



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Laying the Foundation

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

Vice Pres. - Steve Winner

Treasurer - Eileen Day

Financial Secretary - Bruce

Collins

Secretary - Kay Ernsthause

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 Reinhoehl

Secretary - Ashley Bird

Member - Helen Brunston

Member - William McCulley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

1st year - Joe Brosious

Lay ministry is often referred to as "equipping ministry." Equipping ministry prepares people to understand their gifts and live out their calling in every area of their lives - church, community, family, marketplace, and mission. Several core foundational elements are necessary for equipping or lay ministry to occur in a valuable way. Strengthening, developing, and/or incorporating these fundamentals into the fabric of the church is essential. These elements include:

Prayer - The equipping church recognizes the inherent value of prayer as a means of discerning God's vision, developing leadership, and planning toward an equipping ministry model. Equipping church leaders rely on prayer to see God involved in all aspects of their ministry.

The Priesthood of All Believers and the Vision of the Church as Contained in Ephesians 4 - Every member in the body of Christ is gifted and called into ministry. The church embraces people holistically in the discovery of gifts, needs, and God's calling and seeks to equip people for ministry in the family, the church, the community, and the world.

Servant Leadership - Leaders demonstrate a genuine caring for people, a spirit of humility and authenticity, and a willingness to be accountable as they equip others to use their gifts in the body of Christ.

Team Ministry - Healthy community in team settings is built around the individuality of gifts, team accountability, and the willingness of people to work for the good of the body as a whole.

Intentionality - The church embraces equipping ministry as a value and models it through the intentional implementation of systems to prepare, connect, and equip people for ministry inside and outside the walls of the church. It calls a leader to facilitate the implementation throughout the body of Christ.

Proactive Response to Change - The church recognizes and embraces the organic characteristic of change and responds creatively and proactively to shifts in culture. She continually changes her methods, but always maintains the message of Christ regarding the church.

Peace, Kelley

Information for this article was taken from *The Equipping Church* by Sue Mallory.

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

LESSONS

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 (Hymnal Supplement)

11:00 AM Holy Communion (Hymnal Supplement)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Good Shepard Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Ellen Kunce.

+ *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, Theresa Frazier, Bob Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, Grace Jones, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Jared Witt	Kathy Denhard
Acolyte	Jill Disbro	Dayrel Billingsley
Reader	Kathy Zwanziger	TBA
Cantor	Heidi Sherer	Mary Benis
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Neil Hoddinott Kathy Zwanziger	Mary Benis Mike Benis
Welcoming Team	Barb Atkinson Hilda Kautz	Tomara Herring Mike Benis
Hospitality	TBA	Don Husted/Heidi Wick
Nursery	Tammy McFarland Jennifer Young (9:45)	Krista Pawlowski

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

Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry –

Pastor Al

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 2

Wednesday

- 5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper
- 7:00 PM Worship
- 7:00 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists – Room 2
- 8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous)

Thursday

- 7:00 PM Berwyn West Civic Association
- 7:30 PM Stewardship Committee

Friday

Saturday

- 9 AM-5 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists
- 9:30 PM Youth REJOYsing

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
- 6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
- 6:00 PM Knitting Circle
- 6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Property Committee – Rm. 1

Tuesday

- 1:00 PM Bible Study
- 6:15 PM Chimes Choir
- 7:30 PM Berwick Civic Association
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

March Birthdays

- 1-Todd Darst 1-Peder Johanson
- 3-Ranel Hoddinott 4-Petra Williams
- 6-Graham Bennett-Tabit
- 7-Earl Bradley 8-Janice Battiste
- 8-Helen Brunston 10- Jill Taplitch
- 12-Catherine McFarland
- 17-David Williams 20-Caron Collins
- 21-Imre Forbes 24-Carol Heacock
- 27-Margaret Farnham 28-Elmer Meyer
- 30-Colin Young 31-Ed Klopfer

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Prayers are asked for **Don Luck** who was hospitalized this past week and who will now be traveling to Florida.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Sunday, Feb. 28 the blessing is of our ears "that we may hear the gospel of Christ." Last Sunday, it was of our hearts "that God may dwell within us by faith."

Time to Order Easter Flowers

Snow or no snow, it is time to order Easter flowers! Lilies and pink, yellow or red tulips may be ordered using the envelopes in the Narthex.

The price is \$7 per plant. Orders must be received by Sunday, March 7.

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

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.

John Steiner, who is heading up the effort, stressed how much this can mean for military families who have a difficult time making ends meet. Coupons are often inserted in the Sunday paper.

RLC Collects Box Tops for Education

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 is Cooking!!

Join FRIEDE (Females of Redeemer Involved in Eating, Discussion and Entertainment) for the annual cooking dinner on Sunday, March 14, 5-8 p.m. at **Kathy Zwanziger's** (1489 Wilmore Dr). We'll have fun making new recipes! The menu is a secret until the evening of the dinner, but participants will be asked to bring specific ingredients to contribute. Please sign-up

on the kiosk in the Narthex. Call **Michelle Clemence** (614-266-2311) or **Kay Ernsthause** (614-291-8655) with questions.

Sister Act to Meet March 5

Sister Act will meet next on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at Redeemer. This month, the group will focus on prayer, different ways of praying, and useful prayer aids/tools as they join with others all over the globe in the World Day of Prayer and the call of Psalm 150 to "let everything that has breath praise God!"

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

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 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.

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.

Member Profile

Daniel Pawlowski is a lifelong Redeemer member. Perhaps that's one reason he feels that Redeemer "has a sense of family. We all kind of know who everyone is." If you've been a member for as long as Daniel, you've probably seen him in the Christmas pageants, of which he's always been a part. Or maybe you've attended the late service as he does usually, and noticed his filling the role of acolyte.

A seventh grader at Wagoner Jr. High School, Daniel was born in Columbus. Reynoldsburg is his home, where he lives with parents **Gary** and **Krista**, younger brother **Ty**, dogs **Josie** and **Sophie**, and cats **Kramer** and **Agatha**. His mom went to Capital University and met his dad through friends in Columbus, he relates, when questioned what brought his family to Columbus.

Although he has engaged in karate competition during the five years he's been involved with it, Daniel admits he joined it mostly for fun. His other big interest is coin collecting. "I'm working on all 50 state quarters in two different mints," he reports. He's finished the Philadelphia Mint collection, but is still working on the one from Denver.

When asked what else appeals to him about Redeemer, Daniel replied, "**Pastor Al** has a good sense of humor."

The Wider Church

St. James Offers Free Supper on Tuesdays

St. James Lutheran Church [5660 Trabue Rd. (across from Walmart)] said it will begin offering a free supper on Tuesdays to anyone who would like to attend. The dinners began February 16. Questions should be directed to **Margaret Planck** at 276-8757.

Concert Benefits Faith Mission

A concert featuring the Synchronicity Trio set for Sunday, March 14 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church (35 E. Stanton Ave., 43214) will benefit Faith Mission. The concert begins at 5 p.m. and will include classical and light classical music by Dvorak, Massenet, Francoeur, Handel/Halvorsen, Ravel, Kreisler, Denes Agay, John Williams and Scott Joplin.

The freewill donations will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. To maximize funds, folks are asked to make their checks payable to the West Franklin County Chapter of Thrivent and put Faith Mission in the memo line.

Ways to Help LWR in Haiti

Since the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) reports it has witnessed a phenomenal outpouring of compassion, even from communities across the world who are in dire need of help themselves.

LWR had a shipment of quilts and kits worth \$1 million planned to depart to Sierra Leone, one of the world's poorest countries. Following the devastating Haiti earthquake and the mounting needs there, LWR contacted its partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (ELCSL) and asked to reduce this shipment, sending half now and half when our stock of quilts and kits is replenished.

"Other organizations in similar situations might have expressed reservations about such a request," says **Trevor**

Knoblich, LWR's Program Coordinator for Material Resources. "Instead the ELCSL responded with tremendous compassion and gratitude."

In a note to LWR, the Bishop of the ELCSL said the request from LWR "creates an opportunity and fulfills for us a burning desire to give a helping hand to the people of Haiti in this, their hour of greatest need."

Thanks to the ELCSL's generosity, LWR was able to redirect more than 30,000 quilts and 6,500 health kits to Haiti.

LWR is working with partners on the ground to ensure that the people of Haiti get immediate access to water, food, sanitation and shelter. LWR is also committed to the long-term recovery of the people of Haiti.

Part of LWR's response involves sending quilts and health kits to Haiti. During times of emergency, quilts provide warmth, comfort, and even shelter. And when the difference between good health and disease is a bar of soap, a health kit is truly life-saving. In the recovery stages, school kits can provide valuable tools to help children get back on track.

The recent shipment to Haiti depleted LWR's stock of health kits, and there is an urgent need for more. And they continue to need quilts and school kits. "Will you help us fulfill the need for these items? We want to bring relief and comfort to the people of Haiti, but we also need to continue to fulfill requests from around the world."

As LWR continues to work with partners on the ground in Haiti and elsewhere in the world to set up shipments, it is asking for help. "Your generosity has allowed us to respond quickly to this disaster. Help make it possible for us to continue this life-saving ministry with quilts and health kits.

"If you already donate quilts and kits, thank you! We ask that you continue to send as many as you can. For quilt and kit-making instructions, drop-off site and shipping information, or to learn about other ways to help, please visit lwr.org/Haiti or call 800.LWR.LWR.2.

"You can also help LWR's relief efforts in Haiti on your mobile phone! Just text LWR to 40579 (use this number in place of a phone number), and a \$10 donation will be added to your cell phone bill."

Christians in Dialogue with Jews

Trinity Lutheran Seminary is sponsoring a "covenantal conversation": *Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism* on Tuesday, March 16 beginning at 7 p.m. The evening will feature **Rev. John Stendahl**, a contributor to the book on which the discussion is based, and **Rabbi Emily Rosenzweig** of Temple Israel here in Columbus.

The evening is another step in attempting to heal the rift between the faith traditions of Judaism and Christianity in the post-Holocaust era and to recognize and repudiate Christian sources of anti-Semitism.

There is a \$10/person registration fee if more than one from a church attends. See **Pastor Al** for additional information.

The Community Beyond

Habitat Annual Meeting April 15

Habitat for Humanity's Greater Columbus office will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, April 15 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Worthington. Those interested in attending are asked to mark their calendars; additional information will be forthcoming in the near future.