

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



# INSIGHT

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### 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

*"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."  
Hebrews 10:23*

September always feels like the hinge of the year—the summer warmth still lingers, but the air carries the faintest edge of autumn. School buses return to their routes. Leaves begin their slow turn toward glory. The pace of life shifts once again. Plus, all the football team fans still think their team can win it all!

In the church calendar, September isn't a "major" season like Advent or Lent. It's part of what's called "Ordinary Time"—but perhaps that's what makes it special. It's a reminder that God is just as present in the in-between spaces as in the high holy days. The same God who meets us at the manger and the empty tomb is here in the small, steady rhythms of our daily lives—packing lunches, raking leaves, greeting neighbors, and praying in quiet moments.

As we step into this month, maybe it's worth asking:

Where is God in your ordinary moments?

How might this slower turn of the seasons be an invitation to notice God's presence more?

What new thing might God be growing in you, even now?

This September let's not rush past the in-between season. Let's receive it as a gift—a time to re-start, to listen, to be present, and to remember that God's faithfulness is constant, whether the days are long and bright or crisp and short.

*See you in worship,*

*Pastor Randy*

**PGSO**

## OUTSIDE SUMMER WORSHIP services conclude

Thank you to all who helped with these unique opportunities!



### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our time, talent and resources...

Later this month you will be receiving a letter about our stewardship resources for 2026. This includes our time, talent, and financial resources.

On Sunday, October 5th, we hope to collect any remaining Intention of Giving cards that help guide us in our financial planning for 2026.

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."



### ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on Sunday, November 23rd 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 2026 Mission Investment Plan and the election of our leadership positions.

### THEO-THURSDAY



Theo Thursdays is set to resume on Thursday, September 18th at 9:30am at Royal Breakfast in Broadview Heights. This is open to all!!

### SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE

Please sign up to water the geraniums. The watering schedule sign-up sheet can be found on the message board in the Narthex. Thank you!



### 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
- Stewardship Sunday
- Annual Meeting
- Theo-Thursday
- Ladies Bible Study
- CRLC Faithful Readers
- Adult Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Children's Sunday School
- Children's Education Ministry Expands
- BBHHS Colony Cupboard Collection
- Team Up to Clean Up
- Ladies Lunch Bunch

## FOR ALL THAT IS TO BE

*For all that is to be.* This is the title of the worship and music conference I attended August 4-8, 2025 in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. The conference was sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. I spent time at Duke University Chapel worshipping together with fellow musicians, heard a concert by VOCES8 as well as a hymn festival led by Tom Trenney.

The theme, for all that is to be, describes the effort of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians to equip people in all stages of their love for music of the church.

Like generations before us we find ourselves living in challenging times with fewer resources, divided attentions, and differing priorities. Yet, God's presence is ever sure, guiding God's people toward the future. This conference allowed past, present and future church musicians to explore our skills and tune our hearts to sing God's praise together.

Here is a highlight of the workshops I attended during the conference:

### **Sing fo ADONAI a New Song: Singing the Psalms in the Twenty-First Century:**

For centuries, monastic orders and other faith communities have prayed the Book of Psalms cyclically from beginning to end. In the twentieth century, many Christian traditions reclaimed the importance of responsive psalmody in the liturgy of the Eucharist, leading to a plethora of musical settings, from simple chant to congregational antiphons, responsive readings to complex choral arrangements. In preparation for the release of a new ecumenical hymnal from Duke University Chapel and MorningStar Music Publishers, a new translation of the Psalms was created by Dr. Ellen F. Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke University. This contemporary translation seeks to be faithful to the ethos, content, and structure of the original worshipping assembly. Dr. Davis and Zebulon Highben, Director of Chapel Music and Associate Professor of the Practice of Church Music, discussed the translation decisions and musical choices that shaped this new psalter. Participants sang several of the new translations (to tones both familiar and novel) as part of the workshop.

### **The Organs of Duke University Chapel:**

In addition to their outstanding craftsmanship and distinct tonal palettes, the organs of Duke University Chapel are marked by colorful histories and personalities--including a legendary (if not apocryphal) encounter on a transatlantic voyage and a terse letter from a Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. This workshop presented a brief history of the Chapel and the stories of its five pipe organs by Aeolian (1932), Flentrop (1974 and 1976), Brombaugh (1997), and the Bennett and Giuttari continuo organ (2014). Included in the presentation were discussions of how the instruments are used in worship, weekly organ demonstrations, and how they are kept in optimal conditions. This workshop was led by Chad Fothergill, keyboardist and historian who serves the church as a musician, teacher, writer and composer. Chad presently serves as chapel organist at Duke University Chapel, assists with weekday liturgies at Duke Divinity School, and is cantor to the Lutheran Summer Music community.

## FOR ALL THAT IS TO BE—continued

### **Sourcing and Implementing Music for Contemporary Worship:**

This session focused on the many and varied sources of praise and worship songs. No two ensembles are the same and not everything on the internet is worth ministry dollars! Attendees obtained start-to-finish strategies of how to choose quality contemporary worship music that reflects Lutheran theology and contribute to quality worship. The workshop included a casual reading session of some good--and not so good--worship materials, and suggested best practices for selecting, and subsequently implementing new songs. This workshop was led by Mark Johanson, Minister of Music and Worship at Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC. A church musician since the age of 12, Mark leads the 11-member Music/Worship/Tech Staff at Christ Lutheran, which oversees scores of volunteer musicians and worship leaders serving both traditional and contemporary worship. He was a past dean of the Charlotte chapter of the American Guild of Organists and holds membership in the AGO and ALCM.

### **Preaching from the Choir: Remembering our vocation and recommitting to our calling as church musicians:**

Church musicians are so busy serving others, we often neglect our own spiritual lives. In this workshop we explored our vocation as organists, conductors, ministers, performers and pastoral musicians. This workshop dealt with the 'why do...' Tom Trenney, composer, conductor, organist, preacher and teacher, shared stories and reflections and invited all to remember, refresh and reaffirm our commitment to music ministry. Tom serves as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, NE.

### **Keyboard Gems:**

From Paul Manz's "God of Grace" to the classic chorale preludes of Biersch, Behnke and Burkhardt, this session celebrated (and introduced to us) some classic keyboard gems. Led by professor and life-long church musician Rev. Dr. James Marriott, the session included music from various genres and ability levels. James Marriott is pastor at Faith Lutheran in Georgetown, TX and Associate Professor of Theology and Music and Concordia University Texas. He frequently lectures and performs across the United States, using workshops and hymn festivals as opportunities to demonstrate the cultural diversity of the church.

### **O God, You Saw My Early Being: A hymn celebrating the 40th Anniversary of ALCM:**

Robert Hobby and Stephen Starke shared the thought processes involved in creating the ALCM 40th anniversary hymn text and tune, pondering the special themes "Now and Forever" and "For all that is to be." Robert Hobby is Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN, where his responsibilities include playing for many of the worship services, overseeing ten choral and instrumental ensembles and managing the concert series. Stephen Starke received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. In 2005 Concordia Publishing House released a first book of his hymn texts titled, *O Sing of Christ*. In 2018 CPH released a second book of his hymn texts titled, *Marvel at the Mercy*.

Several highlights of the conference included a concert by The Raleigh Ringers and a hymn festival led by Tom Trenney and VOCESS.

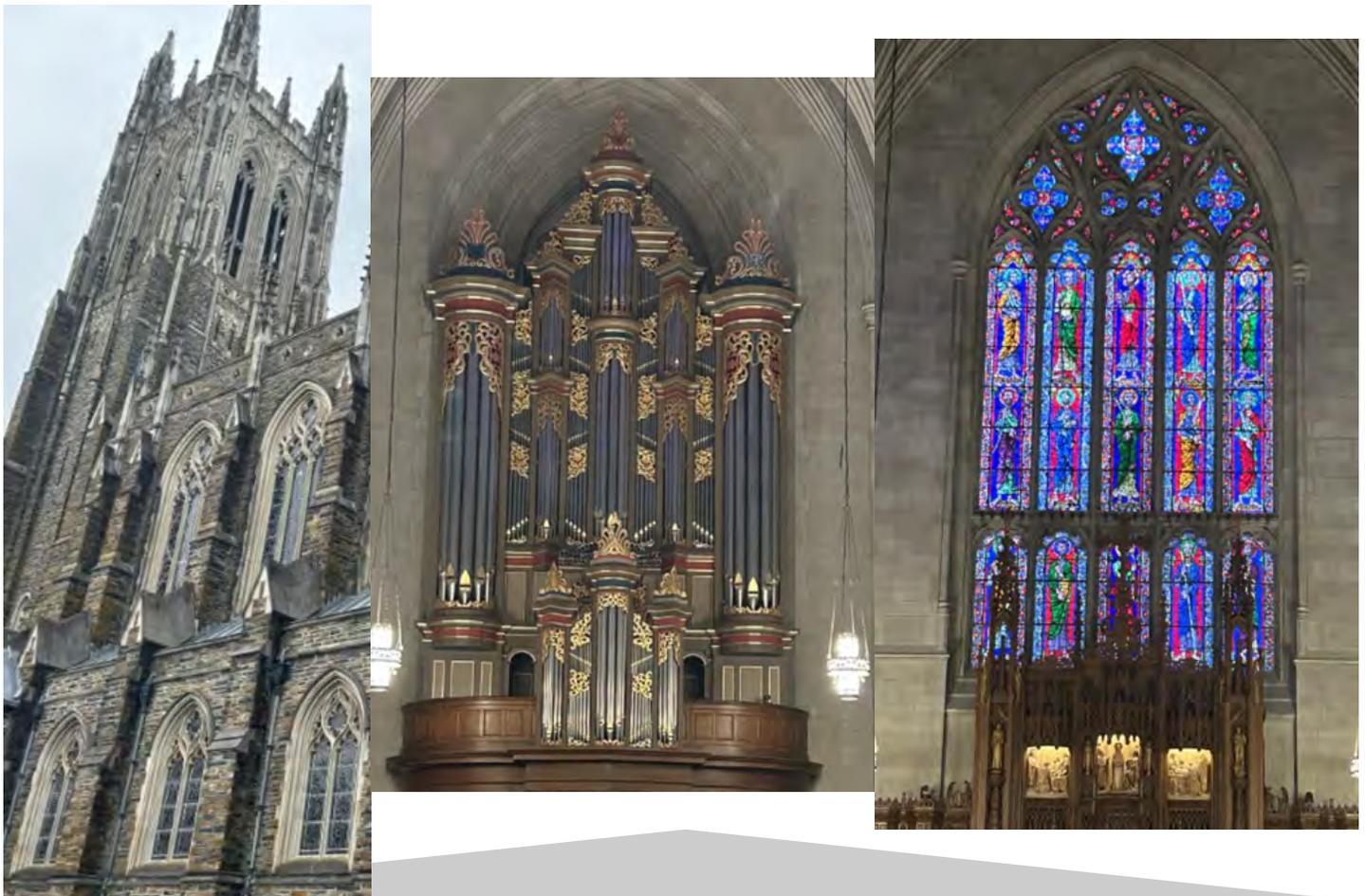
## FOR ALL THAT IS TO BE—continued

Under the direction of David M. Harris, The Raleigh Ringers have released eight CDs, and two DVDs. The group has performed in 39 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, England and France during its tours, and plays two dates each year at a major venue in Raleigh. The Raleigh Ringers also sponsors an annual festival for adult ringers, an annual festival for youth and less experienced ringers, biannual sight-reading sessions for those interested in new handbell music, a biennial performance experience for advanced ringers, and handbell techniques classes several times a year.

Tom Trenney and VOCES8, led a hymn festival at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. The Cathedral is a recent addition to Raleigh and boasts amazing acoustics for singing.

Our final “wow” moment of the week was a concert presented by the ensemble-in-residence VOCES8. Since its inception in 2005, VOCES8 has performed at many notable venues including Wigmore Hall, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Berlin Philharmonie, Cité de la Musique Paris, Vienna Konzerthaus, Tokyo Opera City, NCPA Beijing, Sydney Opera House, Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall, Victoria Concert Hall Singapore, Palacio de Bellas Artes Mexico City amongst many others. This season they perform over 100 concerts around the world, their 20th Anniversary season, including a birthday celebration concert at the Barbican, London. They have collaborated in concert and in the recording studio with musicians including Paul Simon, Jacob Collier, Eric Whitacre, Christopher Tin, Olafur Arnalds, Cody Fry, Rachel Podger, Jack Liebeck, Bomsoori Kim, Jonathan Dove, Chanticleer, The King’s Singers, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonia Orchestra and others.

I was privileged to attend this conference and to experience *for all that is to be*.



## FALL 2025 SEASON CONCERTS @ CRLC

### September 21, 2025: The Gateway Band

Gateway Band is a talented and versatile group of musicians who are comfortable performing jazz standards, gospel, pop, rock, musical theater, country and many more genres. They have performed for many events including church and temple services, concerts, weddings, funerals, parties, and more. Jenny Cochran and the band were the "house-band" of the "Mostly Jazz Mass" at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland for some 20 years. Other performance venues of note include the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway, the Cleveland Playhouse, Legacy Village, Willoughby Fine Arts Association, Cuyahoga County Board of DD Adult Activity Centers, Fox 8 News, numerous elder care facilities, and area bars and bistros. They have played services and concerts in numerous churches in the greater Cleveland area, Buffalo, New York City, and Cape Cod. They bring a special brand of jazz-gospel fusion to church service music. Out of town venues have included St. John the Divine and The Chapel Wall Street in New York City, St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, New York, and St Barnabas Church in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

### October 19, 2025: The EKCO Ringers Handbell Duet

The EKCO Ringers, Ed Krzes and Cheryl Onesky, started ringing handbells in the late 1990s. They are based in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Ed and Cheryl met and briefly played together in the North Shore Community Handbell Choir, then teamed up in 2003 to expand into ensemble work. Ed created the logo by wrapping their initials into the shape of a handbell, and the EKCO Ringers duet team was born! Their repertoire is a blend of hymns, classics, and well-known tunes. The EKCO Ringers perform on four octaves of Schulmerich handbells and three octaves of Malmark handchimes.

### November 9, 2025: Kirk Kupensky, Harp

Kirk Kupensky has enjoyed a remarkably diverse career, performing home and abroad, performing many pieces for harp composed by numerous composers. Kupensky has toured with Broadway stars Bernadette Peters and Josh Groban and has recently released an album of solo harp music. One of Kirk's musical passions is researching, finding and performing forgotten works for harp. Kupensky's most recent CD release *Ghost of Christmas Past-Victorian Rarities for Solo Harp* is the result of many years of research into music of the nineteenth century and is performed on a rare Wurlitzer harp built in 1913.

All Concerts are held in the Sanctuary and begin at 4pm

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# READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

## SEPTEMBER 7—13th Sunday after Pentecost

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

## SEPTEMBER 14—14th Sunday after Pentecost

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

## SEPTEMBER 21—15th Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

## SEPTEMBER 28—16th Sunday after Pentecost

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

Flu vaccines have safely protected millions over the past 50 years. Flu vaccines cannot cause the flu – they contain inactivated virus. Each year Trivalent flu vaccines protect against three different main groups of influenza Type A and B viruses, which are expected that year. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/vaccine-safety/>

Although **flu vaccine should be received each year** and usually begin to be promoted in September, I have read more articles recently recommending not receiving your annual vaccine until late October because the average **peak flu season begins in late December....**



Therefore, if you receive your vaccine in September your peak antibody levels begin to decline prior to the beginning of the average seasonal flu season. Fear not, if you have already received your flu vaccine – you still should have some immunity in the winter season, plus there is felt to be cumulative benefits from regular annual shots – your immune system has been received a “boost” signal which helps to prevent or minimize the severity of infection. Please get a flu vaccine - Vaccines work only if they’re in our bodies!

The best way to prevent you & your loved ones from getting sick is to stay up to date on vaccinations, practice good hand hygiene, and stay home when you’re sick. *Covid is not seasonal, new variants lead to new vaccine formula, just as we see with the flu vaccine, so getting an updated vaccine remains the best way to remain healthy and prevent spreading it to others who are at greater risk – seniors & those with chronic illness.*

**Take these everyday steps to protect your health: Learn the 4 Principles of *Hand Awareness***~ 1. WASH your hands when they are dirty and BEFORE eating. 2. DO NOT cough into your hands. 3. DO NOT sneeze into your hands. 4. Above all, **DO NOT put your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Facial mucus membranes (eyes, nose and mouth) are the elephant in the room for the spread of respiratory and gastro-intestinal infections, as they are the only portals of entry into the human body. So--- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw away tissues.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you are sick with flu-like illness, [CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone](#) except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick (social distancing).

Through the love of Christ Jesus our sins are washed away. We strive for healthy bodies by washing away germs! ~Jill

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All Women of the church or their friends are welcome to join our monthly group. The ELCA Gather Magazine contains our Bible Study provided by different female ELCA pastors for each 3 month study.

This fall we will be meeting **only at 10am** on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of the month - **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 10.**

Previous members can renew their subscriptions for \$19.95 - new members have a discounted price \$9.95.

**The summertime magazine had great articles on relationships. Join us and create new relationships and deepen others!**

***Watch for other women's programs designed with a service project connection.***

**Questions contact Jill Koubal 216-534-0164**

*Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. *Gather* is published four times a year. A print subscription is \$19.95 a year. [Digital access](#) (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers. **To learn about purchasing an audio subscription, call 1-844-409-0576.**

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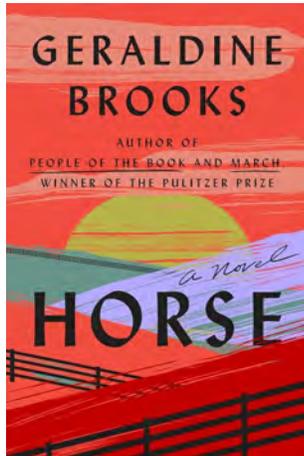


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[www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

## CRLC FAITHFUL READERS



Meeting on September 17th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for September is “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS—September 14th!

Beginning on Sunday, September 14th at 9:15 our adult Sunday class will resume for the fall. Pastor Randy will be leading some single sessions to start the year including – “What I did on my summer vacation – a look at Ephesus” and taking time to get to know our new presiding bishop elect – Yehiel Curry, among other topics.

**Also, we are excited to announce that in October , Dr. John Byron will be back to lead a series on the book of Revelation!!** Come and join us!

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation and the high school Sunday school class resumes this fall on September 14th. The first session will be a welcoming one in the high school class. Then beginning, Sunday, September 21st the class will meet with Joel Bussard in the Sunday School room. On October 5th 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 as soon as possible. Those who are completing their confirmation will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 26th.



# Welcome Back to Sunday School

**RALLY DAY!**

Sunday, September 14th, 9:15AM

THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM WILL WELCOME OUR STUDENTS BACK. ENJOY BREAKFAST AND FUN! OUR OLDER STUDENTS WILL BE INVOLVED WITH SOME PREP AND ACTIVITIES.

WATCH FOR YOUR  
PERSONAL INVITE!!

# Children's Education Ministry

WE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND!

WE WOULD LIKE  
YOUR HELP WITH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
DURING THE  
10:30AM WORSHIP  
OR OUR NURSERY



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Any commitment whether weekly or occasionally will be useful and appreciated. Contact Kathy Hoinski to help.  
440-364-4161





*"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.

## Aluminum pull-tabs needed for RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

There is a large jar in the Gathering Space by the stairwell as well as in the coat room at the bottom of the food shelf.

A local recycler turns the pull-tabs into **money for their Family Fund.**

## REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

### \*EMPHASIS ON ITEMS NEEDED\*

**Peanut Butter, Boxed Cereal and Toilet Paper,**  
lamps & lightbulbs  
matching bed linens (bagged & size indicated)  
16 qt. pots for rice  
non-condensed soup in cans with pull-tab tops  
fruit in cans with pull-tab tops  
veggies in cans with pull-tab tops  
complete meal can goods with pull-tab tops  
tuna fish  
Peanut butter  
Personal hygiene items for men& women  
Toilet paper  
Hand held can openers

## OASIS COLLECTION

### NEW MINISTRY AT OASIS

Items can be dropped off at church into the 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.

## BBHHS Colony Cupboard

### Beginning August 1st, 2025

Support helps students in need at BBHHS.

Items can be dropped off in the wood box, in the coat closet.

Items needed include:

- Backpacks
- Pencil pouches and boxes
- Face wash
- Hair brushes

## LMM IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



The flyer features the LMM logo (a blue circle with 'lmm' in white) on the left. Below it is a photograph of hands being held together. The text 'You're Invited!' is written in a large, elegant cursive font. To the right, the event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the website address 'www.lutheranmetro.org' is provided.

**LMM IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE**  
 WHERE GOOD WORKS COME TO LIFE

Lead by President & CEO, Maria Foschia

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join us on the LMM shuttle and visit our sites to see the community impact first hand. We'll update you on the latest about each program, and what's on deck!

*Continental breakfast included.*

**Please register on Eventbrite.**

[www.lutheranmetro.org](http://www.lutheranmetro.org)

Led by LMM President & CEO Maria A. Foschia, join LMM for an immersive experience that showcases each of the agency's program areas, offers the opportunity to meet staff, and provides insight into what is to come for LMM. This event will leave you inspired and energized around LMM's mission and give you an exclusive look into the impactful work that we do.

Continental breakfast included!

Free registration is located on the Eventbrite site: [LMM Immersive Experience Tickets, Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

## CRLC SPONSORSHIP SUCCESS

When Christ Redeemer was a mission church, in 1981 we took on a big project. We sponsored a Laotian refugee family, who were displaced by the war around them, and brought them to the US. We found the father, Nikone, a job and an apartment for the family. There were three children, and the family had a fourth child in the US. After their arrival, we helped them get adjusted to life in a new country, helping them with shopping, schooling, and learning English. They stayed in Cleveland for around 8 years and eventually moved to Detroit, where they had relatives.

Thonkanh, the daughter, has kept touch with our former pastor, Robert Springer, and recently several of us who had been involved with the resettlement project, got to visit with them. It was wonderful to see them all grown up with families of their own. It was a successful project for our church.

Blaine and Judy Coleman



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

The Rise Against Hunger event on August 24th was full of excitement and teamwork as everyone worked toward a common goal. The organized event went quickly with 15,000 meals completed. The meals are being delivered to South Sudan. Thank you to everyone who participated!



RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT—continued



RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT—continued





# BBHHS COLONY CUPBOARD COLLECTION

COLLECTION BEGINS  
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Prepare for the new school year by supporting this year-old organization serving the needs of BBHHS students in need.

### Specific items needed are:

- Backpacks
- Pencil pouches and boxes
- Face wash
- Hair brushes
- Packaged snacks
- Markers
- Colored pencils

**LOOK FOR THE WOOD  
COLLECTION 'BEE' BOX IN THE  
GATHERING SPACE.**

**NEW ITEMS ADDED**



# Team Up to Clean Up: 2025

**Saturday, Sep. 13**  
**9:00- 1:00**  
**Registration 8:30**

*\*Stay as little or as long as you like!*

## JOIN US FOR...

- Art
- Construction
- Gardening
- Neighborhood Cleanup
- Community Building
- Community Cookout!

RSVP to Lydia Bailey:  
L.Bailey@lutheranmetro.org  
OR  
216-649-7723



As in past years, this will take place at the Men's Shelter, 2100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland.

Meet at East Dock of shelter, can't miss the registration table on sidewalk with registration starting 8:15-8:30. Art projects with area artists leading the projects, maintenance projects (tbd), neighborhood cleanup, games, possibly gardening, and large neighborhood cleanup led by staff and volunteers. Cookout at Noon, music. Stay as little or as long as like.

We'd love to have you here for building projects, neighborhood clean-up, painting a room and setting up our new computer lab - not to mention gardening, assembling furniture, games, music, karaoke, and several art projects!



# Ladies Lunch Bunch

SEPTEMBER 3RD

11:30AM

THE SEPTEMBER 3RD LUNCHEON WILL BE AT SIMONS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LUNCH LOCATIONS. PLEASE CONTACT KATHLEEN ZAKER AT 440-230-0911 WITH QUESTIONS AND TO SUGGEST A NEW LOCATION.

## CRLC GAME AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

As September is approaching, we'd like to restart one of our adult fellowship activities, what has been called "The Card Group." This is less about cards and more about socialization with each other. Some people do play cards, but many just play fun games or sit around and talk. There is also food involved, which goes with all Lutheran Church activities!

Blaine and I would like to invite you all to our house on **Saturday, September 20 at 6:00** as a kick-off to a new year of fun and fellowship. If you've not joined us before, now is a good time to start. It's a great way to get to know each other better.



We will provide a main dish and everyone else should bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. You can Email Judy ([judylyncol@aol.com](mailto:judylyncol@aol.com)) or Blaine ([blainecole@aol.com](mailto:blainecole@aol.com)) or call us Judy – 440-227-3248 or Blaine 440-227-3249 to let us know if you are coming and tell us what you are bringing.

We hope to see a lot of new and old faces!

Blaine and Judy Coleman



# COFFEE HOUR KICK-OFF

SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 9:15AM - 10:15AM

**SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP TIME!  
PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR 1<sup>ST</sup>  
OF THE SEASON COFFEE  
HOUR, WHICH ALSO BEGINS  
OUR FALL SCHEDULE.  
SIGN-UP BELOW TO BRING  
REFRESHMENTS.**



## Coffee Hour

Please sign up to host the coffee hour of your choice.

Brewing directions are next to the coffee maker in the Gathering Space. Arrive by 8:30 AM to brew coffee and set up. Supplies are in the cupboards in the Gathering Space or the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

*Sign-up form is on the message board in the Narthex.*

## CRLC AT THE LMM GUARDIANS GAME

On July 29 - 12 CRLC members, plus friends were part of the 175 LMM supporters who enjoyed LMM Night at Progressive Field, paired with a big 10-4 Cleveland win over the Colorado Rockies.

The fellowship was great as displayed in these photos.

The event included an evening in the new Pennant District, an all you can eat food and beverage buffet, plus a free raffle courtesy of the Guardians of a signed Steven Kwan jersey and hat which was **won by our own Lisa Witzke!**

Thank you to Lutheran Metro Ministries and the Cleveland Guardians for helping make this special evening possible, for providing the Steven Kwan giveaway memorabilia, and for the shout-out on the scoreboard during the fourth inning.

We are all looking forward to having more members join us for a repeat of this event again next year.



## September 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>September 7</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Sandy Weiss
Communion Assistants	x	Shirley Fisher, Jan Hansler
Ushers	Al Radefeld, Lisa Antonucci	Chris & Wendy Dralle
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Cathy & Jeff Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Host: Linda Radefeld
<b>September 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	Cristina Wells
Communion Assistants	x	Mardell & Frank Boulton
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Todd Kiick	Jennifer Eisenmann, Jeff Dentzer
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host:
<b>September 21</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Joan Castelucci
Communion Assistants	x	Adrienne Davic, Wendy Dralle
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Ken Blank	Grace Dralle, Scott Witzke
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Mike Bodanza, Elaine Foss, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host:
<b>September 28</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Lauren Jirousek	Linda Eckenbrecht
Communion Assistants	x	Pam & Bill Waltz
Ushers	Mark Evans, Adrienne Davic	Frank Boulton, Blaine Coleman
Altar Care	Cheryl Steifvater	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host:

# Happy Birthday!

# Happy Anniversary!

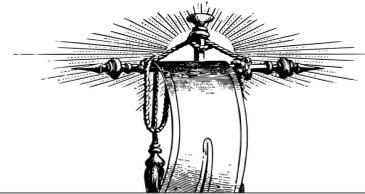
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- 2 Wendy Dralle
- 3 Rami Shayeb
- 5 Sung Gullifer
- 5 Jimmy Henyey
- 5 Julianne Jirousek
- 5 Dan Marek
- 5 Tom Hoinski
- 5 Ben Lane
- 6 Kathy Hoinski
- 7 Karen Haely\*\*
- 7 Al Radefeld\*\*
- 8 Mike Berzins\*\*
- 8 Dana Troike
- 8 Laena Scarpinato
- 9 Lee Knicely
- 9 Ingrid Smith
- 10 Joel Bussard
- 12 Stevie Kusanke
- 12 Maureen Michal
- 16 Patrick Coughlin
- 16 Gail Stelmaschuk\*\*
- 17 Candice Booher
- 17 Pat Cordiak\*\*
- 17 Bev Sabella
- 18 Pam Bertsch
- 18 Stephi Schuhle
- 18 Jessi Bailey
- 21 Chris Arnold
- 21 Daniel Dralle
- 21 Shawn Pagel
- 23 Don Grossenbaugh\*\*
- 23 Laura Medvec

- 29 Carol Lebanik
- 30 Vivien Luksa
- 30 Marilee Meinzer
- 30 Alyssa Miterko

\*\*= Milestone Birthday



- 2 Sarah & Kyle Hardison
- 7 Chaleo and James Pohle
- 7 Karen and Ryan Haely
- 7 Joan and Jim Castelucci
- 15 Marlene and Ken Kasper
- 17 Jane and Gil Perram
- 17 Lisa & Mark Antonucci
- 17 Joel Bussard & Nick Travaglianti
- 18 Jeanne and Paul Travaglianti
- 22 Lisa and Scott Witzke
- 23 Linda and Frank Shima
- 25 Rachael and Carl Glissman
- 30 Cristina and Steve Wells



"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." — Mark Twain



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?

- ◆ Did you know that confirmation will occur on Reformation Sunday, October 26th?
- ◆ Did you know that Sunday School will resume again in the fall on September 14th?
- ◆ Did you know that we are already looking for leadership and planning for 2026?
- ◆ Did you know that the youth group who traveled to Niagara Falls last month for their mission trip will be sharing their experience at the Sunday School adult class in October?
- ◆ Did you know that we will have packed over 160,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger in these past 10 years?
- ◆ Did you know that CRLC is taking an intentional look at ministry for our future?
- ◆ 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

Root Family, Jenkins/Stiefvater/Tackett families,  
Kasper/Dentzer Families, James Family, Ben, Wendy,  
Lauren Jirousek, Doris Caldart, Kay Helle, Alberta Manzi, Don Brusk,  
Judy Hoshek, Gretchen Grossenbaugh, Amy, Bev Sabella,  
Ken Kasper, Adalyn, Nancy, Don, Suzanna James, Weiler family,  
Fred Denk, Joyce Reitz, Donna Franz, Mason, Fred Denk  
All those impacted by the devastating floods and loss of lives in Texas.  
All those impacted by war and natural disasters.



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

# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch at Simon's	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE 10:00am & 10:30am 8:00am Worship 9:15am - 10:15am Coffee Hour Fellowship 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Yoga	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30am - 1:00pm Team Up to Clean Up: 2025
<b>14</b> <b>RALLY DAY</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday school for youth with breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	<b>15</b> Monthly Insight Deadline 7:00pm Yoga	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00am Faithful Readers Book Discussion 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>18</b> 9:30am Theo-Thursdays	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00pm CRLC Game & Fellowship Night
<b>21</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday school-All Ages 10:30am Worship 4:00pm The Gateway Band Concert	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Yoga	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Yoga	<b>30</b>	<b>CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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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