



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Making Worship a Gracious Space – for All

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

Just think about this. On Easter Morning 2010 we may have seven newborns to baptize. Not all of those families will choose to have their infants baptized on that day ... but just the thought of it is a bit wonderful. Yes, that means that seven women at Redeemer are either pregnant or have delivered recently. I told some folks that this has never happened at Redeemer in all the years I've been here – a baby boom!

This will then translate into making sure the nursery is sufficiently staffed, more children eventually making their way up for the children's lesson, keeping enough apples in my hand during the distribution of Holy Communion, and simply learning to enjoy the presence of children in worship.

I think it is vital that parents with children understand that they are welcome in worship. The only way that can take place is if the other adults who sit around our youngest members let themselves be gracious and patient. That can mean a number of things. I have several suggestions for everyone to consider.

- If you see a family with a child coming in and the seating is limited, offer your seats to them. (We always have more seats up front).
- Speaking of seats up front, if you find sitting behind an active child too much for you to concentrate on the liturgy, move forward. Spending the liturgy casting a disapproving glance or making remarks that can be heard by everyone around you simply presents the whole congregation in a bad light.
- Most parents with little children already feel a bit self-conscious about a little one who is active and expressive – a warm smile and a simple word of grace is like a gift to everyone.
- If a child has moved into the realm of wailing or fussing to the point of disrupting the worship, parents are urged to go out into the Narthex and listen to the liturgy from there until the child is ready to return to worship.
- If you know the family and the child is really fussing – offer to walk with the child or hold the child. That is both hospitable and loving.
- Sometimes, leaving seats in the back of the sanctuary for parents not ready to enter into the more congested parts of the sanctuary can bring a sense of relief.
- We want children in worship. We want parents to be able to worship with children in arms or at their side. When that cannot happen or when a child is old enough for the nursery, we are working on making that option more readily available.

There are many things I like about worship at Redeemer. My most favorite parts are seeing children participating (watching, coloring, lifting up a voice of joy – seeing adults around the children light up with joy). It takes a whole sanctuary of people to teach children about being in worship. The greatest gift we give to everyone in worship is a clear message of welcome and grace.

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GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

CHRIST THE KING

LESSONS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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 All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington.

+ For Redeemer member Linda 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 Kuncce, Evelyn Fitch, Estella Kuemmel, Theresa Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthause	Gage Gosnell
Acolyte	Rachel Metzler	Chris Schroeder
Reader	Georgene Slagle	TBA
Cantor	Katie Kent Smith	
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Ed Klopfer	Mike Benis
	Dick Kautz	Mary Benis
Welcoming Team	Dick Kautz	Mike Benis
	Nancy Steiner	Karen Wilson
		Colin Young
Hospitality	Phil & Sandra Metzler	Julie Johnson
Nursery	Tammy McFarland	Diane Montgomery
	Jennifer Young (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/ Evil, Suffering & a God of Love”

Jared Witt, Ministry-in-Context Intern

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

NOVEMBER 18-24

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 7:30 PM SPMHOTN – Barley’s Brew Pub

Friday

Saturday

- 9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope SDA
- 11:00 AM Book Study – Pastor’s Home

Sunday

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion
- 12:15 PM Advent Craft Day
- 7:00 PM Movie Night

Monday

- 3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons
- 6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
- 6:30 PM Juniors – Room 4
- 7:00 PM Coffee & Theology – Cup O’ Joe’s, Bexley

Tuesday

- 5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4
- 6:15 PM Chimes Choir
- 7:15 PM Mutual Ministry Committee
- 7:15 PM Stewardship Committee
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Margie Frazier’s** father **Richard** and for Redeemer member **Amy Hoops** who will be having surgery this week.

Also, **Rose Varga** fell at her home this past week – no broken bones but lots of bruises.

Prayers are also asked for a number of Redeemer families who have lost a family member recently. They include the **Gosnell Family**, **Brobeck Family** and **Eyster Family**.

Prayers are also asked for **Pastor Charles Peterson** who was just installed as the new pastor at Old Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Columbus.

Membership Directory Update

Sarah and **Roman Fisher** have moved. Their new address is: 4623 Saint Margaret Lane, Columbus, OH 43213-1973.

Council Elections Set for Nov. 29

Elections for open slots on church council will take place on Sunday, November 29 after both services. The slate of candidates will be announced next Sunday, November 22. Seats up for election for two-year terms this year include the following: vice pres./pres. elect; treasurer; church in society; fellowship; finance; parish ed; stewardship; and worship.

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.

RLC Advent Craft Day for Kids, Families

Join us on Sunday, November 22 for a light lunch of hot dogs, chips and cookies. Then build a 3-D Advent calendar, help paint a banner for the church and make Christmas cards to share with Redeemer's shut-in members and with friends and family.

Come to Redeemer's Advent Craft Day this Sunday from 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact **Jennifer Young** at (614) 235-4570 or via email at jyoung@columbuslibrary.org.

Christmas Program Rehearsals to Begin

It's already time to start work on the Christmas Program, with a performance set for Sunday, December 13 during the Sunday School hour. Rehearsal times are as follows:

1. Sunday, November 29 during Sunday School hour.
2. Saturday, December 5 at 10 a.m.
3. Sunday, December 6 during Sunday School hour.
4. Saturday, December 12 at 10 a.m.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact **Julie Larson** (julesrachel@yahoo.com or 614-833-0991). Hope you can join us!

Meeting about Youth

On Sunday, December 6, during the Sunday School hour (10 a.m.) **Pastor Al** will be meeting with all interested adults to talk about Redeemer's ministry with youth (from the youngest up through the Luther League).

If you have an interest in working with youth and want to be involved in some of our planning and organizing, please

come out. If you have questions or concerns prior to the meeting, please call Pastor Al.

Mid-Week Advent Worship Begins Dec. 2

This year Redeemer will hold midweek Advent worship services beginning on Wednesday, December 2. Redeemer is also inviting Christ United Methodist Church to join us. The service will use the very popular "Holden Evening Prayer." Worship is at 7:30 p.m. but the evening begins with "Advent Desserts" at 7 p.m.

If you would like to bring an advent dessert, there will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Split Announcements

Those of you in worship on Sunday noticed that the Worship Committee has decided to try a new approach to the Sunday announcements. It is quite simple and practical. At the beginning of worship only those announcements that have to do with worship will be made: liturgy used that day, communion instructions, new hymns, names added to the prayers, etc.

Then after the final hymn but before the dismissal, there will be announcements that deal with items we need to remember for the week.

Worship will then end with the usual dismissal.

Member Care Resources Now Available

On a table located in the Narthex, the Member Care Committee has made available a collection of books on grief, illness, and care-giving. To borrow a book, simply sign your name and title of the book on the form available. Many titles are suitable for children in picture book format. Take a few moments to browse through the books while you visit with friends on Sunday morning or throughout the week.

The Prayer Request box is also available for you to ask Redeemer members and friends to lift up your concerns and needs or to join you in giving thanks and celebrating God's blessings.

Test Your Carbon Footprint!

A new group has formed at Redeemer – the Green Team – which is looking at ways that church can reduce its carbon footprint. That means figuring how many pounds of carbon dioxide are given off by the ordinary heating, cooling, and electrical needs of the church.

The group is also interested in finding out the carbon footprint of several families in the church using a calculator that is based on the following information:

- 1) Make, model, year of car(s) and the annual miles driven
- 2) Total miles flown.
- 3) Total kWh electricity (last 12 months is listed on the bill).
- 4) Total Therms natural gas used (again, listed on the bill) OR total gallons heating oil OR total gallons propane.
- 5) Total gallons garbage.

Over the last few years the Church in Society committee has suggested various ways to help reduce our carbon footprint: recycling, keeping tires at the correct air pressure, using energy efficient light bulbs. Not only are these things better for the environment, but they affect a family's finances. One committee member added insulation to the attic – and the next month the budget amount decreased by \$20 – \$240 for the year. Another family installed a new electric furnace and

heat pump – and decreased their electrical bill by \$80 to \$100 per month during the winter months.

If you are considering new appliances, be sure to look for the Energy Star ratings for increased efficiency and lower monthly costs.

If you are interested in figuring your carbon footprint, start collecting the data listed above. The committee will plan for a time to input the numbers and give you your personal (household) carbon footprint.

The Green Team is open to additional members and encourages everyone to participate in “green activities” in their own households – a way we can all participate in the stewardship and protection of the environment.

FRIEDE to Attend Magpie Concert

The FRIEDE small group will attend the 7 p.m. Saturday, December 12 concert of the Magpie Consort at St. John’s Episcopal Church (700 High St., Worthington), starting with dinner at 5 p.m. at La Chatelaine (627 High St.).

Redeemer member **Heidi Scherer** sings with the group.

Those wishing to attend should RSVP to **Shirley Meyer** at 231-8850.

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).

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 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 for 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.

THE COMMUNITY BEYOND

Reaching Out

Pastor Bob Ward’s sermon on Sunday as well as the Adult Sunday School class discussed specific ways that Redeemer members can carry out Jesus’ command to “love your neighbor.”

Kathy Zwanziger suggests that another way to help that costs nothing but a little time is to write a letter or send an email to members of Congress asking them to support federal legislation that helps hungry and poor people at home and around the world improve their lives.

Programs that need support include national nutrition programs that meet the basic needs of low-income workers supported by Bread for the World, an advocacy group. In addition, the ELCA supports the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – the first of which is to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015.

As a first step, write a letter!

Christ the King Seeks Euchre Players

Do you enjoy playing euchre? (You don’t even have to be good at it.) Then we need you. Christ the King Women’s Club Euchre Marathon is in desperate need of subs to be called when regulars cannot be there. We meet every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., from September through April, in the church undercroft.

If you are interested in playing euchre with the women at Christ the King, please call **Dolores Brannigan** (313-9847) or send her an email (rushedkidsmom@hotmail.com) with your name and phone number. *Many thanks!*