



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Weekday Devotions: A Daily Stop on this Journey of Following Jesus

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in the name of Jesus

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One of the great joys of the ongoing reading and study I do in my capacity as pastor is that I find things that are able to knock me down and make me roll around and come at the world with a bit of a change to the lens I use to see the world. Many times I simply wonder: *What can I do with this?!* Just this weekend I was throwing myself into another reading journey. I picked up a book I bought a month or two ago and thought it would be good to enter into it. Well, it became a trip of new insights that I know will continue to shape how I look at Scripture and our life as followers of Jesus.

I'm writing about this because I will start to use this book (*Texts that Linger Words that Explore*) as the basis for the weekday devotions I write. I find that it is important to be on a journey with other folks. Having said all that, I would like to invite you to subscribe to the weekday devotions. To do that, I suggest it may be best to go Redeemer's website and subscribe that way since we are in a transition as to how the devotions are emailed. If that doesn't work, let me know and I will let my computer guru (**John Caron**) fill me in on directions.

Texts that Linger Words that Explore is written by **Walter Brueggemann**. Presently, his writings have been the most stimulating and creative reading I am doing. I must admit I will lean toward his work whenever I have the opportunity. What is most important to me is that he reminds me that all of my readings of pieces of Scripture are to never come to an end. Rather, we must look again, to learn more about context and community needs of the day, to take word and stories and visions and then to begin to enter into the faithful imagination that is behind them.

In the weekday devotions (I don't do weekends) there will be a quote from this book, a reflection I write on that quote, a simple connection to everyday life, and then a prayer. Most days, these devotions go out between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. - most days. I have no idea who subscribes to them unless someone says something about a specific devotion or a specific "run" of devotions. I always enjoy those conversations. In some ways, I would write these even if it was an exercise of writing into the wind. After switching from one blogging service to another to post these daily devotions, I have lost track of how many I have written. Last recollection was over 1,600 entries. Lots of words - I know. What is most important is that it helps me stay focused and deliberate about what I say and how I follow our Lord, Jesus. That is the personal benefit for me.

There will always be wonderful writers who will throw me into new ways of seeing - even that which is most obvious. I love that experience. I'm certain that parts of Brueggemann's book will turn up in an Adult Sunday school class next year. For now, I am using it to become more centered and learn how to imagine more of the expansiveness and character of God's Reign.

And join me on the weekday journey that is Redeemer's daily devotions.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

LESSONS

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us with all your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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 & Rite of Healing (Setting 6)

11:00 AM Holy Communion & Rite of Healing (Setting 6)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Hilltop Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Julie and Koyla Larson.

+ *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

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthansen	Joe Brosious, MIC
Acolyte	Jasmin McFarland	Dayson Billingsley
Reader	Stan Heacock	Chad Eberle
Cantor	Katie Kent Smith	Jennifer Young
Healing Team Prayers	Carol Heacock	John Caron
	Peder Johanson	Bernice Stewart
Healing Team Assistants	Michelle Clemence	Mary Lapham
	Earl Bradley	Colin Young
Coordinator	Kathy Zwanziger	Dave Reinoehl
Ushers	Jon Disbro	Donna Voelkel
		Ruth Murray
Welcoming Team	Merle Hoops	Mary Benis
	Sandra Keaton	Mary Lapham
Hospitality	Katie McCleaf	Kathy Denhard
		Tony Naess
Nursery	Jessica Fisher	Diane Montgomery
	Becky Fisher (9:45)	
Communion Set-up	Linda Williams & Wendy Stoica	

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Kirsten Johanson
Baked Goods Deliverer	Mary Benis
Note-writer	Kathie Ehrich
Food Pantry Delivery	Barb Connors

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Embracing Mystery –
Pastor Al

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MARCH 10 - 16

Wednesday

- 11:30 AM Central Ohio Conference
- 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

- 7:30 PM Church Council

Friday

Saturday

- 9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists

Sunday

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion & Rite of Healing
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion
- 12:15 PM Worship Committee
- 1:00 PM World Café – Min-Ga
- 5:00 PM FRIEDE

Monday

- 3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9
- 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
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Committee
- 6:15 PM Chimes Choir
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for the following:

- The family of former Redeemer **Pastor Bob Menter** who died Sunday, March 7 following another stroke. "I look forward to experience what up to now I could only believe."

- **Dave Lippert** who is recovering at home following foot surgery and for **Faith Wick** who is having a surgical procedure this week.

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Bob Frazier has called and he is doing "absolutely wonderfully."

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Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL recently featured its alumnus and Redeemer member **William McCulley**, class of 1967, for his work founding and organizing the annual Good Neighbors Picnic for the Homeless here in Columbus. The article is posted on the kiosk.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

Time to Spring Forward

Daylight savings time kicks in at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14 so before going to bed Saturday night remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour.

RLC Seeks Nursery Attendant

Church Council approved the hiring of a nursery attendant at its February meeting. This position, funded in the 2010 budget passed by the congregation at the January annual meeting, is for every Sunday morning, Christmas Eve, and during the Annual Meeting. Other times may be added as needed. The nursery attendant should have knowledge and experience with infants and children through age 5.

If interested in this position and desire a job description, please submit a resume and direct any questions to **Pastor Al** by Sunday, March 14.

Health Kits Urgently Needed

Lutheran World Relief sent 6,500 health kits to Haiti in response to the earthquake – diverting some from another country. LWR's supply of health kits is low and they are now responding to the earthquake and its aftermath in Chile. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene when disaster strikes. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Church in Society will spearhead a drive to collect items for health kits. If you want to take part you can bring items for the kits, or put a kit (or two...) together yourself. Include the following items in each health kit:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended.
- One washcloth, dark color recommended.
- One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file).
- Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band.

You can also contribute to defray LWR's shipping cost (and ours) if you want. Thanks for your help!

Offer A Blessing This Lent

During each time of worship on Sundays in the season of Lent Redeemer is offering a time of blessing. In preparation for the baptismal renewal on Easter morning, we will be reminded of how we are marked with the cross of Christ forever. This occurs each week following the hymn after the sermon. Four to six stations are 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, March 14 the blessing is of our hands "that God's mercy may be known in your work." Last Sunday, it was of our eyes "that we may see the light of Christ illuminating our way."

Readers Needed for Holy Week

Readers are needed for both services on Palm/Passion Sunday on March 28 and for Good Friday, April 2. The Good Friday reading duties will be shared with volunteers from Christ United Methodist Church, who are joining Redeemer for the 7 p.m. Good Friday service.

Sign up sheets for both are on the kiosk in the Narthex as are the readings.

Youth are invited to participate as well as adults.

Readers Needed for Sunday Services

Volunteers to read for the Sunday worship services are needed for now 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.

World Café Visits Korea

The March outing of World Café will be to Min-Ga Korean Restaurant, 800 Bethel Rd., on Sunday, March 14 at 1 p.m. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or jambird@aol.com) by Wednesday, March 10 whether you will be participating so that we can make reservations to ensure enough seating for all. Folks can either meet the group at the restaurant or carpool from church at 12:30 p.m.

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

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.

'Journey' Goes Maple Surgaring

The Interesting Journey group will experience the making of maple syrup from one of our own on Sunday, March 21. Redeemer member **Eric Reinoehl** has invited the group to his home in Westerville to see his backyard maple syrup project. The sap has just begun to drip. Over the next three weeks, Eric hopes to collect about 40 gallons of sap to boil down to 1 gallon of syrup.

The group will gather following the 11 a.m. church service to carpool to Berwick Party House for the Berwick Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner before heading to Eric's house. The cost of the lunch is \$9. Please RSVP to **LaVerna Reinoehl** at (614) 236-5687 or reinoeh@insight.rr.com if you would like to go.

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 and can also be found in various magazines.

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.

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.

Personals *cont'd from p. 2*

Calendar Updates

-Movie night has been moved from Sunday, March 28 to March 21 to avoid conflicts on Palm Sunday. Starting time remains 7 p.m.

-There will be no Wednesday evening service on March 31.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

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Membership Directory Update

Marilyn Roberts has a new email address: marilyn.r4458@att.net

The Wider Church

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.

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.

Attention, Thrivent Members!

You may have read that Thrivent Financial's charitable dollars will be distributed differently from now on. For the past several years Redeemer was annually awarded up to approximately \$1,200 – in matching gifts. For example, if the youth group raised \$600 at the Easter breakfast, Thrivent gave the congregation \$600; if the youth group then raised \$900 at the yard sale, Thrivent contributed \$600 – to total \$1,200 for the year.

Most often the money from Thrivent was saved for a few years, then used to help the youth group attend the National Youth Gathering.

This program is no longer available. The new program is called Thrivent Choice and consists of two components:

- **Voting** – All benefit and associate members will be eligible to "vote" to distribute a portion of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds among a short list of national charities (Lutheran and non-Lutheran), one to two times per year.

- **"Choice Dollars"** – Approximately 30 percent of benefit members will be able to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including Lutheran congregations. (Approximately 75 percent of past participants in the GivingPlus program will be eligible to direct Choice Dollars.)

Eligibility for Choice Dollars is based on a benefit member's insurance premiums, account values and volunteer leadership. Most eligible benefit members will be able to direct between \$25 and \$100, and some may be able to direct as much as \$500.

The first voting event will occur in April and will allow members to vote for a short list of national organizations online or via a business reply card in *Thrivent* magazine.

Check at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoiceinfo or contact your local Lutheran Engagement Team for more information.

Eastmoor Presents 'Once on This Island'

Redeemer members **Seth Harms** directs and **Jackson Harms** is featured in the latest offering from the Eastmoor Academy Performing Arts High School: "Once on This Island."

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, March 25 - 27; and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 28. Tickets run \$6 for students and \$8 for adults.

The school is at 417 S. Weyant Ave.