

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



INSIGHT

November 2025

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9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY

FROM THE PASTOR

*"O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.
(1 Chronicles 16:8)*

November to me is a very distinct month of the year. The leaves have mostly fallen, the air carries a chill that reminds us winter is coming soon, and the days have already grown shorter. Anticipation runs through it all as well. Anticipating the big Thanksgiving meal. Anticipating getting those red and green and shiny decorations out once again, and for children, the anticipation of December 25th is already on their minds.

And yet, right in the middle of all that waiting, comes Thanksgiving. A feast of gratitude in a month that can feel otherwise gray and still. It's a strange and beautiful thing that we pause to give thanks—not when life feels abundant and easy—but right as the world turns toward dormancy.

Maybe that's the point. Gratitude isn't just a response to having everything we want; it's a practice of seeing God's presence even when things feel incomplete. It's recognizing that grace shows up in small ways—a warm meal, a phone call, the laughter of children, the faithful rhythm of Sunday worship, the promise that even the bare trees will bud again.

In church life, November also sits on the edge of endings and beginnings. The church year draws to a close, and Advent waits just around the corner, whispering of new hope. We are reminded that God's story keeps unfolding, even as we anticipate so many other things.

So this November, may we practice noticing. May we give thanks not only for what is obvious, but for what is becoming. And may our gratitude open us to God's quiet work—still moving, still renewing, even now.

See you in worship,

Pastor Randy

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 2ND

During this special Sunday we remember all CRLC members who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. We also remember all our loved ones who have died this day. One way to do that is put their name on the tree of life in the narthex area.

ADVENT IS SOON TO BEGIN!

The first Sunday in Advent will be November 30th – Thanksgiving weekend. We will be having our midweek 7:00 Advent services on Tuesday nights beginning December 9th. The theme for Advent this year will be: “What do you fear? Insisting on hope this Advent!”

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.

PARTNERSHIP

This community group shares and discusses a word each month and the many and various ways in which we interact with it. **This month it is: LOYALTY**

“THEO-THURSDAY” RETURNS



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 Demetrios on Thursday, November 20th @9:30AM. This is located at 7851 Broadview Rd, Seven Hills.



REFORMATION DINNER

Thank you to the Paul Koch family for sponsoring the Reformation Dinner in memory of Fred Koch again this year!

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.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pastor Randy's Message
- All Saints Sunday
- Annual Meeting
- Theo-Thursday
- Confirmands
- Eagle Scout
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- Nov. 1 & Nov. 9th Concerts
- CPR/AED Training Sign-up
- Ladies Bible Study
- CRLC Faithful Readers
- Adult Sunday School
- LMM Men's Shelter Volunteers
- Charitable Giving Session
- Acolyte Sign-up
- Ladies Lunch Bunch Update

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED



From left to right:
Aiden Booher,
Matthew Lane, Pastor,
Ella Dralle, Elizabeth Marek,
Ella Troike

CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUT RECIPIENT

The National Eagle Scout Association recognizes Eagle Scouts with awards for leadership, service, and distinctive professional accomplishments.

This year Nate Brunovsky was awarded this prestigious honor. The Eagle Scout achievement is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, earned by completing at least 21 merit badges (14 of which are mandatory) and demonstrating leadership through a service project. Key requirements include earning the required badges, completing at least six months in a leadership position, and successfully planning, leading, and completing an Eagle Scout Service Project.

Nate's Eagle Scout Service Project was to build two bike racks to hold 25 bikes each. The bike racks are located at Elmwood Park in Independence for all to use.

Congratulations Nate!



ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSICIAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY HYMN COMMISSION: "O GOD, YOU SAW MY EARLY BEING"

In celebration of the Association of Lutheran Church Musician's (ALCM) 40th anniversary in 2026, the board of directors commissioned Rev. Stephen Starke (text) and Robert Hobby (tune) to write a new hymn. "O God, You Saw My Early Being" is the result of that collaboration.

When submitting the final version of the hymn text, Pr. Starke wrote: "I wanted to share with you the text I have written for the 40th anniversary hymn for the ALCM, "O God, You Saw My Early Being." I pondered the anniversary theme "Now and Forever" as well as the 2025 conference theme "For all that is to be," and both themes spoke to me of time and its passage or our passing through time. The text I have written isn't really a hymn about music or music-making as in "Voices Raised to You We Offer" or "What Joyous Song Unfolding," nor is it a psalm-inspired text as in "God Alone Be Praised." The text I have written is a hymn of trust. It speaks of the Christian's lifetime in terms of being held in God's hand from its very beginning to its earthly end, recognizing God's work in the Christian's life through the means of grace by which God welcomes (Baptism), feeds (Lord's Supper), and guides (Word). The text is quite personal and has a number of First Person pronouns, yet written in a way that I believe will resonate with others in the ALCM-musicians, clergy, and laity-as we all share a commonality of life in Christ and experience God's care through the means of grace. Stanza four also ends vocationally and can have multiple applications in the ALCM and our lives in the church and world, the various roles we undertake; stanza five is a prayerful commendation of our lives to God's preserving care."

Bob Hobby shared the following regarding the tune: "After much reflection of the new text, I believe I have a tune for Steve's commission text. Steve, I must confess that the unique nature of your meter challenged my OCD need for symmetry, but I believe the grouping of the first two lines, the second two lines, and the third two lines - along with shifts of meter - may have permitted me to offer a smooth interpretation of your text. My hope is that the lyrical approach might help create a reflective tone for the words - which is the tone I believe you were hoping to achieve."

This hymn (next page) will be sung in worship on November 9, 2025.

*To the glory of God
on the 40th anniversary of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
"Now and Forever"
National ALCM conference, "For all that is to be"
Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina, August 4–8, 2025*

O God, You Saw My Early Being



1 O God, you saw my ear - ly be - ing when no one else was
2 O Christ, you cleansed me and for - gave me, yes, on - ly you could
3 O Christ, I starve in sin; come, feed me that food by which you
4 O Spir - it, ho - ly Com - fort, guide me; your Word, a cleft to
5 O God Most High, my Start and End - ing, to you, I am com -



see - ing— knit - ting me with - in my moth - er's womb,
save me— bap - tized in - to you, your dy - ing breath;
freed me— ver - y bod - y giv - en when you died,
hide me— still, small voice, you keep me through each storm,
mend - ing— soul and bod - y, ev - 'ry care and fear,



weav - ing me up - on a liv - ing loom, mark - ing
bur - ied with you, raised with you from death: now no
ver - y blood poured out, O Cru - ci - fied; meal of
breath - ing life in - to my earth - en form; with your
ev - 'ry time and sea - son, day and year; God of



days of my life's span ac - cord - ing to your plan.
more an heir of shame, you gave me your own name!
thanks for great and least: you seat me at your feast!
love my life in - fuse to serve now, where you choose.
grace, grant your sha - lom till I am wel - comed home.

Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955
Tune: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

NOW AND FOREVER
Peculiar meter

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*Ps. 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5; 1 Pet.3:21; Rom. 6:3-4;
Rom. 8:17; Ex. 12:11; 1 Cor. 10:16;
Lk. 15:24; 1 Ki. 19:11-12; Gen. 2:7; Is. 64:8;
Jn. 20:22; 2 Tim. 2:21; Rev. 22:13; Phil. 4:6-7*

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***The King of Love My
Shepherd Is: A recital to
celebrate All Saints' Day***

James Alfieri, Musician
Christ the Redeemer
Lutheran Church

November 1, 2025
7:00pm

Featuring music in Celebration of All Saints'
Day by Ross Anderson, Charles Callahan,
Jeanne Cotter, Raymond Hann, Mark Hayes,
Janet Linker and Stanley Vann.

You are invited. Please come!



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.

The concert is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9, at 4 pm**. The concert is free and open to the public. *Concerts@CRLC* is supported by free will offerings and sponsorships.



Concerts@CRLC
Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
9201 Brecksville Road
Brecksville, OH 44141

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2—All Saints Sunday

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

NOVEMBER 9—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

NOVEMBER 16—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 23—Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER 30—First Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

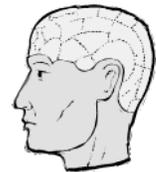
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

A stroke, or **brain attack**, occurs when a blockage stops the flow of blood to the brain or when a blood vessel in or around the brain bursts. **Call 911 immediately** - with 2 million brain cells lost every minute during a stroke, time = brain cells lost.

Did you know that the Cleveland Clinic has a **MOBILE stroke treatment unit** that services Brecksville & Independence? With every 30-minute delay in advanced care, your risk of a good outcome drops by 14%! The mobile stroke unit is equipped with a **CT scanner**, laboratory testing equipment and 2-way portable videoconferencing system, enabling a stroke physician to evaluate and “get the ball rolling” for treatment. TPA a “clot busting” medication must be given within a 4.5 hour window of when stroke symptoms begin. A brain clot is the cause of 87% of strokes. 13% are due to a “brain bleed” (sudden severe headache) which require radiologic endovascular treatment. Transport is to a comprehensive stroke center.

Recognize the Signs of Stroke- every minute counts!

Symptoms of stroke are distinct because they happen quickly. Remember because strokes damage the brain, you may not realize that you are having a stroke. To a bystander, someone having a stroke may just look “unaware” or confused. Therefore, it is important to - - - **KNOW STROKE – Know the signs. Act in time.**



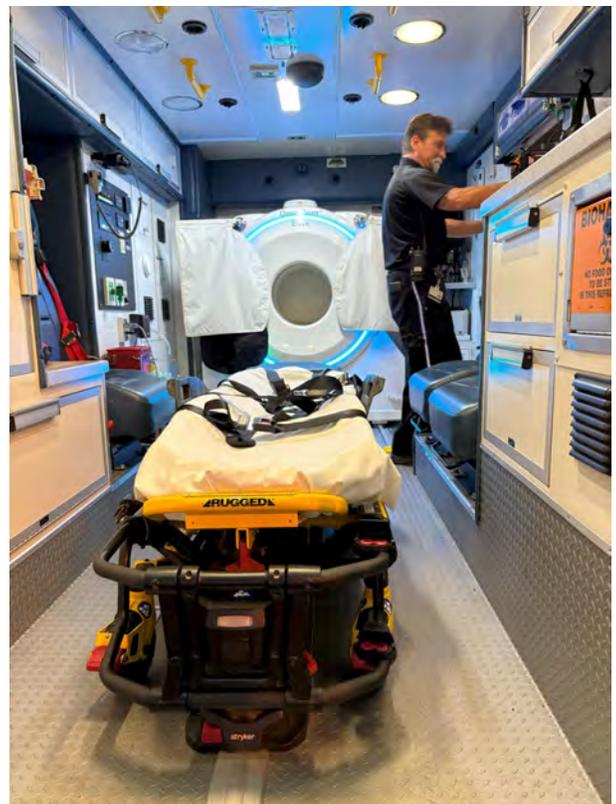
Be Fast acronym: Balance – Eyes (sudden vision changes) – Face (vsmile) – Arms (raise both v equal?) – Speech – Time (note time of changes).

ABCS of health: 1) Appropriate **Aspirin** therapy: Ask your doctor! 2) **Blood pressure** control - reduces risk of heart attack & stroke – **TAKE YOUR MEDS!** 3) **Cholesterol & Diabetes** management: know your numbers and manage it with diet & physical activity plus medication. **Sleep apnea** treatment is also important. Be aware of family history of **Atrial fibrillation** (yearly EKG recommended).

Most importantly - stop smoking (6x increased risk) & avoid secondhand smoke (2.4x higher risk) which can thicken the blood and make it more likely to clot. Thicker blood flow → increased plaque build-up in arteries and damaged blood vessels leading to the brain.

TIA symptoms are the same as stroke symptoms but last only a short time. TIA's occur when a blood clot temporarily clogs an artery, and part of the brain does not get the blood it needs - a TIA is a “**warning stroke**”. A TIA represents an opportunity to prevent catastrophic stroke.

Let us live lives of thanksgiving for our God who promises us, “... I will restore you to health and heal your wounds” (Jeremiah 30:17)



Jill Koubal
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

A promotional poster for CPR/AED training. The background is a blurred image of people in a training session. On the left, a circular inset shows a close-up of hands performing chest compressions on a mannequin. A blue banner with white text says "SIGN-UP NOW!". The main text "CPR/AED TRAINING" is in large, bold, red and black letters. A red heart with a pulse line is above the text. A red pulse line graphic runs horizontally across the middle. Below the pulse line, the dates and times are listed: "November 19th 6:30pm-9:00pm" and "November 22nd 9:00am-12:00pm". Three red plus signs are at the bottom left.

SIGN-UP NOW!

CPR/AED TRAINING

November 19th
6:30pm-9:00pm
November 22nd
9:00am-12:00pm

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX

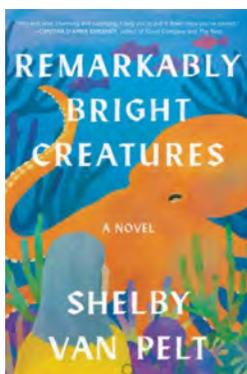
LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on November 5th at 10:00am.



The ladies of the Wednesday morning Bible Study are studying Money, Stewardship, & Generosity in our 3-month Fall session. We are focused on supporting the **OASIS After-school program** for the girls at Ladies at the Elms with personal hygiene items, food/snacks & art supplies. The details of the items requested are listed under OASIS Donations in the Insight Serving section.

We invite all members to join us by supporting OASIS as they serve these under-privileged girls, sometimes as many as 100. **Please bring in donations through November 5th.**



CRLC FAITHFUL READERS

Meeting on November 19th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for November is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Here are the topics for our upcoming Sundays:

Sunday, November 2nd

Dr. John Byron will complete his series on the Book of Revelation. Even if you missed the beginning, you still can come to this session!

Sunday, November 9th – December 21st (No class Thanksgiving weekend)

Our own Joel Bussard will be leading a series on the history of Lutheranism in North America. Come and hear about the history of our faith!

Come and join us!



"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

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

Food/Snacks—must be nut-free:

- individual bags of chips, pretzels, cookies, or goldfish crackers
- fruit snacks
- applesauce cups or squeeze packs
- Nutrigrain bars
- plastic spoons

Art Supplies:

- Sharpened pencils
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Coloring books/sheets
- Loose notebook paper
- Plain and construction paper
- Stickers

Hygiene & Personal Items

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| • deodorant | • body wash |
| • hair scrunchies | • gentle face wash |
| • socks (youth sizes) | • hand sanitizer |
| • lip balm (unscented) | • tissues |
| • toothbrushes & toothpaste | • cocoa butter lotion |
| • individual packets of A&D ointment or petroleum jelly | |
| • girls underwear (4T, 5T, Youth S (5-6) and M (7-8)) | |

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.



Harvest SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 16TH

Benefitting **LEND-A-HAND**
which serves families in our
surrounding communities.

CRLC WILL BE ACCEPTING
DONATIONS IN THE
GATHERING SPACE ON
SUNDAYS:

NOVEMBER 2, 9 & 16

The MOST needed items are:
Paper Products (TP, tissues, paper
towels) and peanut butter.

Also requested are cleaning supplies &
liquid detergent, canned fruits &
vegetables, tuna fish, soups, cereal, rice
& pasta.



It's Giving Tree Time

Our 2025 Christmas Giving Tree Project will begin right after Thanksgiving. These gifts will be shared with children served by Redeemer Crisis Center. The tree will be displayed in the Gathering Space and decorated with gift tags.

1. Choose a tag from the tree or basket.
2. Take off post a note. Keep for a reminder & put on your wrapped package.
3. Put the paper ornament back on the tree.

Each gift should be between \$15-25 dollars. Smaller dollar amount gifts should be wrapped together.

All gifts must be delivered to the Church by
Sunday, December 14, 2025
so Santa has time to deliver!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

LMM Men's Shelter
2100/2020 Lakeside Ave
Cleveland, OH 44094

COMPUTER LAB VOLUNTEERS are currently needed.

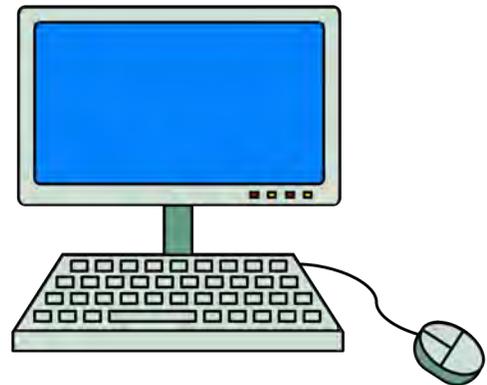
The computer lab at the Men's Shelter was recently renovated, and is now ready to welcome volunteers!

Please consider offering to help at any of the following times:

- Monday, Thursday or Friday mornings
- Tuesday afternoons

Tasks include:

- Assisting Shelter residents with basic computer skills
- Setting up email
- Printing and faxing
- Job resumes



Volunteer time may also include monitoring the computer lab, allowing the residents to use the computer in ways viewed as healthy connections, education and linking with the greater community.

Requirements for volunteers :

- Basic computer skills or beyond
- Friendly manner to go along with the computer skills

If interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Lydia Bailey at 216-649-7723 or LBailey@lutheranmetro.org.

Thank you for considering to offer your help and skills for this very worthy cause!

CONSIDERATIONS FOR TAX-EFFICIENT CHARITABLE GIVING IN 2025

As we approach year-end, many of us consider annual charitable giving goals. Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church is a 501(c)(3) organization and therefore eligible to receive donations that could carry tax advantages for donors. As tax laws continue to change (the latest change occurred in July), the following tips may be helpful to maximize tax-efficiency for you and your family:

1. **Are you over age 70 ½ with a pre-tax IRA?** If yes, you may give to a 501(c)(3) charity directly from the account 100% tax-free! This is called a “Qualified Charitable Distribution” and even more valuable than a tax-deduction. So before taking an IRA distribution, paying tax, then turning around and writing a check... STOP! And ask your advisor about Qualified Charitable Distributions.
2. **Beneficiary Designations:** Check that beneficiary designations are included on your bank and investment accounts. As a bonus, if you designate a charity on a pre-tax retirement account, your estate and the charity will pay no income tax on the gift.
3. **Do you have investments in an after-tax investment account that have grown?** If yes, you can transfer them directly to a 501(c)(3) charity and avoid capital gains tax on the growth. If you are eligible to itemize, you can also deduct the full amount of the gift (see #4b below).
 - a. **If you are eligible to itemize, tax law changes beginning in 2026** reduce charitable deductibility. If you expect your income to be high in both 2025 and 2026, it may be beneficial to ask your tax advisor if you should complete multiple years of giving in 2025 (Example: If you typically donate \$1,000/year, donate \$2,000 in 2025 and \$0 in 2026).
 - b. **If you wish to transfer securities directly to CRLC from an after-tax investment account**, please email Laura Kiick lkiick@sequoia-financial.com and Lee Knicely kniceyalee@yahoo.com for additional instructions. Once the transfer is complete, Laura or Lee will confirm and provide you with the final gift amount (the average high/low of the security value on the date received).
 - c. **Transfer instructions:**

Name of Institution: Charles Schwab
Account Title: Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
DTC Number 0164, Code 40
Contact Name: Pastor Randy O'Donnell
Account Number: Call Laura at [\(330\) 255-2138](tel:3302552138)



We are appreciative of our members' generosity and encourage you to speak to your tax and financial advisors about how you can tax efficiently to maximize your charitable giving dollars.

➔ Questions on these topics? Would you like more information about charitable giving as a whole? Our church treasurer Laura Kiick, (a certified financial planner) will once again hold a free session with information on this topic on Sunday, **November 16th** following the second service (apx 11:30AM). All are welcome to come and bring your questions.



IMPORTANT

>>> **ACOLYTES** <<<

Scan to Sign Up for a service



Available 2-3 months at a time

**1 spot in each
8am and 10:30am worship
service(s) available**

Contact Cristina Wells for training at
cris1781@gmail.com



SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of the South Hills Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and your congregations for your generous donation of 34 pounds of food. Your kindness and thoughtfulness truly make a difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Because of your continued support, we are able to keep our shelves stocked and provide nutritious food and essential items to local families facing hardship. Every item you donate helps bring comfort, dignity, and hope to our neighbors who need it most.

The Lend-A-Hand program depends on the compassion and generosity of churches, community groups, businesses and individuals like you. Your contribution reminds us of the strength and goodness that come from working together as a community.

Thank you once again for your generosity and continued partnership in our mission to lend a hand to those in need.

With gratitude,

Mary Manos and the Entire Staff at South Hills Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry.

A large, 3D, blue, cursive-style graphic that reads "Thank You!". The letters are thick and have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The exclamation point is also 3D and blue, matching the text.



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.



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH ON HIATUS



Due to a lack of participation, the Ladies Lunch Bunch is being cancelled for the time being.

Thank you to all who have joined in the fun. The hope is that this will continue in the future as a way for the ladies of our congregation to gather in fellowship.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathleen Zaker at (440) 230-0911.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

*Join in an evening of
fellowship and serving on*
Thursday, November 6th

7:00 - 9:00pm

**WE WILL BE MAKING CARDS
AND A SUNCATCHER FOR OUR
HOMEBOUND MEMBERS.**

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME
TO COME TOGETHER FOR AS
LONG AS YOU CAN STAY FOR
SHARING CRAFTING &
DESSERT.**



Women's Advent Social

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS, AND SNACKS

Please plan on gathering together to start off the Advent Season so that together we can prepare our souls for the gift of Christmas to come!

SAVE THE DATE!

When: Tuesday, December 2nd

Where: CRLC

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



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

November 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

November 2	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Mike Berzins	Sandy Weiss
Communion Assistants	x	Linda Eckenbrecht, Laurie Siebert
Ushers	Mark Evans, Adiranne Davis	Dana Vrcan, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Cathy & Jeff Smith		Coffee Hour Host: Linda & Frank Shima
November 9	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Jan Romance
Communion Assistants	x	Jan Hansler, Dana Vrcan
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Don Laubacher	Jeff Dentzer, Blaine Coleman
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: Joe & Joani Huber
November 16	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Linda Radefeld	Julie Hammond
Communion Assistants	x	Elaine Foss, Nancyanne Sinclair
Ushers	Mark Evans, Ken Blank	Dennis Nagy, Jennifer Eisenmann
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Mike Bodanza, Elaine Foss, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: Eric & Candace Witzke
November 23	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Chris Schuhle
Communion Assistants	x	Mardell & Frank Boulton
Ushers	Don Laubacher, George Stelmaschuk	Chris & Wendy Dralle
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Jan Hansler
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: open
November 30	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Ina Stanek
Communion Assistants	x	Pam & Bill Waltz
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Al Radefeld	Dan Bartik, Grace Dralle
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Peter Smith, Diane Wilson, Steve Wilson		Coffee Hour Host: open

Happy Birthday!

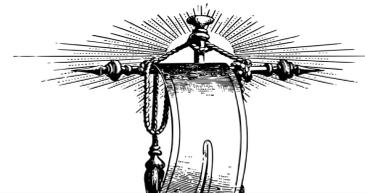
Happy Anniversary!

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| 1 Sharon Hicks | 22 Henry Kay |
| 1 Ryan Haely | 23 Cindy Rohde |
| 1 Samuel Eisenmann | 23 Allison Evans |
| 2 Linda Riemer** | 24 Todd Kiick** |
| 3 Dane Davic** | 25 Kathy Swasey |
| 3 Robert Benza | 27 Jack Krew |
| 3 Sterling Howatt | 28 Michael Bodanza |
| 5 Olivia Beery | 30 Macey McGhee |
| 7 Marty Petrovic | |
| 8 Gil Perram | |
| 10 Linda Shima | |
| 10 Tori Ehrbar | |
| 10 Annika Shondrick | |
| 10 Sebastian Shondrick | |
| 11 Marlene McKenzie | |
| 11 Bob Meinzer** | |
| 11 Devon Lewiston | |
| 12 Jenni Halter | |
| 13 Kathy Mook | |
| 13 John Brunovsky | |
| 14 Phyllis Obrock | |
| 14 Tonya Pagel | |
| 14 Bristol Howatt | |
| 15 Lisa Witzke | |
| 15 McKenna McGhee | |
| 16 Sandy Weiss | |
| 16 A J Marcinko | |
| 17 Anita Luksa | |
| 18 Joan Huber | |
| 18 Sydney Wells | |
| 21 Joseph Kos | |
| 21 Jeff Smith** | |
| 21 Isaac D'Anza | |
| 21 Olivia Garvas | |
| 21 Mark Lickert | |
| 22 Dorthea Kramer | |

**= Milestone Birthday



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| 2 Judy and Richard Montowski |
| 6 Joanie and Ed McTernan |
| 7 Linda and Bob Stack |
| 7 Ina and Joe Stanek |
| 7 Sara and Tony DeBaltzo |
| 22 Adrienne and Dane Davic |
| 25 Judy Hoshek and Nick Dobrinich |
| 26 Megan and Tom Weber |
| 28 Greg and Kathleen Zaker |
| 29 Dorthea and Eric Kramer |



"The greatness of humanity is not in being human, but in being humane."

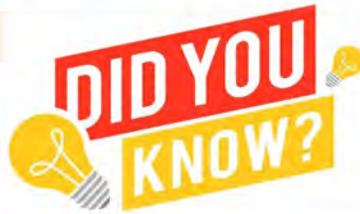
—Mahatma Gandhi



Did you know that we have the ability to receive online giving through our website?

www.crlcbrecksville.org

This option will allow for folks to contribute to our congregation using their credit card or debit card. There is not a cost for the church to host this ability, however this is a cost to us for every transaction that is processed. The donor however, can add this fee to any donation they make using this process so that the church receives the full amount intended. This will allow for folks who prefer to handle their giving in this way. This can be used for a one-time donation or it can be set up for recurring contributions. It also will allow specific giving to specific funds in our church. You also can download an app for your phone, and after a one-time set-up, you can easily use your mobile device for giving. Donors also have the ability to have recurring donations directly charged to their Bank or S&L checking or savings account through the church Simply Giving program without needing to use the on-line system. Please contact the church office to get more information or to set up this option."



- ◆ Did you know that the annual congregation meeting is this month on November 23rd?
- ◆ Did you know that we will again be doing Harvest Sunday (11/16) in this month of giving thanks?
- ◆ Did you know that we will be welcoming our latest new members this month?
- ◆ Did you know that we are still receiving the time and talent surveys, as well as the estimate of giving cards? You are encouraged to complete these as you can.
- ◆ Did you know that All Saints Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday in November? Again, this year we will remember those who have lost a loved one, plus recognized the death of any of our members since All Saints Sunday last year.
- ◆ Did you know that we celebrated the confirmation of our youth on Reformation Sunday?
- ◆ Did you know that in order to publish 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.

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141 440.526.2303 www.office@crclcbrecksville.org Monthly Insight submissions: insight@crclcbrecksville.org</p>			
8:00am Sunday Day/igniting Three Brns 8:00am Worship 9-11am Adult Sunday School-This Book of Revelation 9-11am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Yoga		10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir	7:00pm-9:00pm Women's Fellowship Night		All Saints Day 7:00am The King of Love My Shepherd is: A recital to celebrate All Saints Day
8:00am Worship 9-11am Adult Sunday School- Lumenism in North America 9-11am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Joyful Adversity: Harp Concert	7:00pm Yoga	Veterans Day	7:00pm Adult Choir			Monthly Insight Deadline
Harvest Sunday 8:00am Worship 9-11am Adult Sunday School- Lumenism in North America 9-11am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Communion Dining as a Whole - Free station with Laus Gloria	7:00pm Yoga		10:00am Faithful Readers Book Discussion 7:00pm Adult Choir	9:30am Theo- Thursday at Demetrios		
Christ the King Sunday 8:00am Worship 9-11am Adult Sunday School- Lumenism in North America 9-11am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting	7:00pm Yoga			Thanksgiving Day		9:00am Advent Decorating
Advent First Sunday in Advent 8:00am Worship 9-11am NO Sunday School 10:30am Worship						

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