



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### *A Ministry & Mission Project Fit For Everyone*

#### 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

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Secretary - Kay Ernsthausen

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPS.

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Fellowship - Donna Schmidt

Finance - Brad Phillips

Member Care - Carol Heacock

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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

Sunday during the "Sending Announcements" I drew people's attention to a new display in the Narthex. It is meant to be an interactive display. This means, there are many ways for members and friends of Redeemer to plug into a program that will begin this spring and move into the early fall. As part of the work of our Vision Day 2008 and then follow-up work by the Vision Team, the interest on feeding and gardening and working collaboratively with people in our community will hopefully become a reality.

**Making Room - to Feed Neighbors** is a many faceted ministry and mission in, with, and under the life of Redeemer and our neighborhood. The display in the Narthex is an attempt to show everyone the many ways a variety a cross-generational team can enter into this project in ways that will fit into their lives. *The simple goal:* help to feed neighbors. *The way we will do that is also simple:* we will grow fresh vegetables and herbs. *This will happen on several levels:*

- 1.) A raised-bed learning garden built between the sanctuary and the south educational wing of our building.
  - a. Some people will volunteer to build the raised beds.
  - b. Some people will volunteer to obtain contributions of the following:
    - i. concrete block for the raised beds.
    - ii. clean top soil and compost.
    - iii. flats of vegetables from area nurseries.
  - c. Some people will volunteer to plant and work on flower beds around the vegetable gardens.
- 2.) Dedicating (Making Room) a small garden space at homes to grow vegetable and herbs. (Small children' pools can be used for these home spaces.)
  - a. This can be done in an existing garden.
  - b. This can between other plants in your yard or patio or porch.
- 3.) Beginning in June, everyone that is **making room - to feed neighbors** will start to bring their home-grown food to Redeemer on Saturday mornings.
  - a. Other volunteers will be present to give all the food away free!
  - b. Other volunteers will set up and take down a few tables.
- 4.) Any extra vegetables and herbs brought in and not given away will be taken to the LSS Frebis/Champion Food Pantry for distribution at the pantry.

I know that this project needs many volunteers. I also know that many people are willing to volunteer when they are given many ways to do something. A project of many people working toward a common goal makes many things possible and benefits all who take the time and effort to make room. I will be available to discuss the project and so will those people who have already signed up to be on the planning team. In talking with our neighboring civic associations, there seems to be strong interest and excitement.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

### LESSONS

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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 (Setting 2)

11:00 AM Holy Communion (Setting 2)

### INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Carrie Lindburg.

+ *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 Estella Kuemmel and Redeemer visitors.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Preacher/Presider	Dr. Cheryl Peterson	
Assisting Minister	Stan Heacock	Mary Benis
Acolyte	Rachel Metzler	Daniel Pawlowski
Reader	Phil Metzler	Kathy Denhard
Cantor	Heidi Sherer	Mary Benis
Coordinator	Kathy Zwanziger	Dave Reinoehl
Ushers	Becky Fisher	Thelma Johnson Ruth Murray
Welcoming Team	Kathy Zwanziger Stan Heacock	Tony Naess Kathy Denhard
Hospitality	The McFarlands	TBA
Nursery	Michele Disbro Eileen Day (9:45)	Kristen Yanchak

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

*The Reign of King David-*

Ron Hals

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MARCH 17 - 23

### 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

- 7:30 PM SPMHOTN

### 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
- 7:00 PM Movie Night

### 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 Daisy's – Room 4
- 6:00 PM Fellowship
- 6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Coffee & Theology  
– Cup O Joe's
- 7:00 PM Condo Association – Rm. 1

### Tuesday

- 6:15 PM Chimes Choir
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

**Pastor Al** will be on vacation, visiting his daughter in New York, Wednesday through Sunday, March 17 – 21 and then will be on retreat from Monday through Wednesday, March 22 – 24.

In his absence, **Pastor Eric Moehring** will be on call. He can be reached at 237-4241 (work) or 448-7580 (cell).

## REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

### Health Kits Supplies Needed

Redeemer is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. Thousands were sent to Haiti early this year, depleting available supplies on hand.

Health kits include the following items: 1 hand towel and 1 washcloth (dark colors recommended); one regular bar of soap (in original packing); 1 sturdy comb; 1 adult toothbrush (in original packing); 1 metal nail file (or clippers with a metal file); 6 Band-Aids ( ½ “ or ¾”).

**The focus this week is on the hand towels and washcloths.** Please bring the items to church and deposit in the marked box in the Narthex.

### RLC Seeks Volunteers for Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help Redeemer staff the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry at Champion and Frebis. The hours are 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Redeemer is scheduled to work on the following Thursdays: April 15, May 13, July 15 and August 12. The church tries to send a team of five individuals.

However, the list of members willing to help out at the food pantry is getting slim: the more who can help – even on just one of the dates – the fewer times any one individual will be called on throughout the year.

So if you can help on one of these days or are willing to be added to Redeemer’s roster of food pantry volunteers, sign up on the kiosk or call Kurt in the church office at 237-1263. Questions should be directed to **John Steiner** at (740) 927-7347.

### 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.

Sunday, March 21 the blessing is of our shoulders “that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.” Last Sunday, it was of our hands “that God’s mercy may be known in your work.”

### Nursery Gold Award Project

My name is **Renee McFarland** and I am an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 1947. I will be redecorating the church nursery for my Gold Award. I will be painting the walls, washing the toys and bringing in newer toys and books for the nursery.

But I’m going to need some help so I’m asking for new or gently used toys for children from 0-5 years old, books new or gently used, glider rocker, and paint supplies.

With your help it will make the nursery more playful and sanitary for children. If you can help please contact me at: (614) 495-6566.

### ‘Journey’ Goes Maple Sugaring

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](mailto:reinoeh@insight.rr.com) if you would like to go.

### Movie Night Moves to March 21

For March, Movie Night moves to the third Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

### 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.

### VBS Coming June 27

Mark your calendars now and have a Baobab Blast with Vacation Bible School June 27 through July 1. Plan to take a grand adventure to the African savannah as we explore connections with God, family, friends, and others around the world. You'll want to experience the most amazing community get-together under the sun! Watch for more information coming soon....

Questions can be directed to VBS co-coordinators Trina Thornton at [psherman02@yahoo.com](mailto:psherman02@yahoo.com) or Kelley Scott at [kelleynotez@yahoo.com](mailto:kelleynotez@yahoo.com). Trina and Kelley can also be contacted by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

### 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](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

### 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!

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](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoiceinfo) or contact your local Lutheran Engagement Team for more information.

### CU Chapel Choir to Sing at Grace

The Capital University (CU) Chapel Choir will present a concert on Sunday, April 11 at 7:30 at Grace Lutheran Church (100 E. Schrock Rd., Westerville).

Tickets are not required and there is no admission charge but a freewill offering will be taken.

### ELCA to Release Statement on Genetics

The draft social statement on genetics, prepared by the ELCA Task Force on Genetics, will be released to the church and to the public on Thursday, March 18. This statement, planned for action by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, was requested by the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

ELCA leaders and members are asked to study the statement and provide comments to the task force by Oct. 15, 2010. A final proposed document, with possible revisions based on comment and review, will then be prepared.

Members of the task force included biologists, researchers, farmers, clergy, business people, ethicists, theologians and others. The draft has five general themes:

- Christians view genetic developments in light of God's work "that is ever creative and steadfast."
- The statement holds that humans are responsible as "imaginative stewards" who are called to dedicate themselves to the flourishing of the creation.
- The ethical imperative in relation to genetic advances is to respect and promote the community of life with justice and wisdom.
- How the ELCA is called to be a community that engages the issues, individually, intentionally and deliberatively with care and respect.
- It offers broad convictions regarding genetic developments but illustrates how those convictions play out with discussion of a few particular advances in medicine, stem cell research and genetic engineering of plants, animals and humans.

Information about the social statement on genetics is at <http://www.ELCA.org/genetics> on the ELCA website.

## The Community Beyond

### 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.