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INSIGHT

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FROM THE PASTOR

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” – James 1:17

July is one of those months that invites us outdoors. The days are long, the weather is warm, gardens are blooming, and many families are taking vacations or gathering with friends. Across our communities, flags wave as we celebrate Independence Day and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy.

In the midst of summer activities, July offers an opportunity to pause and recognize God's abundant blessings. Whether you're traveling to a favorite vacation spot, relaxing on your back porch, attending a neighborhood cookout, or watching fireworks light up the night sky, these moments remind us of the goodness woven into everyday life. The beauty of a summer sunset, laughter shared around a picnic table, safe travels with family, and the freedom to gather for worship are all gifts worthy of our gratitude.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, we also remember the deeper freedom we have in Christ—a freedom marked by grace, hope, and love. While summer schedules may pull us in many directions, God's invitation remains constant: to rest in our Creator's presence and to find renewal for our souls.

Wherever this month takes you, may you enjoy the beauty of God's creation, cherish time with loved ones, and carry Christ's light into every place you go. May your summer continue to be filled with joy, rest, gratitude, and the peace of Christ.

See you in worship,

Pastor Randy

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REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Remember, since Memorial Day weekend and through Labor weekend our Sunday morning schedule has changed. Sunday School breaks for the summer and our two Sunday morning worship service times become 8:00 and 9:30.

OUTSIDE SUMMER WORSHIP



OUTDOOR WORSHIP NOTE: As in the past on the third Sunday of the month (July 19th & August 16th) we will have the 9:30AM worship in the outdoor chapel – weather permitting.

PARTNERSHIP

Partners for a healthy local community has a word to discuss each month. For July the WORD OF THE MONTH IS: **COLLABORATION**

THEO-THURSDAY



The Theo Thursdays is on a summer hiatus but will return this fall. Watch for the date and time in the September Insight issue.

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
- Northeastern Ohio Synod
- Offering Envelopes
- Summer Watering Schedule
- Member Spotlights
- Fall Concerts
- Redeemer Crisis Center School Supplies
- Rise Against Hunger Independence
- LMM Food Truck
- Night out at the Guardians

NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD



The Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly 2026 took place on June 5-6 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron, Ohio. Here's what happened:

Key Events:

- The assembly began with worship and included Eucharist on the second day, led by ecumenical partner Episcopal Bishop Anne B. Jolly and Bishop Craig Schweitzer.
- The bishop election process was a major part of the assembly, with multiple ballots held to elect a new bishop. Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins was re-elected as the bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod for another six year term on the fourth ballot by a margin of three votes.
- Attendees participated in conversations, discernment, and decision-making processes that shape the synod's ministry.

Themes:

- The event emphasized the importance of community and being church together.
- The assembly highlighted the value of collaboration and shared ministry in the church.

Participation: There were several members of CRLC present at this assembly. Pastor Randy, Ken and Deb Blank, Deacon Pamela Czarnota, Deacon Judy Hoshek, and Pastor Betti Hazelton.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD—Continued

We reach
OUTWARD
in love



The annual Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly was held June 5 and 6, in Akron, at the John S Knight Center. We represented CRLC as the two lay voting members.

In summary, it was an action-packed Assembly! This was an election year, allowing us to experience the procedural steps ensuring the process ran smoothly. On the fourth ballot, with voting having occurred over both days, our current Bishop, Rev Dr Laura Barbins, was re-elected. It was reassuring to see how many other qualified and capable leaders were willing to put their names into the nomination process. We can feel reassured moving forward, their support will be of benefit to our Bishop, as she fulfills this new term.

The business portions of the Assembly were conducted with efficiency. The agenda included the presentation of annual reports, constitutional amendments, and more. An election for both clergy and lay persons to serve on Synod council, and in other support positions within the synod structure was held. We are thankful for all those who agreed to serve.

During the course of the event, we learned so much more about the wide reach of our Synod, both geographically and ideologically. Did you know we have a companion Synod in South Africa? We do! Bishop Barbins and other representatives from around our Synod attended the 50th anniversary of our partner church in December, 2025. This partnership began in 1995 and is still thriving!

Each Assembly participant could attend up to three workshops throughout the event. Topics included Matthew 25: Building the Foundation for our Shared Social Justice Work. The presenter was from the Ohio Hunger Network. It was rewarding to realize the many areas of hunger concerns in which CRLC is already participating. Another workshop was entitled Waging Love with the Immigration Ministry Circle. We were reminded of who our neighbor is, and practical ways we are called to and commanded to love our neighbors. This workshop gave us a basis of understanding for the AAMPARO- Immigration resolution which would later be voted upon. Our Synod staff also shared current initiatives underway, including the Baptized Living Initiative, and the One Church Experiment.

Another vital part of the event, was the opportunity to collaborate and speak with members of fellow congregations, hearing examples of their projects and ideas which have brought positive rewards, as well as areas of needs and challenges. Displays were set up for us to learn more about our various ministry partner groups, including agencies, colleges, camps. Speakers from these groups also spoke more about their group throughout the Assembly.

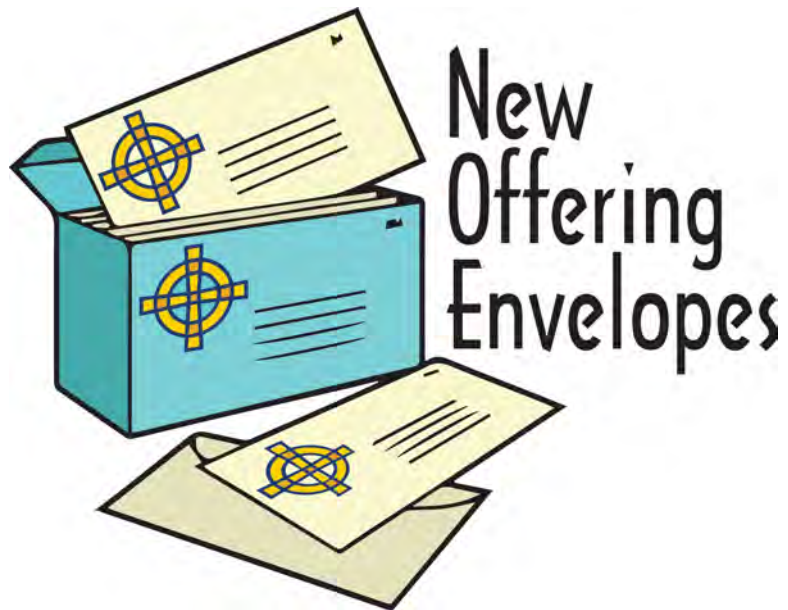
Woven throughout the event were inspiring messages, beautiful music, sharing together in worship and communion, ever reminding us of our purpose and calling. We urge other members of CRLC to prayerfully consider offering your own names to serve in this capacity next year. The 2027 dates will be announced by the end of this summer.

We left the Assembly feeling re-energized and emboldened to reach outward in mission, ministry and love.

Ken and Deb Blank



OFFERING ENVELOPES



We will be ordering offering envelopes for next year and need to know if you want to continue to receive them. Some people still like to receive the box of envelopes because they give weekly or want the special giving envelopes for Lent and Advent. Many people have signed up for automatic giving from their bank accounts and no longer want to receive boxes. If this is the case for you, please reply to the office to let us know you no longer want to receive a box. This will help us determine how many boxes to purchase for next year.

Thanks,

Laurie & Marci

SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE

Sign up on the message board in the Narthex to water the plants for summer.

Thank you in advance!



The Loverti Family, Joe, Stephanie, Joey and Thea are happy to be new members of CRLC. They joined in November along with Stephanie's mother, Susan Pilgrim. Stephanie and Joe have been married for 23 years and have twins, Joey and Thea who are ready to start 7th grade in the fall. They live in Independence along with Stephanie's mother, Susan Pilgrim.

The family is originally from Dayton, but moved to Michigan for Joe's job with the Coast Guard. They were eager to move back to Ohio and had that opportunity in 2020 when Joe was transferred to be in charge of the Coast Guard Recruiting Office in Cleveland. He retired after 24 years of service in the Coast Guard. Stephanie works at the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland.

Their children Joey and Thea are students at Independence Middle School. Thea enjoys gymnastics, volleyball, track and art. Joey likes golfing as well as riding, fixing, enhancing and tinkering with his dirt bike. He also enjoys landscaping projects.

Joe has many talents and interests. He is an avid golfer, wood worker, fly fisherman and musician. He plays several instruments and would play during church services at their church in Michigan. Stephanie is also very talented. She enjoys interior design (in which she has a degree), reading, cooking and growing houseplants. The entire family enjoys going thrifting at flea markets for newfound treasures.

Stephanie and Joe were raised in the Catholic Church. Once they attended a Lutheran church in Michigan and learned about the faith, they felt it was more in line with their values and what they wanted for their family. They particularly appreciate the message "All are welcome."

The family was previously attending Triune Lutheran. A member there thought they might like CRLC, especially for their children. Joey and Stephanie decided to attend a service one Sunday. When they left Joey said, "Mom, I think this is the one!" They both felt welcome and were reminded of the Lutheran church they loved back in Michigan.

We are so pleased the Loverti family has found their church home here at CRLC. We look forward to having them share their talents in worship and fellowship.

New member SPOTLIGHT



STEPHANIE AND JOE
LOVERTI
THEA AND JOEY

Meet Susan Pilgrim who became a member of CRLC in November. Susan is originally from the Dayton area where she worked as an optometric assistant and a scheduler for 3 doctors of optometry. She retired just when her twin grandchildren were born in 2014. Susan and her boxer, Lucy, moved to Independence last year to live with her daughter Stephanie's family.

Susan is quite talented and has many hobbies she has enjoyed over the years. For several years she had a crafting business and traveled to various craft shows to sell her handiwork. She even had a booth setup in the local mall near Dayton. She enjoys sewing, crafting, jigsaw puzzles and houseplants! She loves to buy sad plants from the clearance rack and bring them back to life by babying them along. She describes herself as "a crazy plant lady!"

After her daughter Stephanie spoke positively of her first visit to CRLC, Susan decided to attend a service. She said she was immediately struck by the quiet simplicity of our church. She mentioned that the next thing which drew her in was Pastor Randy's sermons; she feels his message reaches into her heart each Sunday. The warm, welcoming feeling at CRLC makes her feel comfortable and accepted. We are blessed to have Susan join our church family.

New member SPOTLIGHT



SUSAN PILGRIM

This month we are honoring long-time members Jane and Gil Perram who will be married for 71 years in September! Jane will celebrate her milestone 90th birthday on July 8th.

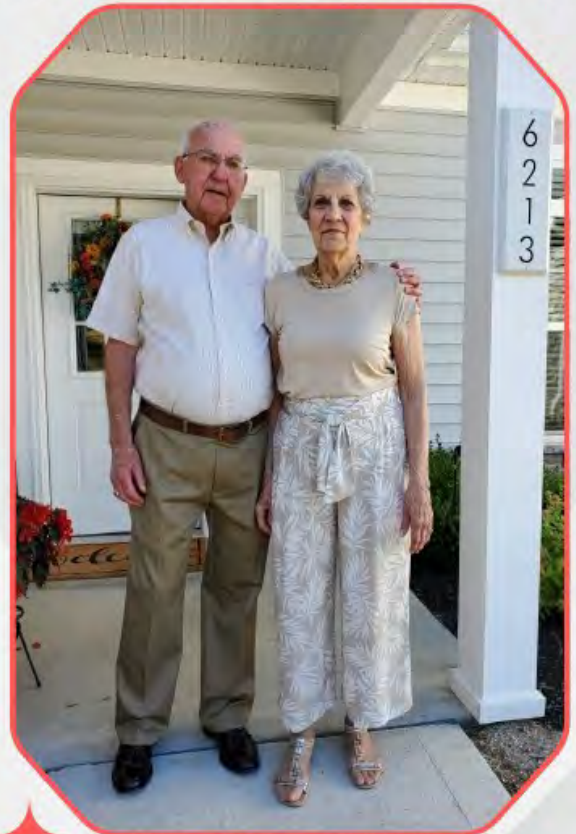
Gil was born in 1934 in his family home on Riverview Road at the intersection of Chippewa Road. He attended 12 years of school at the original Brecksville School on the square, graduating in 1952. Jane's family moved from East Cleveland to a farm in Hinckley when she was about three years old. She milked cows, drove the tractor and worked the hay fields. After about 10 years milk processing changed, ending the family farming business. She attended Brecksville High School for grades 8-10, where she met Gil. Hinckley obtained a High School program, so she transferred for grades 11-12. Jane was in the 2nd graduating class from Hinckley in 1954. A cousin and girlfriend later reconnected Jane & Gil. They were married in 1955. Gil worked for East Ohio Gas in a variety of positions, including payroll, accounting, and bookkeeping. He was involved in transitioning that work to computers before he retired on January 1, 1995. Jane was an office worker at Ford Motor Company in Walton Hills until she retired in 1997.

Jane's father had given each of his three daughters a portion of the farm in Hinckley for them to build a home. They raised their three children there and were later blessed with five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Son Greg and his family live in Willoughby Hills; Michelle and her family live in Delaware; Donna and Tom Checki (former CRLC members) now live in Tennessee. Jane and Gil transferred their membership from Our Savior Lutheran in Hinckley 30 years ago when Donna and Tom were married at CRLC. They moved from Hinckley to Windward Hills in Brecksville and then next door to Donna and Tom in Sagamore Hills. They have enjoyed being snowbirds in Bradenton, Florida for the past 24 years. A Villa at Vitalia's Seven Hills/Independence location now meets their independent lifestyle needs.

Gil and Jane enjoyed many years of worship and fellowship at CRLC. Gil was an usher for several years. They were part of the group who headed to Creekside for lunch after church on Sundays. Some members will recall that on July 4, 2013, while attending the Porthouse Theater on the grounds of Blossom Music Center with a group of CRLC members, Jane experienced a cardiac arrest. God miraculously provided other theater attendees who used their medical skills to resuscitate her. Our prayers and excellent medical care granted her amazing healing. Her pacemaker continues to maintain her health.

Birthday wishes can be mailed to: 6213 Lombardo Center South
Seven Hills, OH 44131.

Member SPOTLIGHT



**JANE AND GIL
PERRAM**

“WE THE PEOPLE OF ONE NATION”: A HYMN FOR THE U. S. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the ratification of the Declaration of Independence. This celebration will provide us with “an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation’s past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.”

On Sunday, July 5, and perhaps on several preceding Sundays or even on several successive ones, many congregations will observe the semiquincentennial by singing such classic hymns as “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” and “This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations”. However, others may wish to “look ahead toward the future” with a new hymn such as “We the People of One Nation”, first penned in 2013 but recently revised by John A. Dallas (b. 1954) and set to a new tune, PEOPLE OF ONE, composed by Patrick Michaels (b. 1954), especially for the Dallas text. Given that each stanza of the text opens with “We the people” (the first three words of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution) and closes with a variation on the entreaty “God bless America”, the hymn seems a perfect congregational prayer for commemorating the nation’s 250th birthday.

John A. Dallas is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served most recently as interim senior minister for Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. A graduate of Penn State University (BS), Lancaster Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (DMin), he was previously pastor for churches in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Florida. Two volumes of his collected hymns appear in the catalog of the Leupold Foundation.

Patrick Michaels, who studied the University of Minnesota, has been minister of music for St. James Episcopal Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts since 1983, and served as director of chapel music at the Episcopal Divinity School, also in Cambridge, from 2004 to 2012. The Leupold Foundation has published four collections of his hymn tunes and texts.

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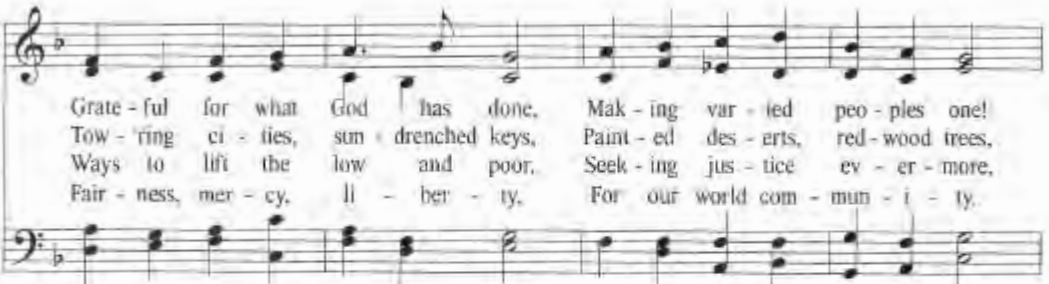
WE THE PEOPLE OF ONE NATION

John Dalles

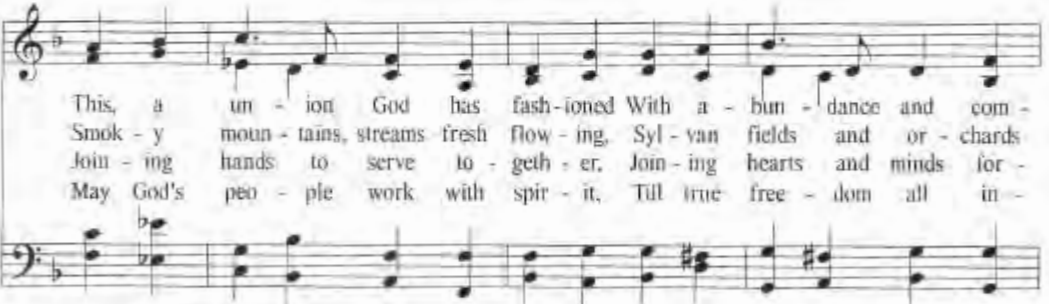
Patrick Michaels



1. We the peo - ple of one na - tion Join in praise and cel - e - bra - tion,
 2. We the peo - ple sing with plea - sure of our na - tion's boun - teous trea - sure:
 3. We the peo - ple trust God's guid - ance To en - light - en and pro - vide us
 4. We the peo - ple pledge and prom - ise To ex - tend God's grace he - yond us -



Grate - ful for what God has done, Mak - ing var - ied peo - ples one!
 Tow - ring ci - ties, sun - drenched keys, Paint - ed des - erts, red - wood trees,
 Ways to lift the low and poor, Seek - ing jus - tice ev - er - more,
 Fair - ness, mer - cy, li - ber - ty, For our world com - mun - i - ty.



This, a un - ion God has fash - ioned With a - bun - dance and com -
 Smok - y moun - tains, streams fresh flow - ing, Syl - van fields and or - chards
 Join - ing hands to serve to - geth - er, Join - ing hearts and minds for -
 May God's peo - ple work with spir - it, Till true free - dom all in -



pas - sion. God bless A - mer - i - ca this day!
 grow - ing. God bless A - mer - i - ca we pray!
 ev - er, God bless A - mer - i - ca to - day!
 her - it. God bless A - mer - i - ca al - ways!

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UPCOMING CONCERTS@CRIC 2026 SEASON



David Uschold, Organist September 20 - 4:00pm

A native of Hudson, Ohio, David Uschold holds the position of Director of Music and Organist at St. Sebastian Parish, Akron, Ohio. In 2001, Mr. Uschold took first place in the American Guild of Organist's Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists in Cleveland and was the first ever recipient of the Adele Heinrich award for organ performance in 2005. He holds both a Bachelor and Master of Music degree in organ from the Cleveland Institute of Music. His teachers include H. Dean Wagner and Todd Wilson. Mr. Uschold has an active career as an organist, choral conductor and vocalist.

Bassoon A Roo October 18 - 4:00pm

The graduate and undergraduate student bassoon ensemble at the University of Akron under the direction of Cynthia Ciofarri.

Maria Thompson Corley, Pianist November 8 - 4:00pm

Jamaican-born Canadian pianist Maria Thompson Corley gave her first public performance at the age of eight. Since then, she has appeared on radio, television, and concert stages in Canada, the United States, Central America, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Europe, both as a solo and collaborative artist, including performances in Budapest at the Liszt Academy, and in Carnegie Recital Hall, Aaron Davis Hall and Alice Tully Hall, all in New York City. She has collaborated with such artists as Metropolitan Opera soprano Priscilla Baskerville, renowned clarinetist James Campbell and Doris Hall-Gulati, Grammy-nominated baritone Randall Scarlata, and members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Her performances as soloist with orchestra include engagements with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Gunther Schuller, the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Stephen Gunzenhauser, and the Allegro Chamber Orchestra, with Brian Norcross. She has also performed with the Philadelphia-based Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra, directed by Jeri-Lynne Johnson.

All Concerts are held in the Sanctuary.

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READINGS FOR JULY

JULY 5—6th Sunday after Pentecost

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 12—7th Sunday after Pentecost

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 19—8th Sunday after Pentecost

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26—9th Sunday after Pentecost

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

The use of speech to communicate is unique to humans.

When speech is impaired or absent, the impact on a person and their family is profound. Aphasia is an impairment of the ability to *use or comprehend words*, often as a result of stroke, or other **brain injury**, including *dementia*.

Aphasia Awareness is helpful as most people are unfamiliar with this problem until a family member or friend acquires aphasia.



Aphasia is frequently caused by a stroke that *impacts the speech centers of the brain*. Other causes of brain injury are severe blows to the head, brain tumors, brain infections, and other conditions of the brain. Speech impact varies according to the location & severity of the brain damage. *It can make it hard to speak, read, write and understand others*. Some individuals recover fully, while others benefit from long-term therapy & **communication devices**.

Aphasia therapy strives to improve an individual's ability to communicate by helping the person use remaining abilities, to restore language abilities as much as possible, to compensate for language problems, and to *learn other methods of communicating* (i.e. picture charts or computer aids). A speech & language specialist provides therapy & evaluation of people experiencing aphasia. Therapy helps the individual & family understand and adjust to long-term deficits.

Although a person with aphasia can have difficulty retrieving words and names – memory of situations, people & general knowledge remain relatively intact. *The ability to access ideas and thoughts via language is disrupted*.

Additional information can assist you in communicating & supporting them.

Basic communication suggestions: <https://aphasia.org/communication-supports/> **Keep communication simple – speak slowly and clearly. Use short sentences.** Don't speak louder than normal but do *emphasize key words*. Don't talk down to a person with aphasia. **Give them time** to talk & let them have a reasonable amount of time to respond. **Ask yes/no questions** when possible. Use pictures, writing or gestures to help. Avoid speaking *for* a person with aphasia except when necessary & ask permission before doing so. **“I waited while you spoke, I listened to your reasoning; while you were searching for words” (Job 32:11).**

May God Bless you in all your communication.

Jill Koubal
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN



"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

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|---|-----------------------|
| • 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.

**SUPPORT REDEEMER
CRISIS CENTER**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

JULY 5 - AUGUST 2

**THRIVENT ACTION
TEAM SUPPORTED**

Backpacks (most importantly),
scissors, pens (black, blue, red),
spiral notebooks, crayons (only
Crayola brand), plastic pocket
notebook folders, washable
markers, glue sticks, etc.



We will also accept cash donations
- we will shop for you. Thanks in
advance!!

Please drop cash donations at the
office marked "Crisis Center
School Supplies."



LMM FOOD TRUCK



GREAT FOOD • BETTER STORY

Percentage of every purchase supports
LMM programming.

Catering • Special Events • Social Enterprise Training
Homeless Shelter Meals

Provide dignity and inclusion for individuals who are
homeless by sponsoring a shelter food truck meal.

Book an event with a custom menu.

The Metro 45 Food Truck continues to provide training opportunities and work experiences for program participants within the LMM social enterprises network. This programming prepares students for careers within a variety of culinary settings, and guides them along the way to a productive and rewarding futures. The Food Truck also brings nutritious offerings to shelters and food deserts across the NE OH region.

Please help support this worthwhile endeavor by patronizing the Metro 45 Food Truck this summer.

Weekly locations for the Metro 45 Food Truck can be found on Instagram.

If interested in booking Metro 45 to serve at your own, or your workplace special event, email :

metro45@lutheranmetro.org

Or call:
the Workforce Development Team
216-696-2715

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AGAINST HUNGER

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL
PACKAGING EVENT - SUNDAY
AUGUST 16TH 2026 • 10:30AM TO
12:30PM PM**

**HOSTED BY INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
6624 BRECKSVILLE RD, INDEPENDENCE, OH
216-524-6307**

**THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER IS BELOW; IF YOU
HAVE ANY TROUBLE VOLUNTEERING OR
DONATING, PLEASE GIVE THE OFFICE A CALL
AND WE CAN WALK YOU THROUGH IT OR
COMPLETE IT FOR YOU.**



**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE
MOST VULNERABLE AS WE PRAISE GOD AND SERVE
OTHERS JOYFULLY WITH OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
AND SISTERS.**

GUARDIANS

AUGUST 4, 2026

**LMM NIGHT OUT AT
THE GUARDIANS
GAME**

LMM IS HOSTING A NIGHT OUT AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION AND OUR PROGRAMMING. THE CLEVELAND GUARDIANS HOST THE NEW YORK METS, WITH GATES OPENING AT 5:30 PM AND FIRST PITCH AT 6:40 PM.

LIKE LAST YEAR'S EVENT, THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE AN LMM RECEPTION IN THE PAUL DAVIS PENNANT DISTRICT BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM, WHEN THE GATES OPEN AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD. THE PENNANT DISTRICT IS IN THE RIGHT FIELD UPPER DECK AND THE RECEPTION SPACE WILL BE RESERVED FOR OUR GUESTS THROUGH THE END OF THE GAME.

DURING THE 2-HOUR RECEPTION TIME (FROM 5:30 PM UNTIL ONE HOUR AFTER FIRST PITCH), LMM GUESTS WILL ENJOY UNLIMITED NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND A BALLPARK BUFFET CONSISTING OF HOT DOGS, CHIPS, POPCORN, PRETZEL BITES, NACHOS AND CHEESE, AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES.

ALL LMM GUEST GAME TICKETS WILL BE FOR SEATING NEAR THE PENNANT DISTRICT AREA (SECTIONS 424, 425, AND 426), BUT YOU ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE ENTIRE GAME FROM THE RECEPTION AREA.

TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ARE \$60.00 EACH WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THE GAME TICKET AND ACCESS TO THE PREGAME RECEPTION (\$40 PER TICKET) PLUS A DONATION TO SUPPORT LMM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (\$20 PER TICKET). PLEASE NOTE THAT \$20.00 FROM EACH TICKET YOU PURCHASE IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS, VISIT THIS SITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.LUTHERANMETRO.ORG/2026-NIGHT-OUT-AT-PROGRESSIVE-FIELD/](https://www.lutheranmetro.org/2026-night-out-at-progressive-field/), OR CLICK ON THE QR CODE BELOW, WHICH TAKES YOU DIRECTLY TO THE PAGE TO PURCHASE TICKETS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL EVENTS@LUTHERANMETRO.ORG.



TICKETS ARE LIMITED!



REMEMBER TO SIGN-UP ON THE MESSAGE BOARD TO CARPOOL

July 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!

<u>July 5</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
Assisting Minister	Linda Radefeld	Joan Castelucci
Communion Assistants	x	Mark Lickert, Dennis Nagy
Ushers	Al Radefeld, Mike Berzins	Blaine Coleman, Amy Marek
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		

<u>July 12</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
Assisting Minister	Deb Blank	Jill Koubal
Communion Assistants	x	Wendy Dralle, Maureen Michal
Ushers	Mark Evans, Ken Blank	Jeff Dentzer, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance		

<u>July 19</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am (Outdoor worship)</u>
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Jan Romance
Communion Assistants	x	x
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Lisa Antonucci	Scott Witzke, Dan Bartik
Altar Care	Cheryl Steifvater	Gail Stelmashuk
Counters: Mike Bodanza, Lisa Witzke		

<u>July 26</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	Wendy McGill
Communion Assistants	x	Kathy Hoinski, Elizabeth Marek
Ushers	Lou Carouse, Al Radefeld	Blaine Coleman, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		

Happy Birthday!

1 Linda Eckenbrecht
 2 Wendy McGill
 3 Ken Kasper
 4 Adrienne Davic
 6 Alice Sheeler**
 8 Joan Harbath
 8 Michael Jirousek
 8 Jane Perram**
 8 Christine Powers
 11 Jeff Dentzer
 11 Addison Singleton
 14 Adeline Witzke
 16 Lori Jakel
 16 Butch Koubal**
 17 Grace Dralle
 17 Cody Podsiadlo
 18 Karen Knicely
 19 Tony DeBaltzo
 19 Nick Dobrinich, Jr.
 19 Sawyer Gibson
 20 Betti Hazelton
 20 Scott Witzke
 20 Hannah Boulton
 21 Jan Romance
 23 Dan Bartik
 24 Aaron Bailey
 25 Steve Fisher
 25 Russ Snow
 27 Zachary Toghil
 27 Hailey Jane Jenkins
 27 Annette Blanc
 28 Alexander Eisenmann
 29 Guy Gullifer
 30 Joy Witzke

**= Milestone Birthday



Happy Anniversary!

1 Laurie and Al Siebert
 3 Lauren and Michael Jirousek
 3 Kari and Matt Beery
 12 Mike & Laura Medvec
 14 Cathy and Dave Thomas
 14 Beth and Thomas Spann
 24 Tonya and Brent Pagel
 24 Todd & Laura Kiick



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



DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ Did you know that our youth went on a mission trip to Indianapolis this summer? We will have a Sunday in the Adult Sunday School class this fall to hear about their experience.
- ♦ Did you know that Ken & Deb Blank represented CRLC at the most recent synod assembly? Thanks!!
- ♦ Did you know that we are taking a look at updating and refreshing our church constitution?
- ♦ 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!

CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYS FOR. . .

Our Vision and Ministry Boards

Linnet & Bob Fritz, Doris Caldart, Al Radefeld, Joani Huber,
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Lauren Jirousek, Gretchen Grossenbaugh, Ken Kasper,
Donna Franz, Mason, Julie Dillehay, Todd, Melanie, Michael Weiss,
Al & Cindy, Ellyn Drummond, Joe, Jean, Pauline Dey, Jordan, Susan,
Patrice, Rick H, Darcy, Ron, Brian Gogerty, Litman family
All military servicemen and women deployed overseas.
All those impacted by war and natural disasters.

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



JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141 440.526.2303 www.office@crlcbrecksville.org Monthly Insight submissions: insiaht@crlcbrecksville.org			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	6 7:00pm Yoga	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:00am Worship/Rev. Bill Diehm Preaching & Presiding 9:30am Worship/Rev. Bill Diehm Preaching & Presiding	13 7:00pm Yoga	14	15 Monthly Insight Deadline	16	17	18
19 8:00am Worship 9:30am Outdoor Worship	20 7:00pm Yoga	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:00am Worship/Rev. Bill Diehm Preaching & Presiding 9:30am Worship/Rev. Bill Diehm Preaching & Presiding	27 7:00pm Yoga	28	29	30	31	1

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