



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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VEGGIE COOK OFF SET FOR AUGUST 10

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here
in the name of Jesus

Pastor - F. Allan Debelak

Secretary - Donna Yarborough

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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Secretary - Ashley Bird

Member - Helen Brunston

Member - William McCulley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

1st year - Joe Brosious

SAVE THE DATE.

On **Tuesday, August 10**, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., there will be a community and church party out on our lawn. The reason you might ask?!? We are involved in two projects that include the two neighborhoods that border our property on this side of S. James: Berwick and Berwyn West. Both of those projects come to completion sometime in August.

- Project one is called: **Make Room: To Feed Neighbors**. This has been the garden thing going on for the past weeks. As many of you know, it is the beginning of what we hope will be ongoing years of helping people grow and eat fresh vegetables that can be produced right in our own back yards.
- Project two is called: **A Between Place**. Since Redeemer's parking lot is a focal point for youth and adults from both neighborhoods, we wanted to make sure that it was appropriately noted with art (from last year) and ongoing programs and art that will publically identify both neighborhoods.

On **August 10** we will hold a Community Celebration that will feature entertainment by TransitART artists (art, dance, music, poetry) along with other entertainers, ice cream, beverages, and a special contest.

At this Community Celebration and in conjunction with the *gardening project* we will hold a **Vegetable Dish Cook Off**. That's right - in place of a chili cook-off or a rib cook-off, we are going to encourage people to bring in vegetable dishes and recipes for a judged contest. It is our hope to pull in a judging panel of some local celebrities or chefs who will award prizes for the best hot and cold vegetable dishes. Of course, the winning ribbons will be GREEN not blue.

Look for signs around the building advertizing the event and invite friends and neighbors. We are bringing in a large tent to spark interest, provide a shady spot for entertainers and give space to the tables of food and the judging. All dishes that are brought to the Community Celebration will be open to for tasting by everyone once the judging is complete. More than likely, we will put grills out for those who like a hot dog with their vegetables.

These two projects have been funded by the United Way of Central Ohio and the Columbus Foundation as part of the Neighborhood Partnership Grant. These grants have increased the visibility of Redeemer and our neighborhoods in the past two years. I find that this is what a local congregation needs to be doing - simply being a part of the life of the neighborhood and making sure we are not only a building without offering programs and life to an already vibrant community.

If you would be interested in helping out with the Community Celebration or Vegetable Dish Cook-Off, look for information posted on the kiosk in the coming weeks.

Christ's peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbor with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

10:00 AM Holy Communion (Setting 6 with Rite of Healing)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of St Peter Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer members Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel.

+ *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, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Georgia Wegmeyer, Norm Wegneyer, 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

10:00 AM

Assisting Minister

Kathy Zwanziger

Acolyte

Caty McFarland

Reader

Healing Team Prayers

Mary Benis

Jared Witt

Katie Kent Smith

Healing Team Assistants

Donna Schmidt

Carla Baldogo

Mary Lapham

Cantor

Mary Benis

Coordinator

Dave Reinoehl

Ushers

John Disbro

Welcoming Team

Shirley Miller

Paul Atkinson

Hospitality

Tomara Herring

Nursery

Lynn Brosious/Kristen Yanchak

Communion Set-up

Linda Williams & Wendy Stoica

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker

Ruth Murray

Baked Goods Deliverer

Mary Benis

Note-writer

Shirley Miller

Food Pantry Delivery

Cathy Oldham

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS RESUMES IN THE FALL

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JUNE 6-JULY 13

Tuesday

6:30-8 PM Basketball Camp (BBC)

7:30 PM Berwick Civic Association

Wednesday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4

6:30-8 PM BBC

7:00 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh Day Adventists – Rm. 2

8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous)

Thursday

6:30-8 PM BBC

Friday

Saturday

9 AM-Noon Veggie Give Away

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

Sunday

10:00 AM Holy Communion

12 PM World Café – Ha Long Bay

Monday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 2

6:30-8 PM Basketball Camp

7:00 PM Member Care Committee

Tuesday

6:30-8 PM Basketball Camp

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Pastor Al will be out of town from Wednesday evening, July 7, through Sunday, July 11. **Pastor Eric Moehring** of Faith Lutheran Church will be handling any pastoral emergencies. His work number is 237-4241. His cell is 448-7580.

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Edwina Bradley sent the following note to the congregation: "Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, phone calls and visits. According to the doctors my recovery is on schedule. However, I'm eager to speed it along. I hope to join you very soon and ask for your continued prayers." It was good to see her in church Sunday!!

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Those wishing to honor former Redeemer member and Trinity Seminary professor **Leland Elhard** who died June 26 in Bismark, North Dakota, can send memorial contributions to the Joyce and Jerry Elhard Student Counseling Fund at Trinity, 2199 E. Main St., Bexley 43209.

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Membership Directory Update

Lois Monett has a new email: lois.monett@gmail.com. Her family asks that this be used only for personal messages – "not forwards or jokes." Her AOL account can be used for those.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Give-Aways Continue on Saturdays

Vegetable and herbs from Redeemer's own gardens and from those of members' and friends' gardens will now be given away each Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon here at Redeemer as part of the "Making Room – to Feed Neighbors" project. The give away runs through August.

Bring any extra produce you may have from your gardens and add it to what is being produced here at Redeemer in the gardens out front. Donations of food can be brought on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and on Saturdays, beginning at 8 a.m.

Vegetables not picked up will go to a local food pantry. For more information, call the church office at 237-1263.

Up to four volunteers are needed to help staff the project on Saturdays, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with set-up and running through 1 p.m. with tear down. Sign up on the kiosk if this is something you can do to help.

Welcome, Donna!

Donna Yarborough started Monday, July 5 as Redeemer's new church secretary. She lives in the neighborhood and is retired from IBM. She also ran a nonprofit program for youth – Minority Youth Link – for a number of years.

Welcome, Donna!!

VBS a True BLAST

Vacation Bible School coordinators **Kelley Scott** and **Trina Thornton** reported Sunday that this year a total of 56 to 68 children attended on any given night – considerably more than the 40 to 50 children who had participated in recent years. A total of 90 kids had registered with 81 different children having participated over the five days.

Most of those were neighborhood children in addition to Redeemer youth.

A special thank you goes out to all those who assisted with this year's program:

Preschool Guides	Linda Williams Cherokee Duncan Caty McFarland Brad Phillips
K & 1 st Grade	Becky Fisher Colin Young
2 nd & 3 rd Grade	Renee McFarland
4 th – 6 th Grade	Sara Vivens Jasmin McFarland
Storytelling	Joe & Lynn Brosious
Crafts	Michele Disbro Jennifer Young
Music	Julie Larson
Snacks	Rachel Metzler
Games	Halldor Gudmundsson Eric Vivens
Registration	Julie Johnson Kristen Yanchak
Kitchen	Kay Ernsthansen Carol Heacock Diane Montgomery Kathy Zwanziger
Decoration/Set-up	Michelle Clemence Diane Brobeck

Other Volunteers

Krista Pawlowski
Mandi Schwaderer
Alexis Greene

Photographer

Pastor Al

Quarterly Statements Available

Thanks to **Financial Secretary Bruce Collins**, quarterly statements are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Food Pantry Volunteer Needed for July 15

Redeemer needs one more volunteer to help work at the Food Pantry on Thursday, July 15. If this is something you can help out with, please call the church office at 237-1263.

RLC Habitat Day Changes

Redeemer will now be sending a crew to help with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, July 31 instead of the previously announced Saturday, July 24. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for those who can help. No experience is necessary.

REMEMBER TO BRING VEGGIES TO GIVE AWAY!!

Contributions of fresh vegetables and herbs for the weekly "give away" can be brought to the church on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and on Saturdays, beginning at 8 a.m.

Calling All Golfers!!

Plan now to participate in the *Fore Christ Golf Tournament* on Saturday, July 31. It will be held at the Chapel Hill Golf Course in Mt. Vernon and is sponsored by Lord of Life Lutheran Church. All proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that honors and assists U.S. military personnel wounded in the service of this country.

Redeemer generally has a couple of foursomes participate. Information about the tournament, including a sign up sheet, and opportunities to make additional contributions, is posted on kiosk. Questions can also be directed to **Mike Benis** at 864-1506.

Calling All Cooks!!

Redeemer is supporting Faith Lutheran with providing meals for First English Lutheran Church. Specifically, Redeemer will be providing the dinner on Thursday, July 29 for about 150 people. Redeemer's role is just preparing the meal at this point (although anyone who would like to serve can do so).

The dinner will consist of a casserole, salad, and dessert. Recipes and pans are available in the Narthex.

Please sign the sheet if you take one. Also please indicate if you are willing to provide salad, dessert, and/or drinks.

World Café Visits Vietnam

The July outing of World Café will be to the **Ha Long Bay Vietnamese Kitchen**, 8489 Sancus Blvd., on Sunday, July 11 at 12 noon. Please let **Ashley** or **Judy Bird** know (239-9380 or jambird@aol.com) by Wednesday, July 7 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.

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.

Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk for hosting summertime hospitality refreshments after Redeemer's one worship service.

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.

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

Forum Covers Senior Health Care Issues

The Eastside Ecumenical Ministries is sponsoring a Community Senior Health Care Forum from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, at Reformation Lutheran Church, 1355 S. Hamilton Rd.

This forum will address "Health Care Reform and Its Impact on Medicare," "Senior Consumer Fraud Issues," and "Understanding the Basics of Medicare." **Doug Anderson**, chief policy officer for the Ohio Department of Insurance, will be the main presenter. There will be times reserved for questions and answers.

LSS to Move Main Offices

Business First reported that Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Central Ohio will be moving its main office from 750 E. Broad St. to the Officescape I building in Worthington, 500 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. The move will be effective Monday, July 19.

According to the paper, Worthington gave the agency a \$50,000 grant as an incentive to move with the agency pledging "an annual payroll of at least \$1.95 million for seven years."

Half of New ELCA Congregations among Immigrant Populations

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) reports that of the 41 new congregations it is starting in 2010, more than half are among immigrant populations.

For example, The Rev. Robert N. Waworuntu, an ELCA pastor from Sulawesi (formerly known as Celebes), Indonesia, has made a commitment to start one Indonesian Lutheran ministry per year in the United States. For 2010 he is helping to start Indonesian Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas. "There is an urgent need for worship in this area," he said.

"It is my passion to engage in mission among the Indonesian communities across the United States," said Waworuntu. There are 10 Indonesian congregations across the church, from California to New York, Colorado to Texas. "I keep in close contact with all 10," he said, adding that members of these congregations gather once a year. "We call it the Indonesian Caucus."

"I share with these communities that we are part of the universal church," said Waworuntu. "We can still keep our Indonesian identity and serve as members of the ELCA."

Waworuntu is based in Newington, N.H., where he serves as pastor of Immanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church there. He came to the United States in 1990 to attend seminary and returned to Indonesia to teach. Since returning to the U.S. in 2001, Waworuntu has helped start congregations in New Hampshire, Texas, Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

"It is important for us to reflect to the entire world, not just one part of it, that we are a church built by immigrants, and we continue to be a church of immigrants," said the Rev. Mary C. Frances, assistant director for new evangelizing congregations, ELCA Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EOCM).

Of the 41 new starts, 15 are among the working poor, 23 are middle class and 3 are upper-middle class. Thirty-nine percent are located in suburban locations, 37 percent in urban and 24 percent in small-town rural areas.

The large number of new starts for 2010 among immigrant people "reflect a biblical image of the church, not so much as a welcoming church but rather a church in the world in search of welcome," said the Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, executive director, EOCM.

"Jesus showed up mostly as a guest, as someone who was vulnerable," said Bouman.

"In the Gospel of Luke he sent his disciples and the 70 out into the world. They traveled light (and) didn't even take bread with them, because Jesus wanted them to be welcomed at the kitchen tables of those he loved," he said.

"I see our outreach to immigrants this way. It is not so much opening the doors and windows of our shut-down churches afraid of their neighborhoods. Rather it is a venturing out, a seeking and, by God's grace, receiving a welcome at the tables of our new neighbors," said Bouman.

Members of El Camino de Emaus in Burlington, Wash., are celebrating its four-year anniversary July 11. El Camino is an ELCA congregation under development.

"We are the only Hispanic ministry" in the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, said Luz Cabrera. She and her husband, the Rev. Eduardo A. Cabrera, an ELCA pastor, serve as ELCA mission developers in Burlington.

"The Hispanic population is growing very fast in northwest Washington," said Cabrera, adding that she anticipates the ministry to continue growing at a rapid rate. To help meet that demand, there are two seminary students at El Camino. "We hope they'll become pastors who can begin new Hispanic ministries in northwest Washington," she said.