



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Sunday School – Teaching the Way

OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year – Jared Witt

Our Adult Sunday school class was a bit blown away on All Saints Sunday. It was my job to lead us in some kind of discussion until we were to go into the Sanctuary to hear the *hunger drama* that the children in Sunday school were going to put on for us. In the new arrangement of Sunday School classes for our youth, we now are trying to invite in a number of adults to take on a few weeks in an area of interest to them. From what I have heard, it is all going quite well. Sunday's *hunger drama* was a part of this new set up for Sunday education for our children.

We didn't know what to expect when the whole adult class and the high school class left our regular classrooms to venture down to the Sanctuary. Under the lead of **Bennett Whitaker**, the eight to nine students read scripture and a written text that talked about hunger and the many faces of hunger that may go unseen by us all. Had any of us read the script, it would have been a powerful read. But here were a number of young readers who took on the task of uncovering the world of hunger. I would have to say that the audience was a bit shaken. That means we were moved ... inspired ... and even rattled. The young voices bringing us prophetic words that were peeling back the veil of life so that all of us could be touched by the images of hunger as it may likely appear all around us.

When the drama was over, there were still 15 to 20 minutes left in our Sunday school hour. So, with a suggestion from **Jon Disbro**, the adults and high school students stayed in the sanctuary and talked. It was – to say the least – a wonderful, unplanned session of adult education. Hunger was brought into the room and unmasked for us. Within that experience, there was some honest and vulnerable sharing about what we heard and the fact that such young voices were serving as the ones who opened up our eyes. This cross-generational learning time was a good way to bring a “larger-than-life” concern onto the floor so that we could all take another look. It would be good to have it happen again.

Most folks at Redeemer probably don't know that we changed our shape of Sunday school for our youth. It means that our children are learning a number of things about being faithful ... but also the many ways to be faithful. We are using art, drama, experiential classrooms, and biblical storytelling. What is best is that we are not limited by the few volunteer teachers who have given their time for the whole school year – a bit of a responsibility. Now, even you ... and me, can step up and help to engage our youth in meaningful times of education. Bennett is not usually a “Sunday School” teacher. But in this new system of educating – he was willing and able to move in and volunteer a few weeks that I think will be very memorable for more than the small band of children who worked on this drama.

If you would like to volunteer to lead a few weeks of Sunday school – contact **Michele Disbro**. This may become a special time for our children and a treat for our whole congregation.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, 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 Zion Lutheran Church in West Jefferson.

+ For Redeemer members Peder and Kirsten Johanson.

+ *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

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Kathy Zwanziger	Seth Harms
Acolyte	Eric Vivens	Colin Young
Cantor	Heidi Sherer	
Healing Team Prayers	TBA	TBA
Healing Team Assistants	TBA	TBA
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Kurt Goshen	Ruth Murray
	Earl Bradley	Donna Voelkel
Welcoming Team	Merl Hoops	Tony Naess
	Sandra Keaton	Kathy Denhard
Hospitality	Cathy Oldham	TBA
	Sue Baker	
Nursery	Jessica Fisher	Mary Lapham
	Becky Fisher (9:45)	

Communion Set-up Kay Ernsthause & Dave Curtis

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker Bonnie Hegreness

Baked Goods Deliverer Leslie Sorg

Note-writer Kelley Scott

Food Pantry Delivery Nancy and Kathie Ehrich

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Living the Question/Sec. 2 –

Jared Witt, Mission in Context Intern

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

NOVEMBER 4-11

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 Bridge – Redeemer

Friday

Saturday

8 AM-2 PM Red Cross Blood Drive

9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope SDA

7-9 PM FRIEDE Bead Party

Sunday

8 AM-1 PM Ugandan Jewelry Sale -
Redeemer

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 – Udipi Café

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

5:00 PM Mission Endowment Fund
Committee

6:15 PM Chimes Choir

7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Jan Bouman** who underwent urgent surgery Monday morning at Mt. Carmel East.

Prayers are also asked for the **Hoops Family** on the death of Merlin's sister and the **Rapp Family** on the death of Kathy's mother-in-law Jean.

Membership Directory Updates

Emily Stover has transferred her membership to Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Sabine Lamar has moved. Her new address is 2186 E. Main St., Apt. 204, Columbus 43209. Phone, email are the same.

Nathaniel Bird has a new address: 3591 Co. Rd. 44, Apt. 15, Ada OH 45810-9489. Phone is (614) 257-7780.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Time & Talent Surveys, Cards Due Nov. 8

The Time and Talent Surveys and commitment cards for 2010 are due back Sunday, November 8. Just place them in the basket in the Narthex or mail them in the envelope provided in the stewardship packet.

Sharing the Warmth

During November, the Redeemer congregation will again collect NEW mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks for the clients of the Breathing Clinic. Gently used coats and jackets may be contributed as well. Deposit the items in the designated place in the Narthex.

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.

Fair Trade Orders in November

Redeemer will be taking orders for fair-traded coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks through *Equal Exchange* through Sunday, November 8. To support this ministry which provides fair wages and prices for coffee, tea and cocoa growers in developing countries as well as almond, pecan and cranberry growers in the U.S., please stop by the table in the narthex **before** and **after** worship on those Sundays to place orders for the following:

- Percolator Grind, Fellowship Blend 1 lb. \$ 5.80
- Drip Grind, Decaf, Columbian Full City Roast 12oz. \$ 6.25

- Whole bean, Organic Medium French Roast 12 oz. \$ 5.80
- Whole Bean, Full City Roast 12 oz. \$ 5.80
- Organic English Breakfast Tea 25 bags \$ 2.75
- Organic Green Tea 25 bags \$ 2.75
- Organic Earl Grey 25 bags \$ 2.75
- Caffeine Free Tea 25 bags \$ 3

Snacks

- Organic Tamari Roasted Almonds 5oz. \$4.65 bag
- Organic Dried Sweetened Cranberries 5oz. \$4 bag
- Roasted Salted Pecans 5oz. \$4.10 bag

Organic Chocolate

- Dark chocolate bars with almonds 3.5 oz. \$2.60
- Very dark chocolate bars \$2.60
- Mint chocolate bars \$2.60

Other Items

- Equal Exchange/Lutheran World Relief travel mug \$ 2.25
- Fair Traded 100 percent cotton shopping bags with Redeemer's logo at \$5 each will be available for sale.

World Café Goes to Exotic South India

The November outing of World Café will be to the **Udipi Cafe**, 2001 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., on Sunday, November 8 following the late service at 1 p.m. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or jambird@aol.com) by Wednesday, November 4 that you will be participating so that we can make reservations to ensure enough seating for all.

H1N1 Flu Update

Jenny Young provided the following information: Many people have had questions about availability of H1N1 vaccine for yourselves or family members. Please refer to this website for the latest information: <http://www.columbuspandemicflu.com/>

Note that the H1N1 vaccine is being distributed in order of priority groups. These risk groups have been identified by the CDC because they are more vulnerable to H1N1 and are at an increased risk of severe complications. Additional clinics will be offered for the other high risk groups as soon as local public health receives additional vaccine. Please check this website frequently as information and opportunities are added daily. You can also call the Franklin County and Columbus Flu Hotline -- 2-1-1 (221-2255).

Sister Act to Meet Nov. 11

Sister Act will meet next on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at Redeemer (downstairs in the Youth Room off Fellowship Hall). This month's gathering will focus on a study led by **Sabine Lamar**.

Sister Act is a new kind of Women of the ELCA congregational unit, meeting monthly and rotating activities of study, service, and spiritual growth. Women of ALL ages are welcome to join! If you have any questions, contact **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

Last Chance to Order Cookie Dough and Popcorn

Lutherans Concerned will be taking orders for its gourmet cookie dough, popcorn, and cakes only through this next Sunday, November 8. If you're unable to get to Redeemer by that time, you can call or email your order to **Mary** or **Mike Benis**, 864-1506 or mkbemis@yahoo.com.

'Journey' Heads to Hanby House

On Sunday, November 15, the Interesting Journey group will tour the Hanby House in Westerville. **William Hanby** was a bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He was an abolitionist and his home was used as a station on the Underground Railroad. William's son, **Benjamin**, was a United Brethren preacher, a teacher, an abolitionist and a composer. He composed over 80 songs including *Darling Nelly Gray* and *Up on the Housetop*.

The house, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, contains furniture and personal items from the family. The cost of the tour is \$2 for adults, \$1.60 for seniors 60+ and free for Ohio Historical Society members.

The group will leave the church following the 11 a.m. service, stopping for lunch at Fazoli's Italian Restaurant before the house tour at 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to **LaVerna Reinoehl** at (614) 236-5687 or lreinoeh@insight.rr.com if you would like to journey with the group.

Advent Craft Day Set for Nov. 22

Sunday, November 22 is the date for the annual Advent Craft Day for Redeemer kids and their families. If you have an idea for a seasonal craft that can be enjoyed by young children, and you are interested in helping out, please contact **Jennifer Young** at (614) 235-4570 or jyoung@columbuslibrary.org. The event will run from 12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will include lunch.

Responses to Legacy Gifts

Responses to Redeemer's *Legacy Gifts*, the tithe portion of the mortgage reduction campaign, are posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

CROP Update

From **Kathy Zwanziger**: "Thanks to our walkers and all of you who contributed to the CROP Walk, Redeemer members raised \$947 to help overcome poverty."

Member Profile

Lou Staffilino grew up in Mingo Junction, Ohio, outside of Steubenville along the Ohio River. Setting off to college brought Lou to the Columbus area where he graduated from Ohio Dominican College. He wanted to major in tiger training (not really, but the writer promised to incorporate a tiger into his profile). However, he decided that education was more his style. He worked in the Ohio public school system as the assistant superintendent of Dublin Schools and superintendent of Lakewood Schools (Buckeye Lake). After 30 years, Lou "retired" and is now back with the Ohio Department of Education as an associate superintendent.

Lou lives in Grove City and has a son, Joel (31), who lives in Cincinnati. Luckily it isn't far so Lou can spend time weekly with his 13-month-old grandson, Ari Lewis.

Lou and **Tom Rabenold** just got back from a cruise to Mexico complete with experiencing Hurricane Rick for two days. One of his passions is architecture, particularly when applied to urban renewal which leads him to other passions of social justice and promotion of the arts.

Tom introduced Lou to Redeemer where Lou felt welcomed. He recently joined because of Redeemer's special faith community and we welcome Lou into the Redeemer family.

THE WIDER CHURCH

Seminary Presents Haydn Mass

The Trinity Seminary Choir will sing Haydn's Mass in D Minor during its All Saints Choral Evensong on Friday, November 6 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Gloria Dei Worship Center. Parking is free; a freewill offering will be taken.

Updates from Thrivent

Thrivent reports that it is nearing the completion of the fifth and sixth Thrivent Builds homes in Columbus. Funding for these homes comes 65 percent from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 25 percent from Habitat for Humanity and that the remaining 10 percent or roughly \$30,000 from the local Lutheran community.

To help raise these funds, the Mike Furrey Foundation recently announced that it will match contributions received, dollar-for-dollar, through the end of the year up to a cumulative total of \$10,000! This is a fantastic opportunity to make the donations go twice as far, and to help the local Thrivent chapter provide a safe, warm place to call home this winter for two more families in need. The Mike Furrey Foundation (www.mikefurrey.net) is a nonprofit organization designed to improve the lives of those who are hungry, homeless, hurting, and hopeful. The organization, founded by Hilliard native and Cleveland Browns wide receiver Mike Furrey, advocates for the basic needs of all families and children in Franklin County.

To contribute, send tax-deductible donations to: Thrivent Builds, c/o **Mark Keller**/treasurer, 30 E South St, Worthington, OH 43085 or online through Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus at www.firstgiving.com/tbcolumbus.

Dedication

The two new Thrivent Builds homes are near completion and will be dedicated on Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m. Please join the Thrivent Builds and Habitat for Humanity communities, and the partner families for a morning of celebration at 133 & 137 N. Guilford Ave., Columbus, 43223. Members of Redeemer have helped in the construction of these two homes.

THE COMMUNITY BEYOND

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. The goal is \$500.