



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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A Variety of Ways to Build and Deepen Relationships

OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Joe Brosious

There are many levels to our life together within our congregation. In the past handful of years we have tried to encourage members and friends to take part in the various kinds of small groups that are started by an individual or a couple people.

Many of these groups tend to be social. That means people who are a part of Redeemer have found some ways to gather together with other Redeemer people in order to simply socialize. Even though there may not be an agenda to the gathering of these groups, the simple fact that our common bond through Redeemer can be expanded into the opportunity to gather as 'church folk' - is another way relationships are deepened among us. It might be the monthly dinner group that has been working its way through the wide variety of ethnic restaurants. It might be the bridge group that comes out to play cards in the narthex and as they play, relationships are built. It might be the knitters who knit and then go out to dinner where relationships are made more solid.

Some small groups gather around learning events. The bible study that takes place on Tuesday afternoons is more than the study of scripture. People connect and then times of celebration and illness and need are shared right in the middle of things. It is not uncommon for someone to be sick or in the hospital and they are comforted by a card or a visit from one or several classmates. A book study group brings people closer together because people risk sharing thoughts and opinions and everyone learns to respect the other person. Even a short-term learning series brings the opportunity to be drawn into a closer relationship with someone previously only known by face in worship. Even the monthly movie group is pulled closer because of their interest in watching movies and the dialogue that goes on when they discuss the film at the end.

Another shape for small groups is one that is more structured and includes fellowship, prayer, study, and discussion. Kelley Scott previously introduced the idea of 'Mustard Seed' groups for those who would like to dig down deeper with one another.

On Sunday, September 12 and 19, the narthex will be set up with three groups of tables that reflect the different "types" of groups that will continue from last year or start up new. This will also be a time for someone or a group to put something out to see if others want to join in. For example, Karen and I are planning to start a group for people who want to take part in monthly dinners in various homes. Over a year's time, we hope that a number of Redeemer folks will have the opportunity to sit around a table to eat a meal together, talked about what makes us who we are, and simply deepen, renew, and discover relationships within the congregation. Obviously, this will fall into the category of a 'social' group but as is the hope of all these small groups - people will be drawn into relationships and our whole life together will be strengthened. So - think about joining a group or starting one or pulling a few people together to shape a group with common interests. For help doing this, contact Kelley Scott or me.

Christ's Peace! [pastoral](#)

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost

LESSONS

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

10:00 AM Holy Communion & Reception of New Member

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of Bethel Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Gail Patrick.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

10:00 AM

Presiding Minister	F. Allan Debelak
Assisting Minister	Karen Collins
Acolyte	Renee McFarland
Reader	Chad Eberle
Cantor	Katie Kent Smith
Coordinator	Kurt Goshen
Ushers	Mike Benis Mary Benis
Welcoming Team	Jon Disbro Tomara Herring
Hospitality	
Nursery	Diane Montgomery 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

Remember:

Deadline for *Reflections* articles is 7 a.m. Monday mornings.

Just email them to info@Redeemerluth.com
and put "For Reflections" in the subject line.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

AUGUST 24 – AUGUST 30, 2010

Tuesday

10AM Cello Lessons #9

Wednesday

5-7PM Youth Expressions #4
7PM Beacon of Hope
8:30PM OCA

Thursday

7PM Berwyn West Civic Assoc.

Friday

Saturday

9AM Beacon of Hope
9AM Annual Worship Planning
10AM Veggie Give-Away

Sunday

10AM Worship
7PM Movie Night

Monday

5PM Youth Expression #4

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

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Paul Atkinson has been in and out and back into Mt. Carmel Hospital – testing continues.

Elizabeth Hoops was in Grant Hospital and is now home.

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Julie Day's new address is:
6111 Burnley Sq. E, Cols. OH 43229

Sarah Fisher's new address is:
336 Vista Dr. Gahanna, OH 43230

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This Sunday Larry

Birthdays in September

3– Sue Baker 4– Ron Hals
5– Trina Thornton 7– Bonnie Hegreness
8– Tom Kent 9– Brittany Parsons
9– Dave Powell 13– Ashley Bird,
13– Dan Garrett-Stigall
15– Kris Kauffman 16– Michele Disbro
19– Mary Lapham 21– Jeanette Peresta
22– Adam Darst 27– David Curtis
27– Becky Fisher 28– Faith Wick
29– Jennifer Young 29– Mikala Kennison
30– Bonnie Hopkins

Please notify the church office
if a birthday is not noted here.

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7, 6:15 P.M.

The first rehearsal for Chimes is fast approaching, and WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! If you can read music (even just a little!) and have flexible wrists, come give us a try for a week or two. We usually play the Prelude at both services on the 4th Sunday of each month (in addition to Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter). Questions? Call Karen Kent at 365-6442 or 478-3164.

Annual Worship Vision/Planning

The Worship Committee is holding its annual **Seasonal Planning meeting this Saturday, August 28, from 9:00 am to noon, at Redeemer**. Anyone is welcome to join us and express her/his ideas and vision for worship in the coming liturgical year. If you are unable to attend, but have an idea you would like us to consider, please email Michelle Clemence at mclemence@earthlink.net.

Be Part of What Makes Sunday Roll Along

As September approaches, it is the best time to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the conspiracy that keeps Redeemer's worship and fellowship alive and moving from Sunday to Sunday. If you look at the back of the monthly calendar of activities, you will see a page of individuals who step up and take responsibility for some part of what goes into a Sunday morning at Redeemer. Some of those roles take a bit of training – some of them just take a willingness to sign up and say "I can do that!"

On the kiosk this week we will post a list of the ways people can step up and help create a part of our life together. For example, we can always use and can train more: assisting ministers, acolytes, ushers, coordinators, greeters, healing team members, and vergers.

Now, you may not even know what some of these folks do – so how do you know if you would be willing to step up?! Well, on the sign-up sheet there will be a brief explanation of what each of these roles entails. After reading those descriptions, if you have more questions, ask **Pastor Al** and he will direct you to someone who is already serving in that role. Really folks – we need you and you are perfect for the part.

Sunday School, 2 Services Resume Sept. 12

Sunday School for children and adults and Redeemer's two-service, Sunday schedule resumes on Sunday, September 12.

Sunday School runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. while Sunday services will be held at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

DO YOU NEED THE SENIOR CHOIR?

With the economy in such a downturn, and with many of our incomes frozen if not reduced, you may be wishing that there was more you could do to show your support for your church family.

Have you considered raising your voice in praise by singing in Redeemer's Senior Choir? An outer expression of our inner beliefs, singing with a group of like-minded souls is very rewarding in itself, not to mention the joy our choir brings to so many every Sunday.

Rehearsals only take one hour of your time each week – a small investment with a large return! So please give prayerful consideration to joining us on September 7 at 7:30 p.m. Making a joyful noise is what we do best! Questions? Call Kathy Rapp at 279-1237.

Movie Night to View 'Avatar'

Movie Night for August will be Sunday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the Narthex. (This is changed from the original date of August 22.)

The movie will be "Avatar" on Blue Ray with a larger TV screen thanks to the help of **Bret Day**. If you haven't seen "Avatar" and are curious about it or if you want to see it again this is your chance! Because of the 160-minute run time we'll be starting promptly at 7 p.m.

If you've never joined us, we bring snacks to share and talk about the movie for a few minutes afterward. Come out and join us!

Fall Bible Studies

"What comes to mind when you think of the book of Revelation? Scary images? The four horsemen come to unleash destruction? Mysterious numbers like "666"? The end-time battle of Armageddon? In recent years, an enormous prophecy industry has marketed frightening images of Revelation, leaving many people intimidated by this amazing and often misunderstood book. Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, Revelation ultimately is a book of hope that throughout history has sustained people who are oppressed. It is a wonderfully Christ-centered book, full of worship and praise."

This fall there will be two opportunities each week to take a deeper look at this 'last book in the Christian scriptures.' It is the book that is too often left out of our Bible reading – or – it is taken up by Bible interpreters who try to turn it into a frightening adventure that is used to scare people into some kind of an expression of Christianity that is not like ours.

This study of Revelation will include a series of video tapes by biblical scholar, **Dr. Barbara Rossing**, and materials shaped by Rossing that have been put out by the Presbyterian Church. We will not only tackle the book with open hearts and open minds, we will also tackle all the ways the book, written in what is called an apocalyptic writing style, is misinterpreted by people who attempt to read it in a manner never intended by the author.

One study will be on Tuesday afternoons, 1 to 2:30 p.m. (with a tea and cookie break) and the other study will be on Wednesday evenings 7 to 8 p.m. (with the possibility of a shared meal - we shall see). The Tuesday study will begin on September 21 and the Wednesday group will begin on September 22.

Hospitality Sponsors Needed

Sponsors for Sunday hospitality following the 10 a.m. service are needed for both Sunday, August 22 and Sunday, August 29. If this is something you can do, please call the church office to sign up.

Food Give-Away Continues on Saturdays

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

Remember that RLC members and friends can drop veggies off at the church as early as Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and store them in the refrigerator.

Way to Serve: Developing a Church Library

Over the past few months, the Member Care committee has made available to Redeemer members and visitors a table of books that offer support and guidance in difficult life situations such as death and serious illness. The committee would like to expand this collection of materials and make it easily accessible to anyone using the church.

At the current time, the Member Care committee is in the beginning stages of this project. The idea is to turn classroom #1 into a library that would feature books and videos owned by Redeemer. We would add to this collection over time and organize a system for sharing and borrowing. The room would be furnished in such a way to provide comfortable seating and an area for small groups to meet.

If planning and developing a church library is a project that interests you or that you have experience with, the committee would appreciate your help. Please contact the church office or **Carol Heacock** if you would like to serve in this ministry.

REMEMBER TO BRING VEGGIES TO GIVE AWAY!!

Contributions of fresh vegetables and herbs for the weekly "give away" can be brought to the church Wednesday through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (store them in the refrigerator) and on Saturdays, beginning at 8 a.m.

Good Neighbors Picnic Set for Oct. 9

On October 9, the Good Neighbors Picnic will again be held at Goodale Park. Every year, over 1,200 men, women, and children are fed and clothed at this event.

Once again Redeemer has the opportunity to help by providing gently used or new blankets. In the past few years there has also been a need for extra large hooded sweatshirts. Large winter coats are not often available and hooded sweatshirts provide warmth and protection from the cold.

At this time of year, bedding and warmer clothing is often on sale so please consider picking up one of these items that will make a difference in the life of a homeless brother or sister. A box will be available in the Narthex for the donations.

Be a Personal Shopper

Last year at the Good Neighbors Picnic, many volunteers had the opportunity to be personal shoppers to hundreds of guests, brought together at Goodale Park for a day of celebration. During the time spent together, strangers became friends as names were shared and each volunteer guided their guest through the tables laden with blankets, coats, and other donated

items. In most conversations, anxiety for the approaching cold weather could be heard in the guests' voices, expressing their need for warm coats for themselves, their children, or a friend. Looking through the blankets, guests often created a picture of how they planned to use the blanket, not only for warmth, but perhaps a pillow, or to create a little privacy. Many women were delighted to see the choices of coats and giggled with joy as they learned they could select their own, perhaps looking for a favorite color or laughing as they tried on different styles.

For a few brief moments, as a volunteer acting as a personal shopper, you become privileged to hear the stories of each homeless brothers or sisters. They shared their journeys that brought them to this moment, their plans for meeting immediate needs and dreams for better days. And always, they expressed words of thanks and gratitude. What a blessing to serve as a volunteer, what a blessing to have helped a friend.

In addition to donating a blanket or coat, consider serving as a volunteer at the Good Neighbors Picnic on Saturday, October 9 at Goodale Park. Talk to a member of the Church in Society committee, William McCulley, or Stan and Carol Heacock for more information.

Photography by Dave Lapham

For some time, photographs by Dave Lapham have been featured along the wall of the narthex. Mary Lapham will be removing those photos soon. Before she does that, she would like to offer any of them for sale to members. The photography has brought a sense of peacefulness to the room and gives a glimpse into the artistic eye of one of our former members. Dave's love of photography and nature come together to make for some endearing pieces of art. If you are interested in any of the works, contact Mary Lapham or the church office.

Use info@redeemerluth.com

To make contact with the church office easier for all of us, we make info@redeemerluth.com the preferred e-mail address for correspondence with the office. So if you have reports due into the office, if you have information for Reflections, if you have a question that needs to be addressed by someone in the church office, or other information you want to pass along or questions you may have, do not use e-mails with the personal name of secretaries as those addresses will cease within the next week.

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LSS Holds Open House

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Central Ohio will hold an open house at its new corporate offices on Tuesday, August 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The address is 500 W. Wilson Bridge Rd., Ste. 245, Worthington. Refreshments will be served. To RSVP, call 429-5486.

Food Pantry News

Dave Drumm, manager at the LSS food pantry, Champion and Frebis notes that over 7100 people were served last month – 3100 were children. This is on a budget of \$8000.00. Volunteers like member of Redeemer helps to make the Food Pantry serve within it budget and serve many people.