season of resurrection, where each new morning is a chance to walk in newness of hope despite any news, despite any obstacles, we face in this life.

This Easter is a powerful reminder of God's boundless love and the victory of life over death. As spring flowers bloom and the days grow warmer, let us remember that the resurrection is an invitation—not just to believe, but to live renewed, with an attitude and real feeling of hope. Whether you're returning to church after a time away, exploring your faith, or deepening your walk with Christ, this is a season to say "yes" to hope, restoration, and purpose.

Here are some things "I think I think" (ode to Peter King):

...I think I think I do not like Easter occurring so late in April. On the other side of the Easter worship we are already planning the summer!

...I think I think how appreciative I am of the gifts our music director – James Alfieri – has brought to our place. The Concerts @ CRLC have been great. If you haven't been to one yet. Mark it down for May 18th.

...I think I think I want to once again give a shout out to all those who do so much behind the scenes to make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter happen. From getting ashes, to arranging for soup and suppers, changing paraments, the musicians' rehearsals, the ushering, the bulletin prep, the palm branches and flowers, are just a few of the many many things that our members do to make this a place of "Praising God, Serving Others." I especially thank Laurie and Marci in the office who help navigate all of these things.

...I think I think I am glad when the NFL draft finally gets here. Football news on actual happenings and not wild guesses. I also think I think the fans in Cleveland always think they have won the Superbowl the day after the draft, but then the season starts in the fall...

***See you in worship,***

***Pastor Randy***

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

As we do each Summer, beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend our Sunday morning schedule changes. Sunday School breaks for the summer and our two Sunday morning worship service times become 8:00 and 9:30. The first Sunday of this summer schedule will be Sunday, May 25th.

## LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Thank you to all who helped in making worship happen this last month. Much of what occurs to make these services a reality often happens behind the scenes. Thanks to all your discipleship for helping make the Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services a meaningful part of our discipleship in worship of our Risen God.

## THEO-THURSDAY



Theo Thursday continues meets this month before breaking for the summer. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Royal Breakfast restaurant (Broadview Heights) on Thursday, May 15th @ 9:30AM.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED!

The 2025 Synod Assembly will take place over Zoom this year. It is a one-day event on Saturday, May 17th. If you are interested in being a 'viewing voting member' talk to Pastor Randy.

## GET TO KNOW MIKE SKWARSKI

As many of you know Mike is our Facility Manager. Mike has been on staff since 2017 and is an integral part of our organization. His job is to bring continuity and a central point of communication for our facility needs. Mike's roles include: help with minor repairs, oversees contracted jobs, gets bids and input on work needed. Some other work is done by volunteers, which is greatly appreciated.

Knowing Mike's roles helps with the flow of our church operations.

As a reminder, if you notice a facility issue please complete a "Property Maintenance/Use Form" found in the mailbox outside of the office. Filing out this form is important in that it helps the office in documenting and supporting our facility needs.



## SINCERE THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for the prayers for my family at the death of my husband, to Jill Koubal for her visits and literature, and to the awesome children who made the Hosana hanger for me.—Cheryl Szcapanik

## 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
- Worship Schedule Change
- Synod Assembly Delegates Needed
- CSU Percussion Concert
- Adult Sunday School Series
- Who Am I?
- Vacation Bible School
- Bedding Needed
- Food Items Needed ASAP
- Metro45 Mobile Kitchen

## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Did you know the complete version of the "Star-Spangled Banner" has four verses? Yet, we usually only sing the first verse. The other three verses further explore the complex time in America's history that inspired Francis Scott Key to write this national treasure in 1814.

Daniel Heath, associate chaplain and director of the Davidson Forum at Davidson College as well as the founder and lead consultant of Church 21 offers alternative verses for the United States National Anthem inspired by the poem "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman. Mr. Heath writes, "I love thoughtful lyrics coupled with timeless melodies, and I love holding old treasures in new containers. This prayer is a new container for an old treasure, a sung prayer using the melody of the "Star Spangled Banner."

*Help us hold up our light  
Lamp stands filled with peace, hope  
Removing all of darkness, breaking shade never ending  
Help us never to hold  
Light for fame, fortune  
Not attention or gain, not for harm or ill willing  
Every flame is a star shining bright near and far  
The source of all life, igniting hope, love, and peace  
Oh Sparkling and shimm'ring light to the paths untold  
Setting sights above, warming hearts with love*

*Light to all harm to none  
Roaring protests and prayers  
Clean water and food, education and healthcare  
All the living include  
Planets, trees, stars, and seas  
Roaring mammals and birds, fish and reptiles, amphibians  
"We will grieve as we grow, even hurt as we hope"  
But light will heal, renew and not kill  
Not broken, unfinished, just keep your gaze up high  
Gleaming all around, love and light ever found*

*All cultures and signs  
Colors and conditions  
There is light in all kinds if we're brave we can see it  
We rebuild, reconcile  
We recover, repair  
Merging mercy and might if we're brave we can be it  
Twinkling wide and beneath, light so bright it can reach  
Don't hide your light, the world needs your glow  
Beauty in difference we were all made to shine  
Guiding hearts and minds on the hills we climb*



*Information from [pres-outlook.org](https://pres-outlook.org)*

# Memorial Day Prayer

*\*to the tune of "Star Spangled Banner"*

transcribed by E.S. Godfrey

words by Daniel Heath

**Con moto**



1.) Help us hold up our light, Lamp stands filled with peace, hope re mov ing all of dark- ness, break ing  
 (2) all, harm to none, roar - ing pro tests and prayers clean wa-ter and food, e - du  
 (3) cul-tures and signs, co - lors and con - di - tions, there is light in all kinds, if we're



shade ne-ver end - ing. Help us ne-ver to hold light for fame, for - tune not at - ten - tion or  
 ca - tion and health-care. All the liv - ing in - clude pla - nets, trees, stars, and seas. Roar - ing mam mals and  
 brave we can see it. We re-build, re-con - cile, we re - co - ver, re - pair! Mer - ging mer - cy and



gain, not for harm or ill - wil - ling. Ev' - ry flame is a star shi ning bright near and far, The  
 birds, fish and rep tiles, am - phi bians. We will grieve as we grow, e - ven hurt as we hope, but  
 might, if we're brave we can be it. Twink - ling wide and be - neath, light so bright it can reach. Don't



source of all life ig - ni ting hope, love, and peace! Oh, Spark ling and shim m'ring light  
 light will heal, re - new and not kill. Not bro - ken, un - fin - ished, just  
 hide your light, the world needs your glow! Beau - ty in dif - f'rence we were



to the paths un - told set - ting sights a -  
 keep your gaze up high. Gleam - ing all a -  
 all made to shine. Guid - ing hearts and



bove, war - ming hearts with love! 2.) Light to climb!  
 round, love and light e - ver found! 3.) All  
 minds on the hills we (climb)



Concerts @ CRLC Presents

**THE CLEVELAND STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**



**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm**



Directed by Ms. Katalin LaFavre

# READINGS FOR MAY

## MAY 4—Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

## MAY 11—Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

## MAY 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

## MAY 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5  
John 14:23-29

*The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are **trustworthy**. (Proverbs 12:22)*

*Scams are increasingly challenging us and threatening our peace of mind and trust of society. I learned good info about scams from this link from the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior & Adult Services.*

The “**Scam Squad Guide**” was designed to help Cuyahoga County residents *understand how scams work and have strategies in place to protect themselves*. Keeping your money safe from scams leads to a more financially healthy Cuyahoga County. Many communities are hosting law enforcement speakers regarding scams to help educate us.

***Be educated to help yourself & others with the “scam squad booklet”:*** [https://cuyahogacms.blob.core.windows.net/home/docs/default-source/consumer-affairs/scam-squad-booklet.pdf?sfvrsn=8b056e1\\_3](https://cuyahogacms.blob.core.windows.net/home/docs/default-source/consumer-affairs/scam-squad-booklet.pdf?sfvrsn=8b056e1_3)

Please consider opening the link to learn more or see me for copies.

#### **How scams work:**

- \* ***scammers manipulate our emotions***
- \* ***scammers lie about who they are***
- \* ***scammers pressure us to act now***
- \* ***scammers try to confuse us***
- \* ***scammers try to isolate us***

Imposter scams can relate to the government or companies, family or friend imposters, and prize scams.

**Identity Theft** is also a major issue. To protect yourself: ask your bank & credit card company for free alerts; check free credit reports available at: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action> ; or put a freeze on your credit reports to block thieves from creating accounts in your name. If ID theft occurs contact the Federal trade Commission’s identifytheft.gov to get a free, do-it-yourself recovery plan.

The scam squad guide includes more information on how to protect yourself from scam calls, texts, emails and online scams.

**Report scams** to help you recover or protect others from continuing scams. Please be aware that some scammers are being forced to do this work due to human traffickers. I recently saw this as the plot line on a TV show. This is another reason why it is important to report scam callers. Pray for victims of scammers.

*Jill Koubal*  
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN



## What are the Keys to the Kingdom? What is Binding and Loosing?

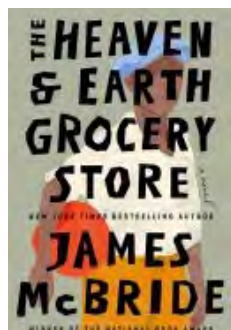
### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SERIES

#### *"BINDING & LOOSING" – What is that?*

Pastor Randy continues this series on May 4th, 11th, and 18th

Pastor Randy continues to lead this class on the church topic of 'binding and loosing.' This is something all churches do, most of the time without calling it that. It is the way the church makes decisions on policy, issues, and faith practices in the church. In the Bible, "binding" and "loosing" refer to the authority given to certain individuals, initially the apostles, to either forbid or permit actions based on the understanding of God's will. This authority is often associated with the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," suggesting the power to open or shut the kingdom to individuals or groups. This series will explore this practice in more depth in terms of understanding what it is and how it has applied to many social issues, practices and stances in our church.

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### CRLC FAITHFUL READERS

Meeting on May 21st at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for May is "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride.



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

We will be doing FAITHFULNESS - session 4 - Faith Risks: Jairus and the Faithful Woman from the Spring issue of the Gather magazine.

*Listening skills are valuable.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 4th—Mother's Day project—Assemble we are the church butterfly

May 11th—Ascension—Children's church—preview for VBS

May 18th—Last day of Sunday school—burn prayer chain—celebration—  
(maybe playground) - Children's church—Pentecost

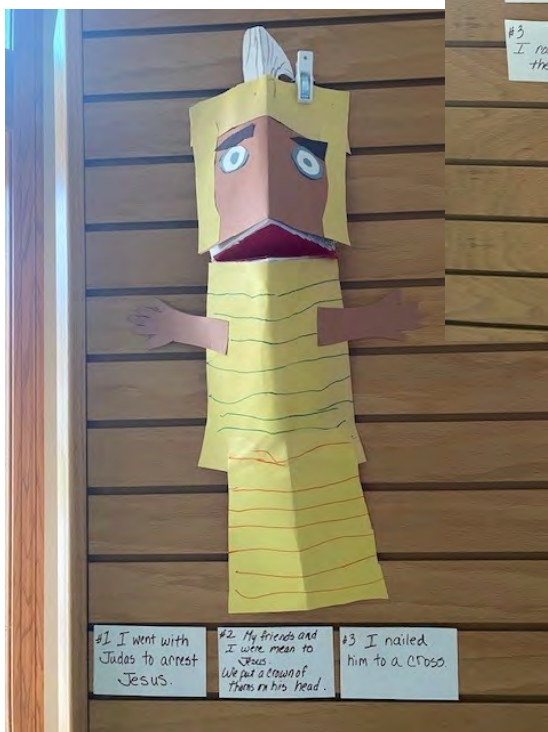




## WHO AM I?

The Sunday School children made puppets that depicted various religious characters. As you can see, each one is unique in it's design and characteristics. Such talent!

Hopefully you were able to figure out their true identity.





## LENTEN HOSANNA DECORATIONS

Our Sunday school students made beautiful Lenten Hosanna decorations which were delivered to our seniors. They brightened each members living space: homes, apartments, rehab, and assisted living communities.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CRLC is partnering with Brecksville United Methodist Church for this years VBS. Registration is now open.—[VBS 2025 - Brecksville United Methodist Church](#)

Save the date for the best week of the summer — VBS 2025 in the Park! We'll meet Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11 from 9:30am to noon, at the Blossom Hill Pavilion, Oaks Rd., Brecksville. VBS 2025 is for kids from pre-school through grade six.

This year we will have fun with **Road Trip... on the Go with God**, a super awesome VBS where children learn that they can trust God to be with us wherever we go! We will spend the week hearing about ordinary people in both Old and New Testament stories who found that God was with them on their journeys. Sometimes their journeys were filled with joy and people who loved them, and sometimes life took them places that were frightening or lonely. We will learn together that no matter how on course or how far off course we are in life, we can trust that God is right there with us!

The kids will experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks. They will go on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know that God is always with them, and learn ways to connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives.

*"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*



**VBS JULY 7-11, 2025  
IN THE PARK!**

**Road Trip**  
ON THE GO WITH GOD

Join us for a summer adventure!

REGISTRATION OPENS 4.1.2025 >> [www.BUMCLinks.com](http://www.BUMCLinks.com)





*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" - Mother Teresa*

## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND

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

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

**Need on a more regular basis:**

**Tissues, Laundry Detergent and Canned Fruit**

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

canned meals/stew	canned soup
canned beans	canned fruit
canned vegetables	tuna fish
peanut butter & jelly	pancake mix
cereal      rice	spaghetti sauce
macaroni & cheese	toilet paper
Tissues      paper towels	diapers
hygiene products	liquid laundry detergent

## USED CELL PHONES

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

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

**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 with pull-tab tops**  
**fruit in cans with pull-tab tops**  
**veggies in cans with pull-tab tops**  
 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.**



## BEDDING NEEDED

We are collecting twin size comforters, quilts, blankets and sheets to take to the NEO Women's Cluster meeting on May 3rd. Jill Koubal is planning to attend and invites other ladies who might want to attend to ride with her. Please contact Jill at 216-534-0164 if you have donations or would like to attend.



Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization Cleveland  
West Cluster

Spring Rally

Saturday, May 3, 2025



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

Registration, Breakfast, and Fellowship 8:30 a.m.

Meeting & Program 9:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Presentation from Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County

Registration: \$5.00- Includes breakfast & box lunch.

(Indicate Wrap: Chicken Caesar, McAllister's Club, or Veggie. Includes chips, pickle & cookie)

R.S.V.P. deadline April 28 : [Sherryweber@verizon.net](mailto:Sherryweber@verizon.net) or phone 914-924-4451

**Offerings:** 50% for NEOSWO (Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Org.  
50% to Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County

**Bring:** New twin size comforters, quilts, or blankets

**In Kind Gifts:** Stuffed Animals, standard size pillows, twin sheet sets

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (*Handicap Accessible*)

28455 Center Ridge Road, Westlake Ohio 44145

Pastor Charlie Woodward

## ITEMS NEEDED ASAP

There is a need for cans of chicken soup, fruit & veggies with ONLY PULL-TAB TOPS for Redeemer Crisis Center.

Please place donations on the shelf in the coat room.



## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Thank you for your gift of \$820.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." - John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and service our neighbors as Christ first loved us.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

With gratitude—Rachel Wind, Executive for Development



## LMM GIFT APPRECIATION

On behalf of LMM and the people we serve, thank you for your contribution on March 19, 2025 in the amount of \$244.20. Your support of LMM is greatly appreciated!

Pablo Picasso once said that the meaning of life is to find your gift, but the purpose of life is to give it away.

We are thankful you have chosen a gift to LMM to express your commitment to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely—Brian Sturgeon, Director of Individual Giving



## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of South Hills Lend-A-Hand, I would like to express, again, our sincere appreciation of your support of our programs. Your two donations totaling 65 pounds of food items and paper goods will be distributed to our local families. The week before Easter we served 63 families—each family getting multiple bags of groceries, meat, paper products and produce.

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

Thank you for your generosity! - Debbie Kean, Volunteer, South Hills Lend-A-Hand



## METRO45 MOBILE KITCHEN AND CATERING EXPANDS ITS FLEET AND IMPACT

An update on the Keep on Trucking 2 Campaign

In October 2023 we shared a story about LMM's Metro45 Mobile Kitchen and Catering food truck. At the time, the truck had been in operations for over two years and the travel across Northeast Ohio had started to take a toll.

Any time the truck had to go in for major repairs it was a double hit of repair costs plus the lost revenue from having to cancel event commitments. Thus came the announcement of the Keep on Trucking 2 fundraising campaign to assist with the purchase of a second truck and make much needed repairs to the first truck.

By the summer of 2024 LMM's Executive Chef Scott Teaman found a truck k, that met the requirements he was looking for in LMM's next food truck. Thanks to the support of our donors and corporate and foundation funders, by November 2024 enough funds were raised to initiate the purchase.

On top of being nearly brand new inside and out, the truck also has some key improvements from the first one. An onboard generator, insulated walls and a larger workspace that will expand Metro45's abilities to serve people in need. For example, Chef Scott said after a major storm or power outage the new food truck could be set up in an affected area and power an entire house from the generator. It is much more than a food truck; it is a *community response vehicle*.

Chef Scott and the Metro45 team are excited to debut the new truck so keep an eye on LMM newsletters and social media for future announcements and the new food truck's first public appearance. Interested in booking Metro45 Mobile Kitchen and Catering for your next corporate event, birthday party, or church outing? Visit [www.Metro45.com](http://www.Metro45.com) or send them an email at [metro45@lutheranmetro.org](mailto:metro45@lutheranmetro.org).

If you would still like to support the campaign, you can make a gift online by scanning the QR code. Checks can be sent in as well. For any questions or more information, please contact Brian Sturgeon, Director of Individual Giving at 216.696.0370 or [bsturgeon@lutheranmetro.org](mailto:bsturgeon@lutheranmetro.org).



The new Metro45 Mobile Kitchen & Catering food truck





# LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

**11:30AM AT  
SIMON'S**

*Lunchtime: where  
hunger and  
happiness collide.*



**Wednesday May 14th at 11:30am, Simon's Deli – Brecksville.**

Sign-up sheet can be found on the message board in the Narthex, or feel free to contact Kathleen Zaker with questions at (440) 230-0911.

## CRLC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Please attend the next social gathering on Saturday, May 17, at 8 AM at Royal Breakfast in Broadview Heights.

Contact Don Laubacher at (440) 832-1386 for reservations.





## May Volunteers In Parish Service

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

*Thank you for your service*

<b>May 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Linda Radefeld	Mark Lickert
Communion Assistants	x	Jan Hansler, Wendy McGill
Ushers	Al Radefeld, Ken Blank	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Dorthea & Eric Kramer	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Cathy & Jeff Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee host: Don & Cheryl Laubacher
<b>May 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	Sandy Weiss
Communion Assistants	x	Frank Boulton, Lee Knicely
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Mike Berzins	Jeff Dentzer, Adrienne Davio
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Mike Bodanza, Todd Romance		Coffee host: open
<b>May 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Don Dobos	Julie Hammond
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Mark Evans	Bill Waltz, Grace Dralle
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Jan Hansler
Counters: Andrew Perry, Lisa Witzke		Coffee host: Gail Stelmaschuk
<b>May 25</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Carole Wooten
Communion Assistants	x	Linda Eckenbrecht, Joan Castelucci
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Lisa Antonucci	Dennis Nagy, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		

## Happy Birthday!

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



## Happy Anniversary!

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



### 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 reoccurring contributions. It also will allow specific giving to specific funds in our church. You also can download an app for your phone, and after a one-time set-up, you can easily use your mobile device for giving. Donors also have the ability to have recurring donations directly charged to their Bank or S&L checking or savings account through the church Simply Giving program without needing to use the on-line system. Please contact the church office to get more information or to set up this option."



- ♦ Did you know that the sacristy received new flooring and new painting? Thank you to the donors who funded this project.
- ♦ Did you know that Linda Eckenbrecht played for the renewal of vows for the pastor and deacon worship service during Holy Week? Thanks Linda!
- ♦ Did you know that the final day of Sunday School will be May 18th, and we will resume again in the fall on September 7th? Thank you teachers!!
- ♦ Did you know that we will have the Rise Against Hunger packing food project at the end of this summer on August 24th?
- ♦ Did you know that CRLC is taking an intentional look at ministry for our future? This Long View team has already met.
- ♦ Did you know that this year's synod assembly is being held online only?
- ♦ Did you know that CRLC will host the meeting of the Northeast Ohio Conference of pastors and deacons this month?
- ♦ Did you know that in order to publicize something in the newsletter we need it by the 15th of the month prior?

... and Now You Know!

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### Our Vision and Ministry Boards

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All those impacted by war and natural disasters.

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





# MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School - "BINDING & LOSING" - What is that? 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	5 7:00pm Yoga	6	7 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir	1 National Day of Prayer 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	2	3
11 Mother's Day 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School - "BINDING & LOSING" - What is that? 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	12 7:00pm Yoga	13	14 11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch at Simon's 7:00pm Adult Choir	15 Monthly Insight Deadline 9:30am Theo Thursday	16	17 8:00am CRLC Men's Fellowship at Royal Breakfast, Broadview Hts 9:00am - 12:00pm Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly
18 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School - "BINDING & LOSING" - What is that? 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship 4:00pm CSU Percussion Ensemble Concert	19 7:00pm Yoga	20	21 10:00am Faithful Readers 7:00pm Adult Choir	22	23	24
25 WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	26 Memorial Day	27	28 7:00pm Adult Choir	29	30	31



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