



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Worship: The Ongoing Power of the Resurrection

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here
in the name of Jesus

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Secretary - Kurt Goshen

Lay Ministry Coordinator -

Kelley Scott

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

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Kent

Youth REJOYSing - Julie

Larson

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President - Gage Gosnell

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

1st year - Joe Brosious

Sometimes on the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord, I am so caught up in the visuals and the singing and the number of people at hand that I stumble. You all know what that's like when I stumble in worship - I leave things out of the liturgy - I turn to do this and instead I do that. Sorry folks - that's me, even when I do not mean to be absent-minded. Then again, the Day of Resurrection is never harmed by the imperfections of any person or any group. The day shines because in the words around us and water thrown and the meal offered, we are a people who live into a promise.

I would like to thank everyone who gathers together to make music for our congregation when we gather for worship. Easter Sunday was beautiful. Then again, choir and instrumental music carried us through all of Holy Week! Yesterday, the brass quartet lifted the roof off of the sanctuary during the playing of the prelude.

I would also like to thank **Michelle Clemence** and **Wendy Stoica** who serve as the vergers for our worship. Many folks do not know that they are vital to what goes on each week. During Holy Week and on Easter, it is really their diligence at what they do that makes life for me a bit easier and offer everyone a smooth moving liturgy - even when I forget things!

Most people do not know that every year a small band of people come out on Holy Saturday and take care of putting in place all of the flowers in the chancel. **Karen** and **Bruce Collins** usually lead this troop and this year **Jeanne Eakin** was there helping to balance color and the "look" of things. This year I thought that the flowers were used well to create what I would call a garden of the resurrection - beautiful.

Michelle is also the one who designed the sweeping fabric that creates a grand "resurrection" tent over the front half of the nave. If you remember the Christmas creation, this one is very similar to it. I was surprised very early in the morning on Easter - before daybreak - when I turned on a few lights in the sanctuary and saw this resurrection creation. It makes it real easy for us to "lift up our eyes" to praise our God in worship.

Finally, I cannot say how important it is to me to see all the regular faces - the people who come every week or at least in a regular pattern of worship during the year. I not only think that our faithfulness is nurtured when we are people who come to worship, I think the people who come to worship are nurtured by the presence of others. On any given Sunday, there are words to be heard - lyrics to hymns that can touch us - dynamics of anthems that stir us - children wandering in the midst of the community that delight us - instrumental music that rocks us - and the faces, all the faces of the saints who have been baptized in Christ Jesus and find it to be important to come and worship - who come and worship.

You all make days like the Resurrection of our Lord - a reminder to me of the ongoing power of the resurrection.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LESSONS

Acts 5:27-32; 1 Revelations 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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 & Rite of Healing (Setting 6)

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

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Linden Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Katie McCleaf.

+ *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
Assisting Minister	Joe Brosious, MIC	Jared Witt, MIC
Acolyte	Eric Vivens	Dayson Billingsley
Reader		Stan Heacock
Cantor	Katie Kent Smith	
Healing Team Prayers	Kathy Zwanziger Michele Disbro	Sabine Lamar Jared Witt
Healing Team Assistants	Linda Williams Heidi Sherer	Donna Schmidt Mandi Schwaderer
Coordinator	Kurt Goshen	Paul Atkinson
Ushers	Ed Klopfer Dick Kautz	Thea Barbour-Harms
Welcoming Team	Hilda Kautz Stan Heacock	Mike Benis Barb Atkinson
Hospitality	Nancy Steiner	
Nursery	Renee & Caty McFarland Becky Fisher (9:45)	Sarah Fisher
Communion Set-up	Michele Disbro & Tammy McFarland	

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Shirley Meyer
Baked Goods Deliverer	Leslie Roy
Note-writer	Betty Hoops
Food Pantry Delivery	Cathy Oldham

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Joseph Story – Part 3 –

Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

APRIL 7-13

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

- 7:30 PM Church Council

Friday

Saturday

- 9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists
10-11:30 PM Confirmation

Sunday

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Holy Communion
1:00 PM World Café - Abuelo's

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
6:30 PM Juniors – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Sister Act

Tuesday

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

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Milah Ranel Amon and **Sophia Marie Brush** were both baptized Sunday. Milah is the daughter of Redeemer members **Richard** and **Brandi Amon**; the granddaughter of **Tracy Hoddinott** and great-granddaughter of **Neil** and **Ranel Hoddinott** while **Sophia** is the daughter of **Julie Day** and **Jacob Brush**, the granddaughter of **Eileen** and **Bret Day** and great-granddaughter of **LaVerna** and **David Reinhoehl**.

In addition, **Donna Marie** and **Wes Jones** and **Leah Whittaker** were received into membership.

Welcome to all!!

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

Health Kits Supplies Needed

Thanks have been received from the Church in Society Committee for the congregation's generous contributions for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Health Kits. These kits are used by LWR to help people who are suddenly displaced by war or natural disaster. Thousands were sent to Haiti early this year, depleting available supplies on hand.

So far Redeemer has assembled 50 kits and is close to 90 with the addition of 30 hand towels (dark colors), 31 adult toothbrushes, 37 sturdy combs and 48 nail clippers with metal file.

In addition, the "loose change" offering through the month of April will be used to cover the cost of mailing the kits to LWR as well as to purchase missing items to complete the kits.

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").

Mailing Contributions to RLC

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.

Sign Ups Continue for 'Making Room'

There continue to be 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."

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) 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 or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

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.

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 signup sheet will be posted on the kiosk.

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.

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.

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.

LOMO Sponsors Open House May 2

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO) will host an Open House on Sunday, May 2 from 2-5 pm at Camp Mowana and Lutheran Memorial Camp.

During this open house, guests may tour the grounds and facilities, see the camper cabins and meet some of the summer staff. No registration is need to attend the open house.

For more information, please contact either Camp Mowana (419)589-7406 or Lutheran Memorial Camp (419) 864-8030.

Camp Mowana is located near Mansfield and Lutheran Memorial Camp is located near Mt. Gilead. Camps run June 20 through August 15, 2010.

Registration for a summer camp, which run from June 20 to August 15, can be handled online at www.lomocamps.org. Both full and partial week camps are offered.

Southern Ohio Synod Assembly Set for May 21

The 2010 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly will be held on Friday, May 21 at Wittenberg University in Springfield. The theme is "Disciples Making Disciples" from the Biblical text of Matthew 28:19-20.

According to the synod, "Our congregations grow when we invest in others, as does the Kingdom of God. While

attending this year's assembly you'll learn how your investment in our synod and church-wide ministries equip and enable our congregations and global partners to be and make disciples for Christ."

Additional information on the assembly can be found online at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly website at <http://associationdatabase.com/aws/SOS/pt/sp/assembly> .

Hanson Participates in Summit on HIV

An international group of religious and spiritual leaders pledged "stronger, more visible and practical leadership in the response to HIV" at a global Summit of Religious Leaders on HIV that was held in March. **The Rev. Mark S. Hanson**, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), attended the summit.

"Our focus was ending stigma and discrimination for those who are HIV positive and who have AIDS. We recognized that religious communities have been part of that," Hanson said. A key piece of the summit was that people living with HIV and AIDS were full participants, he said.

According to the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA), Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh leaders met with executive directors of the Joint United Nations (U.N.) Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA), the AIDS ambassadors of The Netherlands and Sweden, leaders and representatives of networks of people living with HIV and other organizations working in the response to HIV, the EAA reported.

"I've been part of other events, but I've never been part of such a group of people at this level and such diverse religious communities," Hanson said.

An estimated 33.2 million people are living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. Of those, 1.2 million are living in the United States. Hanson said the ELCA's 2009 Churchwide Assembly agreed to raise \$10 million over a three-year period to fund its Strategy on HIV and AIDS.

Participants affirmed in a concluding statement a "renewed sense of urgency" to set priorities and strengthen response to HIV. Such response includes "holistic prevention" in addition to reaching universal access to treatment, care and support.

The statement called for "universal respect for the human rights of all people living with ... affected by and at risk of HIV infection," and "respect for the dignity of every human being." The religious leaders called for "a massive social mobilization" for support services for women to eliminate the transmission of HIV from mother to child, EAA's release said.

The Community Beyond

Kent Smith Performs in Musical

Part Rock Concert, Part Dance Crew, Part Musical, All for Charity! SNAP! Performance Productions presents, "Hugh vs. the Black and White"- May 6 7, 8 at the newly renovated Lincoln Theatre. Come see Katie Kent Smith in this amazing show. SNAP! is a nonprofit organization of people committed to helping the community through performance. Tickets are \$21 and a portion of each ticket sold goes to Recreation Unlimited. Order tickets through Katie (614-893-1072) or through SNAP's website at www.snapcolumbus.org/tickets.