



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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What Is Your S.H.A.P.E.?

*For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Ephesians 2:10 (NRSV)*

Have you ever thought about your S.H.A.P.E.? I don't mean your physical health and the shape of your body. This S.H.A.P.E. is about what makes each of us unique and distinctive. Our individuality is a sacred trust. What we do with it "shapes" our faith as we journey together being followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all.

We are created to contribute to God's kingdom. When we use what God has graced us with, people are helped, He is honored, and we are fulfilled. Take a moment to think about your S.H.A.P.E. in this way:

Spiritual Gifts – A set of special abilities that God has given to you to share his love and serve others.

Heart – The special passions God has given you so that you can glorify him on earth. What drives you? Who do you care about? What needs will you meet? What cause will you help address?

Abilities – The set of talents that God gave you when you were born.

Personality – The special way God wired you to navigate life and fulfill your unique purpose. How do you relate to others? How do you respond to opportunities and situations?

Experiences – Those parts of your past, both positive and painful, which God intends to use in great ways.

What is your S.H.A.P.E.? Have you ever thought of your uniqueness in this way? Are you curious to learn more about your S.H.A.P.E.? Over time, it is my hope that we will develop a practice at Redeemer to discover, rediscover, and/or further explore each of our S.H.A.P.E.s using a variety of tools.

Each one of us is a special part of God's plan and purpose, *just as we are!*

Peace, Kelley

Information for this article was taken, in part, from *S.H.A.P.E.* by Erik Rees.

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

Vice Pres. – Steve Winner

Treasurer – Eileen Day

Financial Secretary - Bruce

Collins

Secretary – Kay Ernsthansen

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPS.

Church in Society – Kathy

Denhard

Evangelism – Jon Disbro

Fellowship – Donna Schmidt

Finance – Brad Phillips

Member Care – Carol Heacock

Parish Ed – Heidi Stover

Property – Maureen Callahan

Stewardship – John Kennedy

Worship – Michelle Clemence

Youth – Jennifer Young

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Chairman - Robin Stokes

Treasurer - David Reinhoel

Secretary – Ashley Bird

Member – Helen Brunston

Member – William McCulley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year – Jared Witt

1st year – Joe Brosious

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LESSONS

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; 1 Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Barbara McCoy.

+ *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, Vernon Schleppe, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes Estella Kuemmel and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Preacher	Jared Witt	Jared Witt
Assisting Minister	Kathy Zwanziger	Joe Brosious
Acolyte	Caty McFarland	Daniel Pawlowski
Reader	Georgene Slagle	Chad Eberle
Cantor	Heidi Sherer	
Coordinator	Kurt Goshen	Paul Atkinson
Ushers	Jon Disbro	Kathy Denhard Tony Naess
Welcoming Team	Katie McCleaf Jon Disbro	Mary Lapham Jan Bouman
Hospitality	The McFarlands	Dave Lippert Margie Frazier
Nursery	Michele Disbro Eileen Day (9:45)	Seth Harms
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 4 –
Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

APRIL 14-20

Wednesday

- 11:30 AM Central Ohio Conference
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

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry
7:30 PM SPMHOTN

Friday

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM Worship Committee

Monday

- 3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 5
5:30 PM Evangelism Committee
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
6:15 PM Chimes Choir
7:15 PM Mutual Ministry
7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

REMINDER: *Reflections* deadline is 7 a.m. Monday mornings. Mail items for inclusion to info@Redeemerluth.com with the notation "for *Reflections*" in the subject line.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

RLC Seeks 2 More Food Pantry Volunteers for April 15

Two more volunteers are needed to help Redeemer staff the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry at Champion and Frebis this Thursday, April 15. The hours are 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you can help, please call Kurt at the church office at 237-1263.

In addition, Redeemer is scheduled to work on the following Thursdays: May 13, July 15 and August 12. The church tries to send a team of five individuals each shift. The contingent for May 13 is full but volunteers for the other two dates are still needed.

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.

'Making Room' Moves on to Filling Beds, Planting

Raised beds are rising! Vegetable garden beds, that is. Now they must be filled – which will be done Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m. (shoveling compost) and on Saturday, April 17 when volunteers to help shovel dirt and plant would be welcome. Efforts start at 10 a.m. Saturday with the planting expected to begin about 12:30 p.m.

In addition, there continue to be a number of other ways 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 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."

VBS Helpers Sought

Come be a part of the Baobab Blast with Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer (June 27 through July 1)! Are you interested in helping out in some way? More information and sign-up sheets will be available at a display in the Narthex starting Sunday, April 25.

Lots of opportunities exist! 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!

Questions can be directed to VBS co-coordinators **Trina Thornton** at psberman02@yahoo.com or **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com. Trina and Kelley can also be contacted by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

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.

Cookies Needed

Donations of cookies to be used for Sunday hospitality are needed. Packaged cookies can be left on the kitchenette counter in the Narthex.

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.

Building Use Reminder

Members are asked that when they use the building to return the areas in use to the way they were found. This also means picking up any messes and making sure the doors are locked and – if they are the last out of the building – the alarm is set.

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.

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.

March Council Update

The following information was taken from reports submitted to Church Council at its meeting on Thursday, April 8.

Budget (through March)

Year-to-date income (budget) – \$61,430 (21.6% of budget)

Year-to-date expenses - \$65,589

Transfer from 2009 - \$5,000

Surplus or (Deficit) - \$841

* Benevolence payments weren't made for March because of the cash flow.

* The Executive Committee is looking into whether Redeemer's constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions need updating.

* **Ed Stover** and **Jeff Montgomery** agreed to handle the audit this year. They have met once. Final results will be published in **Reflections**.

* **Pastor Al** reported the church has submitted two applications for Neighborhood Partnership grants: one for \$8,000 for a community garden and one for \$5,000 for "A Between Place" – basketball court related.

* The Balloon Payment Task Force (**Judith Bird**, chair; **Steve Winner** and **Brad Phillips**) has met. Recommendations will be submitted to council no later than the June meeting.

- * Youth Committee reported that 18 youth and 16 adults participated in the Easter Party.
- * Fellowship Committee reported an average of nearly 29 people attended the weekly soup suppers during Lent.
- * **Pastor Al** reported that attendance averaged 135 at both services in March – 46 at 8:30 and 89 at 11.

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>.

Redeemer's delegates, elected at the annual meeting last January, are **Bennett Whittaker** and **Julianne Johnson** and alternates **Tony Naess** and **Mary Benis**.

ELCA Council Revises Ministry Policies

The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted a series of historic and sweeping revisions to ministry policy documents April 10, the result of months of extensive writing, comment and review by hundreds of leaders and members following the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. Attendees at that assembly directed that policies be

revised to make it possible for eligible Lutherans in committed, publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA clergy and professional lay leaders. In addition, the assembly adopted a social statement on human sexuality.

The council adopted revisions to four documents that spell out the church's behavioral expectations of ELCA professional leaders, that specify grounds for discipline of professional leaders and that are used by regional committees to help guide candidates seeking to become professional leaders in the ELCA.

Each revised document was adopted overwhelmingly with **Rev. Keith A. Hunsinger**, council member from Oak Harbor, OH who said he does not agree with the sexuality decisions made in August 2009, abstaining on each vote. "My conscience won't allow me to vote for any of these documents, but as a member of the board of directors, I can't vote against the will of the churchwide assembly," he told the ELCA News Service.

However, Hunsinger told the council that the final forms of each document reflected "the breadth and depth" of the decisions, including the fact that "we agreed to live under a big tent," and that multiple voices would be heard. "Because those documents now said that, I feel my ideas and I are still welcome in the ELCA," he said.

The revised policies are effective immediately, said **David D. Swartling**, ELCA secretary. Final revised text of each document will be posted online at <http://www.ELCA.org/ministryolicies> by the end of April, he said.

Following council approval of the policies, the **Rev. Mark S. Hanson**, ELCA presiding bishop, expressed his appreciation to many, including the council and the Conference of Bishops for leading the revision process over the past few months.

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.

Hymn Festival to Celebrate Schalk

A hymn festival celebrating Chicago-based composer **Carl Schalk** and his legacy to the church will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley at 7 p.m. on the Day of Pentecost, May 23. The event, titled "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" in honor of one of Schalk's most beloved hymns, is presented by ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection, a local chapter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. It will feature the Schalk Festival Choir along with a variety of conductors, organists and instrumentalists from central Ohio and beyond.

For more information please see www.cantorconnection.org. Additional details will follow as the date draws nearer.