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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Making Jesus Known



November 2023 from Pastor Steve Bond

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us on Facebook
Live or in person!
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible
Study
9:15 a.m.

Ladies Tuesday Bible
Study
8:30 a.m.

Ladies Craft
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.

Youth Breakfast
November 5!
All are invited!!
9 a.m. -10 a.m.

Election Day
November 7

Children's Sunday
School
Sunday, November 12

Church Office Closed
November 22, 23 & 24

Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14,
7:00 p.m.

Visitation Ministry
Meeting
November 6, 10:30 a.m.

Worship and Music
Meeting
November 9, 10:00 a.m.

Book Club
Tuesday, November 21,
1:00 p.m.

Worship Services
Available on the net at
www.commofchrist.org

Pastor's Letter—November 2023

So, here's a bit of truth-telling: before I met any of you, long before you called me to come serve as your pastor, I fell in love with the name of this congregation. From the first time I read the words "Community of Christ," I thought to myself, "Yeah, that's exactly it—it's about being *community* in Christ... and for Christ... and with Christ." It's about doing this life of love, faith, and hope together, because none of us can do it alone.

That's actually a countercultural thing to say or believe in our time and place in history, isn't it? We live in the era of single-serving-size commodities, each with our own personal rectangles of technology and screens to watch whatever we want, regardless of what anybody else in the room wants to watch or read. Making the commitment to doing things together with other people, as community? Well, that can seem strange or out-of-style in a culture of "I-did-it-my-way" thinking. And still, nevertheless, we followers of Jesus keep on being brought back together, with each other, to be—well, exactly what our name says: a *community of Christ*.

I've been especially reminded of that truth, though, these days. As I write this letter, the memories of your gracious welcome to me, Sarah, Mark, and Anna are fresh in my awareness. And I have been blessed and humbled to receive so much of your kindness, welcome, and help as we have gotten settled into this place and church family. You have reminded me that I don't do my work as pastor alone. We were reminded of that, too, together at my service of installation, when Bishop Beaudoin preached about how we live this Christian life *together*, sharing The Story, serving one another, carrying Good News beyond our doors to the world around, and both weeping and rejoicing together. And every time I walk into my office, I see the faces of fellow sisters and brothers from across the generations in the small collection of portraits and saints I have put up on the wall, just opposite the door. I've chosen to have those pictures, of folks like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Dr. King, of Mary the Mother of Our Lord and Fred Rogers, as the first thing I see when I walk into my office, as a way of reminding me, too, that none of us does this life in Christ alone. We are surrounded, as the writer of Hebrews says, by a great cloud of witnesses, and our congregation here in Whitehouse is connected not only to the followers of Jesus in other Lutheran congregations here in Northwest Ohio, but also with God's people of every time and place.



from Pastor Steve Bond continued

We choose to remember that connection in another way each year in November as well, when we celebrate the Festival of All Saints, too. We remember that God never leaves us isolated and alone to fend for ourselves but gathers us into a people stretching across every time and place, with people of every language, nation, culture, background, and race, and that we remain connected to each other even through the reality of death. We need that reminder, both to give us strength ourselves to keep going through the challenges of daily life, but also to bring to an isolated world the hope of belonging in something bigger than ourselves.

So, join us this November, both on All Saints' Sunday (November 5) and throughout this month, in the ways we are going to practice being exactly what our name calls us to be: *a community of Christ*. Help us as a congregation to share times of joy and sorrow together, to serve together in our community, and to grow in our discipleship alongside one another. None of us can do it alone—and of course, the Good News we have needed all along is that none of us has ever had to do it alone. We are not just a Collection of Isolated and Distracted Individuals in Christ—we are *Community of Christ*. Dear sisters and brothers, let us be who we are, this November, and always.

Christ's Peace,
Pastor Steve



Save the Date: Thanksgiving Service—Sunday, Nov. 19 at Zion UMC

Community of Christ and our neighboring United Methodist congregations invite you to join us for a joint service of Thanksgiving on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 19 at Zion United Methodist Church, Whitehouse (10926 Maumee Street). Our own Pastor Steve will be the guest preacher, and we'll have the chance to gather with friends and neighbors in offering thanks to God together. Our worship bulletin and other announcements will share more about the start time and the service, but for now, you can save the date and plan to join us!

Add Your Voice To Advent Devotional Series

This Advent, we'll be creating a new resource for both our congregation and the wider community, a compilation of prayers and Scripture readings for each day, connecting with our Sunday readings in worship. This new resource will be available both as a printed booklet or electronic PDF version for any who are interested (sign up at the kiosk if you are interested in a copy), and as a series of short daily videos where the prayers and scripture passages will be read and shared. And *that's* where we can use YOUR help! If you would be interested in being a reader of a short passage of Scripture to be used in the video version of this Advent prayer-and-reading series, we'll invite you to sign up (again on the kiosk) to claim a day's reading (usually just a few verses) and to sign up for a time to be recorded in the sanctuary. We'll be holding those recording sessions in the middle two weeks of November, so that everything will be ready when Advent begins on Dec. 3. Reading your part will only take a few minutes, but this will be a great way to add richness and depth to our season of Advent, and it will help us create a great resource to share with our friends, neighbors, and wider community. See Pastor Steve with any questions and add your voice this Advent with us!

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path!" (Psalm 119:105)

"So, Funny Story..." Weird, Forgotten, and Unexpected Bible Stories You Never Heard in Sunday School Earlier this October, we began a weekly Bible study with Pastor Steve on Thursdays at Community of Christ from 1:00-2:15 p.m., and it's not too late to jump in and join us! For the fall up to December, we'll be doing a series called "Funny Story: Weird, Forgotten, and Unexpected Bible Stories You Never Heard in Sunday School," and everyone is welcome to join us! From talking donkeys and seemingly magic beanstalks to Easter "zombies" and more, we'll be looking at stories you might never have read or learned about, and what these curious tales have to do with our lives today! Sign up at the kiosk, or just join us around the table on Thursdays through the fall! 2:15 pm

Grace and Gratitude: A Way of Life—Adult Sunday School in November

Sure, we might talk about "thankfulness" on the fourth Thursday in November each year, but it often gets squished in between plates full of turkey, visits to relatives' houses, football games, and too much gravy. Rather than treating gratitude as a once-a-year holiday decoration we have to dust off each November, what if it was a whole way of life for us? In fact, what if our faith as Christians gave us a unique perspective and daily practices that could form us as people of *grace* and *gratitude*? And how might that change the tone of how we face the challenges and changes of life? That's where our conversation will be headed in the Sunday morning Adult Class in the library this November, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Join us for these four sessions for insights and habits that can make a difference in how we live and change our outlook in a culture of consumption and dissatisfaction. Hope to see you this November for a month (and maybe then a lifetime!) of grace and gratitude! A.m.,

New on "Crazy Faith Talk"—The Unspoken God Each Tuesday, our Pastor Steve and two colleagues in ministry offer a weekly podcast called "Crazy Faith Talk," exploring life, faith, the Bible, theology, pop culture, and other bits of church-nerdery, and you're invited to listen along! In their new series, "The Unspoken God," pastors Erica, Sarah, and Steve are exploring those times when we sense God's presence or action in the world beyond our words to express the experience. Over the course of these episodes, the conversation takes us to the experience of "God moments" or "God sightings"—those times when you see or sense God at work in the world, and how recognize God in the midst of ordinary life. We'll also talk about how Christian mystics and contemplatives have used silence and reflection as part of our connecting with God, and how we might do that in our own daily lives. The series will also look at how we discern what God is, and isn't, up to when we don't have a biblical narrator directly telling us what God is doing. In a culture where religious voices (often self-appointed ones, too) point to disasters, earthquakes, hurricanes, and the like as "acts of God" sent as judgment on this or that sin, how do we offer a different perspective that recognizes God's presence in small places, answers to prayer, or acts of kindness? How do we know that the nudges we get to take a certain action or make a certain decision are from God and not just our own baptized self-interest? And how can we get better at recognizing those places where God is at work in the world around us in the everyday? These kinds of questions, along with everyday ideas to recognize God's presence in our lives, are all part of this series, continuing this November here on Crazy Faith Talk! You can listen in by visiting www.blogtalkradio.com/crazyfaithtalk, through the links on our church Facebook page, or by telling your smart speaker (like Amazon Echo/Alexa) to play the podcast, "Crazy Faith Talk"!



Announcements



All Saints Day, Nov 5th

Join us for a holy remembrance of family and friends who rest in the Kingdom of heaven. Pastor Steve will share the names of those you have provided for us. White roses and photographs of members who have passed in the last twelve months will be respectfully displayed on the altar. We will toll the bell in remembrance as we celebrate the Saints of faith! We will respectfully include each name in the prayer of the church.

Members remembered this year

Anna Heinz

Paul Ludwig



Barb Metcalf

Brad Dick

Bob Longnecker

Betty Lloyd

Dolores Almester



It's that time of year!!!! We would like to offer the opportunity for you and your family to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one! **Please complete your envelope (located on the table in the gathering space or in the back of the church) with payment today!** 😊 Flowers will be available for pick up after our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Thank you.

The absolute last day to turn orders in is Nov. 5th

COLLEGE BOUND

Outreach For Our College Students/Military-

It's time to submit an updated photo and address for your college student or military youth. Please drop off at the church office or email Kristen at schuchmannkristen1993@gmail.com. We will be displaying a board so that church members can acquire these addresses and reach out to the students periodically.





Announcements



Calling All Hands for Advent Artwork

In advance of this year's Advent season, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are inviting all willing hands, from children to grown-ups, to help us create a new series of banners that will go up in the sanctuary for the four weeks of Advent and into Christmas. All you need to bring is yourself, preferably dressed in clothes you can do a bit of painting in, and we'll supply the brushes, designs, paints, and all the rest. But we would LOVE your help and hands. Come to the fellowship hall to add your creative touch at one of our TWO sessions for creating these pieces of original Advent artwork: Sunday, Nov. 12 starting at 2:00 p.m., or Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you then!



Again, to Community of Christ

EXPIRATION
DATE: ~~1/1~~

When shopping for food or cleaning out your pantry for the Food Pantry **please check the expiration date on the item. The dates need to be 2024 or 2025.** We are not able to give away expired food and lately, this has been an issue when going through the food items in the baskets. Thank you! Salem Lutheran is still in need of the #10 (6lb) size cans of veggies, fruit, and spaghetti sauce for their weekly Tues meals. All other food items are taken to the AW food bank @ Zion UM church. Also, if anyone is interested, Wayne King could use some help cooking on the third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Salem. Meals are prepped, cooked, and served that day. Please contact Wayne @ 419-349-4873 for details. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Saying "Yes" Again to Community of Christ

Every year, as we gather as a congregation for our annual meeting and make plans for the year ahead, we also invite all the members of Community of Christ to recommit themselves to God's work among us as a church family. And part of that tradition is the invitation to re-affirm your membership here at Community of Christ with the signing of our member charter—think of it as a way to formally say "Yes" back to the God who has first said "Yes!" to us in Christ and has gathered us into this congregation. Beginning on Sunday, Nov. 26 (when we also celebrate Christ the King Sunday) and then following into the first three Sundays in December, you'll have the chance in worship to add your name to our membership charter for the year ahead. And throughout those same weeks, we'll also continue our tradition of hearing several members of Community of Christ tell their stories in Temple Talks in worship each week. We hope you'll use these weeks to prayerfully and thoughtfully say "Yes!" back to what God is up to here at Community of Christ, and then throughout the year ahead to seek ways you can live out that yes in the ways you share your time, talent, and treasure!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of our congregation at Community of Christ, we welcome Andrew, Morgan, Cassidy, Wesley, and Valery Taylor! We are glad you have decided to be a part of our Church family! By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

Pastor Steve's Installation October 5, 2023



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Worship Volunteer Schedule, November 2023

Week	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Acolyte/Crucifer 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Josef Perkins	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte/Crucifer 10:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Nate Yokum
Bulletin 8:00	Kathryn Whitacre	Becky King	Irene Rang	Volunteer Needed
Bulletin 10:00	Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Kevin Swagler
Camera 10:00	Kevin Swagler	Sarah Rockwell	Rick Yokum	Neil Raymond
Communion Prep/Clean 8:00	Becky King	Josef Perkins	Bea Ludwig	Bea Ludwig
Communion Prep/Clean 10:00	Neil Raymond	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler
Greeter 8:00 East	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 8:00 West	Zach Weber	Irene Rang	Marsha Cochran	Becky King
Greeter 10:00 East	Chris Rilling	Dean Nofzinger	Marsha Cochran	Rob Kohntopp
Greeter 10:00 West	Natalie Rilling	Volunteer Needed	Elaine & Ron Hetherwick	Jill Kohntopp
Lector 8:00	Josef Perkins	Kathryn Whitacre	Cheryl Fischer	Kathryn Whitacre
Lector 10:00	Carol Wiemken	Lisa Alleman	Marsha Cochran	Nate Yokum
Worship Asst 8:00	Kathryn Whitacre	Laurie Mauro	Volunteer Needed	Ron Hetherwick
Worship Asst 10:00	Dean Nofzinger	Cammie Abraham	Don Schroeder	Kara Yokum

Effective 10/29/23. Changes can and do occur.

*****Should you need to cancel your scheduled date, please contact another volunteer to fill your position and time slot. Also, cancel in Sign-Up Genius so the person covering you can sign up.**

Lectors: The readings are available for preview on our website at www.commofchrist.org under "Worship and Bulletins" and then the appropriate bulletin date.

Bulletin Assistants: Arrive 15 minutes before service to pass out bulletins. Count the number of people in attendance (including worship volunteers and all in the nursery if applicable) and mark this number on the chart inside the kiosk.

Door Greeters: Arrive 15 minutes before service to greet members and visitors at the doors of both entrances of the church.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mauro (419) 877-5366 or Carol Wiemken (419) 261-3577. Thank you all for your time and attention to helping make our Worship Services run smoothly!



GROWING IN Friendships

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)



*November 21, 2023, Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

*December 18, 2023, Christmas Gathering

*January 16, 2024, The Sun Walks Down by Fiona McFarlane

*February 20, 2024, Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes

*March 19, 2024, The Golden Spoon by Jesse Maxwell

*April 16, 2024, The White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear

*May 21, 2024, Earth's the Right Place for Love: A Novel by Elizabeth Berg

*June 18, 2024, Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Members' suggestions:

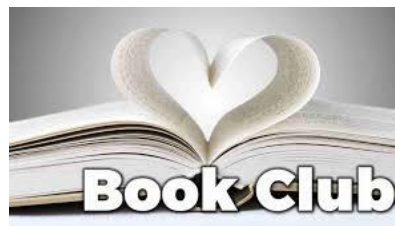
*Michelle: TRU BIZ by Sara Novic or MOUTH TO MOUTH by Antoine Wilson

*Joan B: HURRICANE SEASON by Lauren Denton

*Kathryn: THE PERSON LIBRARIAN by Marie Benedict

*Lauren Willig's: A BAND OF SISTERS: or A NOVEL TWO WARS AND A WEDDING

Marc Cameron books with the character, Arliss Cutter



1:00 p.m.



Monthly Sunday School gatherings for kids of all ages on the second Sunday of November from 9:15-9:45 a.m.--join us for song, stories, and activities in the time between services on **November 12** here at Community of Christ!



ATTENTION KNITTERS & CROCHETERS!!!

The Wednesday craft group is back!! If you are a knitter or crocheter and you're looking for something to do, please join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at the church!! Over the years we've made baby and children's hats, mittens, lap robes, and prayer shawls. We are looking for new members! Please contact Dorothy Petrell at 567-742-7862 for further details. As always, bring a friend!!



Upcoming Ministries and Meetings "Making Jesus Known"



Angel Gifts for Salem Children

This year, as in past years, Community of Christ will have the opportunity to reach out and bless the children at our sister church, Salem Lutheran Church in north Toledo. Salem Lutheran will be providing us with a list of names of their children and their gift requests. We will incorporate these requests into an envelope and have them displayed on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. Here are some important dates for the project:

- Sunday, November 19, 2023. The bulletin board in Gathering Place will be decorated with Salem Angel requests.
- Enter your name on the pink or blue Angel slip on board and take the envelope. **Please do not remove pink or blue slips or relocate them on the board as this is our inventory method.**
- Shop for your Angel and leave your gift under the COC Christmas tree in the sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 17, 2023: Have your gifts to the church by this date. No later than 12:00 pm.

Thank you for helping to bless these children!

Shelly & Ken Hayes



VISITATION MINISTRY



OUTREACH



Church
Council
Meeting

Next Meeting Date

November 6 @ 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Date

November 08 @ 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

November 9 @ 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting Date

November 14 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

November 16 @ 7:00 p.m..



Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

2023 Congregational Meeting!

Sunday, December 3rd
following the 10:00 a.m. service.
Please plan to attend!




Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

Exciting news from our church! We are offering you more giving options to support our church's financial needs. Council and Finance Committee (as well as the Synod) have recommended the use of a new online safe and secure tool to be able to give online electronically. The program is through Tithe.ly company used by many other churches and organizations. It has several options to be able to give as noted below:

- Your donations are recorded for your giving records, and confidential to the financial secretary.
- When you donate, you designate the fund you would like your monies to go toward e.g., building loan, general, thank-you, or other.

- There are four methods to give:

1. On the church website - @ <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2746426>
2. Online (through tithe.ly website, search for Community of Christ)
3. By text: simply text the word **give** to get started.
Community Of Christ Lutheran Church: (833) 985-2568
4. Download the app and give.  **Tithe.ly**



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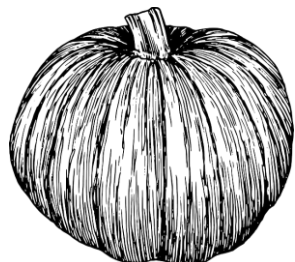
- The app and the web link allow you to input credit/debit card information. The text method will charge through your existing cell phone bill.
- There is a fee for this service for the convenience that it offers:
 - You can choose to cover this fee in addition to your donation, OR if you don't, the fee is deducted from the donation to the church.
 - This fee is a percentage typical of this type of service.



SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

PLEASE REMEMBER ---we also offer an **electronic offering**, (**Simply Giving**) that will withdraw your offering automatically from your bank account. THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH!

2023 Building Loan Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Sep	\$11,739	\$12,563	(\$825)
YTD	\$102,919	\$113,067	(\$10,148)
2023 General Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Sep	\$25,443	\$29,228	(\$3,785)
YTD	\$259,021	\$266,370	(\$7,349)





Blessings & Prayers

Praying for God's People

Please remember the following members who are ill, shut in, recently hospitalized, or Military:
Sue Brown, Val Brown, Kay Burdo, Troy B., Mike Carroll, Brianna Chavez, Shirley Cofer, Susan Dental, Brittany Dewitz, Jim & Sue Enk, Ron Hetherwick, Larry H., Tom Jennings, Tristan Kimmey, Susan Meyer, Carl & Judy Mock, Joe Perkins Jr., Christal & Chad Pritchard, Deann Schiavone, Peter Schultz, Phyllis Sturgeon, Lois Wise,
Military: Jay Rasmusson, Austin Cunningham
Please remember them in your daily prayers. Thank you.



Prayers of the C

For us to keep our prayer requests current and fresh in worship---we update our prayer list every two weeks. The names you provide will be included in the prayers of the congregation for two weeks. If you would like to renew your prayer request, please use the form available in the gathering area or contact the church office. Thank you. Continue to pray for one another!



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We celebrated Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 29. We celebrated with the family of Valery Taylor. May the Lord bless His children in water and His Word! Please contact the church office if you are interested in Holy Baptism.



Prayer Shawls

Irene Rang and Mary Moats are responsible for the prayer shawls. If you are interested in making a prayer shawl or know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Irene at 269-832-7714.



Children's Sermon

Kids of all ages please join Pastor Steve on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. as he shares the good news of Jesus! He'll even have a sticker waiting just for YOU!!!!



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Jerald Nemire	11/01
Lisa Boltz	11/01
Kevin Gebhart	11/02
Anna Rasmusson	11/04
Lisa Dick	11/04
Stephen Eberly	11/04
Vickie Geha	11/05
Dennis Dohse	11/06
Tammy Myers	11/06
Terrie Knight	11/06
Brittany Holliker	11/07
Charlie Johnson	11/07
Mark Pitchford	11/07
Parker Ray	11/07



Anne Greenhagen	11/08
Matthew Britsch	11/08
Dave Rockwell	11/10
Liz Uhlik	11/10
Kenneth Terveen	11/11
Scott Boltz	11/12
Rita Wagoner	11/14
Zach Weber	11/14
Susan Owczarzak	11/15
Ken Outly	11/16
Marie Archer	11/16
Michael Karg	11/16
Don Archambeau	11/17
Sarah Bond	11/18



Melissa Deacon	11/19
Gracee Pitchford	11/22
Sally McEwen	11/22
Al Lipinski	11/23
Michelle Graceffo	11/23
Mallori Pollock	11/24
Avery Rozick	11/26
Josie Heilmann	11/26
Rebecca Myers	11/26
Pamela Davis	11/27
Rick Korb	11/27
Rose Marie Ackerman	11/27
Brian Mruzek	11/29
Kathryn Depinet	11/29

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Upcoming Events



Amanda (Reisner) Worthington Releases C.D.!! Amanda, our wonderful singer here at Community of Christ spent her summer in the recording studio, Stone Soup in Maumee! She is going to have a C.D. release party on Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m. She will shower us with her beautiful voice in the sanctuary at CoC! Amanda's C.D. will also be available on Spotify. Eric Dickey will be accompanying her!

Community of Christ Adult Fellowship Event Creative Crockpot and Game Night

Rick and Kara Yokums 1107 Springcrest Dr., Waterville, OH 43566
Saturday, November 4, 2023, 6:30 pm -? It's time to be creative with a crockpot! Think soups, stews, casseroles, and desserts etc. The possibilities are endless! We will have cards available or bring your favorite board game to play! The Yokums also have a pool table and a ping pong table if you would like to try your hand at either of those. Please sign up on the kiosk with your name and phone number. Bring your crockpot dish to share and Bring Your Own Beverage of Choice. You can call Kara Yokum at 419-344-8307 or Susan Nofzinger at 419-654-9227 with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Youth Sponsored Breakfast

The Youth will be hosting a breakfast for the congregation on Sunday, November 5th at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship. The menu includes pancakes, casseroles, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, muffins, donuts, cinnamon rolls, fruit, orange juice, chocolate milk, and coffee. A free-will offering will support the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry Backpack Program. If you have any questions, please contact Cammie Abraham. **Bring a friend!**

Election Day Bake Sale

On Tuesday, November 7th, the Youth will host an Election Day Bake Sale. A free-will offering will support the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry Backpack Program to support families in need in our community. The hours of the bake sale will be from 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We are in need of baked goods from our members and youth to volunteer their time. Sign-ups are located on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please contact Emma Abraham or Natalie Dewitz.





Social Action Ministry

Thank you, Carrie and Tim Touhy! "Up and at it! Delivering school kits donated by members of Community of Christ Lutheran Church!! The semi was running late so we didn't get a picture of it loaded up. But St. Paul's in Pemberville was full of quilts and school kits! And there were trailers full waiting to unload and a line of vehicles there to donate. Rain, shine or late semis everyone had a smile on their face. #GodsWorkOurHands" Thank you to all who donated the items to help fill 58 bags!! These bags will be distributed to help kids around the world!





Visitation Ministry

The freezer has been stocked! On Friday, October 20, several ladies met in the church kitchen and prepared 72 individual casseroles for the freezer. We prepared: Grammy's Chicken Casserole, Freezer Chicken and Rice Casserole, Baked Ziti, Vegetarian Enchiladas, and Macaroni and Cheese.

If you know of someone who would benefit from having a casserole in their freezer, please take them one, or two, or contact Cinda Pontsler (419-356-9290). There is a sign-out sheet on the freezer door. We ask that you fill out the info on the sheet.

Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients and to everyone who helped to prepare the casseroles.





Outreach Ministry

What a great time with folks from Community of Christ out at the Waterville Boo-To-Do giving out candy and stickers and playing Plinko with trick-or-treaters of all ages! Thanks to our volunteers who came out, helped set up, and shared with neighbors!





Outreach Ministry

Thanks to the CoC friends joining at Salem for Trunk or Treat today to give away goodies to folks in the neighborhood! You all are awesome!





Community Toolbox Ministry

Thank you to the CoC Community Toolbox Team for assisting with electrical work at a home in need! Your partnership with our sister church, Salem Lutheran has been a blessing to so many!





Upcoming 50th Anniversary News!

50th Anniversary Committee Collecting Photos and More!

As our fiftieth anniversary committee continues to plan events and activities to commemorate the first five decades of Community of Christ's story, we're working on a video to share images, memories, and history, and we would LOVE to have your help! If you have pictures or even video clips from past church events here with Community of Christ folks that you can let us borrow to include in the video compilation, we'd love you to share them with us. Bring things to the church office and we'll get photos scanned and video files copied and then returned to you. We'll be working on putting this video together in early 2024, so take the next several months to bring in photos to help make this a great part of our big celebration!

Reaching Out, Looking Forward—50th Anniversary Challenge

As joyful and grand as our congregation's fiftieth anniversary celebration is this year, leading up to the May 2024 commemoration of Community of Christ's first Sunday worship service, it's not just about looking backward. After all, being God's people isn't just about what God has done in the past, but where God's moving in the present, and how God is leading us into the future. So, we're asking for the congregation to take on a challenge of generosity and financial support to raise \$50,000 during this time, with \$25,000 to be directed to mission needs beyond our doors through agencies like Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and the other \$25,000 to be paid toward our building loan. Think of it as a way of saying "Thank you" for all that God has done among us in the past fifty years, by helping neighbors in need in times of crisis and disaster around the world, and also investing in what God will do for the next generation of disciples here at Community of Christ who will make Jesus known for the next fifty years and beyond! Stay tuned for more news and opportunities to give or support the 50th Anniversary Challenge!



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