



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Life in Abundance

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

President - Margie Frazier

Vice Pres. - Gage Gosnell

Treasurer - Eileen Day

Financial Secretary - Bruce

Collins

Secretary - Kay Ernsthause

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPS.

Church in Society - Jenny

Young

Evangelism - Jon Disbro

Fellowship - Becky Fisher

Finance - Brad Phillips

Member Care - Carol Heacock

Parish Ed - Michelle Clemence

Property - Maureen Callahan

Stewardship - Judith Bird

Worship - Wendy Stoica

Youth - Jennifer Young

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Chairman - Robin Stokes

Treasurer - David Reinoehl

Secretary - Ashley Bird

Member - Ashley Bird

Member - Helen Brunston

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

When American Express wanted to advertise its no-fee, pay-whenever-you-can credit cards, it used the famous campaign slogan "membership has its privileges." The idea was that people who used American Express credit cards enjoyed an advantage or benefit that was not available to everyone.

We are blessed that we don't have privileges as members of the body of Christ or as members of this community of faith we call Redeemer Lutheran Church. Membership into this body and community is not just for the elite few. Each person is created in God's image. Each person has been saved by grace. Each person is uniquely gifted to participate in the life of the body of Christ. No exceptions.

I am freely given life in abundance. YIKES! Hold on just a minute ... I don't know about you, but this is a little overwhelming and scary. Do I really want this abundant life? What might that mean for me?

Belief in abundant life might just mean ...

... building up others rather than tearing them down.

... growing in my faith and following Christ's example.

... helping others discover, celebrate, and affirm their gifts.

... stepping out of my comfort zone to talk to someone that I do not know.

... accepting an offer of help.

... letting someone else lead a ministry I've been leading for years.

... listening to others' ideas with an open mind before saying it won't work.

... saying "yes" ... or saying "no" when asked to get involved.

... struggling to love others with whom I don't agree or particularly like.

... discovering more about me.

... embracing God's call to a difficult task or to a different place.

... taking a risk to trust others.

... getting "messy" with others' problems and issues.

... taking an honest look at my attitude.

... remembering it's not about me, it's about God.

Abundance ... that's what we have as members of the body of Christ and members of this community of faith we call Redeemer Lutheran Church. We aren't let off the hook. Wherever we are in our faith journey, whatever our needs are, however we are called to use our gifts, skills, talents, and experience, God guides, provides, and operates in our lives. It's not always easy, but membership in the body of Christ is freely given ... in abundance.

Blessings, Kelley

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Communion (Setting 2)
 11:00 AM Holy Communion (Setting 2)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Advent Lutheran Church in Columbus.
 + For Redeemer member Julianne Johnson.
 + *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
Guest Preacher	Pastor Bob Ward	Pastor Bob Ward
Presiding Minister	Pastor Al	Pastor Al
Assisting Minister	Jared Witt, MIC (both services)	
Acolyte	Jasmin McFarland	Emily Schroeder
Reader	TBA	Sabine Lamar
Cantor	Linda Williams	
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Kathy Zwanziger	Heidi Sherer
	Neil Hoddinott	Thelma Johnson
Welcoming Team	Kathy Zwanziger	Becky Fisher
	Paul Atkinson	Grace Jones
Hospitality	Kurt Goshen	Kathy Denhard
	William Goshen	
Nursery	Michele Disbro	Sarah Fisher
	Eileen Day (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/The Prophetic Jesus –
 Jared Witt, Ministry in Context Intern

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER
NOVEMBER 11-17

Wednesday	11:30 AM Central Ohio Conference
	7:00 PM First Light
	7:00 PM Sister Act
	7:00 PM Beacon of Hope SDA – Room 2
	8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous)
Thursday	7:30 PM Church Council
Friday	
Saturday	9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope SDA
	9:30 AM Confirmation Class
Sunday	8:30 AM Holy Communion
	9:45 AM Sunday School
	11:00 AM Holy Communion
	12:15 PM Worship Committee
	TBA Interesting Journey – Hanby House
Monday	3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons
	5:30 PM Evangelism Committee
	6:00 PM Knitting Circle
	6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
	6:30 PM Juniors – Room 4
	7:00 PM DADS – Tumbleweed's in Reynoldsburg
Tuesday	8:00 AM ROMEO – Abner's on Brice Road
	1:00 PM First Light
	5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4
	6:15 PM Chimes Choir
	7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Remember that the sermon from the last Sunday is available online. Just go to Redeemer's home page at <http://www.redeemerluth.com/> and click on "sermon" in the right-hand column.

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The deadline for articles for *Reflections* is Monday mornings by 7 a.m. Just email them to dbrannigan@redeemerluth.com and "Reflections" in the subject line.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

Time & Talent Surveys, Cards

The Time and Talent Surveys and commitment cards for 2010 can continue to be placed in the basket in the Narthex or mailed back to the church 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 box in the Narthex.

Time to Order Poinsettias

Order envelopes are now available in the Narthex for poinsettias for Redeemer's chancel this Christmas.

Plants are priced at \$7 each and are available in red, pink, or white. Orders and payment must be received by Tuesday, December 1.

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.

'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.

'Bead for Life' Available Nov. 15

FRIEDE will continue selling BeadforLife products on Sunday, November 15.

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

Ugandan-made jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings) will be available on Sunday, November 15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (before and after worship). Items can be previewed at www.beadforlife.org.

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.

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).

October Council Update

Budget (through September)

Year-to-date income (budget) – \$196,404 (70.4% of budget)

Year-to-date expenses – \$198,641

Surplus or (deficit) – (\$4,088)

* **Richard Corley** and **Marc Anglin** were removed from membership. Richard wrote to say he had found a new church home in Mississippi.

* Redeemer member and seminarian **Michael Powell** will be preaching on Sunday, November 29.

* **Paul Voytas** will head up Redeemer's "Green Team." Part of the group's efforts will be to organize an energy audit.

* Attendance at both services has averaged 137 (48 at the 8:30 a.m. service and 89 at the 11 a.m. service).

* Pastor reported that this year's confirmation class includes **Daniel Pawlowski, Sarah Binau, Jasmin McFarland** and **Dayrel Billingsley**.

* The Executive Committee asked the worship and parish education committees to explore the idea of hiring a person or persons to staff the church nursery.

* Parish Ed Committee announced that the Christmas program will held on Sunday, December 13. **Julie Larson** will direct.

* Parish Ed also said that Sunday School will **not** be held on Sunday, December 27.

* The Vacation Bible School theme will be "Baobob Blast."

* It was announced that **Karen Kent** is no longer leading the Sunday School music.

THE WIDER CHURCH

Watermark Denmark Performs at Christ

Watermark Denmark, a relational music ministry team, will present an interactive program of cross-cultural Christian music and personal sharing on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church (2314 E. Main St.).

Watermark Denmark is sponsored by Youth Encounter, youth ministry specialists based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Members of this team have dedicated a year of their lives to sharing the Gospel in communities throughout the U.S. and Denmark.

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

Updates from LOMO

“Making Room for Jesus” An Advent Adult and Family Retreat

Camp Mowana - December 4 – 6, 2009

Camp Mowana invites you to join in preparing our hearts to make room for the baby Jesus! \$88 per person ages 10 and up \$44 ages 5-9, free fore ages 4 and under. Call the camp for more information.

Holiday Luncheons and Dinners at LMC and Camp Mowana

During the month of December the camps “deck the halls” with greenery, table linens, candle light, and a fire in the fireplace! Choose from a variety of meals. Great for holiday dinner, recognition events, or family gatherings! Call the camp of your choice for details. Minimum group size is 15 people.

February 5-7, 2010 - Camp Mowana: A Women’s Spirituality Retreat

Time for personal reflection, contemplative prayer, journaling and more. Discover new sources of spiritual energy. Led by **Pastor Karen Thompson**, Bowling Green. Housing will be double occupancy in the Fleming Falls Adult Retreat Center. Contact 419-589-7406 for more details.

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.

Lutheran CORE Responds to ELCA

Two leaders of the Lutheran Coalition for Renewal (CORE), the Rev. Kenneth H. Sauer and the Rev. Paull E. Spring -- both former ELCA synod bishops -- said, with a “resounding yes,” they are serious about their endeavors as an organization. They also said they “take no joy in following a process that will likely lead Lutheran CORE to depart from the ELCA’s (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) institutional life and ministry.”

The comments were in a letter written in response to an Oct. 12 open letter from the Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, executive director, ELCA Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission. Bouman asked if Lutheran CORE would be “serious about mission.” He said mission was not mentioned or was referenced as an afterthought during CORE’s convocation, Sept. 25-26 in Fishers, Ind. About 1,200 people attended, including Bouman.

Most of CORE’s convocation was devoted to responses to sexuality decisions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. CORE opposed the assembly’s decisions to change ELCA ministry policies, including a change to allow Lutherans in lifelong, publicly accountable, monogamous same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA associates in ministry, clergy, deaconesses and diaconal ministers. It also opposed parts of a social statement on human sexuality adopted by the assembly. CORE ended its ELCA affiliation as an independent Lutheran organization immediately after the assembly and later initiated a process to become a “free-standing synod” in the ELCA and adopted a constitution.

Sauer and Spring wrote, “We share with you a sense of remorse and sorrow over what has caused Lutheran CORE to take the steps we have taken regarding our relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Over the years both of us, as pastors and as bishops, have been strong advocates for the ministry of the ELCA as one church.”

Sauer and Spring wrote, “We recognize that some remarks at the convocation were pointed and blunt. Others spoke in an intemperate manner, something which we ourselves regret. We believe, however, that the vast majority who spoke during the public discussions were positive and irenic.”

The two CORE leaders characterized the sexuality decisions made by the 2009 assembly “as part of an ongoing failure, within the churchwide expression of the ELCA, to listen to the words of Holy Scripture and the witness of 2,000 years of Christian reflection on the Word of God.”

Sauer and Spring said, since the assembly’s conclusion, Lutheran CORE has experienced a significant increase in support and participation.