



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### *Laying Down and Picking Up - Lent is at Hand*

#### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here  
in the name of Jesus

Pastor - F. Allan Debelak

Secretary - Kurt Goshen

Lay Ministry Coordinator -

Kelley Scott

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

Chimes Choir Director - Karen

Kent

Youth REJOYSing - Julie

Larson

Youth Director -

#### CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President - Gage Gosnell

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Treasurer - Eileen Day

Financial Secretary - Bruce

Collins

Secretary - Kay Ernsthansen

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPS.

Church in Society - Kathy

Denhard

Evangelism - Jon Disbro

Fellowship - Donna Schmidt

Finance - Brad Phillips

Member Care - Carol Heacock

Parish Ed - Heidi Stover

Property - Maureen Callahan

Stewardship - John Kennedy

Worship - Michelle Clemence

Youth - Jennifer Young

#### MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Chairman - Robin Stokes

Treasurer - David Reinoehl

Secretary - Ashley Bird

Member - Helen Brunston

Member - William McCulley

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

#### MIC STUDENTS

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

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

Lent quickly approaches and in many ways it really does change the whole flow of the life of the congregation. I realized that as Kurt was working on the calendar for February. Everything has to be re-viewed and drawn into question. Building use changes and that has to be noted in the calendar. Some groups will not meet during Lent and other activities will fill those spaces in the calendar. Then on top of all that are the usual calendar changes that do not always make it to the office before the calendar is printed.

I say all of this because Lent really is a time for us to enter a life journey that is meant to question everything we are and everything we do. Traditionally we might say that it is the journey to the cross - a journey led by our Lord, Jesus. We might also say that it is a journey into a new life - that is shaped by that cross. As many of you know, I like to think of Lent as a time to take up a discipline. I do not "give up" anything - unless taking up a discipline means that I bump something else out of my life. Sometimes I think the discipline of Lent is really to remind us of the life-long discipline of following Jesus. Lent helps us become more focused because it is a limited time - 5 weeks ... we can do that! And yet, it bids us to come and follow ... for the rest of our lives. Year after year Lent gives us time to consider what this adventure called being followers of Jesus really does mean for everyday life.

For this church year, the worship theme is *What did we get into anyway!?!?* The season of Lent then carries this sub-theme: *Laying down everything - everything!?* Lent is a time of deliberation and contemplation. It is a time when we take on the exercise of letting go - laying down everything we thought we needed to carry with us along the way - and prayerfully taking hold of another life. It is like Peter having to put down all of his ideas of how life was to be with Jesus at the head and pick up the way that Jesus was going to lead them all. I don't think any of us really want to lay down our plans and to lay down our desires and wants and to lay down our need to control. But then ... Jesus says "get behind me." Get behind and follow the way he will go.

It may be that as we lay everything down, we will then pick some of it back up. It is really that moment of separation that helps all of us reconsider the stuff that is vital for the life into which we have been invited to live as followers of Jesus.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**. We will hold an abbreviated liturgy of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at **7 a.m.** for folks who want to start the day marked with ashes. We will then have our full liturgy at **7 p.m.**\* Then for all the Wednesdays of Lent, members and friends are invited to take part in our Soup & Bread Suppers at **6 p.m.**\* and Evening Worship at **7 p.m.**\* It is during these midweek liturgies that we will more closely peel back the meaning of our worship theme.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

**\*Please note the changes in the time for both the suppers and worship this year. We are trying to accommodate more people for worship.**

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### LESSONS

Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of 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 Fellowship Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Sarah Kirkman.

+ *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>    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Joe Brosious, MIC      | Joe Brosious, MIC  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>            | Rachel Metzler         | Colin Young        |
| <b>Reader</b>             | Kathy Zwanziger        | Chad Eberle        |
| <b>Cantor</b>             | Heidi Sherer           |                    |
| <b>Coordinator</b>        | Dick Kautz             | Bruce Collins      |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Jon Disbro             | Seth Harms         |
|                           | Hellen Brunston        | Thea Barbour-Harms |
| <b>Welcoming Team</b>     | Kathy Zwanziger        | Tony Naess         |
|                           | Paul Atkinson          | Kathy Denhard      |
| <b>Hospitality</b>        | Michelle Clemence      | TBA                |
| <b>Nursery</b>            | Renee & Caty McFarland | Mary Lapham        |
|                           | Julie Larson (9:45)    |                    |

**Communion Set-up** Tammy McFarland & Becky Fisher

### RESPONSE TO VISITORS

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Baked Goods Baker</b>     | Kathy Mimplitch |
| <b>Baked Goods Deliverer</b> | Kathy Zwanziger |
| <b>Note-writer</b>           | Edwina Bradley  |

**Food Pantry Delivery** Nancy & Kathie Ehrich

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision –*

**Pastor Al**

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 3-FEBRUARY 9

### **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**

7:00 PM Bridge

### **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 Parish Ed

### **Monday**

3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 5

6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3

6:00 PM Daisy's – Room 4

6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Member Care

### **Tuesday**

8:00 AM ROMEO

1:00 PM Bible Study

5:30 PM Evangelism

6:15 PM Chimes Choir

7:30 PM Senior Choir

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Grace Jones** who fell this past week and broke her hip. She had surgery on Saturday and is expected to return home on Tuesday, February 2.

Prayers are also asked for **Leyton John Wolfe** who was baptized Sunday.

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Volunteers are needed to work at the Food Pantry on Thursday, February 18 beginning at 10 a.m. If this is something you can do, please call **Kurt** in the church office at 237-1263.

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**Pastor Al** will be on vacation from February 8 until February 16.

## REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.

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

At least one more person to prepare the casserole and a couple more to help serve are needed as Redeemer provides the dinner at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1015 W. Main St., on Thursday, February 11.

The recipe and pan are available in the Narthex while the sign-up sheet to help serve and clean up afterwards (5-8 p.m.) is available on the kiosk.

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.

### RLC Upgrading Email Software

Redeemer is in the process of switching its email list software. One goal of this software is to solve the difficulty some people have been experiencing is receiving bulk emails from Redeemer.

The plan is to send the *Reflections* notification email using the new software for this issue of *Reflections*. Please let John Caron ([mrcville@gmail.com](mailto:mrcville@gmail.com)) know if you have any difficulties with the email.

### Pancake Supper Set for Feb. 16

This year's Lenten Soup Suppers kick off with the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16 in the Fellowship Hall. The last fling before the start of Lent the next day, the supper celebrates all the toppings possible for pancakes.

Think that is limited to maple syrup?? Ha! Bring your own favorite topping and join the Fellowship Committee beginning at 6:15 p.m. that night.

Thereafter, the soup suppers will be held on the five Wednesdays of Lent, beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. There will be a sign up list on the kiosk for people to volunteer to provide a soup or bread for these weeks.

### Sister Act Meets Feb. 10

Sister Act will meet next on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. This month, the group will be joined by volunteers from CHOICES, who will share information about eliminating domestic violence, about the CHOICES organization, and what communities of faith can do to get involved.

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 us! If you have any questions, contact **Kelley Scott** at [kelleynotez@yahoo.com](mailto:kelleynotez@yahoo.com) or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

### World Café Celebrates Valentine's Day in the Mediterranean

The February outing of World Café will be to **Aladdin's Eatery**, 2400 E. Main St. in Bexley, on Sunday, February 14 at 1 p.m. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or [jambird@aol.com](mailto:jambird@aol.com)) by Wednesday, February 10 whether you plan to come so that reservations can be made to ensure enough seating for all.

This group eats once a month at a different ethnic restaurant after the late service. New participants are always welcome to join!!

### 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.

### Funeral/Memorial Guide Available

The small group on planning a Christian funeral or memorial service, which met from October to January, has made available a form to be used as a guide. This form is available by calling Kurt in the church office at 237-1263, or from **Pastor Al, Ruth Murray** or **Karen Collins**.

Copies of the completed form can then be filed in the church office where they will be available to the pastor. Copies should also be given to family members.

### 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!!

### FRIEDE to Hold Euchre Night

The FRIEDE (Females of Redeemer Involved in Eating, Dialogue and Entertainment) Group will hold a Euchre Night on Friday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in Redeemer's Narthex. Folks are asked to bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

Questions should be directed to **Becky Fisher** at 321-6164. 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

**Dayson Billingsley** is a 16-year-old junior at Columbus Africentric Early College School, where it's possible (but hard!) for students to graduate from high school with an associate's degree. Dayson especially likes math and hands-on activities like building things. In addition, he's artistic and enjoys drawing.

Dayson lives with his mom, **Tomara Herring**, and his younger brother, **Dayrel**; older sister **Jenesis** is away at college. The family pet is a bearded dragon. Dayson enjoys having a lot of relatives nearby and spends much of his after-school time with a favorite cousin. They like to play basketball and video games most of all.

Dayson enjoys Redeemer and says it feels like home. He, too, made it to New Orleans with the Luther League last summer and thought it was a fun experience. Dayson helps out as an acolyte at church and as a server at Faith Mission.

## Report from 2010 Annual Meeting

\* Retiring church council members **Judith Bird**, **Becky Fisher**, **Wendy Stoica** and **Jenny Young** were recognized for their service as was outgoing president **Margie Frazier**.

\* **Bennett Whittaker** and **Julianne Johnson** and alternates **Tony Naess** and **Mary Benis** were elected delegates to the Synod Assembly set for May 21 and 22 at Wittenberg University.

\* Chair of the Finance Committee **Brad Phillips** highlighted the major changes in the proposed budget for 2010. These included the addition of a paid nursery staff position; the elimination of support for a ministry candidate (since Redeemer member **Michael Powell** will graduate this year); the separating out of the various utility costs so they can be tracked better; a decrease in the amount budgeted for pastor's pension – because the amount was incorrectly calculated in 2009, not because it is being reduced; and the budgeting of the mortgage at \$2,000/month although the payments are less than that. He said it is anticipated Redeemer would pay the lesser amount. He also noted that pastor's salary meets synod guidelines and the salary schedule approved by the congregation several years ago. Phillips did say the year ended in the black – but by only a little over \$2,000 – not enough, the council thought, to put any funds toward further payment of the mortgage. He added that the surplus that shows in the budget includes a \$5,000 contribution that was received in 2009 but was earmarked for expenditures in 2010.

\* The budget for 2010, which came in at a proposed level of \$285,000, was approved.

\* The congregation approved a motion charging church council with creating a task force to look at ways to deal now with the projected balloon payment on the mortgage of \$44,000 in 2027 – particularly since interest rates are so low. The report is due back to the congregation by June 30, 2010.

\* The congregation approved the redistribution of 2009 Mission Endowment Fund income of \$1,975.05 and the distribution of 2010 Mission Endowment Fund income of \$1,717.88 to community programming.

\* **Pastor Al** commented that a planning group continues to work on ideas that came from the Vision Day a year ago and that he anticipates a number of those ideas will come to fruition over 2010.

## The Wider Church

### 'Renewing Ecology of ELCA Task Force'

A 12-member task force of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), plus observers from other church bodies and staff, met together for the first time in January to begin work to develop and recommend options for the ELCA's future. Task force members will seek input for their work from ELCA leaders and members this spring.

At its November 2009 meeting, the ELCA Church Council approved a charter for the project, "Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA." The project task force is to study social and economic changes in the 20 years since the church was formed and "evaluate the organization, governance and interrelationships among this church's expressions," according to the project charter.

The task force is expected to develop a report and recommendations "that will position this church for the future and explore new possibilities for participating in God's mission," the charter states. The report and recommendations are to be presented to the Church Council, which is expected to consider transmitting recommendations to the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

The **Rev. Mark S. Hanson**, ELCA presiding bishop, told task force members that their work is very important. "I really have enormously high expectations," he said.

## The World Beyond

### CCWA Looks at Haiti Before/After

The Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) will host *Haiti: Before and After the Earthquake* on Thursday, February 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Savoy Suite (above the Zanzibar Brews Coffee House), King Lincoln Gateway, 740 E. Long St. The event, which includes **Joe Hallett**, a senior editor at the *Columbus Dispatch* and **Dr. Craig Roberts**, an Ohio State University professor and co-author of a dictionary of Haitian, French and English, is free but registration is required.

To register, call **Rhonda Nicholas** at 614-229-4599, ext. 401.

Also participating is Redeemer Ministry in Context student **Jared Witt** and Redeemer member **Brad Binau**.