



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Looking Ahead to Holy Week at Redeemer

OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus
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Kent
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt
1st year - Joe Brosious

As you read this, we will be heading into the last week of the season of Lent. We then move toward Holy Week. The Journey through Lent can be one of slow meditation or even a time of discipline and a gentle unfolding of the way of Jesus. When we arrive at Holy Week, on Sunday, March 28 the pace picks up. For years, **Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday**. As we know so well, the liturgy moves from the processional Gospel that is read in the Narthex to the procession into the sanctuary as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The liturgy on this Sunday then moves toward the cross. There is no preaching on this Sunday because we take the time to read the entire Passion Story According to Luke. Six readers will be used at each liturgy and the congregation will sing verses of hymns between each reading.

The next time we gather for worship in Holy Week is on **Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m.** The focus of this liturgy on April 1 is the command to love one another. Once again, there is no preaching in this liturgy as the "word of the day" is left up to the foot-washing - a visible. The foot washing is an optional part of the liturgy in which there are three stations set up at the foot of the stairs leading up to the chancel. Hymns are sung by the congregation as people who want to participate in the foot washing come forward, sit in the front row, take off shoes and socks, and then move to a vacant washing station. Both feet will be gently washed (water poured over the feet and then towel dried). After the washing you may put on shoes and socks and return to your seat in the sanctuary. The rest of the liturgy unfolds as a Holy Communion liturgy. **On this evening, there will be a congregational potluck before worship beginning at 6 p.m.**

On **Good Friday** there will be **two opportunities to worship - one at noon, Roses at the Cross; and then one at 7 p.m., Lights at the Cross**. Roses at the Cross will feature Redeemer's choir and special music, preaching, hymns, and time for people to place roses near a large cross that will be lying on the steps leading to the chancel. This simple exercise is meant to be one for meditation and prayer and will take place during the times of singing and special music. We have found that people often lay down a rose and then simply sit in a front pew for a few moments of prayer. Lights at the cross follows a similar pattern of meditation as with the roses. The difference will be that people may light a candle and put it into boxes of sand around the large cross. Members of Christ United Methodist Church will be joining us for this liturgy. Readers from both congregations will present the Passion Story according to John. Choirs from both congregations will offer special music and we will allow ourselves plenty of time to sing hymns for the day.

I will save until another day comments about our liturgy for the Resurrection of Our Lord. These are all days that have historically shaped the character of the followers of Jesus.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY

LESSONS

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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 Hope Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Dave Lippert & Margie Frazier.

+ *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

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Assisting Minister	Michele Clemence	Jared Witt, MIC
Acolyte	Jill Disbro	Dayrel Billingsley
Reader		Bernice Stewart
Coordinator	Kathy Zwanziger	Dave Reinoehl
Ushers	Kurt Goshen Earl Bradley	Marilyn Roberts Tom Mimplitch
Welcoming Team	Dick Kautz Paul Atkinson	Karen Wilson Mary Benis
Hospitality	William Goshen Kurt Goshen	Margie Frazier Dave Lippert
Nursery	Tammy McFarland Jennifer Young (9:45)	Mary Lapham

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 Joseph Story – Part 2 –
Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MARCH 24-30

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 Berwyn West Association
- 7:30 PM Stewardship

Friday

Saturday

- 9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists
- 11:00 AM Book Study – Pastors house

Sunday

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion
- 12:15 PM Annual Youth Easter Party

Monday

- 3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9
- 5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 5
- 6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Room 3
- 6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

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

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Pastor Al 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).

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A note has been received from Bob Frazier where he expressed his and Theresa's "continued appreciation for visits, prayers, cards, [and] calls during this difficult time."

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 adult toothbrushes and sturdy combs. In addition, we will still be collecting dark color hand towels.

Youth Easter Party Set for March 28

Redeemer's youth and their families are invited for pizza, crafts and an egg hunt on Palm Sunday, March 28. Festivities will start following the late service and conclude by 2 p.m. There is a \$2 donation per person. This is always a fun family event. Direct any questions to **Krista Pawlowski** at 575-9536.

RLC Youth Plan Easter Breakfast

Come, join in celebrating Easter Sunday with food and fellowship on April 4 from 9 to 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A yummy menu of pancakes, egg casserole, sausage, fruit, and lots of other good stuff is planned for this annual Easter morning meal, hosted by Redeemer's youth and Luther League. All donations will benefit Redeemer youth programming and activities.

If you have any questions, contact **Trina Thornton** at psherman02@yahoo.com or (740) 756-4817 or **Phil Metzler** at phil.metzler@mt.com or (614) 487-1280.

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 28 – the last Sunday this will be done – the blessing is of our feet “that you may follow the way of Christ.” Last Sunday, it was of our shoulders “that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.”

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.

Sign Ups Continue for ‘Making Room’

As noted in the March 15 *Reflections*, there are a number of ways that members of Redeemer can become involved in the “Making Room – to Feed Neighbors” project over the next several months. This multi-faceted ministry encompasses the growing and then giving away of fresh produce either here at Redeemer or through the LSS Frebis/Champion Food Pantry.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities ranging from building raised beds here at church to planting and tending the plants to manning the Saturday morning distribution.

Check out the display in the Narthex to see where you might fit and volunteer as Redeemer seeks “to make room to feed our neighbors.”

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.

Sister Act to Meet April 12

Sister Act will meet next on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. downstairs. This month, the group will continue the focus on prayer, different ways of praying, and useful prayer aids/tools.

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.

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 or Kelley Scott at 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.

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

CU Chapel Choir to Perform at Lincoln Theatre on March 28

Capital University's Chapel Choir will present a special afternoon performance on Sunday, March 28, at the historic Lincoln Theatre in Columbus.

The performance begins at 3:30 pm at 769 E. Long St. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available in the Conservatory Office in Leonard Hall (cash and check accepted) and at the Lincoln Theatre on day of show. Tickets may also be purchased by credit cards through the CAPA office – 39 E. State St. downtown Columbus, 614-469-0939, at the Lincoln or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Trinity Seminary Choir to Sing Evensong

The Trinity Seminary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present a Choral Evensong on Friday, April 23 at 8 p.m. in the seminary's Gloria Dei Worship Center where they will sing Mozart's Coronation Mass.

Tickets are not required and there is no admission charge but a freewill offering will be taken. Parking is free in the seminary parking lot.

ELCA Releases Draft Statement on Genetics

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) released a 49-page draft social statement on genetics, a framework for discussion on a variety of current topics in the field including certain advances in medicine, reproductive cloning, human embryonic stem cells, and animal and plant genetic engineering on Thursday, March 18.

The full text of the Draft Social Statement on Genetics, an executive summary and a question-and-answer document are online at <http://www.ELCA.org/geneticsdraft>.

The draft was prepared by the ELCA Task Force on Genetics, formed after the social statement was authorized by the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Individuals and congregations are invited to study and discuss the draft, and provide feedback to the task force by October 15. The draft will be revised based on the feedback, and a proposed social statement is to be released in February 2011.

Sale of Dana College Ends ELCA

Affiliation

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, is in the process of being acquired by Dana Education Corporation (DEC), a for-profit organization based in Nebraska. The completion of the sale, expected to be this summer, will end the college's affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Dana College's mission, accreditation, programs, degrees, faculty, campus and facilities will remain unchanged. All faculty positions will remain in place.

The agreement with DEC will resolve the college's long-standing financial resource issues, according to the college's March 16 news release.

Once the sale is finalized, the ELCA will have 26 colleges and universities across the country. On January 8, 2010, Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, was sold to a for-profit company, ending the college's affiliation with the ELCA.

Ohio is home to Capital and Wittenberg universities, both Lutheran universities affiliated with the ELCA. The ELCA also has campus ministries at Ohio State University (Columbus), Ohio University (Athens), Miami University (Oxford), and the University of Cincinnati.

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.