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INSIGHT

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FROM THE PASTOR

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." — (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

November can be a way of reminding us to slow down and notice what is already here. The leaves are falling, the days are getting shorter, and somewhere along the way, the grocery store has decided that it is perfectly reasonable to put Christmas decorations next to the now on sale Halloween candy. But before we rush headlong into the Christmas season, November gives us a beautiful invitation: pause and give thanks.

Gratitude (which is also the word of the month for our greater community), can be easy when life is going well. We are thankful for good news, good health, family gatherings, answered prayers, and the smell of something wonderful cooking in the kitchen. We are especially thankful when the turkey turns out well and nobody burns the rolls.

But Christian gratitude goes deeper than simply being thankful when things go our way. Scripture reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Gratitude is not pretending that everything is perfect. It is recognizing that even in imperfect circumstances, God is present.

Sometimes our gratitude comes in small packages: a phone call from a friend, a warm cup of coffee, laughter around the table, a beautiful autumn afternoon, a child's hug, a familiar hymn, or the simple comfort of knowing that we are not walking through life alone.

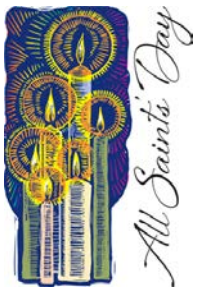
As a church family, we have much for which to be grateful. We are grateful for the people who worship with us, for those who serve quietly behind the scenes, for our children and young people, for those who teach and lead, for those who visit and care for others, and for all the ways God continues to use this congregation to bring hope and love into our community. So, as November unfolds, may we become people who notice and give thanks.

See you in worship,
Pastor Randy
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REFORMATION DINNER

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1ST



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

PARTNERSHIP

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

THEO-THURSDAY

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

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
- All Saints Sunday
- Advent is Soon to Begin
- Annual Meeting
- New Members
- Nov 8th Concert
- Harvest Sunday
- Giving Tree
- Women's Advent Social
- Men's Advent Fellowship
- Lake Chautauqua

ADVENT IS SOON TO BEGIN!



The first Sunday in Advent will be November 29th – Thanksgiving weekend.We will be having our midweek 7:00 Advent services on Tuesday nights on December 8th and 15th.Once again with Holden Evening Prayer.

ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on Sunday, November 22nd following the 9:30 service. The annual reports and proposals will be made available 2 weeks ahead of this meeting. On the agenda will be the proposed 2026 Mission Investment Plan, and updated constitution and the election of our leadership positions.

THANK YOU



Dear CRLC Church Family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to humbly thank all of you for your unwavering support during my surgical recovery. I am speechless as to the volume of Christian support I have received! Your encouragement came at exactly the right time! A card, a text, a short phone call to check in and see how I am doing! Those small acts were not small to me. They reminded me that I wasn't carrying this alone. Thank you nor letting me disappear during this difficult recovery. You checked in, showed up, and reminded me that this Church family is real! I needed that more than you know. I consider myself blessed to be a part of the CRLC Church family and thank all of you for lifting me up. I hope to be returning to Church once again real soon!
Thanks a million,

Mark Lickert

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mickey Leech & Melody Fawcett-Leech



Anna Russ & Donnie Sampson



Mary Kaye Bernardo
Not pictured: Daughter, Jody Bernando
Grandchildren, Adrian & Maya



Henry & Lisa Duitman

NEWLY COMFIRMED

From left to right: Sydney Rose Wells, Grace Elaine Smith, Nathan Ryan Olman, Pastor Randy, Alex Julian Brunovsky, Isaac Christopher D'Anza, Elise RouNan Pagel.



Member SPOTLIGHT



Sharon Hicks

Many of you know long-time member Sharon Hicks and her late husband Russ. (He passed on April 7, 2020) Sharon was born on November 1, 1939 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is the second of 4 daughters. Sharon takes great pride in her Scottish heritage. Her father was a professional hockey player and moved the family to Parma in 1949 to play for the Cleveland Barons. Their family home in Parma was located within walking distance of Parma Lutheran Church, which fostered her lifelong Lutheran faith.

Sharon went on to Baldwin Wallace, where she earned her teaching degree. On a whim she interviewed for a job as a flight attendant for North West airlines. She worked out of Minneapolis for a few years and then returned to Parma to begin her career as a teacher.

During her early years as a fifth and sixth grade teacher in Parma City Schools she joined other teachers for dinner outings on Friday evenings at Carrie Cerino's. This is where she met her husband Russ who was a math teacher at Parma Senior High.

Sharon and Russ were married March 22, 1969. They had a daughter named Jill and a son named Rob, who is married to Jackie. Sharon is very proud of her grandson Josh, who is interested in working with special needs children. Sharon was always a delightful hostess and made everyone feel welcome. The couple loved playing cards and would often teach their friends new games. She and Russ were avid patrons of the arts as they attended concerts and theater productions with friends. They also enjoyed traveling, skiing, ice skating and taking scenic drives. Their grandson Josh joined them for many of these activities. They would frequently attend sporting activities of the children of their many friends and relatives.

Parma Lutheran benefitted from her time as the Christian Education Director for many years. Sharon and Russ transferred to Christ the Redeemer in 1999 after they moved to Sagamore Hills. Of course, CRLC also was blessed to have her leadership and service related to Adult Christian Education. She guided our CRLC Women's Bible Study for many years. As a couple they were very active in supporting the church locally and regionally, attending many youth gatherings as volunteers, synod assembly representatives, etc.

Sharon now lives at Vitalia Senior Living. These days she lives with some memory issues; however, she appreciates a busy schedule of activities at Vitalia to fill her days. If you would like to send a card to wish Sharon a happy birthday, her address is

6140 Lombardo Center South #1029,
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131.

New member SPOTLIGHT

One of our newest members is Mary Kaye Bernardo. Mary Kaye comes to us from Lutheran Church of the Covenant in Maple Heights, where she was a long-time active member. Recent changes in the church and a declining number of parishioners led her to look for a new church home. She has connections here at Christ the Redeemer through Pam Czarnota, Kathy Hoinski, and Karla Perry. Mary Kaye often brings her 2 grandchildren to church and wanted them to be part of a congregation with other children.

Mary Kaye has a very interesting background and has held many jobs. Her career started out in theater at the age of fourteen as an apprentice and later as part of a fellowship at the Cleveland Playhouse. She moved to Philadelphia and was involved in a regional theater where she was the prop master. She enjoyed community involvement and eventually opened her own regional theater and conducted many theater workshops for children. She eventually moved to New York where she managed a theater for ex-prisoners and was the assistant to the manager of the New York Shakespeare Festival. Mary Kaye has even worked with a Broadway producer. She found her niche in working with playwrights, helping them finish their plays and moving them to production. Her non-profit company helped many playwrights get their start.

At the age of 40 she became disenchanted with theater life and wanted to be a mom. Since theater life is not conducive to raising a family, she moved back to Ohio to live with her mom. She got her real estate license and became a realtor, which was a better job for a working mom. At the age of 46, she adopted a boy from Honduras. After caring for her mother during her battle with cancer she moved to Seven Hills and then adopted a second boy from Honduras. God has a way of putting people in the right place at the right time. This was true for Mary Kaye when she came in contact with a little girl from China who needed a loving family. Mary Kaye adopted her to add to her family. Jody attends CRLC along with her mom.

Mary Kaye stays active with caring for her grandchildren, Adrian and Maya. She continues to sell real estate while also providing care for her older sister. In between all of these responsibilities, she enjoys cooking, going to movies, and of course, the theater. Undoubtedly Mary Kaye will enhance our ministry here at CRLC with her many talents. Welcome, Mary Kaye, Jody, Adrian and Maya!



Mary Kaye Bernardo

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

Concerts@CRLC Presents
Dr. Maria Thompson Corley, Pianist and Composer
November 8, 2026 4:00pm





Dr. Maria Thompson Corley will present “Self-Portraits”, featuring art by Malcolm Corley and other works for solo piano.

Juilliard-trained pianist Dr. Maria Thompson Corley has appeared as a soloist and collaborator throughout the world, including Wigmore Hall, The Liszt Academy and Weill Recital Hall. She has recorded for Naxos, Albany, Parma, MSR Classics, and independent labels. An Associate Composer of the Canadian Music Centre, her songs, choral and instrumental works and arrangements have been commissioned, studied, performed and recorded by renowned musicians and major institutions such as Cincinnati Opera, for which John Lewis: Good Trouble (Diana Solomon-Glover) is scheduled to premiere in June, 2027; and Manitoba Opera, for which Dragonfly (Lara Rae) will premiere four months later. She is published by Gentry, Walton, Classical Vocal Reprints and North Star.

Jamaican-born Canadian pianist Dr. 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. 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 holds the position of Director of Music and Organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

At the age of three, Malcolm Corley (b. 1999) was diagnosed with autism. At about the same time, he began to draw the sketches from the TV show, Blues Clues. Since then, in addition to two solo show and multiple group shows in his hometown of Lancaster, PA, his work has been published in Hot Metal Bridge, Up the Staircase, Fusion Art and Penn Review. He has been included in juried, international exhibitions/sales, where one of his pieces won a prize. “Three Faces of Malcolm,” which is in the permanent collection at the Lancaster Museum of Art, was chosen for the 2021 Pennsylvania Art of the State Exhibition. “Bruke” was chosen in 2022; it was purchased by the State Museum of Pennsylvania in 2023. “Untitled #1,” chosen by The Kennedy Center’s 2019 VSA program, later formed the “T” in an installation there of the word “UNITY”. “Untitled #1” and “Hoodie Self-portrait” were shown in the Toronto’s 2022 CRIP Ritual exhibit. Studies in Brotherly Love, a book of poems about Malcolm's art and reproductions of the works that inspired them, was published by PromptPress in 2021. His work can be purchased at *www.malcolmstiles.com*

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

NOVEMBER 8 - 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 15 - 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 22 - 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

God lovingly supplies all our needs & helps us to share our blessings with others.
I am interested in helping us be a "*Dementia Friendly Congregation*".
Ohio Council for Cognitive Health: **www.ocfch.org**



Dementia is a general **term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities** that are severe enough to interfere with daily life.Dementia is due to disease that destroys brain cells, causing memory loss and problems with thinking & behavior, severe enough to affect work, lifelong hobbies or social life. ***Dementia is not a normal part of aging***. Dementia is a group of symptoms that are caused by various diseases & conditions. *Dementia indicates that there is a* ***decline in memory and at least one cognitive ability****, such as understanding instructions, identifying objects, preparing tasks, and the ability to think abstractly, make sound judgements, and plan & carry out complex tasks. These declines in ability interfere with daily life.*

When communicating with someone with dementia: treat the person with dignity & respect; be aware of your feelings; be patient & supportive; offer comfort & reassurance; avoid criticizing or correcting; offer a guess when "word finding" is a challenge.

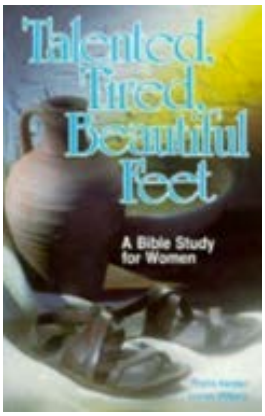
- Understand that individuals living with dementia can be spiritually alive and thriving
- Focus on the individual's gifts, talents, strengths and abilities rather than limitations
- Adjust roles, responsibilities and tasks to match the individual's changing abilities
- Be patient and understanding of an individual's change in appearance & behavior

Treatments, combined with the right services & support, can make life better. Early identification allows time to plan for the future – *awareness of the diagnosis allows the individual to take part in decisions about care, transportation, living options, financial and legal matters.*Care & support services are available, making it easier to live the best life possible with Alzheimer's or dementia. Alzheimer's is a journey not a destination.

The health of the brain is closely linked to the overall health of the heart and blood vessels. Therefore, management of cardiovascular risk factors, including high blood pressure, cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, smoking, obesity and physical inactivity may avoid or delay cognitive decline. **These brain healthy habits may maybe helpful: (1) eat a lowfat diet rich in fruits and vegetables (2) have a robust social network (3) a lifetime of intellectual curiosity and mental stimulation.**

People with dementia often experience a mixture of emotions — confusion, frustration, anger, fear, uncertainty, grief and depression. You can help a person cope by being there to listen, reassuring the person, providing unconditional love, and doing your best to help the person retain dignity and self-respect. Providing understanding of dementia & support for caregivers is important. The stress of caregiving does not go away when loved ones move into a care facility.

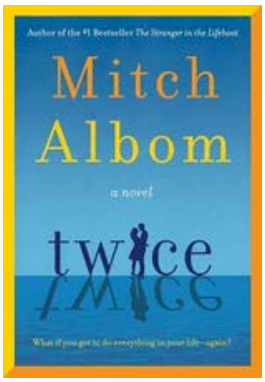
We do not know the way of life will unfold, but we do know that all of our days are in the Lord's hands (Psalm 39:4).Because of his great love for us, we can rest easy knowing **He will always provide for us**.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on November 4th 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



CRLC FAITHFUL READERS

Meeting on November 18th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for November is “Twice” by Mitch Albom.

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 Toghill
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 LESSON

On Sunday, October 11th, the Sunday School Children learned that Noah trusted God and God always keeps his promises.

Also, plans are in the works for our Christmas program. Watch for further details.





ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

End-of-Life

"Dealing with End-of-Life Issues" series continues

Pastor Randy will continue this series on the first 3 Sundays in November.On November 22nd there will be no class as we have a combined worship service at 9:30AM, followed by our annual meeting. The class will not meet on November 29th, due to Thanksgiving weekend, but will resume in December.

Come and join us!


Harvest
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15TH
Benefitting LEND-A-HAND which serves families in our surrounding communities.
The MOST needed items are: Paper Products (TP, tissues, paper towels) and peanut butter, canned goods & pasta, etc. (please refer to the items listed monthly under Lend-A-Hand in the Insight).

Serving **Jan Romance, Linda Radefeld**



It's Giving Tree Time

Our 2026 Christmas Giving Tree Project will begin right after Thanksgiving. These gifts will be shared with children served by Redeemer Crisis Center. The tree will be displayed in the Gathering Space and decorated with gift tags.

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

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

All gifts must be delivered to the Church by Sunday, December 13, 2026 so Santa has time to deliver!!

Important Instructions

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OCTOBER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP & CREATIVITY EVENING

Good fellowship was enjoyed when women from CRLC gathered to create autumn cards for our members.

Special thanks to Lisa Witzke for sharing her supplies which lead to many creative items.





Serving

Jan Romance, Linda Radefeld

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





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

Serving

Jan Romance, Linda Radefeld

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

· 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.



MEN'S ADVENT FELLOWSHIP

Save the date for the December 10th Men's Advent Fellowship night at 6:30pm. More details to come.



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!

November Volunteers In Parish Service

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

Thank you for your service!

November 1	**8:00 am**	**10:30 am**
Assisting Minister	Don Laubacher	Lee Knicely
Communion Assistants	x	Judy Coleman, Jan Hansler
Ushers	Mike Berzins, Mark Evans	Wendy & Chris Dralle
Altar Care	Dorthea Kramer	Linda Eckenbrecht
Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa		Coffee Hour Host: The Pagel Family

November 8	**8:00 am**	**10:30 am**
Assisting Minister	Lou Carouse	Cristina Wells
Communion Assistants	x	Frank & Mardell Boulton
Ushers	Todd Kiick, Adrianne Davic	Bill Waltz, Jeff Dentzer
Altar Care	Pam & Bob Bertsch	Elizabeth Marek
Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance		Coffee Hour Host: Frank & Linda Shima

November 15	**8:00 am**	**10:30 am**
Assisting Minister	Linda Radefeld	Blaine Coleman
Communion Assistants	x	Dana Vrcan, Lisa Witzke
Ushers	George Stelmaschuk, Al Radefeld	Grace Dralle, Frank Boulton
Altar Care	Cheryl Steifvater	Dana Vrcan
Counters: Mike Bodanza, Lisa Witzke		Coffee Hour Host: TBD

November 22	**8:00 am**	**9:30 am (one service)**
Assisting Minister	x	Michael Berzins
Communion Assistants	x	Cheryl Laubacher, Gail Berzins
Ushers	x	Lisa Antonucci, Dan Bartik
Altar Care	x	Pam & Bob Bertsch
Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney		Coffee Hour Host: Al & Linda Radefeld

November 29	**8:00 am**	**10:30 am**
Assisting Minister	Steve Wilson	Sandy Weiss
Communion Assistants	x	Jan Romance, Maureen Michal
Ushers	Don Laubacher, Ken Blank	Dennis Nagy, Amy Merek
Altar Care	Gail Stelmaschuk	Shirley Fisher
Counters: Steve & Diane Wilson, Pete Smith		Coffee Hour Host: TBD

Birthdays

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

**= Milestone Birthday



Anniversaries

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



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 the annual congregation meeting is this month on November 22nd?
- Did you know that we will again be doing Harvest Sunday (11/15 & 11/22) in this month of giving thanks?
- Did you know that we hope to welcome our latest new members this month?
- Did you know that we are still receiving the time and talent surveys, as well as the estimate of giving cards? You are encouraged to complete these as you can. The QR code makes it easy to do right from your device.
- Did you know that All Saints Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday in November? This year the date of All Saints Sunday actually falls on the date of All Saints Day. This year we will remember those who have lost a loved one, plus recognize the death of any of our members since All Saints Sunday last year.
- Did you know that we celebrated the confirmation of our youth on Reformation Sunday?
- Did you know that in order to publish something in the newsletter we need it by the 15th of the month prior?

... and Now You Know!

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

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Day Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00am Worship 9:15am –10:15am Adult Sunday School-"End of Life" Issues led by Pastor Randy 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	**2** 7:00pm Yoga	**3**	**4** 10:00am Ladies Bible Study	**5**	**6**	7 Carole Wooten Memorial
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15 Monthly Insight Deadline Harvest Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am –10:15am Adult Sunday School-"End of Life" Issues led by Pastor Randy 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	**16** 7:00pm Yoga	**17**	**18** 10:00am Faithful Readers Book Discussion	**19** 9:30am Theo Thursday at Demetrios	**20**	21
22 Gift Tree set up 9:30am –10:30am Worship-One Service Today-Music Appreciation Sunday	**23** 7:00pm Yoga	**24**	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving Day	**27**	28 9:00am Decorate for Advent
29 First Sunday of Advent 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School-All Ages 10:30am Worship	**30** 7:00pm Yoga	**CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH** **9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141** **440.526.2303 www.office@crlcbrecksville.org** **Monthly Insight submissions: insight@crlcbrecksville.org**				

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