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Do You SMILE?

We encourage everyone to buy local whenever possible, but for those times that you choose to use Amazon, here is an easy way for a percentage of your purchase to come back to the church. Follow and bookmark this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0678731>, making sure CLC is listed as the supporting organization. Then make your purchases like normal. That's it. It's easy to smile!



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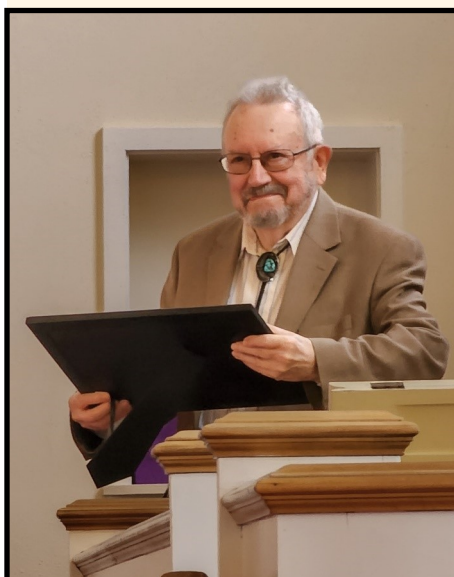
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

7 Kristi Goldsberry
9 Carter Russel
13 Jane Unger
14 Corrie Callaghan
15 Dick Brackin
17 Linda Sauer
21 Suzie Prange
22 Steve Chikosky and
Dana Wright
25 Tim Prange
29 Luther Haseley
30 Gary Cooke

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Did we miss your birthday?
Let us know so we can
celebrate with you!
info@clcathens.org



Above: Marsha Reilly, Jan Robison, and George Weckman were recognized for their collective 150+ years of service as organizers in the local community: Marsha to Good Shepherd, Jan to First Presbyterian, and George, of course, here at CLC. We salute their years of faithful service. Photo credit: Patricia Cambridge

What's Happening at CLC?

Holy Week + Easter Services

Maundy Thursday	Easter Sunrise
Thursday, April 14th	Sunday, April 17th
7 p.m. Sanctuary & Online	7 a.m. Sanctuary & Online
Good Friday	Easter Day
Friday, April 15th	Sunday, April 17th
7 p.m. Sanctuary & Online	10 a.m. Sanctuary & Online

Coffee Hour • Sun. April 10 at 1p.m.

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Theology on Tap • Tues. April 19 at 6 p.m.

NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE due to Maundy Thursday worship occurring during our normal meeting spot. Still taking place on Zoom and the link will be sent in Monday What's Happening. You may also request it through the office. Discussion will center around articles found in *Living Lutheran* magazine. Contact Mike Cleland for the article details: mikercleland@gmail.com. They are freely available online.

Regeneration Workshop Kickoff

Thursday April 21st at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our Earth Justice group will be kicking off a series of Regeneration Workshops based on Paul Hawken's book *Regeneration Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*. Please contact Carol Kuhre to register or for more information: kuhrekarol5@gmail.com.

Save the Date: May 22nd is Covenant Sunday

Regular Sunday Worship, Possibly Followed by a Luncheon

This is the day to bring in your estimated giving cards and time and talents. Depending on where we are with health protocols, we may possibly have a luncheon together as well. Stay tuned!

Easter Lilies

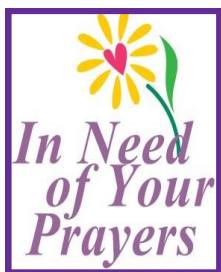
To order, please fill out the online form found by [clicking here](#) OR one of the paper envelopes available in the narthex at our worship services. Cost is \$6.50 per lily. Payments may be made online (select "Lily" for the "to"), by mailing a check with "lily" in the memo line, or by putting cash/check in the lily envelopes in the narthex and putting in the offering basket. Lilies will be available after Easter Sunday worship.



From Your Council President - March 8th Council Meeting Summary

- Accepted the proposed Stewardship calendar. Stewardship kick-off will be on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Covenant Sunday and a potential luncheon are scheduled for May 22nd.
- Planning for the budget process has already begun, but the aspirational budget will not be approved by Council until the April council meeting. That budget and other information will be communicated to the congregation in April. With the presentation of the budget, you can attend budget hearings on May 16th and 17th to ask questions. As usual, approval of the recommended budget will be finalized by Council in June for consideration and approval by the congregation at the June 26th Annual Meeting, which will be held immediately following the regular worship service.
- Current masking requirements for worship services were discussed extensively. It was decided to continue with the current requirements which will be reviewed at future council meetings.
- Motion passed to combine the Youth and Family Committee with the Education and Spiritual Growth committee creating a new committee called Lifelong Formation.
- An update to the Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program to bring it more in line with ELCA standards was proposed. After considerable discussion it was determined the additional work needed to be done. The motion was tabled and Sue Righi, Doug Debrick, Patricia Cambridge, and Mike Cleland volunteered to do additional work on the proposed update.
- The office administrator and youth director positions were discussed. We have not had any success in hiring a youth director for some time. Personnel and the executive committee are recommending creating a new full-time role with benefits that would cover some of those responsibilities and others in hopes of attracting a wider pool of potential candidates. Council will consider this further in future meetings.

If you have any questions please contact Council President Dan Snoddy at ckvs@sprynet.com.



The flower photo on this page and the one on the cover are were taken by Susan Roth.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Karen Chikosky
Karen Petersohn-Jung
Jacky Brown
Lou Childress
Jo King
Joan Fucci
Dave Armstrong
*Carl Savage
*Dick Brackin
*Jo Ann Pulfer
*Sammy Huwe
*Mary Andrews
*Art Woolley

Lifelong Formation

New Committee, New You! As mentioned last month, youth and family and Christian education proposed a merger to form a new committee whose focus is spiritual formation from birth to end of life. Some of the exciting details were mentioned last month, but you will be learning more in our Stewardship Times as well as upcoming newsletters! In the meantime, find out more about what's happening in Lifelong Formation at CLC here on this page.

Ash Wednesday Visits Pr. Chad held drive-through ashes at noon, then Katie Beth bopped around to our home-bound members who requested ashes. Note, Mary Andrews did not request ashes but did want a visit, so no ashes pictured here! Photos of Dick Brackin to come after his visit later this month!



St. Patrick's Intergenerational Event

We had our first intergenerational Event including skits, snacks, and activities on Sunday, March 13th. Thanks to everyone who assisted or attended and helped make it a success!

SAVE THE DATE: Serpent Mound Intergenerational Event



**Sunday,
April 24th,
departing
1p.m.** (so after Confirmation)
and returning
roughly 5:30 or
6p.m. To sign
up, [click here](#).

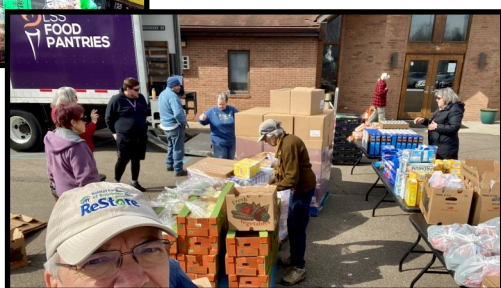
Social Ministry - Faith In Action

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

LSS Mobile Food Pantry Apr. 14th 11 a.m. - Noon

Volunteers are needed at 10:15. The pantry will begin after the grocery line is set and continue until noon. Our client numbers were up by about a third last month. Sam Hanson has been awarded a Thrivent Action Team mini grant to purchase additional products for April's pantry distribution. For more information about the mobile pantry contact Adele Hanson at adelehanson@gmail.com.



Photos are from the March 2022 Pantry, courtesy of Sam Hanson. The fresh carrots, top right, were provided by CLC.



Earth Justice Happenings

Regeneration Series Kickoff Thursday, April 21st • 5-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The first of a series of Regeneration Workshops based on Paul Hawken's book, *Regeneration Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation* will be held on Thursday, April 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. Please contact Carol Kuhre for more details: kuhrecarol5@gmail.com.

ELCA - Caring for Creation Sunday, April 24th • During and After Worship

Christ Lutheran will be having a special service to focus on the care of creation for Earth Week on April 24. There will be displays in the Narthex focusing on the work of our Earth Justice group.

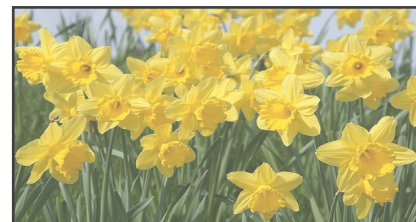
Athena Theater Sustainability Series Continues

The Sustainability Series continues at the Athena Theater with "My Octopus Teacher" on April 13 and "Wings of Life" on April 23.

Update on Ohio Interfaith Power and Light

The Ohio Interfaith Power and Light changed its name to "[Ohioans for Sustainable Change](#)" and will have a Zoom roll-out of the new organization on March 24 at 6:00 pm. They explain, "For 14 years, this organization of diverse faiths has worked to address issues around climate change and the environment to ensure a sustainable future for all Ohioans. Sustainable change is equitable, long lasting, and collaborative. We therefore announce the name of our name to OFSC, continuing as an affiliate of the national Interfaith Power and Light. By changing our name, we are embracing in new ways the change that brings us into a sustainable and just future." Their mission statement says that "We believe that a world where all people have access to equitable healthcare, food security, clean water, and renewable energy is not only possible, but necessary."

Ongoing programs include: the Reduce Your Climate Footprint Program with a worksheet on how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, Go green in your home, Save water, and Weather-proof your home. They make available a carbon footprint calculator for home or congregational use, and they held an on-line program regarding COVID during this past year.



Social Ministry Cont'd

Equity and Justice

Immigration Justice Monday, April 4th • 7 p.m. in New Albany, OH

Our Synod is spearheading an ecumenical taskforce for southern Ohio to educate congregations and advocate for reform of the laws that make it so difficult for people to find safety and refuge here. The initial offering is coming in September, but you can begin learning more now by attending the service of witness, reflection, and prayer being held at Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, OH on the date and time listed above. For more details, email bromantic@cotrna.org.

Coffee Hour Sunday, April 14th • 1 p.m. on Zoom

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Invisible Ground Public Exhibition Friday, April 15th • 12 p.m. - 2p.m. at Armory Park

Ohio University Scripps College of Communication MFA student Brian Koscho's project [Invisible Ground](#) focuses on telling the specific stories of people we don't know, but should, and the places we may pass everyday on our way to work but know next to nothing about. Telling stories of people of color in our region is his specific focus. Armory Park is at 2 E. Carpenter Street in Athens, Ohio (next to the Armory).

From Oral Histories to Artifacts: An Uncommon Story of Emancipation and Freedom in Tablertown, Southeastern Ohio Saturday, April 16th • 1p.m. at Kilvert Church, Stewart, OH

Activities, music, and presentations all to support the work of Kilvert Church. For more information, contact David Butcher via Sue Righi, sprighi@gmail.com.

HB 327 Prohibits teaching, advocating, or promoting divisive concepts. There has been persistent opposition to this bill from communities and teachers. The concern is that it will prevent teaching. For a range of opinions and actions to consider, check out the Facebook group Honesty for Ohio Education:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4045785775541336>

Advocacy Corner

What does our church say about Socially Responsible Investing? The answer: Do it!

Prioritization of short-term returns over long-term value creation has exacerbated climate change and social inequity.

The ELCA practices Corporate Social Responsibility, using the tools of screening of investments, shareholder advocacy and filing shareholder resolutions, community investing, and dialogue with corporations. This advances the advocacy commitments of the church by influencing behavior in the private sector toward the principles of sustainability, justice and dignity found in ELCA social teachings. For the churchwide organization and for its separately incorporated ministries, the ELCA makes recommendations regarding shareholder action. ***Individual Lutherans are encouraged to apply these recommendations within their own portfolios.***

The ELCA is also a member of the ICCR, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, a coalition of 300 global institutional investors who leverage their stock ownership to encourage and challenge corporations to act justly and safeguard the environment. CSR, (aka Socially Responsible, or Sustainable Investing) uses value-based screens in the areas of Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) policies and their impacts to align investment goals with the performance of corporations. Criteria include E – climate change, water usage, biodiversity, environmental degradation, etc.; S – weapons and war, human rights and labor rights, workforce and board diversity, community investment, etc.; G – business ethics, transparency, anti-bribery and corruption policies, etc.

Aligning these values with investments already makes good business sense. As climate change drives more and more divestment from fossil fuels, the economic benefits will only increase. For more information, see: elca.org/CSR or <https://grist.org/sponsored/divestment-campaigns-and-reinvestment-efforts-gain-strength-as-climate-change-intensifies/>.

Social Ministry Cont'd

Habitat for Humanity News



1. **Rummage Sale- Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** at Christ the King Catholic Family Center, behind the church. Donations will be accepted on Thursday, April 21, from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. and Friday, April 22, from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Time for spring cleaning and donating small household items, toys, and clothing! The funds raised will help the Faith Build Coalition of Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio build its current home project in Trimble.
2. **Scrap Metal Drive- Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,** at the Athens County Fairgrounds. Appliances, ferrous metal, aluminum, brass, and copper will be accepted. There will also be collections of other items by the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District. Their brochure of accepted items will be posted in May.

3. There is a housing crisis currently in the U.S. due to a shortage of 6 million units in the low-income sector and an 18% increase in rent prices in the past six months. Habitat's mission to build simple, decent, affordable homes is even more important. Another sign of the skyrocketing prices is the latest HFH of SEOH home built in Pleasantville, Fairfield County, appraised for \$200,000. It is a 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1350 square-foot house, and a year ago it would have appraised for \$140,000.

Benevolence Spotlight: Bread for the World

Christ Lutheran Church has been a member of Bread for the World for many years and has participated in their annual Offering of Letters. Although hand written letters to your Congressman and Senators are encouraged, as they reinforce how important an issue is to you, sending an email letter is as easy as clicking the links below.

Hunger is again on the rise around the world. According to BFTW, the number of people facing acute hunger has doubled since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, to 270 million people. The pandemic, climate crises, and wars are all to blame. Bread encourages us to contact Congress to enact legislation that will help address this humanitarian need.

This year's first request is to increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million through the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 (H.R. 4693/S. 2956). Here is a link to a letter you can send to your Representative and Senators: <https://secure.bread.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=427>



The second request is for the 11 million children in this country who experience significant food insecurity. They ask that the expanded Child Tax Credit be made permanent, and that it continue to be provided monthly. In 2019, the National Academies of Sciences prepared models of the impact of various policy reforms on poverty among children. A CTC expansion had a larger impact on reducing child poverty than any other policy or combination of policies studied. They also ask we encourage Congress to expand free school meals to additional children through the Community Eligibility Provision Program and extend Summer EBT (electronic benefits transfer) nationwide: <https://secure.bread.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=433>

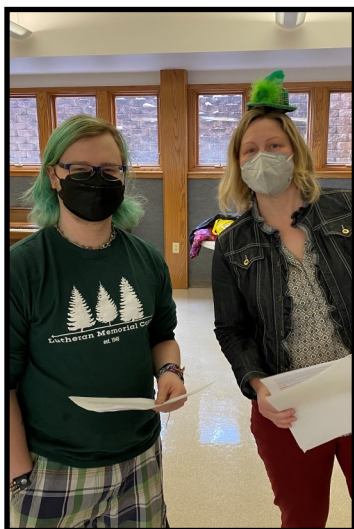
To learn more, including info on the Farm Bill, go to <https://ol.bread.org/> and scroll down to Core Advocacy Campaigns.

Wave of Prayer



You can find this month's Wave of Prayer, graciously provided by Cynthia Yoder, under downloads on the Mar. 27th Worship Post on our church website. Link here: <https://www.clcathens.org/news/worship-info-bulletin-for-sunday-march-27-2022>

The Bridge Campus Ministry



Above: Noah and Katie Beth helped out with our inter-generational St. Patrick's Day festivities. Right: Noah and Sam presenting to folks at the St. Pat-



Left and below: Bridge students checking out the new recycled plastic bench which is now in our memorial garden. Catie says it's comfy!

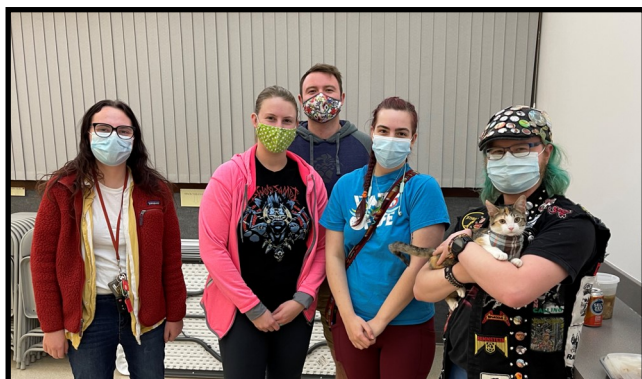


Gather Round the Fire We will head to Katie Beth, Marilyn, and Sue Ellen's home for a fire pit and s'mores on Friday, April 8th at 7:30p.m.

Breakfast Giveaway On Wednesday, April 13th from 8a.m. to Noon, we will once again set up camp in George's yard to give away homemade breakfast items and get our name out there. Thanks in advance to all who donate items.

Visit to the Kuhre's Home On Wednesday, April 20th, 5:30p.m., the Kuhre's will be hosting us for dinner and discussion centered on the book *Strange Rites: New Religions for a Godless World*.

Godspeed for graduating students will be a part of worship on Sunday, April 24th at 10a.m. in the Sanctuary. Congrats to Jason Abraham, Hannah Campbell, Noah Hallman, Rinnah Kinney, and Chloe Mason. We will miss you!



Above: New students who dropped by for our drive-through ashes at lunchtime on Ash Wednesday.

April Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><i>Don't see your event listed?</i></p> <p>Please notify the church office by the newsletter deadline to include your event/meeting/activity on this calendar: info@clcathens.org</p>					1	2
3 Worship , 10a.m., Sanctuary Wee Ones Gathering , After worship, Fellowship Hall	4 Athens Humane , 1p.m., Fellowship Hall AA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall Immigration Service , 7p.m., New Albany	5 OA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall Equity & Justice , 7p.m., Zoom	6 The Bridge , 5:30p.m., Fellowship Hall Lent Evening Prayer , 7p.m., Sanctuary	7 Social Ministry , 7p.m., Zoom	8 Montaña de Luz Fiesta , 6:30p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles High School in Bexley, OH Bridge Bonfire , 7:30p.m., Katie Beth's Home	9 OA , 10a.m., Fellowship Hall
10 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Worship , 10a.m., Sanctuary Coffee Hour , 1p.m., Zoom	11 AA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall	12 OA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall Council , 7p.m., Zoom	13 Bridge Breakfast Giveaway , 8 a.m.-Noon, George's Home The Bridge , 5:30p.m., Fellowship Hall	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY LSS Mobile Food Pantry , 10:15 a.m., The Plains UMC Worship , 7p.m., Sanctuary	15 GOOD FRIDAY Invisible Ground Presentation , 12-2p.m., Athens Armory Park Worship , 7p.m., Sanctuary	16 HOLY SATURDAY OA , 10a.m., Fellowship Hall Oral History Tablertown , 1p.m., Kilvert Church in Stewart, OH - Supports Kilvert Church
17 EASTER Sunrise Worship , 7a.m., Sanctuary Reg. Worship , 10a.m., Sanctuary	18 AA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall	19 OA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall Theology on Tap , 6 p.m., Zoom	20 The Bridge , 5:30p.m., Kuhre's Home	21 Rummage Sale Drop Off , 10a.m.-7p.m., Christ the King Family Center Regeneration Workshop , 5-7p.m., Fellowship Hall	22 Newsletter Deadline Rummage Sale Drop Off , 10a.m.-5p.m., Christ the King Family Center	23 Rummage Sale , 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Christ the King OA , 10a.m., Fellowship Hall
24 GODSPEED & EARTH SUNDAY Worship , 10a.m., Sanctuary Confirmation , 11a.m., Fellowship Hall Serpent Mound Intergenerational Visit , depart 1p.m., return c. 5:30/6p.m.	25 OFFICE CLOSED AA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall	26 OA , 6p.m., Fellowship Hall Earth Justice , 5:30 p.m., Zoom	27 The Bridge , 5:30p.m., Fellowship Hall	28 Life Together , 6 p.m., TBD	29 Restore at Church Collecting Moveout Items	30 Restore at Church Collecting Moveout Items OA , 10a.m., Fellowship Hall

Worship Assistants

Thank you for letting Katie Beth, the Office Administrator, know *in advance* if you unable to assist so we can schedule accordingly: info@clcathens.org. *Thank you!*

	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	May 1
Asst./Lector	Jane Unger	John Molinaro	7am: NEED ONE 10am: Beth Longenecker	Susan Urano	Greg Newton
Time with Children	Kay Cleland	Cheryl Huebner	7am: N/A 10am: Puppets	Jana Hovland	Kay Cleland
Videographer	Sam Hanson	Doug Debrick	7am: Marilyn Shealy 10am: Kay Cleland	Doug Debrick	Sam Hanson
Greeter	John Deno	Sue Ellen Miller	7am: Tammy Thompson 10am: Linda Sauer	Sue Ellen Miller	John Deno
Acolyte	Jane Unger	Melody Christiansen	7am: Dessa Thompson-Kelleher 10am: Rachel Prange	Meena Juedes	Jane Unger

Special Services	Maundy Thursday Apr. 14th 7pm	Good Friday Apr. 15th 7pm
Asst./Lector	Katie Beth Miksa	Steve Chikosky Wanda Weinberg Jane Unger Ellen Peterson Chris Snoddy NEED ONE MORE
Time with Children	None	None
Videographer	Sam Hanson	Kay Cleland
Greeter	Adele Hanson	Mike Cleland
Acolyte	Katie Beth Miksa	Jane Unger

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

If you CAN'T make it?

Call another person listed in this area, and see if they can switch weeks with you. Then email the 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 the Office Administrator at info@clcathens.org.