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April 2023

## Christ Lutheran Church

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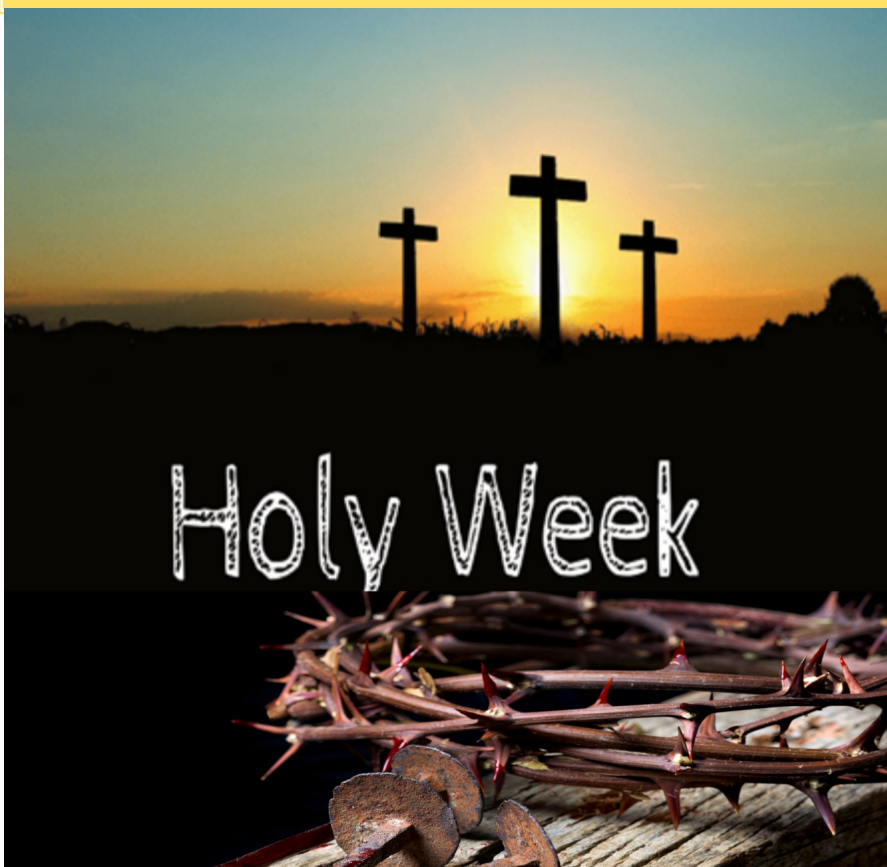
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Maundy  
Thursday  
Service  
4/6/2023  
7pm



**GOOD  
FRIDAY  
SERVICE**

LET'S REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE

**APRIL 07 @ 7PM**

Easter Breakfast at 9a before the 10a worship service in the Fellowship Hall for all ages and **Egg Hunt after service** in the side yard for our little ones.

*Easter Sunday*  
APRIL 9TH, 2023  
**SERVICE AT 10AM**



**EASTER BREAKFAST  
& EGG HUNT**



**SIGN-UP  
TO BRING  
A DISH  
TO SHARE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH**



# 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, please use the link below to sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448AAAB28A4F85-christ>



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)

*Join the fun*  
April 2nd, 2023

**Lenten Discussion/Reflection**

Fellowship Hall  
Food and beverages provided

**JOIN THE FUN**  
April 9th, 2023

**EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**

SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH**

April 16th, 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*  
More details to come  
April 23rd, 2023

Athens High School Drama Club Presents  
**THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21, 2023 7:30pm AHS Auditorium	April 22, 2023 7:30pm AHS Auditorium	April 23, 2023 2:00pm AHS Auditorium

**2P @ ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL**

April 30th, 2023

**No Youth Group**

## Tuesday, April 4th

(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: Sue Ellen will share her experience in Wales, UK, as an Exchange Teacher, 1972-1973.



## Equity and Justice

Tuesday, April 4th  
@ 7p.m.

[Join Meeting here](#)

Please RSVP Doug Debrick at  
[dgdebrick@gmail.com](mailto:dgdebrick@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!



## **Wednesday Night Prayer**

**Online Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.**

**4/12, 4/19, 4/26**

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.

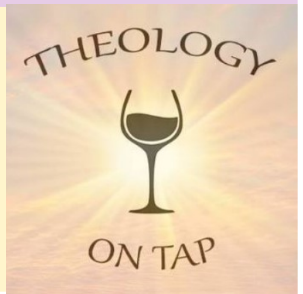
[Connect here](#)

## **Theology on Tap**

**Thursday, April 13th, 6 p.m.**

Bring your own dinner and beverage of choice and meet us via Zoom!

[Connect Here](#)



# 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.

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

For more information or a schedule contact us at [TheBridge@ohio.edu](mailto:TheBridge@ohio.edu)

**April 27th, 2023**

**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)



**April 18th at 7p**

# Church Council MEETING

[connect here](#)



**Earth Justice**  
**Tuesday, April 25th**

**@ 5:30p**

[Launch Zoom](#)

**April's meeting canceled**





The Christ Lutheran Earth Justice Advocates interest group invites members of the congregation to join us in celebrating Earth Week with several activities. On **April 23**, we will have a church service dedicated to the care of the earth and after the service, we invite members of the congregation to **join us in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and coffee and a showing of the film, "Current Revolution: Nation in Transition."** We also urge congregation members to join the national Earth Day climate prayer at 12noon on April, 22. Ohio University is also hosting a number of events during climate month. They include an Earth

Week parade on April 22, a Sustainable Living seminar on Transportation on April 24, events on April 27 at and surrounding Walter Hall from 2:00 to 4:00, including a Repurpose and Repair Fair, information on pollinator programs, a Sustainable Hub presentation, Sustainability Awards, and an electric vehicle showcase, and a sale of abandoned bicycles. Go to the Ohio University Website for more information.

"We are already transitioning away from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy, and as people of faith and conscience, we can insure the transition is made with justice. We can have both a healthy economy and a clean environment and the process for achieving this vision can be fair and not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs or economic assets, working for a just transition is a faithful response to care for our neighbor and the interconnected community of all life.

**AED training on April 30<sup>th</sup>** for ushers and other members of the congregation.

What does AED stand for? **Automated external defibrillator.** Recently an NFL football player fell to the turf because his heart had stopped. The trainers rushed to the field and used an AED apparatus to restart his heart.

The church has an AED apparatus in the Narthex as suggested by Keith Woodell, a member of the congregation. Years ago on an air flight, his heart stopped, the crew pulled out an AED and saved his life. Keith was on the property committee at that time and was very vocal that we have an AED at the church. Now we want to train as many people as possible how to use it in case of a similar emergency.

The training will be a short video of how to use it and Dr. Mindy Ford will be here to answer any questions we might have during the training.

We will meet in the sanctuary after the service, watch the video and then have an opportunity to ask questions. After the NFL incident, AED apparatuses are being placed in many public places and this training may be used outside of the church.



**AED TRAINING**  
**Sunday, April 30th**  
In the Sanctuary following the  
worship service.  
Contact Rod Sauer for more  
information.

**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](#)



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





**April 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Women's Ensemble  
4:30pm in the Sanctuary

**April 5, 12, 19, 26**  
Men's Ensemble at  
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

**April 9 & 16, 2023**  
Men and Women's En-  
sembles preform

**April 23, 2023**  
Women's Ensemble  
**April 30, 2023**  
Men's Ensemble

# Earth Day Action Challenge

Multiply your Earth Day impact by taking action each week in March and April!  
Look out for weekly posts in Mobilize to help you carry out the actions below.

March 6-12	<b>E</b>	<b>EMPOWER</b> a friend, family member, or colleague! Share a climate action sheet with key info and accessible actions in ( <a href="#">Faith</a>   <a href="#">Health</a>   <a href="#">Communities</a> ).
March 13-19	<b>A</b>	<b>ATTEND</b> the Advocacy Training co-hosted by ecoAmerica and the American Lung Association on March 31st. RSVP <a href="#">here</a> !
March 20-26	<b>R</b>	<b>REACH</b> out and introduce yourself to an Ambassador in your area! Climate action can be better together.
Mar/Apr 27-2	<b>T</b>	<b>TAKE</b> a picture and submit it to the <a href="#">Earth Day photo challenge</a> !
April 3-9	<b>H</b>	<b>HIGHLIGHT</b> a climate champion. Who inspires YOU? Share your gratitude on social media, via a blog, or in an email or newsletter! #ClimateChampion
April 10-16	<b>D</b>	<b>DOWNLOAD</b> the Ambassador PowerPoint template or a state-based supplement, then brainstorm and schedule your next talk.
April 17-23	<b>A</b>	<b>AMPLIFY</b> your impact. Invite friends, colleagues and community to become Ambassadors!
April 24-28	<b>Y</b>	<b>YOU</b> did it! You are making a difference! Celebrate your hard work and capture your impact by reporting your actions <a href="#">here</a> .

## Faith in Action



This month's LSS Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled for Thursday, April 13th 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. Memb of the OU Women's Basketball team will be assisting during the distribution.

For more information about the mobile pantry contact Adele Hanson at [adelehanson@gmail.com](mailto:adelehanson@gmail.com).





# Faith in Action



**Habitat  
for Humanity®  
of Southeast Ohio**

**Scrap Metal Drive** - Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., at the Athens County Fairgrounds. The proceeds from collecting scrap ferrous metals and aluminum, brass, and copper will help build the next Faith Build home. This is in conjunction with the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District's Recycling Day. See the [attached flyers](#) for more information.

**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 homes being built by Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio in Jacksonville and in Carbon Hill/Buchtel. 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>.



## Scrap Metal Drive



**Saturday**



**April 22, 2023**



**9 am–1 pm**

*Car Batteries Accepted. Items with Freon NOT Accepted!*

**Athens County Fairgrounds  
West Union Street, Athens, OH**

**As Part of the Athens Hocking Solid  
Waste District's Spring Recycle Day**

Proceeds go to ...  
**The Coalition's next House-building project**

*Sponsored by: **FAITH BUILD COALITION***







## Community Memorial

Join in the celebration of the incredible life and legacy of  
**Reverend Jan Griesinger**

Come ready to sing and share memories of this incomparable advocate for social justice.

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Athens**

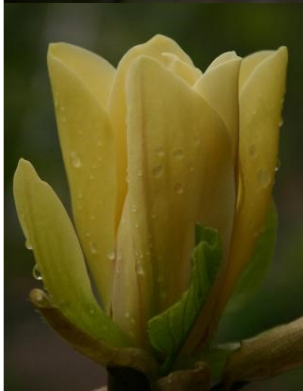
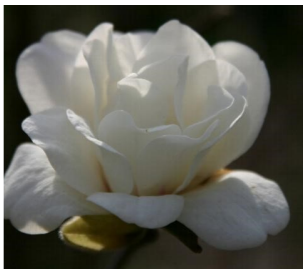
184 Longview Heights, Athens, OH

*Reception to follow at Purple Chopstix.*



**R.S.V.P.** requested to assist with reception planning, but not required.

Email: [Jan.G.Memorial@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.G.Memorial@gmail.com)



## An Invitation

*Your presence is requested at the dedication of*

### **Sign of HOPE**

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, starting at 10:00 AM**

Because you have volunteered your love and time and skills to serve Good Works in the creation of this new initiative, please come!

**Refreshments will follow the ceremony!**

<https://good-works.net/sign-of-hope/>



# Advocacy for Hunger in Ohio

Hunger Network Ohio sponsored a Budget Advocacy Day called “Praying for Our Daily Bread” March 28, at which volunteers met with legislators at the Statehouse in Columbus to discuss the need for additional help for Ohioans struggling to get enough food. These were the talking points Advocacy Day participants meeting with legislators:

- Strengthen our school meal program. During the pandemic, schools saw the impact of school breakfast and lunch programs for students. Just like textbooks and school buses, school meals should be provided to every student because full bellies lead to full minds.
- Senior Nutrition Support: Far too many Ohio seniors saw their SNAP benefits return to the minimum of \$23 a month. SNAP is the first line of defense against hunger in Ohio. Ohio should raise the minimum SNAP benefit to \$50 a month for seniors.
- Invest in our Food Banks: The Governor proposed to flat-fund Ohio's food bank network. To meet the pressures from inflation and growing demand, the state should invest \$50 million a year in our food banks.

We encourage congregation members to contact legislators representing their districts to let them know their concerns about hunger in Ohio. For more information go to [www.hungernetohio.com](http://www.hungernetohio.com).



## Mt. Zion Appeal

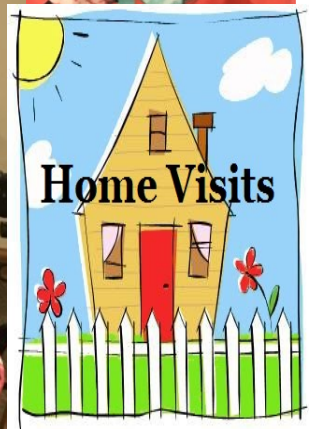
Members of our congregation have been involved with and supportive of the restoration of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, and at this critical time, they are asking for community support to rescue and restore a vital part of the building. Here is an excerpt from their appeal: “As you may have heard, Mount 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.” To make a donation go to <https://gofund.me/73919681>.





## March Highlights





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## Flower pictures in the April CHI RHO graciously provided by Jane Unger.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Karen Peter-  
sohn-Jung  
Lou Childress  
Jo King  
Joan Fucci  
Dave Arm-  
strong  
\*Mary Lee  
Powell  
\*Carl Savage  
\*Dick Brackin  
\*Jo Ann Pulfer  
\*Sammy Huwe  
\*Mary An-  
drews  
\*Art Woolley  
\*Homebound  
members

### April B-days

4-Ryan Goetz  
7-Karen Goldsberry  
9- Carter Russel  
-Debra Fanning  
12-Gwen Golter  
13-Jane Unger  
-Tom Riggs  
14-Corrie Callaghan  
15-Dick Brackin  
-Demari Muff  
17-Linda Sauer  
19-Daniel Phillips  
-Jason Snoddy  
21-Suzie Prange  
22-Dana Wright  
-Steve Chikosky  
23-Sarah McKinley  
25-Tim Prange  
29-Luther Haseley  
30- Gary Cooke

### Council Summary

#### March 2023 Notes

1. Accepted the recommendation of the Finance committee to move the money in the Thrivent diversified bond fund to a Thrivent Credit Union CD. The finance committee will meet in April to discuss our holdings with Edgar Jones.
2. Accepted the recommendations of the impact giving committee as follows:
  - **Impact Giving Committee Recommendation:** Chris had previously provided the minutes of the CLC Impact Giving Committee Minutes from their meeting on March 2, 2023. Her report detailed the process that the committee followed to arrive at their final recommendations. The committee made the following decision which they want the council to approve. It does not need a second since it is coming from the committee: **The Impact Giving Committee recommends that the Christ Lutheran Church council approve all four of the following projects and the ELCA Global tithe for these amounts:** 1. Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (AceNet) - for the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program \$13,686.00 2. Athens Mental Health, Inc. - dba The Gathering Place - for the Bettering the Basement Project \$16,917.00 3. Women for Recovery - Serenity Grove - for the Furnishing New and Renovated Spaces Project \$10,000.00 4. Tri -County Career Center - for the Driver's Education Project \$12,000.00 5. Tithe for ELCA Global Missions \$ 5,300.00

**TOTAL \$57,903.00**

### 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!

	April 2nd	April 9th	April 16th	April 23rd	April 30th
<i>Asst./ Lector</i>	Greg Newton	Stephen Chikosky	Wanda Weinberg	John Molinaro	Jane Unger
<i>Time with</i>	Lucy Crawford	Jane Unger	Puppets (aka Nick)	Jana Hovland	Cheryl Huebner
<i>Videogra- pher</i>	Sam Hanson	Marilyn Shealy	Kay Cleland	Doug Debrick	Sam Hanson
<i>Greeter</i>	Linda Sauer	Mike Cleland	Karen Beverly	Anne Sparks	Mim Almquist
<i>Acolytes</i>	Dessa Thompson-Kelleher	Rachel Prange	Meena Juedes	Melody Christiansen	Eliza Kopenski
<i>Ushers</i>	John Deno & Rod Sauer	Jim Sillery & Tim Prange	Mike Cleland & Andrew Kirsop	Sue Ellen Miller & Marilyn Shealy	Nick Claussen & John Laughlin
<i>Chil- dren's Church</i>	Lucy Crawford & Lucy Mae Crawford	Kay Cleland & Melody Christensen	Lucy Crawford & Will Crawford	Tammy Thompson & Rachel Prange	Lucy Crawford

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

**Don't see  
your event  
listed?**

Please notify  
the church  
office