

# ChiP Rho

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.



# the Bridge

Campus Ministry

Bridge Connect!on meets every  
Thursday @ 5:30pm



Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7pm  
Holden Evening Prayer  
With flute and cello  
(Cookies & Punch included)

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5-7pm  
@ The Dairy Barn  
(Covered Dish)

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> - 10am Worship  
With Bishop Dillahunt  
& The Jazz Band

May  
2026

## Youth Events Schedule

Sundays  
6:30-7:30pm  
Athens First UMC  
3rd floor lounge

### Children's Church

Children, grades 6 and under are invited to Children's Church. Children's Church is offered during the 10am service immediately following the Children's Message.



### THE LISTENING GROUP

Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

The Listening Group is a small gathering of widows and widowers who come together for support, conversation, and understanding. It's a place to share, problem-solve, and most importantly, listen to one another through life's challenging seasons. All who could benefit from fellowship and compassionate ears are warmly welcome.

# SPRING CLEAN UP AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



FAITH BUILD COALITION

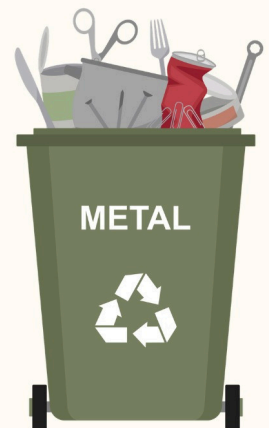
## SCRAP METAL DRIVE

ATHENS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

286 W UNION ST.  
ATHENS, OH 45701

Saturday, May 16  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

As part of the Athens Hocking Solid Waste District's Spring Recycle Day, Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio Faith Build Coalition is collecting scrap metal. The proceeds from this event will go to the coalition's next home build project. Items with Freon NOT accepted.



FAITH BUILD COALITION

## RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH  
8:30AM - 12:00PM

HOLY FAMILY CENTER  
73 STEWART STREET  
ATHENS, OH



DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-7PM  
MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-12PM

HIGH-QUALITY DONATIONS:  
-CLOTHING  
-HOUSEHOLD ITEMS  
-ART / COLLECTIBLES  
-KIDS TOYS  
-OTHER LIKE-NEW ITEMS



PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL GO TOWARDS THE COALITION'S NEXT HOUSE-BUILD PROJECT



## ATHENS & HOCKING SPRING 2026 RECYCLING DAYS

ATHENS COUNTY  
SAT. MAY 16, 2025  
9AM - 1PM

ATHENS CO. FAIRGROUNDS  
286 W. Union St, Athens, OH 45701

HOCKING COUNTY  
SAT. MAY 9, 2026  
9AM - 1PM

HOCKING CO. FAIRGROUNDS  
100 N Homer Ave, Logan, OH 43138

ACCEPTED FOR FREE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, FURNITURE  
CLOTHING & FABRICS  
BOOKS, CDS, DVDS  
APPLIANCES, SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES  
E-WASTE (COMPUTERS, MONITORS, WIRES, PRINTERS, CELL PHONES, TABLETS, LAPTOPS)  
SCRAP METAL (MISC. METAL ITEMS)  
TOOLS & BUILDING MATERIALS  
BATTERIES (PLEASE TAPE LEAD ACID & LITHIUM ION)  
MEDICAL SUPPLIES (NO RX)  
SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLES  
MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS

ACCEPTED FOR A FEE

FLAT SCREEN TV	\$20	TIRES WITHOUT RIMS	50¢
TUBE TV	\$40	TIRES WITH RIMS	\$4
FLORESCENT TUBE	50¢		
COMPACT BULB	50¢		

Tire recycling funded with the support of  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Recycle Ohio Grant Program

For more information, call 740-594-5312

Athens-Hocking Solid Waste Event Partners:



# May is Mental Health Awareness Month



NAMI Athens is the local affiliate of the National Alliance for Mental Health and at their website they describe their mission: "NAMI Athens is a family-based organization with a mission to provide education, advocacy, and support for individuals with mental illness and their families." In December of 2025, they received a grant to establish a Community Resource Center, where families and individuals affected by mental illness can go for free services, including support and referrals to community-based services to meet their needs.



In May, they are also offering a free film series at the Athena Theater:

- May 5 - "Inside Out 2,"
- May 12 - "Marcell the Shell With Shoes On,"
- May 19 - "Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain,"
- May 26 - "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

NAMI has other programs and classes and speaker series. Visit the NAMI Athens website at [namiathensohio.org](http://namiathensohio.org) for more information.

May is designated Mental Health Awareness Month, and in Athens County two organizations promoting mental health and awareness are NAMI Athens and the Athens Photo Project, both of which had offices off West Union.

## Goods for Good Works

Christ Lutheran has been a supporter of Good Works for decades, and our members have helped in many ways. Here is a partial list of items you can donate: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Coffee, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Tuna, Plastic gloves (to handle food), Zip-lock bags (all sizes), cereal, soups, canned vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, Egg Noodles/Spaghetti Noodles, Diced Tomatoes snacks-nuts, crackers, chips, and granola bars. We have a tote in the Narthex to leave donations that will be delivered to Timothy House. More items to donate and volunteer opportunities are listed on the website at [www.good-works.net](http://www.good-works.net).

The Athens Photo Project offers opportunities for people with mental health difficulties to create and build healthy relationships through photography. You might have seen exhibitions by some of the artists in the program at the Mall or the Parking Garage wall uptown. Folks participating in the program are provided with cameras and equipment to use on photo projects, with training and guidance from trained photographers. To contact them email [info@athensphotoproject.org](mailto:info@athensphotoproject.org), or phone them at 740-517-3950.



# CONNECTING PEOPLE TO FAITH



Roles	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<b>Lector</b>	John Molinaro	Glennnda Tingle	Greg Newton	Marilyn Shealy	Jim Sillery
<b>Tray Server</b>	Chad Kopenski	Susan Urano	Susan Urano	JoAnn L'Heureux	Jane Unger
<b>Time with Children</b>	Jana Hovland	Cheryl Huebner	Jane Unger	Puppets	Chad Huebner
<b>Communion Usher</b>	TIm Prange	Marilyn Shealy	JoAnn Ball	Tammy Thompson	
<b>coffee Usher</b>	Wanda Weinberg	Tammy Thompson			
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eliza Kopenski	Rachel Prange	Melody Christiansen	Dessa Thompson-Kelleher	Elizabeth Schmidt
<b>Greeter</b>	JoAnn Ball	Mark Sunderman	Linda Batey	Nic Claussen	Solveig Spjeldnes
<b>Live Stream</b>	Doug Debrick	Sam Hanson	Marilyn Shealy	Doug Debrick	Sam Hanson
<b>Snacks</b>		Adele Hanson Lucy Juedes			Linda Sauer Cathi Schwalbauch
<b>Beverages</b>		Tammy Thompson			Nick Claussen

# MAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	3 St. Ephraim Orthodox Church 9am Sanctuary
3 Worship 10am Sanctuary Bridge Sunday Brunch	4 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	5 Wit & Wisdom 11:30am F. Hall Worship & Arts Following W&W	6 Choir 7:00pm	7 CCw/PC@DC 10am	8	9
10 Worship 10am Sanctuary Budget Hearing 11am	11 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall Listening Group 2:00pm Narthex	12	13 Equity & Justice 7pm	14 CCw/PC@DC 10am Social Ministry 7:00pm <u>ZOOM</u>	15 St. Ephraim Orthodox Church 5-8pm Sanctuary	16 St. Ephraim Orthodox Church 9am Sanctuary 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prep 9am
17 Worship 10am Sanctuary Stewardship Luncheon 11am	18 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	19 Church Council 7pm <u>ZOOM</u>	20	21 CCw/PC@DC 10am	22 Holden Evening Prayer & Reception 7pm	23 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet -Dairy Barn 5pm-7pm
24 Worship 10am Sanctuary with Bishop Dillahunt & The Jazz Band	25 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	26 <u>Earth Justice</u> 7pm on <u>ZOOM</u>	27 Property Committee 5:30pm F. Hall	28 CCw/PC@DC 10am Life Together 6pm <u>ZOOM</u>	29	30
31 Worship 10am Sanctuary						

# Treasurer notes

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Budget vs. Actuals  
July 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>4000 Contributed support</b>			
4010 Pledged Contributions	169,597.99	156,672.00	108.25%
4020 Unpledged Contributions	11,039.63	14,666.64	75.27%
4021 Unpledged, unbudgeted giving	25,000.00		
4030 Loose Offering	2,620.47	2,000.00	131.02%
4420 Campus Ministry Support (ELCA/SOS)	6,650.00	8,306.64	80.06%
4430 Thrivent	952.00	1,153.36	82.54%
<b>Total 4000 Contributed support</b>	<b>\$ 215,860.09</b>	<b>\$ 182,798.64</b>	<b>118.09%</b>
<b>4500 Designated Contributions</b>			
<b>4505 Thrive Campaign SOS</b>			
4515 Anticipated Impact Giving/Benevolence Funds	56,025.00		
4520 Other Designated Gifts	200.00		
4525 Endowment	630.00		
4540 Undie Sundays	800.00		
4550 Memorial Garden	1,800.00		
4575 Bridge	400.00		
4577 Student House Renovation/Construction	10,000.00		
4580 Non-Profit Revenue	10,000.00		
4584 Piano Replacement	14,487.65		
4587 Facilities Improvement	4,600.00		
4590 Lenten & Christmas Offerings	1,271.97		
4591 Year-end gift, staff	2,225.96		
4592 Flowers	140.00		
4595 Emergency Assistance	25.00		
<b>Total 4500 Designated Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 103,277.68</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
<b>5000 Business Income</b>			
5100 Gross rents revenue	1,600.00	1,333.36	120.00%
<b>Total 5000 Business Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,333.36</b>	<b>120.00%</b>
5510 Interest-savings/short-term inv	48.84	66.64	73.29%
5590 Temp. Unknown Income	1,988.83		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 322,775.44</b>	<b>\$ 184,198.64</b>	<b>175.23%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 322,775.44</b>	<b>\$ 184,198.64</b>	<b>175.23%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>Total 7100 Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 124,415.32</b>	<b>\$ 138,962.56</b>	
<b>8100 Programs</b>			
8102 Campus Ministry	2,110.01	2,000.00	105.50%
8104 Lifelong Formation	512.99	2,000.00	25.65%
8110 Social Ministry	435.31	1,066.64	40.81%
8114 Worship/Music	1,868.57	2,333.36	80.08%
8118 Stewardship		66.64	0.00%
8122 Outreach		200.00	0.00%
8126 Life Together	2,747.80	1,666.64	164.87%
8130 Personnel		66.64	0.00%
8132 70th Anniversary Celebrations	940.00	1,000.00	94.00%
<b>Total 8100 Programs</b>	<b>\$ 8,614.68</b>	<b>\$ 10,399.92</b>	<b>82.83%</b>
<b>Total 8150 General Business Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,398.76</b>	<b>\$ 5,066.64</b>	<b>126.29%</b>
<b>Total 8200 Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 54,236.74</b>	<b>\$ 23,333.36</b>	<b>232.44%</b>
<b>8296 Council Action</b>	1,987.00	133.36	1489.95%
8298 Student House/Property Demo/Reno	17,162.50		
<b>Total 8296 Council Action</b>	<b>\$ 19,149.50</b>	<b>\$ 133.36</b>	<b>14359.25%</b>
<b>8300 Benevolence</b>			
8301 Designated Giving	1,682.97		
8310 Southern Ohio Synod Allocation	12,000.00	8,000.00	150.00%
8315 Reconciling Works	230.00		
8332 Lutheran World Relief	740.00		
8360 ELCA World Hunger Global Mission	420.00		
8365 Impact Giving LLC Funds Out	56,025.00		
8370 Local Benevolences		9,333.84	0.00%
8372 Good Works	1,830.00		
8376 My Sisters Place	1,450.00		
8377 United Campus Ministry	300.00		
8380 Rural Action	500.00		
8382 Gathering Place	940.00		
8383 CLEM House	1,370.00		
8389 Emergency Assistance	652.92		
8391 Undie Sundays	300.00		
<b>Total 8370 Local Benevolences</b>	<b>\$ 7,342.92</b>	<b>\$ 9,333.84</b>	<b>78.67%</b>
<b>Total 8300 Benevolence</b>	<b>78,440.89</b>	<b>\$ 17,333.84</b>	<b>452.53%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>291,255.89</b>	<b>\$ 195,229.68</b>	<b>149.19%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>31,519.55</b>	<b>11,031.04</b>	<b>-285.74%</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
5513 Fidelity Primary CD Value Change 5515	9,225.30		
Fidelity Endowment CD Value Change	2,335.77		

Dear Faith Family,

As we get closer to our fiscal end-of-year, the budget I share will be more detailed. Our congregation likes to know a lot of the details, which are included. Overall --

Revenue

-- our giving is in line to meet estimates.

-- our Thrive campaign is complete, with \$41,925.76 given by our congregation to support our Southern Ohio Synod in their church growing efforts.

Expenses

-- we transferred \$10,000 from our money market account into our checking account to be able to cover three months' worth of expenses.

-- our facilities expenses are higher than budgeted due to needed repairs.

-- our work in assessing/planning for our student house demo/reno is being covered by dedicated giving.

-- our investments have increased in value by \$11,000 this fiscal year, and we are closely monitoring market conditions.

We have begun our budgeting process for 2026-27. In the next month or so you'll receive an aspirational budget based on our best estimates of expenses to help in your stewardship decisions.

Let me know if you have questions, and have a nice day --

Lucy Juedes, Treasurer

## 2026 Wave of Prayer 4, April 25

On April 19 and 20, eight people were killed and 14 injured by firearms in three separate mass shootings in the United States and Mexico. Statistics show that death and injury by gun violence is common. In the United States, gun deaths are the leading cause of death in those aged 1 – 17. The number of lives lost to guns in the U.S. in 2023 was over 46,000, including 2,500 young people.

- God, we lament any death, those which make the news and those which don't. We lament the recent deaths and injuries by firearms. We pray for the loved ones of each victim. May awareness of the risks of gun violence increase so that senseless deaths and injuries may decrease. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the recent war in Iran, more than 400 U.S. military personnel have been injured, many with traumatic brain injuries (TBIs). TBIs are a leading type of injury experienced by those in military service in this century. TBIs are sometimes considered "invisible wounds," which can affect victims physically, cognitively, and emotionally with headaches, dizziness, ringing ears, memory challenges, depression, and sleep disturbances, to name only a few. These effects can last years or a lifetime.

- God, we pray for all people who have had a traumatic brain injury, including those recently injured in Iran. May they receive the treatments and support they need to live fulfilling lives. May their suffering be lessened or alleviated over time. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In 2025, the United States spent 919 billion dollars on national defense. In 2026, the budget surpassed one trillion dollars, marking a 17% increase. A current proposal would raise the budget 42% to 1.5 trillion dollars. While some believe that increased military spending is necessary, many people in the world have barely enough money to survive, and many people are in dire need of humanitarian assistance.

- God, it is difficult to comprehend what a trillion dollars means—with so many zeros. May governments recognize the value of money spent not only on the military but also on humanitarian aid. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" and "Love your neighbors." God, we long for peace. We pray that love may conquer all. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

After almost 2 ½ years of separation, 11 babies were reunited with their parents in Gaza. Soon after the October 2023 war began, 31 premature babies in Gaza's Al Shifa Hospital were evacuated to hospitals in Rafah (Gaza) and then 28 on to Egypt after Al Shifa Hospital was attacked by Israeli army raids, putting the premature babies' lives at risk. Though 8 died, 11 were returned to Gaza in the end of March.

- God, we celebrate the survival of these babies and this reunion of babies and parents. May they all experience great joy as they get to know each other amidst a yet uncertain future in Gaza. May parents and children throughout the world experience a life of togetherness and love. We thank you, God that good things happen amidst terrible circumstances. We thank you for these and other small signs of hope. Loving God, we are grateful.