



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Ministry Seasons: A Time to Seek, A Time to Lose

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 -

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President - Gage Gosnell

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Denhard

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Fellowship - Donna Schmidt

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Stewardship - John Kennedy

Worship - Michelle Clemence

Youth - Jennifer Young

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Chairman - Robin Stokes

Treasurer - David Reinoehl

Secretary - Ashley Bird

Member - Helen Brunston

Member - William McCulley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

1st year - Joe Brosious

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven... a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 and 3:6 (NRSV)

A few weeks ago, I commented on our S.H.A.P.E - the spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences that make each of us unique and distinctive as we journey together as followers of Jesus. It also makes sense to me that the ministries that we are a part of have seasons. As a variety of unique people come together with common passions, as different people "shape" the ministry over time, and as people are called toward other ministries, each ministry ebbs and flows throughout its lifecycle.

I think most of us think about creating ministries and stop there. I'd like to suggest that while starting new ministries is necessary, energizing, and affirming for a congregation and its people, *evolving* and *ending* ministries is just as necessary, energizing, and affirming. Think about the ministries of which you are a part. Is the ministry (and are you) energized or tired? Does the ministry still meet a need somewhere? Do you (and others involved) understand the purpose for the ministry? Are you drawn to another ministry but you feel obligated to stay involved with a ministry you've been a part of for years?

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away...

Maybe it is time for a ministry to recommit to its initial purpose; maybe it is time for a ministry to evolve in some way; or maybe it is time to celebrate the end of a ministry. Maybe it is time for you to grow and serve in another way; maybe your passion is seeking another ministry opportunity. There are no right and wrong answers here. But if we are true to our heritage of a "reforming" church, then I think we must be intentional in our commitment to the seasons of ministry.

I'm hopeful that over the next couple of years, we will validate the value of beginning, evolving, and ending ministries at Redeemer and learn how to implement that value in practice, not just on paper.

Peace,
Kelley

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LESSONS

Acts 16:16-34; 1 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, 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 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Jason, Mary and James Messick.

+ *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	Jared Witt, MIC	Mary Benis
Acolyte	Caty McFarland	Daniel Pawlowski
Reader	Carolyn Klopfer	Diane Montgomery
Cantor		
Coordinator	Kathy Zwanziger	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Ed Klopfer Dick Kautz	Thea Harms Seth Harms
Welcoming Team	Michele Disbro Paul Atkinson	Mike Benis Tomara Herring
Hospitality	Kathie McCleaf	
Nursery	Michele Disbro Eileen Day (9:45)	Kristen Yanchak
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 44 - 45

Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MAY 11-MAY 18

Tuesday

1:00 PM Bible Study
5:00 PM Mission Endowment
6:15 PM Chimes Choir
7:30 PM Senior Choir

Wednesday

11:30 AM Central Ohio Conference
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – *Rm. 4*
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh
Day Adventists – *Rm. 2*
8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive
Compulsive Anonymous)

Thursday

10:00 AM Food Pantry
7:30 PM Church Council

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
1:00 PM World Café – *Old Bag of
Nails*

Monday

3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons – *Room 9*
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – *FH*
5:30 PM Evangelism Committee
6:00 PM Brownie Troop – *Rm. 3*
6:00 PM Knitting Circle
6:30 PM Juniors – *Room 5*
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope – *Rm. 2*
7:00 PM DADS

Tuesday

8:00 AM ROMEO
1:00 PM Bible Study
6:15 PM Chimes Choir
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope
7:30 PM Senior Choir

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Sunday, May 16 will be **Jan Bouman's** last Sunday at Redeemer because she is moving to be closer to family. Her new address will be 3303 Pines Village Circle, Apt. 240, Valparaiso IN 46383. Her email remains the same at jabouman@aol.com.

Also on Sunday, **Hitoshi David Phillips**, son of **Misato In** and **Brad Phillips**, will be baptized at the 11 a.m. service.

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Prayers are asked for the **Ott Family** on the death of **Emily's** uncle.

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.

Garden Planting Set for Tuesday, May 11

The planting of the gardens will take place beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11 under the direction of Redeemer's garden planting team.

Plan to come out and help!!

Health Kits Completed!

With the help of Redeemer's Youth and High School Sunday School classes and a few adult volunteers, a total of 90 health kits were assembled and packed Sunday, May 9 – a number far exceeding past efforts, reports **Julie Johnson** for the Church in Society Committee.

The money collected will cover both Redeemer's mailing costs and part of Lutheran World Relief's eventual shipping costs.

"This was a fantastic response by the whole congregation ... which was especially needed after the earthquake in Haiti depleted the supplies available. Thanks to all who assisted or donated."

VBS Workers to Meet May 23 or 24

Come be a part of the Baobab Blast with Vacation Bible School this summer, Sunday-Thursday, June 27 through July 1! It will be a grand adventure to the African savannah as participants explore connections with God, family, friends, and others around the world. You won't want to miss the most amazing community get-together under the sun!

Here are some upcoming dates/activities to keep in mind...

- A meeting for all of those helping during VBS week will be held on both Sunday, May 23 at 9:45 a.m. and on Monday, May 24 at 7 p.m. **Please plan to attend one** of these two meetings if you've already expressed interest in helping with VBS.
- Pre-registration for VBS will begin on Sunday, May 23 in the Narthex.
- A display of needed VBS supplies and food will be available in the narthex starting Sunday, May 30 for those wanting to support VBS in this way.

It's not too late to contribute your gifts and abilities during VBS week! Interest and 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.

Is This for You? Jr./Sr. High Youth Director

During this school year, a handful of adults have been attempting to be the support and organizing leaders behind the ministry and mission of Redeemer teens. In a recent meeting, these leaders, parents, and **Pastor Al** tried to take a look at what is needed most to shape the character of our ministry with our youth. It was agreed that we definitely need a person to serve as a youth director. We also noted that we would prefer this person to be a member of our congregation.

Here are some of the character traits we see in such a person:

- **Able to work with youth** - to respect them, encourage them, listen to them, honor them, relate to them, and shape their emerging characters
- Good at maintaining **regular communication** with youth and parents so that the vision of the group and its activities are fresh and well known.
- **Organizational skills** that are as simple as planning service and learning events throughout the year and working with a team of adults and teens to plan and then follow through on those plans.
- Has **a vision** for what it is to encourage faithfulness in teens and inspire them to take on their part of the vision of God's Reign here at Redeemer.

- **Mission-minded** and at least 21 years old.
The congregation has put \$2,400/year into the budget for this important work. If you are interested in this position or have questions about the expectations and want to hear more about this position, contact **Pastor Al**.

World Café Sails for Jolly Olde England

The May outing of World Café will be to the **Old Bag of Nails**, 18 N. Nelson Rd. Bexley, on Sunday, May 16 at 1 p.m. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380) or by emailing jambird@aol.com by Wednesday, May 12 whether you will be participating so reservations can be made to ensure enough seating for all.

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

Group Explores Mission Trips

A group at Redeemer has been exploring a mission trips ministry over the past few months. As part of that effort, Redeemer members and friends are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. as Redeemer MIC student **Jared Witt**, **Nikki Tournoux**, and friends share their stories and information about the Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF).

HTF is a nonprofit organization and dynamic grass-roots movement whose mission is to create a future of hope, sustainability, and dignity for the children of Haiti by identifying visionary Haitian-led organizations in the areas of education, poverty eradication, and leadership development.

To learn more ahead of the evening, check out the flyer on the kiosk or visit the HTF website at <http://www.hopeinhaiti.org>. If you have any questions, please contact **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or by home phone at 740-756-4817.

Fair Trade Orders in May

Redeemer will be taking orders for fair-traded coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks through *Equal Exchange* on Sunday, May 16 and 23. To support this ministry which provides fair wages and prices for coffee, tea and cocoa growers in developing countries as well as almond, pecan and cranberry growers in the U.S., please stop by the table in the Narthex **before** and **after** worship on those Sundays to place orders for the following:

Coffees/Teas

Percolator Grind, Fellowship Blend - 1 lb. \$ 5.80
Drip Grind, Decaf, Columbian Full City Roast - 12oz. \$ 6.25
Whole bean, Organic Medium French Roast - 12 oz. \$ 5.80
Whole Bean, Full City Roast - 12 oz. \$ 5.80
Organic English Breakfast Tea - 25 bags \$ 2.75
Organic Green Tea - 25 bags \$2.75
Organic Earl Grey - 25 bags \$2.75
Caffeine Free Tea - 25 bags \$3

Snacks

Organic Tamari Roasted Almonds - \$4.65/5oz.bag
Organic Dried Sweetened Cranberries - \$4/5oz.bag
Roasted Salted Pecans - \$4.10/5oz.bag
Organic Chocolate -- Last chance for buying chocolate until fall 2010!!!!
Dark chocolate bars with almonds - 3.5 oz. \$2.60
Very dark chocolate bars - \$2.60
Mint chocolate bars - \$2.60

Miscellaneous

Equal Exchange/Lutheran World Relief travel mug - \$ 2.25
Fair Traded 100% cotton shopping bags with Redeemer's logo - \$5 each.

Congregation Invited to Ordination

Redeemer members and friends are invited to the ordination of **Sabine Lamar** on Saturday, May 29 at 3 p.m. at the church. **Bishop Michael Rinehart** will be presiding.

A reception follows the service.

Sabine has been called to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 777 N. Fourth St., Beaumont, Texas 77701. Her new email will be PastorSabine@gmail.com.

Volunteers Sought for RLC Habitat Team

There is now a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex for volunteers to be part of Redeemer's team to help with Habitat for Humanity. Folks are also asked to list "good" days and "bad" days for working.

Readers Needed for Sunday Services

A new sign-up sheet is up for volunteers to read for the Sunday worship services beginning Sunday, May 30.

It 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.

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.

The Wider Church

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.

The Community Beyond

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, see www.cantorconnection.org.