



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### *Following Jesus Step by Step*

#### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here  
in the name of Jesus

Pastor - F. Allan Debelak

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Kent

Youth REJOYsing - Julie  
Larson

Youth Director -

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

#### MIC STUDENTS

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

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

I've been reading a fascinating book entitled *Unfinished Business: Returning the Ministry to the People of God* by Greg Ogden. In it, the author makes the argument that the Reformation was only partially fulfilled; the "unfinished business" of placing ministry in the hands of the people has never been fully realized. In the book, Ogden points to the church as an organism, not an institution. The church as a living organism is "an interdependent, life-pulsating people who are indwelt by the presence of a resurrected and reigning Christ." This living organism (the church) envisions people who are fully grown up and assuming full responsibility as followers of Christ.

Ogden believes we live in a historical moment of enormous opportunity and shows how each of us is called to help fully realize the Reformation's unfinished business: expressing the priesthood of every believer practically in the church, the world, and all avenues of life. I have to admit that I have bristled a few times at some of the statements and concepts that Ogden presents. Not because it doesn't make sense or because I don't agree, but because it is a different perspective than the "institutional" church that I grew up with and have experienced most of my life. I believe that ministry belongs to all people, but how do we make that a reality? I believe that we are all equally valued and gifted, but ....? I believe that interdependence and community is central to our faith, but ....? Perhaps the "but" is just an excuse, a hesitation or reluctance on my part in rolling up my sleeves and putting my beliefs into action. What can I do as an individual? Sometimes it just seems too overwhelming.

Perhaps we take one step at a time ... and perhaps some steps move us forward while some keep us moving in place or some shift us side to side ... but they are steps nonetheless.

As experienced in the recent Lenten blessing stations, perhaps one step is acknowledging the blessings of our hearts, ears, eyes, hands, shoulders, and feet as useful and necessary to following Jesus' example ... and then being intentional in using them in that way.

Perhaps one step is shifting the language we use in the church to a more equipping mind-set, where we "share the ministry" instead of "delegate," "serve" instead of "volunteer," participate in "teams" instead of "committees," and focus our efforts on "ministries" instead of "programs."

Perhaps one step is paying more attention to the person sitting next to us in the pew and acknowledging them and their needs with a heartfelt smile or listening ear or word of affirmation in addition to a casual greeting.

What better time of year to think about how we live out our calling as followers of Christ than as we experience the tragedy of Jesus' death and joy of Jesus' resurrection. Let us be motivated beyond Easter Sunday to live out Christ's vision as a community formed in his image and inspired by his spirit. Together, let's follow Christ step by step.

Peace, Kelley

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/ EASTER DAY

#### LESSONS

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of resurrection, through your Son, 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 Hosanna Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Donald Luck.

+ *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>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jon Disbro	Seth Harms
<b>Acolyte</b>	Renee McFarland	Colin Young
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Zwanziger	Chad Eberle
<b>Coordinator</b>	Kurt Goshen	Paul Atkinson
<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Zwanziger	Mike Benis
	Neil Hoddinott	Mary Benis
<b>Welcoming Team</b>	Michele Disbro	Becky Fisher
	Nancy Steiner	Tomara Herring
<b>Hospitality</b>	Luther League Breakfast	
<b>Nursery</b>	Jessica Fisher	Jessica Fisher
	Jessica Fisher (9:45)	

**Communion Set-up**                      Michele Disbro & Tammy McFarland

#### RESPONSE TO VISITORS

<b>Baked Goods Baker</b>	Shirley Meyer
<b>Baked Goods Deliverer</b>	Leslie Roy
<b>Note-writer</b>	Betty Hoops

*Food Pantry Delivery*                      Cathy Oldham

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*9 – 11:15 a.m.*

*Luther League Easter Breakfast*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MARCH 31-APRIL 6

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

- 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 PM Service/ Foot-washing

#### Friday

- Noon Roses at the Cross
- 7:00 PM Lights at the Cross

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Luther League Breakfast
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion

#### 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 Property Committee – Rm 1

#### Tuesday

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

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Kim** and **Kendall Turner** who welcomed **Kampbell Charlotte Rose** on Friday, March 26. Proud grandparents are **Shirley** and **Nelson Meyer** and great-grandfather, **Elmer Meyer**.

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Prayers are also asked for the **Paul Voytas family** on the death of Paul's father this past week.

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### April Birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1-Gabriel Reinoehl   | 1-Carl Andree     |
| 2-Vernon Schleppe    | 3-Chad Eberle     |
| 4-Dayson Billingsley | 4-Jack Miller     |
| 4-Jenny Young        | 5-Wendy Stoica    |
| 6-Donna Schmidt      | 7-Teri Forbes     |
| 14-Jeff Jenkins      | 15-Pat Bennett    |
| 15-Jillanne Disbro   | 16-Michael Benis  |
| 18-Georgia Wegmeyer  |                   |
| 19-Damon Stewart     | 23-Tomara Herring |
| 24-Michele Clemence  | 24-Elaine Disbro  |
| 27-Margie Farzier    | 28-Edwina Bradley |
| 30-Richard Amon      | 30-Marc Forbes    |

## REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

### Maundy Thursday: Potluck, Worship

On Maundy Thursday of Holy Week – this year, April 1 – Redeemer holds both a potluck dinner followed by worship.

**Potluck:** We begin the evening with a potluck in the fellowship hall. Families are asked to bring both a hot and a cold dish while singles need bring only one dish. As is always the case around here, you may either bring your own table service or use what is provided at the dinner. **The potluck begins at 6 p.m.**

**Worship:** Worship will begin at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Therefore, after dinner, we will take time to have people move to the sanctuary and prepare for worship. The liturgy will move along as it has in the past. For the Holy Communion part of the liturgy, we will use the Hymnal Supplement.

In place of the sermon for the day, there will be the **option** for people to take part in a foot washing – a visible reflection on the gospel. There will be two or three stations in the front of the nave at the bottom of the stairs to the chancel. During the foot washing, hymns will be sung as three people take position at the three stations. If you choose to have your feet washed, you simply come up to the front row of chairs, remove your shoes and socks, wait for an available station, leave your shoes at your seat and move to a foot washing station.

The foot washing is as simple as this: you will lift one foot over a basin and then the foot washer will pour water over one foot and then use a towel to dry your foot. Repeat this for the other foot. Not everyone is expected to take part in the foot washing. It is a tradition followed in many churches and was received well last year.

### Easter Worship

This Sunday, April 4, *The Resurrection of Our Lord*, in addition to the celebration of Holy Communion, Redeemer will welcome new members into the congregation, baptize infants, and enter into the Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant. At the 8:30 a.m. liturgy we will baptize **Milah Amon** and at the 11a.m. liturgy we will baptize **Sophia Marie Brush** and welcome **Donna Marie** and **Wes Jones** and **Leah Whittaker** into the congregation by affirmation of faith. Throughout the Easter season we will be welcoming new members by affirmation of faith and baptism.

**Worship on Easter morning:  
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

### RLC Youth Plan Easter Breakfast

Come, join in celebrating Easter Sunday with food and fellowship on Sunday 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](mailto:psherman02@yahoo.com) or (740) 756-4817 or **Phil Metzler** at [phil.metzler@mt.com](mailto:phil.metzler@mt.com) or (614) 487-1280.

### 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 ( 1/2 " or 3/4").

**Julie Johnson** reports that Redeemer has assemble 50 kits already and is close to 90 with the addition of hand towels, adult toothbrushes and sturdy combs.

**However, this week the focus is on metal nail file (or clippers with a file attached) and hand towels (darker colors are recommended).**

### Mailing Contributions

For those members who use the weekly envelopes to mail in their offering, **please strike through the barcode.** It is wrong and sends your contribution on a cross country (or at least to Georgia and back) trip.

### 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.

### **World Café Heads South of the Border**

The April outing of World Café will be to **Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy**, 3950 Gramercy St. (at Easton), on **Sunday, April 11** at 1 p.m. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or [jambird@aol.com](mailto:jambird@aol.com)) by **Wednesday, April 7** that you will be participating so that we can make reservations to ensure enough seating for all.

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

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Game Night Set for May 7**

A game night for the entire Redeemer church family ages 5 to 105 is planned for **Friday, May 7** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dinner will be provided as will activities and child care for younger children.

Cost is \$2/person or \$5/family. Folks are asked to bring favorite games and a dessert or party snack. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the kiosk.

### **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 [psberman02@yahoo.com](mailto:psberman02@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 Deadline March 31**

**Wednesday, March 31** is the deadline for the reduced camp fee for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) summer programs. It is also the deadline for notifying the church office that your child will be participating in Redeemer's own scholarship program. Redeemer offers scholarships towards the camp fees: \$50 for a full week and \$25 for a half week. 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**

### **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.