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Summer! Are we finally experiencing summer and sunshine? It is a good thing we are able to access God's son-shine and sunshine and light all the time!

Do you ever feel the world is absolutely going to pieces? So many negative words and behaviors are all around us. How does one survive in this sea of broken humanity and lack of love for our neighbor?

I was watching a show called "Death in Paradise" the other night (maybe you've seen it on PBS or Netflix?). In one of the episodes, two detectives are talking, both experiencing a great deal of grief in their personal lives.

I love what Jack (the older one) tells Humphrey (the younger one) next. To paraphrase the scene, Jack tells Humphrey a story that his grandfather always told him about 2 wolves fighting inside of all people, one full of hate and envy, etc. and the other one full of love and hope, etc. So then Humphrey wonders who wins the war. Jack replies the one whom you feed!

Doesn't this ring true? And isn't this exactly what Jesus has instructed us as well—to love our neighbor (even those who are hard to love) as ourselves and to serve those who are in need?

So which wolf will we choose to feed?

With prayer, praise and thanksgiving!

Kathy T.

UPCOMING CRLC EVENTS:



Church council -July 17th at 6 pm

Outreach meetings -To be announced!

Community meal - July 21 and August 18

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Adrian Senior Center Meals on Wheels



CRLC is once again helping with Meals on Wheels. Our dates are July 15 through August 2nd. Please contact Mary Lou Balasz at 265-8213 if you can help.



What's new with the food ministry this month?

Update on the June 23rd community meal: Thirty meals plus take-outs were served.

Leftovers were donated to the Catherine Cobb Shelter. Thanks to all the helpers!

The date of our next community meal is *July 21st from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm*. A list of the “jobs” to make this run smoothly will be posted in the Welcome Center by Sunday July 7th. Each job will have a sign-up list. If you are interested in helping, then look at the jobs and pick the one you want to do and sign-up. This way we’ll know how many helpers we have and who is doing what. The sign-up sheet will provide you with the specific tasks to be done for that job.

The August meal is on the 18th with job sign-up lists available on August 4th.

Canned goods food ministry:

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for both our outdoor food pantry and the donations to Samaritas. Non-perishable food items and personal care items such as ready-to-go foods in pop top cans and containers (prevents the problem of no can opener), boxed foods that are easily prepared, small packages of diapers/baby wipes, small travel sized personal care items, small packages of Kleenex, etc. are always welcome. Boxed goods work best for the outside pantry with weather temperature extremes of winter or summer. **Please no sharp items or scented items** - we don’t want things such a strongly scented soap to smell up any food items! Any questions check with Pastor Denise.

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In sympathy

Our prayers and condolences to Steve Warner and his family on the passing of his brother, Brian, on June 20th.

“Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.”
Matthew 5:4



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God’s Work Our Hands Sunday

The annual *God’s Work Our Hands Sunday* is on September 8th this year. Stay tuned for more details on activities!



If you’d like a *God’s Work Our Hands* t-shirt, please let Pastor Denise know by August 1st so an order can be placed. T-shirts are \$8.00, long sleeve t-shirts are \$15.00 and sweatshirts or hoodies are \$20.00.

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Lutheran World Relief

We’d like to send items to LWR again this fall. Two quilts have already been donated as well as a fabric pack.

Another goal is to make and send 12 school kits. To that end, cards with specific items will be posted in the Welcome Center to ensure that we get all of the items we need for the 12 kits. With the back to school sales coming soon, it is the ideal time to pick up needed supplies at great prices.



I’ll let you know when the cards are up for you to pick from, if you’d like to participate. Any questions, please contact me!

Thanks, Kathy T.

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Prayer Chain

If you have any prayer requests for the prayer chain, please call or email Kathy Tripp and she will send out a CRLC email requesting prayers.

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Because of You!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1

Thanks to all of many the CRLC helpers!

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Thanks from Joyce:

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for the lovely and thoughtful send off! I have so many great memories of my time at CRLC. This church and congregation have shaped so much of my life. I can't thank you enough for that! However, I can thank you for the lovely gifts and monetary figts. That was not necessary but certainly appreciated. Love to you all, and see you soon,

Sincerely Joyce Collins

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We need you!!

The worship helper sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center has several opportunities for people to help with worship: greeters & ushers, readers, cantors, communion assistants, and snacks.

As always, we welcome everyone to help with these worship activities!



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PRAYER REQUESTS AND SPECIAL CONCERNS

A special request from Pastor Denise...If you have a prayer request or pastoral need or know someone who does, please write it down on a prayer request or send me an email at Pastor@crlc.comcastbiz.net . It is very difficult to sort through everything people tell me before, during or after worship on Sunday morning when my main focus is providing everyone with a meaningful worship experience. If I have forgotten something, please forgive me. Please help me by just writing it down for me. Thanks.

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Please contact Kathy Tripp if you have items for the next NET, or any address and email changes.

2019 COUNCIL MEMEBERS

Please feel free to contact any council member if you have questions, ideas or concerns.

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