



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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So, Who Is to Blame? Who Is Response-able?

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in the name of Jesus

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On Saturday's opinion page in the *Dispatch*, E.J. Dionne asked this question in the opening line of his Forum piece: *So who is in charge of stopping the oil spill, BP or the federal government?* He goes on to say that some blame BP and some are pointing fingers at the federal government's response to this historic tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico. I liked his piece because he made it sound like we all like to hear only our story and our way of going about the responsibilities of being the *United States* of America. Therefore, some who have called for smaller federal involvement in many aspects of our life and want more and more of that work put into the hands of the private sector - now are complaining about the lack of federal intervention in this spill. Some who are in the federal government and loath the place of the private sector in what were once federal projects - now are seeing that federal regulatory agencies did not do what they were hired to do.

We forget that we all fall short of the wonderful ideas we think will save the world. The ideas never stop coming and the blame never stops being thrown onto someone else. Even though BP says that it is going to pay for all the clean up and make things right, how do you make this right? The site of the spill from the Exxon Valdez is still not "right" and how many years ago did that happen?

In the storytelling of our faith, we are told that humans are to be stewards of creation and all that is tied together in this global community. I like to change the word responsible into response-able. We are called to respond in creative ways to protect and nurture and care for God's creation. We are able to do that. Having said that, we must be willing to put aside our own wants and views and opinions so that we can come up with directions for caring that are not tainted by special interests that pull on us and attempt to own us. Everyone wants someone else to "do something" about the BP oil spill that will gush on through August. The "do something" should have taken place when decisions to drill were made and decisions to put off alternate fuel sources were ridiculed, and decisions to regulate were tossed out. Unfortunately, there were issues and interests that were not concerned with stewardship. While stock prices were rising, investments were growing, dividends were multiplying, and profits were piling up on the doorsteps of some, few were willing to stand up against that kind of influence.

We are not very good stewards of God's creation. We cannot simply point at BP or the federal government. We are - you could say - also a responsible party in this mess. Our desire to have life as we want it - at any cost - means we are willing to let some things slide or be used up for our own benefit. Called to be stewards and yet we are not willing to be response-able. Dionne ends his comments with this remark: *The sludge in the gulf is, finally, the product of our own contradictions.* If we took seriously our call to be stewards of creation, our hands would be used to help and not to point at others for wrongs done.

Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM Holy Communion (Setting 6 abbreviated)

10:00 AM Choir Sunday

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Jack and Shirley Miller.

+ *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

10:00 AM

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Reader

Coordinator

Ushers

Welcoming Team

Hospitality

Nursery

Kurt Goshen

Earl Bradley

Kurt Goshen

Shirley Miller

Katie McCleaf

Michelle Clemence

Renee & Caty McFarland

Kay Ernsthause & Michele Disbro

Choir Sunday

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TBA

Donna Voelkel

Ruth Murray

Kathy Denhard

Tony Naess

Dave Lippert

Margie Frazier

Sarah Fisher

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker

Baked Goods Deliverer

Note-writer

Food Pantry Delivery

Linda Johnson

Kathy Zwanziger

Bonnie Hegreness

Barb Connors

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS RESUMES IN THE FALL

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JUNE 1-8

Tuesday

10 AM-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9

1:00 PM Bible Study

6:15 PM Chimes Choir

7:30 PM Berwick Civic Association

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 Bridge - Redeemer

Friday

Saturday

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

9 AM-5 PM Girl Scouts Car Wash

Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion

10:00 AM Choir Sunday

Monday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 2

6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Rm. 3

6:00 PM Daisy's – Room 4

6:30 PM Juniors – Room 5

7:00 PM Property Committee – Rm 1

Tuesday

10 AM-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Date Correction!

The **Disbros** invite Redeemer members to an Open House celebrating **Jill's** high school graduation on **Saturday, June 5** 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 Redeemer visitor **Nancy Stinson** who had hip surgery and for **Martin Hoddinott**, **Neil's** father, who is having a heart catheterization.

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Fair Trade orders are in and ready for pick up.

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June Birthdays

3-Brandon Curtis 3-John Eyster

6-Nancy Steiner 8-Theresa Frazier

11-Cassandra Reinoehl 13-Jim Riley

17-Daniel Collins 18-Richard Collins

18-Jessica Fisher 20-Katie McCleaf

21-Michael Powell 23-Nathaniel Bird

24-Andy Day 24-Emily Schroeder

25-Ron Willmann 26-Eric Reinoehl

30-Julie Day

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

Choir Sunday: NOTE TIME CHANGES

Sunday, June 6 is Choir Sunday which means there will be an altered schedule for worship: There will be an abbreviated 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service with the Choir Sunday service following at **10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.**

Then on Sunday, June 13, Redeemer moves into its summer schedule with one service at 10 a.m. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

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 10 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.

June 6: 'Pump It Up' Sunday

If you can't remember when you last checked the air pressure in your car (or scooter) tires, the Church in Society Committee (CIS) has an ongoing program to help, both by this reminder and through its "Pump It Up" Sundays.

Weather permitting, after both services on Sunday, June 6, CIS members and other volunteers will be available to check the air pressure in your car tires and to gladly top them off to the recommended value if they are below that.

Not sure what the recommended pressure for your tires is? It should be listed in the owner's manual as well as on a sticker either on the windshield, on the driver's side door frame, or the part of the driver's door that faces the door frame.

For questions or to volunteer to help make this successful, please contact **Paul Voytas** at pvoytas@wittenberg.edu or 937-342-0312.

RLC Receives Grants

Redeemer was recently notified that it will receive funding from the 2010 Neighborhood Partnership Grant program for its "A Between Space" and "Making Room - to Feed Neighbors" projects.

According to the grant letter, a total of more than \$520,000 in requests was received by the partnership which includes Bob Evans, the Columbus Foundation, PNC Bank, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations and United Way of Central Ohio. In total, 61 grants were funded for a total of \$264,510. Redeemer will receive a total of \$10,750.

Volunteers Sought to Pick up Flowers

Redeemer has an immediate need for volunteers to pick up altar flowers for Sunday worship.

While the church has a standing order for altar flowers at Market Blooms in the North Market downtown, flowers must be picked up on Friday or Saturday and the brought to Redeemer, arranged in a vase and placed in the chancel.

Anyone who could help with this important service is asked to contact **Pastor Al** at 237-1263 or **Karen Collins** 939-0730.

The more people on the rotation, the fewer weeks each will have to serve.

World Café Heads for Greece

The June outing of World Café will be to the Acropolis Restaurant, 5328 N. High St., on Sunday, June 13 at 12 p.m. (Note time change.) Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or jambird@aol.com) by Wednesday, June 9 that you will be participating so that we can make reservations to ensure enough seating for all.

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

RLC's Habitat Work Days Set

This year the "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity" houses are located at 970 and 984 Lockbourne Ave. in Columbus. A signup sheet has been posted with Saturdays, June 19, July 24, and August 21 opportunities to join Redeemer's crew to help with these homes.

Building also takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as on Saturdays 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.

Folks can volunteer for days other than those identified for Redeemer's crew by contacting **Ethan Beiler** at ebeiler@habitat-columbus.org or 364-7015.

Remember, no experience is necessary - just a willingness to assist the families in obtaining a home. Trained house and crew leads will volunteers through the various tasks.

Please sign up by Wednesday, June 9 for Redeemer's June 19 date so that Thrivent Builds can be informed of the number coming.

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.

Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk for hosting summertime hospitality refreshments after worship once Redeemer moves to one service on Sunday, June 13.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission of the Southern Ohio Synod invites men to join the group on Saturday, June 19 at 8 a.m. at Lutheran Memorial Camp for a Volunteer Day. Questions? Contact **David Drumm** at 443-5130 or at dadrumm@yahoo.com.