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# Women's Luncheon

**MAY 13TH, 2023 @11AM**

*When Life Gives you  
Lemons...*

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



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an event you would  
like included in the  
June CHI RHO,  
submit it to  
[info@clcathens.org](mailto: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, [lucyc@clcathens.org](mailto:lucyc@clcathens.org)



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](mailto:lucyc@clcathens.org)

## CLC Youth May Schedule

*Join the fun!*

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

*Join the fun*

May 7th, 2023

**Youth Group in  
Fellowship Hall**

**5:30p to 6:30p**

**ECLA student retreat 2024  
discussion**

food and beverages provided

May 14th, 2023

**MOTHER'S  
DAY**

**CELEBRATE WITH  
MOM**

**NO YOUTH GROUP**

**Join the  
fun**

May 21st, 2023

**LET'S BRING  
SOME JOY**

**TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS @  
THE LINDLEY INN**

MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR  
DINNER-5:15P-5:30P

LEAVE FOR THE LINDLEY INN  
AT 5:45P

VISITING AND PLAYING BOARD GAMES  
FROM 6P-7P

RETURN TO THE CHURCH AT 7:45P

**JOIN THE FUN**

May 28th, 2023

**Last Youth Group  
of the 2022-2023  
school year!**

**Celebration-TBD**



**EQUITY AND JUSTICE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2ND @ 7P**

**CONNECT HERE**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ckvs@sprynet.com)

# What's Happening at CLC?

Tuesday, May 16th @ 7p

Church Council  
**MEETING**

[Connect Here](#)



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**  
**Mixed Ensembles and Men's Ensemble**



# Faith in Action

## 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](mailto:adelehanson@gmail.com).



# Faith in Action



- **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>.

# Faith in Action

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

According to the National Alliance on Mentally Illness ([www.nami.org](http://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.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE  
ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT  
SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE, STALKING, AND HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING IN  
SOUTHEAST OHIO?



## SPRING VOLUNTEER TRAINING

MAY 9-11TH 4-8:00 PM  
MAY 13TH 9-5:00 PM  
MAY 16-18TH 4-8:00 PM

ATHENS, OH 45701

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. ONLY  
A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN ABOUT HOW WE  
AS INDIVIDUALS CAN BETTER SUPPORT  
SURVIVORS IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

EMAIL: [HEATHER@SAOPSEOH.ORG](mailto:HEATHER@SAOPSEOH.ORG)  
[WWW.SAOPSEOH.ORG](http://WWW.SAOPSEOH.ORG)



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.

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[&view=att&disp=safe](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ui=2&ik=ca9e3eb06e&attid=0.1&permmsgid=m)

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](mailto:heather@saopseoh.org), or go to the website, [www.saopseoh.org](http://www.saopseoh.org).

# Faith in Action

## 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 Petersohn-  
Jung  
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  
Spjeldness  
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 [HERE](#).

	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