



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### *What Face Controls Your Face?!*

#### OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus

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Kent

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2<sup>nd</sup> year - Jared Witt

1<sup>st</sup> year - Joe Brosious

Are you the kind of person that looks for things to criticize or errors that are made by others? Are you someone who finds delight in the surprises of the day and the interruptions that can trip up your plans? You don't have to be one or the other. In fact, I would expect that most people are both. Sometimes it is easier to be one than the other.

There are many times when we, as my mom would say, "get up on the wrong side of the bed." When that happens, the whole day - even when we stumble upon moments of utter delightfulness - already is wearing a mask of discontentment. "Getting up on the wrong side of the bed" can be the face we wear through the whole day. We can work at keeping it up no matter what happens. We probably all know people who seem to let themselves ride through the day in such a mood. On Saturday Night Live such a person was Debbie Downer. She had a way with ruining the day. I often wonder how often I let myself be like her - always casting things in a negative light.

I recently watched the movie "Happy Go Lucky." The lead role was a grade school teacher who seemed unable to look with negative eyes at anything or anyone. It was hard to watch. I know I am not like that. She was able to take some of the most negative relationships in her life and stay above the temptation to let loose and attack or criticize. As the movie goes along though, she, too, meets a limit that confuses her because she lets go of the "happy" to deal with some realities that must be handled in another way.

As often as is possible, I try to let into my life the stumbles or the errors or the utter surprises that can change the moment at hand into something quite different than expected. This happens to me in worship quite often. There are so many things that can go wrong. Many of them are little things. Most of those have to do with "details." Since we have used "vergers" in worship, most of those surprises have been eliminated because Michelle or Wendy "have taken care of that" which allows me to breathe. Then there are those times when I misread or misspeak or misstep or simply march on even when I should have stopped.

Sunday the 11 a.m. liturgy was filled with what I would call "blessed distractions." At one time I saw so much joy in the face of a child that I was overwhelmed with emotion. It was during a hymn so I had time to regain some composure. At another time, my thoughts drifted off and realized that in place of being critical, it would be much better to embrace and accept and laugh.

When we worship at Redeemer there is a gracefulness that helps me not be possessed by what might go wrong. Instead, more and more - even when I "get out on the wrong side of the bed" - when I look around and see the many lives coming to be together to experience the faithful storytelling of the church, my frown can be transformed by joy. There are times when I can look for such joy. There are other times when I miss it ... just miss it - even when it is there.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### LESSONS

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Communion (Setting 6)

11:00 AM Holy Communion (Setting 6)

### INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Faith Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Katie Kent Smith.

+ *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

#### **8:30 AM**

**Assisting Minister**

Michelle Clemence

**Acolyte**

Jasmine McFarland

**Reader**

Carolyn Klopfer

**Cantor**

Katie Kent Smith

**Coordinator**

Kurt Goshen

**Ushers**

Ed Klopfer

Dick Kautz

**Welcoming Team**

Merle Hoops

Nancy Steiner

**Hospitality**

Nancy Steiner

**Nursery**

Becky Fisher

Gary Pawlowski (9:45)

#### **11:00 AM**

Mary Benis

Dayrel Billingsley

Diane Montgomery

Paul Atkinson

Mary Benis

Mike Benis

Jan Bouman

Mary Lapham

Annual Meeting & Potluck

Kristen Yanchak

**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

*A Kingdom without Walls –*

**Pastor Al**

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2

### **Wednesday**

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4

7:00 PM First Light

7:00 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists – Room 2

8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous)

### **Thursday**

7:30 PM Berwyn West Civic Association

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

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

12:15 PM Congregational Potluck

1:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting

### **Monday**

3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 5

6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3

6:00 PM Knitting Circle

6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday**

1:00 PM Bible Study

6:15 PM Chimes Choir

7:30 PM Berwick Civic Association

7:30 PM Senior Choir

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

It was good to see **Halldoor Gudmundsson** in church Sunday following his return from Haiti!!

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Congratulations to **Julie Day** on the birth of daughter **Sophia** on Sunday, January 24. Congratulations, also, to new grandparents, **Brett and Eileen Day** and great-grandparents **LaVerna and Dave Reinoehl!**

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**Thelma Johnson** would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards and prayers for her sister **Elsie Draughn** and her family on the death of Elsie's husband **Michael Draughn.**

# REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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 are now available. 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!

## Preschool/Child Care Survey

An interested group of members under the direction of Redeemer's Vision Team has met to explore the possibilities of using the church building for a preschool/child care center. To assist with the discernment process the group is seeking the congregation's input on several issues.

A short questionnaire will be in the bulletin on Sunday, January 31 and also available at the annual meeting. Each member is asked to take 5 minutes to fill out the questionnaire and leave it in the designated box in the narthex.

These responses are a critical next step to helping the group determine the interest and support of this outreach ministry.

Thank you for your participation in answering the preschool/child care survey.

## RLC Requests Updates for Directory

Redeemer is currently in the process of updating its *Membership Directory* and asks members to please contact the church with any changes they may have.

Along with any new information regarding street address, phone numbers and email addresses, it would also be helpful if we could remove defunct email addresses from the list. Please email your changes to [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com) with "Directory Update" in the subject line or call the church office at 237-1263 between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

You can also leave a voice mail message anytime at this same number.

## Souper Bowl Sunday Set for Feb. 7

Redeemer will observe Souper Bowl Sunday on February 7 by taking a special offering to fight hunger in the community through Lutheran Social Services. Last year, Redeemer was third in the Central Ohio region for the amount collected.

## 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!!

## 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](mailto:kathyd0301@yahoo.com) with questions or if you can help. Thank you for your support.

## FRIEDE Heads for Winter Hike

The FRIEDE (Females of Redeemer Involved in Eating, Dialogue and Entertainment) Group will be going for a winter hike Saturday, January 30 at Highbanks Metro Park (west off of U.S. Route 23 and north of I-270). The group will meet in the Highbanks Metro Park parking lot that is up to the left by the playground and restrooms at 9:30 a.m. Call **Michele Disbro** on her cell to meet up at (614) 286-0573.

Everyone is welcome to join the group!!

## 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](http://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.

## Member Profile

**Jasmin McFarland** is an eighth grader at Monroe Middle School, which is a more strict and traditional alternative school in Columbus. She likes school, especially art and anything creative.

In her spare time, Jasmin likes to stay active; she enjoys playing both basketball and volleyball and connecting with friends.

Jasmin lives with her mom and numerous siblings – three older and two younger. She says she's quiet and finds a big family to be a little tiring but also exciting.

Jasmin has been at Redeemer most of her life. She likes everything about the congregation and is looking forward to being confirmed this year. Already she's been helping out as an acolyte and in the nursery.

## Personals *cont'd from p. 2*

### February Birthdays

3-Karen Kent 4-Zoe Christenson  
4-Donna Voelkel 5-Georgene Slagle  
8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes  
11-Doris Bell 11-Stan Heacock  
12-Matthew Miller 13-Pearl Aggas  
14-Kurt Goshen 15-Nancy Ehrich  
16-Heidi Carman 17-Shirley Meyer  
24-Linda Williams 24-Susan Yehling  
25-Kenny Kauffman  
25-Bernice Stewart 26-Diane Brobeck  
28-Regie Powell

## The Wider Church

### Lutherans Donate \$1.4 M to Haiti Relief

As of Jan. 22 members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have contributed more than \$1.4 million to support recovery efforts in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

According to Christina Jackson-Skelton, ELCA treasurer, about 11,000 gifts have been processed, totaling \$1.43 million. With an additional \$165,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, \$1.6 million in gifts have been contributed to the ELCA to support relief efforts in the Caribbean nation.

The funds are being disbursed to three partner organizations of the church working on the ground in Haiti -- Church World Service, New York; The Lutheran World Federation, Geneva; and Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore.

"Almost two weeks have passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti," the **Rev. Mark S. Hanson**, ELCA presiding bishop, wrote in a Jan. 22 e-letter to members of the church. "The outpouring of gifts from members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to ELCA Disaster Response has enabled a swift response on behalf of this church."

Hanson said the funds allow the ELCA's partner organizations to provide two water purification systems to bring clean water to 25,000 people, secure food and medical supplies for thousands of people, and blankets and tents to shelter 10,000 people who are homeless.

"Funding, distributed through (the) three partners, will increase as giving continues," wrote Hanson. He said funds are also being sent to Lutheran Services Florida Inc., Tampa, to support Haitians entering or returning to the United States.

"We have a long road to travel together," Hanson wrote. "There is so much more to be done. This church is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Haiti for years to come."

Hanson said general mission-support dollars and gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission make it possible for 100 percent of gifts designated for "Haiti Earthquake Relief" to be used entirely for this response effort.

Thrivent Financial has committed to match funds contributed by Thrivent members on a one-to-two basis up to \$1 million. The match is a collective \$1 million for the ELCA, LWR, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Thrivent Financial, Minneapolis, is the nation's largest fraternal benefit society.

Financial contributions to support relief efforts in Haiti can be made at <http://www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake> or by calling 800-638-3522.

### Trinity Students Safe after Earthquake

As reported last week in *Reflections*, a group from Trinity Lutheran Seminary traveling in Haiti with **Professor Brad Binau** as part of a January Term course about mission work are safe and back in the U.S. following the earthquake in Port-au-Prince on January 12. This provides more details about their experiences.

The students were enrolled in the course "Immersed in Mission: Walking Together in Colorado and Haiti," led by Binau, professor of pastoral theology. They left for Haiti from Littleton, CO, on January 11 with a group of fellow students from Luther Seminary in Minnesota and members of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church in Littleton. Abiding Hope supports a variety of ministries in Haiti, including a home for boys, programs for children with special needs, college education programs, and a children's hospital. Abiding Hope pastor and Trinity graduate **Doug Hill** (1994) is traveling with the group.

After their arrival in Port-au-Prince, the group traveled to a town called Jacmel, south of the capital. The seminary received word following the earthquake that the group was safe there and had food and shelter.

Binau, an RLC member, reported that the group had a "harrowing experience," but also experienced miracles in the midst of the devastation.

Trinity's partnership with Abiding Hope and its ministries have provided opportunities for students to learn more about congregational and global mission work.

Among the seminary students traveling in Haiti are three students who are serving in Ministry in Context in Southern Ohio congregations, including **Alex Hoops** at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, **Kristen Umanis** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and **Jared Witt** at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Also there was **Halldoor Gudmundsson** who has been attending services here at Redeemer with his family.

However, a Wartburg senior seminarian, **Benjamin Larson**, is presumed to have died in the quake. He, along with his wife and cousin, were all inside the St. Joseph Home for Boys in Port-au-Prince when the earthquake hit. The other two made it out and are now back in the U.S.

### Waldorf College Sold, No Longer Affiliated with ELCA

Waldorf College, Forest City, IA, was sold January 8 to Mayes Education, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Columbia Southern University (CSU). With its new for-profit status, Waldorf is no longer affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The sale was prompted by a financial crisis at Waldorf. In April the Waldorf Lutheran College Association – the college's governing body – approved a series of resolutions that moved the school closer to a possible sale to CSU.

"Transfer of Waldorf College ownership to Columbia Southern University ends Waldorf's institutional relationship with the ELCA. Although Waldorf is no longer a college of the ELCA, we are in active conversation with the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation about their hope to develop an ELCA campus ministry for the college," said the **Rev. Stanley N. Olson**, executive director, ELCA Vocation and Education.