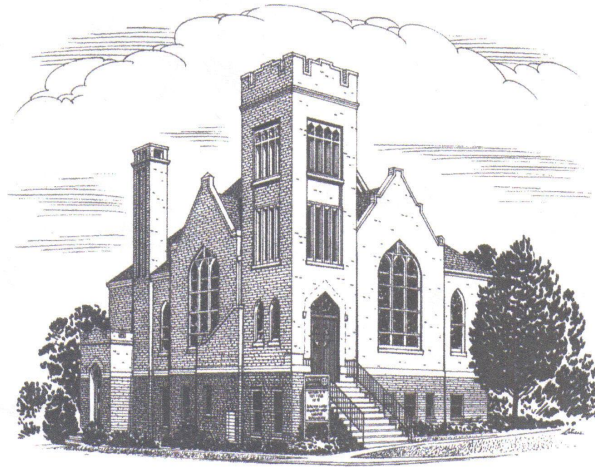


# LUTHER LINES

## MAY 2015



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### **Council Members**

Anne Burns (Pres.)	Kyle Cochran (Vice )
Brenda Dolweck (Sec.)	Steve Heine (Treasurer)
Dean Brenning	Janet Brockwell
Marcy Law	Milt Cerny
Jerry Green	Liam Bates
Ann Schreiner	Nora Thomas

### **Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to be a Christ-like, Gospel-centered fellowship of disciples engaged in a ministry of faith, love and witness to all of God's children.*

## FROM PASTOR KATIE:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

As I write this, we have just celebrated the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the fourth Sunday in the 40-day-long season of Easter, because Easter is too important a celebration for one holy day to do it justice, however joyous that celebration might be. Even 40 days isn't enough...but then, it shouldn't be. Easter is not simply a day, or a season—Easter is a way of life.

The very first Gospel account of Jesus' death and resurrection, the account found in the Gospel of Mark, was originally an unfinished story—or so it seemed to those who read it later, which is why, in the generations that followed, some monks, in all faithfulness, were moved to “finish the story.” If you look at the story in your Bibles, you'll see how Mark first ended his Gospel: at verse 8 in chapter 16, when after recounting the story of the women first coming to the tomb on that first Easter, and hearing the angel tell them that Jesus had been raised and had gone ahead of his disciples to Galilee, the women fled and told no one what had happened because they were afraid. This ending is called the “shorter ending” and the added “longer ending” picks up at verse 9, neatly tying up the story by moving quickly through a few post-resurrection appearances to Jesus' ascension. I understand the impulse to “fix” what must have seemed an unsatisfactory ending to the story, but I don't think Mark's original ending was an error. On the contrary, I think it was quite intentional: it practically begs us to become part of the story, to be among those who share the good news of Christ's resurrection—and the new life that it offers to us—in our own lives. And this makes sense when you remember the way in which Mark begins his Gospel: he tells us, in the very first chapter and verse, that his account is the *beginning* of the good news of what God is doing and still doing for the world in Jesus Christ. And it is specifically the resurrection of Jesus that makes the continuation of this good news possible. Thus Mark's “ending” was not intended to be an ending at all, but an invitation. There will be no ending so long as Jesus' followers, then and now, accept Jesus' invitation to live resurrection and experience new life in our own lives and share that new life with others. Every person who accepts Jesus' invitation to new life and shares it with others extends the story, and it is God's will that the story be extended to include every one of God's beloved children.

That we get to be part of the Easter story is a great joy—and a calling, one that is ours every day of our lives! How are you extending the story, in your own life and by sharing the invitation to resurrection with others?

A blessed Easter to you,  
today and every day!

***Pastor Katie***

## Congregational Meeting, Part II

after worship on May 17<sup>th</sup>

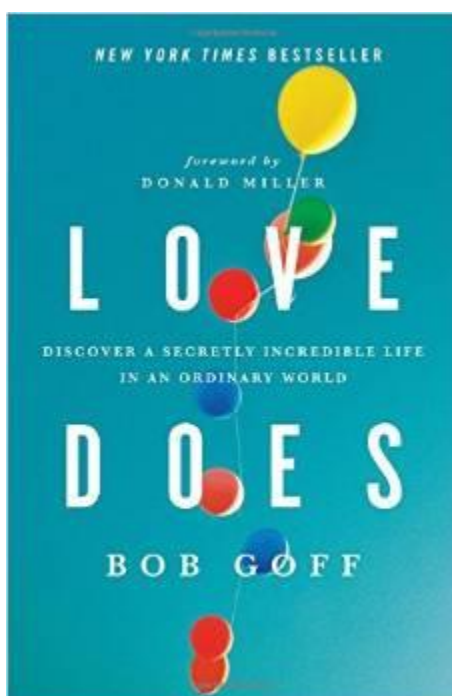
At this meeting we will elect new members of our Congregational Council,

and then adjourn for our coffee hour

to celebrate our out-going and in-coming council members,

and give thanks for their service!

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## CLC Book Club

Our next Book Club selection is Bob Goff's **Love Does**.

From the publisher: *Bob Goff has become something of a legend, and his friends consider him the world's best-kept secret. Those same friends have long insisted he write a book. What follows are paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes Love Does.*

*When Love Does, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss.*

The CLC Book Club is simple: read the book (available from Amazon as a Kindle book for \$9.99 or as a paperback for \$8.99, or Pastor Katie is happy to order this for you if you let her know) and then join us in the parlor on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after worship for coffee, tea, or the beverage you choose to bring for a time of sharing and discussion.

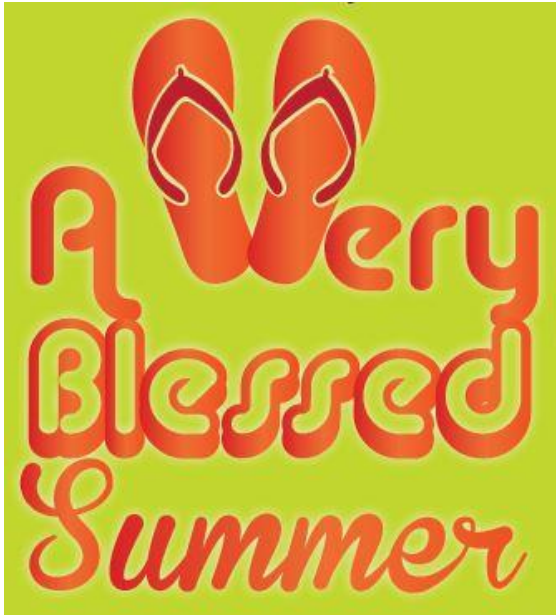
**Child care will be provided.**

Our discussions are never more than an hour, so you should still have time for lunch afterwards!

Please let us know if you plan to attend—just put your name on the sign-up sheet in the hall (but please, contact Pastor Katie directly if you'd like her to get you a book).

# **Summer at CLC**

## **The Church Family Gathers for a Very Blessed Summer**



This summer we're trying something new: a monthly gathering of the church family on the last Thursday of the summer months to love, teach, and worship with our kids. We hope you'll join us, and bring your friends!

**May 28th, June 25<sup>th</sup>, and July 30th**

We'll start with a kid-friendly meal at 5:00, and then explore a particular theme in our activities and worship (at our usual worship time of 6:00 p.m.). While our children are our special focus on these evenings, everyone is invited to be part of the fun, and we really want to help our young people make personal connections with other adults in our church family! Please let us know how you'd like to participate on our sign-up sheet in the sanctuary—help with activities, join us for supper, or worship with us!

**And that's not all.....**

**You asked for it! You got it!**

Many of you have asked for an earlier summer worship time to accommodate travel and outdoor activities. We hope that this earlier time will allow you to be able to worship and to enjoy God's beautiful creation during the summer season.

**During the months of  
June, July, and August,  
we will worship at 9:30 a.m.**





**A second opportunity to worship each week!**

**Thursdays at 6 p.m.**

**Simple and Casual  
Come as you are—  
bring yourselves, your worship, your prayers  
and share them with us in Holy Communion!**



**Are you interested in providing flowers for worship?**

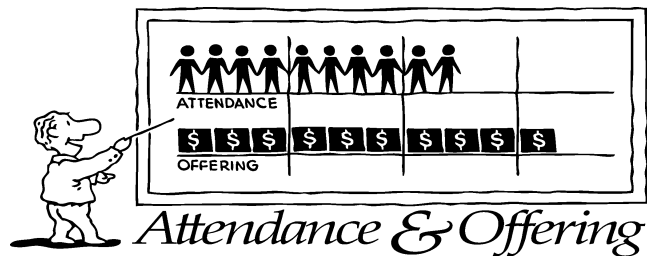
**Please note this change!**

In order to better steward our resources, we will only have altar flowers when someone in the congregation wishes to provide them. Please make use of our altar flower ordering form (on the hall bulletin board next to the altar flower signup sheet) and submit it with your check for \$40. Once your order and payment has been received, Rita will happy to place your order with our florist. Please note that our florist needs to receive our order by the preceding Thursday.

On the Sundays that we don't have fresh flowers, we are making use of Brenda Dolweck's artistic gifts as she designs some seasonal bouquets of silk flowers (if you saw the flowers this last week, you'll know how beautiful her work is!). We'd like to have several sets, suitable for all the seasons (and Christmas), and we could use your support. **Please consider donating especially to the flower fund for this purpose!**



If you would like to purchase a Geranium to decorate our sanctuary for Pentecost, please sign your name on the signup sheet on the front pew. Cost is \$4.00 each, please make checks payable to Christ's Lutheran Church. Deadline to order is **MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**.



## FACTS AND FIGURES FROM APRIL

3/26	Attendance: 14	
3/29	Attendance: 63	Offering: \$1,986.00
4/2	Attendance: 36	
4/3	Attendance: 36	
4/5	Attendance: 110	Offering: \$4,950.17
4/9	Attendance: 6	
4/12	Attendance: 60	Offering: \$3,264.00
4/16	Attendance: 21	
4/19	Attendance: 38	Offering: \$3,973.00
4/23	Attendance: 20	
4/26	Attendance: 50	Offering: \$2,586.00

## Please note:

To meet our budget, we need to receive an average of \$3800 per week!



## Giving in the Digital Age

We've been using this space to talk about how we are adapting to new ways of giving in our "digital age." Some of you use the Simply Giving program which allows you to schedule your giving in advance. Others use your own bank's online bill paying program, which allows you to give even when you must be absent. We are always looking for new ways to expand your options to make your giving more convenient to you. Presently, we are exploring an additional online program that would allow you to donate whenever you wish using the internet and your computer or your smart phone, even from your pew! If this option would be convenient to you, please let us know!

## Contribution Reports

Quarterly Contribution Reports have been put in your boxes. We strive to provide to you an accurate accounting of your giving at the end of each quarter so that you may have a chance to compare them with your own records and alert us to any errors before we issue the annual report after the end of the year. These reports are required by the IRS, and include language to clarify that your donations are purely donations—that no goods and services were received in return. These reports are now required by the IRS as proof of your charitable giving (that is, the IRS no longer accepts cancelled checks as proof of your donation).



## MAY

4	Camryn Reeves	20	Kiki Cunningham
9	Kylie Cochran	26	Bil Kerrigan
11	Debi Cunningham	30	Kerry Loader

**\*Note:** Any members wishing to submit their birthday(s) and anniversaries are encouraged to do so. Please write the dates and names on an attendance slip or call the church office.



**Please keep our “shut-ins” in your prayers:**

**Dolores Ober, Mag Bamfield, Marianne Beorger, Carol Cogsil, and Dorothy Woodruff**



**Historical Note:**

**On April 4, 1915, Reverend Doty baptized 23 people in our church!!!!**

## THANK YOU TO OUR MAY VOLUNTEERS!!!

DATE	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Nora Thomas	Anne Bell	Anne Burns	Milt Cerny	Debi Cunningham
<b>Usher</b>	Janes	Dasch / Moore	Schreiner	Dasch	Cerny / Dasch
<b>Acolyte</b>	Layken Cochran	Nick Atkinson	Kara Loader	Kenzie Atkinson	Natasha Biggins
<b>A/V</b>	Holly Lagneaux	Bill Loader	Doug Law	Bil Kerrigan	Mary Green

**Coffee Hour:** Janet Brockwell  
**Devotions:** Marcy Law  
**Tellers:** John Harmon and Marcy Law

## NEW PARLOR FURNITURE

Thanks to our Parlor Committee (and your donations), we have new parlor furniture!

The old furniture (4 chairs and a credenza) are up for auction to members of their congregation. Please submit bids, clearly indicating which item you would like, and the amount you are bidding, by Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The highest bid for each item wins!

The parlor committee thanks you for your support during these last few months as it has worked hard to improve our parlor with an eye to our needs and good hospitality.







This new system is flexible to accommodate a variety of needs—whether you need just a little “boost” or a lot, and is designed to work with a variety of hearing aids (or even no hearing aid at all). We are including the directions here so you can see just how easy it is. If you’d like to try it out, just check in at the AV desk in the rear of the sanctuary, and we’ll hook you up!



Here are some suggestions to keep in mind so that we can offer good parking hospitality on Sunday mornings:

- Keep in mind that some of our members or our visitors may have mobility issues. Try to leave the paved accessibility lot on Clark Street open for them. The gravel lot is relatively close, but doesn’t provide the secure footing of the paved lot.
- Keep in mind that some of our members or visitors are bringing small children who must be shepherded safely to the door. Try, if you can, to leave some spots closes to the rear porch for them so that they don’t have so far to go.
- You may not know that we have an informal arrangement with Orme Hardware, across Steubenville Avenue—we are happy to let their employees and customers use our lot during the week, and they are happy to let us park in their lot on weekday evenings and Sunday mornings. However, this involves a “trek” across the street, so this option is not preferable for families with young children, or for people with mobility issues. We encourage you to use this lot if you are “hale and hearty” so that families and our older folks can park closer to our entrances.
- As you are cruising our lots on a Sunday morning looking for a parking spot, keep potential visitors in mind. Try to leave a spot or two open for them closest to our entrances—they are most likely to be arriving just before worship starts. If you see some visitors in the lot, smile kindly upon them and help them to find their way! Guide them in the door, show them where the restrooms are, introduce them to some people, help them find the sanctuary. Hospitality doesn’t stop in the parking lot--make our visitors welcome, and they are more likely to come back!



### Facebook Evangelism

If you are on Facebook, help us use Facebook to spread the word about our congregation, about our faith, and about events we want to publicize in the community. Experts tell us that Facebook sharing is the single most effective advertising an organization can do—when you share with your friends (and ask them to share too), we can reach thousands! So, next time a CLC post appears in your newsfeed, don’t just make a note in your calendar—share it!

And if you don’t get CLC posts in your newsfeed, find us and “follow” us: “Christ’s Lutheran Church, Cambridge, OH”

Not on Facebook, but wish you could see CLC’s posts? Check out our webpage, which includes our Facebook “Newsfeed” right there on our home page! <http://www.Christslutheran.org>

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT CHRIST'S LUTHERAN

### HELP WANTED

**Funeral Meal Coordinator:** This ministry is an important expression of our care and concern for families in grief. The Funeral Meal Coordinator calls on volunteers to provide food, and oversees the organization of a meal following a funeral. We are pretty good at this now, so it's not a difficult position to take over! Please let Ann Bell know if you would be interested in using your "event organizing" skills in this way.

**A/V:** Please let us know if you would be willing to serve on the roster of A/V techs. It's pretty easy to learn how if you know computers. This will be a rotating service, as we do with ushers—perhaps once in every 6-8 weeks. Please let Jerry Green or Pastor Katie know if you would be willing to serve in this way.

**Nursery Attendants:** Please help us welcome children and support their parents by volunteering for occasional service in the Nursery. See the signup sheet in the hallway.

### Work Days....

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The same thing happens on the third Saturday of most months (we call this "This Old Church"), and it's open to everyone, young and old, male and female! There's always something to do, and it saves the congregation the expense of contracting out this work! If you like the camaraderie of working together, the joking and laughing that blesses shared purpose, come and join us!

## Gardeners Needed!



**Do you like gardening? Would you like a small, manageable outlet for your gardening gifts?**

**Perhaps a small service project for your family?**

**Consider adopting one of our flower beds.**

**Plant new plants, if you like (in consultation with Roy Bleisath, chair of our landscaping committee), or just keep it weeded so it looks nice!**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING AND SHARING

### RECYCLE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

**South Elementary collects the following items:**

**UPC bar codes** from Our Family products

**Drink pouches** (Capri or other brands)- Just remove straw, cut off top edge, and rinse.

**Labels for Education** - Cut out the small rectangular label. Includes many brands: Campbells, Pepperidge Farm, BIC, Emerald, Pop Secret, Wolfgang Puck, some Post Cereals, Glad, Pace, Dannon, People Magazine, Goldfish, V8.

**Box Tops for Education** - Cut out the small rectangular label. Includes many brands: Betty Crocker, Nestle, Cereals, Green Giant fresh and frozen produce, Hamburger Helper, Pillsbury refrigerated doughs, Land o Lakes, Fiber One, Fruit Roll Ups, Nature Valley bars, Welch's jams, Hanes, Avery, Ziploc, Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle, Hefty, Brita, and more.

**Printer ink cartridges**

**Magazines (for children & adults)**

**Gently used books for children**

Look for the "South Elementary" collection boxes in the hallway.

## SOUTH ELEMENTARY

Thanks to those of you who have been collecting recyclables and coupons for South Elementary, as well as other items you believe would be helpful to the children, staff, and families of South Elementary. We make regular runs to drop off your contributions.

There is always a need for financial contributions to purchase supplies or to fund special programming for these kids. If you should feel moved to make such a contribution, Pastor Katie would be thrilled to help you make contact with South's new principal, Natalie Buchanan. And be thinking about whether you'd be willing to serve as a volunteer, this year or next—Pastor Katie can help you with that too!

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **“Let’s Eat Out”**

**Join us on TUESDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm**

**New River Grille  
(formerly The Point)**

**Please join us for food and fellowship!  
Sign up sheet in the hallway!**



You are cordially invited to a reception celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Leonard and Carol Martin. The reception will take place from 2-5pm, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Hall, New Concord United Methodist Church, 20 East High Street, New Concord, Ohio. The couple requests no gifts, please.

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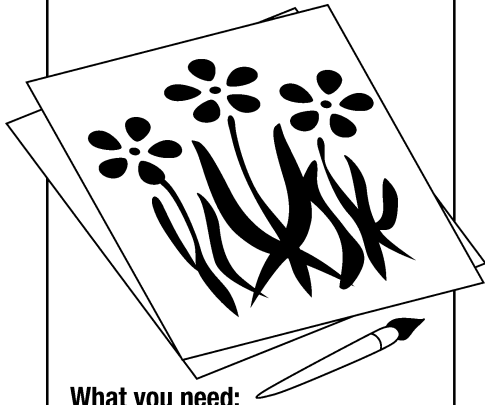
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- May 2 – Muskingum Conference WELCA Spring Gathering at Christ's Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Ohio. All women and young ladies are welcome.
  - Registration: 10:30 AM
  - Lunch: 11:00 AM Cost \$5.00
  - Program: 12:00 noon. Special event "Chocolate Lounge"RSVP: Anne Bell by April 25, 2015. [dabell421@gmail.com](mailto:dabell421@gmail.com)  
Home phone: 740-439-4364  
Cell phone: 740-680-1487
- May 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 1:00 PM Miriam Circle
  - Hostess: Betty Dasch and Bea Wheatley
  - Pastor Katie will lead a bible study Session #9 "Transforming and Reforming" from Carol LaHurd from the *Gathering* magazine.
- June 16 (Tuesday) Joint Miriam and Elizabeth Circle Picnic at the City Park at noon.

# KID'S PAGE

## SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.




### What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

### What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.



## PUZZLE

# Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

*Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.*

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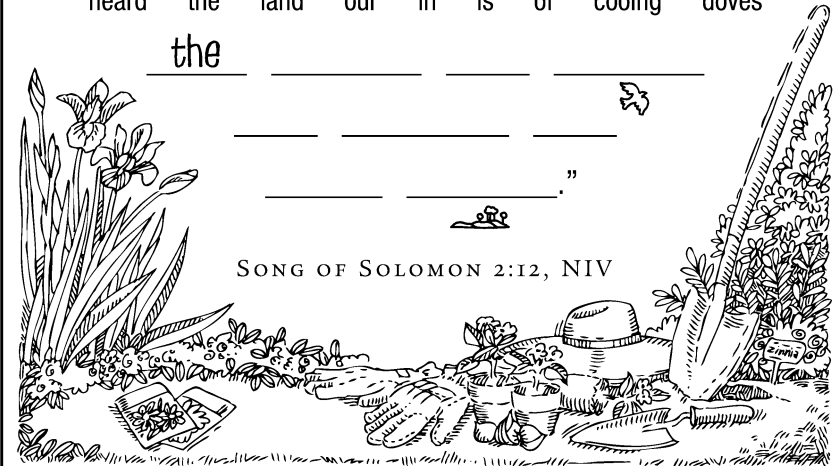
heard the land our in is of cooing doves

the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ."

\* \* \* \* \*

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV



Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."