



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### Patience within the Reign of God

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in the name of Jesus

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#### MIC STUDENTS

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

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

Sometimes it is a wonderful gift to crack open a book that has been aging on the bookshelf of my office. Maybe the book has not aged - but I have. **John Howard Yoder's** book, *The Politics of Jesus*, entered into my world in the late 1970's. Along with a number of other writers who were inspiring young and old to walk in the way of a non-violent resistance against the ways of war and the industries that profited from contracts within the complex web of weapons and warfare, I was grasped by visions. Back then, it meant going out onto streets - acting out - watching older and wiser colleagues chained to fences and being arrested.

*The Politics of Jesus* helped provide a foundation to action that was taken. It is a classic read that never seems to fade. But when books sit on shelves and when I do not have a photographic memory, it means I forget how much wonder and imagination is stirred up by the contributions of people who are able to think about the faith in a way that leads to a confessing witness. In preparation for Sunday's sermon, I turned to Yoder's book and was again captured by how he presented the vision of God's reign in Christ, Jesus. Some of that vision came out in my sermon - I hope. More of the vision simply reminded me of the life of faithfulness. When it is a baptismal Sunday, I spend quite a bit of time thinking about the living witness of the followers of Jesus. The Rite of Baptism is where I expect to be given a vision for life that will - in time - become so much a part of the day at hand that vision becomes reality and new visions continue to pull us all into God's expanding reign.

In writing about the Lamb from the book of Revelation, Yoder made this comment that reminded me of the work that is put before us each day as we follow the way of the Lamb. He writes: "The key to the obedience of God's people is not their effectiveness but their patience." Now, I'm not a very patient person. And yet, I know that the unfolding of God's Reign among us demands that we get up each day and walk right into it even when the world around us wants nothing to do with a people who will not side with the attempts of brute power to rule the world. The patience of God's Reign means we stand up even after we have been knocked down - and then again. In the meantime we continue to be in conversation with others. When we do that we will be able to discern the way of the cross among us. Patience doesn't mean we are simply going to get our way. It seems to me that it is more about the way of God's Reign will continue to unfold around us - outside of our control.

This Friday is the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly in Springfield. There is a resolution on the agenda that calls for the ELCA to rescind its vote of last summer that called for the opening up of the church to the full participation of GLBT saints in the life of the whole body. For over 18 years many people have helped to open wide the doors of the ELCA. It has meant years of defeat at synod assemblies and being branded as being a bit 'pink' (not in the communist sense of pink). Many defeated saints continue to return, year after year, participating fully in the life of the church even in the midst of disagreement and when votes did not go the way we would have liked them. This pulled me way out of my box - because I am not patient. So now in the midst of efforts by some to rescind this overwhelming action by the ELCA I considered how we at Redeemer have walked side-by-side even when we may not have all agreed with one another. That takes patience. Patience is a manifestation of faithfulness. Redeemer's representatives to the Synod assembly will be bringing another resolution to the floor. That resolution is printed in this week's *Reflections* - take a look.

Christ's Peace! nastoral

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

### DAY OF PENTECOST

#### LESSONS

Acts 2:1-21; 1 Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Communion (Hymnal Supplement)

11:00 AM Holy Communion (Hymnal Supplement)

#### INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Phil, Sandra, Noah, Chris & Rachel Metzler

+ *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	Michele Disbro	Bernice Stewart
Acolyte	Jill Disbro	Dayrel Billingsley
Reader	Kathy Zwanziger	Bob Eakin
Cantor		
Coordinator	Kathy Zwanziger	Bruce Collins
Ushers	John Disbro	Thelma Johnson Tom Mimplitch
Welcoming Team	Kathy Zwanziger Nancy Steiner	Mike Benis Tomara Herring
Hospitality	Kurt Goshen William Goshen	Grace Jones
Nursery	Tammy McFarland Jennifer Young (9:45)	Mary Lapham
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 46 - 48*

Ron Hals

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MAY 18-MAY 25

#### Tuesday

8:00 AM ROMEO  
1:00 PM Bible Study  
6:15 PM Chimes Choir  
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope – Room 2  
7:30 PM Senior Choir

#### Wednesday

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

7:00 PM Beacon of Hope – Room 2  
7:30 PM SPMHOTN

#### Friday

7:00 PM Beacon of Hope – Room 2

#### Saturday

8 AM-5 PM Girl Scouts Yard Sale  
9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh  
Day Adventists

#### Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Holy Communion  
7:00 PM Movie Night - CANCELLED

#### Monday

3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9  
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 2  
6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Rm. 3  
6:00 PM Daisy's – Room 4  
6:00 PM Fellowship Committee  
6:30 PM Juniors – Room 5  
7:00 PM Coffee & Theology –  
*Cup O Joe's*  
7:00 PM Condo Association – Rm. 1

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

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for **Doris Bell** who was hospitalized last week after a number of falls and for **Sabine Lamar** who had emergency gallbladder surgery.

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**Jackson Harms** will be receiving his Bible from the congregation on Sunday, June 23.

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Congratulations to **Jill Disbro** who received the Stephanie Spielman Humanitarian Award! Jill will be attending Roanoke College in the fall.

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# REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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 [psherman02@yahoo.com](mailto:psherman02@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.

## Congregation Invited to Ordination; Help Sought to Provide Refreshments

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 and **members are asked to sign up on the sheet on the kiosk to help provide finger foods.**

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

## Garden Needs Tomato Stakes

The community garden initiative is in need of tomato stakes for the many tomato plants we planted in the courtyard off of the narthex. If anyone has tomato stakes that they aren't using or would like to donate some purchased stakes it would be much appreciated. Six foot or longer is preferred.

## RLC Summer Schedule Announced

The last Sunday for Sunday School for this school year will be Sunday, May 30. Sunday, June 6 will be Choir Sunday with Redeemer moving to one service on Sunday, June 13.

## Group to Explore 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](mailto: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.

## Journeys Heads to Inniswood June 6

The Interesting Journey for June will take place on Sunday, June 6. They will eat lunch at the TAT Restaurant and then head to Inniswood Metro Gardens in Westerville. More information to follow.

## 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**.

### Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

There will be sign up sheet on the kiosk starting Sunday, May 23 for hosting summertime hospitality refreshments after worship once Redeemer moves to one service on Sunday, June 14.

The Evangelism Committee notes that after worship time is a great chance to mingle and connect with folks you don't always see throughout the rest of the church year.

It also encourages groups from the congregation (small groups, committees, etc.) or groups of families to host a Sunday.

### 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.

### RLC Sponsors Good Pennyworths Quartet

On Monday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m., Redeemer will present New York City's Good Pennyworths Quartet, a Renaissance vocal ensemble with lute accompaniment, performing their staged concert "Songs from Shakespeare: True Love Never Did Run Smooth." The Good Pennyworths have plucked songs and dialogue straight from Shakespeare's plays and woven them into new musical tales about fools, lovers and life in these "giddy-paced times."

## 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.

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**.

### Synod Resolution

The following resolution is being offered at the Synod Assembly by **Pastor Al**, **Julie Johnson** and **Bennett Whitaker** and is endorsed by Redeemer's Church Council:

**By the Power of the Holy Spirit: We will walk side-by-side**

**Whereas** the Church of Jesus Christ is continually pulled by the power of the Holy Spirit into life beyond our limited vision; and

**Whereas** "The Acts of the Apostles" demonstrate how the Holy Spirit moved the early church into life beyond its imagination and the same Spirit continues to move the church of our age beyond our boundaries into the reigning power of God's expansive love that will not let anyone go; and

**Whereas** our anxieties – about how we will meet the days to come in the midst of change and new life – will not be allowed to rule the glorious expression of God's reign that bursts forth in, with, and under the vulnerable and available mission and ministry of the Church in the name of Jesus; and

**Whereas** we are a people gifted with a faithful imagination that has lifted up our eyes to see the hopefulness of the way of Jesus that is embodied in gracious hospitality, through which all people are embraced without fear or partiality;

**Therefore be it Resolved** that the congregations of the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America boldly walk side-by-side into the unfolding of the reign of God as we face new life in the midst of uncertainty and disagreement in regard to our vision of human sexuality and the life of the Church; and

**Be it further resolved** that within such diversity of voice and opinion we learn to experience – as one body – the ongoing, surprising, and creative power of the Holy Spirit that makes the peace and love of Christ abound and shine among us.

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Thanks to Redeemer members **Neil** and **Ranel Hoddinott**, **Ed** and **Carolyn Klopfer** and **Nelson** and **Shirley Meyer** for working at the LSS food pantry this past Thursday. Your efforts are appreciated!

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### Membership Directory Update

**Juliya Volfa's** address has changed. Her new address is 71 S. Roosevelt Ave., Bexley, OH 43209.

## 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 Sunday, 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](http://www.cantorconnection.org).