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MAY 13TH, 2023 @11AM

When Life Gives you Lemons...

WOMEN ARE INVITED FOR A TIME OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD.









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Have information or an event you would like included in the June CHI RHO, submit it to info@clcathens.org

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. Youth are welcome to serve in Children's Church

If you or your child are interested in serving as a leader or assistant, <u>lucyc@clcathens.org</u>



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.

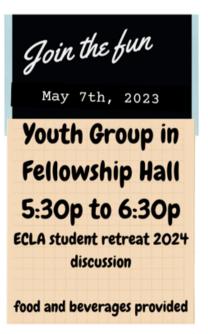
Come enjoy some fellowship, games, food and FUN!

For a schedule contact Lucy at lucyc@clcathens.org

CLC Youth May Schedule

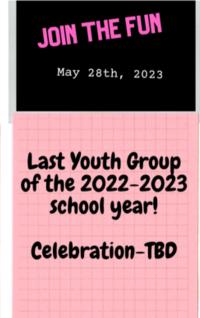
Join the fun!

Questions or commments reach out to lucy at lucyc@clcathens.org











EQUITY AND JUSTICE

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND @ 7P

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What's Happening at CLC?



(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: Wit and Wisdom will be going to Stockport Inn on Tuesday May, 2nd.

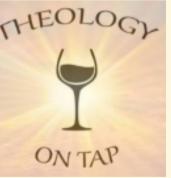
Wednesday Night Prayer

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.

Connect here





Thursday, April 13th, 6 p.m.

Bring your own dinner and beverage of choice and meet us via Zoom!

Connect Here



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.

On Break for the summer-will resume fall 2023

For more information or a schedule contact us at TheBridge@ohio.edu



MAY 25TH---Last Thursday of the month @ the Pleasant Hill Winery Interested in joining a fun group of people planning social events for CLC? Life Together needs you!

Questions, comments or for the link: Contact Committee Dan Snoddy, at ckvs@sprynet.com

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Tuesday, May 16th @ 7p



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Earth Justice Tues., May 23rd 5:30p Launch Zoom



Tuesday, May 4th Launch Zoom

May 10th- 7p Men and Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

May 14th-Sunday Worship Mixed Ensembles

May 16th-4:30p Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

May 17th-7p Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

May 21st-Sunday Worship Men's and Women's Ensemble

May 23rd-4:30p Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

May 28th-Sunday Worship
Mized Ensembles and Men's Ensemble



LSS Mobile Food Pantry

This month's LSS Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at The Plains United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed at 10:15. The pantry will begin after the grocery line is set and continue until noon. No additional fresh produce this month but hopefully surplus bread and baked goods from Heiner's Bread Depot in The Plains.

For more information about the mobile pantry contact Adele Hanson at adelehanson@gmail.com.







- WE Raise the Roof- The Women Raise the Roof Coalition has restarted and renamed itself. There will be a kick-off event on Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the HFH of SE Ohio main office- 14440 State Route 13, Chauncey. Come for pizza, a tour of the new headquarters and workshop areas, information about upcoming training sessions with a construction supervisor, and schedules for volunteer opportunities.
- Rummage Sale Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., at the Christ the King Family Center. Drop off household goods, decorations, toys, and clothing donations on Thursday, May 11, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Volunteer to help finish the home being built in Carbon Hill/Buchtel and the new one in Chauncey. You can work Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and don't need to have construction knowledge. Sign up at https://habitatseo.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-on-a-build.html.



Members of our congregation have been involved with and supportive of the restoration of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, and at this critical time, they are asking for community support to rescue and restore a vital part of the building. Here is an excerpt from their appeal: "As you may have heard, Mount Zion's century-old windows are falling out - literally! The condition of the window frames puts them at peril and they must be removed before more damage is done. The windows are incredibly valuable, both because of the history of the church, and the fact that they can never be replaced, especially the hand painted panels created in Japan." Here is the link to their GoFundMe site to make a donation: https://gofund.me/73919681.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

According to the National Alliance on Mentally Illness (www.nami.org), one in five adults will experience some kind of mental illness this year. Their theme for this year is "More Than Enough," explained on their website:

It's an opportunity for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold — no matter our diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability. We want every person out there to know that if all you did was wake up today, that's more than enough. No matter what, you are inherently worthy of more than enough life, love and healing. Showing up, just as you are, for yourself and the people around you is more than enough.

You can visit their website to learn more about the challenges of mental illness and opportunities to get involve with action and advocacy.



Locally this month, the Athena Cinema will be offering a free screening of the documentary, "Resilience, The Biology of Stress and The Science of Hope," with a panel discussion, Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1? ui=2&ik=ca9e3eb06e&attid=0.1&permmsgid=m Sg-

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There is also an opportunity for training to become a volunteer with SAOP, the Survivor Advocacy and Outreach Program, May 9-11 and 16-18, 4 – 8 p.m., and May 13, 9 – 5 p.m. For more information or to sign up, email heather@saopseoh.org, or go to the website, www.saopseoh.org.

Reflections on our sessions about the ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent

In January and February, Pastor Chad and the Equity and Justice group led a series of five workshops on the ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent

Click Here to View the Document

The videos, talks, and discussions were enlightening for everyone, and several different perspectives were introduced. Here is a comment from Chris Snoddy:

• The discussions were heartfelt, and I think everyone felt comfortable sharing anything they wanted. I learned quite a bit since I didn't even know there was an ELCA statement on this. It was extremely helpful to have the input, lived experiences, and perspectives of someone of African descent and a native African as well.

Anne Sparks also commented on how the series emphasized being willing to broaden our perspectives:

• In one of the early sessions I attended, many important insights were mentioned, starting with the way racism is baked into the American apple pie (a startling but useful image). In that session we were very fortunate to have Faustina Mensah join us and contribute her perspective as an African woman currently living in the U.S. One of the main themes was appreciating the unique qualities of people whom we often lump together and categorize in a simplistic way. We watched an excerpt of a Ted Talk by the Nigerian novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie in which she states, "Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories." Below is the link to the 3-minute-long excerpt we watched.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Drj0cZTBhUI

Equity and Justice is continuing to discuss ways that we can become more inclusive and involved with Black people and other minorities locally and across the country.

April Highlights















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Prayers For Health

Karen PetersohnJung
Lou Childress
Jo King
Joan Fucci
Dave Armstrong
Mary Lee Powell
Carl Savage
Dick Brackin
Jo Ann Pulfer
Sammy Huwe
Mary Andrews
Art Woolley

May Birthdays 1-Mark

Sunderman

3-Adam Cutright

-Jason Schmidt

4-Dessa

Thompson-

Kelleher

5-Solveig Spieldness

7-Sue Ellen Miller

11-Susan Urano

16-Dan Kneier

17-Magdalena

Kneier

18-Luke

Davenport

21-Lucy Mae

Crawford 27-Kristina

Denbow

Council Summary

April 2023 Notes

Approved the aspirational budget to be presented to the congregation.

Elected Mike Cleland and Wanda Weinberg as lay representatives to the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on June 3rd at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek.

Voted to add Dan Snoddy and Wanda Weinberg to the Edward Jones account as a backup to Lucy Juedes to be able to obtain information.

Reported to council that the Thrivent Mutual Fund has been liquidated and the Thrivent Credit Union account has been applied for.

Monthly Church calendar can be viewed <u>HERE.</u>

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Assist. / Lector	Matthew Crawford	Stephen Chikodky	Michael Cleland	Jane Unger
Time with Children	Lucy Crawford	Jane Unger	Puppets (aka Nick Claussen)	Cheryl Huebner
Videographer	Marilyn Shealy	Doug Debrick	Kay Cleland	Sam Hanson
Greeter	Linda Sauer	Chris Snoddy	Anne Sparks	Tammy Thompson
Acolyte	Lucy Mae Crawford	William Crawford	Dessa Thompson- Kelleher	Rachel Prange
Ushers	Rod Sauer John Deno	Sue Ellen Miller Andrew Kirsop	Marilyn Shealy Wanda Weinberg	Tim Prange Jim Sillery
Children's Church	Lucy Crawford	Kay Cleland Melody Christiansen	Tammy Thompson Rachel Prange	Lucy Crawford