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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

WIT & WISDOM

**Tuesday, April 1 @
11:30am**

2nd Monday of the month in
the narthex

This month will be at CLC
with the Ohio University
Opera.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Jo King
Dick Brackin
Jo Ann Pulfer
Sammy Huwe
Art Woolley
Betty Blackford



CC W/ PC AT DC

Coffee and Conversation with
Pastor Chad at Donkey Coffee
Thursdays from 10-11:00AM

THE LISTENING GROUP

Monday, April 14 @ 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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 9** Carter Russell
- 13** Jane Unger
- 14** Corrie Callaghan
- 15** Dick Brackin
- 17** Linda Sauer
- 19** Jason Snoddy
- 21** Suzie Prange
- 22** Steve Chikosky
- 25** Tim Prange
- 29** Luther Haseley

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>

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO FAITH



2025 SOUTHERN OHIO
SYNOD ASSEMBLY
JUNE 6-7, 2025

ANCHORED IN CHRIST
FREED TO SERVE

AFRICA EVENT CENTER
COLUMBUS ZOO & AQUARIUM

[Click here to Register](#)

The Word In Season daily devotional for April, May, and June is available in the narthex.



WEDNESDAY EVENING
PRAYER DURING LENT

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM

IN PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY
OR WATCH ONLINE [HERE](#)

Thank you to all who came and celebrated Pi-Day in March. Thank you to Life Together for putting on the event.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

April 2025

APR 06

Crafts
6:30-7:30 @ CLC

APR 13

Lindley Inn
5:30 @ CLC (6:15 @ LI)

APR 20

Happy Easter
No Meeting

APR 27

Into the Woods
2PM AHS theater

If you have any questions Contact
Pastor Chad(chad@clcathens.org)



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 13 @10am
Maundy Thursday April 17 @7pm
Good Friday April 18 @7pm
Easter Sunday April 20 @10am

SERVING THIS MONTH

	6	PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER	27
ACOLYTE	Students	Melody Christiansen	Elizabeth Schmidt	Eliza Kopenski	Rachel Prange	Meena Juedes
GREETER	Students	Jeanne Haseley	Linda Batey	Pam Cochran	Rachel, Eliza, & Dessa	Jo Anne L'Heureux
LECTOR/ASSISTANT	Students	Greg Newton	Steve Chikosky	Jane Unger	Pam Cochran	Wanda Weinberg
LIVE STREAM	Douglas Debrick	Marilyn Shealy	Sam Hanson	Douglas Debrick	Marilyn Shealy	Kay Cleland
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN	Students	Elyce Friedman			Nick Claussen	Jana Hovland
TRAY SERVER	Students	Susan Urano	Chris Snoddy		John Molinaro	Elyce Friedman
USHER/COFFEE	Linda Batey	Dan Snoddy	John Laughlin		Rod Sauer	Lora Blankenship
USHER/COMMUNION	Marilyn Shealy	Tammy Thompson	Sue Ellen Miller		Tim Prange	Sue Ellen Miller

CONNECTING FAITH TO LIFE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

The Social Ministry Committee realizes that with all the changes we are seeing in Ohio and statewide, members and friends of Christ Lutheran might be looking for ways to respond in constructive ways. Here are a few suggestions:

Let our legislators in Washington and Columbus know what we want from our government.

This is a good time to participate in Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters (www.bread.org/offering-letters). A sample letter to be typed or copied by hand is listed there, along with a link to an email that can be modified and sent to our Congressman and Senators. The emphasis for the campaign this year is to restore funding for USAID programs around the world and fully fund the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Printed copies with Legislator addresses are on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Donate to local non-profit organizations addressing hunger and homelessness.

You might buy boxed pasta or cereal, canned vegetables, soups, and fruits for the Athens Food Pantry, to leave in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Or you could purchase items needed by Good Works to leave in the container under the table in the Narthex. Here is a partial list of items Good Works needs for the people they serve:

- Gift cards from: McDonalds, Wendy's Taco Bell, Arby's, Walmart, or Kroger,
- Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, or masking tape,
- Hand towels (for bathroom and kitchen) or Plastic gloves (to handle food),
- Zip-lock bags (all sizes), flea collars for dogs and cats (for Sign of HOPE), or
- sanitizing/Clorox wipes.

Another organization that needs items is Cats' Cupboard. They are currently looking for items that accommodate international students and students with special needs. To view a list of items to accommodate their needs [CLICK HERE](#)



SIGN A PETITION



Oppose Mass Deportations

[Tell Congress you oppose the detention and separation of immigrant families.](#)

[POSTED: 3/26/2025]

Protect Clean Energy Jobs and Investments

[Join us in asking Congress to keep investments in clean energy for individuals and churches.](#)

[POSTED: 3/19/2025]

The Equity and Justice Committee is Leading

Calling In

A Book Discussion
May 18

Join us after the Sunday service May 18, to delve 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.

All are welcome. Arrangements are being made for extra copies of the book to be available to borrow at the Athens Public Library. If you know you want to be on the waitlist for the book, please let the office know or just click the button below and we will see if the library can request enough for everyone.

[Wait List](#)



Scrap Metal Drive
Saturday, April 26, 2025
9am - 1pm

The Scrap Metal Drive will be held at the Athens County Fairgrounds as part of the Athens County Recycling Day. This fundraiser will earn funds for the Faith Build Coalition to sponsor the building of its next home in 2025. Bring scrap appliances, lawn mowers, ferrous metal, aluminum, brass, and copper.

Rummage Sale
Saturday, May 10, 2025
8:30am - 12:30pm

The rummage sale will be at Christ the King Catholic Church. Consider donating household items, clothes, gardening supplies, toys, and other things as you do your spring cleaning!

Volunteers are always needed! Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio can use helpers at the ReStore and on building projects. No experience required! Habitat has the tools and construction leaders/trainers. Visit habitatseo.org and click on the "Volunteer" button.

ATHENS & HOCKING COUNTY 2025 RECYCLING DAYS



ATHENS COUNTY RECYCLING DAYS

SAT. APRIL 26, 2025

SAT. OCTOBER 18, 2025

9AM – 1PM

ATHENS CO. FAIRGROUNDS

286 W. UNION ST, ATHENS, OH 45701

HOCKING COUNTY RECYCLING DAYS

SAT. MAY 10, 2025

SAT. OCTOBER 11, 2025

9AM – 1PM

HOCKING CO. FAIRGROUNDS

100 N HOMER AVE, LOGAN, OH 43138

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR FREE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS/FURNITURE

CLOTHING/FABRICS/MATERIALS

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

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR A FEE

FLAT SCREEN TVS \$20

TUBE TVS \$40

FLOURESCENT TUBE 50¢

COMPACT BULB 50¢

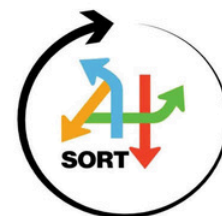
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

JULY 19, 2025

9AM – 1PM

HOCKING CO. FAIRGROUNDS

ATHENS-HOCKING SOLID WASTE EVENT PARTNERS:



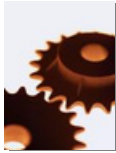
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL AHSWD AT
AHSWD@NELSONVILLETV.COM OR CALL 740-753-6885



Scrap Metal Drive



Saturday



April 18, 2025



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*



CLC WELCOMES OU BLACK ALUMNI
THURSDAY, APRIL 10 - SUNDAY, APRIL 13

**BLACK
ALUMNI
WEEKEND** 2025
PAINT THE BRICKS BLACK

FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS [CLICK HERE](#)



OHIO UNIVERSITY
**INTERNATIONAL
WEEK**

APRIL
2-5,
2025


**CULTURES WITHOUT BORDERS:
DANCE, TASTE AND CONNECT**

For the full schedule of events [click here](#)



Thank you Betsy Knies for the photo.

MONTAÑA DE LUZ PRESENTS



FIESTA
A Legacy of Light:
25 Years of Impact

Friday, April 11, 2025

Walter Commons - St. Charles High School
Bexley, OH - 6:30 p.m.



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Every year in April, Montaña de Luz holds its Annual Dinner and Fundraiser in Columbus, and this year's celebration will be April 11, "A Legacy of Light, 25 Years of impact." The special guest that evening will be Wendy "Lala" Ramirez, whom you might remember from a newsletter post last year presented to a U.N. Conference in Germany about her experiences as a child growing up with HIV/AIDS at Montaña de Luz in Honduras. Some CLC members who have been to MdL plan to attend this year. If going up to Columbus on a Friday evening seems to be too much, you can participate with the Online Auction, bidding on many unique items or donating to programs provided by MdL.

For more information go to www.montanadeluz.org/fiesta2025, and/or check in with Sue Ellen Miller or Doug Debrick.



Kids Word on March 2

TREASURER NOTES

Hello Faith Family,

Here is the budget (next page) and actual revenue and expenses from July 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. We still have one third of our fiscal year left, and actual amounts will likely get closer to budgeted amounts.

Council is beginning our budgeting process, so if you have questions about what you see here or any other financial question, please contact myself or someone on council.

See you soon,
- Lucy Juedes,
Treasurer

COUNCIL NOTES

Council met on March 18th in person and online

1. Synod Assembly which will be held at the event center at the Columbus Zoo event center - we can send 2 delegates in addition to Pr. Chad. We have one volunteer and are in need of one more. The church pays the registration and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday are included. Lodgings are the delegate's responsibility.

2. The plans for the 70th anniversary celebration continue. Volunteers are still needed. What would you like to see included?

3. John Molinaro gave an update of the student house project

4. We had a loooooong discussion on the church constitution about the number of council members we are supposed to have as a part of our discussion on electing new members for the next year.

5. The Bridge students will be leading worship on April 6th.

-Jane Unger
Council President



Photos from The Bridge, Thursdays Together, this month



Christ Lutheran Church
Actual Rev, Exp, Budgeted, 7/1/24 - 2/28/25

	Total Actual	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Total 4000 Contributed support	\$ 206,410	\$ 176,882	\$ 29,528	117%
Total 4500 Designated Contributions, excluding Impact Giving	\$ 20,316		\$ 20,316	
4515 Anticipated Impact Giving/Benevolence Funds	\$ 69,300		\$ 69,300	
Total 4500 Designated Contributions	\$ 89,616	\$ -	\$ 89,616	
Total 5000 Business Income	\$ 2,040	\$ 400	\$ 1,640	510%
5510 Interest-savings/short-term inv	\$ 64	\$ 67	\$ (2)	96%
5520 Miscellaneous revenue	\$ 495		\$ 495	
Total Revenue	\$ 298,625	\$ 177,349	\$ 121,277	168%
Total 7100 Personnel	\$ 117,240	\$ 130,745	\$ (13,505)	90%
Total 8100 Programs	\$ 8,405	\$ 8,267	\$ 138	102%
Total 8150 General Business Expenses	\$ 4,576	\$ 5,067	\$ (491)	90%
Total 8200 Facilities	\$ 36,310	\$ 22,000	\$ 14,310	165%
8298 Council Action	\$ 7,550	\$ 133	\$ 7,417	5661%
8300 Benevolence			\$ -	
8302 Southern Oh Synod Thrive Campaign	\$ 1,974		\$ 1,974	
8310 Southern Ohio Synod Allocation	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	150%
8315 Reconciling Works	\$ 230		\$ 230	
8330 Lutheran Social Services	\$ 480		\$ 480	
8332 Lutheran World Relief	\$ 740		\$ 740	
8360 Global Mission	\$ 420		\$ 420	
8365 Impact Giving LLC Funds Out	\$ 69,300		\$ 69,300	
8370 Local Benevolences		\$ 8,743	\$ (8,743)	0%
8372 Good Works	\$ 1,830		\$ 1,830	
8376 My Sisters Place	\$ 1,450		\$ 1,450	
8377 United Campus Ministry	\$ 300		\$ 300	
8380 Rural Action	\$ 500		\$ 500	
8382 Gathering Place	\$ 940		\$ 940	
8383 CLEM House	\$ 1,370		\$ 1,370	
8389 Emergency Assistance	\$ 7,166		\$ 7,166	
Total 8370 Local Benevolences	\$ 13,556	\$ 8,743	\$ 4,812	155%
Total 8300 Benevolence	\$ 98,700	\$ 16,743	\$ 81,956	589%
Total Expenditures	\$ 272,781	\$ 182,955	\$ 89,825	149%
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 25,845	\$ (5,606)	\$ 31,451	-461%
Other Revenue (unrealized)				
5513 Fidelity Primary CD Value Change	\$ 4,856		\$ 4,856	
5515 Fidelity Endowment CD Value Change	\$ 1,405		\$ 1,405	

APRIL 2025 WAVE OF PRAYER

International Women's Day on March 8 is a chance to celebrate women and the contributions of women around the world. However, a gender pay gap still exists worldwide, at around 20%. This means that women earn around 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. Many factors contribute to this reality. Fortunately, the gap has narrowed in recent decades, especially in middle and high-income countries. Efforts to further narrow the gap globally continue.

God, we thank you for the women in our lives who have impacted us personally in countless ways. We pray that the efforts to decrease the gender pay gap may show good practical results around the world and that all women may be honored. Loving God, we offer you our prayer.

Nearly 800 women die each day from complications of pregnancy and childbirth (about one death every two minutes). Maternal mortality rates vary widely across countries and regions. In 2020, 70% of maternal deaths, which are mostly preventable with good health care, happened in sub-Saharan Africa.

God, we pray for pregnant women in both developed and developing countries, that they may live to care for their children and enjoy their families as mothers and grandmothers. We pray that all women may have access to good health care. Loving God, we offer you our prayer.

As armed conflicts continue in Ukraine, Gaza and tens of other sometimes lesser-known places, the flow of military weapons continues in full force. Hundreds of billions of dollars trade hands every year as countries and individuals buy, sell, and donate weapons of destruction.

God, the amount of money and the number of weapons given to fuel violence around the world is staggering. It is mind-boggling. We cry out to you, oh God, for this to end. We cry out to you, longing for peace. We long for Isaiah's prophecy to come about, when swords and spears will be turned into plows and pruning hooks. How long, loving God, must we wait?

An estimated 2.5 million Americans have a serious gambling problem, an addiction similar in nature to drug or alcohol addiction. The Supreme Court overturned a ban on sports betting in 2018, and today, sports betting is legal in 39 states. Last year, it brought in revenue of 14 billion dollars. Gamblers Anonymous and other programs seek to assist those who would like to recover from their addiction.

God, we pray for every person with a gambling problem. If life has become unmanageable and they would like a way out, may they find the treatment that might help them. We thank you that hope exists with supportive programs and people. Loving God, we offer you our prayer.

Between the 16th and 19th centuries, around 12,000 ships participated in the slave trade, forcibly transporting millions of Africans to the Americas. Like Tara Roberts, author of *Written in the Waters*, I know the names of some ships that traveled to the Americas, like the *Mayflower* and the *Titanic*. Yet I do not know the name of a single slave ship. I also did not know that about 1.8 million Africans died when around 1,000 of those ships sank in the crossing.

God, we thank you every time we gain awareness into a missing part of history—history of our own ancestors and history of many other people who have lived on this earth. May we honor those who walked before us by knowing their stories. Loving God, we offer you our prayer.