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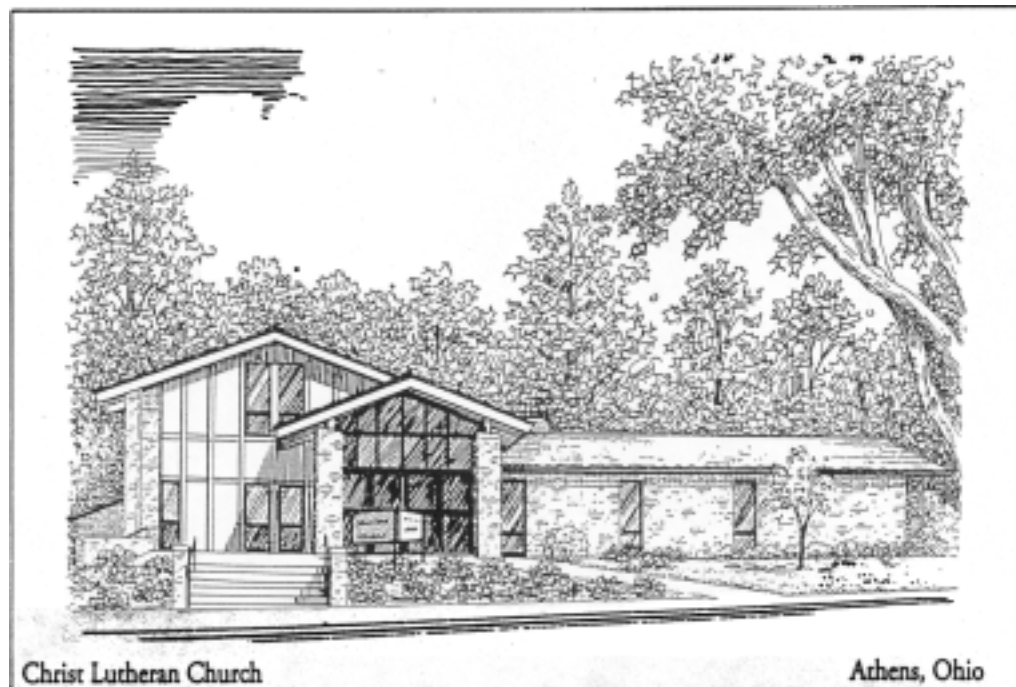
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# Chi Rho

Christ Lutheran Church

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**STAFF:** Pastor: Lynn Miller  
Office Manager: Yvonne Crist  
Youth & Family Director: Lisa Smith  
Custodian: Marilyn Shealy  
Music Director: George Weckman  
A New Song: Charlene Parkinson



February 2012



***Youth & Adult Talent Event to benefit***  
***“The Gathering Place”***  
***Friday, Feb, 24th at 6:30p.m.***  
**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, SANCTUARY**

Open to all youth and adults in the community who wish to participate. This will be the perfect opportunity for all interested to showcase their talents. It will be a wonderful evening of entertainment, with hor d’oeuvres during the intermission. Please contact Lisa at: [youthdirector@clcathens.org](mailto:youthdirector@clcathens.org) if you have a talent to share and Bärbel Such if you would like to make an hor d’oeuvre to share.



# May the Lord Bless and Keep ...

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

### ~ On-going Health ~

- Lew & Norma Hammond
- Fred Harner
- April Bumgardner
- \*Esther Kuhre
- \*Ruth Steiner
- \*Norm Parmer

\* Shut-in

### ~ Deaths ~

We give thanks for the life of **Lee King**, brother, of **Jo King** and ask God to strengthen and comfort all family members and friends.

### ~New Address~

**Jon & Anna Peterson**  
3118 Timber View Dr  
Sugarland, TX 77479



### ~ Global ~

- The children and staff of **Montaña de Luz**
- The people of **Sudan's Darfur region**
- The men and women serving in our armed forces & all whose lives are impacted by war.
- **Prisca and the people of Zimbabwe**
- **Drought in East Africa**
- **The people of Libya, & Egypt**
- **The People in Haiti, Japan**



**February is Black History Month** an annual remembrance of people and events in the history of the African diaspora. Originated in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week," it is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada, and in the UK (October). We give thanks for the many contributions of African-Americans throughout our history.

### ~ Shut-In Visiting ~

There will be sign-up Visiting Sheets for our shut-ins, in our Narthex. Please pick a week to visit one of them. This is so helpful for the moral and well-being of our members, who are unable to attend church and other events. Our hope is provide each shut-in a weekly visit from members of the congregation.

*Sincere thanks to all.*

## Look Who Is Having a Birthday in February

- |                       |                      |                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 2. Lynne Woods        | 9. Lance Broy        | 23. Anya Miller |
| 4. JoAnn Ball         | 12. Marc Fesenmyer   | Lynn Miller     |
| Betty Lehman          | 13. Sam Theiss       | 25. Ron Dawson  |
| Linus Juedes          | 19. Amanda De Santos |                 |
| 5. Carl David Onofrio | 20. Beth McKinley    |                 |
| Jon Sowash            | 22. Dotty Carey      |                 |
| 6. Rod Sauer          |                      |                 |
| India Mitchell        |                      |                 |



Please let Yvonne know if we have missed your birthday!

# What's Happening at Christ Lutheran...

## Wit & Wisdom

Tuesday Feb, 7 • 11:30 AM  
Fellowship Hall.

### Speaker:

**Gregory Sammons, M.Ed., PC**

Director/Counselor of Wellspring Retreat and Resource Center will speak about the history of this non-profit organization. This organization centers on bringing healing and recovery to many individuals who have survived abuse. Wellspring has served clients from many cultures and diverse backgrounds from all around the world.

## The George Weckman World Religions Prize

### Did You Know . . . .

Last year The George Weckman World Religions Prize was established by George Weckman's colleagues in honor of his 42 years of service to the University, from 1968-2011. George was instrumental in the creation of the World Religions program, which joined with the Classics Department in 2003 to become the Department of Classics and World Religions. Committed to the concept of shared governance in the University, George served for many years on the Faculty Senate, and as a patron of the arts, particularly music. He has enriched the community in countless ways. The prize was awarded for the first time at the Department's Awards Reception last May.



• OU INN •

February, 4th  
8:30 a.m.

## Montana de Luz Fundraising Event

### Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, Feb 18th

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Bids close at 8:00 p.m.

We invite every member of the congregation as well as students to this event in support of the mission. **We ask for a minimum of \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.** So that we can plan for the amount of food needed, we ask that you inform Dick Brackin of your intent to attend along with the number of reservations by **Feb 12** (cchkangel@yahoo.com or 589-4646).

We will have all the items and services to be sold at the silent auction on view in the narthex on **Sunday, February 12** and will begin taking bids at that time. We already have some wonderful items and services donated and will continue to take donations of items or services up until February 10. **Items need to be given either to Dick Brackin or at the church by February 10.**

In lieu of items or services, you are welcome to make financial contributions. Checks should be made out to Montana de Luz.

We appreciate all the support from members of the congregation as well as students, over the years for this very vital mission.

*Dick Brackin*

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 14 AT 6:30 P.M.** Meetings open to all who wish to attend.

### Community . . . . .

#### My Sister's Place

#### 5th Annual Roger's Stars of Illusion

• February 3, 6:30 p.m. •

A full evening of entertainment, silent and live auctions, and food at the Hocking College Student Center. Time for attendees to peruse a large number of silent auction items. The show starts at 7:00pm, with impersonation performances of Loretta Lynn, Cher, Lucille Ball, and many others. A live auction at intermission will feature items such as a week-long Key West condo stay and a beautiful quilt crafted by the Piece Lovers Guild. Food from local businesses and a cash bar will be provided. Tickets \$25 and can be purchased at Attractions, at www.msopathens.org, or by calling the MSP business line at 593-7125. ALL proceeds go to My Sister's Place



#### Global Excursions World Music and Dance Concert

Friday Feb, 10th • 7:30 p.m.

Templeton-Blackburn Memorial Auditorium

In one of the final events of the World Music and Dance Festival, the audience will be transported across the world through international song and dance all on one stage. Tickets are FREE for all OU students with valid ID, \$9 for all other students and \$12 for general admission. Contact ticket office at 740.593.1780.

#### The Fisk Jubilee Singers

“Celebration of American”

~ Music - Paul Kwanme, Director ~

February 11th, 7:30 pm Mem Auditorium

Tickets \$12 General Admission, \$9 for Non OU Students and FREE to All Students with ID  
Ticket office 740-593-1780



#### Athens Foundation WICKED GOOD WOMEN LUNCH

Tues, Feb, 14th, • 11:45am-1pm

Baker Center

Featuring Guest Speakers:

Playwright Merri Biechler

and Dr. Tracy Marx

#### “The Reluctant Caregiver”

Many of us have served as caregivers to our loved ones. It can often be difficult and lonely work. What resources are available for caregivers and how can we support each other? Answers to these questions and others when you attend the Wicked Good Women Lunches.

Lunch is \$35.00

All net profits will benefit the Women's Fund. Sincerely, Susan Urano, The Athens Foundation-740-594-6061



#### SONGS”

• Sunday, Feb, 12 •

Arts West, 132 W. State St. - 3 p.m.

Tickets are available through Arts West or at the door. Cost \$7 or \$5 for Arts West Members. Artists: Yvonne Crist, soprano, Matthew Griffin, baritone and Nancy Pierce, accompanist.



#### OU School of Music Winter Jazz Concert

Jazz Ensemble 1 & 11

Wed, Feb, 15 • 7:30 p.m. Mem Aud

Matt James, Mike Parkinson &

David Gonzales, directors

### WORSHIP NEWS



February 2012

- 5th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- 12th Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- 19th Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- 22nd Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
- 26th First Sunday of Lent 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- 29th Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.



Weekly Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation 9:45 a.m.  
A New Song 12:45 p.m.

Interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran Church or in learning more about Christ Lutheran and its mission, contact Pastor Lynn at 593-3144.

Come and learn more

Sunday Feb., 19th • 9:45 a.m.

New Members will be received Sunday, March 4th at 11:00 a.m. service.

A New Song and Choir rehearse

together Thursday March 1 at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for the anthem on March 4.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 • 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten Services

Begins February 29th • 7 p.m.

#### “HUNGRY PUPPETS PROJECT”

Beginning Sunday, Feb, 26th,



Hungry puppets will be hanging in the narthex looking for some sustenance.

Just drop a penny/dollar or two into the one that appeals to you. We count the

money collected after Lent. Come April we will present the total collection to the Food Pantry. Update re total amount will be mentioned in the bulletin. Thanking you for your support. Marilyn Shealy

#### Women’s Bible Study

Tuesdays • 9:30 - 11:30 am



Student House  
All are welcome!

# February Youth Activities.....



## Energizers: All 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Feb 1 - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – “The Golden Rule”

Feb 15 - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – “Love”

Feb 25 - 2:00 p.m. - Bowling

If you have any questions please email Lisa Smith youthdirector@clcathens.org

## Middle School: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Confirmation class - Sun 9:45 a.m.- Student House

Feb 19 - Ice Skating @ 2 p.m.



## Highschoolers:

Feb. 3 - 5 - Ski Trip

Meet behind church at 3:30pm.

We will eat dinner on the road ( included in their cost of the trip). Returning Sunday about 8pm, we will eat dinner on the way home.

Feb. 12- Food Pantry @ 12:45 p.m.

Feb. 18 - Kimes Rehab Center/Nursing Home • 2 pm

## Energizers and Confirmation Lock- In



Officer Rick talking to the kids!



Popcorn Time! Movie!!

## Bed-time Yeepee!



# Social Concerns Corner for February

## THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOOD WORKS WALK FOR THE HOMELESS raised over \$40,000

A huge thank you to all who participated in some way to the Walk for the Homeless. Christ Lutheran had an impressive presence from various age groups and helped raise money and awareness of the rural homeless and local poverty. Thanks to the generosity of those who sponsored walkers. About \$900 was raised from our church and sponsors. Your help is still needed!! Athens must look at the growing numbers of homeless children and families who are turned away due to lack of space at Good Works. Share your concerns with those who have power to change rules and find solutions.

## GOOD WORKS DINNER- Friday Night Supper March 2 • Plains United Methodist Church.

Every Friday, volunteer groups host 130-160 hungry adults and children from our area for a nutritious meal and fellowship. Those who are homeless, and/or struggling with poverty are welcomed into a safe place to share a meal and enjoy a wide range of fun activities. Our opportunity is coming up again!

March 2nd, YOU are needed to prepare food for drop-off. You can help on-site to assist with meal preparation, to offer friendship during the meal and help with clean-up.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on Sundays preceding. questions can be directed to Adele Hanson [adelehanson@gmail.com](mailto:adelehanson@gmail.com) or at 797-2240

## APPLEBEE'S BREAKFAST BENEFIT

Humanity for Habitat, earned \$648 in January. All proceeds will go toward construction of our next Faith Build Coalition house. We are deeply grateful to Applebee's for this opportunity. Their team is good at their job and fun to work with. Thanks to the volunteers who helped as servers, dishwashers, and other tasks and to those who ate breakfast at Applebees.

## ELCA ADVOCACY CORNER.....

On January 6, 2012, President Obama announced a policy change that would encourage some undocumented immigrant children and spouses to come out of the shadows to permanently reunify with their U.S. citizen family members. While this is an important step for protecting American families, it only applies to certain relatives of U.S. citizens. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services are urging people to write and ask him to expand the proposal to protect family members of green card holders. To access a sample letter or an email letter, go to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, <http://www.lirs.org> and click on Advocacy, then on Action Center. Clicking on Key Advocacy Issues will take you to a page with more information.

Thank you

## FOOD PANTRY - Peanut Butter Needed!

Thanks to our congregation for support in 2011. Your donations, both food and financial, helped feed thousands in Athens County.

- In December, ACFP provided a 3 day supply of food to 1,113 people including 586 children.
- \$3,000 will buy over 15,000 pounds of food from the Southeast Ohio Food Bank.
- Our clients can now receive emergency food every 45 days....instead of every 60 days as in early 2011.
- ACFP delivers 176 "Snacks in My Backpack". Bags to students at Chauncey and The Plains Elementary schools every Friday to ensure these kids have food for the weekend. The ACFP is designating February as Peanut Butter Month. As you may have noticed, the cost of peanut butter has increased dramatically and it is a great item to send in food bags and boxes as an easy to use source of protein.

Thanks



## ORPHANAGE NEEDS:



Ellen Soltow, her sister Dr. Nedra Soltow, and Nedra's friend from Ghana Jayne During are planning to travel to Zimbabwe the 2nd of March. Jayne

founded the Kuaba Humanitarian Foundation 10 years ago and has been partnering with the local community leaders and teachers in Zimbabwe to help provide basic needs for the children in rural communities surrounding Harare, Zimbabwe. They will visit an orphanage in Bulwaye and provide clothes and money to buy vitamins for the children, as well as purchase food and sewing machines for the orphanage. They are also going to do some sightseeing, including visiting Victoria Falls! Any donations of used children's clothing or vitamins would be welcome. **Box is in Narthex!**

## Calendar of Events for February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Youth Meeting 9:00 am  Energizers 5:30pm	2 AFIS   The Bridge 5 pm Choir 7 pm	3   Highschoolers Ski-Trip Leave 4 pm	4 Men's OU Inn Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
5 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Student Brunch Noon A New Song 12:45 pm → HS Ski Trip Return 8 pm	6  O.A. 5:00 pm Calliope 6:00 pm A.A. 8:00 pm	7 Bible Study 9:30 am	8  LRPC Meeting 12:15 p.m.	9  The Bridge 5 pm Choir 7 pm	10	11
12 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Student Brunch Noon A New Song 12:45 pm	13  O.A. 5:00 pm Calliope 6:00 pm A.A. 8:00 pm	14 Bible Study 9:30 am  <b>Council 6:30 pm</b>	15  Energizers 5:30 pm	16 AFIS  The Bridge 5 pm <b>NO Choir</b>	17	18  Highschoolers Kimes Nursing Home 2 pm
19 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Student Brunch Noon A New Song 12:45 pm Confirmation Skating 2 pm	20  O.A. 5:00 pm Calliope 6:00 pm A.A. 8:00 pm	21 Bible Study 9:30 am	22  Noon Outreach Meeting  <b>Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.</b>	23  The Bridge 5 pm Choir 7 pm	24  CLC Talent Event 6:30 p.m.	25
26 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Student Brunch Noon A New Song 12:45 pm Energizers Bowling 2 pm Piano Recital 2 pm	27  O.A. 5:00 pm Calliope 6:00 pm A.A. 8:00 pm	28 Bible Study 9:30 am  Property 5:30 pm Earth Justice 7 pm Life Together 7 pm	29  Mid-Week Lenten Service 7 p.m.			

## The Bridge February Events. .

### Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Feb 2 - 5:00** • Panel discussion - Helpful tips for the job hunt

**Feb 9 - 6:00** • Dinner and fun at Pastor Lynn's.  
**Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and cars will transport - just 5 minute drive.**

**Feb 16 - 5:00** • Valentine Celebration - "Love"

**Feb 23 - 5:00** • Where do we fit in the season of Lent

### Adopt-A-Student

Thanks to the individuals and families who adopt a student. On occasion, please send a note of encouragement, meet for coffee, or invite to your home. It is a great way to connect with your student.



## A New Song

(College age Students, and young adults)  
Rehearsals on Sundays 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.  
following brunch.  
Interested? Talk with Charlene Parkinson  
- 740-274-2335 or wmpcmp@gmail.com

### Dates to remember on Campus

- Parents Weekend • Feb 3-5
- Sibs Weekend • Feb 17-19



# Worship Assistants for the Month of February 2012

Date & Time	Ushers & Communion	Ushers & Coffee	Assistants	Lectors	Communion Servers	Acolyte	Time with Children	Greeters
Feb 5 8:30 a.m.	Wanda Weinberg	John Deno	Hans Kruse	Wanda Weinberg	Mary Kay Runser	-----		Linda & Rod Sauer
Feb 5 11:00 a.m.	Joni Hodgson Lance Broy	Bob Dakin	Tom Riggs	Lisa Reshad	Sheila Theiss	Brianna Nowicki	Lance Broy	Carol Kirk Lisa Reshad
Feb 12 8:30 a.m.	Linda & Rod Sauer	Hans Kruse	Wanda Weinberg	Mrs McDavis	Adam Cutright	Carter Russell		Marlene & Jim Bruning
Feb 12 11:00 a.m.	Linda Batey Mary Lee Powell	Art Woolley	John Laughlin	Greg Newton	Jo King	Kristina Denbow	Lynn Miller	Jeanne & Luther Haseley
Feb 19 8:30 a.m.	Sue Ellen Miller	Tim Prange	Chris Snoddy	Adam Cutright	Lynne Woods	Charlotte Cutright		Russell Boys
Feb 19 11:00 a.m.	Amber Kalder Bekah Miller	Carl Savage	Adam Bjorlin	Elli Broy	Maya Sattler	Maddi Roth	Kristi Goldsberry	Adele Hanson Tom Riggs
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Feb 22 7:00 p.m.	_____	_____	Sam Hanson	Bärbel Such	Linda Sauer	Amanda De Santos	_____	Tim Prange
Feb 26 8:30 a.m.	Wanda Weinberg	Marc Fesenmeyer	Karl Runser	Adam Cutright	Mrs McDavis	-----		Joyce & Dennis Cade
Feb 26 11:00 a.m.	Joni Hodgson Mary Lee Powell	Warren Reininga	Ellen Peterson	Sam Hanson	Marilyn Shealy	Katey Broy	Lynne Woods	Linda Batey Karen Dahn
March 4 8:30 a.m.	Fran Snyder	Larry Snyder	Hans Kruse	MaryAnne Flournoy	Doug Debrick	Carter Russell		Mrs. McDavis
March 4 11:00 a.m.	Linda Batey Mary Lee Powell	Lance Broy	Nick Claussen	Keith Woodall	Lisa Reshad	Meredith Suhr	Lance Broy	Sheila Theiss Carol Kirk



## N.B. . . Attention all Committee Chairs

Please discuss the 2011/2012 budget with your committees and turn in your projected budget for your committee to Hans by **March 1st**.

## Next LRPC . . . . .

**Wed, Feb 8th 12:15 p.m.**  
**Long Range Planning**

### Committee

The sub - committee of the LRPC met twice and will meet again, Feb 8th with the entire committee. Summaries for review will be presented to Council **Tuesday, Feb, 14th**.

## *I Asked God*

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.  
I was made weak, that I might learn to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things.  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for — but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

*Anonymous*

