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ASH WEDNESDAY



02.22.23

7P

WEDNESDAY SERVICES
LEADING UP TO HOLY WEEK

@ 7P
3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

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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.



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!**

CLC Youth Febuary Schedule

Join the fun!

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

Join the fun
February 5th, 2023

LET'S BRING SOME JOY

TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS @ THE LINDLEY INN

- MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR DINNER AT 5:45-5:30P
- LEAVE FOR THE LINDLEY INN AT 5:45-5:50P
- SPEND YOUR FREE TIME VISITING AND PLAYING BOARD GAMES FROM 6P TO 7P
- RETURN TO THE CHURCH APROX 7:40P-7:45P

February 12th, 2023

NO YOUTH GROUP

NO YOUTH GROUP THIS EVENING, JOIN THE FUN! BRING A TALENT TO SHARE!

February 19th, 2023

CHILI COOK-OFF & TALENT SHOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

DINNER @ 5:30P
TALENT SHOW @6P

NATIONAL CHILI DAY

MORE INFORMATION COMING

Join the fun
More details to come

February 26th, 2023

Theatre location and time details to come

MOVIE TRIP

JESUS REVOLUTION

Tuesday, February 7th
(Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise noted)

Wit & Wisdom

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: come hear about the OU Opera production of "Little Women March 2-4. Daniel Stein, opera teacher plus performers in the production will tell about and perform selections of the opera.

Equity and Justice

Tuesday, February 2nd @ 7p.m.

[Join Meeting here](#)

Please RSVP Doug Debrick at dgdebrick@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

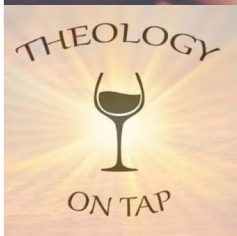


Wednesday Night Prayer

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](#)

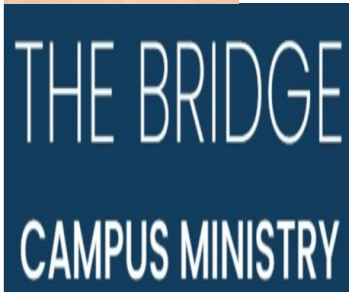
On hold during Lent, please join the Wednesday Services @7p in the sanctuary and via livestream



Theology on Tap

Thursday, February 9th, 6 p.m.

Bring your own dinner and beverage of choice and meet us via Zoom! [Connect](#)



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.

Meets on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30p and brunch the first Sunday of the month following the 10a service.

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

February 23rd, 2023

Last Thursday of the month at 6pm via zoom

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



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

Church Council MEETING

February 21st, at 7p [Connect](#)



Earth Justice

Tuesday, February 28th

@ 5:30p

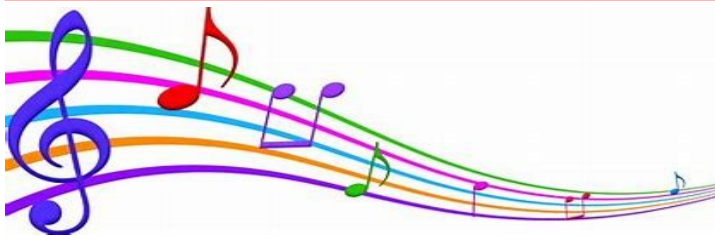
[Launch Zoom](#)



Thursday, February 2nd @ 7p

[Connect Here](#)

Did you know that a percentage of the money you already spend at Kroger could be going to Christ Lutheran Church? At no extra cost to you! Email the office to find out how to enroll. info@clathens.org



Men's Ensemble

Rehearsals:

February 15, 2023, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary;

February 22, 2023, 7:30 pm in the sanctuary;

Performance: February 26, 2023, 10: am in the sanctuary.

Women's Ensemble

Rehearsals:

February 21, 2023 at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary;

February 28, 2023 at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary

Performance is March 5, 2023 at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

A graphic with a black background and colorful geometric patterns. It features a white fist holding a green leaf, with a green banner above it reading "EQUITY AND JUSTICE SERIES" and a red banner below it reading "LED BY PASTOR CHAD". At the bottom, a white banner reads "on the ELCA's Declaration to People of African Descent." Above the fist, an orange banner reads "Following the 10am worship service." and below it, a white banner lists dates: "1/15, 1/22, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26".

Following the 10am worship service.
1/15, 1/22, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

EQUITY AND JUSTICE SERIES

LED BY PASTOR CHAD

on the ELCA's Declaration to People of African Descent.

Click [here](#) to get the document

CHILI COOK-OFF & TALENT SHOW SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

DINNER @ 5:30P
TALENT SHOW @6P



Sign-up [HERE](#) to participate



Please join us for the second installment of the Ruined Readers book club, sponsored by JVC Northwest and hosted by Corrie Callaghan. This quarter's book selection is Rest is Resistance, by Tricia Hersey. We will meet downstairs to discuss the book after worship on Sunday, March 26. Please RSVP at the following link if you're planning to attend.

Sign-up to join [HERE](#)

Faith in Action



Good Works, Inc.
A Community of Hope Since 1981

Friday Night Supper with Good Works: Christ Lutheran will again be hosting on February 24, 2023. Sign-up [HERE](#) to assist.

Backpacks for Good Works

Social Ministry is collecting three backpacks and items to fill them to donate to Good Works, so they can give them to people who are homeless and need supplies to support them if they do not have anywhere available for them to stay. To help with this project, see the display on the table under the bulletin board beside the doorway to the bathrooms in the narthex, take a card for items you want to purchase and donate, then bring them back to church and put them in the Good Works box under the table. We hope to have the backpacks and items to donate by Sunday, February 12.

Cynthia Yoder Update

- God, why I not understand my learning? God, open my brain.
- Why people have different colors? Why you made me black?
- God, why people hate each other?
- Why God doesn't stop the conflict of Ethiopia? Why God doesn't give love and unity for our country?
- God, can you give me a wife?
- Why did my father die in his young age?
- Why do you refuse wealth to our country Ethiopia?
- God, what do you want from all human beings?

My final blog post, "Ethiopia Reflection," begins with these questions my students wrote in a journal assignment. I then list questions of my own, opportunities in Ethiopia for which I am grateful, some of the things I learned (or re-learned) in Ethiopia, and books that helped me in my learning.

It feels strange to have had such an intense 16-week experience—and now be back home in Mexico. But this is not the first time I've made such an adjustment, and likely it's not the last. I'm thankful for my experience and all that I will now be thinking about. Poverty tops the list. I don't think I've seen the level of poverty I saw in Ethiopia in any of my prior experiences. I've certainly not experienced the direct requests for financial support that I experienced there.

If anyone is interested in supporting a student in their studies or supporting others from whom I received requests, please let me know. I told those who asked me that I would ask others.

For the next couple months, I will be writing a new curriculum and course materials for four English classes at Meserete Kristos Seminary. This is how I can continue my involvement there whether I return to MKS or not. I will also be teaching with the Mexican NGO Apoyo, with whom I volunteered before going to Ethiopia. I'm looking forward to my new class beginning in March.

I added two final blog posts this week: 9) Three Ethiopian Women I Admire and 10) Ethiopia Reflection. Blog writing has been a good discipline for me. ([Cynthia's blog](#))

Thank you so much for your interest in my Ethiopia journey. I've enjoyed sharing it with many friends and relatives.

Blessings to you,

Cynthia

Faith in Action

LSS Mobile Food Pantry

LSS Mobile Food Pantry is coming up on Thursday, February 9th at The Plains United Methodist Church. The pantry starts at 11:00am and volunteers are need around 10:15.



February Library Talk on Environmental Challenges

The next library talk generated out of the Earth Justice Regeneration series last fall will be “Waste Brine and Environmental Impacts” reporting on the potential environmental and health impacts of the disposal of brine waste generated by oil and gas wells and used as de-icer over a multi-county area. It will be February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the Athens Library on Home Street. This program is a collaborative effort with Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future (FaCT) and the Athens County Libraries.

The Speaker will be Virginia “Ginnie” McNeil from FaCT Ohio, a public/occupational health nurse and health sciences teacher. She holds a Master’s degree in Public Health and a B.S. degree in Nursing. She worked for 23 years at the Cincinnati Health Department and held the position of occupational health associate at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

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](#)



Faith in Action



February 2023 Chi Rho Newsletter

The Thrive! Campaign is not a fundraising campaign to add staff nor construct a building, but it **IS** a capital campaign to equip the churches in the Southern Ohio Synod for today and the future. CLC has and will benefit from the initiatives, but the money raised will be going to the Synod.

The church council has committed to a goal of raising \$15,000, with the challenge goal of \$25,000. If the congregation meets the challenge goal of \$25,000, a generous donor has promised an additional \$5,000 donation to make a total of \$30,000! These commitments will be spread over three years.

Current data shows that out of 180 congregations in the Synod, 41 are without ordained pastors due to budget constraints, clergy availability, location, size, or other factors:

- 106 (56%) have one or more pastors with full-time calls.
- 37 (21%) have part-time pastors.
- 41 (22%) are not able to call pastors and must use supply preachers or Synod Authorized Ministers (SAM's) to fulfill pastoral duties.
- 10 full-time calls are currently open (9% of full-time congregations).
- 4 part-time calls are currently open (11% of part-time churches)

The overall vacancy rate — vacancy being defined as a congregation capable of calling a pastor but currently without one — is 9.7%.

The five goals of the campaign are:

1. Equipping Lay Leaders- such as *Effective Congregation Councils* training
2. Raising Up Leaders for Smaller Congregations- such as *Synod Authorized Ministers* and other lay ministry trainings
3. Strengthening Rostered Ministers- through coaching and mentoring
4. Launching New Congregations and Reaching New People
5. Enhancing Worship Practice- such as the *Outside the Box Team*

Sunday, February 12th, 2023, will be Thrive! Commitment Sunday when every family will be given the opportunity to complete a commitment card. Please consider a pledge of \$1 per day for three years, which equals about \$1,000. Thank you!



Habitat
for Humanity®
of Southeast Ohio

Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio is currently building two homes in Athens County, one in Jacksonville and one in Carbon Hill/Buchtel. Please consider helping on a build. You can work Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and don't need to have construction knowledge.

Sign up to volunteer at <https://habitatseo.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-on-a-build.html>

January Highlights





Council Summary

January 2023 Notes

- No new business

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Karen Peter-
sohn-Jung
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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Matilda Crawford
2-Lynne Woods
4-Jared Crawford, Jo Ann
Ball, Linus Juedes
6-Rod Sauer
11-Melody Christiansen
13-Sam Theiss
17-Donnalee Yoder
19-Paticia Cambridge
20-Beth McKinley
23-Anya Miller, Peter
Schmidt

Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Please email the office
and let us know!

Worship Assistants

Interested in serving in a role below. Signup using the [link](#) or email your availability to info@clcathens.org Thank you!

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
<i>Asst./ Lector</i>	Stephen Chikosky	Wanda Weinberg	Greg Newton	Michael Cleland
<i>Time with Children</i>	Lucy Crawford	Jane Unger	Puppets (aka Nick)	Cheryl Huebner
<i>Videogra- pher</i>	Kay Cleland	Sam Hanson	Marilyn Shealy	Doug Debrick
<i>Greeter</i>	Karen Beverly	Tammy Thompson	Susan Urano	Susan Sparks
<i>Acolytes</i>	William	Dessa	Rachel	Meena
<i>Ushers</i>	John Deno Karl Runser	Karl Runser Mary Kay Kerber	Mary Kay Kerber & Karl Runser	Andrew Kirsop Catie Perez- Strohmeier
<i>Children's Church</i>	Lucy Crawford	Kay Cleland	Chris Snoddy	Tammy Thompson

Monthly Church Calendar can be viewed [HERE](#).

Don't see your event listed? Please notify the church office @ info@clcathens.org