

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

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# INSIGHT

September 2026

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 8:00 & 9:30AM**

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13TH 8:00 & 10:30AM**

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

***Church Office is Closed on Monday***

**9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS**

**9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY**

## FROM THE PASTOR

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." — Ecclesiastes 3:1

September has arrived, and with it comes that annual miracle: "everyone suddenly has somewhere to be." The lazy days of summer begin to give way to school schedules, football games, meetings, activities, and calendars that seem to multiply overnight. The flip-flops are still around, but the calendar is already telling us it's time to get serious.

Here at CRLC, we are getting back into the rhythm, too! After a summer of vacations, travel, family gatherings, outdoor adventures, and perhaps a few Sunday mornings when the alarm clock mysteriously failed to go off, our regular programming is returning. Sunday School, Bible studies, youth activities, meetings, fellowship events, concerts @ CRLC and other ministries are beginning again.

Of course, we all know that church programming is not really about programs. It is about people. It is about gathering together, catching up with someone we haven't seen in a while, learning something new, sharing a laugh, praying for one another, and discovering new ways to serve God and our neighbors. Summer has its season. Rest has its season. Vacation has its season.

There is something comforting about returning to familiar rhythms. We may not always get excited about every item on the calendar, but we can be grateful for the opportunities those gatherings provide. A meeting can become a ministry. A Bible study can become a place of friendship. A Sunday School class can become a community. A simple conversation in the church hallway can be exactly what someone needed that day.

As we enter September, we will soon be rolling out a renewed approach to our 'time and talent' that our Ministry Coordinator Tonya Pagel has been working on. I ask you to approach this with an open mind and prayerful discernment.

Think about being involved in new ways and familiar ways. Maybe it is a ministry you have never tried. Maybe it is a class you have been thinking about. Maybe it is volunteering on something you do not know a lot about yet.

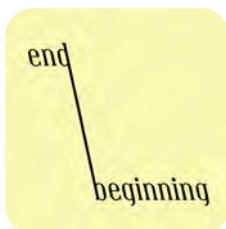
I'm looking forward to seeing you, laughing with you, worshiping with you, and discovering together what God has in store for the months ahead...

***See you in worship,***

***Pastor Randy***

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## REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE ENDS



Following Labor Day Weekend our Sunday morning worship schedule changes: Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 and Sunday School resumes at 9:15AM.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our time, talent and resources...

Later this month you will be receiving a letter about our stewardship resources for 2026, including the annual intention of giving cards. You will also be hearing about a refreshed approach to sharing our "Time and Talent" in our ministry together.

On Sunday, October 4th, we hope to collect any remaining Intention of Giving cards that help guide us in our financial planning for 2027.

Our congregation is truly blessed by those who serve and support this great community of faith. Let's keep growing with each other and sharing our journeys as we are "Praising God, Serving Others."



## PARTNERSHIP

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

## THEO-THURSDAY



Theo Thursdays resume this month. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will be back at Demetrios Restaurant (Broadview Heights) on Thursday, September 17th @ 9:30AM.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

Pastor Randy is in the process of putting together our next welcoming of new members. If you would be interested in joining CRLC, you can reach out to Pastor Randy by letting him know in person, calling the church office 440-526-2303, or emailing him at: [pastorrandy@crlcbrecksville.org](mailto:pastorrandy@crlcbrecksville.org).

## 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
- Time and Talent
- Annual Meeting
- Reformation Dinner
- Concert at CRLC
- Adult Sunday School
- Sunday School & Children's Church
- Team Up to Clean Up
- Oasis After School Program
- Use2Bees Concert
- CRLC Social Game Group
- CRLC Picnic
- Guardians Game Winner

## ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on Sunday, November 22nd following the 9:30AM service. (Yes 9:30 service that day – more details to come). The annual reports, budget proposal, and constitutional changes will be made available 2 weeks ahead of this meeting. On the agenda will be the proposed 2027 Mission Investment Plan and the election of our leadership positions.

## REFORMATION DINNER is back again!



Once again, courtesy of the Paul and Suzana Koch family (in remembrance of Fred Koch) we will once again have a Reformation Dinner immediately following the 10:30 Reformation Sunday worship on Sunday, October 25th. For accurate planning and ordering, there will soon be sign up for this catered meal (with a German flare), at the message center in the narthex!

## SINCERE THANK YOU



Thank you so very much for helping set up, serve and clean up the funeral luncheon at CRLC for our Mom and Grandmother. Please extend our gratitude and acknowledge all who helped too—the bakers, the set up, servers and clean up. The tables looked lovely. Like Mom—the colors, the variety of flowers...they were beautiful.

Love, The Gerstner and The Caldart Families

Amanda and Ken Dobbins joined CRLC about 2 years ago. At that time their son Oliver was just a baby. Amanda remembered going to Vacation Bible School at CRLC from the time she was in second grade up until she was old enough to be a helper. Her grandma, Jean Morrison, brought her to VBS every year. It was those fond memories and the connection which brought her and Ken here when they planned to get married. After moving back to the area, they were "church shopping" and made the decision that CRLC was the right church for them because of the welcoming feeling, friendly congregation and Pastor Randy.

Amanda went to West Virginia University and earned a BFA in photography with a minor in advertising. She currently works in marketing as a general campaign manager for a cybersecurity company. Ken went to the University of Mount Union where he earned an environmental science degree. He works for ODOT in construction management.

The Dobbins live in Aurora with their 2 children, Oliver who is 3 ½ years old and Holland (Holly) who is 6 months old. Oliver has career goals to become a pilot someday; he loves planes and airports. He is looking forward to joining Sunday School this fall. Their family also includes 2 dogs and 14 chickens!

Amanda and Ken are very active and love the outdoors. They like to go tent camping, canoeing, kayaking, boating and paddleboarding. We look forward to watching this young family grow at CRLC.

## Member SPOTLIGHT



Amanda and Ken Dobbins  
Oliver and Holly

## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY: MEANING, HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.  
Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.  
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all.*

Refrain:

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

These are the words of the hymn “One Bread, One Body” by John B. Foley. I’d like to share some information on this hymn’s meaning, history and theology. Be sure to come to worship on September 6 to hear Mark Hayes’ arrangement of “One Bread, One Body.”

"One Bread, One Body" is John B. Foley's 1978 Communion song, first released in his collection "Wood Hath Hope." Drawing on 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and Didache 9, it connects Eucharistic participation with Christian unity and diverse gifts. Its central claim is therefore not an abstract appeal for people to get along, but a sacramental and ecclesial confession: those who share in Christ are called to live as his one body.

The song presents unity as a divine gift that gathers real human diversity. Ethnic background, social condition, sex, vocation, and spiritual gifts do not become meaningless, but none may be used to establish superior standing in Christ. The Holy Spirit gives different forms of service for the good of the whole community.

This union of Eucharist, Scripture, and congregational participation explains the song's pastoral usefulness. It can accompany Communion, teach the church's corporate identity, and challenge communities whose worship is contradicted by exclusion, rivalry, or neglect. Its prayer is credible when the assembly's common table leads to reconciliation, mutual honor, and service.

"One Bread, One Body" emerged from the rapid renewal of Roman Catholic congregational music after the Second Vatican Council. The council's liturgical reforms encouraged vernacular worship and the active participation of the assembly. At Saint Louis University, young Jesuits and their colleagues began writing accessible English songs rooted in Scripture for the communities with whom they worshiped. John Foley became one of the five composers known as the St. Louis Jesuits, alongside Bob Dufford, Roc O'Connor, Dan Schutte, and Tim Manion.

Foley wrote both text and tune in 1978. The song appeared on his debut solo collection, "Wood Hath Hope," originally published that year by North American Liturgy Resources while Foley was still associated with the St. Louis Jesuits. The text draws most directly on Paul's teaching about Eucharistic participation and the church as one body in 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, the diversity of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, and unity in Christ in Galatians 3:28. Its final imagery is also associated in hymnals with Didache 9.

First Corinthians 10:16-17 is the song's controlling passage. Paul connects participation in the blessed cup and broken bread with participation in Christ, then draws an ecclesial conclusion: the many are one body because they share the one loaf. Communion and church unity are therefore inseparable in the song's biblical world.

First Corinthians 12:4-7 develops unity without uniformity. The Spirit distributes different gifts, the Lord calls people to different forms of service, and God works through varied activities. These differences are not private possessions or grounds for status; the Spirit's manifestation is given for the common good.

## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY: MEANING, HISTORY AND THEOLOGY— CONTINUED

Galatians 3:28 addresses divisions of ethnicity, social condition, and sex by locating believers' primary identity in Christ. The passage does not erase human particularity. It denies that such distinctions determine access to Christ or rank within the redeemed community.

Didache 9 is a valuable early Christian parallel rather than part of the biblical canon. Its prayer about scattered grain gathered into bread and the church gathered into God's kingdom shows how early Christians connected Eucharistic thanksgiving, unity, and eschatological hope.

Foley's tune bears the same name as the song. In "The United Methodist Hymnal" of 1989, Gary Alan Smith is credited for a 1988 harmonization.

The song soon crossed denominational boundaries. It entered "The United Methodist Hymnal" in 1989, the Episcopal collection "Lift Every Voice and Sing II" in 1993, the Presbyterian "Book of Praise" in 1997, "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" in 2006, and later ecumenical collections such as "Lift Up Your Hearts" and "Glory to God." Later bilingual and Spanish-language editions, including "Un Pan, Un Cuerpo," extended its use further.

The song expresses a Eucharistic ecclesiology: Communion is a participation in Christ that reveals and strengthens the church's identity as his body. In Lutheran theology, the Eucharist is not merely a symbol of an already existing fellowship; it is a sacramental participation in Christ's self-giving presence that nourishes ecclesial communion.

Unity in Christ is neither sameness nor sentimental harmony. The New Testament passages behind the song preserve a community of different peoples, callings, and gifts while rejecting the use of those differences as a hierarchy of worth. The Holy Spirit creates communion by directing varied gifts toward the common good.

The song also carries an ethical demand. A congregation cannot convincingly celebrate sacramental unity while tolerating contempt, exclusion, racial hostility, class superiority, or competition among ministries. Reconciliation and mutual care are not optional additions to Eucharistic worship; they are consequences of receiving life together in Christ.

Mark Hayes was raised in a creative musical environment, beginning piano lessons at age ten and developing his improvisational skills at an early age. He earned a B.M. in piano performance, magna cum laude, from Baylor University. During his college years his dream of becoming a composer and arranger was born and nurtured. Now an internationally known writer, conductor, and concert pianist, his career has blossomed into international tours to Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, South Africa and Canada.

Hayes' music is found in the music libraries of churches and universities around the world. His compositions and arrangements are known for their unique American sound, drawing from such diverse musical styles such as gospel, jazz, pop, folk and classical. Mr. Hayes' personal catalog, totaling over 2,000 published works, includes work for solo voice, solo piano, multiple pianos, orchestra, jazz combo, small instrumental ensembles, and choruses of all kinds. He is honored to have his music regularly featured at ACDA, MENC and Chorus America conventions. Hayes is regularly commissioned by churches, universities, children's choruses, and community choruses to write original choral works.

Mr. Hayes is also sought after as an orchestrator and music producer. He has recorded over 25 solo piano recordings ranging from jazz to classical to gospel and is a favorite arranger of church pianists throughout the world. Mark Hayes is a recurring recipient of the Standard Award from ASCAP, and his album, "I've Just Seen Jesus," received the Dove Award, the equivalent to a Grammy in gospel music. In June 2010 Mark released his first CD of original songs titled All Is Well, featuring Kansas City jazz artist, Monique Danielle.

In 2010, Baylor University Center for Christian Music Studies awarded Mark the Award for Exemplary Leadership in Christian Music. Hayes received the first-place composition award in the eighth annual John Ness Beck Foundation competition.

Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission "to create beautiful music for the world".



Concerts @ CRLC Present

# David Uschold, Organist

20 September, 2026  
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.



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UPCOMING  
**CONCERTS@CRIC**  
2026 SEASON



**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 SEPTEMBER

## SEPTEMBER 6—15th Sunday after Pentecost

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

## SEPTEMBER 13—16th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

## SEPTEMBER 20—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Jonah 3:10—4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

## SEPTEMBER 27—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

*"...And when we live in the light, the blood of Jesus, God's Son, is making us **clean** from every sin"*

(1 John 1:7). **Blood** is a powerful symbol in the Bible. It is life sustaining for humans. Blood is living tissue made up of liquid and solids. The liquid part is called plasma. The solid part of your blood contains red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. Blood has many functions: transporting oxygen & nutrients to the lungs and tissues, forming blood clots to prevent excess blood loss, carrying cells & antibodies that fight infection, bringing waste products to the kidneys & liver, which filter and clean the blood, and regulating body temperature.

**Red blood cells** deliver oxygen from your lungs to your tissues and organs. **White blood cells** fight infection and are part of your body's defense system. **Platelets** help blood to clot. Bone marrow, the spongy material inside your bones, makes new blood cells. September health focus is blood cancers: *leukemia and lymphoma*, as well as **blood disorders**. Many people have little knowledge about blood disorders. A hematologist is a doctor who specializes in blood disorders. A good resource is: <http://www.hematology.org/Patients/>

Symptoms of blood disorders are often vague and nonspecific. Although no single symptom unmistakably indicates a blood disorder, certain groups of symptoms suggest the possibility. Such groups of symptoms most commonly relate to *decreases in blood cells*, such as a reduced number of red blood cells (anemia), a reduced number of white blood cells (leukopenia), or a reduced number of platelets (thrombocytopenia). For example, a person who has fatigue, weakness, and shortness of breath may have anemia. A person who has fever and infection may have too few white blood cells. A person who bleeds or bruises easily may have too few platelets.

**Anemia** is the most common blood disorder. When you have anemia, *your body lacks oxygen*, so you may experience one or more of the following symptoms: weakness-shortness of breath-dizziness-fast or irregular heartbeat-pounding or "whooshing" in your ears-headache-cold hands or feet-pale or yellow skin-chest pain.

Many people are at risk for anemia because of poor diet, intestinal disorders, chronic diseases, infections, and other conditions. **The risk of anemia increases as people grow older**. Many people do not even realize that they have anemia until it is identified in a blood test. Sports anemia relates to intense physical training. <https://healthmatch.io/anemia/sports-anemia>

**Blood clotting, or coagulation**, prevents excessive bleeding when a blood vessel is injured. **Platelets** (a type of blood cell) and proteins in your plasma (the liquid part of blood) work together to stop the bleeding by forming a clot over the injury. Typically, your body will naturally dissolve the blood clot after the injury has healed. Sometimes, however, clots form on the inside of vessels without an obvious injury or do not dissolve naturally. These situations can be dangerous and require accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment. Clotting problems can lead to: deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary (lung) embolism, or atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) leading to a heart attack or stroke.

Praise and thanks to God who provides us with life. Guide those who help us maintain our physical health and provide healing for our bodies. We are grateful for the blood of Christ Jesus which has cleansed us from sin and provides us with the ultimate healing.



*Jill Koubal*  
Parish Nurse, RN, BSN

## THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS RETURNS!!



We resume our schedule on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Henry Duitman will be leading a two-week series on the music of Handel's *Messiah*:

### ***"Words, Music, Meaning"***

#### ***Exploring Handel's Messiah — A perfect marriage of music to text***

Does music by itself have meaning? When paired with words does the meaning of the text change? How did this pairing develop in western church music and how does a skillful composer like Handel use music to amplify meaning?

Through listening to examples from *Messiah* and other music we will try to better understand, appreciate, and enjoy the unique meaning that text with music can provide.

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> our youth and chaperones will share about their summer mission trip to Indianapolis.

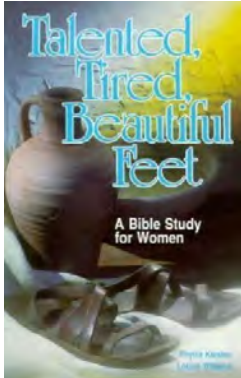
***ALSO COMING IN OCTOBER: Professor John Byron will be back with us for a three-week series starting October 4<sup>th</sup>!***

***ALSO coming, a little further down the road, Pastor Randy will be leading a series on issues surrounding the end of life. This is slated to begin on Reformation Sunday – October 25<sup>th</sup>!***

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on September 2nd at 10:00am.

The ladies of the monthly Wednesday morning Bible Study will be using this resource.



"**Talented, Tired, Beautiful Feet: A Bible Study for Women**" is a 64-page paperback book authored by ELCA Pastor Phyllis N. Kersten and ELCA Deacon E. Louise Williams.

This book is no longer in print, so we will create copies for those interested in attending.

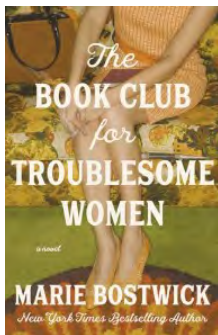
**Please contact me or use the sign-up sheet on the message board in the Narthex so that we will know how many copies to print.**

The church recently obtained a new copy machine, so I am uncertain of the cost but we anticipate it to be between \$5-\$10.

We will have copies available on Sunday, August 31 - if not before.

If you are unable to join us, but would like a copy to use personally that is an option also.

Thank you to Judy Hoshek for recommending this resource. This Christian Bible study focuses on themes of service and renewal.



## CRLC FAITHFUL READERS

Meeting on September 16th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for September is "The Book Club for Troublesome Women" by Marie Bostwick.

## FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This coming Fall we have the class divisions and teachers for Sunday School:

3-4 year olds - Jacki Kerrick

5yrs - grade 2 - Michelle Toghil

3rd-5th grade -Amy Benza

Thank you teachers!

These divisions were based on ages, individuals, and class sizes.

There will also be a substitute and/or support person, as needed.

The Children's Church time will have a 4-person team to support this group. Annette Blanc is one team member - thank you Annette!

Watch for more information coming soon!

Contact Kathy Hoinski at [kmhoinski@aol.com](mailto:kmhoinski@aol.com), or the office if you are interested in helping with Sunday School and the Children's Church Time.





*"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.



# Team Up to Clean Up

Join LMM for our annual 'Team Up to Clean Up' on **Saturday, September 19!**

This event is a great way to pitch in with a helping hand, for a short time on a Saturday morning.

Members of CRLC who have attended in recent years have found it to be informative, uplifting, and totally fun! All ages are welcomed, no specific skills are necessary. There is something for everyone, come and go as you please. More details are listed below.

Hope you can clear your calendar and join with others to make a meaningful difference at the Shelter.  
Mark the date...

It will be a day of community building, gardening, artistic creations, neighborhood cleanup, cooking out, and live music.

Registration begins at 8:30am, and will follow the schedule below:

Projects from 9:00am-11:45am  
Program remarks at 11:45am  
Cookout from 12:00pm-1:00pm

This fun and memorable event takes place at LMM's Men's Shelter, at 2100 Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland!

Please RSVP to Lydia Bailey, [lbailey@lutheranmetro.org](mailto:lbailey@lutheranmetro.org), or 216-649-7723 to get involved!

**SEPTEMBER**  
**19th**

**9 AM - 1 PM**



**OASIS OUTREACH**

# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

**The Elms school in  
Akron**

**Collection runs through  
September 30th**

## ITEMS NEEDED:

- Individual bags of nut-free snacks (ie. fruit snacks, pretzels, goldfish)
- Coloring books for Kindergarten-6th grade
- Printer paper (for drawing)
- Sharpened pencils
- Stickers
- Scotch tape

**THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THEM AS  
THEY SERVE DISADVANTAGED YOUTH**

**DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE GATHERING SPACE**

## OFFICE HELP NEEDED!

The office staff are looking for a volunteer to take our recycled paper and cardboard to the Brecksville recycle center on Saturdays, open from 9:00am—12:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your help!



## SIGN-UP FOR COFFEE HOUR TO BE A HOST FOR FALL

Sign-up sheet is on the message board in the Narthex.

A sign for "COFFEE HOUR" with a coffee cup illustration and coffee beans. The text on the sign reads: "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." The sign is set against a background of coffee beans and a cup of coffee.

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# USE2BEES ALUMNI PEP BAND CONCERT

Please join us for a fundraiser concert  
Free will offering to benefit The James L. Roytz Award Memorial  
Scholarship

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 AT 11:00AM  
CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
9201 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE OHIO 44141



James (Jim) Roytz was mentor to generations of students and residents as Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Director of Bands from 1984 to 2005 and founder of Brecksville Community Band. The James L. Roytz Memorial Scholarship is awarded each spring to a graduating senior of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Music Program.



The Buzz Tones  
Brecksville-Broadview  
Heights High School  
Alumni Jazz Band



Kirk O'Riordan  
Saxophonist  
Composer | Conductor  
Brecksville Alumnus  
1987



Holly Roadfeldt  
Pianist

Gifts to the scholarship can also be made at [www.bbhsf.org](http://www.bbhsf.org); Brecksville - Broadview Heights School Foundation. Please note that your gift is to be directed to the James L. Roytz Band Award.

Questions?  
440-915-2042  
[use2bees@gmail.com](mailto:use2bees@gmail.com)

## REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This years school supply initiative brought in 55 bookbags, along with a myriad of school supplies.

Along with the generous partnership from Thrivent and the generous donations of our CRLC members, the students will have a great start to their school year and are most appreciative of these gifts.



# CRLC CHURCH PICNIC

Who: ALL are Invited!

Bring a friend to Sunday School ... Stay for food, fun and games!

What: End of Summer Picnic, Games and Fellowship  
with CRLC Family

Where: CRLC Grounds and Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, September 13th  
After 10:30 Service

**Signup in the Narthex!!**

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Ice Cream provided  
Bring something to share ... see signup in Narthex



Questions ... or if you can help with  
setup/cleanup contact:

Jeanne Travaglianti

440-667-9803

[jctbeantown@gmail.com](mailto:jctbeantown@gmail.com)



# CRLC SOCIAL GAME GROUP



**SATURDAY  
SEPT. 19TH**

**6:00PM**

**The Coleman's Home**

2146 Rusnak Trail, Broadview Heights

Judy and Blaine Coleman will provide the main course. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Let the Coleman's know if you will be attending at: Email: Judy - 440-227-3248 [judylyncol@aol.com](mailto:judylyncol@aol.com), or Blaine - 440-227-3249 [blainecole@aol.com](mailto:blainecole@aol.com)

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

### AUGUST 4TH NIGHT OUT AT THE GUARDIANS GAME

LMM hosted a night out at Progressive Field for an evening of fellowship and fun. Sixteen CRLC members attended the game against the New York Mets. Although our team lost, there was one winner—**Linda Radefeld** won the Tanner Bibee jersey. For those of you not familiar with Tanner Bibee, he's one of the Guardians pitchers.

Congratulations Linda!



## September Volunteers In Parish Service

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

*Thank you for your service!*

| <u>September 6</u>                       | <u>8:00 am</u>         | <u>9:30 am</u>              |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assisting Minister                       | Deb Blank              | Kathy Hoinski               |
| Communion Assistants                     | x                      | Lee Knicely, Maureen Michal |
| Ushers                                   | Mark Evans, Todd Klick | Blaine Coleman, Dana Vrcan  |
| Altar Care                               | Gail Stelmaschuk       | Dana Vrcan                  |
| Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa |                        |                             |

| <u>September 13</u>                  | <u>8:00 am</u>           | <u>10:30 am</u>            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assisting Minister                   | Linda Radefeld           | Julie Hammond              |
| Communion Assistants                 | x                        | Pam & Bill Waltz           |
| Ushers                               | Don Laubacher, Ken Blank | Scott Witzke, Jeff Dentzer |
| Altar Care                           | Cheryl Stiefvater        | Linda Eckenbrecht          |
| Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance |                          | Coffee host:               |

| <u>September 20</u>                 | <u>8:00 am</u>            | <u>10:30 am</u>             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assisting Minister                  | Lou Carouse               | Chris Schuhle               |
| Communion Assistants                | x                         | Adrianne Davic, Debbie Dey  |
| Ushers                              | Mike Berzins, Al Radefeld | Grace Dralle, Frank Boulton |
| Altar Care                          | Pam & Bob Bertsch         | Shirley Fisher              |
| Counters: Mike Bodanza, Lisa Witzke |                           | Coffee host:                |

| <u>September 27</u>                              | <u>8:00 am</u>              | <u>10:30 am</u>           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Assisting Minister                               | Steve Wilson                | Wendy McGill              |
| Communion Assistants                             | x                           | Wendy Dralle, Jan Romance |
| Ushers                                           | Lou Carouse, Adrianne Davic | Dennis Nagy, Bill Waltz   |
| Altar Care                                       | Dorthea Kramer              | Dana Vrcan                |
| Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Famey |                             | Coffee host:              |

## Happy Birthday!

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

23 Laura Medvec\*\*  
29 Carol Lebanik  
30 Vivien Luksa  
30 Marilee Meinzer  
30 Alyssa Miterko

\*\*= Milestone Birthday



## Happy Anniversary!

1 Clayton & Karly Shaver  
1 Henry & Lisa Duitman  
2 Sarah & Kyle Hardison  
7 Chaleo and James Pohle  
7 Karen and Ryan Haely  
7 Joan and Jim Castelucci  
17 Jane and Gil Perram  
17 Lisa & Mark Antonucci  
17 Joel Bussard & Nick Travagianti  
18 Jeanne and Paul Travagianti  
22 Lisa and Scott Witzke  
23 Linda and Frank Shima  
25 Rachael and Carl Glissman  
30 Cristina and Steve Wells



HELLO  
September



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

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



- ♦ Did you know that our youth went on a mission trip to Indianapolis this summer? On Sunday, September 27th, in the Adult Sunday School class you will have an opportunity to hear about their experience.
- ♦ Did you know that George and Gail Stelmuschuk sealed the pathways back to the outdoor chapel! THANK YOU!!!
- ♦ Did you know that we are already working on 2027 ministry?
- ♦ Did you know that confirmation will occur on Reformation Sunday, October 25th?
- ♦ Did you know that at the time of this writing, we are still working on installing a completely new phone system at the church after our old one failed? It has been quite the process.
- ♦ Did you know that we are updating and refreshing our church constitution? The Vision Board just recommended the changes. This will be made available to the congregation and will be voted on at our annual congregational meeting in November.
- ♦ Did you know that Tonya, our Ministry Coordinator, is helping to rework our annual Time and Talent process? Look for more information on this in the near future.
- ♦ 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**

Beery Family, Kathleen Zaker, Lucas Witzke, Helen Soucek  
Karl Kessler, Al Siebert, Caldart Family, Lauren Jirousek,  
Booher/Carouse families, Mike Berzins, Annie Root,  
Linnet & Bob Fritz, Al Radefeld, Dave Minerovic, Mary Lott,  
Alberta Manzi, Jessica Travaglianti, Carole Wooten,  
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, Litman family, Lloyd, Kelly, Don Bryan,  
Sarah Klaus, Regina, Lanny Anderson  
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.

# SEPTEMBER 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                                                                         |
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| 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 31                       | 1                           | 2                                              | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4      | 5                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7:00pm Yoga              |                             | 10:00am Ladies Bible Study                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                                                  |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7                        | 8                           | 9                                              | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11     | 12                                                                                               |
| 8:00am<br>Worship/Dobbins<br>Baptism<br>9:30am Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Labor Day<br>7:00pm Yoga |                             |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                                                  |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 14                       | 15                          | 16                                             | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 18     | 19                                                                                               |
| 8:00am-10:00am Adult Sunday School<br>10:00am-11:00am Children's Church<br>11:00am-12:00pm Adult Sunday School<br>12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch<br>1:00pm-2:00pm Adult Sunday School<br>2:00pm-3:00pm Children's Church<br>3:00pm-4:00pm Adult Sunday School<br>4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Church<br>5:00pm-6:00pm Adult Sunday School<br>6:00pm-7:00pm Children's Church<br>7:00pm-8:00pm Adult Sunday School<br>8:00pm-9:00pm Children's Church<br>9:00pm-10:00pm Adult Sunday School<br>10:00pm-11:00pm Children's Church<br>11:00pm-12:00am Adult Sunday School | 7:00pm Yoga              | Monthly Insight<br>Deadline | 10:00am Faithful<br>Readers Book<br>Discussion | 9:30am Theo<br>Thursday at<br>Demetrios                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        | 9:00am-1:00pm LWW<br>Team up to Clean up<br>5:00pm<br>Fellowship/Cards Night<br>at the Coleman's |
| 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 21                       | 22                          | 23                                             | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 25     | 26                                                                                               |
| 8:00am Worship<br>9:15am-10:15am Adult<br>Sunday School-Henry Duesman<br>-Music of Handel's Messiah<br>9:15am-10:15am Sunday School-<br>Ages<br>10:30am-11:30am<br>11:30am-12:30pm Concert: David<br>Uschalski, Organist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7:00pm Yoga              | First Day of<br>Autumn      |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | 11:00am<br>Use 28 Bees Alumni<br>Pep Band<br>Concert                                             |
| 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 28                       | 29                          | 30                                             | CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH<br>9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141<br>440.526.2303 <a href="http://www.office@crclcbrecksville.org">www.office@crclcbrecksville.org</a><br>Monthly Insight submissions: <a href="mailto:insight@crclcbrecksville.org">insight@crclcbrecksville.org</a> |        |                                                                                                  |
| 8:00am Worship<br>9:15am-10:15am Adult<br>Sunday School-YAC<br>Summer mission trip to<br>Indianapolis<br>9:15am Sunday School-All<br>Ages<br>10:30am-11:30am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7:00pm Yoga              |                             |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                                                  |

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