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## Christ Lutheran Church

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# What's Happening at CLC?

Children, grades 3 and under are invited to Children's Church. Children's Church is offered during the 10am service immediately following the Children's Message. Children's Church will run the Sunday after Labor day to the Sunday before Memorial Day.



Happening on Sunday evenings! Youth, ages 12 to 17 (or grades 7-12) are invited from 5:30p to 6:30p to Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall.

**\*Come enjoy some fellowship, games, food and FUN!**

## CLC Youth March Schedule

*Join the fun!*

Questions or comments reach out to lucy  
at [lucyc@clcathens.org](mailto:lucyc@clcathens.org)

<p><i>Join the fun</i></p> <p>March 5th, 2023</p> <p><b>LET'S BRING SOME JOY</b></p> <p>TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS @ THE LINDLEY INN</p> <p>MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR DINNER-5:15P-5:30P</p> <p>LEAVE FOR THE LINDLEY INN AT 5:45P</p> <p>VISITING AND PLAYING BOARD GAMES FROM 6P-7P</p> <p>RETURN TO THE CHURCH AT 7:15P</p>	<p>March 12th, 2023</p> <p><b>NO YOUTH GROUP SPRING BREAK!</b></p>	<p><b>LIFE TOGETHER IS SPONSORING PIE DAY!</b></p> <p>COME ENJOY SOME DELICIOUS TREATS AFTER SERVICE</p> <p>March 19th, 2023</p> <p><b>LIFE TOGETHER sponsors Pi Day</b></p> <p>MARCH 19TH</p> <p>Immediately following service</p> <p>BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!</p>	<p><i>Join the fun</i></p> <p><i>More details to come</i></p> <p>March 26th, 2023</p> <p>5:30p to 6:30p</p> <p><b>Lenten Discussion/Reflection!</b></p> <p>Food and beverages provided</p>
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### Off-site

(Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise noted)



Wit & Wisdom is especially attractive to retired members and to all those who consider themselves wise and witty. All are welcome! Meeting location is the Fellowship Hall unless noted otherwise.

This month: will be off -site-contact Sue Ellen for information



### Equity and Justice

Tuesday, March 7th  
@ 7p.m.

[Join Meeting here](#)

Please RSVP Doug Debrick at



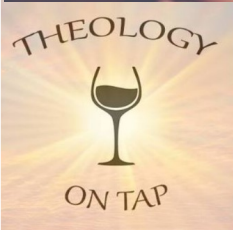


### Wednesday Night Prayer

**Online Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.**

Join current and previous members and friends of Christ Lutheran Zooming in from literally all over the world for a time of prayer and reflection.

**On Hold-Please join us in the sanctuary or via livestream for the Lenten Services at 7p**



### Theology on Tap

**Thursday, March 9th, 6 p.m.**

Bring your own dinner and beverage of choice and meet us via Zoom! [Connect](#)

## THE BRIDGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Bridge connects college and university students to our congregation by providing a safe space of acceptance and affirmation. The Bridge attempts to fulfill the needs of students through prayer, support, and programs.

Meets on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30p and brunch the first Sunday of the month following the 10a service.

For more information or a schedule contact us at [TheBridge@ohio.edu](mailto:TheBridge@ohio.edu)

**March 23rd, 2023**

**Last Thursday of the month  
at 6pm-location varies**

Interested in joining a fun group of people planning social events for CLC? **Life Together needs you!**

Questions, comments or for the link: Contact Dan Snoddy, at [ckvs@sprynet.com](mailto:ckvs@sprynet.com)



## Church Council MEETING

March 21st, at 7p [Connect](#)



**Earth Justice**

**Tuesday, February  
28th**

**@ 5:30p**

[Launch Zoom](#)



**Thursday, March 16th @ 7p**

[Connect Here](#)

**Did you know that a percentage of the money you already spend at Kroger could be going to Christ Lutheran Church? At no extra cost to you! Email the office to find out how to enroll. [info@clcathens.org](mailto:info@clcathens.org)**

# LENTEN SERVICES



3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

7P

WEDNESDAY SERVICES  
LEADING UP TO HOLY WEEK

## Now taking 2023 EASTER PLANT/FLOWER ORDERS

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 16TH, 2023

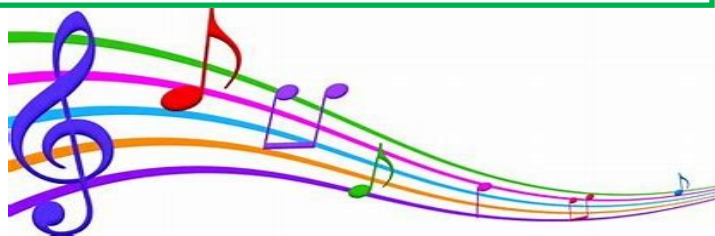
Order forms can be  
found in the Narthex!



Please join us for the second installment of the Ruined Readers book club, sponsored by JVC Northwest and hosted by Corrie Callaghan. This quarter's book selection is *Rest is Resistance*, by Tricia Hersey. We will meet downstairs to discuss the book after worship on **Sunday, March 26**. Please RSVP at the following link if you're planning to attend.

Sign-up to join [HERE](#)

Email the office at [info@clcathens.org](mailto:info@clcathens.org) to get your book at a 20% discount. \$20.



### Men's Ensemble

#### Rehearsals:

March 29th, 2023, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary;

### Women's Ensemble

#### Rehearsals:

## AED TRAINING



**Sunday, April 30th**

In the Sanctuary following the  
worship service.

Contact Rod Sauer for more  
information.



# Faith in Action

## Lenten Offerings this year go to the Southeast Ohio Foodbank

This year, the Social Ministry Committee decided that the midweek service Lenten offerings will go to the Southeast Ohio Foodbank ( <https://hapcap.org/seo-foodbank/> ). As noted on their website, “In South-east Ohio, 1 in 6 individuals, including 1 in 4 children, struggle with hunger. A combination of rising food prices, SNAP benefit cuts, wage stagnation and underemployment has contributed to an increased need in our emergency food services.” This month, emergency SNAP benefits provided during the pandemic will no longer be sent to our neighbors who have been dependent upon these funds to feed themselves and their families. Committee members involved with local food outreach programs have seen an increase in need in our County and the surrounding region, and this reduction will likely lead to increased need for food among our low-income neighbors.

## Advocacy Regarding the Farm Bill

Every five years Congress passes a Farm Bill, the legislation for funding and programs regarding nutrition and agriculture in our country and internationally. We have the opportunity to tell our legislators our concerns about the Bill. Bread for the World through its annual Offering of Letters ( [www.bread.org/offering-letters/#resources](http://www.bread.org/offering-letters/#resources) ) initiative has identified three areas of advocacy regarding the Farm Bill:

*Nutrition* – Malnutrition and undernutrition continue to be the leading cause of disease and death among the poor around the world, and this problem is predicted to increase in coming years without interventions to improve food distribution and production in impoverished areas around the world.

*Equity* - Bread for the World advocates for equity in the implementation of nutrition programs, that “every human being, created in the image of God, has inherent dignity and should have access to sufficient nutritious food.”

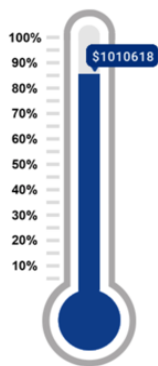
*Sustainability* – Bread for the World and the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association ( [www.oeffa.org](http://www.oeffa.org) ) are advocating for initiatives in the Farm Bill promoting preservation and regeneration of natural resources, along with reduction of food waste, so that ours and future generations will continue to be able to produce nutritious food efficiently.

Go to those websites for more information and resources for contacting legislators.

## THRIVE-OMETER

**Base Goal: \$1,200,000**

**(Challenge Goal: \$2,000,000)**



**Now over 84% of Base Goal!**

The Thrive! Campaign Committee would like to thank Nick Claussen, Mike Cleland, Carol Kuhre, Pastor Chad, John Molinaro, Dan and Chris Snoddy, George Weckman, and Wanda Weinberg for all their help in making this campaign a success. Most of all, our deepest gratitude goes to all the congregation members and friends who pledged more than we could have possibly imagined!

### Thrive! Surpasses \$1 Million!

Exciting news! Christ Lutheran, Athens, recently completed its congregational campaign, blowing past a \$15,000 target goal by committing to giving an astounding \$47,309 for Thrive! Their overflowing generosity has catapulted Thrive! to a total of \$1,010,618 in commitments!

Christ Lutheran's experience, once again, shows that when people learn how Thrive! is bringing new hope to our synod's congregations, they respond with overflowing generosity.

We give our utmost thanks to Pastor Huebner and the wonderful campaign team at Christ Lutheran who ran an inspiring, effective campaign and demonstrated that we are stronger and better together!

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## LSS Mobile Food Pantry

LSS Mobile Food Pantry is coming up on Thursday, March 9th at The Plains United Methodist Church. The pantry starts at 11:00am and volunteers are need around 10:15. Christ Lutheran Church wraps up fresh produce purchases for distribution this month through our Social Ministry committee.



## **Quarters to Freedom**

Mount Zion Baptist Church Preservation Society has begun a major educational and service project with not only Athens City School District, but with other schools along the 330-mile route of the Underground RR from Athens to Buxton, Ontario. Working with the Ohio Council for the Social Studies, students will learn history but will also help MZ raise money to transform its 1909 building into a Black Cultural Center for the region. If you're not familiar with MZ, it is on the corner of Carpenter and N. Congress Streets. Note its beautiful rose window! An expert stained-glass company will be removing the windows in April to take to their studio for complete restoration. It is an expensive job, and they are hoping the community will provide support. To learn more, go to [mountzionathens.org](http://mountzionathens.org).

You can donate to this cause by dropping your quarters (or other change, bills, or checks) into the **QUARTERS TO FREEDOM** collection jar in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



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## Save these Dates!

### Scrap Metal Drive -

Saturday, April 22, 2023

from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

at the Athens County Fairgrounds.

### Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 13, 2023

from 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

at the Christ the King Family Center.

Donation drop-offs will be Thursday, May 11, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Two homes are still being built by Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio in Athens County, one in Jacksonville and one in Carbon Hill/Buchtel. Please consider helping on a build. You can work Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and don't need to have construction knowledge. Sign up to volunteer at <https://habitatseo.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-on-a-build.html>.

## Wave of Prayer Prepared Cynthia Yoder

You can find this month's wave of prayer graciously provided by Cynthia Yoder by clicking here: [WAVE OF PRAYER](#)



**Candy Donations are needed for the community Easter event. A bin for candy is located in the Narthex.**

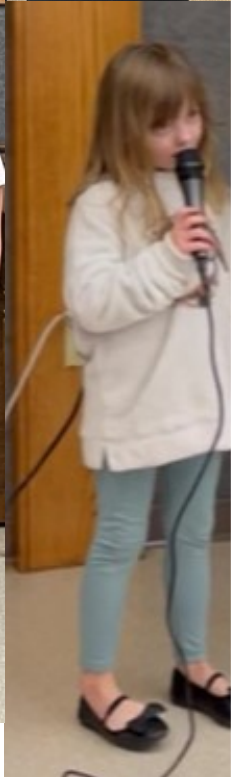
**All the way from DC, from the desk of Katie Beth:**

**"Save the Date:** Thursday, July 20th at 7pm is the anticipated ordination date/time for Katie Beth. Pending final approval of relevant committees and her bishop, the ordination will be held at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. This is when KB will be ordained to the priesthood (the Episcopal equivalent of pastor - so the same thing as Chad). All are invited to attend. There will be no RSVP necessary as the cathedral can hold many people. More details to follow."

## February Highlights















## PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Karen Peter-  
sohn-Jung  
Lou Childress  
Jo King  
Joan Fucci  
Dave Arm-  
strong  
\*Mary Lee Pow-  
ell  
\*Carl Savage  
\*Dick Brackin  
\*Jo Ann Pulfer  
\*Sammy Huwe  
\*Mary Andrews  
\*Art Woolley  
\*Homebound mem-  
bers

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

8- Maya & Madie Roth  
10- Howard Ffederspiel  
11-Mark Snyder  
12-Olivia Baumgartel  
14-Katey Broy  
17-David Juedes  
18-Kay Cleland  
20-George Weckman  
23-Steve Hodgson  
24- Elli Broy  
28-Jeanne Haseley  
29-Barbel Such  
30-Doug Debrick

**Did We Miss Your  
Birthday?**

Please email the office

## Council Summary

### February 2023 Notes

1. The annual congregational meet-  
ing was set for 6/25/2023.
2. Constitution review. Last years  
churchwide assembly made changes  
to the congregational model consti-  
tution. A small group of Pastor  
Chad, Wanda Weinberg, and Dan  
Snoddy have agreed to work on re-  
viewing the changes and integrating  
them into our constitution so they  
can be voted on in June.

## Worship Assistants

Interested in serving in a role below. Signup using the [link](#) or email your availability to [info@clcathens.org](mailto:info@clcathens.org) Thank you!

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
<i>Asst./ Lector</i>	Stephen Chikosky	Wanda Weinberg	John Molinaro	Jane Unger
<i>Time with Children</i>	Jane Unger	Lucy Crawford	Puppets (aka Nick )	Cheryl Huebner
<i>Videogra- pher</i>	Sam Hanson	Kay Cleland	Marilyn Shealy	Doug Debrick
<i>Greeter</i>	Linda Batey	Karen Beverly	Solveig Spjeldnes	Susan Sparks
<i>Acolytes</i>	Rachel Prange	Eliza	Lucy Mae Craw- ford	Melody
<i>Ushers</i>	John Deno Nick Claussen	Karl Runser Mary Kay Kerber	Sue Ellen Miller & Linda Batey	Wanda Weinberg & Mike Cleland
<i>Children's Church</i>	Kay Cleland Melody	Lucy Crawford	TBD	Tammy Thompson Rachel Prange

Monthly Church Calendar can be viewed [HERE](#).

**Don't see your event listed?** Please notify the church office @ [info@clcathens.org](mailto:info@clcathens.org)