

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

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INSIGHT

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FROM THE PASTOR

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)

October, my favorite month of the year, is one of those months when the world seems to change so quickly. One day you get up and it seems the leaves turned colors overnight, the mornings get a little cooler, pumpkins appear on porches, (some are already there) and suddenly we are all reminded that summer really is over. I already had a pumpkin spiced oil change for my car!

October is also a month that reminds us that change isn't always a bad thing. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther famously challenged some of the practices of the church of his day by circulating his 95 Theses. His concerns helped set in motion what we still celebrate in the church as the Reformation.

We sometimes picture Luther storming up to a church door with a hammer, ready to change the world. The actual history is a little more complicated, but the important thing is this: Luther believed the church was always capable of being reformed, renewed, and brought back to its central purpose. That is a good reminder for us today.

The church is not a museum where everything has to remain exactly as it was. Neither is it a place where we change everything simply because we're bored. The church is a living community of people trying, sometimes imperfectly, to follow Jesus in a changing world.

Every congregation has traditions we love. We have favorite hymns, familiar prayers, annual events, comfortable routines—and there's nothing wrong with any of that. But occasionally God invites us to ask a Luther-like question: Is there something we need to reconsider? Is there someone we need to welcome? Is there a ministry we need to begin? Is there something we've always done that no longer helps us share the love of Christ?

As you hopefully already know, we are rolling out a new way to do our 'time and talent', the ways we carry out discipleship in the place. Thanks to our new ministry coordinator, Tonya Pagel, we have this new approach. Maybe now is also a good time to consider a new ministry to be a part of yourself in this coming year.

Reformation is not simply about changing things. It is about remembering why we are here. After all, God has never been afraid of making things new.

So as we enjoy the beautiful colors of October, celebrate Halloween, give thanks for the people around us, and prepare for the coming seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent, let us also remember that a little reformation can be good for all of us. Maybe Martin Luther was onto something. And if we happen to find a hammer lying around the church, let's just agree to use it for hanging a bulletin board.

***See you in worship,
Pastor Randy
PGSO***

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, please sign up for this catered meal (with a German flare), at the message center in the Narthex!

ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendar for our annual meeting on Sunday, November 22nd following the 9:30AM special service. The annual reports and proposals will be made available 2 weeks ahead of this meeting. On the agenda will be the proposed 2027 Mission Investment Plan, the election of our leadership positions, and a proposed update to our church constitution.

PARTNERSHIP

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

“THEO-THURSDAY” RETURNS



Theo Thursday is back after its normal summer hiatus. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Demetrios restaurant in Broadview Heights on Thursday, October 22nd @ 9:30AM.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining Christ the Redeemer Lutheran, 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.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pastor Randy's Message
- Reformation Dinner
- Our Stewardship Ministry
- Time and Talent Survey
- Sunday School & Childrens Church
- Adult Sunday School
- Women's Fellowship & Creativity Evening
- Dine to Donate
- CRLC Social Game Group
- Women's Advent Social
- Lake Chautauqua

SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you to the person, or persons who have been taking the office recycling to the recycle center. We greatly appreciate your help!



OUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



Our time, talent and resources...

By the time of you reading this newsletter article, you will have hopefully received by one form or another three things:

1 – TIME & TALENT SURVEY: “*SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER*” This year we have an entire new format and approach to this important aspect of ministry together. While hard copies are available, this can now be done entirely online. Follow the QR code to start the process. There are ones for adults, youth, and children. There are also a few video links in the Worship area to highlight a few of the ministries (these also have QR codes).

2- The video link on our stewardship and discipleship: “The Ups & Downs of Ministry.” I encourage you to check it out.

3- A stewardship letter that contains an “Estimate of Giving Card” for giving for 2027. A reminder that this is an estimate of your financial contributions and not a pledge! This helps us in our stewardship. We are asking that these are returned by October 10th. Thanks!

Your participation in all three of these areas marks a significant practice of faith and stewardship in our ministry and discipleship in this place.

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.”

Time and Talent Survey

Serving Christ Together



The Time and Talent Survey is designed to help CRLC members discover meaningful opportunities to grow spiritually, serve Christ, and care for others through their unique talents and abilities. God has blessed each of us with gifts to enrich our community and strengthen the body of Christ. Serving Christ Together brings joy, fosters community, and makes a meaningful impact for God's work in the world. Please take time for prayerful reflection on your skills, life experiences, and passions, considering how God may be calling you to contribute to our ministry at Christ the Redeemer.

This year our Time and Talent Survey has been updated to a digital version. Since we all have gifts to share, the Youth and Sunday School children will have their own survey to complete during the Sunday School hour. Each confirmed member should complete his/her own survey. You can click on the link or scan the QR code to submit your response to the survey. Hard copies will be available in the Message Center area if you are more comfortable with that format.

CLICK HERE TO
SUBMIT YOUR
SURVEY

OR



“GOD ALONE BE PRAISED”

"God Alone Be Praised" is a Christian hymn with text by Susan R. Briehl and music composed by Zebulon M. Highben. It was commissioned in 2016 by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) to celebrate its 30th anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The text is inspired by Psalm 46. Highben composed two tunes for the text: *AD LUCEM* and *PER CRUCEM*. The hymn was premiered at the ALCM regional conference in 2016. The hymn is featured in the All Creation Sings hymnal supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The text is as follows:

Oceans rise, the coastland trembles; mountains melt and dry earth crumbles. All the world with longing groans. Love abides; this gracious promise is our help our hope and solace. God's strong word is solid ground.

Nations rage the empire falters; seeking refuge exiles wander. Walls and weapons rise from fear. Through this wilderness a river flows to heal and bless us ever. God the crucified dwells here.

Come and see; God's mercy gathers all the sin and grief have shattered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be still; let prideful thunder yield to songs of joy and wonder. God and God alone be praised.

The *Concordia Self-Study Bible* describes Psalm 46 as “a celebration of the security of Jerusalem as the city of God (the inspiration of Martin Luther’s great hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” because Jerusalem anticipates the church as the “city of God”). It probably predates the exile. However, as a song concerning the “city of God”, the royal city of his kingdom on earth, it remained for Israel a song of hope celebrating the certain triumph of God’s kingdom. It probably was originally liturgical and sung at the temple: The citizens of Jerusalem (or the Levitical choir in the stead) apparently sang the opening stanzas (vv. 1-3) and the responses (vv. 7,11), while the Levitical leader of the liturgy probably sang the second and third stanzas (vv. 4-6, 8-10). In its structure, apart from the refrains (vv.7, 11), the psalm is composed of three symmetrical stanzas, each containing three verses.”

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

“GOD ALONE BE PRAISED” - CONTINUED

A conductor, composer, and scholar of sacred music, Dr. Zebulon Highben serves as director of Chapel Music at Duke University Chapel and associate professor of the practice of church music at Duke Divinity School. He conducts the Duke Chapel Choir and Schola Cantorum, edits the Music from Duke Chapel choral series, teaches courses in music and liturgy, and oversees Duke Chapel's extensive music program, which connects students, community members, staff singers, instrumentalists, and professional colleagues in myriad worship services and sacred concerts.

As a composer, Dr. Highben is frequently commissioned by churches, schools, and arts organizations. More than seventy of his anthems, hymns, and liturgical works are published by eight major domestic publishing houses and by Gehrmans Musikförlag in Sweden.

Dr. Highben studied at Ohio State University, Luther Seminary, and St. Olaf College, and holds the Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting from the College of Music at Michigan State University. He is an ordained deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Rev. Susan R. Briebl is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She served as Executive Director of Holden Village, a Lutheran center for renewal in the North Cascade Mountains in Washington State. She began that ministry in August of 1994 along with her husband, Martin Wells.

Previously, they served for 8 years as campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University and for 5 years as pastors of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, WA. Susan has also been a program associate at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IL.

Susan holds both a B.A. and an M.A. in English from Washington State University and a Master of Divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. She was ordained in 1981. She has written numerous books, hymns, and worship songs.



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 OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4—19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

OCTOBER 11—20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER 18—21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 25—22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

"Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief." (Psalm 31:9)

This Psalm gives voice to the anguish & struggle common for battered women & their children. October is Domestic Violence month. 1 in 3 women in the U.S. have experienced physical violence from an intimate partner. Many teenage girls experience physical and/or sexual abuse by a dating partner. The 3 R's for domestic violence awareness & intervention are **Recognize, Respond, and Refer**. How do we as God's people respond? Are we reflecting Christ's light & love, as people of hope who acknowledge the reality of domestic violence then actively encourage & empower change?

Violence against elderly, women, teens or children, inside or outside the home, is never justified. **Faith communities play a vital role** in ending violence. **Safe haven signs—"If you are in an abusive or dangerous situation you can use our telephone to contact the local sexual assault & domestic violence hotline"** expresses our desire to be a safe place & safe people with whom to share concerns about personal safety & abuse. Supporting homeless shelters is a tangible way of support. Financial issues can be a significant factor in an unhealthy relationship. Violence in any form-physical, sexual, psychological or verbal-is sinful; often it is a crime as well. Seek to participate in efforts to address this social justice issue. What we say or don't say about painful, personal & persistent experiences of abuse matters.

Possessive, controlling behavior is what domestic violence is all about. Assure that children understand that force, coercion & control have no place in the family. The home should be a place where children observe & experience respect. Support programs that help men deal constructively with anger. Learning to resolve conflict plus developing new ways of relating is helpful to all.

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4) How do we help others? We need to see danger signs and provide support & protection. It is important to know that the period after separation and/or divorce is the most dangerous time for the victim. Freedom from domestic violence helps all! Homes & churches must be safe places to live, grow and thrive. ***Domestic Violence Helpline 800-799-7233/text-88788

Human trafficking is also abuse. **Ohio's Human Trafficking Summit**, reflected on changes in response evolving over 15 years. The future focus isn't simply responding to trafficking more effectively, it's **reducing vulnerability before exploitation ever occurs**. The aim is to equip adults to teach children how to stay safe. Preparing parents, educators, & youth-serving professionals to recognize risks before they become crises. **'Not a Number'** curriculum is directed to kids ages 12-18 across Cuyahoga County; it helps young people build the knowledge & skills that protect them. The curriculum teaches *healthy relationships, online safety, recognizing grooming & manipulation, identifying trusted adults, and how to seek help when something doesn't feel right*. "Knowing who they can go to if they experience something that makes them really uncomfortable - a teacher, a parent - and how to talk to these adults" is the goal.

<https://collabtoendht.org/before-school-starts-northeast-ohio-is-taking-a-new-approach-to-preventing-child-trafficking/>

We thank the Lord for guiding many community resources and support services.

"You alone, O God, make me lie down in safety" (Psalm 4:8)

IT IS HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES!

IT IS HAPPENING EVERYWHERE!

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE!

Human Trafficking is a major crime worldwide and right here at home, but it often goes unrecognized in our local communities. Emergency responders need to know the signs, how to respond, and whom to call in our community so victims receive the care they need. Responding appropriately can save lives!

Join The Fight Against Human Trafficking

QUAD CITY CERT is hosting a Human Trafficking Education session:

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

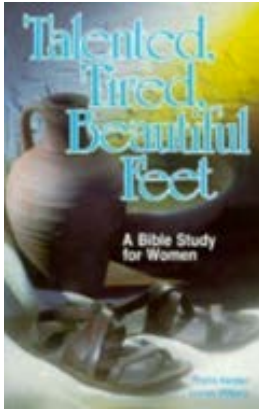
Independence Civic Center

6:30 – 8:45 p.m. RSVP (name and email) to kedenebm@gmail.com

We invite everyone to join us so we can make an impact in our communities.

We welcome Sr. Anne Victory, HM, RN MSN. She is currently serving as a member of the Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary. She served as Director of Education for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, Cleveland, OH from 2010-2021 and is now a volunteer for the organization. A nurse by profession, she served for 32 years as a clinician, educator, and administrator in nursing and as Vice President for Mission and Director of Staff Education at St. Joseph Hospital, Lorain, OH. She has given presentations to a wide variety of audiences on the issue of human trafficking.

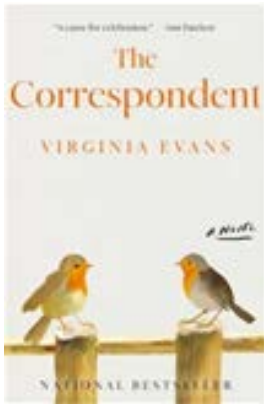
Sr. Anne holds a BSN from St. John College, Cleveland, and a MS in Nursing from Ohio State University. She has a certificate in working with groups from the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on October 7th at 10:00am.

The ladies of the monthly Wednesday morning Bible Study will continue 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.T



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on October 21st at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for October is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans.

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. This team consists of Linda Radefeld, Jan Romance, Annette Blanc and Kathy Hoinski. They will also be supported by Katie Lickert and youth volunteers from the Smith and D'Anza families. There will be an activity that supports the readings from each service.

Watch for more information coming soon!

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY BREAKFAST

On Sunday, September 13th, the youth (YAC) provided breakfast for the Sunday School attendees.

Thank you to all those who worked hard cooking, serving, and cleaning up the breakfast and all who attended.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES!

We are excited to announce Dr. John Byron will be back to lead a 3 - week series focusing on a different topic each week.

Oct. 4th -Paul, Slavery and the Letter to Philemon

Oct. 11th - Who is the real Jesus and why are we looking for him?

Oct. 18th -The Dead Sea Scrolls - What are they and why are they important?

October 25th – Pastor Randy will begin a new series on “End of Life” issues.



John Byron is Professor of New Testament at Ashland Theological Seminary. He completed undergraduate studies at Elim Bible Institute in Lima NY, a Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA, post-graduate work at Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel and a Ph.D. in Theology at the University of Durham in England. He is the author of six books and more than 30 published articles and essays. He served as a translator for the Common English Bible, is a columnist for Biblical Archaeology Review and excavated at Tel-Gezer in Israel. He has been married to Lori Byron since 1990. They enjoy spending their free time cycling, cooking and traveling together.

Come and join us!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP & CREATIVITY EVENING



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 6:30–8:30PM

**ALL CRLC WOMEN & THEIR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME FOR AN
EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP & CREATIVITY.**

**ONCE AGAIN, WE WILL HAVE SUPPLIES TO MAKE CARDS OR
BOOKMARKS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. OR BRING &
MAKE YOUR OWN CRAFT. IDEAS ARE: PSALMS SEA GLASS ART KIT
OR A DIAMOND ART PICTURE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. BOTH
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE VIA AMAZON.**

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JAN ROMANCE 440-570-4509

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



COFFEE HOUR

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST THE COFFEE HOUR OF YOUR CHOICE.

**BREWING DIRECTIONS ARE NEXT TO THE COFFEE MAKER IN THE
GATHERING SPACE. ARRIVE BY 8:30 AM TO BREW COFFEE AND
SET UP. SUPPLIES ARE IN THE CUPBOARDS IN THE GATHERING
SPACE OR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN.**



**SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE MESSAGE
BOARD IN THE NARTHEX**



Redeemer has a number of programs to help people in need. Since last October, one of their programs is serving lunch every Wednesday. In partnership with Edwins Culinary Institute, which donates soup, 130-150 people are served. Redeemer has to pay for the bags, spoons, napkins, and the other food included which may be chips, cookies, crackers, and a drink (not everything is available every week). They also pay for the propane that heats the soup outside every week.

This "Dine to Donate" event is at Texas Roadhouse, 7341 Northcliff Ave. in Brooklyn (by Lowes). On Sunday, Oct. 18, 10% of your bill will be donated to Redeemer. Additionally we will have a table at the restaurant that day with information about the Crisis Center and have a basket raffle and 50/50 at the recommendation of the Texas Roadhouse staff.

If you would like to donate through our Brecksville CRLC, please drop off a check at the office, notating your check is for "Dine to Donate."

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 det

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, wildfires 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.

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
only chicken noodle 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.

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.



CRLC SOCIAL GAME GROUP



**SATURDAY
OCT. 24TH**

6:00PM

**Maureen Michal's Home
10439 Fitzwater, Brecksville**

Maureen will provide the main course. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Let the Maureen know if you will be attending at: Email: mgmichal@aol.com, or call 440-781-8960

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

Women's Advent Social

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS, AND SNACKS

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

When: Tuesday, December 1st

Where: CRLC

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



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

Fellowship

FAMILY DAY AT RAMSEYER FARMS!



Gather the family, and join the CRLC FUN DAY at Ramseyer Farms on **October 18th!** Ramseyer Farms offers so much to do for kids of all ages ... Corn Barn, Corn Crib Chutes, Jump Pad, Corn Maze, Farm Animals, Tire Swings, Spud Slinger, Obstacle Course, Fire Pit, and so much more!! Not only is there

plenty to do, but there's plenty to eat, too. Hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ, Ramseyers Popcorn, and Lerch's Donuts! It's always a fun packed day.

The farm opens at 1pm, so we'd leave the church after the second service, and can car pool down if you'd like. The farm closes at 6pm. Ages 3-64 are \$23, and 65 and over are \$11. There is a group discount saving \$3/ticket if we're more than 20, so be sure to sign up if you can go. Everyone has a "kid inside them" ... c'mon out and enjoy with your kids or grandkids!

There will be a sign-up on the message board ... so get signed up if you can go. Let's make this a fun Fall family event!



***Come Join Us!!
for the CRLC***

**LAKE CHAUTAUQUA GETAWAY
January 29-31, 2027**

Set your sights on a weekend respite after the holidays ... gathered around a roaring fire, cozy on a cold January night, at our Annual Lake Chautauqua Getaway with your church family. Mark your calendars now for this relaxing and fun weekend in January (29-31).

This is a great weekend for families, couples and singles! Many of us settle in and play games and work puzzles together, while others spend some time catching up on reading. The adventurous type take to the nearby slopes or enjoy the outdoors hiking the grounds ... there is something for everyone! We also share a simple church service together Sunday morning after breakfast.

We stay at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, which offers a hearty breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morning. Lunch and dinner are on your own, although most gather in groups to go to the local eateries. You are welcome to bring your own food, and of course a snack to share.

There are two room accommodations ... one has a double bed with a trundle, the other has a double bed and a twin bed. Rooms are available on a first come/first serve basis. (Sample: One, double bed room for a couple, plus 2 breakfasts each day, is roughly \$200 for the weekend, the two bed room, plus 2 breakfasts each day, is roughly \$220 for the weekend). Additional breakfasts are \$10 each.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Please contact Jeanne Travaglianti if you have any questions ... jctbeantown@gmail.com or 440-667-9803. Hope to see you in Lake Chautauqua!

CHURCH PICNIC FUN FOR ALL!

While September 13th, renewed our Fall schedule, returning to our later service to accommodate Sunday School ... it also served as a perfect time to bid summer goodbye with a church picnic. More than 60 of our church family gathered after the second service and enjoyed fellowship with each other. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially the following who took on a task and stayed through clean-up ... Joan Castelucci who took care of food set-up, Louie Travagianti and Rob Stiefvater, our grillmasters, Cheryl Stiefvater who manned our ice cream cart, and Jenni Castelucci and Jessica Travagianti who were ready with games. Thanks to everyone who brought a food item to share, and a special thank you to my husband who always jumps in to make my planning a reality. No one went away hungry, and the room was abuzz with fellowship. We are blessed with our CRLC family!

Jeanne

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the picnic last week. It was a lot of fun. We know a lot of planning and work went into it and we really appreciate it.

Kathleen & Greg Zaker



Fellowship

CHURCH PICNIC FUN FOR ALL! - CONTINUED



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October 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!

October 4	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Dianne Young	Adrienne Davic
Communion Assistants	x	Shirley Fisher, Dennis Nagy
Ushers	Mark Evans, Mike Berzins	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Host: Open
October 11	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Diane Wilson	Ina Stanek
Communion Assistants	x	Elizabeth Marek, Laurie Siebert
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Lisa Antonucci	Jeff Dentzer, Amy Merek
Altar Care	Cheryl Stiefvater	Elizabeth Marek
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: Gail Stelmaschuk
October 18	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Nancyanne Sinclair	Joan Castelucci
Communion Assistants	x	Linda Echenbrecht, Sandy Weiss
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Ken Blank	Scott Witzke, Dan Bartik
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Mike Bodanza, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: Jessica & Louis Travaglianti
October 25	8:00 am	10:30 am
Assisting Minister	Suzana Koch	Dianne Young
Communion Assistants	x	Jan Hansler, Chris Schuhle
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Al Radefeld	Blaine Coleman, Dana Vrcan
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: Davic/Wells

Birthdays

2 Melissa Garito
2 Henry Duitman
2 Lisa Duitman
3 Chase Garito
3 Alex Brunovsky
4 Kay Helle
4 Joshua Papesh
6 Anthony Guzi
6 Sean Simmons
6 Nancyanne Sinclair
6 Marlene Calaway
8 Laura Podsiadlo**
10 Kathleen Zaker
11 Gina Springer
11 Elizabeth Marek
12 Daniel Miller
12 Jacob Cordiak
12 Brandy Falcone
15 Scott Sheets
16 James Pohle
18 Joe Huber
18 Don Dobos
19 Amy Benza
19 Greyson Studnicka

20 Deb Blank
21 Matt Garito
21 Grace Smith
23 Connie Gearhart
23 Autumn Halter
24 Annie Root
24 John Eisenmann
25 Delaney Evans
26 Jacob Henyey
27 Judy Montowski
28 Tim Marcinko
29 Bob Fritz
29 Patrick Smith
31 Eric Witzke

**= Milestone Birthday



Anniversaries

4 Karen and Steve Petro
8 Cathy and Jeff Smith
10 Jill and Jeff Dentzer
13 Terry & Marlene Calaway
14 Henry and Lorraine Signore
18 Gail and George Stelmaschuk
18 Jessica and Joshua Troike
22 Marikka Pretz-Shondrick & Andrew Shondrick
25 Cindy and John Brunovsky
30 Kendrick & Amanda Dobbins



**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 confirmation will occur on Reformation Sunday, October 25th? Once again there will be a German themed dinner offered.
- ◆ Did you also know that for several years now that this catered Reformation Dinner has been sponsored by Paul and Suzana Koch in memory of Fred Koch – who loved being Lutheran and German chocolate cake!
- ◆ Did you know that we are already looking for leadership and planning for 2027?
- ◆ Did you know that we planned to welcome our newest members this month?
- ◆ Did you know that on the Sunday of our annual meeting in November we will have one 9:30AM special service to celebrate our music ministry? More details to come.
- ◆ Did you know that in order to publish something in the newsletter we need it by the 15th of the month prior?
- ◆ Did you know that Lydia Smith is a Brecksville-Broadview Hts. National Merit semi-finalist, representing the top 1% of all seniors participating in this competition. She advances to the final round.

... and Now You Know!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 New Member Received today Stewardship Sunday World Communion Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am-10:15am Adult Sunday School-John Byrnes and the Letter to Philemon 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	5 7:00pm Yoga	6	7 10:00am Ladies Bible Study	8	9	10
11 8:00am Worship 9:15am-10:15am Adult Sunday School-John Byrnes-Who is the real Jesus and why are we looking for him? 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages Ages 10:30am Worship	12 Columbus Day 7:00pm Yoga	13	14	15 Monthly Insight Deadline	16	17
18 8:00am Worship/Dr. John Byrnes preaching 9:15am-10:15am Adult Sunday School-John Byrnes-The Good Samaritan - What are they and why are they important? 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship/Dr. John Byrnes preaching 4:00pm CRCLC Concerns: Baskinville	19 7:00pm Yoga	20	21 10:00am Faithful Readers Book Discussion 6:30pm-8:30pm Women's Fellowship & Creativity Evening	22 9:30am Theo Thursday at Demetrios	23 Reformation dinner set up	24
25 Reformation Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am-10:15am Adult Sunday School-Pastor Randy will begin a new series on "End of Life" Issues 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship/Confirmation 11:30am Reformation Dinner	26 7:00pm Yoga	27	28	29	30 Reformation Day	31

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The Reverend Randy O'Donnell, Pastor



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