



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### Dirty, sexy *stewardship*!!!!???

#### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here  
in the name of Jesus  
Pastor - F. Allan Debelak  
Secretary - Dolores Brannigan  
Lay Ministry Coordinator –  
Kelley Scott  
Organist/Senior Choir Director -  
Kathy Rapp  
Chimes/Young Saints Choir  
Director - Karen Kent  
Youth REJOYSing - Julie  
Larson  
Youth Director –

#### CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Treasurer – Eileen Day  
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Collins  
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#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPS.

Church in Society - Jenny  
Young  
Evangelism – Jon Disbro  
Fellowship - Becky Fisher  
Finance – Brad Phillips  
Member Care – Carol Heacock  
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Stewardship - Judith Bird  
Worship - Wendy Stoica  
Youth – Jennifer Young

#### MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Chairman - Robin Stokes  
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Secretary – Ashley Bird  
Member – Ashley Bird  
Member – Helen Brunston

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

#### MIC STUDENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> year – Jared Witt

Actually, that's how it feels every time I sit down to write about it. It feels like the most personal ... most intimate topic as comments echo in my head about "it's nobody's business what I give to the church. That's between God and me."

Or "They're always asking for money."

Or, "If we would just take care of Redeemer first, we wouldn't ever need worry about paying bills, meeting payroll, ending the year in the black. Why does the church have to give so much to \_\_\_\_\_?  
(You fill in the blank.)

For what it's worth, here are some of my thoughts about stewardship:

- Yes, Redeemer does need money to pay staff, keep the lights and heat on (some years this is more costly than others) and pay for supplies. I believe Redeemer does a good job, however, of staying focused on its mission and ministry, making sure all of the above supports the work the congregation has intentionally set out to undertake.

- Because this is the case, church council needs to know, at least broadly speaking, what funds it can expect to receive in the coming year as it builds a responsible operating budget. That is why we ask members to pledge. Even with that, the Finance Committee still must apply the "abracadabra" of projections – or is that faith?? – to estimate the next year's budget. [An aside: most stewardship advice one receives says to separate education efforts around stewardship from solicitation for the budget. My experience: the year isn't long enough ... see above.]

- Stewardship, however, is more than how each of us uses our money. It is also about how each of us uses our time and talents here to further Redeemer's mission and ministry. That is why each year the fall stewardship packet includes the *Time and Talent Inventory*. And yes, we do ask folks "re-upping" for a particular task to fill it out *again* because otherwise we'd not know when you no longer wanted to participate in that particular activity or assignment. And yes, the individuals in charge of the various activities *are* told who is interested in what.

- Stewardship – giving – is a part of the fabric of faith. We are taught that giving is a response to all that God has first given us. It is a "thank you" from our very souls. In that spirit, the Sunday offering is not so much a commercial break as it is an intersection between God's grace and our gratitude – a way to celebrate and acknowledge this wonderful relationship that is ours already.

- We are also taught that giving should be from the "first fruits" – that is before anything else, we give. An element of that is tithing – setting aside 10 percent for the work of the church – something Redeemer itself does both through the allocations for benevolence each year and, most recently, through the nearly \$19,000 that was distributed to 28 charities from the now completed *Sanctuary in Time* campaign.

Stewardship is what we do, with all that we have, after we say, "We believe."

Judith Bird, Liaison  
Stewardship Committee

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

#### LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP – HYMNAL SUPPLEMENT

8:30 AM Holy Communion

11:00 AM Holy Communion

#### INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Danville.

+ For Redeemer member Eric Hutton.

+ *Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Doris Bell, Jan Bouman, 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

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandra Metzler	Jared Witt, MIC
<b>Acolyte</b>	Caty McFarland	Daniel Pawlowski
<b>Reader</b>	Kay Ernsthause	Elizabeth George
<b>Cantor</b>	Linda Williams	
<b>Coordinator</b>	Kurt Goshen	Paul Atkinson
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Disbro	Tony Naess
	Sandra Keaton	Kathy Denhard
<b>Welcoming Team</b>	Shirley Miller	Jan Bouman
	Nancy Steiner	Marilyn Roberts
<b>Hospitality</b>	McFarland Family	Kathy Denhard
		Tony Naess
<b>Nursery</b>	Tammy McFarland	Kristen Yanchak
	Jennifer Young (9:45)	
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Kathy Zwanziger & Misato In	

#### RESPONSE TO VISITORS

<b>Baked Goods Baker</b>	Trina Thornton
<b>Baked Goods Deliverer</b>	Kathy Zwanziger
<b>Note-writer</b>	Kathy Denhard
<b>Food Pantry Delivery</b>	Shirley Lindner

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"Who Will Be David's Son?" – Pt. 7 –*

Dr. Ron Hals

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

OCTOBER 21-27

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

- 7:00 PM Berwyn West Civic Association

#### **Friday**

#### **Saturday**

- 9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope SDA
- 9:30 AM WeJoySinging Classes – Rm. 5

#### **Sunday**

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Tire Pressure Check
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion
- Noon Tire Pressure Check
- 12:30 PM Halloween Party
- 7:00 PM Movie Night

#### **Monday**

- 3:30-8:30 PM Cello Lessons
- 6:00 PM Knitting Circle
- 6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
- 6:30 PM Juniors – Room 4
- 7:00 PM Fellowship Committee

#### **Tuesday**

- 1:00 PM First Light
- 5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4
- 6:15 PM Chimes Choir
- 7:00 PM Coffee & Theology – Cup O' Joe's, Bexley
- 7:15 PM Mutual Ministry Committee
- 7:15 PM Stewardship Committee
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Michelle** and **Anne Wolfe** who welcomed **Leyton John Wolfe** to their family this past week.

Prayers are also asked for **Emily Schroeder** who has the H1N1 flu.

#### Membership Directory Update

**Lea Spang** has a new address and phone number (effective October 30): 293 Vista Drive, Gahanna, OH 43230; (614) 934-7261.

**Carol Engler's** address and phone number: 1378A Yorkland Road, Columbus, OH 43232; (614) 866-5323.

Please delete the following households: **Anglin Household** and **Corley Household**.

## REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Stewardship Packets Available for Pick Up**

The 2010 stewardship packets are available for pick up through Sunday, October 25. After that, the remaining ones will be mailed.

The Stewardship Committee asks that pledges and time and talent inventories be returned by Sunday, November 8 either by mail or by dropping them in the basket in the Narthex.

Extra copies of both the adult and youth *Time and Talent Surveys* and commitment cards are also available in the Narthex.

### **Time to Order Cookie Dough, Popcorn**

Lutherans Concerned will continue taking orders for its gourmet cookie dough, popcorn, and cakes through October and early November. Any LC member can share further information, and an order form will remain available in the narthex.

### **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](mailto:kelleynotez@yahoo.com) or by phone at (740) 756-4817.

### **Another Pump It Up Sunday!**

If you can't remember when you last checked the air pressure in your car (or scooter) tires, now is probably a good time! The Committee on Church in Society has an ongoing program to help, both by this reminder and with "Pump it up" Sundays.

Weather permitting, this Sunday, October 25 after each service CIS members and any volunteers will be available to check the air pressure in your car tires (and gladly top them off to the recommended value if they are below that). Not sure what the recommended pressure for your tires is? It should be listed in your owners manual as well as on a sticker either on your windshield, on the driver's side door frame, or the part of the driver's door that faces the door frame.

If you have questions or you are interested in volunteering to help make this successful, please contact **Paul Voytas** at [pvoytas@wittenberg.edu](mailto:pvoytas@wittenberg.edu) or (937) 342-0312.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **You're Invited to a Bead Party!**

Two parties, actually, sponsored by FRIEDE, both at Redeemer. BeadforLife eradicates extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished Africans and concerned world citizens. Ugandan women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful beads, and people who care open their hearts, homes and communities to buy and sell the beads. The beads become income, food, medicine, school fees – and hope. It is a small miracle that connects and enriches everyone in the Bead Circle.

BeadforLife is a Fair Trade Federation member, and all net profits are invested in community development projects that help people work their way out of poverty.

*Be inspired* by hardworking Ugandan women lifting themselves from poverty! *Learn* how you can make a difference and have fun doing it! *Help* others a world away! *String* your own jewelry from loose beads with the FRIEDE group! (Non-Ugandan beads will also be available at this event.) on Saturday, November 7, from 7 – 9 p.m.

*Purchase* Ugandan-made jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings) on Sunday, November 8, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (before and after worship). Preview items at [www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org).

### **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 sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for readers for the two Sunday worship services for now through Sunday, November 22. **A number of slots for both services remain open.**

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.

### **Member Profile**

**Carol Engler** grew up in Columbus, graduated from Eastmoor, and attended OSU briefly. She is now a real estate title agent, although a little underemployed in the current economy.

Carol has twin sons (and one granddaughter) in Florida, and three children here – 17-year-old **Tyler**, 10-year-old **Allison**, and 6-year-old **Analise**. Tyler is looking for a job,

while Ally and Ana attend Harvest Preparatory School. Carol's mom lives with them, too, on the far east side.

Carol is an avid reader; she and her mom also crochet. Ally loves to read and cheerlead, and Ana likes to play and watch TV.

Carol used to live near Redeemer and happened to attend once. So when she later wanted a church home, she decided to try Redeemer again and is happy now to be a member. Welcome, Englers all!

## THE WIDER CHURCH

### LSS to Provide Thanksgiving Meals

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) needs help in providing **Thanksgiving meals** to families in need. Last year, the LSS food pantries provided more than 7,100 Thanksgiving meals to hungry individuals and families. This year, with the help of Redeemer and other congregations, it hopes to collect 8,000 bags filled with everything needed for the perfect Thanksgiving dinner. These bags should include: 2 boxes of stuffing mix, 1 can of chicken broth, 1 jar of gravy, 1 can of sweet potatoes, 1 box of cornbread mix, 2 cans of fruit, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of cream of mushroom soup, 1 can of French fried onions, and 1 package of cookies.

An alternative is to donate \$20 to cover the cost of filling a bag. Please make checks out to Lutheran Social Services, write "Thanksgiving Meal" in the memo line and mail to 750 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205.

For more information on how to help, please contact **Barb Packer**, director of food pantry services at 614-586-1350.

### Gold into Good

Do you have any gold to sell? Bring the items to Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, November 1, 1-3 p.m.

Use that old white or yellow 10kt, 14kt, 18kt, 22kt gold or platinum jewelry to pay bills, put groceries in the cupboard, or replace old, outdated jewelry with a fresh, new look. Gold Into Good contributes 10 percent of the total event to Lutheran Social Services.

For more information, please contact **Nancy Spiler** at 614-228-5200 or [nspiler@lssco.org](mailto:nspiler@lssco.org).

### 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 Haimel 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.

## 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.

### ELCA Hunger Director to Lead Workshop

**David Creech**, ELCA director for hunger education, will lead a workshop, "Taking Root" which is geared to Sunday School teachers, youth leaders as well as outreach and hunger committee members from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4501 Hoover Rd., Grove City.

### Berwick Alternative Fundraiser

Berwick Alternative School needs help with its fundraiser. Members are asked to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupons which can be found on any number of products such as Cheerios, Hamburger Helper and Kleenex.

Bring the coupons to church, putting them in the marked box in the Narthex. **Heidi Wick** will see that they get to Berwick.

You can also visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn about more ways to help Berwick.

According to Heidi, Berwick's goal is \$500 for the year and has \$2 so far.

### Concert Set for October 25

The First Church Choral Society will hold a free concert on Sunday, October 25 at 4 p.m. at 444 E. Broad St. Selections by Handel, Purcell and Mendelssohn will be performed.