



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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Plumbing Issues in My Life

OUR CONGREGATION

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in the name of Jesus
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2nd year - Daniel Forehand
- Tim Kneuss
1st year - Lauren Ragen

In the past two weeks, I have come to appreciate good doctors more than I already did. I went in for my annual physical at the end of December. When the exam was coming to a close, Dr. Soldano said that it was probably a good time to do another echocardiogram. About seven years ago I found out that I have a congenital heart valve issue - a bicuspid not a tricuspid valve. Back then I also found out that I inherited this valve from my mother's father - someone I remember with deep affection and admiration. Thanks Gramps!

This kind of valve must often be replaced in time. I expected that 'time' would mean *way down the road*. Not so with me. Within a day I received the call back from my doctor. The valve has deteriorated and I needed to see a cardiologist to evaluate the results more closely. Since that phone call of a few weeks ago I have seen two really good cardiologists. Both assessments of my heart valve were in the same ball park. I will need to have my aortic valve replaced. As of last week, the time line for this surgery has changed a bit. This Wednesday, I will be having a heart catheterization to check on the overall condition of the heart. I will also have another test that will look specifically at the valve that will be replaced. After these two tests, I will meet with the surgeon to discuss my options and set a date for open heart surgery.

The good news is that heart surgery has come a long way. For this kind of surgery it looks as though they can do a less invasive opening of the sternum (cutting only half of it). There are options to the kind of valves - what a deal. There are pig valves, cow valves (both make a change in snoring☺), human valves, and mechanical valves. There are - as you might expect - positives and negatives to each of them. The other good news is that my heart muscle has not been damaged. Even though the 'regurgitation' is quite significant (because the valve is not completely closing) and the heart is working harder to pump blood through the valve to the rest of my body - the left side of the heart is beginning to thicken but there is no threat of heart failure.

So now we ask the good Lutheran question: What does this mean? Surgery is on the way - sooner rather than later. There is no rush - but after the last consult, Karen and I are planning for sooner. We expect it will be the end of February or the beginning of March. We thought it would be this summer - not. Originally we were told to expect four to six weeks away from the regular routine of work. Then we were told it really depends on what they have to do. In other words, we will plan for the more conservative time and be thankful if it is less. I will be working with the Executive Committee and the Church Council to plan for my time off.

Let me step back for just a second. Everything above seems "matter of fact." Truth is I cover up my fear and apprehensions by being "matter of fact" and throwing in some humor. In the meantime, I remain a coward who rides an emotional roller coaster. I am also - I think - an obedient patient who puts great trust in the doctors and staff who will have to deal with me and I trust in this: Christ's Peace! pastoral

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 5, 2012

LESSONS

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Worship and Holy Communion

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

+ For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer members Julie Day and Sophia Brush.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns: Pearl Aggas, Barb Atkinson, Doris Bell, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Gerry Stokes, Georgia Wegmeyer, Norm Wegmeyer, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Evelyn Fitch, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes, Faith Wick, Don Luck, Pastor Al and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Presiding Minister	Pastor Al Debelak	Pastor Al Debelak
Preacher	Tim Kneuss	Tim Kneuss
Assisting Minister	Lauren Ragen	Dan Forehand
Crucifer	Eric Vivens	Ruth Murray
Reader		Chad Eberle
Verger	Michelle Clemence	Wendy Stoica
Cantor	Linda Williams	
Coordinator	Dick Kautz	Bruce Collins
Usher(s)	Jon Disbro Jeff Jenkins	Mike Benis Mary Benis
Welcoming Team	Jon Disbro Julija Volfa	Pamela Jones Tomara Herring
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence	Julie Johnson
Nursery	Jessica Fisher 9:45 Julie Larson	Kristin Yanchak
Communion Set-up	Ranel Hoddinott	Eileen Day

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baker	Randy Kuklinski
Baked Goods Deliverer	Kathy Zwanziger
Note-writer	Bonnie Hegreness
Food Pantry Delivery	Barb Connors and Cathy Oldham

Noisy offering will go to ELCA Good Gifts Global Barnyard

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF WHAT JESUS DOES?

HISTORIC IDEAS –

PASTORAL

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JANUARY 31, 2012 – FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Tuesday

9:00 am	Suzuki School
1:00 pm	Bible Study
6:30 pm	Chime Choir
7:30 pm	Senior Choir

Wednesday

2:30 pm	Suzuki School
5:00 pm	Youth Expression
7:00 pm	Beacon of Hope #2

Thursday

9 am–6 pm	Suzuki School
6:00 pm	Youth Expressions
7:00 pm	Bridge

Friday

Suzuki School

Saturday

9:00 am Beacon of Hope – FH

Sunday

8:30 & 11am	Souper Bowl of Caring Worship and Holy Communion
9:45 am	Sunday School
12:15 pm	Executive Committee
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts - FH

Monday

9:00 am	Girl Scout Day Suzuki School
6:00 pm	Youth Expressions #2
6:00 pm	Knitting
7:00 pm	Property #1

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Prayers are asked for the family of **Michelle** and **Anne Wolfe** on the birth of **Heath William Wolfe** and the family of **Jill Wright Crist** and **Russ Crist** on the birth of **Redmund Joseph Crist**.

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Prayers are asked for **Don Luck** who will be having surgery this week and for former RLC **Pastor Bob Kelley** who fell and is now recuperating at home after hospitalization.

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Prayers are asked for the family of **Paul Atkinson** who died on Tuesday, January 24. The funeral was held at Redeemer on Saturday, January 28. Contributions in Paul's memory can be made either to Redeemer or to Charity Newsies. Visit www.schoedinger.com to share a favorite memory or send a condolence.

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Prayers are also asked for the **Cannon family** on the death of **Shirley's** father.

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Thanks go out to everyone who helped at the LSS Food Pantry this past week! Redeemer staffs the pantry six times a year and needs five volunteers each time. The schedule and sign-up sheet is on the kiosk if this is something you can.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

'Souper Bowl of Caring' Set for Feb. 5

Our offerings count! On Sunday, February 5, Redeemer will be collecting funds for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Proceeds will go to the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry.

* The number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years.

* When the economy goes down, the number of people seeking help from the nation's foodbanks goes up.

* Donations to food banks slow down after the holidays even though the need never goes away.

* According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 48 million Americans, including 16 million children, live on the edge of hunger.

* Research shows hungry children have lower grades in school because they cannot concentrate.

Since Souper Bowl of Caring began, more than \$81 million has been collected in cash and food from participants in all 50 states. Thank you for helping tackle hunger in 2012. Together we make a difference!

Additional information about the "Souper Bowl" can be found online at <<http://tacklehunger.org>>

Evangelism Request

The Evangelism Committee is attempting to update and/or develop some of the congregation's informational materials intended for visitors. The committee is working on the content but would welcome assistance with layout and design.

Ideally, a small task force would come together to help with that aspect of the project. Individuals willing to share their skill or experience in designing print materials are encouraged to contact an Evangelism Committee member: **Chair Pamela Jones, Mary Benis, Mike Benis, Jon Disbro, or Nancy Steiner.**

Volunteers Needed to Take Defibrillator Training

John Steiner is looking for three to four members who usually attend the late service to volunteer to participate in defibrillator training on **Wednesday, February 8**. It runs from 7 to 8 p.m.

If this is something you can do, please contact him at (740) 927-7347 or via email at jlsgobucks@yahoo.com.

Pancake Dinner Set for Feb. 21

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, February 21**. The dinner will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your favorite pancake topping to share ... chocolate chips ... bananas ... other fruit? Yummy!!

Volunteers are needed to help set up beginning at 5:15 p.m. and to help flip the flapjacks. Let **Donna Schmidt** or **Becky Fisher** know if you can help.

How to Make a Difference

As we start 2012, have you been thinking about getting more involved at Redeemer or trying something new?

Here is a great way to get started! The Stewardship Team asks that you complete your "Time and Talent" forms for 2012. You could receive this form in one of several ways: they were inserted in the front of the 2012 offering packet; they were

handed out after services this past Sunday; and they are available in the Narthex.

The forms offer a wide array of opportunities to provide service to the Redeemer community. We ask that you prayerfully consider how to best stitch into the fabric of ministry at Redeemer. Please return your completed form to the marked basket in the Narthex as quickly as possible. Should you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Stewardship Team -- **Mary Benis, Dave Lippert, John Kennedy, and Brad Phillips.**

If you have already completed the form, we thank you!

FRIEDE Heads to OSU Women's BB Game

FRIEDE will be going to an OSU women's basketball game on Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m. **Kay Ernsthansen** has 12 complimentary tickets for a suite at the Schott. She also has a few free parking passes. To coordinate the carpooling from church to take advantage of these parking passes, please sign up on the kiosk at church.

Contact Kay with any questions. Snacks can be purchased to eat in the suite.

'Interesting Journey' to Explore Underground Railroad

The Interesting Journey for February will be a trip to the Ohio Historical Center for a Black History Month Program "Codes of the Underground Railroad." Come explore the secrets of the Underground Railroad and learn how the railroad "stations" saved many hundreds of slaves running to freedom. The program will include the secret codes used and some of the many clever ways used to hide the slaves in Ohio abolitionist homes.

In addition, there are many other attractions at the center. On display is "The American Soldier: A Photographic Tribute From the Civil War to Iraq" which captures the danger and frustration, the humor and beauty, the camaraderie, death and the victory that the American soldier has encountered throughout history. Another exhibit, "Following in Ancient Footsteps" explores Ohio's Native American heritage.

The group will meet in the Narthex following the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, February 19** and carpool to the Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch before heading to the Historical Center. The cost of admission to the center is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 6-12. To attend, please RSVP to **LaVerna Reinoehl** at (614) 236-5687 or reinoeh@insight.rr.com.

RLC Participates in Pilot Green Program

Redeemer has entered into an agreement to participate in a pilot program called the Energy Stewards Initiative (ESI) organized by Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC) to raise awareness of the energy use and environmental impact of congregations in the ELCA. (A separate initiative is addressing these issues for other buildings of the institutions of the ELCA.)

The goal of the two-year program is to help congregations reduce their energy usage by 5 percent each year of participation. This will be done by analyzing energy usage associated with the church building over the previous few years and implementing specific actions to reduce the energy use.

Redeemer members can expect to see (soon) the first analysis of the energy usage here on display in the Narthex and

more information about the initiative. The impatient and/or web-savvy may be interested in visiting <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/> before then.

Watch this space in *Reflections* for occasional items concerning energy conservation that can be used to reduce Redeemer's usage -- and personal usage too.

A related but independent initiative will help interested members look at their own personal energy usage/carbon footprint. If you would be interested having your carbon footprint calculated, please contact **Paul Voytas** by email at pvoytas@wittenberg.edu or by phone at (937) 342-0312. To do the calculation yourself, email Paul and he will provide you with a spreadsheet or a web resource.

Report from 2012 RLC Annual Meeting

Redeemer's congregation Sunday approved the budget for 2012 after accepting a motion from the floor to return the percentage of giving going to benevolence to the 10.5 percent it was set at in 2011. That also means that the contribution to Lutheran Social Services -- which was the only benevolence category seeing a reduction in 2012 -- was restored to 1.5 percent. Benevolence funds are disbursed based on the actual amount of contributions received during the year.

In addition, the budget was increased to reflect Redeemer's picking up **Pastor Al's** health care insurance beginning April 1 for an additional cost of \$4,284. **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips** explained that funding for this was partially offset by "more realistically" budgeting funds for the now empty positions of youth minister, lay ministry coordinator and nursery staff at three-fourths for the year since they will not likely be filled before April. The budget also saw an increase of \$2,000 from the total first presented the congregation.

While the congregation did end the year with a surplus, **Treasurer Eileen Day** stressed that Redeemer operated with a deficit the entire year -- except for December. The status of the church's finances is reported monthly in *Reflections* with occasional articles coming from the Finance Committee to keep the congregation informed throughout the year.

In addition, the congregation approved a proposal to provide \$3,600 toward the work of an intern from Trinity Seminary for the 2012-13 academic year. Of that, \$1,200 will come from the Mary Kohler Fund while another \$1,200 has already been committed. That leaves \$1,200 to raise from the congregation as an "off budget" item. If more is raised, the funds can also help provide the intern assistance to attend synod events and for educational opportunities.

The following are other highlights from Sunday's meeting:

-Outgoing council members **John Kennedy, Donna Schmidt** and **Steve Winner** were recognized and thanked for their service.

-**William McCulley** and **Bernice Stewart** were elected to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee.

-**Bennett Whitaker** and **Julie Johnson** were elected delegates to the 2012 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on June 9 with **Mike Benis** and **Pamela Jones** elected alternates.

-Disbursement of Mission Endowment Fund interest was approved as follows: \$1,000 to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and \$499.86 to the Eastside Spring Break Feeding Program.

-In answer to a question from the Jan. 22 overview of the budget, Phillips noted that a total of \$1,365 had been collected throughout the year through the "loose offering." In addition,

not reflected in the annual report, was the \$1,892 raised for CROP Walk.

-There was extensive discussion regarding the paying down of the mortgage with the amount remitted over the year totaling \$20,400 rather than the \$24,000 budgeted. The minimum monthly payment was covered but when money was tight, only the minimum was paid rather than the \$2,000/month budgeted. Day stressed, however, that funds from persons contributing specifically for the mortgage were applied to the mortgage over and above the amount paid from the operating budget. In 2011, this meant that an additional \$6,010 was applied to the mortgage which has approximately \$183,000 remaining.

Day also explained that legal fees are paid when a bill is sent which explains why only \$2,100 was paid in 2011.

Personals *cont'd from p. 2*

February Birthdays

3-Karen Kent 4-Zoe Christenson
4-Donna Voelkel 5-Georgene Slagle
8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes
11-Doris Bell 11-Stan Heacock
13-Pearl Aggas 14-Kurt Goshen
15-Nancy Ehrich 16-Heidi Carman
17-Shirley Meyer 24-Linda Williams
24-Susan Yehling 25-Kenny Kauffman
25-Bernice Stewart 26-Diane Brobeck
28-Regie Powell

We apologize if your name has been omitted from this list. Please call the church office at 237-1263 to let us know. Thanks!

Information for Reflections

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a message by calling (614) 237-1263
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs.

THE WIDER CHURCH

Trinity Seminary to Hold Bible Institute

Richard D. Nelson, professor of Old Testament and associate dean at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, will talk about "Using the Bible in the Public Square" during the Bible Institute, **Monday/Tuesday, February 6 and 7**, at Trinity Lutheran Seminary (2199 E. Main St.).

Pastors and church leaders often are invited to speak or pray in public forums, at graduations, or other events. Many turn to the Bible as a resource. Nelson will address the challenges of using the Bible at a time when fewer people "automatically buy into the normative sacred scripture argument." He will give three presentations over the two days. In addition, participants can attend workshops provided by **Cheryl Hubbard**, adjunct professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures at Trinity, and **Don Huber**, professor emeritus of church history at Trinity. The full schedule and registration information can be found online at www.TLSohio.edu with those registering before January 16 receiving an early bird discount.