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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.

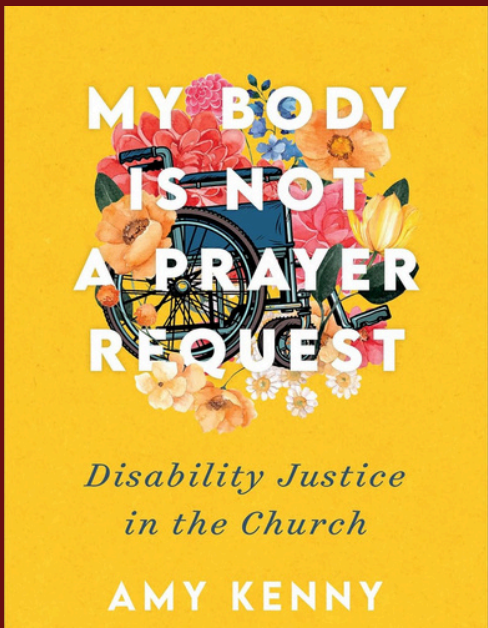
OUR VISION

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

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PEOPLE



CLC Book Study



**Wednesdays @ 7pm
(ZOOM)**

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.

Committee Meetings

June	2026
4th	Social Ministry
8th	Listening Group
10th	CLC Book Study
16th	Council Meeting
17th	CLC Book Study
23rd	Earth Justice Committee
24th	Property Meeting CLC Book Study
25th	Life Together

June Birthdays

- 5** John Laughlin
- Signe Denbow
- 8**
- Brandon Russell
- 15** Denise Beveridge
John Molinaro
- 26** Joan Fucci
- 28** Katie Beth Miksa

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO FAITH



Roles	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 21
Lector	Steve Chikosky	Pam Cochran	Susan Urano	Pat Cambridge
Tray Server	Greg Newton	John Molinaro	Jim Sillery	Wanda Weinberg
Time with Children	Jana Hovland	Cheryl Huebner	Puppets	Pastor Chad
Communion Usher				
Coffee Usher				
Acolyte	Meena Juedes	Eliza Kopenski	Rachel Prange	Melody Christiansen
Greeter	Mim Aliquist	Karen Beverly	Linda Sauer	Sue Righi
Live Stream	Marilyn Shealy	Doug Debrick	Sam Hanson	Marilyn Shealy
Snacks		Corrie Callaghan Nick Claussen		Linda Sauer John Laughlin
Beverages		Mark Sunderman		Cathi Schwalbauch

Speaking of a house being sponsored by the Faith Build Coalition. It is being built NOW! It's at 9 Johnson Road in The Plains, directly behind Tink's Auto Sales, and a father of three will be the homeowner. Volunteer to help build from Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 9-5 p.m. Sign up for a full or half-day shift at [Volunteer Registration - Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio](#). See the article below about it.



May 17, 2026

HABITAT HIGHLIGHTS



WALLS UP IN ATHENS COUNTY

This past week, we hosted a wall build for our first two-story home in Athens County. The energy on-site was contagious as we gathered to frame the structure that will soon become a home for a father and his three children. We are incredibly proud of the future homeowner, Chris, a graduate of the John W. Clem Recovery House, and are honored to walk alongside him in his journey to homeownership. This build is more than just a house; it is a testament of resilience and growth.

Athens County Children Services' Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Project

It's summer and school's out, so it's time again for the ACCS Peanut Butter and Jelly project. At seven locations around Athens County once a week, the agency's School Outreach team distributes bread, peanut butter and jelly to families, to supplement food resources that are stretched for many families when the children do not receive school lunches. You can help by bringing peanut butter and jelly to put into the collection box in the Narthex at church, or by sending a check to:

Athens County Children Services
P.O. Box 1046
Athens, OH 45701
Memo Line: PB&J Project

THANK YOU! The Faith Build Coalition of HFH of SEOH is deeply grateful for all of you who donated, organized, volunteered, or shopped. The Scrap Metal Drive raised \$2,656, and the Rummage Sale earned almost \$1500 for a total of over \$4,150.00! These funds will help sponsor a house building project.

Once again, the Faith Build Coalition is collecting aluminum cans until October 31, 2026. Please rinse the cans, bag them, and Chris Snoddy will take them. Or if you take them to McKee's for the money, just give Chris the receipt showing the weight of the cans. For each 500 pounds, the Novelis Company will donate \$2,500 to HFH.







JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Wit & Wisdom 11:30am F. Hall	3 CLC Book Study 7pm on Zoom	4 CCw/PC@DC 10am Social Ministry 7:00pm <u>ZOOM</u>	5	6 Athens Pride Parade 11am
7 Worship 10am Sanctuary	8 Listening Group 2:00pm Narthex AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	9	10 CLC Book Study 7pm on Zoom	11 CCw/PC@DC 10am	12	13
14 Worship 10am Sanctuary	15 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	16 Church Council 7pm <u>ZOOM</u>	17 CLC Book Study 7pm on Zoom	18 CCw/PC@DC 10am	19 St. Ephraim Orthodox Church 5-8pm Sanctuary	20 St. Ephraim Orthodox Church 9am Sanctuary
21 Worship 10am Sanctuary	22 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	23 <u>Earth Justice</u> 7pm on <u>ZOOM</u>	24 Property Committee 5:30pm F. Hall CLC Book Study 7pm on Zoom	25 CCw/PC@DC 10am Life Together 6pm <u>ZOOM</u>	26	27
28 Worship 10am Sanctuary	29 AA/OA Meeting 5pm Fellowship Hall	30				

Treasurer notes

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Revenue			
4000 Contributed support			
4010 Pledged Contributions	225,134.35	235,007.98	95.80%
4020 Unpledged Contributions	15,825.63	22,000.00	71.93%
4021 Unpledged, unbudgeted giving	25,000.00		
4030 Loose Offering	3,586.47	3,000.00	119.55%
4420 Campus Ministry Support (ELCA/SOS)	10,150.00	12,460.00	81.46%
4430 Thrivent	1,193.00	1,730.00	68.96%
Total 4000 Contributed support	\$ 280,889.45	\$ 274,197.98	102.44%
Total 4500 Designated Contributions	\$ 102,383.62	\$ 0.00	
4580 Transfer from Money Market Acct.	10,000.00		
5000 Business Income			
5100 Gross rents revenue	1,600.00	2,000.00	80.00%
Total 5000 Business Income	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	80.00%
5510 Interest-savings/short-term inv	58.25	100.00	58.25%
5590 Temp. Unknown Income	1,988.83		
Total Revenue	\$ 396,920.15	\$ 276,297.98	143.66%
Expenditures			
Total 7100 Personnel	\$ 176,756.13	\$ 208,444.02	84.80%
Total 8100 Programs	\$ 11,150.34	\$ 15,600.00	71.48%
Total 8150 General Business Expenses	\$ 8,705.59	\$ 7,600.00	114.55%
Total 8200 Facilities	\$ 62,092.89	\$ 35,000.00	177.41%
8296 Council Action	4,119.00	200.00	2059.50%
8298 Student House/Property Demo/Reno	23,462.50		
Total 8296 Council Action	\$ 27,581.50	\$ 200.00	13790.75%
Total 8300 Benevolence	\$ 88,545.14	26,000.80	\$ 340.55%
Total Expenditures	\$ 374,831.59	292,844.82	128.00%
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 22,088.56	-\$ 16,546.84	-133.49%
Other Revenue			
4585 Special Music Fund	2,916.60		
4586 Mus Dir Donation Council Use	6,250.00		
5513 Fidelity Primary CD Value Change	13,363.92		
5515 Fidelity Endowment CD Value Change	2,735.06		
Total Other Revenue	\$ 25,265.58	\$ 0.00	
Other Expenditures			
8115 Special Music Concert	2,916.60		
8116 Music Dir In-kind Council Designation	6,250.00		
8191 Donor-paid online tithing fee	162.19		
8193 Donor-non-paid online tithing fee	18.15		
8261 Depreciation Expense	30,458.12		
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 39,805.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net Other Revenue	-\$ 14,539.48	-\$ 16,546.84	
Net Revenue	\$ 7,549.08		-45.62%

Dear Faith Family,

Attached is our budget compared to actual funds in and out as of May 29, 2026.

Pledged giving is at 96% of expected amounts and unpledged giving is at 72%.

Although our net revenue rests at \$16,546.84, this is due to a \$10,000 transfer from our money market account into checking to help with cash flow as well as a \$25,000 unrestricted gift. Without these two amounts we would be \$18,453.16 in the red. Council has been looking at our expenses in detail and discussing options for next year's budget.

Let me and anyone else on council know if you have questions, and see you soon.

Lucy Juedes
Treasurer

2026 Wave of Prayer 5, May 23

The Magdalene Laundries operated in Ireland from 1922 to 1996. During those 74 years, an estimated 10,000 girls and women were secretly held against their will and forced to work in income-generating laundries operated by religious orders of the Catholic church. They were also controlled by a daily regime of prayer and penitence. A mass grave for 796 infants and other discoveries have come to light in past decades as survivors seek acknowledgment of their abuses.

· God, we pray for all who were hurt by the Magdalene Laundries, for those who lost babies to death or forced adoption and those who were brutalized physically and psychologically. We lament that similar abuse continues today in different contexts and in different ways. Loving God, we pray for freedom for all people on earth.

On May 17, the World Health Organization declared the Ebola virus a global health emergency. There have been 500 cases and 100 to 300 deaths since the outbreak began in April, mostly in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The mortality rate is about 50%, but without treatment it's 90%. DRC health care is challenging due to limited resources and poor infrastructure in remote areas.

· God, we pray for the families of those who have died recently from Ebola. We pray for the people who currently have the virus and many others who are fearful of contracting it. May the outbreak be contained and health restored. Loving God, we pray for healing.

The civil war in Sudan began three years ago in mid-April 2023. An estimated 14 million people are displaced, 19 million have acute hunger, the risk of disease outbreaks is high, and sexual violence against women continues as a weapon of war. It is a humanitarian and human rights crisis.

· God, we offer the same prayer that we offered one year ago—and the year before that. May the violence in the Sudan come to an end. May those who are suffering find a way out of their suffering. Be with and guide all the aid workers who are trying to help. Loving God, we pray for peace.

On May 18, two teenaged boys shot and killed three people at the Islamic Center of San Diego. They later took their own lives. Anti-Muslim bigotry has been on the rise in the U.S. since the war in Gaza began, including job discrimination, threats, hate speech, and bullying of Muslim school children.

· God, we pray for the families of the victims and the shooters who are today mourning their losses. We lament this tragic incident at a place of worship where people come together to learn, pray, and draw closer to you. We pray for unity and peace among all people, no matter what their faith. Loving God, we pray for the acceptance of diversity.

Mitch Albom is a writer and a philanthropist who, through faith, has given hope to many people. He founded 12 charities, mostly in Detroit, and in 2010 helped rebuild the Have Faith Haiti Mission and Orphanage. He and his wife, who did not have children of their own, cared for a young Haitian girl for two years before she died from a brain tumor. They then took in a six-month-old girl from Haiti who weighed only six pounds. Albom is grateful for the chances he has been given to help others.

· God, we thank you for Mitch Albom and others like him who exemplify a life of service. May each of us serve you by being attuned to the needs of others and helping in the ways that we can. Loving God, we thank you for hope and for people who give us hope.