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## Christ Lutheran Church

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# POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO  
SHARE!

FOOD & DRINK | SHARING OF OUR BLESSINGS



FOLLOWING THE 10AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE

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# What's Happening at CLC?

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Merl Almquist  
9-Karl Runser  
12-Cedar Thompson  
13-Dan Snoddy  
17-Bruce Kuhre  
18-Irelynne Deno  
24-Barbara Singer

### Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Please email the office  
and let us know!  
[info@clcathens.org](mailto:info@clcathens.org)

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

While proudly organized by Athens County Job and Family Services, The Christmas Tree project is funded by the generosity of individuals, families and businesses here in Athens County. Job and Family Services has collected wish lists from individual children and are sharing those lists with the community.

In the Narthex of CLC, there will be a Christmas tree with ornaments beginning November 13th. On each ornament is a child's age and holiday wish list. Please consider taking an ornament and shopping directly for a child(ren). Gifts need to be placed (unwrapped) under the CLC tree, no later than December 13th.



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 in the Fellowship Hall for Youth Group.

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

For a schedule contact Lucy at [lucyc@clcathens.org](mailto:lucyc@clcathens.org)



**Tuesday, November 1st, 11:30 a.m.**

**(Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month)**

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 months program is travel pictures by Solveig Spjeldnes\*\*\*\*\*

## Equity and Justice

**November 15th-  
7p.m.**

**Meeting via  
Zoom**

Please RSVP Doug  
Debrick at

[dgdebrick@gmail.com](mailto:dgdebrick@gmail.com).



## Wednesday Night Prayer

**Online every Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.**

Join current and previous members and friends of Christ Lutheran on Zoom from literally all over the world for a time of prayer and reflection. The link is emailed out with the What's Happening but feel free to contact [the office](#) if you would like it sent to you.



**Men's Ensemble Practice**

**Wednesdays**

**Nov. 9th & Nov. 16th at 7p**



**Women's Ensemble Practice**

**Tuesdays at 4:30p**

**Nov. 1 & Nov. 8**

**With the men on Wednesday,  
Nov 16th**

**Women's Ensemble in service Nov 13th**

**Men's and Women's Ensemble will sing in service on November 20th**



**Meets in the**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday, Nov. 3rd**

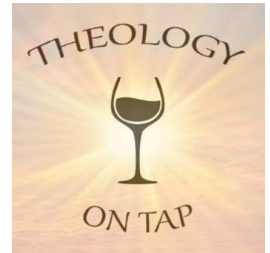
**7p to 8p**

## **Theology on Tap**

**Thursday, November 10th, 6 p.m.**

Bring your own dinner and beverage of choice and meet us via Zoom! Link will be sent out the week of the event in the What's Happening email and to the Theology on Tap email list.

For the specific articles or to be added to the email list, email Mike Cleland at [mikercleland@gmail.com](mailto:mikercleland@gmail.com).



## **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. For more information contact us at [TheBridge@ohio.edu](mailto:TheBridge@ohio.edu)



## **Life Together**

**Thursday, November 17th  
at 6pm @ Pleasant Hill Winery**

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

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

## **Church Council MEETING**

**November 8th at 7p via zoom**

## **Earth Justice**

**November 22nd-5:30pm** Earth Justice meeting via zoom

**November 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm** Please join us for this month's Regeneration Workshop in the Fellowship Hall.



## **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](#)



**Coffee Hour!** You are invited, immediately following service, to the Narthex for a time with friends and a hot beverage.

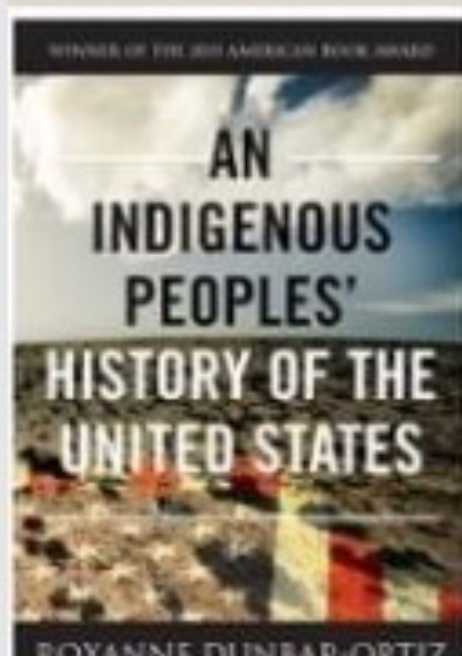






Purchase or borrow the text.

Read the text over the next 5 weeks and come join the in-person discussion!



In-Person discussion led by  
**Corrie Callaghan**

on

**November 13th**

following worship in the  
**Fellowship Hall**

Questions or comments:  
[corriecallaghan@gmail.com](mailto:corriecallaghan@gmail.com)

# Faith in Action

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

### ATHENS COUNTY

#### Plains United Methodist Church

3 N Plains Rd  
The Plains, OH 45780

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thankfull Holiday Distribution-  
November 10, 2022 11 a.m. -  
12 p.m. \*Reservation Required

#### Coolville Fire House

2770 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Coolville, OH 45723

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thankfull Holiday Distribution-  
November 21, 2022 11 a.m. -  
12 p.m. \*Reservation Required



#### To place an order

Make reservations one  
week in advance by calling

**877-704-3663**

or text **614-702-7772**



## Cynthia Yoder-Update

Greetings from Ethiopia to my dear friends at CLC! By the time this Chi Rho comes out, I will have been in Ethiopia seven weeks. Overall, things are going well. I'm enjoying my students, colleagues, a new language, *injera* in the dining hall, and the simplicity of life that surrounds me. Bob's support from afar is awesome.

There are plenty of challenges related to my living environment and the differences between African and Western cultures. The greatest challenge, however, is teaching writing in large classes (54, 43, and 21) and the varying degree of English language skills within each class. I'm trying to embrace this challenge with a spirit of adventure.

The book *Acclimated to Africa* and the "serenity prayer" have been particularly helpful: *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

If you're interested, I've written three blog posts thus far (about a festival, a home visit, and my students). I hope to add a post every week or two. I appreciate your prayers and support so much. I hope all is well at Christ Lutheran! In God's peace, Cynthia

[Click here: Cynthia's Blog](#)



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### **An Invitation to be a Welcoming Congregation with AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Advocacy)**

For more than a decade the ELCA and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has become increasingly involved with assisting and advocating for immigrants and refugees in our country. This initiative began with helping and advocating for migrant children but has been expanded to serve all migrants and their families. Led by ELCA AMMPARO, congregations are active in this initiative and are identified as Welcoming Congregations, which make these four commitments:

- Spiritually and pastorally accompany migrants in our community and congregation;
- Physically accompany migrants as needed to medical, legal, and pastoral resources;
- Pray for justice for migrants; and
- Prayerfully consider and participate in ELCA advocacy for migrants and refugees.

Many members of Christ Lutheran have already been involved in these kinds of activities. The Social Ministry Committee has brought before the Council this invitation for the congregation to make a formal commitment to become a "Welcoming Congregation." Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and direct your questions or comments to Doug Debrick or a Council member. Council will consider again this invitation at the next Council meeting, November 8. For more information go to [www.ELCA.org/AMMPARO](http://www.ELCA.org/AMMPARO).

## ***Support for Good Works and Timothy House***

One of the excellent programs provided by Good Works is Timothy House. Located at 91 Central Ave. in Athens, it serves as a temporary home for people in need of shelter, with staff who help the residents obtain permanent housing. One way that Christ Lutheran Church supports Good Works is through regularly collecting items to be donated to Timothy House. This month we again ask the congregation to donate items on their Needs List, found on the Timothy House web page: <https://good-works.net/the-timothy-house/>

Non-perishable items can be left in the bin in the Church Narthex. Larger items and perishable items can be taken directly to Timothy House (call 740-594-3333 first to make sure someone is available to answer the door). The website has just been updated and includes a wonderful Athens Area Resource Guide including a listing of places in Athens that provide free meals, with locations and times.



Thank you for supporting the Scrap Metal Drive! We collected 6.5 tons of ferrous metal plus aluminum, brass, and copper items which brought \$1,483 in earnings. This has been added to the \$5,000 raised by the Fall 5K Fun Run. Thanks again!

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***FAITH BUILD COALITION***



# **Rummage Sale**

**(Clothing and Small Items Only)**



**Saturday  
Nov. 12**



**8:30 a.m. – noon**

**Holy Family Center  
73 Stewart Street**

**by Christ the King Church**

**(at Mill Street and Stewart Street, Athens, OH)**

**Proceeds go to the...**

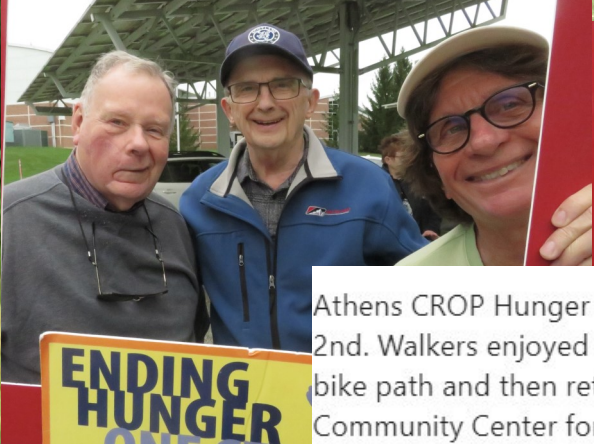
**Coalition's next House-building project**



The money raised will help build the next home by the Faith Build Coalition of Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio. You can donate small working appliances and furniture, household items, dishes, clothing, books, toys, and holiday decorations. Donations may be brought to the Holy Family Center on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



## October Highlights



Athens CROP Hunger Walk was held Sunday, October 2nd. Walkers enjoyed A Sunday afternoon walk on the bike path and then returned to the Athens Community Center for a Larry's Dawg House ice cream treat. A Thrivent Action team grant provided funding for the treat. Lutheran walkers raised more than \$1,615. for Church World Service hunger programs. The preliminary grand total for the three churches participating this year was \$4,167.00. Both totals are an increase over last year.

A sincere thank you to this year's walkers and sponsors! —Adele Hanson

## 2022 CROP Hunger Walks





## October Highlights





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# Baptism

CELEBRATION





## PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Karen Peter-  
sohn-Jung  
Karen Chikosky  
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

## Council Summary

October Council Notes

Appointed Mark Sunderman to the Impact Giving Committee.

Appointed Alan Geiger to the Planned Giving Committee.

Appointed John Molinaro to the Endowment Oversight Committee.

Discussed the ELCA initiative AMMPARO - "Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities" and becoming an AMMPARO congregation. It was decided to get input from the congregation. Doug will submit an article to the Chi Rho explaining the program and asking for feedback.

Discussed issues raised by training being developed for ushers. The issues are how we help a variety of visitors who come to our service and how we would respond to someone bringing a weapon to church. Council will be looking for congregation members who are willing to help making visitor welcome and will seek outside advice on the other issue.

Discussed the upcoming Thrive campaign. The Thrive Campaign team is made-up of George Weckman, Carol Kuhre, Nick Claussen, Chris Snoddy, and Daniel Snoddy. The team will be receiving training from the Synod and plan to conduct the campaign in January.

Council has been considering how our accumulated excess funds are invested. We are considering rearranging them to reflect our values and mission. Doug made a presentation on Environmental, Social and Governance Investing and Dan made a presentation on the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Council decided to get the Finance committee's input

## 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!

	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
<i>Asst./Lector</i>	Greg Newton	Wanda Weinberg	Jane Unger	Ellen Peterson
<i>Time with Children</i>	Kay Cleland	Cheryl Huebner	Puppets	Jane Unger
<i>Videographer</i>	Marilyn Shealy	Doug Debrick	Sam Hanson	Kay Cleland
<i>Greeter</i>	Tammy Thompson	Tammy Thompson	Anne Sparks	Linda Sauer
<i>Acolytes</i>	Rachel Prange	Dessa Thompson-Kelleher	Melody Christian-sen	Lucy Mae Crawford
<i>Ushers</i>	Sue Ellen Miller and John Laughlin	Marilyn Shealy and Sue Ellen Miller	Nick Claussen and _____	Nick Claussen and _____
<i>Children's Church</i>	Lucy Crawford	Tammy Thompson	Lucy Crawford	Lucy Crawford

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November Calendar</b>		1 11:30 wit & Wisdon 4:30p Wom- en's Ensemble 6p OA	2 5:30p Bridge 7p Wed Night Dinner	3 7p Social Min- istry	4	5 10a OA
6 10a Worship Sanc- tuary 10a Children's Church during wor- ship 11a Bridge Brunch 5:30p Youth Group, 5:30p, Fellowship Hall	7 6p AA	8 4:30 women's ensemble 6p OA 7p Church Council	9 5:30p Bridge 7p Wed Night Prayer 7p Men's en- semble	10 6p Theology on Tap	11	12 10 a OA
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20 10a Worship, Sanc- tuary Children's Church during worship 5:30p Youth Group,	21 6p AA	22 5:30 Earth Justice 6p OA	23 Newsletter Deadline 5:30p Bridge 7p. Wed. Night Prayer	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 10a OA
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