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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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.

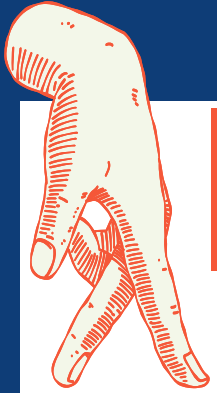
OUR VISION

A WORLD EXPERIENCING THE DIFFERENCE GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE IN CHRIST MAKES FOR ALL PEOPLE AND CREATION.



REMEMBERING OUR PAST
IMAGINING OUR FUTURE

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PEOPLE



THURSDAY WALKABOUT

Gather in front of the church and enjoy conversation and a stroll
Thursdays @ 6:30PM

THE LISTENING GROUP

Monday, Oct 13 @ 2pm
2nd Monday of the month
in the narthex

The Listening Group, a group for widows and widowers. Our purpose is to problem solve, and have time together, but mostly just to listen to each other and help each other to get through this stressful time. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this group please join us.

WIT & WISDOM

Tuesday, October 7
Arch and Eddie's
181 Main St, Jackson,
OH 45640, USA



CC W/ PC AT DC

**Coffee and Conversation with
Pastor Chad at Donkey Coffee**
Thursdays from 10-11:00AM
**There will be no CCw/PC@DC
on Thursday, October 2.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Joni Hodgson
- 2** Linda Batey
- 3** Cathi Schwalbauch
- 8** Linus Juedes
- 10** Bonnie Childress
- 12** Chris Snoddy
- 16** Ben Juedes
Susan Roth
- 17** Donna Russell
- 25** Greg Newton
- 27** Sammy Huwe
- 30** Fran Snyder
- 31** Charlotte Cutright

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Jo Ann Pulfer
Sammy Huwe
Art Woolley
Betty Blackford

REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WORSHIP & ARTS	1st Tuesday of the month after wit & wisdom
EQUITY & JUSTICE	1st Tuesday of the month @7pm ZOOM LINK
SOCIAL MINISTRY	1st Thursday of the month @7pm ZOOM LINK
CHURCH COUNCIL	3rd Tuesday of the month @7pm CLC or ZOOM LINK
EARTH JUSTICE	3rd Thursday of the month @7pm ZOOM LINK
LIFE TOGETHER	4th Thursday of the month @6pm ZOOM LINK
PROPERTY	Last Wednesday of the month @5:30pm

For the most current schedule please refer to <https://www.clcathens.org/pages/calendar>

Christ Lutheran Evening at the Pleasant Hill Vineyards

The weather cooperated and roughly 52 people attended this wonderful event. Thank you all for showing up and making this a success. We can't wait to do it again next year.

If anyone has more photo of this event, please email them to the office at info@clcathens.org



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Not pictured are Abigail Householder, Sidney Knisley, and the Farley family (Chelsea, Gordon, Iyla, and Charlotte)

We appreciate the color you add to CLC!

Article taken from a Chi Rho in 1998.

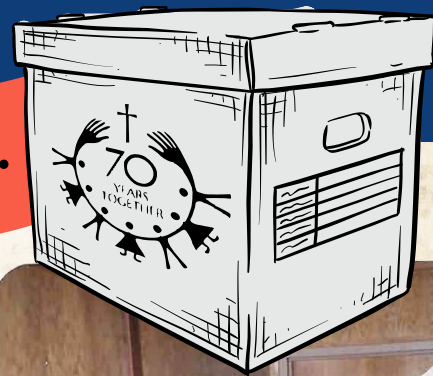
New to Our Sanctuary

On July 20 a grand piano was moved into our new sanctuary. It is a century-old Ibach piano. All of the piano is original; it has not been rebuilt in that 100 years. It was imported in 1986 from Luebeck by the Graves Piano Company in Columbus. It is a gift to the church from George Weckman.

The Ibach company began making pianos in 1795 in Barmen, northwest Germany. The third Ibach to head the firm, Rudolph, changed the name to Rud. Ibach Sohn and made over 1500 pianos a year by the end of the nineteenth century. Although production was halted by the Second World War, it resumed in the 1950s under Rolf Ibach and the company still produces a small number of instruments a year.

Much thanks are due to the moving crew, John Deno, Larry Snyder, Doug Debrick, Rod Sauer, Jerry Chester, and Ron and Neil Dawson. They were supervised by Ben Wiant, a piano technician from Columbus who will continue to maintain the instrument. Ben is the piano technician for the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, the Grand Tetons Music Festival, and the Lancaster Festival.

This instrument has a larger sound than our previous sanctuary piano. It should serve well for some hymns and services as well as concerts in the new church.



This Piano is now being used at OU to teach students how to play an older, slightly out-of-tune piano.



In Case you missed Patricia Cambridge's piano recital, you can view it [HERE](#).

Family Outing

Libby's Pumpkin Patch

October 26th



Leaving After Church. We will meet in the Narthex to caravan there.
Children's Admission Paid



HopeWood Outdoors

2025-2026 Youth & Family Camps, Retreats, Events

LMC AT HOPEWOOD PINES MARENGO, OH

Oct 12 Apple Butter & Fall Festival 12-4pm
Nov 14-16 Mental Wellness Retreat
Dec 12-13 Pancakes with Santa Retreat
Jan 16-18 Middle School Mix
Feb 13-14 Fun-in-Faith Elementary Retreat
Feb 20-21 Sr. High Leadership Retreat
Mar 8 Maple Syrup Festival 11am-2pm
Mar 20-21 Confirmation Retreat
Apr 10-11 Family Spring Retreat
Apr 24-26 Pines Servant Weekend
June 7-12 Full or Half Week Camp (K-12)
June 14-19 Full or Half Week Camp (K-12)
June 21-26 Full or Half Week Camp (K-12)
June 26-28 Full or Half Week Camp (K-12)

CAMP LUTHER AT HOPEWOOD SHORES CONNEAUT, OH

Oct 3-5 BOOther Family Retreat
Oct 17-19 Servant Weekend
May 1-3 Shores Servant Weekend
May 8-10 Shores Servant Weekend
May 15-17 Shores Servant Weekend
June 7-13 Family Camp
June 14-20 Family Camp
June 21-27 Family Camp
June 28 – July 4 Family Camp
July 5-11 Family Camp
July 12-18 Family Camp
July 19-25 Family Camp
July 26 – Aug 1 Family Camp

Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday @6:00pm
on ZOOM [Link HERE](#)

Children's Church

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.

ROLES	OCT 5	OCT 12	OCT 19	OCT 26
LECTOR	Mim Almquist	Pat Cambridge	Stephen Chikosky	Elyce Friedman
TRAY SERVER	Chad Kopenski	John Molinaro	Marilyn Shealy	Greg Newton
TIME WITH CHILDREN	Cheryl Huebner	Elyce Friedman	Nick Claussen	Jana Hovland
COMMUNION USHER	Marilyn Shealy	Sue Ellen Miller	Tammy Thompson	John Laughlin
COFFEE USHER	Linda Batey	Lora Blankenship	Dan Snoddy	Wanda Weinberg
ACOLYTE	Eliza Kopenski	Rachel Prange	Melody Christiansen	Meena Juedes
GREETER	JoAnn Ball	Linda Batey	Chris Snoddy	Nick Claussen
LIVE STREAM	Douglas Debrick	Sam Hanson	Kay Cleland	Marilyn Shealy
SNACKS		Cathi Schwalbauch John Laughlin		Mark Sunderman Lucy Juedes
BEVERAGES		Jane Unger		Peter Schmidt



God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025



CROP WALK October 5th 2pm Athens Community Center

The CROP Hunger Walk will be held on October 5th with the walk starting at 2:00pm. The event will gather at the Athens Community Center solar panel parking lot. Last year the combined churches raised more than \$5,600. Twenty five percent of the total is split locally between Community Food Initiatives and Athens County Food Pantry. Adele Hanson will be recruiting walkers and sponsors during September. One can also donate directly to the Athens Crop Walk by clicking the button below.

[Donate Here](#)

October 2025 Youth Events Schedule



Love Light Recovery



After worship on Sunday, October 19, the youth of our church will join with the youth from Athens First United Methodist Church for a community service project in partnership with Love Light Ministries. We will be carpooling to the project site after church. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed-toe shoes. To learn more about Love Light Ministries, click the link below.

lovelightrecovery.com

October 5

6:30-7:30pm

Christ Lutheran
Church
(Fellowship Hall)

October 12

6:30-7:30pm

Christ Lutheran
Church
(Fellowship Hall)

October 19

11:30am

Love Light
Service Project
See Right

October 26

Halloween Party
5:30-7:30pm

Address to come

AFRICAN

NIGHT 2025

Theme

ONE AFRICA, ONE VOICE

11
OCT | **5PM**

BAKER BALLROOM

TICKET
ENTRY | **\$15**



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ORDER TICKETS HERE

Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 5

In Honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will be doing a pet blessing during worship next Sunday. Bring a photo of your beloved animals and we will be blessing them during the service.



Save the Date! RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 15, 2025

8:30am - 12:30pm

Christ the King Catholic Church

The Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, November 15 at the Holy Family Center behind Christ the King Catholic Church. Donations of clothing, household goods, holiday decorations, toys, etc. may be brought to the Family Center on Thursday, November 13, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. or Friday, November 14, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Scrap Metal Drive

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00am - 1:00pm

at the Athens County Fairgrounds

The Faith Build Coalition of HFH of SEOH will be collecting scrap metal during the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District's recycling day at the Athens County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bring your old lawn mowers, rusty metal, appliances, aluminum cans, brass, copper, etc. Items with freon cannot be accepted.



Reformation Sunday Sunday, October 26

Come dressed in the Color RED to celebrate this day.

CONNECTING FAITH TO LIFE

Support Our International Friends

One can contribute to the International Student Emergency Relief Fund by visiting the Ohio University Giving Page [Here](#).

Other Ways You Can Help: Support Food Assistance Programs

Cat's Cupboard

More than 150 international students rely on the university's food pantry. You can donate non-persishable foods. Below is a list of foods many international students are familiar with and know how to prepare.

View the food list:

bit.ly/food4internationalstudents

Give Online: bit.ly/catscupboard-give

Community Health Programs (CHP) Food Pantry

Located at the Community Health Clinic by Grosvenor Hall, the CHP Pantry serves both students and community members. Since opening in 2022, the pantry has seen growing demand, particularly from international students. As a Tier 3 food pantry, CHP can purchase food at a fraction of retail cost—meaning your donation goes even further.

Donate Here: bit.ly/CHPfoodpantry-give



AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) is a holistic, whole church commitment by the ELCA, as a church in the world, to accompany migrant families today and in the future.

The word “amparo” in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage.

There are postcards from AMMPARO in the narthex that you can sign. The cards are asking our representatives to:

Protect legal pathways to immigration, by continuing our nation's tradition as a refuge and haven for the persecuted;

Ensure safety, dignity, and due process for people seeking refuge in our country;

Advance policies that keep families together.



VOLUNTEER TO BUILD



Volunteers are always needed at home builds. No experience, skills, nor tools are necessary. A construction supervisor is there to teach and guide you on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Sign up online at [Volunteer \(habitatseo.org\)](http://Volunteer.habitatseo.org).



GOODS FOR GOOD WORKS

A few times a year, Social Ministry makes an appeal for donations for needed items at Good Works. Here are some of them. Look on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for a more comprehensive list.

ONGOING HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Disinfectant Wipes, Pine Sol/Floor Cleaner, All Purpose Cleaner, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Meats, Dish soap, Napkins.

OTHER ONGOING NEEDS

Gift Cards for Walmart, Kroger, Auto Zone, or Lowes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Allergy Medicine, 39 gal or 13 gal Trash Bags, or Disinfectant wipes

COUNCIL NOTES

At the September Council Meeting:

1. We talked about AED refresher training. Now to be scheduled in November.
2. We discussed the student house project now that the architects have submitted preliminary floor plans (which we totally changed).
3. The banquet for the 70th anniversary celebration will be at the Dairy Barn.
4. We voted to accept new members who will be officially welcomed on September 28th.
5. We approved Pastor Chad's benefit package for next year.
6. We learned that 52 people enjoyed the get together at Pleasant Hill Winery.

Jane Unger – Council President



HOW TO START
MAKING CHANGE
WITH THOSE YOU'D
RATHER CANCEL
LORETTA J. ROSS

**Equity and Justice
Book Discussion
Sunday, Oct 12**

Join the Equity and Justice group after the Sunday service October 12, to delve once more into the book, *Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel*, by Loretta J. Ross, a veteran activist who is known for naming the broad concept of "Reproductive Justice." She draws on her own and others' experience to explain how we can turn our differences and conflicts with others into opportunities for meaningful change.

This book was chosen as a follow-up to our discussions on White Christian Nationalism, in which many noted how difficult it is to even consider talking across the toxic political divide in our country. It has become even more of a concern for those on the left as well as the right the past few months, and through this book and discussions about it, and it is hoped that the approach promoted by Loretta Ross can help to build more coalitions to work toward a more compassionate and respectful society.



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**Christ Lutheran Evangelical Church
Another 2025 Impact Fund Grant**



A **\$21,625.00** grant was approved by the Impact Giving Committee and church council for Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) for The Sunset Shelter Project-Sponsorship Pilot Project. HAPCAP has received millions of grant dollars to renovate the Sunset Motel into temporary housing units for the unhoused. The Impact Fund grant will specifically be providing money to purchase equipment and supplies for the main Shelter Kitchen and the Unit Kitchenettes. Please see the thank-you note below:

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Impact Giving Committee,

On behalf of the Sunset Shelter Project Team, thank you for this incredibly generous grant award! We are honored to not only receive the full grant amount we applied for, but even more than we anticipated.

Your sponsorship of this room marks a milestone for us as the pilot of our intended room sponsorship program. Outfitting the kitchens with essential equipment and supplies is not only a huge help with operations, but this process has also provided us with a real-world model to refine and strengthen our sponsorship approach as we continue developing the shelter property.

Thanks to your generosity, we can now create welcoming and functional kitchen spaces that will serve our shelter community more effectively. We are truly grateful for your belief and investment in the Sunset Shelter Project.

With deepest gratitude,

Jocelyn Howard

*Housing Services Coordinator
Community Services & Community Development
HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION*

OCTOBER 2025 Wave of Prayer

By Cynthia Yoder

On August 3, Russia and Ukraine agreed to release 1,200 prisoners of war. This follows a prisoner exchange in May when each side released 1000 prisoners, the largest prisoner swap since Russia's war against Ukraine. Protests in Indonesia and Nepal in recent weeks have left 8 Indonesians and 70 Nepalis dead, with 100s injured in Indonesia and over 1000 injured in Nepal. Indonesians were protesting low wages, tax hikes, and perks for lawmakers, while in Nepal, protestors were speaking out against government corruption.

God, we pray that in Indonesia, Nepal, and every country in the world, people may have the right to protest peacefully. May their voices be heard and the inequities and injustices about which they protest be fairly addressed. Loving God, we offer you our prayer.

Acts of political violence are on the rise in the U.S. On June 14, Minnesota representative Melissa Hortman, 55, and her husband Mark, 58, were fatally shot in their home. On September 10, political influencer Charlie Kirk, 31, was shot and killed at an event at Utah Valley University. These and other attacks of people on both sides of the political spectrum have sparked outrage across the political divide.

God, we pray for the families of Charlie Kirk, Melissa and Mark Hortman, and other victims of political violence. We mourn that lives are taken prematurely and that they are taken because of anger or fear regarding political beliefs. May we respect the right to life and dignity of all people, no matter what their beliefs. Loving God, we cry out in sadness.

Though statistics vary greatly, there have been between 47 and 116 school shootings in the United States so far in 2025, killing at least 19 and injuring 77, though those numbers may be higher. Two recent school shootings at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis and Evergreen High School in Colorado resulted in four dead, including the two who carried out the shootings, and 23 injured, some critically.

God, we pray for all people who have lost loved ones in school shootings this year. Give them comfort and strength in their loss. We pray for those injured and for all school communities and individuals affected. Bring physical, emotional, and psychological healing. May school shootings and mass shootings of all kinds cease. Loving God, we long for an end to violence.

On September 5, President Trump signed an order to rename the Department of Defense the Department of War, as it was originally called until 1949. This "secondary name," which the White House plans to use, gives a more aggressive tone to the role of the military. As a Pentagon spokesperson said, "Defense isn't enough — we've got to be ready to strike and dominate our enemies."

God, we lament the focus on military might in today's world. Instead of a buildup of military weapons, may the effectiveness of diplomacy increase. May love of one's enemies, as Jesus taught, be possible. May a world without war be possible. Loving God, we long for peace.

Joseph McNeil died on September 4 at age 83. McNeil was one of four black students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University who, in 1960, sat at a segregated lunch counter at Greensboro's Woolworth and asked to be served. The "Greensboro Four" were joined by 20 the next day and 300 by the end of the week. Sit-ins spread all over the southeastern U.S. and not only led to the desegregation of lunch counters but also re-engaged the transformative Civil Rights Movement.

God, we thank you for the initiative and courage of Joseph McNeil and the many others whose actions led to and supported the Civil Rights Movement. We thank you for the power of non-violent protest. We thank you for signs of hope. May we never give up hope. May we continue the struggle until all human beings live as equals. Loving God, we long for equity and justice.