



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Many Gifts of Grace - *Imagine That*

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in the name of Jesus

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2nd year - Jared Witt

1st year - Joe Brosious

Life is always specific, never general. Life is everywhere different, never the same. It is male or female, young or old, Jewish or Gentile, white or black, disabled or not disabled, and so on. What does God's Spirit have to do with this variety of life in all its specific forms? Aren't we all equal in God's sight - sinners and righteous, dying and reborn, the anything-but-saintly and the saints? Whatever we may say in general about ourselves and other people in the sight of eternity, the Spirit of life is present only as the Spirit of this or that particular life. So the experience of the Holy Spirit is as specific as the living beings who experience the Spirit, and as varied as the living beings who experience the Spirit are varied.

Jurgen Moltmann

Moltmann goes on to write: *In the one Spirit we experience the diversity of the Spirit's gifts, and in the multiplicity of the Spirit's gifts we perceive the one divine Spirit.* It is always my prayer that the Holy Spirit will help me see the gift in the other no matter how "other" that person might be. I must admit that at times, I close my eyes to the possibility of seeing the gift in the other. Then again, I have been richly blessed when this Spirit of life opens my eyes and my heart and my lets me appreciate both the other person and the gift that person brings to the community. I also know that I can too quickly pick at the other person when I do not like what I am seeing or hearing. When that happens, I insert my foot in my mouth falling short of the wonder of community and separated from others.

In the face of all the action within the ELCA in the past years, it feels as though relationships are strained. All sides seem to be unable to see the blessedness of the other and how those we would like to leave behind are really meant to be a gift to the whole. The adventure of being the church in the power of the Holy Spirit is one that brings more questions than answers about how we are to live together in the middle of our differences. Moltmann asks these questions:

- How do the many-faceted, multi-colored gifts of the Spirit fit in with one Spirit?
- How does the one grace become the many gifts of grace?
- To put it in practical terms:
 - How is unity in diversity achieved without chaos 'in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit'?
 - And how do we arrive at diversity in unity without one person dominating the rest?

These are good questions for people who are always looking for an answer. They are good questions because they are asked among people who are part of the Pentecost indwelling of God's Spirit. Therefore, our lives become the way we begin to deal with them. They are questions meant to fly around the room wherever we gather as followers of Jesus. These are not questions waiting for a final answer. They call us into a journey - a journey in which all are asked to be a gift to others and grow in our awareness of the gift being offered to us even by people we cannot see as having a gift to offer.

I find that questions about where we are to go as the body of Christ are always questions that have us muddle through a bit of chaos. That chaos is most often of our own making when we are unable to see the Spirit's way of life unfolding despite our actions. That's why we say: Come, Holy Spirit. Come.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

THE HOLY TRINITY

LESSONS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Communion (Setting 6)

11:00 AM Holy Communion (Setting 6)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Reformation Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Elmer, Nelson and Shirley Meyer.

+ *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 Ehrlich, Robin Stokes Estella Kuemmel and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthausen	John Caron
Acolyte	Eric Vivens	Colin Young
Reader		
Cantor		
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Ushers	Kathy Zwanziger Jack Miller	Heidi Sherer Marilyn Roberts
Welcoming Team	Jon Disbro Barb Atkinson	Mary Lapham Karen Wilson
Hospitality	Cathy Oldham Sue Baker	
Nursery	Becky Fisher Gary Pawlowski (9:45)	Seth or Thea Harms
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 Ehrlich

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Joseph Story: Genesis 49 - 50

Ron Hals

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MAY 25- JUNE 1

Tuesday

1:00 PM Bible Study
6:15 PM Chimes Choir
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

4-9 PM Girl Scouts Awards Dinner - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Berwyn West Civic Association
7:30 PM Stewardship Committee

Friday

Saturday

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

Monday – HOLIDAY – Office Closed

3:30-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9
5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 2
6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Rm. 3
6:30 PM Juniors – Room 5

Tuesday

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

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Congratulations to **Michael Powell** and **Peder Johanson** who graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary on Saturday, May 22!

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The **Disbros** invite Redeemer members to an Open House celebrating **Jill's** high school graduation on Saturday, June 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. at their home. She will be attending Roanoke College in the fall.

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Prayers are asked for the following Redeemer members and friends: **Theresa Frazier**, who was hospitalized last week; **Mary Bowling's** father who had open heart surgery last week; and **Laura** and **Jared Garson**, daughter and son-in-law of **Trina Thornton**, on the death of their unborn child.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

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 help provide finger foods**. Please call **Pastor Al** if this is something you can do.

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

RLC Announces Summer Schedule

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.

Mission Trips Group to Hear about HTF

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.

More from the Mission Trips Ministry...

Are you interested in doing something about hunger? Then consider a Harvest of Hope mission work camp this October 22-24 in Palmyra, Pennsylvania! The mission trips ministry at Redeemer is planning to participate in this intergenerational weekend of gleaning, study, worship, fellowship, and nutrition.

Tuition for the weekend is \$75 per person, which includes lodging, all meals and snacks, and educational materials. Participants should be in reasonably good shape, be willing to get hot and sweaty, and be ready to work for 4-5 hours on Saturday.

Those interested in participating, should sign-up on the sheet on the kiosk. A meeting of all interested participants will occur on Sunday, June 20 at 9 a.m., at which time completed application forms and a \$25 per person deposit will be collected.

More information about this program and the Society of St. Andrew, can be found online at www.endhunger.org.

Questions about Redeemer's involvement in this weekend can be directed to **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com, (740) 756-4817 - home or (740) 475-8498 - cell.

Journeys Heads to Inniswood June 6

Nestled within a scenic nature preserve, the 121-acre Inniswood Metro Gardens contains streams and woodlands, wildflowers and wildlife, landscaped flowerbeds and several theme gardens.

Sound interesting?

This is the June destination for the Interesting Journey group. Following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 6, the group will enjoy lunch at the TAT Restaurant before going to the Westerville garden. Please RSVP to **LaVerna Reinoehl** at (614) 236-5687 or reinoeh@insight.rr.com if you would like to go on this journey.

Summer Golf Returns

A sign up sheet is now on the kiosk for those who would like to participate in Redeemer's once-a-month Sunday golf outings. Questions should be directed to **Mike Benis** at 864-1506.

Sister Act to View Hotel Rwanda

Sister Act will meet next on Wednesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs in the room off the Fellowship Hall. This month, the group will be watching and discussing the movie *Hotel Rwanda*, the true story of one man's brave stance against savagery during the 1994 Rwandan conflict.

They will also discuss the efforts of the Rwanda Women in Action, a local organization working to improve the social, economic, and physical security of women and children in Rwanda.

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 us! If you have any questions, contact **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or 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**.

Community Gardens: Here, Abroad

Even as Redeemer has planted a garden to benefit the neighbors in our community, it is also possible to help others around the world raise fresh vegetables. For the next several months, the "loose change" offering (which is provided through the offering plates located in the front of the sanctuary) will go to help establish a community vegetable garden through the ELCA's "Good Gifts" program in Cambodia, Kenya, or perhaps Peru. A "good gift" of \$200 helps establish a community vegetable garden.

Most recently, the "loose change" offering resulted in \$152 being contributed to cover the shipping costs of the health kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse for distribution throughout the world.

Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

There will be sign up sheet on the kiosk 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.

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

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" on Monday, June 21. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. here at Redeemer. 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."

This blend of theater and Elizabethan song features music by **John Dowland, Robert Johnson, Thomas Morley** and others, with dialogue and lyrics written or adapted by the Bard himself. Stage direction and Shakespeare text adaptation is by **Katherine Harte-DeCoux**.

The concert is open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken; a donation \$10 is suggested.

The Good Pennyworths are visiting Redeemer as part of an eight-city Midwestern tour, culminating with their second appearance at the Lute Society of America's Lute Festival at Case Western in Cleveland. The quartet has performed at the Boston Early Music Festival, Early Music here in Columbus, and they toured the Southeast in January 2009. They released their first studio CD in December 2009, which is available on

iTunes and Amazon.com. To listen to audio clips of their music, go to www.goodpennyworths.com.

Member Profile

Nathan and Emily Ott both grew up in Sandusky and went to school together but had to endure five years of a long-distance relationship. Nathan was serving in the Army as an intelligence analyst and a paratrooper (yes, in Iraq), while Emily was pursuing a sign language program at Goshen College in Indiana. They finally were able to marry in June 2009.

Nathan is now studying history at OSU, on his way to a Ph.D. in European military history. He also works in the deli at Giant Eagle. Emily is a professional interpreter during the day and works with a video-relay service in the evening.

Nathan and Emily enjoy visiting both of their families and numerous friends, but they especially cherish any spare time together.

They had attended several other Lutheran churches before finding Redeemer. They live in the Morse Rd/ 270 area, so Redeemer is definitely not the closest, but they've appreciated the congregation's friendly welcome. They're looking forward to participating in a variety of church activities – as soon as their workload allows.

In the meantime, Redeemer is delighted to welcome Nathan and Emily – and Happy First Anniversary almost!

The Wider Church

Thrivent Builds Begins Construction on Two Area Homes

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity will begin construction on two new homes in Columbus for the Sylla and Lindsey families at 970 and 984 Lockbourne Road with a wall raising ceremony at the house sites on Saturday, June 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Building takes place on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To volunteer on a construction site, one must be at least 16 years of age (with accompanying guardian if not yet 18) and able to commit to the full day. No previous experience is required. Trained house and crew leads will volunteers through the various tasks.

To become a part of Redeemer's crew, sign up on the sheet on the kiosk or contact **Ethan Beiler** at ebeiler@habitat-columbus.org or 364-7015.

In addition to on-site construction, Thrivent is also looking for volunteers to we hope to provide lunches for Saturday work crews. It never has to be fancy – just something filling for a group of hungry workers. If anyone is interested in preparing Saturday lunches, please contact **Linda Stottlemeyer** at 625-4620 or lbs56@aol.com.

Also, fundraising for these two homes is ongoing. Despite the rain, Thrivent and Habitat hosted a successful SHACK CITY on April 24 with about 70 youth from local Lutheran churches raising over \$4,000 dollars for these two new homes – a good beginning towards the \$27,014 needed to build these two homes. Contributions can be made to Thrivent Builds and sent to its treasurer, **Mark Keller** at 30 E. South St., Worthington, OH 43085.