



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Some Call it Change - Some Call it Gardening

OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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MIC STUDENTS

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Sometimes, just like a garden, things are beginning at the same time other things are at their end. This Saturday the tomatoes came in - for the first time. We had one Saturday with one tomato. The next week there may have been a few. On Saturday, it seemed as though every type of tomato in the RLC garden had something to offer. Most people tell me that these tomatoes are not close to being ready but they can see the potential all covered in green skins. They come in so fast, we have to pick during the week and put them in the refrigerator to make sure our supply for the "give-away" is bountiful. That is the present day with our tomatoes.

This past Saturday was also the reminder that some vegetable plants are done. One raised bed of beans is still going strong along with one group of pole beans. At the same time, one run of pole beans is done. I even dismantled it - along with one run of climbing cucumbers. Both of these climbing vegetables have been really productive. In fact, one week we exploded with cucumbers. They were tasty and fresh and ready for a salad - but no more. They are finished. The same observation was made about some of the squash plants. One yellow squash plant never really did much at all. It looked on the verge of death for weeks. This week it was all pulled. It is finished without really getting started. Its potential and our dreams didn't come to fruit.

There are some plants that go quickly. The radishes were put in and the next thing we knew - they were pulled and given away and - gone. With some of the ground in the beds now available a few of us wondered if something new could be started even now. There was a call for more zucchini. Could we attempt to put in a new bunch of zucchini plants and have more zucchini ready for the middle or end of August? Some might say it is too late. Others may say, "Go for it; let's give it a try!" Others may say, "Experimentation is good." It is my guess that someone will "go for it" and we may or may not see a second harvest. This would not be in our original vision - but why not expand or change what was once the plan?!?

Like a raised-bed garden, a congregation goes through the same cycle of rising and dying. It is all quite natural. In many ways it helps everyone look with new eyes at what we have previously seen. This gives us the opportunity to plant something new or make changes in how things grow around us. There is nothing good or bad about the life cycles in gardens or in the life of a congregation. Maybe that is because we always expect the spring to come around again and give us another go at a bountiful harvest or to change what we did this year in order to bring about something we had not considered previously considered. We need to always be looking at what needs to be planted or started or tried anew. For a congregation that means we must be as flexible as a wise gardener who plants and nurtures and harvests and then...is not afraid to say, "What will we do next? What can we do without? What is really important or vital? What is at the end of its growth cycle? What shall we try now?" I find this to be all about the stewardship of our life together.

Christ's peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12,
Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

10:00 AM Holy Communion

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Advent Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Lynn Nakamura.

+ *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	Bernice Stewart
Acolyte	Dayson Billingsley
Reader	Julie Johnson
Cantor	Linda Williams
Coordinator	Kurt Goshen
Ushers	Maryilyn Roberts Tom Mimplitch
Welcoming Team	Tony Naess Kathy Denhard
Hospitality	
Nursery	Jessica Fisher/Lynn Brosious
Communion Set-up	Heidi Stover & Ranel Hoddinott

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker	Leslie Roy
Baked Goods Deliverer	Leslie Roy
Note-writer	Katie McCleaf
Food Pantry Delivery	Nancy and Kathie Ehrich

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS RESUMES IN THE FALL

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JULY 27 - AUGUST 2

Tuesday

10AM-8PM Cello Lessons #9
6:30-8:00PM Basketball Camp

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30-8 PM Basketball Camp

Friday

Saturday

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

Sunday

10:00 AM Worship

Monday

5PM Youth Expression #4
6:30PM Basketball Camp
7PM Property #1*

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

August Birthdays

2 – Peggy Cochran
7 – Norm Wegmeyer
8 – Paul Atkinson
11 – Dick Kautz
11 – Kristen Yanchak
13 – Jenesis Billingsley
15 – Sarah Day Kirkman
16 Diana Gordon
16 Cathy Oldham
16 – Madelyn Zimmer
17 – Thelma Johnson
25 – LaVerna Reinoehl
26 – Brad Binau
27 – Matthew Bird
27 – Jon Disbro

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Give-Away Continues on Saturdays

Veggies continue to be given away each Saturday. Usually the give-away starts at 10am. Before that can happen, a few Redeemer folks show up (about 9am) to go through the garden and pick what is ready for the day, set up small tables, bring out of the refrigerators any vegetables that were harvested in the few days before the weekly give-away, put out the "Free Veggies" sign and then – the people start coming.

This last weekend, 38 cars pulled up and they all were able to take home something. This was our first week for tomatoes! Finally!

We've had one neighbor bring by herbs for teas, Hilda and Dick Kautz have dropped by some peppers, and Don Husted and Heidi Wick offered a box of tomatoes and peppers this week. Remember that we invite RLC members and friends to drop veggies by the building as early as Wednesday (we use the refrigerator) from 9am to noon.

Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

Sponsors for summer hospitality for 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.

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 can 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 or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

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 caregivers 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.

Member Profiles

Grove City residents Theresa and Bob Frazier are both Columbus natives, although Theresa reported living in California and Florida for awhile and returning to central Ohio. Children Yvonne and Bill are grown now. Yvonne lives in Dublin, and Bill in South Bloomfield. There are four grandchildren: Alexandria (age 15), Brandon (14), Michael (12) and April (9). The only dependents living with Theresa and Bob are their boys Buddy and Gadjet, both dogs.

Bob works as a drug and alcohol counselor, and Theresa--now on disability--was an office manager. She enjoys jewelry making, yarn work, reading and listening to books on CDs. He likes playing on the computer, reading technical things or about different religions and philosophies.

Their first experiences with Redeemer were different, as Bob originally was invited by Armin and Carol Barnick, and Theresa accompanied Bob later at a Boar's Head Feast in December. One of her earliest memories of the congregation was during a Sunday on which there was a baptism. Pastor Al, whom Theresa really enjoys, was quoted as saying, "We not only admit people to Redeemer by baptism. Look, we marry them into the congregation too." Theresa also loves the variety of people at church. Bob enjoys the music as well as Al's sermons. She was in the knitting group, and both attend World Cafe when they can. Regularly attending the late liturgy, Theresa has been a reader, and Bob's done back up readings for her when she can't attend. "That's what marriage is all about, right?" comments Theresa, "backing each other up."

The Wider Church

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.)

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.

Haiti: Six Months Later – LWR Report

Six months after Haiti's devastating 7.0 earthquake, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) remains hard at work assisting those who are still dealing with its aftermath and will be for years to come.

LWR, with a 14-year history in Haiti, is focusing the majority of its efforts on underserved rural populations. Many rural communities found themselves hosting an influx of people who fled the capital city of Port-au-Prince after the quake, putting a severe strain on already limited resources.

"It's a tenuous situation," said Alex Wilson, LWR's deputy regional director for Latin America, who visited Haiti in June. "Lots of families left the city initially, but then went back in search of shelter, work and educational opportunities. However, the situation in Port-au-Prince remains critical, and many have now returned to their communities of origin a second time."

LWR is working with local partners to support rural communities through cash-for-work programs to build soil and water conservation structures, distribution of additional seeds in preparation for the rainy season and training on agricultural production, to ensure that people have some income and that farmers are able to grow sufficient food to feed everyone. In addition, LWR is supporting the construction of latrines and low-cost water filter systems to accommodate the additional populations that have fled to rural areas.

"We lost one child during the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, and we didn't even have time for a funeral," said Monique Orestil, a participant in LWR's program in Maissade, a rural community located about a four hour drive north of Port-au-Prince. "I brought my remaining five children here, and LWR helped me participate in a cash-for-work program. It was like God landing in Maissade. I left Port-au-Prince without anything, but now I can work for my family."

As a member of the global aid consortium ACT Alliance, LWR has also supported life-saving measures in and around Port-au-Prince, since the days immediately after the earthquake. ACT Alliance members have provided food, water and sanitation, shelter and other services to more than 341,000 people.

"We are in a transition period now, moving from immediate relief efforts into the rehabilitation phase so that rural families can re-establish their livelihoods," Wilson said. LWR, taking a long-term approach to rehabilitation and recovery, plans to work with earthquake-affected communities for five years.

"This was a devastating crisis," Wilson added. "Recovery will take a long time."

On the domestic side, LWR has mobilized its supporters to advocate to the U.S. government for cancellation of Haiti's debt, and for emergency funding to support reconstruction programs. As a result of advocacy efforts by many organizations and individuals, in February the Obama Administration announced support for canceling Haiti's nearly \$1 billion debt and in April, President Obama signed the Debt Relief for Earthquake Recovery Act into law. Earlier this month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a supplemental funding bill that includes crucial funds for reconstruction and agriculture efforts in the country. LWR continues working to ensure that policy-makers hear the voices and understand the needs of Haitian civil society.