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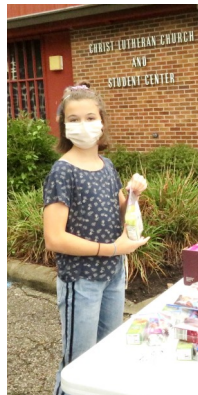
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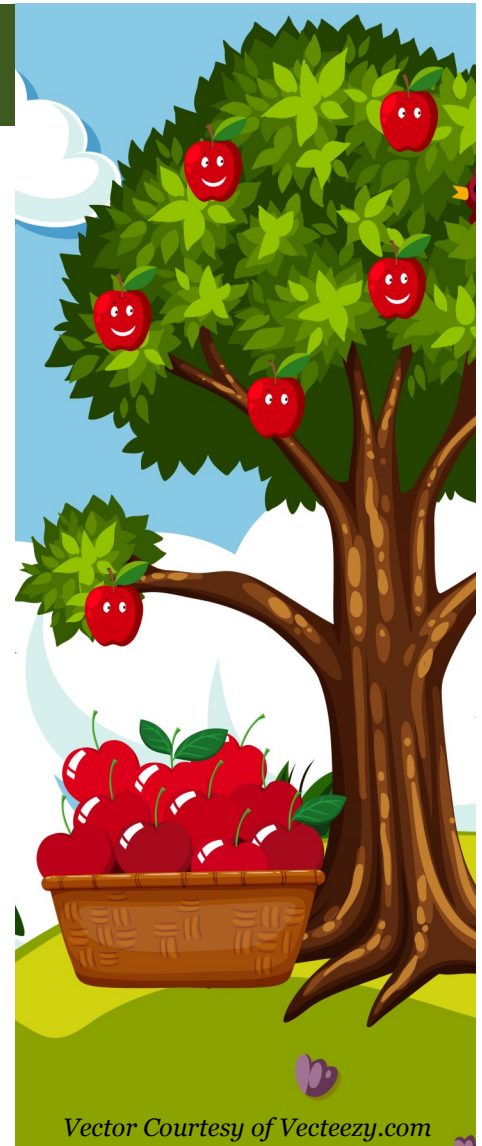
God's work.
Our hands.

Sunday, September 12th

The ELCA national initiative God's Work, Our Hands is Sunday, September 12th. We've been packing Snow Day Snack Bags for several years now as a congregational project. The Athens County Libraries continue to find these snack bags extremely helpful in addressing hunger on snow days in school age children! The bags will be packed by our youth only before the Sunday outdoor worship service. An email to parents will be coming the beginning of September. Packing will be outdoors and as physically distanced as possible and masked. Rain will cancel the packing. Thanks for your support of this important project!
- Adele Hanson



Pictured above are photos from the 2020 packing event.



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Yasmeena Juedes
3 - Rachel Prange
5 - Jack Haseley
7 - Megan Cutright
14 - Betty Blackford
17 - Larry Snyder
18 - Jim Sillery
22 - Karen Dahn
23 - Rich Russell
Carol Kuhre

Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Please email the office
and let us know!
info@clcathens.org

Organ Recital Save the Date!

On Tuesday, Oct. 5th at
7:30p.m., organist Bradley
Hunter Welch will be perform-
ing classical works for organ
here at Christ Lutheran
Church. As always,
admission is free--dona-
tions gratefully accepted.

Hush No More: Perspectives from Womanist Theologians

This fall, Trinity Seminary in Columbus is honored to host "Hush No More: Perspectives from Womanist Theologians." This hybrid event is free and open to the public, who may attend inperson or stream online. Womanist Theology is an approach to understanding God and the world that centers the experiences and insights of Black women. This event is supported by the Seminaries of the ELCA's Womanist Theology Initiative and the ELCA Justice for Women Program. For speaker information, as well as how to register, [click here](#) and scroll to page 5.

Dates:

Thursday, Sept. 9th 11:30a.m. - 1p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9th 11:30a.m. - 1p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11th 11:30a.m. - 1p.m.

What's Happening at CLC?

Theology on Tap • Thursday, Sep. 9th, 6 p.m.

Meeting again over Zoom, Theology on Tap will be sending out the *Living Lutheran* article information soon. If you have any questions or would like the Zoom link, please contact Mike Cleland at mikercleland@gmail.com. It will also be sent out in the weekly What's Happening.

Coffee Hour • Sunday, Sept. 12th at 11:30 a.m.

Tar sands oil is considered the dirtiest fuel on earth and its use will greatly accelerate the climate emergency we are facing. Despite this, efforts are underway to bring more of this crude oil into the country. Anne Sparks and two other women spent a week on the front lines attempting to shut down pipeline construction. They will be talking about their experience. Please join us online and bring your favorite coffee or snack. Link will be sent in the weekly What's Happening.

Habitat SEO Fun Run

Saturday, Sept. 25th, 10a.m.

The race starts and finishes at the bike path in Eclipse. Unlike last year, this race will be LIVE. Registration will be \$25 for adults and \$10 for youngsters 13 and under. Registration is easy. Just use this link and register on Habitat's website <https://habitatseo.org/get-involved/faith-build-coalition.html>

Wednesday Night Prayer • Every Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Join current and previous members and friends of Christ Lutheran from literally all over the world for a time of prayer and reflection. The Zoom link is emailed out with the What's Happening each week, but contact the office if you would like it.

Summary of Council • August 10th, Zoom

1. The following were appointed to the Personnel Committee by Pastor Chad Huebner, V.P. Doug Debrick and Pres. Daniel Snoddy: Rod Sauer, for a one-year term; Mike Cleland, for a two-year term. Currently they are identifying someone to fill an additional one-year term and someone to fill an additional two-year term.
2. Discussed the current Covid situation and how rapidly it has changed in 30 days. Pastor Chad will continue monitoring the situation. Flexibility will continue to be needed as we consider our response.
3. Motion passed to change Council meetings to 7PM. Meetings will remain on Zoom for now. The next is 7PM September 14th via Zoom.
4. Opened the conversation regarding how church funds, specifically investments and credit card providers, align with our mission priorities. Resolved that certain folks will explore our current situation as well as possible alternatives.
5. LLC Updates: the deed has been transferred, insurance procured and effective Aug. 1. Fully rented for '21-'22.

Youth & Family News

We are Hiring!

Know someone who would make a great Director of Youth and Family Ministry? Direct them to this link to read the full description for this part time position.: <https://www.clcathens.org/news/we-are-hiring>

Photos from our Final Session of VBS



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Sue Righi
Marcus Dahn
Jacky Brown
Lou Childress
Karen Chikosky
Carl Savage
Dick Brackin
Jo King
Joan Fucci
Dave Armstrong
*Jo Ann Pulfer
*Sammy Huwe
*Mary Andrews
*Fran Dalzell
*Art Woolley

*Homebound members

Social Ministry - Faith In Action

As part of the ELCA, we believe God's grace grants us the freedom to love and serve our neighbors, boldly responding to the needs of the world.

Hunger News

Lutheran Social Services Mobile Food Pantry

The monthly LSS mobile food pantry will be Thursday, September 9th at The Plains United Methodist Church from 11:00-noon. Approximately eight volunteers are needed to help with food distribution and parking. Volunteers are needed at about 10:15. Questions can be directed to Adele Hanson.

Athens CROP Walk 2021

Save the Date: Sunday, October 3rd at 1:45 pm, starting at the Athens Community Center (rear of the solar panel parking lot). We are so excited to be hosting the event in person this year! Contact Adele Hanson (adelehanson@gmail.com) for more details. She will have the traditional walker envelopes to send to walkers or walkers can register and get sponsors online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/athensoh/>.

**FOR I WAS HUNGRY
AND YOU FED ME;
I WAS THIRSTY
AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK.
I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU WELCOMED ME;
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME...
MATTHEW 25: 35-36**

Other Social Ministry Happenings



Undie Sundays and Summer Sweats Wrapping up September 5

If you haven't yet contributed to this program to provide elementary schools with extra underwear and sweats for the school year, there is still time. Donations can be made through the "Give" button on the church website or through a check with "Undie Sundays" in the memo line mailed to the church or dropped into offering basket at the Sunday service.

Montaña de Luz Update

The Christ Lutheran, Athens MdL Virtual Service Team has been formed! Team members are Sue Ellen Miller, Sam Hanson, Joni Hodgson, Marilyn Shealey, Wanda Weinberg and her sister Connie Otto, Sue Righi, and Mim and Merle Almquist. Doug Debrick will be the Team Leader, with help from Sue Ellen Miller and all the team members. If you want to still be a part of the team, contact Doug at dgdebrick@gmail.com. Watch for announcements and sharing from the Team in September!

Equity and Justice

Wave of Prayer

Look for this in our Newsletters and 4th Sunday Worship Emails

Cynthia Yoder was inspired by the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center to prepare a monthly "Wave of Prayer" for our congregation. The Wave of Prayer will include brief news items and prayers for critical issues of inequity and injustice in the U.S. and in the world. This is an opportunity to quiet our hearts, pray for God's presence, and deepen our love of neighbor. The committee hopes you find this as meaningful as we have. Thank you, Cynthia!

September Hospitality Hour - Sept 12th on Zoom at 11:30

Tar sands oil is considered the dirtiest fuel on earth and its use will greatly accelerate the climate emergency we are facing. Despite this, efforts are underway to bring more of this crude oil into the country. Canadian company Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline is slated to cross 200 waterways as well as Anishinaabe treaty territory, posing huge risks to water quality, and threatening the livelihood of the Indigenous population of northern Minnesota. Anne Sparks and two other women spent a week on the front lines with Water Protectors attempting to shut down this pipeline construction. They will be talking about their experience. Please join us online. See also the Advocacy Corner in this newsletter for more details.



Save the Date: Our November 14th 11:30a.m. will feature Winsome Chuunu, Dir, of the Multicultural Center at OU, who will lead a workshop in follow-up to our discussion on Critical Race Theory and its effect on education and broader society.

Social Ministry - Continued

Earth Justice

Season of Creation • Begins Sep. 1st The Season of Creation begins on September 1 and ends on St Francis of Assisi Day in October. The Lutherans Restoring Creation website has resources which we can use to reflect on our care of creation. [Click here](#) to visit their site. As part of Christ Lutheran's care for creation, The church is collecting plastic film for the Nex-Trex project which is recycling them into park benches. Collection containers are available at the services on Sunday mornings.

Plastics Program • Oct. 17th, 11:30a.m. Join us for a presentation on plastics by Athens Plastics Committee. The method for the event (in-person, hybrid, Zoom) is TBD depending on the Covid situation at the time. Please stay tuned!

Coming Soon • Hike in an Old Growth Forest We are waiting for the weather to tone it down a notch, and then will head out for a guided hike in an old growth forest.

Habitat for Humanity



1. The Faith Build Coalition of Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio will conduct its annual Fall 5K Fun Run on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 10 AM. The race starts and finishes at the bike path in Eclipse. Unlike last year, this race will be LIVE. Registration will be \$25 for adults and \$10 for youngsters 13 and under. Registration is easy. Just use this link and register on Habitat's website <https://habitatseo.org/get-involved/faith-build-coalition.html>.

2. The Scrap Metal Drive will once again be held as a fund raiser for the Faith Build Coalition. Collecting scrap aluminum, brass, copper, and ferrous metal items will happen on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Athens County Fairgrounds. Chris Snoddy is looking for someone who can help unload the scrap metal from vehicles since she cannot attend this event. Please email her at ckvs@sprynet.com!!

3. The new Director of Volunteer and Youth Engagement at Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio, Hallie Davis, is settling in to her new job. She is still trying to recruit volunteers to help finish the construction of the 100th home being built in Jacksonville, especially on Saturdays. No experience required! There are construction coordinators on site every day to help teach and lead the volunteers. Contact Hallie at 740-592-0032 or go to this link- <https://hfhseo.volunteermatrix.com/>.

Advocacy Corner

Water is Life & the Urgency of Climate Change

Line 3 is an aging pipeline in northern Minnesota being replaced and enlarged by Enbridge, a Canadian company, to carry tar sands oil. Its path through Indigenous lands violates treaty rights and raises urgent environmental concerns. A group of Senators and Reps has called on President Biden to halt construction and conduct a thorough environmental assessment. They write that the Army Corps conducted "almost no independent evaluation of the risk of oil spills at the crossings it authorized, despite the fact that the route for Line 3 crosses 227 lakes and rivers, including the headwaters of the Mississippi River and rivers that feed directly into Lake Superior." Pipeline accidents and spills are extremely common as the video in this article depicts: https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/americas_dangerous_pipelines/

In violation of treaty agreements, Enbridge received approval in June to pump 10 times more water away from the construction site than was approved last November. "The magnitude of this transfer will have grave implications for the ecosystems near the pipeline, including the wild rice beds that are a staple food for the Anishinaabe people and core to their way of life," the Congressional group said. "It is our understanding that the Red Lake and White Earth tribes were not consulted on this dramatic increase, despite the fact that it will directly impact them."

Enbridge set up a Safety Escrow Trust to reimburse law enforcement for policing costs related to the pipeline. Local departments have worked overtime to suppress peaceful protests led by Indigenous people, arresting more than 600. Repression has escalated with the use of tear gas, rubber bullets, sonic harassment, low-flying helicopters and more directed against the Water Protectors. In return, law enforcement has received about \$2million.

In August, the IPCC of the UN released a frightening report that the serious impacts of global warming will be felt sooner than previously predicted. They stated unequivocally that human use of fossil fuels is driving climate change and that immediate action is needed to avoid even more drastic impacts on island nations, coastal cities, agriculture, human health, and more.

The continuing drilling and transport of oil and gas needs to stop. The treaty rights of Indigenous people need to be honored.

Write to President Biden and your Senators and ask that construction of Line 3 be halted and a new environmental review be conducted to "ensure a full and significant review that includes assessing the project's real costs on environment, public health, and climate change and ensuring the public is aware of those costs." <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>



The Bridge

“Into the Woods” Retreat • Sept. 18th - 19th

Back by popular demand, the undergrads are heading to Lutheran Memorial Camp. Join us for a climb on the rockwall, a zip on the zipline, and a generally great time! Depart from church at **9 a.m.** on Saturday and return lunchtime/early afternoon on Sunday. Cost is \$40 and all meals are included. The church is covering the other half of the cost. Must RSVP on or before Sept. 8th. Email TheBridge@ohio.edu to sign up.

Left: Photo from the Summer Bridge Retreat



Glow Canoe Trip • Saturday, Sept. 25th

Join us for a paddling good time! This paddle/float is through Hocking Hills Canoe Livery, includes a free glow necklace and bracelet, and concludes with a bonfire, live music, and s'mores. We will depart from church at **4:45 p.m.** and return approximately 10 p.m. **RSVP by Sept. 8 required. Cost is \$15.** The church is covering the other half. Sign up by emailing TheBridge@ohio.edu.

Wednesday Nights • Now at 5:30p.m.

Bridge Wednesday are all in-person this semester, provided we don't have a big influx of Delta Variant cases. We are meeting in the side yard and still doing RSVP'd meals from local food establishments for the health and safety of all. Don't forget to RSVP your meal option to Rinnah by noon on Wednesday. The latest info on Bridge meals can be found by [clicking here](#) and selecting the most recent weekly news.

Save the Date • Apple Butter Making

Sun., Oct. 10th 11a.m. - 3p.m.

Ever made Apple Butter? It's a finger licking good time! We will leave church about 9a.m. and drive up to Lutheran Memorial Camp for the day to participate in this annual tradition. Let us know you are interested by emailing TheBridge@ohio.edu.



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

Come be a Peer Minister!

We are looking for another Peer Minister to join our campus ministry team. Love being innovative and want to help us plan for the future? Have a desire to welcome other students to our ministry? Peer ministry might be for you! Check out our employment description by [clicking here](#) and follow application instructions.



September Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save the dates: Oct. 2nd - Blessing of the Pets (10:30am) Oct. 3rd - CROP Walk () Oct. 5th - Organ Recital (7p.m. - CLC Sanctuary) *For info on the annual September Habitat Fun Run, see p. 5 of this newsletter.			1 The Bridge, 5:30 p.m., Side Yard Wed. Night Prayer, 7 p.m., Zoom	2 Social Ministry Meeting, 7:00, Zoom	3	4 OA, , 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall and Zoom
5 Worship, 10 a.m., Sideyard. If inclement weather, join us online.	6 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall	7 Equity & Justice, 7 p.m., Zoom	8 The Bridge, 5:30 p.m., Side Yard Online Communion Service, 7 p.m., Zoom	9 LSS Mobile Food Pantry, 11 a.m. - Noon, UMC The Plains Theology On Tap, 6 p.m., Zoom	10	11 OA, , 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall and Zoom
12 <i>God's Work Our Hands Sunday</i> Snack bag packing, youth only, 9a.m., Sideyard Worship, 10 a.m., Sideyard. If inclement weather, join us online. Coffee Hour, 11:30a.m., Zoom	13 AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall	14 Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Zoom	15 The Bridge, 5:30 p.m., Side Yard Wed. Night Prayer, 7 p.m., Zoom	16 Life Together, 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting	17	18 Bridge Retreat, 8:45 a.m., Meet at Church, Leave for LMC OA, , 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall and Zoom
19 Worship, 10 a.m., Sideyard. If inclement weather, join us online. Bridge Retreat Returns, c. 2 p.m., Arrive back to Church	20 AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall	21	22 The Bridge, 5:30 p.m., Side Yard Wed. Night Prayer, 7 p.m., Zoom Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25 Habitat SEO Fun Run, 10a.m., Eclipse Company Store OA, , 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall and Zoom Bridge Canoe Trip, 4:45 p.m.-10 p.m., Meet at Church
26 Worship, 10 a.m., Sideyard. If inclement weather, join us online.	27 AA, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall	28 Earth Justice, 5:30 p.m., Zoom	29 Property, 5:00, Sideyard The Bridge, 5:30 p.m., Side Yard Wed. Night Prayer, 7 p.m., Zoom	30	Don't see your event listed? Please notify the church office by the newsletter deadline to include your event/meeting/activity on this calendar. info@clcathens.org	

Worship Assistants

Please let Katie Beth, the Office Administrator,
know in advance if you are planning to be out of town
so we can schedule accordingly: info@clcathens.org *Thank you!*

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26	October 3
Asst./Lector	Ellen Peterson	Steve Chikosky	Wanda Weinberg	Chris Snoddy	Greg Newton
Time with the Children	Megan Cutright	Cheryl Huebner	Puppets	Jana Hovland	Kay Cleland
Greeter	Sue Ellen Miller	Linda Sauer	TBD	TBD	TBD

You are listed above because of what you indicated on your Time & Talent sheet.

If you CAN'T make it on Sunday?

Call another person listed in this area, and see if they can switch weeks with you. Then email the church office so reminders go to the proper persons in the following weeks. If you need a list of other people in this service area to find a replacement, contact Katie Beth, the Office Administrator, at info@clcathens.org

Greeters are needed!



In the past few weeks we have identified some new folks joining us! **We would like to start to schedule having 1 greeter each week.** This person would only need to be present if we have outdoor worship - if indoors, no greeter needed as we are not allowing the congregation inside at present.

We would like you to come early to worship, grab one of our attendance books from the back of the church where we keep them, greet any new folks you see, and ask them if they would like to leave their email address and/or to be added to either our monthly newsletter or weekly what's happening or worship emails. A phone number and physical address is also helpful for our outreach folks to follow up, but just an email is great too. Not sure where these books are? Grab Katie Beth, Marilyn, or John Deno and ask.

If this sounds like something you would be willing to do once a month or two, please contact the office as this position was not on this year's time and talent.