



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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With Water, Light, Salt, A Promise - We Face All Fears

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in the name of Jesus

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In writing the Redeemer devotion for our webpage, I was caught by a comment by Walter Brueggemann on "the ruling class." He noted that this class is "those who govern the imagination, control the flow of images, and adjudicate what is worthy - so much control and legitimate environment that their young inhale those assumptions and visions without effort."

It could be very easy to say, "That is what is happening in our society - our children are being 'brain-washed.'" I cannot go there. I want to go farther. I want to be critical of every generation that allows the culture of the day to win their hearts and minds and take hold of who we are and who we can or even must be. It is easy to look around and see how the culture of the day has been able to sway us and mold us and shape us. After I read this piece from Brueggemann, I started to take a look at my own life and the ways I have allowed myself to, in a sense, lose my faithful imagination for an imagination that is governed by the ruling class. I prefer saying *dominant culture* to ruling class. Many of the parts of our lives are ruled by what sells or what is the pathway of the majority or what keeps me safe as I want to be safe.

How does one govern imagination? Obviously it is in many ways. One of those ways is through fear. When we can create something that we must fear, it is easy to steer people and limit their vision. After 9/11 we were able to steer ourselves into war even when we were able to prove to ourselves that there was no need to enter into a war in Iraq. But at that moment, fear was able to twist us like a tornado - tearing up our roots and throwing us around as though we had no ability to stay put. I'm not so much commenting on the war in Iraq as I am commenting on how quickly we lose our imagination and fall for what seems to be a reactive impulse.

All of this doesn't just happen now. Back in the 1950's, people were so filled with fear about the "red threat" we did some odd things that really had no bearing on that threat. The threat was real. And yet, what did we do? We added "under God" into the pledge of allegiance. Someone convinced us that if that "God" word wasn't in that pledge, those "folks" would take us over. Unfortunately, I think that action took the power out of being people who follow Jesus. How? We were left with a nebulous God that is used like a magical incantation. We let ourselves be convinced that faithful people needed something to wave around to ward off the threat that we thought was going "get us." That is fear at its best - taking away our imagination and controlling our images.

In each and every generation, we - the followers of Jesus - must resist the cultural fear that will always attempt to make us turn into something we are not. We are not a people ruled by fear and its easy answers. Rather, we are a people who know our God - as seen in Jesus - and no power will dominate us. We mark ourselves with that cross and turn to our children and one another to nurture the imagination of the Reign of God. In such times and places, we baptize - that is our way to face all fears and live with a sense of faithful imagination.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

5RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LESSONS

Acts 11:1-18; 1 Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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 North Community Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Tammy, Abigail, Renee, Caty, Jasmin, Emma & Avery McFarland.

+ *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

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Assisting Minister	Joe Brosious, MIC	Kathy Denhard
Acolyte	Rachel Metzler	Dayrel Billingsley
Reader	Georgene Slagle	Chad Eberle
Cantor	Katie Kent Smith	
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Earl Bradley	Marilyn Roberts
	Kurt Goshen	Tom Mimplitch
Welcoming Team	Hilda Kautz	Tony Naess
	Linda Williams	Kathy Denhard
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence	Margie Frazier
		Dave Lippert
Nursery	Renee & Caty McFarland	Brad Phillips & Misato In
	Julie Larson (9:45)	
Communion Set-up	Kathy Zwanziger & Kristen Yanchak	

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Kay Ernsthausen
Baked Goods Deliverer	Mary Benis
Note-writer	Jeff Jenkins

Food Pantry Delivery Kathie & Nancy Ehrich

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Joseph Story: Genesis 42 -

Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

APRIL 28-MAY 4

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 Stewardship

Friday

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Parish Education

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 – Room 1

Tuesday

1:00 PM Bible Study

6:15 PM Chimes Choir

7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Congratulations to **Michelle** and **Rob Skoog** on the birth of **Andrew James!** He weighed in at 9 lbs. 11 ozs.

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Welcome to new members **Nathan** and **Emily Ott** and **Regina Brantley** and her son **Aiden Brailsford** who joined Sunday! In addition, **Adelyn Kathleen Meckley**, daughter of **Kristen Meckley**, was baptized Sunday.

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Prayers are asked for **Logan Baldogo** who has a double fracture of his arm.

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Prayers are also asked for **Kay Ernsthausen** on the death of her father, for the **Disbro family** on the death of Michele's cousin, and for the **Metzler family** on the death of Phil's uncle.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

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 psherman02@yahoo.com or **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com. Trina and Kelley can also be contacted by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

Help Needed to Put Health Kits Together

The Church in Society Committee thanks everyone who has contributed items or funds for the Health Kits.

Help is now needed to assemble the kits. If this is something you can do, please contact **Julie Johnson** at 276-2940.

Where Are You?

Are you in the picture? Members are invited to view the photo montages of life here at Redeemer on the bulletin board just off the Narthex, on the way to the education wing.

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.

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.

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 sign-up sheet will be posted on the kiosk.

Sister Act to Meet May 5

Sister Act will meet next on Wednesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. (downstairs). This month the group will be joined by volunteers from CHOICES who will share information

about eliminating domestic violence, the CHOICES organization, and what communities of faith can do to get involved. This program has been rescheduled from February.

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.

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.

Personals *cont'd from p. 2*

May Birthdays

1-Daniel Pawlowski 3-Heidi Sherer
5-Amy Hoops 6-Lynnette Schroeder
8-Don Husted 9-John Zimmer
11-Logan Baldogo 13-Janet Bouman
14-Ty Pawlowski 17-Mary Benis
17-Ken Jones 19-Pastor Al Debelak
20-Jackson Harms 21-Paul Voytas
22-Dave Lippert 22-Lea Spang
22-Steve Winner 26-Kathie Ehrich
27-Jeanne Eakin 28-Barbara Willmann

The Wider Church

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 needed 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 OH Synod Assembly Meets 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>. The minutes from the 2009 Synod Assembly are now online at <http://www.southernohiosynod.org/>.

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

About Lutheran Malaria Initiative

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) is a joint project of the ELCA, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran World Relief. Many people may know that malaria is a disease carried by mosquitoes; they may not know that the disease is life-threatening but also preventable and curable.

Malaria disproportionately affects poor people who cannot afford treatment or have limited access to health care and traps families and communities in a downward spiral of poverty.

Prevention focuses on reducing the transmission of the disease by controlling the malaria-bearing mosquito by the use of mosquito nets treated with long-lasting insecticide, a very cost-effective method because the disease-carrying mosquitoes are active mainly at night, and by indoor residual spraying of insecticides.

Without help, a child dies of malaria every 30 seconds.

ELCA Council Authorizes Rite

The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) authorized a rite designed to receive pastors from Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) onto the ELCA's roster of ordained ministers.

To be used by the ELCA's 65 synod bishops in the next two years, the rite serves as a means of reception that embraces the ELCA's desire for reconciliation with ELM pastors who are serving ELCA congregations and who wish to be recognized fully as ordained ministers in the denomination. The rite also seeks to respect the ELCA's "ecumenical commitment to the ongoing reconciliation of ministry in the Church catholic," according to background materials for council members.

ELM is an organization that credentials qualified candidates of all sexual orientations and gender identities for ordained ministry.

The council's authorization of the rite is intended to receive 17 ELM pastors who were not previously on the ELCA clergy roster or on the roster of ordained ministers of a predecessor church body; who have been approved by a candidacy committee of a synod; and who have received a call in the church. The rite had been recommended by the ELCA Conference of Bishops.

The council emphasized that "no other use of the rite is authorized," and it expressed gratitude for the work of those who contributed to the development of the rite.

The **Rev. Robert G. Schaefer**, executive, ELCA Worship and Liturgical Resources, said that "Reception to the Roster of Ordained Ministers with Prayer and the Laying on of Hands" is intended "to be a rite that brings liturgical expression to the deep desire ... for reconciliation both in this church and within the Church catholic. It intends to recognize what the ELCA has not yet recognized. At the same time (the rite) is

intended to be recognizable by world Lutheran ecumenical partners, echoing patterns that are important for ordination."

The **Rev. Michael J. Schmidt**, council member, Sioux City, Iowa, said some pastors in his area asked if "there was something of a 'mea culpa' from the church" for those who have been "denied for a number of reasons for a number of years." Schmidt asked if there could be a rubric added to the rite to reflect an apology.

In response the **Rev. Mark S. Hanson**, ELCA presiding bishop, said he thought it would be difficult to ask a synod bishop "to apologize for actions of the church." He told the council, "It would be very difficult to insert, especially liturgically, a rite of apology. I trust that those acts of reconciliation occur in the pastoral relationship, in the candidacy process and in the conversations that occur."

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.

Magpie Consort to Perform at RLC

The Magpie Consort, which includes Redeemer member **Heidi Sherer**, will perform at Redeemer on Sunday, May 16 at 4 p.m. The theme for this round of concerts is "Gypsies and Sailors" and will include songs of travel, exploration, pilgrimage, exile, escape, and the journey of life itself.

The group will also perform on Friday, May 14 at 8 p.m. at King Ave. United Methodist Church (299 King Ave.) and on Saturday, May 15 at 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church (125 E. Broad St.).

The concerts are free but a donation of \$10 is suggested.

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.