

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



# INSIGHT

February 2026

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*Church Office is Closed on Monday*

9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS

9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY

## FROM THE PASTOR

“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)

February is a curious month in the life of the church. The days are still short, winter still has a grip on us, and yet—almost imperceptibly—the light is returning. That quiet shift makes February a fitting doorway into the season of Lent.

Lent is often described as a season of repentance, renewal, and reflection and while that's true, it's only part of the story. Lent is also a season of **attention**—of noticing what is true about our lives, our relationships, and our need for God. It is a time when we stop pretending we are self-sufficient and instead remember that we are dust... beloved dust, breathed into life by God.

This year, as we move toward Ash Wednesday and the forty days that follow, I invite you to think of Lent not as a spiritual performance, but as a gentle turning. Turning away from what numbs us. Turning toward what gives life. Turning toward God, who is already turned toward us.

Some of us will take something on this Lent—a daily prayer, a moment of silence, an intentional act of generosity. Others may let something go—a habit, a distraction, a grudge we've carried too long. However you observe the season, remember this: Lent is not about earning God's love. It's about making space to receive it.

As we walk this season together, may we be honest, tender with ourselves and one another, and open to the surprising grace that always meets us on the way.

*See you in worship,*

*Pastor Randy*

PGSO

## LENT BEGINS AGAIN!



### “TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD!”

#### Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent.

Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. We are planning to have for Ash Wednesday, two worship opportunities – 12 NOON and 7:00PM. Both communion worship services will include the option to receive the imposition of ashes. We will also have our midweek Lenten services the following Wednesday beginning at 7:00PM, with prayers around the cross. Watch for more details on Holy Week as the time draws near. The theme for our Lenten pilgrimage this year is “Tell Me Something Good!” Devotionals and daily meditative cards will be available again this year.

### 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: KINDNESS.**

### THEO-THURSDAY



Theo Thursday continues this month. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Demetrios Restaurant in Broadview Heights, February 19th @ 9:30AM.

### 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
- Tell Me Something Good
- Theo-Thursday
- Communion Instruction
- 2026 Leadership
- Fraud Alert
- CRLC Music Ministry
- 2026 Mission Project
- Chili Cook-off
- Red Cross Bloodmobile
- CRLC Games & Fellowship Night

## FANTASY FOOTBALL CHAMPION!

One more did you know... Did you know that we have a new fantasy football champion at CRLC!! The season winner is Lambeau Leap, belonging to Karl Kessler. Congratulations Karl! If you would like to play in our fantasy football league this fall talk to Pastor Randy.



## FORMAL COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:

The formal instruction for communion for our 5th graders will take place sometime in March, dates will be set soon. Please RSVP to Pastor Randy about your 5th grader's participation in this upcoming class. If due to other reasons, you have a 6th or 7th grader who has not yet gone through this class with Pastor Randy, they are invited as well.



## 2026 LEADERSHIP

The leadership of Vision Board had their initial 2026 meeting in January. They elected the following officers (except the treasurer which is elected by our congregation). This is our executive committee, along with Pastor Randy, for this year:

**President:** Steve Wilson

**Vice President:** Tom Weber

**Secretary:** Tonya Pagel

**Treasurer:** Laura Kiick



Thank you to all who are sharing their discipleship in this place!



# ATTENTION PLEASE!

## FRAUD EMAIL ALERT

You may have received a spam email appearing to be from Pastor Randy asking for a special contact or help. This is fraud. This is coming from outside our organization for which we cannot control. Unfortunately, pastors are often targeted to reach parishioners in order to take advantage of them. A few things to remember if you get an email from Pastor Randy:

- Pastor Randy and the office staff will never ask you for gift cards, special meetings, or any secret messages.
- **Check the email address** that it came from and make sure it is indeed Pastor Randy's email address (none of the fraud messages that have been sent out have ever been with his actual email address).
- When Pastor Randy sends initial group messages, he typically ends them with our purpose statement of "Praising God, Serving Others" or PGSO, so that would be one additional clue to look for.
- When in doubt, call the church office or Pastor Randy.

## A CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRLC MUSIC MINISTRY

Sadly, over the years, the number of folks participating in the CRLC choir has declined. Why? COVID-19, death, injury/limiting physical conditions, family obligations, winters spent in a warmer climate and the commitment to be available Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Singing with a limited number of voices creates additional challenges (the selection of quality music) and makes rehearsals difficult. After speaking with Pastor Randy and the Worship and Music Committee, to preserve and continue this ministry, CRLC will transition from weekly Sunday morning choir to an Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter choir.

Ruah will continue their monthly offerings and *Concerts@CRLC* will present 6 concerts in 2026.

As we begin 2026, if you ever thought about participating in the choir--now is the time--as Lent and Easter is quickly approaching. I am asking all of you to prayerfully consider participating in the Lent/Easter choir. Additional information will be provided soon.

I would like to thank these choir members who have shared their gifts: Linda Eckenbrecht, Elaine Foss, Julie Hammond, Clyde Jones, Lee Knicely, Jill Koubal, Alberta Manzi, Andy Mook, Scott Sheets, Ina Stanek and Dianne Young.

I ask you to ponder the following reasons to sing in the choir:

- **It creates musicality**

It's official! Singing in a choir improves the way you hear music; it draws out your innate musical ability and intensifies your appreciation of harmony. There is a natural learning curve that occurs quite organically because of singing regularly in a group that strengthens your ear. Where choral singing is concerned, the whole really is the sum of its parts and choir members soon become aware of how harmonies combine and complement each other.

- **It boosts confidence**

It's surprising how many people are told they can't sing, a myth that can discourage potential singers for decades. The truth is that, unless there is hearing loss, anyone can learn to sing. Singing in a choir gives you permission to make noise as part of group, and choir leaders report witnessing new members' confidence grow rapidly.

- **It's a way to challenge yourself**

It goes pretty much without saying that learning to sing happens to be a major challenge, but singing alongside a group of other singers is a much bigger challenge. As a part of the choir, you need to make your presence felt while being a part of the group.

- **"Those who sing pray twice"- St. Augustine**

- **"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." – Luther**

- **"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." – Luther**

- **You get a guaranteed seat for Christmas Eve and Easter Worship!**

- **Singing improves posture and core muscle tone**

Can we say, "New Year's resolution for exercise?!"

- **It's a way to learn a lot of choir jokes:**

For example:

Q: Why was the choir locked out of the choir room?

A: They missed the key change!

- **Choir robes hide those coffee stains from Coffee Hour!**

## A CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRLC MUSIC MINISTRY—CONTINUED

- **It's a way to praise God and follow the Apostle Paul's teaching**

Music is a means to praise God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Music is a gift given by God and a joy and delight with which God graces creation. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Eph 5:19)

- **It's a chance to sing great music**

When we think about great classical music, we tend to focus on symphonies, concertos, sonatas, string quartets and operas. But the truth is, many of the best composers saved their most inspired creativity for choral music: John Rutter, Natalie Sleeth and Dale Wood to name a few.

- **It's an excellent stress reliever**

Sitting up straight, relaxing your shoulders and breathing from your diaphragm is a great way to return to your center and leave the day's stress behind you.

- **It's a chance to meet new people**

Nowadays people make "friends" without ever meeting in person. Joining the choir is a way to meet nice, like-minded people interested in having a good time together. What a concept!

- **It helps you learn to listen**

A key to good choral singing is paying attention to what's going on around you — listening.

- **It's a workout for your brain**

Basic music-reading skills are known to increase the capacity of your memory, sharpen your concentration and improve your spatial organization. Think of choir as boot camp for your brain.

- **It's an exercise in teamwork**

The choir is the perfect manifestation of the adage "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." You don't need to have a particularly beautiful voice to contribute to a beautiful, collective sound. Being part of something bigger than yourself is both humbling and motivating.

- **It's equipment free**

All you need to sing in the choir is your voice, a bottle of water and a pencil for marking your music. Simple and cheap!

- **You reclaim your birthright!**

Most young children sing very easily, freely and without feeling self-conscious. Sometimes, as we grow up or experience judgment and criticism, the simple pleasure of singing can get lost. There are many accounts of people being told that they "can't sing." However, most of us can learn to sing with more confidence, freedom and control through guidance and practice. While our individual physicality undoubtedly shapes and defines our voice, we can learn to use more of our vocal potential and sing with a greater expressive range.

- **It's uplifting**

Every day, we're bombarded with bad news: tragedy, terrorism, scandal, COVID-19, etc. While singing in the choir doesn't make those things go away, it's the perfect way to bring something positive and uplifting into your life.

# READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

## FEBRUARY 1—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

## FEBRUARY 8—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]  
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]  
Matthew 5:13-20

## FEBRUARY 15—Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

## FEBRUARY 22—First Sunday in Lent

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



“... A heart at peace gives life to the body...” (Proverbs 14:30)

February is well known as the month to focus on heart health.

**What should you know about Heart Failure?** *Heart Failure is the leading cause of hospitalization for those over 65. Heart failure means that the heart isn't **pumping** as well as it should be – it does not mean that the heart stopped beating.* With heart failure, the **weakened heart** can't supply the cells with enough blood. This results in **fatigue, swelling of extremities and shortness of breath** when the heart is unable to keep up with the workload. Everyday activities such as walking, climbing stairs or carrying groceries can become very difficult. CHF-congestive heart failure is a commonly used term. <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/17069-heart-failure-understanding-heart-failure>

Heart failure can stem from various conditions that either weaken or strain the heart. Common causes which may lead to heart failure include:

- **Coronary artery disease:** Restricted blood flow due to narrowed arteries.
- **Hypertension (high blood pressure):** Puts extra pressure on the heart, leading to eventual weakening.
- **Past heart attacks:** These can impair the heart muscle's ability to pump effectively.
- **Diabetes:** Can cause damage to the blood vessels and the heart over time.
- **Valve disorders:** Faulty heart valves force the heart to work harder than normal.
- **Chronic kidney disease:** Can overload the heart due to excess fluid retention.

Heart failure is a serious condition, but the condition is often managed with medications & healthy lifestyle changes. It's also helpful to have the support of family & friends who understand your condition.

**All of us lose some blood-pumping ability in our hearts as we age**, but heart failure results from the added stress of health conditions that either damage the heart or make it work too hard. There is an increased risk for heart failure if you or family members have been affected by one of the following: high blood pressure, heart attack, coronary artery disease, damage to heart valves, diabetes, or obesity. You can help **reduce your risk of heart disease** by taking steps to control factors that put you at greater risk:

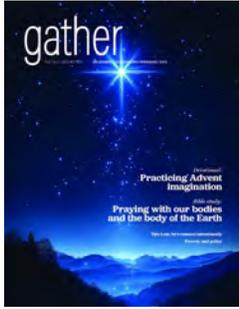
- Control your [blood pressure](#)
- Lower your [cholesterol](#)
- Don't smoke
- Get enough exercise

We are blessed to have local access to excellent heart care. Learn about your type, stage and treatment options.

May God bless your efforts to lead a heart healthy life.

*Jill Koubal*  
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

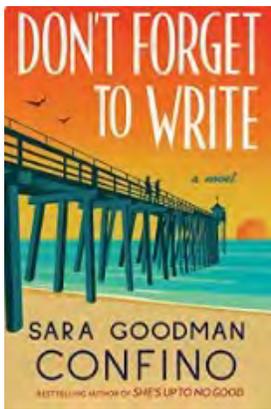
### LADIES BIBLE STUDY



Meeting on February 4th at 10:00am.

The ladies of the Wednesday morning Bible Study are studying the Gather Magazine for Winter (December 2025/January/February 2026): “Now let us pray: Praying with the body of the earth”.

As we struggle with winter storms and know the reality of severe weather conditions, including a year which will hold tornadoes, hurricanes and wild fires, let us pause to reflect and pray.



### CRLC FAITHFUL READERS

Meeting on February 25th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for February is “Don’t Forget to Write” by Sarah Goodman Confino.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Pastor Randy will continue to lead the Adult Sunday school class through the month of February on the series dealing with the 10 Commandments. You are welcome to join any of the sessions.

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## Mission Project

Birthday cake boxes for the families at the Redeemer Crisis Center.



A birthday cake box should include a cake mix, can of frosting, a disposable foil 9x13 pan, candles, sprinkles and a can of soda. The soda allows the cake to be made even if there are no eggs or oil at hand.

We are asking our Sunday school families to donate any of the above mentioned items between January 4th and the end of March. We will keep you updated on progress and needs. We will then hold an assembly party with that date to come.

## ADVENT WREATHS

During Advent, each Sunday school family was provided a wreath, candles, and a child friendly booklet to read explaining each candle's meaning.





Sponsored by the CRLC Youth Group

Proceeds go towards the Mission Trip to Indianapolis

**Join us for a variety of chili samples and raffle baskets  
Vote for your favorite  
Prizes awarded for People's Choice, Pastor's Choice,  
Youth Choice and Kid's Choice**

Youth will provide bread, cornbread, a variety of chili toppings and beverages

**Sunday, February 22nd at 11:30**

*Donations accepted for raffle baskets: a complete theme basket, empty  
baskets, gift cards or gift items*

*Please bring items to church on or before February 15.*

**Anyone is welcome to donate chili, dessert or a free-will offering to help the  
Youth Group.**

**Please sign up in the Message Center.**



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

## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND

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

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

### Need on a more regular basis:

#### **Tissues, Laundry Detergent and Canned Fruit**

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

canned meals/stew	canned soup
canned beans	canned fruit
canned vegetables	tuna fish
peanut butter & jelly	pancake mix
cereal	rice
macaroni & cheese	spaghetti sauce
Tissues	paper towels
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.



**AMERICAN  
RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Critical Need for Blood Donors**

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
ON SITE AT CRLC  
8:30AM - 2:30PM**

## JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING



Thank you for your donation of \$1537 on December 4, 2025 to Journey Center for Safety and Healing. Your generous gift provides vital services to victims and survivors. Because of donors like you, 16, 943 people experiencing abuse found strength and support last year as they determined their best path toward health and safety.

Journey's innovative approach services both children and adults to help break the cycle of violence. Philanthropic support is greatly appreciated as all Journey services are provided free of charge.

On behalf of the children, teens, adults and seniors we serve, thank you again for your support.

Ann Face—Chief Executive Officer

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE GENEROUS AND CARING MEMBERS OF CLRC!



Items donated to the LMM men's shelter during January have been delivered. Staff members at the Men's Shelter gratefully accepted all donations, sending their ongoing thanks to each of you for your generosity. Experiencing such a severe winter, the items were needed and put into immediate use. Shelter staff was extremely appreciative to the members of CRLC for your ongoing support!

Please remember all the residents of the Shelter in your prayers during these difficult times.

Thank you!



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



# CRLC GAMES & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00PM**  
**The Fisher's Home**  
4127 Deer Run, Seven Hills

Fisher's will provide the main course. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Let Shirley know if you will be attending at:

Email: [sfisher752011@hotmail.com](mailto:sfisher752011@hotmail.com), or

Phone: 216-407-2879

PLEASE CONTACT BLAINE AND JUDY COLEMAN IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HOST FOR NEXT YEAR.

## February 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>February 1</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Linda Radefeld	Julie Hammond
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy Dralle, Chris Schuhle
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Al Radefeld	Scott Witzke, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Cathy & Jeff Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Host: The Berzins
<b>February 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Suzana Koch	Wendy McGill
Communion Assistants	x	Laurie Siebert, Lisa Witzke
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Adrienne Davic	Jeff Dentzer, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: Open
<b>February 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Don Dobos	Nancyanne Sinclair
Communion Assistants	x	Dennis Nagy, Mark Lickert
Ushers	Lisa Antonucci, Ken Blank	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Jan Hansler
Counters: Mike Bodanza, Elaine Foss, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: Open
<b>February 18—Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Assisting Minister	Open	Open
Communion Assistants	x	Open
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Frank Boulton	Dennis Nagy, Scott Witzke
Altar Care	Linda Eckenbrecht	Open
Counters: No counters needed		Coffee Hour Host: No coffee hour
<b>February 22</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	Dianne Young
Communion Assistants	x	Jen Eisenmann, Dana Vrcan
<del>Blessors</del>	Joani Huber, Terry Obrock	Ina Stanek, Jan Romance
Ushers	Al Radefeld, Lisa Antonucci	Blaine Coleman, Grace Dralle
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: Jenni Halter

# Happy Birthday!

# Happy Anniversary!

1 George Stelmaschuk  
1 Evan Garvas  
2 Robert Stiefvater  
2 Tori Benza  
4 Steve Wells  
6 Nicholas Travaglianti  
7 Ryan Witzke  
10 Jackie Lewison  
10 Matt Beery  
10 Molly Neubeck  
10 Paige Neubeck  
10 Nathan Singleton  
11 Bob Springer  
11 Kari Beery  
11 Tess O'Donnell  
12 Rachael Glissman  
13 Charles Pohle  
15 Madison Myers  
17 Lauren Jirousek  
17 Zachary Persuric  
17 Kendrick Dobbins  
18 Eric Kramer  
18 Lorraine Signore  
19 Don Brusk  
24 James Alfieri  
26 Mardell Boulton  
26 Ed McTernan Jr.\*\*  
26 Michael Bandsuh

\*\*= Milestone Birthday



8 Kathy and Tom Hoinski  
14 Denise and Michael Bandsuh  
15 Karen and Michael Guzi  
22 Kay and Jim Helle



Did you know that we have the ability to receive online giving through our website?  
([www.crlcbrecksville.org](http://www.crlcbrecksville.org))

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



- ◆ Did you know that Easter is the first Sunday in April, but will be in March in 2027?
- ◆ Did you know that some of our youth attended a Youth Quake weekend in Pittsburgh last month?
- ◆ Did you know that the youth raised over \$600 at their December pancake breakfast? Thank you!
- ◆ Did you know that we are repairing and upgrading the lights in the courtyard?
- ◆ Did you know that we would like to refurbish some of our Chrismons on our Christmas tree? Look for information later this year.
- ◆ Did you know that we are taking a look at updating and refreshing our church constitution? If you are interested in being a part of this, talk to Steve Wilson or Pastor Randy.
- ◆ Did you know that in order to publish something in the newsletter we need it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior?

... and Now You Know!

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYS FOR. . .

### Our Vision and Ministry Boards

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



# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School- The 10 Commandments 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	2 7:00pm Yoga	3	4 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir	5	6	7 6:00pm CRLC Games & Fellowship Night
8 8:00am Worship 8:30am-9:30am Red Cross 9:00am Bible 9:15am Adult Sunday School-The 10 Commandments 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	9 7:00pm Yoga	10	11 7:00pm Adult Choir	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 <b>Monday Night Catechesis</b> <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School-The 10 Commandments 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	16 <b>President's Day</b> 7:00pm Yoga	17	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 1:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship 1:00pm Ash Wednesday Soup Luncheon 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship	19 9:30am Theo- Thursday at Demetrios	20	21 12:00am - 12:00am YAC Lock in/Chill Making
22 12:00am-4:00pm YAC Lock in/Chill Worship 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School-The 10 Commandments 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:00am-4:00pm Youth Chl Center	23 7:00pm Yoga	24	25 10:00am Faithful Readers Book Discussion 4:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Lenten Worship	26	27 10:00am - 12:00am Hobby Days	28 10:00am - 12:00am Hobby Days

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