



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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A Place in the Choir

OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus
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Kathy Rapp
Chimes/Young Saints Choir
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

I love Bill Staines' song "A Place in the Choir." Perhaps you know it or have heard it sung (probably by kids). The refrain uses these words:

*All God's critters got a place in the choir,
some sing low, some sing higher,
some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
and some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.*

The verses go on to describe each critters' place in the choir ... some sing at the bottom, some sing in the middle, some sing at the top, some sing in the day, some sing at night, some disagree, some don't have much to say. Even the grumpy alligator has a place in the choir. And that's the point. Everyone has something to contribute; everyone is gifted in some way. We all have a place in God's "choir," in God's magnificent plan.

Sometimes it is not clear to me what my place is in God's choir. It would be helpful if there were a neon billboard with blinking lights pointing it out for me! Maybe you've felt the same way at times. Somewhere along the way, I remember that it is not about me, it's about God. I remember that it's a journey and the questions are part of the discovery and growth process. I remember that I should get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit do its thing. And sometimes I don't remember any of that and God uses someone or something else to gently remind me.

What is your place in God's choir? Do you know? Do you want to know? Are you doing it? Are we, your sisters and brothers in Christ and fellow travelers on the faith journey, letting you do it and supporting you? Are you willing to take a risk and be challenged to discern your place? If you are comfortable in your place, are you curious to discover and grow more? Part of my role as Redeemer's Lay Ministry Coordinator (LMC) is to assist in this discovery and affirmation process through conversation, use of discovery tools, and connections with ministry opportunities and resources. How this will happen continues to be identified and developed and will gradually unfold over the next year. It's exciting to think about the possibilities!

For now, I encourage you to take some time with the following scripture passages which remind us about the Giver of our gifts, the call to our place in the choir, and the use of our gifts for the work of ministry in and beyond Redeemer's doors.

Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

Romans 12:1-8

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

1 Peter 4:10-11

Blessings,

Kelley

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Communion & Rite of Healing (Setting 6)
11:00 AM Holy Communion & Rite of Healing (Setting 6)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Columbus.
+ For Redeemer member Gregory Hopkins.
+ *Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Jan Bouman, Dick Kautz, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Georgia Wegmeyer, Lois Monett, Barb Atkinson, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Ellen Kunce, Evelyn Fitch, Estella Kuemmel, Theresa Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro	Kathy Denhard
Acolyte	Rachel Metzler	Chris Schroeder
Reader	TBA	Kristen Yanchak
Cantor	Katie Kent Smith	
Coordinator	Kurt Goshen	Paul Atkinson
Ushers	Neil Hoddinott Ed Klopfer	Thelma Johnson Heidi Sherer
Welcoming Team	Michele Disbro Linda Williams	Mary Benis Tomara Herring Kolya Larson
Hospitality	TBA	TBA
Nursery	Jessica Fisher Becky Fisher (9:45)	Brad Phillips & Misato In
Communion Set-up	Kathy Zwanziger & Misato In	

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Trina Thornton
Baked Goods Deliverer	Kathy Zwanziger
Note-writer	Kelley Scott
Food Pantry Delivery	Shirley Lindner

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“Who Will Be David’s Son?” – Pt. 5 –
Dr. Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

OCTOBER 7-13

Wednesday

7:00 PM First Light
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope SDA – Room 2
8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous)

Thursday

7:00 PM Church Council

Friday

Saturday

9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope SDA
9:30 AM WeJoySing Classes – Rm. 5
10:00 AM Confirmation Class

Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion & Rite of Healing
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Holy Communion & Rite of Healing
1:00 PM World Café – TAT
Ristorante di Famiglia

Monday

3:30-8:30 PM Cello Lessons
6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
6:30 PM Juniors – Room 4
7:00 PM Member Care Committee

Tuesday

1:00 PM First Light
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4
6:15 PM Chimes Choir
7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Don Williams** who is home after having surgery last week.

Jan Bouman is also now home following surgery.

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Remember: the deadline to submit articles for *Reflections* is Monday mornings by 7 a.m. Just send them to dbrannigan@redeemerluth.com and put “Reflections” in the subject line.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

CROP Walk This Sunday

The Franklin County CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 11. Other walks will be held around the country as well. The goal this year is to have 85 churches in the Columbus area participate with 850 walkers raising \$85,000.

A display in the Narthex highlights the other programs of the Church World Service (CWS) – sponsor of the CROP Walk.

Those who will be walking from Redeemer include **Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica, Donna Voelkel and Kathy Zwanziger**.

Please turn in your donations by Sunday, October 18 so that Redeemer's contribution will be totaled with the other churches from the area.

Remember: 25 percent of the total collected here will remain in Franklin County.

Bible Studies Begin October 6 & 7

Both the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening Bible studies will begin in October on October 6 and 7, respectively.

Both Bible study groups will meet at Redeemer: the Tuesday group at 1 p.m. and the Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The study this year is *First Light* which features a 20-minute DVD presentation by biblical scholars and 40 minutes of discussion and dialogue.

World Café Returns to Italy

The October outing of World Café will be to the **TAT Ristorante di Famiglia**, 1210 S. James Rd., on Sunday, October 11 at 1 p.m. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or jambird@aol.com) by Wednesday, October 7 whether you will be participating so that reservations can be made to ensure enough seating for all.

Time for Gourmet Cookie Dough, Popcorn

In time for your holiday baking and gift-giving, Lutherans Concerned of Central Ohio is once again offering gourmet cookie dough and specialty popcorn. The cookie dough comes in 3-pound cubes, which arrive refrigerated but can also be frozen. They are available in twelve varieties again this year: chocolate chunk, chocolate chunk pecan, double chocolate chunk, mint double chocolate, white macadamia, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, snickerdoodle, sugar, lemon drop, candy, and coconut pecan. In addition, there are four varieties of specialty caramel corn available: buttery, buttery with peanuts, Chicago style, and chocolate delight. And there are also small chocolate fudge cakes and nine flavors of large bundt cakes.

All products are made of the finest ingredients and are guaranteed delicious! The cookie dough, popcorn, and fudge cakes sell for \$9 each; the large bundt cakes are \$25. Orders can be placed (and payment made) throughout October and early November; delivery is scheduled for early December. All proceeds support the educational efforts of the chapter.

Let Lutherans Concerned help with your holiday plans. You'll please your family and friends as you support a very worthwhile cause.

Sister Act to Meet Oct. 21

Sister Act will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at Redeemer. Please bring your ideas and calendars for this initial planning session. Sister Act is a new Women of the ELCA congregational unit focused on study, service, and spiritual growth. Women of ALL ages are welcome! If you have any questions, contact **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or by phone at (740) 756-4817.

Youth Halloween Party Set for Oct. 25

Redeemer's Luther League (our high school youth) will put on their annual Halloween Party for youth from pre-school through 6th grade on Sunday, October 25. The party will start with lunch at 12:30 p.m. There will be games and prizes and the party will end at 2 p.m. We are asking that the youngest children be accompanied by an adult.

Since there is not much time between the 11a.m. liturgy and the party, feel free to be in costume for worship – what an image, huh!

Blood Drive Set for Nov. 7

Redeemer will hold its next blood drive on Saturday, Nov. 7 beginning at 8 a.m. and running through 2 p.m. It will be held in the Narthex.

To schedule an appointment, sign up on the sheet that will be available in the Narthex, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or call the church at 237-1263.

Persons who last donated blood on or before September 12 may be eligible to donate.

Those who participate will also be eligible to enter a drawing for two tickets to the November 21 OSU-Michigan football game.

Greetings in a Time of Flu

Much to do has been made in the media about what churches and synagogues are doing about the greetings of fellow members in this time of the H1N1 flu.

Sunday, **Pastor Al** suggested that acceptable alternatives to shaking hands during the "Peace" would be a simple bow, bumping elbows or eye-to-eye contact.

In addition, Redeemer has switched the common cup to a silver-plated version which tends to limit any kind of germ transmission; individual communion glasses continue to be available.

Prevention is key, so wash hands often, stay home if you are sick, and get vaccinated.

Sign Up Now to Read Sunday Lessons

A new sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for readers for the two Sunday worship services for now through Sunday, November 22. **There are only two reader's slots filled between now and then.**

Anyone is welcome to sign up including both youth and adults. The readings are sent out the week before and there is a pronunciation guide posted on the kiosk to assist with some of the more difficult Biblical names.

Tutoring Program Coming to RLC

From October 2009 into March 2010, Redeemer will host *Ray of Hope* – a tutoring and mentoring program that provides assistance in the areas of math, reading and writing. Student learning plans will be consistent with district curriculum and aligned to state grade-level standards and benchmarks.

To qualify for free tutoring, students must be currently enrolled at a school on a specified list and qualify for free or reduced lunch.

For more information on the program, call **Tara Woodford** at (614) 496-1276 or **Melva Clark** at (614) 537-1574.

THE WIDER CHURCH

Lecture on Genetics, Faith Set for CU

Dr. Paul T. Nelson, professor and chair of the Department of Religion at Wittenberg University, will lecture on "Genetics, Ethics and Christian Faith" on Tuesday, October 6 at Capital University's Kerns Religious Life Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A panel composed of **Dr. Barbara Barresi**, management and leadership; **Dr. Kerry Cheesman**, biology; and **Dr. Karl Ronstedt**, biology will respond.

OSU's Jacob's Porch Seeks Help

Jacob's Porch, the campus ministry at Ohio State University was broken into recently and several items were stolen. **Pastor Jay Gamelin** has asked if anyone would be willing to donate the following items to the campus ministry so the work being done among the college students may continue:

- * Music speakers for the sanctuary (3 stolen)
- * Printer
- * Computer, preferably a Mac with video capabilities

If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to Jacob's Porch, please contact Gamelin at (614) 291-9317 or pastorjay@buckeyelutheran.org. Financial contributions to replace the items above are also welcomed.

Thrivent Sponsors Session on Giving

The West Franklin and East Franklin-Delaware County chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a workshop on charitable giving on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Rd., Columbus.

The workshop will cover how to make the most of charitable gifts including how to make a substantial donation and still provide an inheritance for your heirs; how to receive financial benefits from helping others; and seven key gifting strategies to help make your charitable gifts more effective.

This event is free and dinner will be provided. To register, call (614) 396-4137 by Friday, October 9.

LOMO Camps Issue 'Needs' Lists

The three camps of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOMO) and the central office have issued the following "wish lists." Please check with the camp before sending any items.

Lutheran Memorial Camp, Fulton, Ohio

lmc@lomocamps.org

- 60th Anniversary Fund gifts
- Reams of copy paper
- Wool for dying and spinning
- Carding paddles
- Counter top microwave
- Knee high boots or hip wader
- Binoculars
- Identification Guides-Ohio wildlife & plants
- Someone to repair parachutes
- Refrigerator for Health Center

Camp Mowana, Mansfield, OH

mowana@lomocamps.org

Intermediate Shower house Project gifts

Mini van in good condition

Sports equipment

Arts and crafts supplies

Camping equipment

Hand tools and power tools

Office supplies

Volunteers who can:

- do roofing
- do exterior or interior painting
- make trail repairs
- do basic carpentry
- split wood

Camp Luther, Conneaut, OH

luther@lomocamps.org

Our Bluff Rocks! gifts

Truck in good condition

Sports equipment

Copy paper

Office supplies

Funny clothing / costumes

Volunteers for interior painting project

Volunteers for demolition/remodeling

LOMO Central Office

info@lomocamps.org

LCD projector

Digital camera

Office Volunteers

THE COMMUNITY BEYOND

ODOD Releases New HEAP Guidelines

The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) has released the new income guidelines for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) this winter.

Ohioans with an annual household income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level can apply for aid from HEAP. The program is available through May 31, 2010.

For complete information on HEAP, contact the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel at 1-877-742-5622.

2009-2010 HEAP Income Guidelines

Size of Household	Total Household Income 12 Months
1	up to \$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020

For households with more than 8 members, add \$7,480 per member.

Applications for the 2009-2010 Regular HEAP program will be accepted August 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. A household applying for HEAP must report total gross household income for the past 12 months for all members, except wage or salary income earned by dependent minors under 18 years old. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for assistance.