



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### *The Dark Side and The Light Side of Money*

#### OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus

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#### MIC STUDENTS

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

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

The following was written by **Keith Munday**, ELCA assistant director for stewardship.

**Martin Luther** observed, "There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, mind and the purse." Today most people find the conversion of the purse to be the most difficult. For some this is surprising because Jesus spoke more frequently about money than any subject except the kingdom of God. The importance of money is reflected in the range of references in Jesus' life: from the parable of the sower to the parable of the rich farmer, from the encounter with the rich young ruler to the encounter with Zachaeus, from the teaching on trust (Matthew 6) to the teachings on the dangers of wealth (Luke 6). These references reflected Jesus' awareness and understanding of the importance of money.

As observed by author **Richard J. Foster** in *The Challenge of the Disciplined Life*, there are two divergent streams in Jesus' teachings about money. The first reflects the ways in which money can be a threat to our relationship. We see this in passages such as "Woe to you that are rich" (Luke 6:24), "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13), "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth" (Matthew 6:19), "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24), "Sell your possessions, and give alms" (Luke 12:33).

These passages reflect the **dark side of money**. This side represents a threat to our relationship with God and the power it can have in making decisions. The basis for this dark side is most often fear. Some people may fear being without money because their parents were without money at one time. Some may fear failure or success. Some believe money represents security in this world. It is the faith and trust we put in the value of money which represents the dark side. This trust overlooks the first commandment: "Thou shall have no other gods before me."

The second stream observed by Foster is the **light side of money**. This refers to money's use to enhance our relationship with God and for the benefit of humankind. We see this side of money reflected in passages such as "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9), the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the anointing of Jesus (Matthew 26:6-12; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8).

Many are called to be workers and leaders in business, education and government. Many have been given the talents to succeed through hard work. These efforts are acceptable to God and can bring money in return. It is the way we use this money that is important. We are asked to give first to God. By giving willingly we release ourselves from the power of money and open our hearts to others.

Foster offers several suggestions of how to master the dark side of money. Here are a few:

1. Read the passages referenced above and others that teach about money, possessions and wealth.
2. Bring the ministry of prayer to bear directly on money matters. Money is a spiritual issue and prayer is a primary tool in the life of the spirit.
3. Consider the influences of money in your life. Do you love money? Do you fear not having enough money? When has the amount of money in your life produced feelings of pride or shame?
4. Take steps to plan for the beneficial use of money. Prepare a household budget. Develop an estate plan.
5. Gather a community of support where you can talk about money and financial issues. Identify friends and advisors with whom you can talk openly about your struggles, concerns and plan.

In our role as stewards of God's money, we strive to keep God first in our life. And, we work together to be faithful in our use of money.

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### LESSONS

Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### 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 First English Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Ed and Carolyn Klopfer.

+ *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	Sandra Metzler	John Caron
Acolyte	Renee McFarland	Dayson Billingsley
Reader	Georgene Slagle	TBA
Cantor	Linda Williams	
Healing Team Prayers	Michelle Clemence Katie Kent Smith	Jared Witt Mary Benis
Healing Team Assistants	Linda Williams Joe Brosious	Tomara Herring Nikki Tournoux
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Jack Miller Becky Fisher	Heidi Sherer Thelma Johnson
Welcoming Team	Dick Kautz Julija Volfa	Mary Benis
Hospitality	Cathy Oldham Sue Baker	TBA
Nursery	Jessica Fisher Becky Fisher (9:45)	Seth & Thea Harms
Communion Set-up	Tammy McFarland & Becky Fisher	

### RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Kathy Mimplitch
Baked Goods Deliverer	Kathy Zwanziger
Note-writer	Edwina Bradley
Food Pantry Delivery	Nancy & Kathie Ehrich

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Incarnation: Divinely Human*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 10-FEBRUARY 16

### Wednesday

- 11:30 PM Central Ohio Conference
- 4-6:30 PM Tutoring – Room 2
- 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 Church Council

### 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
- 1:00 PM World Café – Aladdin's

### Monday

- 3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons
- 4-6:30 PM Tutoring – Room 2
- 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
- 7:00 PM DADS

### Tuesday

- 8:00 AM ROMEO
- 1:00 PM Bible Study
- 5:15 PM Evangelism
- 6:15 PM Chimes Choir
- 6:15 PM Pancake Supper
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Bob Frazier** who is in intensive care at Riverside Hospital; for **Theresa Frazier** and for **Shirley Meyer** who are having surgical procedures this week; and for **Kathie Ehrich** who is confined at home with a number of medical issues.

**Grace Jones** continues to recuperate at home following hip surgery.

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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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While **Pastor Al** is on vacation from February 8 until February 16 **Pastor Bob Ward** will be handling any pastoral emergencies. His work number is 252-3191 and his cell phone is 203-9904.

## Help Needed to Serve at First English

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

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.

## Offer A Blessing This Lent

During each time of worship on Sundays in the season of Lent Redeemer will offer a time of blessing beginning on Sunday, February 21. In preparation for the baptismal renewal on Easter morning, we will be reminded of how we are marked with the cross of Christ forever. We will do this each week following the hymn after the sermon. Six stations will be set up around the sanctuary. At each station a person will be waiting to mark you with a cross that will encourage us all to be mindful of how all the parts of our lives are blessed as we follow Jesus in the world.

**We need six volunteers who will serve as agents of blessing from these stations each week.** You may volunteer for one week or two or all of them. There will be a simple one line blessing each week that you will say to those who come to your station. In addition to the verbal blessing, you will trace the cross on or over representative parts of our lives: eyes, ears, feet, hands, shoulders, and heart.

To serve as one of the people offering blessings, you may sign up at the kiosk.

## Early Morning & Evening Ashes

On the morning of Ash Wednesday, February 17, Redeemer will offer an abbreviated liturgy with Ashes and Holy Communion. A number of people are not able to make it out to the evening service for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion and therefore the worship committee has set up this 7 a.m. brief rite for people on their way to work or school.

The regular Ash Wednesday service will be held that evening at 7 p.m. – an earlier time than historically to accommodate Redeemer's families.

## Saints Win Super, Souper Bowls!!

Not only did the New Orleans Saints win the Super Bowl, they also won Redeemer's Souper Bowl collection for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry. Commercials were a distant second.

Redeemer members contributed a total of \$1,112.07 in the Souper Bowl offering. With the addition of the \$900 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, that means a total of \$2,012.07 will be sent the food pantry.

The score, according to coordinator **Kathy Zwanziger**, broke down as follows: Saints: \$769.27; Colts: \$47; and commercials: \$295.80.

Thanks go out to everyone who contributed and to **Ty Pawlowski** who made the signs.

## A Note from Dolores Brannigan

Retired church secretary **Dolores Brannigan** wrote the following note to the congregation:

"It has been a month since I retired from Redeemer and I must tell you – I'm loving' it!

"I do want to thank you for the most generous gift you gave me and also for the reception that gave me the opportunity to personally bid everyone good bye.

"It has been a good 20 years. Pastor Al was the best boss I ever had. To top it all, you all have been gracious and accepting of this politically incorrect Republican conservative, Rush Limbaugh fan!

"Thanks again."

The note is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

## 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!!

## 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 is a sign up list on the kiosk for people to volunteer to provide a soup or bread for these weeks.

## Readers Needed for Worship Services

Volunteers to read for the Sunday worship services are needed for February 21 through Sunday, May 23.

A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. 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.

## **RLC Collects Coupons for Military Families; Box Tops for Education**

Redeemer continues to collect unexpired coupons with bar codes to send to military families. Please save any unused ones and deposit them in the marked box in Redeemer's Narthex.

Redeemer also continues to collect "Box Tops for Education" which can be found on a variety of products. These will be contributed to Berwick School.

## **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!!

## **RLC Upgrades Email Software**

Redeemer has switched 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 *Reflections* notification email now uses the new software. Please let John Caron ([mrcville@gmail.com](mailto:mrcville@gmail.com)) know if you have any difficulties with the email.

## **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!!

## **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.

## **The Wider Church**

### **ELCA Youth Return to New Orleans in 2012**

The Youth Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will return to New Orleans in 2012. Returning to a host city consecutively is unprecedented in the history of ELCA Youth Gatherings, according to **Heidi Hagstrom**, director for youth gatherings, ELCA Vocation and Education. The gathering will take place July 18-22, 2012.

Recognized as the largest event organized by the 4.6 million-member denomination, the ELCA Youth Gathering is a triennial event that brings together tens of thousands of high-school-age Lutherans from across the country and overseas for leadership development, faith formation, service opportunities and more.

In the summer of 2009 about 37,000 Lutheran teenagers, adult leaders and others gathered in New Orleans not only to paint and make home repairs but to learn about and experience the faith of people who live there. Residents of New Orleans and others along the U.S. Gulf Coast continue to recover more than four years after Hurricane Katrina.

"I don't think that we have learned all we can from New Orleans, yet," said Hagstrom. "New Orleans has so much to teach us about practicing God's hospitality. By paying attention to the spirit's activity in and through New Orleanians, I think we get a glimpse of God's intention for the whole world," she said.

### **Hymn Festival to Celebrate Schalk**

A hymn festival celebrating Chicago-based composer **Carl Schalk** and his legacy to the church will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley at 7 p.m. on the Day of Pentecost, May 23. The event, titled "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" in honor of one of Schalk's most beloved hymns, is presented by ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection, a local chapter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. It will feature the Schalk Festival Choir along with a variety of conductors, organists and instrumentalists from central Ohio and beyond.

For more information please see [www.cantorconnection.org](http://www.cantorconnection.org). Additional details will follow as the date draws nearer.