



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

## Reflections

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### *You're Invited ...*

#### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here  
in the name of Jesus  
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#### MIC STUDENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> year - Joe Brosious

Invite. It's a simple enough word, one that we all generally understand and agree is important in developing relationships with others. "Invite" is defined as, "Ask somebody to participate" (Encarta Dictionary) and "To ask for the presence or participation of someone or something" (Wiktionary). If I look at those definitions a little closer, I notice a couple of things. One, invite is an *active* verb, prompting someone to do something. Secondly, invite is *inclusive*, encouraging people to be part of something. Synonyms to invite include words such as "ask," "request," "call," "attract," and "encourage."

When you talk about equipping ministry and being an equipping church, "invite" is a key element. It is important, both as an initial invitation to people who are visiting and/or looking for a church home AND for motivating and moving people toward involvement once a person has made a decision to be a part of a particular faith community. It is welcome ... it is hospitality ... it is acceptance ... it is community.

At Redeemer, invitation is present in many ways. It is greeting people at the front door on Sunday mornings. It is welcoming a hot and thirsty basketball player inside for a drink of water and a cooler environment. It is the explanation of worship service details to first-time visitors. It is user-friendly bulletins. It is hospitality time after/between worship services. It is a genuine "hello" and conversation with people using Redeemer's building and grounds throughout the week. It is the handwritten notes and baked goods that are prepared with care and sent or delivered to visitors. It is asking someone to help with a ministry or to participate in a small group. It is flyers sent to the neighborhood about ministries and other activities at Redeemer. The list goes on ....

But it doesn't stop there. What are new ways to invite people and to be a welcoming community of faith? How do we strengthen our current invitation efforts? Where are the places we have invitation "gaps"? We might consider (and some have already suggested) these possibilities .... enhancing Redeemer's website, using social networking tools, developing a series of new member workshops, providing events/receptions for new members, having ministry fairs, finding ways to encourage people to share their stories.

One idea I am developing is a new member gathering called "Come Journey with Us." Newer members will be invited to an informal get-together ... part relationship building, part sharing, part learning, part exploring. It will be introduced this summer. We'll see where it goes from there.

Invite. A simple word ... yet it has such affirming impact on those who receive it.

Peace, Kelley

## GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### LESSONS

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19], Luke 11:1-13

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

10:00 AM Holy Communion

### INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Grace of God Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Tony Naess.

+ *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 Wegmeyer, Barb Atkinson, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Ellen Kunce, Evelyn Fitch, Theresa Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes, Estella Kuemmel, Faith Wick and Redeemer visitors.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

10:00 AM

Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthausen
Acolyte	Eric Vivens
Reader	Bob Eakin
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
Coordinator	Dave Reinoehl
Ushers	Jack Miller Jon Disbro
Welcoming Team	Dick Kautz Jacquie Bussie
Hospitality	
Nursery	Becky Fisher/Lynn Brosious
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

JULY 20-JULY 27

### Tuesday

8:00 AM ROMEO  
6:30-8 PM Basketball Camp

### Wednesday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – #4  
6:30-8 PM BBC  
7:00 PM Beacon of Hope – #2  
8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive  
Compulsive Anonymous)

### Thursday

6:30-8 PM BBC  
7:00 PM Berwyn West Civic  
Association  
7:30PM Stewardship

### Friday

### Saturday

9 AM-Noon Veggie Give Away  
9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope - FH

### Sunday

10:00 AM AM Worship  
7:00 PM Movie Night  
**CANCELLED**

### Monday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – #2  
6:00 PM Fellowship  
6:30-8 PM Basketball Camp  
7:00 PM Condo Assoc. #1

## PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for the following:

Redeemer's MIC Student, **Jared Witt**, and **Nikki Tournoux** will wed this coming Saturday, July 24, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Alliance, Ohio.

**Ed** and **Heidi Stover's** daughter **Emily** will marry **Bret Wiegman** at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Worthington on Saturday, July 24.

**Kampbell Charlotte Rose Turner**, daughter of **Kim** and **Kendall Turner**, granddaughter of **Shirley** and **Nelson Meyer** and great-granddaughter of **Elmer Meyer**, was baptized on Sunday.

Also Sunday was Redeemer's former Ministry in Context (MIC) student **Peder Johanson** last Sunday here. He has been called to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead, Wisconsin. He begins Monday, August 2 and will be ordained on Friday, August 20. Wife **Kirsten** will be here a couple more weeks.

## REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

### Food Give-Away Continues on Saturdays

Volunteers are needed for the next several Saturdays as the vegetable and herbs “give away” continues. Items are from Redeemer’s own gardens and from those of members’ and friends’ gardens who bring their extra bounty either on Fridays or Saturday mornings.

This past Saturday, 20 cars stopped by to pick up food items.

The give away is each Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon here at Redeemer as part of the “Making Room – to Feed Neighbors” project. It 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.

### Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

Sponsors for summer hospitality for the next two Sundays, July 25 and August 1, are still needed. If this is something your committee or family can do, please call Donna in the church office to let her know. That number is 237-1263.

You can also sign up on the kiosk.

### RLC Sets Habitat Work Day

Redeemer will now be sending a crew to help with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, July 31. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for those who can help. No experience is necessary. Questions” Call **Kathy Zwanziger** at 235-1901.

### July Movie Night Cancelled

**Jon Disbro** reports that Movie Night for July, which had been scheduled for July 25, is *cancelled* but will resume again in August. The hope is to show “Avatar” on Blue Ray DVD so for those who haven’t seen the movie or who want to see it again, look for the August Movie Night notice in *Reflections*.

## 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.

### Redeemer to Provide Meal on July 29

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 provide an item. Right now, no one has signed up to provide salad although almost enough casseroles are being donated.

Also needed are desserts, and drinks.

### Sister Act to Meet July 31

Sister Act will meet next on Saturday, July 31 at 10 a.m. at the Chadwick Arboretum on the OSU campus. The group will meet at Howlett Hall (2001 Fyffe Court). Directions to Chadwick can be found online at <http://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu/visiting-chadwick>.

“We will be walking the labyrinth and enjoying the various gardens, then heading to nearby Cap City Diner for lunch and fellowship.”

Those interested in carpooling from Redeemer should meet at Redeemer by 9:15 a.m.

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](mailto:kelleynotez@yahoo.com) or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

### Fore Christ Golf Tournament July 31

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.

### Please Return Flower Vases

If you have taken altar flowers home in a vase, please remember to return the vase to the kitchen off the Narthex!

### Party Time!! August 10

On Tuesday, August 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., there will be a community and church party out on Redeemer’s lawn to celebrate two projects the church has been involved with this summer: the *Make Room: To Feed Neighbors* and *A Between Place*.

The evening’s events will include entertainment by TransitART artists (art, dance, music, poetry) along with other entertainers, ice cream, beverages, a special contest, a *Vegetable Dish Cook Off* and the installation of two new murals.

Look for signs around the building advertising the event and invite friends and neighbors. There will be a large tent to provide a shady spot and to provide a space for the food and judging.

All dishes that are brought to the Community Celebration will be available for tasting by everyone once the judging is complete.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. If this is something you can do, call **Pastor Al**.

## A New Book Has Been Added

A new book has been added to Redeemer's lending library which is available in the Narthex. It is *Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying* which offers practical advice to anyone caring for a terminally ill person on how to recognize, understand, and respond to the patient's messages.

Written by two hospice nurses, **Maggie Callanan** and **Patricia Kelley**, the caregiver is told to listen carefully to try to discern what lies behind the patient's verbal clues rather than just believing "Grandma is confused" when, for example, she talks about seeing her parents who have been dead for many years.

Many examples are given to encourage care-givers to observe carefully. Often one is able to give one last gift to the loved one – as well as receiving the gift of understanding for one's self.

## Quarterly Statements Available

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

## 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.

### Peace LC Collects Clothing, Furniture

Cleaning out but have nowhere to contribute items you want to discard? Peace Lutheran Church (455 Clark State Rd.) has trailers at the back of its parking lot where clothing and furniture is collected. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) then distributes the items to people in southeastern Ohio who are in need.

(Call Peace at 337-1000 to talk to **Dana Stuckey** to make sure there is room for your donation.)

### LCMS Votes to Continue Work with ELCA

Delegates to the national convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) voted overwhelmingly July 15 to continue cooperative work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) "with theological integrity," and asked that its leaders assess and report on the current state of cooperation in one year.

Resolution 3-03, "Cooperation in Externals with Theological Integrity" was adopted with minor amendments, following a lengthy discussion by delegates.

In response the **Rev. Mark S. Hanson**, ELCA presiding bishop, said in a statement that the ELCA "affirms the cooperation in externals with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that provides care for all people. The outreach provided by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran Services in America, Lutheran World Relief, and Lutheran

Disaster Response has provided for the needs of people in our country and in places throughout the world."

"We have a mutual commitment to serve our neighbor and respond to the cry of people in need," he wrote. "The opportunities to provide care are and will be with us. Concerning the need to provide formal and serious discussion on issues that might develop in our cooperation, the ELCA is open to being a partner with the LCMS in discussing any concern."

The LCMS resolution refers to the sexuality actions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and a response to those actions produced by a task force appointed by the LCMS president, "Theological Implications of the 2009 ELCA Decisions."

The resolution stated that:

+ "cooperation in externals with other churches, including the ELCA, continue with theological integrity."

+ the LCMS gives "thanks to God for the opportunity to give witness to God's care for all people through such cooperative work."

+ the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR), in consultation with the LCMS president, vice president and others will "develop more in-depth theological criteria for assessing cooperative endeavors, determining what would necessitate termination of such cooperative efforts."

+ the LCMS president and vice presidents, in consultation with the CTCR, "provide an assessment of the current state of cooperation in externals and a full report of criteria for ongoing assessment of the same by July 13, 2011."

### LSS Day at the Clippers

Thanks to an overwhelming response by supporters of Lutheran Social Services in Central Ohio, 1,100 general admission tickets have been sold for the LSS Day at the Clippers event, Saturday, July 24.

Special Reserved Seating tickets are still available at \$9 a piece.

Please call **Dianna Lathrop** at 614-228-5200 x1219 to purchase tickets. Quantities are limited.

### Wernle Sponsors Kids Golf Classic

The **Wernle 2010 Coaches for Kids Golf Classic** will be hosted by Indiana Basketball legend, **Steve Alford**, and promises to be a great opportunity to work on your swing and provide much needed support for Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center.

Please join the Wernle staff and other golfers at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31 at Forest Hills Country Club in Richmond, Indiana for breakfast with Alford and a great day of golf.

For more information or to register a team, call 765-939-4575 or visit [www.wernle.org](http://www.wernle.org).