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Youth Group Activities

*November 5th-
Service Project
Noon- 4:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Pizza*

*November 12th-
5:15- Pizza in the
Fellowship Hall
6:00- Leave for
Lindley Inn*

*November 19th-
Youth at 5:30 in
Fellowship Hall
Bake Cookies*

*November 26th-
No Youth Group
Thanksgiving*

What's Happening at Christ Lutheran Church



The Book of Delights Chosen as Club Read for November 19th

Please join us **Sunday, November 19**, after service for a discussion of The Book of Delights, by Ross Gay (2019). This is the fall selection for the Ruined Readers Book Club, facilitated by Corrie Callaghan. This book club is a ministry of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and covers four books per year on the topics of spirituality, simplicity, social justice, and community. This quarter's book is on the spirituality theme.

From the Publisher: *The New York Times* bestselling book of essays celebrating ordinary delights in the world around us by one of America's most original and observant writers, award-winning poet Ross Gay. The winner of the NBCC Award for Poetry offers up a spirited collection of short lyrical essays, written daily over a tumultuous year, reminding us of the purpose and pleasure of praising, extolling, and celebrating ordinary wonders.

Some ideas for sustainable ways to obtain the book include:

- Order it through your local library. This takes longer, but it's free – and ensures everyone in the community can read the book!
- Buy from a Black-owned bookstore. Check out Bookshop.org for a list in your state.
- For buying online, try BetterWorldBooks, an ethical online bookshop and certified B-corp founded by the University of Notre Dame.
- Purchase from your local community bookshop.

What's Happening at CLC, Continued



November Birthdays:

3-Merl Almquist

12- Cedar Thompson-Kelleher

13- Dan Snoddy

17- Bruce Kuhre

18- Irelynne Deno

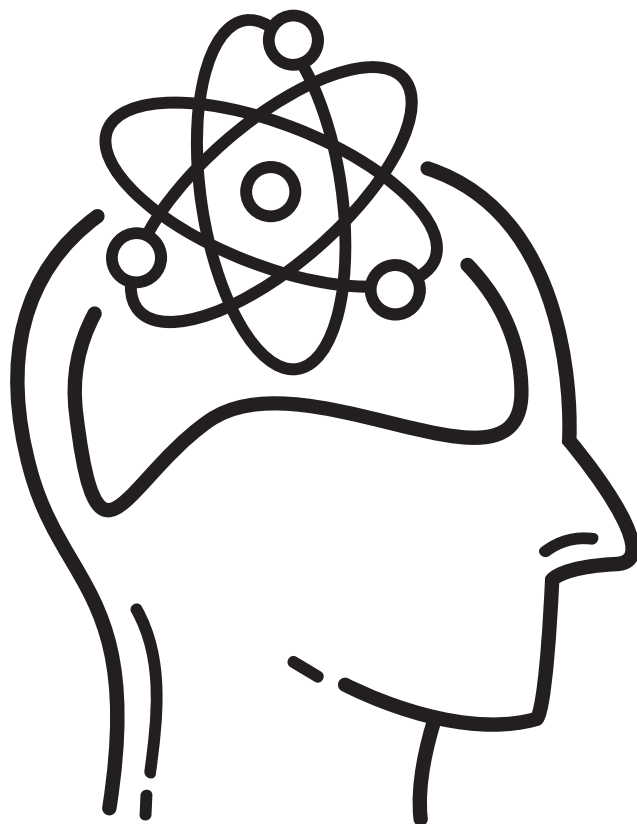
24- Barbara Singer

Inter-generational Event

Set For November 18th

Come on Saturday, November 18th at 9:30 am to the Christ Lutheran parking lot and we will leave to car pool to the new Discovery World on Market Science Center in Parkersburg, WV. While the Discovery World is geared for students that are elementary aged, fun will be had by people of all ages. For groups of people with 15 or more people, tickets are just \$5.00 a person, Children 2 and under are free. Regularly these tickets are \$8.00 for students up through aged 16, \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for Senior Citizens, and Children 2 and under, are free.

Once we are finished there, we will head on down Market Street to the Historic Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa to see the annual Festival of Trees. Last year, the community donated some 60+ trees that were auctioned off and benefited the United Way of the Mid-Ohio Valley. You may vote for your favorite tree with a donation. Hot chocolate, coffee, and pastries are available to be purchased. Come for a day that dazzles the brain with science and warms the heart with peace.



*“One generation shall laud
your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.”*

Psalms 145:4

Social Ministry Notes

CROP Hunger Walk 2023

Athens CROP Hunger Walk was held Sunday, October 15th. Walkers braved cool temperatures and drizzling rain. A Thrivent Action team grant provided funding for an ice cream treat from Larry's Dawg House. We all enjoyed the ice cream, (but a hot coffee or tea might have provided a little warm up!)

The total amount we raised was \$4,475 for Church World Service hunger programs. Christ Lutheran Church walkers contributed \$1440. to that total. Fantastic!

A sincere thank-you to this year's walkers and sponsors!

Lutheran Social Services Mobile Food Pantry -November 9, 2023

The November LSS mobile food pantry will be Thursday, November 9th at The Plains United Methodist Church. The pantry is from 11:00-noon. Volunteers are needed at 10:15.

This pantry will distribute LSS Thankful Holiday collection of food products. Registration is required this month for receiving this generous distribution, complete with a turkey or large roasting hen. The clients who haven't registered in advance will receive food after the registered clients. No families will leave without food. Please contact Adele Hanson (adelehanson@gmail.com) for details.

*Please Note:
Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday,
the office will be closed on
Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday,
Nov. 24th.
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
Thank-you!*



Impact Giving Committee Notes

Thank-you to those who attended the open house for the new addition at the Serenity Grove Women for Recovery Home. An Impact Fund grant of \$10,000 helped furnish this addition.

Another Impact Fund grant of \$12,000 was awarded to Tri-County Career Center to start a Driver's Education class. Nine students learned to drive last summer, and more are enrolled this fall. Please read the front-page article in the Athens Messenger from September 22, 2023, which mentions the grant from Christ Lutheran Church!



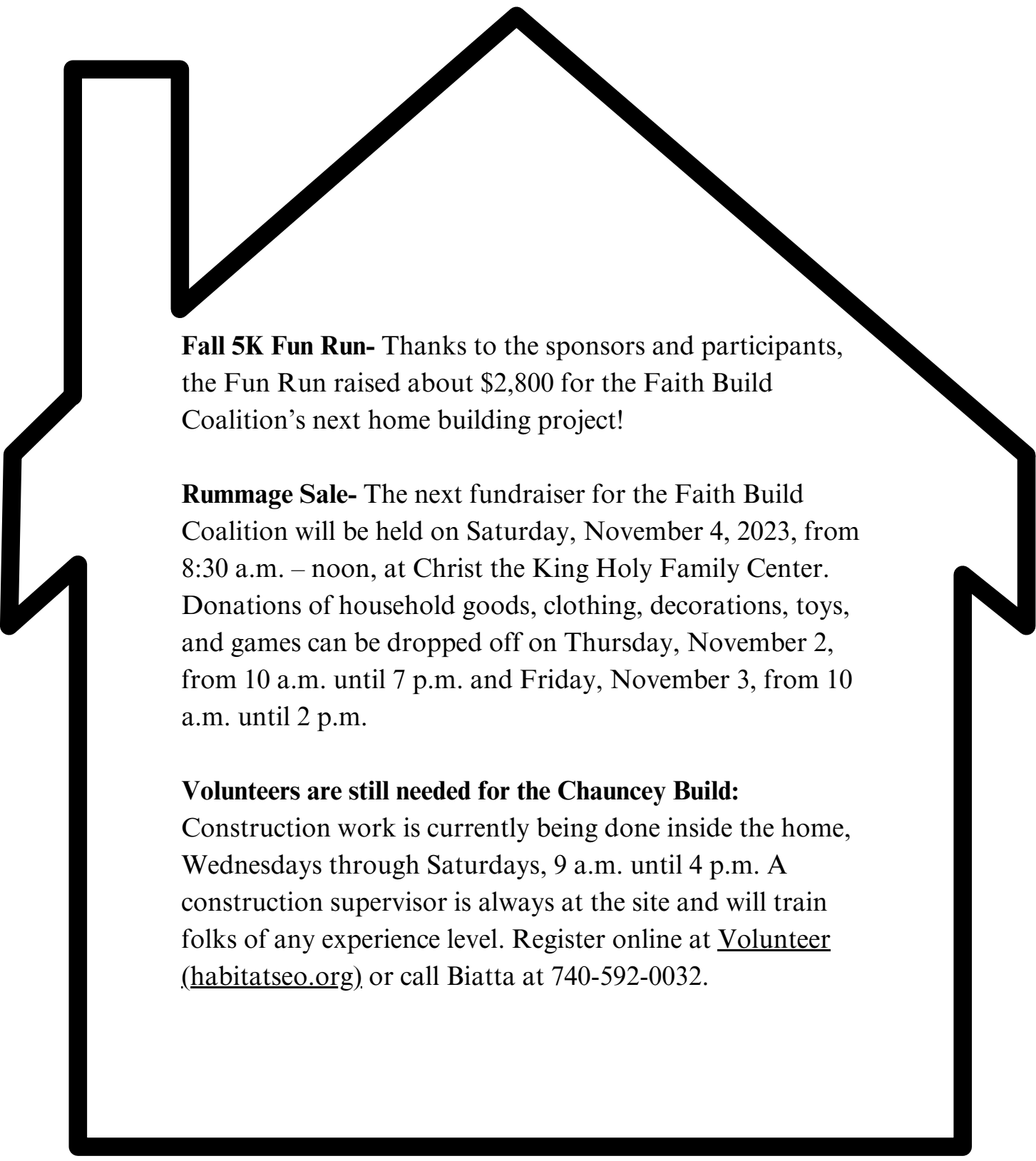
**After Church Service
on Sunday, December, 3rd.**

**We will give thanks
for all the good gifts we have
been given this year.**

**EAT. DRINK. AND
BE THANKFUL**



November- Habitat For Humanity Notes



Fall 5K Fun Run- Thanks to the sponsors and participants, the Fun Run raised about \$2,800 for the Faith Build Coalition's next home building project!

Rummage Sale- The next fundraiser for the Faith Build Coalition will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. – noon, at Christ the King Holy Family Center. Donations of household goods, clothing, decorations, toys, and games can be dropped off on Thursday, November 2, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday, November 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed for the Chauncey Build:

Construction work is currently being done inside the home, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. A construction supervisor is always at the site and will train folks of any experience level. Register online at [Volunteer \(habitatseo.org\)](https://www.habitatseo.org) or call Biatta at 740-592-0032.

Thanksgiving Reflection Idea 1:

For many of us, we go around the table and are challenged to say one or two things that we are thankful or grateful for, and many of those answers are our possessions- houses, cars, tangible things that we can buy with what God has provided for us, (not that we shouldn't be grateful or thankful for those things, we should, and we are.) But this Thanksgiving, be challenged to look deeper. Questions to think about: What are those intangible things that we are blessed with? Who are the people in our lives who have been a blessing to us the most this year? How can I be a blessing to others this year? What lessons have I learned this year? Where have I seen the most growth in myself? In my partner? In my family? Make this a personal challenge for this year. We are blessed to be a blessing, so let us share that with one another, our families, our communities, and our world. Have a blessed Thanksgiving. Amen!



Thanksgiving Reflection Idea 2:

Native American Heritage Day and the Truth and Healing Movement in the ELCA

In November most Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is a time many of us gather with family and friends to feast and commemorate a harvest feast held by European settlers in the early time after their arrival to North America. Some calendars designate the day after as “Native American Heritage Day,” a time to honor the gifts and wisdom of Native Americans, who remember this Thanksgiving holiday with sorrow and mourning, because it recalls the beginning of a time when their people were driven from the land they called home through manipulation, false promises, broken treaties, wars, assimilation, and near annihilation. So, while we can remember how over the past four centuries our forebears used the resources of North America to build a prosperous and powerful country, as Christians and Lutherans this is a good time with humble and honest spirits to reflect on those who were and are still mistreated and displaced by this enterprise.

That is the purpose of the Truth and Healing Movement in the ELCA. Here is a video talk by our ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, about the Truth and Health Movement:

<https://youtu.be/4Ehz6a9zomQ>. Resources can be found at www.elca.org/truthandhealing, including web classes about the culture and experience of Native Americans.

A Review: September in Pictures



A Review: September in Pictures, Continued



Treasurer's Report

Budget Line	2023	FY 23-24
Revenue		
Total 4000 Contributed support	\$ 69,903	\$ 257,440
4500 Designated Contributions		
4515 Anticipated Impact Giving/Benevolence Funds	\$ 2,957	\$ 24,377
Total 4500 Designated Contributions, non LLC	\$ 1,539	
5000 Business Income		
5100 Gross rents revenue		
Total 5000 Business Income	\$ -	\$ 1,000
5510 Interest-savings/short-term inv	\$ 38	\$ 100
5520 Miscellaneous revenue	\$ 42	
Total Revenue	\$ 74,479	\$ 282,917
Expenditures		
Total 7100 Personnel	\$ 44,867	\$ 218,719
Total 8100 Programs	\$ 2,202	\$ 12,800
Total 8150 General Business Expenses	\$ 4,398	\$ 7,600
Total 8200 Facilities	\$ 7,828	\$ 33,000
8298 Council Action	\$ 48	\$ 200
8300 Benevolence		
8301 Designated Giving	\$ 653	
8310 Southern Ohio Synod Allocation		\$ 12,000
8370 Local Benevolences	\$ 650	\$ 12,377
8382 Gathering Place	\$ 690	
8383 Clem House	\$ 1,370	
8389 Emergency Assistance	\$ 975	
Total 8300 Benevolence	\$ 4,338	\$ 24,377
Total Expenditures	\$ 63,682	\$ 296,696
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 7,840	\$ (13,779)
Other Revenue		
4585 Special Music Fund	\$ 875	\$ 3,500
4586 Mus Dir Donation Council Use	\$ 1,875	\$ 7,500
5511 Unrealized Profit/Loss in Investment Accts.	\$ 653	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 3,403	\$ 11,000
Other Expenditures		
8115 Special Music Concert	\$ 875	\$ 3,500
8116 Music Dir In-kind Council Designation	\$ 1,875	\$ 7,500
8261 Depreciation Expense	\$ 6,741	
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 9,491	\$ 11,000
Net Other Revenue	\$ (6,088)	\$ -
Net Revenue	\$ 1,752	\$ (13,779)

Worship Leaders- November

	NOV 5TH	NOV 12TH	NOV 19TH	NOV 26TH
LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASSISTANT	JIM SILLERY	MIKE CLELAND	CHRIS SNODDY	PAT CAMBRIDGE
TRAY SERVER	JOHN MOLINARO	MARILYN SHEALY	JIM SOLLERY	WANDA WEINBERG
TIME WITH CHILDREN	JANA HOVLAND	DAVID FOSSELMAN	PUPPETS	CHERYL HUEBNER
USHERS	JOHN DENO	TAMMY THOMPSON	TIM PRANGE	JIM SILLERY
	ROD SAUER	DAVID FOSSELMAN	MARILYN SHEALY	SUE ELLEN MILLER
	JO ANN BALL	MARY KAY RUNSER	LINDA BATEY	WANDA WEINBERG
LIVE STREAM	MARILYN SHEALY	SAM HANSON	DOUG DEBRICK	KAY CLELAND
ACOLYTE	RACHEL	MEENA	ELIZA	DESSA
GREETER	ANNE SPARKS	NICK CLAUSEEN	SOLVEIG SPJELDNES	CHRIS SNODDY
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DAVID FOSSELMAN	CHRIS SNODDY	KAY CLELAND	TAMMY THOMPSON





Our Purpose:

Connecting People to People, People to Faith, Faith to Life

Our Mission:

As followers of Jesus Christ, we at Christ Lutheran Church seek to share God's Word, to show God's love, and to serve God's world, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.

Our Vision:

A world experiencing the difference of God's grace and love in Christ makes for all of God's people and creation.