



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Making Room...Something Growing

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

1st year - Joe Brosious

Last week I attended a workshop in order to pull together a grant proposal for a piece of the work from our Vision Team. Last year we received a Neighborhood Partnership Grant for the "fence of art" and some art programming that went on last summer. It was a real success. This year, the primary proposal I will be submitting is for a program that will focus on growing vegetables and herbs and distributing them to people who can benefit from fresh and free produce. Although there has not been an official name to the proposal so far, I have been playing with "Making Room to Feed Neighbors."

Here's a thumbnail sketch of the program: The *making room* part has to do with encouraging members at Redeemer, families in our Girl Scout troops, and residents of our partner neighborhoods (Berwick and Berwyn West) to dedicate a small space of ground at their homes or condos in which they will plant needed vegetables. Then throughout the summer as those gardens begin to produce vegetables and herbs, they can be brought to our building and every Saturday morning the food will be given away to those who want access to good produce and recipes for how to cook them. Any produce left after the morning give-away will be taken to the LSS Champion/Frebis food pantry to go in their cooler for distribution during the week.

Today I will be meeting with an expert in urban gardening to find out how to best go about encouraging local gardens, how to make it easy and manageable for all ages, and how to work without chemical fertilizers. It is my hope that he will also give some advice as to what are some crops that bring the most nutritional value for those who will receive the goods.

At Redeemer, the plan includes building raised-bed gardens on the ground between the sanctuary and the classroom wing of the south end of the building. We will have to install a decorative fence to limit access to the gardens from S. James Rd. All the raised beds will be just outside of the "frosted" windows of the sanctuary. At this time, we are aware that there will be many opportunities for people to plug in and be a part of a project bigger than any one of us could pull off. In addition to all the people we hope will volunteer to grow some crops at home (yes, you can even recruit your neighbors) we will need the following: people to build the raised beds; people to plant and tend to flowers near and around the beds; people to regularly weed and tend to growing plants; people to start plants from seed; people to hand out vegetables on Saturdays; people to offer recipes for whatever we plant; people to prepare sample dishes of recipes; people who can help teach about nutrition; people who will take extras to the LSS food pantry...

Our hope is to make this year the inaugural year of an ongoing ministry of feeding that can involve many people in many ways so that from the youngest to the oldest among us there will be ways to connect to others and share our resources as we take part in "making room to feed neighbors." Who are our neighbors? Well, I think Jesus has much to say about that.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LESSONS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – HYMNAL SUPPLEMENT

8:30 AM Holy Communion
11:00 AM Holy Communion

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Epiphany Lutheran Church.
+ For Redeemer member Tom Kent.

+ *Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Pearl Aggas, Doris Bell, Jan Bouman, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Georgia Wegmeyer, Barb Atkinson, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Ellen Kunce, Evelyn Fitch, Estella Kuemmel, Theresa Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, Julianne Johnson, Robin Stokes and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro	Bernice Stewart
Acolyte	Caty McFarland	Daniel Pawlowski
Reader	Jill Disbro	Chad Eberle
Cantor	Linda Williams	
Coordinator	Kurt Goshen	Paul Atkinson
Ushers	Neil Hoddinott Kathy Zwanziger	Marilyn Roberts Tom Mimlich
Welcoming Team	Jon Disbro Sandra Keaton	Mary Benis Julija Volfa
Hospitality	The McFarlands	Diane Brobeck
Nursery	Tammy McFarland Jennifer Young (9:45)	Diane Montgomery

Communion Set-up Ranel Hoddinott & Eileen Day

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker Donna Voelkel
Baked Goods Deliverer Mary Benis
Note-writer Hilda Kautz

Food Pantry Delivery Cathy Oldham

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Preview and Discussion: Redeemer's 2010 Budget –
Church Council Members*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JANUARY 20-26

Wednesday

11:30 AM Central Ohio Conference
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4
7:00 PM First Light
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh
Day Adventists – Room 2
7:00 PM Bridge - Redeemer
8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive
Compulsive Anonymous)

Thursday

7:30 PM SPMHOTN

Friday

Saturday

8 AM-2 PM Red Cross Blood Drive
8:30 AM-
12:30 PM Council Retreat
9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh
Day Adventists

Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Holy Communion
7:00 PM Movie Night

Monday

3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 5
5:30 PM Evangelism
6:00 PM Fellowship
6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
6:00 PM Daisies – Room 4
6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Coffee & Theology –
Cup O Joe's, Bexley

Tuesday

1:00 PM Bible Study
6:15 PM Chimes Choir
7:15 PM Stewardship
7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for the safe return of Redeemer family members **Brad Binau, Jared Witt** and **Halldoor Gudmundsson** who were in Haiti when the earthquake struck and for those Haitians affected by the earthquake and those workers there to help.

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Word was received that former Redeemer Vicar **Michael Kern** and wife **Allison** became parents in October when **Noah Michael** was born. A picture is posted on the kiosk. *Congratulations!*

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Steve Winner's new email address is steve.winner@gmail.com

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

RLC 2010 Budget Preview

Redeemer's proposed budget for 2010 will be previewed and discussed in advance of the annual meeting on Sunday, January 24 during the Adult Sunday School class which begins at 9:45 a.m. Copies of RLC's Annual Report will be distributed at that time.

Blood Drive Set for Jan. 23

The next blood drive here at Redeemer will be held on Saturday, January 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the narthex.

There are still a number of appointment times available. To schedule a time, either sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex or call the church office at 237-1263 or the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Walk-ins are also welcome.

RLC's Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 31

The Annual Meeting of Redeemer Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 31. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. A congregational potluck will be held immediately after the 11 a.m. liturgy.

Reports for the Annual Meeting will be available Sunday, January 24. All members are encouraged to read through the reports, the financial records for the past year and the proposed 2010 budget. Come ready to be a part of Redeemer's future!

Year-End Statements Available

The year-end statements of giving for 2009 are now ready and available for pick up in the Narthex. Thanks to Financial Secretary **Bruce Collins** for getting these out!!

'Journey' Group Heads to CMA

The Interesting Journey group will be going to the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) on Sunday, January 24 to see the Chihuly Illuminated exhibit. Chihuly Illuminated focuses on the element of light intrinsic to Dale Chihuly's glass art. The exhibit includes neon sculpture, large-scale installations, drawings and related work from the early 1970's to the present.

Also included are pieces from the artist's private collection. Admission to the museum is free. The group will meet after the 11 a.m. church service to carpool to the Old Bag of Nails restaurant for lunch before heading to the museum. Please RSVP to **LaVerna Reinoehl** at (614) 236-5687 or reinoeh@insight.rr.com if you would like to go on this journey.

Help Needed to Fix, Serve Meal at First English on Feb. 11

"God has given us two hands -- one to receive with, and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing." Billy Graham

Redeemer Lutheran has committed to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1015 W. Main St., to provide the Thursday, February 11 evening community meal. Volunteers are needed to prepare a casserole (an easy recipe and pan are provided) or provide salad or bread.

In addition, others are needed who can serve the meal and clean up afterwards (5 – 8 p.m.).

A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex or contact **Kathy Denhard** at 596-3743 or kathyd0301@yahoo.com with questions or if you can help. Thank you for your support.

Picture Bibles Given RLC's 3-Year-Olds

Picture Bibles were presented Sunday to Redeemer's three-year-olds including **Roman Fisher, Sachio Phillips, Mason Brosious, Tomas Halldorsson, Corinne Montgomery** and **Doretha Holland's** grandson **Aiden**.

This follows up on the promises made at the children's baptism when the parents and sponsors agreed they would "place in their hands the holy scriptures."

2010 Offering Envelopes Available

The 2010 offering envelopes are now available in the Narthex for pickup. This year's set includes a new envelope for contributing to Redeemer's congregation-wide subscription to the *Lutheran* as well as monthly envelopes for "Building Maintenance."

Please remember that *Lutheran* is no longer a part of Redeemer's budget and the congregation-wide subscription is supported solely through contributions through this special offering. The annual cost per household is approximately \$10.

In addition, all contributions received through the "Building Maintenance" envelope will be deposited to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund to be used for future, major building expenditures such as parking lot repair and resurfacing, furnace, roof, etc.

So far, these funds have been used to help pay for repair of the front steps and the purchasing of scaffolding.

Envelopes for children in the congregation are also available for pickup.

LOMO Information Now Available

Information from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) about its summer programs at its four Ohio camps is now available. Flyers with the summer schedule can be picked up in the Narthex while more detailed information can be found online at www.lomocamps.org.

This year, LOMO is offering a reduced fee (\$50) for those registering online. In addition, Redeemer offers scholarships towards the camp fees: \$50 for a full week and \$25 for a half week.

To participate, please contact the church office by March 31 to let Kurt know what week your child will attend which camp so Redeemer can issue the check.

Please provide a copy of either the registration form or the confirmation email from the online registration to the church secretary.

Questions? Contact **Becky Fisher** at 321-6164 or **Michele Disbro** at 451-3642.

2010 Flower Chart

The chart for altar flowers for 2010 is on the kiosk. The cost per vase remains at \$20. Please put a checkmark next to your name when you sign up to indicate you intend to take your flowers with you after the services. Otherwise the flowers will either be taken to one of Redeemer's shut-ins or used in the Narthex.

RLC's Mission Endowment Fund

The Mission Endowment Fund is an important ministry within Redeemer Lutheran Church. Bequests to this fund either while

living or in memory of a loved one extend or continue a legacy in the name of the donor or the family. These gifts of love enhance Christ's purpose in the lives of God's children throughout the community.

The Mission Endowment Fund is diligently managed by a committee of responsible church members highly committed to supervising the use of these funds within approved guidelines and in the best interest of Christ's mission.

Gifts may come in the form of a will declaration, memorial or simply as a donation while still living.

Inquiries should be directed to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee Chair **Robin Stokes** at bird2861@yahoo.com.

Readers, Hospitality Sponsors Needed

Volunteers to read for the Sunday worship services as well as to set up Sunday morning hospitality – particularly following the late service – are both needed.

To read, sign-up on the sheet on the kiosk for either of the two Sunday worship services for now through Sunday, February 14. 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.

To volunteer to provide hospitality or to find out what that entails, call **Jon Disbro** at 451-3642.

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Lutherans Respond to Haiti Quake

Following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is working with partners on the ground to ensure that the people of Haiti get access to water, food and shelter.

Initially, LWR has pledged \$1 million to overall relief work in Haiti and has said it will reevaluate and likely increase that commitment as more information becomes available. As a result, \$150,000 has already been transferred to the Lutheran World Federation to help deliver water containers and purification materials as well as temporary shelter items.

According to a release from the ELCA, LWR is coordinating with 400 people on the ground through partnerships with Catholic Relief Services, local partners in Haiti and other international faith-based organizations.

LWR is also planning a shipment of quilts and health kits to Haiti in the coming days and is asking its U.S. supporters to increase donations of quilts, layettes and health kits as soon as possible.

Contributions toward relief efforts in Haiti can be sent to LWR; Haiti Earthquake; PO Box 17061; Baltimore MD 21298-9832 or to the ELCA Disaster Response (which will be used entirely for earthquake relief); PO Box 71764; Chicago IL 60694-1764.

Contributions can also be made by calling 800-638-3522 or 800-LWR-LWR-2 or by going online to <http://www.elca.org/haitiearthquake> or www.lwr.org.

Earthquake Strikes Close to Home

Three members of the Redeemer family – Trinity Seminary professor and students, **Brad Binau, Jared Witt** and **Halldoor Gudmundsson** – were in Haiti for the January term when the earthquake struck. All three are OK and are on their way home, having made it to the Dominican Republic by Sunday.

Lilly Gives ELCA \$1 Million to Address Seminary Debt Concerns

The Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, has awarded nearly \$1 million to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to continue and broaden its project that addresses the financial challenges of seminarians attending its eight seminaries.

The ELCA and partner institutions will match the grant with an additional \$1.1 million. Known as "Stewards of Abundance," the three-year project builds on two years of focused efforts by many ELCA leaders to address this concern.

In general, "more seminarians have debt, and their debts are larger," said Donald L. Huber, project coordinator. Such debts have negative implications for seminaries and for the church as seminary graduates seek to pay loans or default on them, which is already happening, he said. The goal is to reduce the number of students who graduate with debt and to lower the size of that debt, Huber said. Project leaders plan to develop an overall strategy for fundraising for students, he added.

Stewards of Abundance "will accelerate and coordinate" efforts already underway in financial education for seminarians, financial wellness plans developed by committees in ELCA synods that advise and approve candidates for professional leadership, a new seminarian health insurance plan, securing scholarship dollars and experiments to pay down student debt, he said.

The project includes a significant effort to raise scholarship resources for ELCA seminarians. Lilly Endowment designated \$320,000 of its grant for this effort, and the ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission will raise an additional \$500,000 as matching funds to encourage significant gifts for seminary education. An additional \$100,000 of the grant provides matching funds for financial education and coaching, Huber explained.

Debts carried by new pastors and professional lay leaders are a significant concern, said the Rev. Paul N. Hanson, director, Fund for Leaders, ELCA Development Services. "I believe that the research will show that this debt is having an adverse effect on ministry in congregations, and I trust that our combined efforts will help the ELCA solve this problem," he said.

"As people become more aware of it, particularly in the theological education community and in the synods, I hope this project will generate some excitement," said Huber. "We're doing the right things for the right reasons. This has potential for synod leadership and the theological education community ... to be a morale booster."

The ELCA has about 2,500 seminarians in its eight seminaries, and supervises the work of another 115 seminarians in other seminaries who are preparing for ordained ELCA ministry.