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'I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food'

I don't think there are any of Jesus' words we at Redeemer take to heart more than those found in the 35th verse of Matthew 25: "I was hungry, and you gave me food." So many of our ministries have to do with food ... and feeding. The Mid-Ohio Foodbank/Lutheran Social Services food giveaway, growing and harvesting produce right on-site, feeding children at Vacation Bible School, delivering baked goods to people who visit Redeemer a couple of times, Lenten soup and salad lunches, potlucks. From the very first people Jesus gathered around him, followers of Jesus are all about sharing food ... especially finding ways to share it with people who might go hungry without it.

We've been doing the monthly Mid-Ohio/Lutheran Social Services food giveaway for a number of years. Last Thursday was totally different, however, because it was the first time we've done it having to keep a safe distance from each other as volunteers, and from the neighbors who came because they were hungry. That posed several major challenges. First, some of the most committed Redeemer members who volunteer to make the program run couldn't be with us because they are at great risk if they become infected with COVID-19 or they live with someone who is at great risk. So we needed a new group of people to help. Second, we wanted to be sure all the volunteers were safe. That meant telling the people at Mid-Ohio and Lutheran Social Services what we felt comfortable doing in terms of gathering personal data from each of the neighbors who came seeking food ... and what we didn't feel comfortable doing. Because we didn't want anyone getting out of their cars, we had to box up the eggs, broccoli, apples, sweet corn, cantaloupe, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and watermelon, instead of having people walk through to select what they wanted. So we need to have people who are good at planning, and at imagining how all the cars could come through in an efficient way.

All the things we needed to make this happen we were blessed to receive. And then some. We had more volunteers than we needed, supplemented by those whose interrupted work schedules allowed them to come on a Thursday afternoon. We felt good and safe about how we carried out the tasks. The lines of cars showed us how many people needed food. The rain was never heavy enough to be a bother. We were so glad to be able to see at least the top third of each other's faces.

And the numbers tell the story ...

- Pounds of food delivered to us to giveaway: 11,065
- Households served: 222
- Total people in those households: 774

Thanks to volunteers **Sara Auman, Mike Benis, Jon Disbro, Michele Disbro, Margie Frazier, Jill Hellman** and **Will Hellman** (Dave and Joanie Engel's daughter and grandson), **Katie Jacobs, Jeff Jenkins, Julianne Johnson, Dave Lippert, Shirley Meyer, Kathy Mimlitch, Tom Mimlitch, Kathy Pautsch, Krista Skipper, Wendy Stoica, Sue Yehling,** and **Jennifer Young.** And thanks to you all for your passion for creating ways to offer food to all who hunger.

Dave Shull

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Race Conversations Book Study Continues Wednesday

Sheryl Owens and Dave Shull would like to invite you to join the discussion of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, the next focus for the race conversations group at Redeemer. The discussion of chapters 4-7 will be held **Wednesday, April 29** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

If you'd like to join group, the meeting ID is 840 0542 8288 and the password: 014850. If you need to join by phone, the number is 646-876-9923. Then you'll be asked to enter the meeting ID and password.

If you have questions about getting onto Zoom, etc., call **Pastor Dave Shull** at 206-725-3785).

Even if you haven't had a chance to read any of the book, please join us for the conversation! Sheryl and Dave look forward to seeing and being with you on Wednesday. Feel free to invite others you think would enjoy talking about why racism is such a challenge to discuss in an open and caring way. The discussions will conclude on **Wednesday, May 6**.

Adult Sunday Class to Examine 'Apostles' Creed for Today '

We say the words every week in worship: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...*

Where do these words come from? Why does this statement of faith include what it does, but say nothing about the sacraments, and nothing about what a life of following Jesus looks like in practice? Are there ways earlier Christians might have heard these words that are lost to us now? If we affirm these words in worship, what do we believe we are saying? What are we committing ourselves to? What meanings do these words have for us?

These are the kinds of questions we'll start to explore in our Sunday Faith Exploration class, starting **May 3** from 10-11 a.m. To join the discussion using the Zoom video platform, enter meeting ID: 823 7799 1795; the password is 011421. If you just want to join us by phone, call 646 876 9923. If you have questions, contact **Dave Shull** at 206-725-3785.

You would bless us by your participation in this!

Please Let Pastor Dave Know of Any Financial Challenges You May Be Facing in These Uncertain Times

We've heard the stories ... and some of us may be living them. All the jobs created since the financial crisis of 2008 have been erased in a matter of weeks. Some of us in the Redeemer community no doubt are facing financial challenges we never expected. But they're real.

If you find yourself wondering how you're going to meet your monthly bills, please contact me. We have a fund at the church specifically to support anyone inside or outside the church in that situation. There is no reason for you to hesitate in requesting support that you feel you need. I keep requests totally confidential. No one else will know we've been in conversation about this. We have received some very generous contributions recently, so know it's not like your request for support would keep others from being able to receive it as well.

Simply call my cell (206-725-3785) or email me (dshull@redeemerluth.com) and we'll move forward in a way that, hopefully, will bring you some peace of mind in these times when so many find themselves overwhelmed. Let us walk with you!

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **April 26** Sunday worship service is available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the Sunday Worship Bulletin, go to the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerLuth.com >News, Sermons, Devotions.

We are holding one another in prayer and in spirit as we work through this time. Go in peace, serve the Lord, wash your hands!

Tuesday Bible Study Dives into the Apostle Paul

This **Tuesday, April 28**, the Bible study group here at Redeemer continues its in-depth exploration of Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth. In this letter, Paul addresses how communities are formed, what the role of love is in our common life, what it means to be in a body as opposed to just spiritual beings, who Jesus is, what the cross of Jesus is and does, and how to imagine the brand new world he says people are living in here and now.

In other words, a letter Paul wrote around the year 55 talks about issues that Redeemer has to face today if we are to be an active, vital body of Christ today.

If you have some free time on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m., join our community of exploration, honesty, laughter, and prayer. **The Bible study is held via Zoom**. If you'd like to join us, here's the information you'll need to connect:

Meeting ID is 898 9871 1584 and the password is 032170. To join by phone, call 646-876-9923. You'll be prompted to enter the meeting ID and password. We'd be blessed by you being part of the conversation!

Healing Prayer While We Are Apart Together

The Healing Prayer Team is hoping to continue Healing Prayer during this time that we are meeting remotely.

If you have a prayer request, whether "healing" or otherwise, please contact the church office with your name and a good time to reach you by telephone. This wouldn't be a specific time, but rather something like "Tuesday afternoon" or "any morning" or "Friday after 3pm." We'll contact a prayor who is available at your convenient time, and they will phone you to pray for and with you.

Send your requests to info@RedeemerLuth.com or phone 614.237.1263.

April 2020 Council Update

All council members met via Zoom on **Sunday, April 19**. We have begun each of our meetings with a discussion of "Big Picture" issues important to our church community. Not surprisingly, we addressed the implications of the pandemic for Redeemer. Below are council updates and actions:

- Finances for March are encouraging with \$25,369 in giving and \$23,667 in expenses, leaving a \$1,700 surplus for the month. So far, April giving is keeping pace with 2019 giving which met expenses.
- While we know that many are grateful for online worship and class offerings, the time apart is difficult for us as a community. We made plans to work with more intention to reach those in our church who may not participate as much in online events. We hope that everyone will participate at whatever level they feel they are able and in what is meaningful for them. Council members were emphatic that we are open to new ideas for reaching and including members. We had 225 views of our Easter service online.
- We will continue to evaluate how we will resume our in-person programs and worship as restrictions are lifted, and we have a path to some normal operations.
- We approved a request from our Suzuki partners to decrease their rent amount by one third (\$500) for the next quarter, with possible continuation depending on their return to normal operations. Currently Suzuki has no in-person or group classes.
- We approved a special gift of \$2,500 from the Good Samaritan Fund to Lutheran Social Services as they aid the homeless and hungry.

With thanks,
Margie Frazier, Council President

Important Emails

DShull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips**, and for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Prayers are asked for **Rose Trover**, daughter of **Becky** and **Larry Trover**, and Rose's partner **Brandon** as they await the outcome of COVID-19 tests and for Becky's sister **Maddie** who is experiencing serious financial problems at this time. Prayers are also asked for **Bebe McCoy's** brother-in-law **Walt** who has pancreatitis and for his wife **Jan**. Prayers are also asked for **Jack** and **Shirley Miller**.

Prayers continue to be requested for **Betty Shull**, mother of **Pastor Dave**, who is at home; for **Doretha Holland** who is now home, for **Bill Boys** who is now recuperating at home following a recent stroke, for **Sue Baker** who is facing new health challenges, and for **Madelyn Zimmer's** daughter **DJ**, who recently had surgery. Prayers are also asked for **Lea Spang** who recently had surgery

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Member Directory Update: **Dora Pinder's** address is 7798 Meadowlark Ln. S., Reynoldsburg OH 43068-8171.

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Jeremy Davis, a Redeemer member who is at the Ross Correctional Institute, is unable to receive visitors due to COVID-19 prevention efforts. In addition, Redeemer is not able to send him the group letter written each week after worship. Please send him a note sharing a greeting, thought, or prayer. It must be on a blank white 8.5x11" piece of paper; the note must be written in black or blue ink only. There can be NO enclosures of any kind. His address is Jeremy Christian Davis #758199, 16149 Ohio-104, Chillicothe OH 45601.

A Note from Bonnie Hegreess

Redeemer member **Bonnie Hegreess** who is now living in Colorado, wrote the following note to the congregation following the unexpected death of her son **Paul**: "I would like to thank you all for your prayers, understanding words and love during this time of my deep sorrow. As my great-grandson (age 5) said, "Grandma is going to be very lonesome now, but that will be OK. God is with her."

She asked that Paul's obituary be reprinted:

“**Paul Hegreness**, 64, of Pueblo West, CO, formerly of Mentor, OH, went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, April 1, 2020, in a biking incident. Paul was born Nov. 26, 1955, in Kentucky to Arthur and Bonnie Hegreness. On May 24, 1980, he married Darcy (Devers) Hegreness, from Richwood, OH. They met while attending the Ohio State University (Go Bucks). Paul was a loving husband, dad and grandpa who put his family and faith first. He served as an elder at Bible Community Church and as a board member of Mentor Christian School. He spent his career in public service as a recreation professional, with 30 years as the recreation superintendent in Mentor, OH. He was loved by his co-workers and his work improved the quality of life of many thousands. Paul worked in parks, his family lived in parks (literally), they played in parks and Paul passed away while enjoying a beautiful day biking with his wife in a park. Paul and Darcy moved to Colorado over four years ago to be close to their sons and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Darcy Hegreness; mother, Bonnie Hegreness; brother Steve (Anne) Hegreness; sons, Ryan (Amy) Hegreness, Dr. Jeff (Daphne) Hegreness and Eric (Chantalle) Hegreness; and six grandchildren. Due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to the Majestic Baptist Church, 494 Hemlock Dr., Pueblo West, CO 81007 or Mentor Christian School, 8600 Lake Shore Blvd., Mentor OH 44060. Online condolences: www.MontgomerySteward.com .”

Assistance Needed

Don Luck needs help readying his house for interior painting prior to putting it on the market. Specifically he needs woodwork and kitchen cabinets cleaned. He says "My antique bag of bones is deeply grateful for all who are willing to serve as my substitutes in the task." If you are willing to help, call **Tim Cooke** at 740-513-6609 for scheduling. Bringing a four- or six-foot ladder would also be of help.

April Birthdays

27-Margie Frazier
27-Dora Pinder 28-Edwina Bradley

May Birthdays

1-Daniel Pawlowski 2-Nicholas Jack Amon
2-Trevor Binau 2-Jon Denniss
3-Heidi Sherer 5-Nancy Magargal
8-Kay Ernsthause 8-Kathryn Ott
11-Logan Baldogo 14-Ty Pawlowski
17-Mary Benis 17-Ken Jones
19-Al Debelak 20-Jackson Harms
21-Paul Voytas 22-Dave Lippert
22-Lea Spang 26-Kathie Ehrich
27-Jeanne Eakin 29-Barbara Willmann

COVID-19 Information

To get the most up-to-date information regarding the pandemic and Ohio's COVID-19 activities, go to the Ohio Department of Health website at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets

The April, May, June edition of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available. If you would like to have a copy, the church office will be happy to mail one to you. Call 614-237-1263 or email info@RedeemerLuth.com

If you prefer, you may receive Christ in Our Home devotionals via email by going to <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription>

The Wider Church

A Note from Bishop Dillahunt

“God of Grace and Mercy, we thank you for those who continue to serve during this time of COVID-19. Not just for those who we see on the news each night, but for those who go seemingly unnoticed, even though their service is vital today and every day.

“We pray for those who have been cleaning up after us in essential workplaces: janitors, nursing aids, those who do the laundry and provide food service in our hospitals, nursing and rehab centers. We pray for truck drivers, bus drivers, and warehouse workers. We pray for all the drive thru workers, cooks, gas station attendants and food deliverers. We pray for farmers and growers, meat packing facility workers and grocery store workers.

“We also pray for those who are unemployed, underemployed, furloughed, in low-wage jobs, hungry, homeless, suffering from isolation-related anxieties, those who worry, those who are afraid, all health care workers in all facilities: prisons, skilled nursing care and rehabilitation and group home facilities and for nurses, doctors, police, fire fighters, and EMTs. We pray for caregivers.

“We pray for those who have died, those who grieve, those who are sick and recovering in hospitals and at home.

“We are grateful for everyone who has and is sacrificing to help Ohio flatten the curve so there is equipment for those who need it most. We pray for those who stay home, self isolate and quarantine, despite the difficulties in doing so.

“We pray for pastors, deacons, and leaders in the church as we all navigate new waters, mountains and valleys. We pray for those who have no faith or lost their faith. May we be beacons of care, hope and safety for those who seek to believe that Christ is Risen.

“Thank you Lord that in you we find our shelter and rest, our firm foundation where we will not be shaken. Grant all of this and receive our prayers, silent and in our hearts. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

ELCA Seeks Feedback on Statement on Civic Engagement

The idea of government was already very much in focus because this was an election year, and the pandemic has focused it more so. But what does the ELCA teach about the nature and function of government in relation to God’s purposes? What is a faithful Lutheran response regarding citizenship and civic engagement?

To help guide our church on these questions, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly asked for the preparation of a social message. At this time, the message is in draft form. Through **Wednesday, May 27**, folks are invited to provide feedback on how to strengthen the message.

Click [here](#) to read “A Draft Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy.” To offer feedback, please fill out this [survey](#). Comments can also be emailed to draftsocialmessage@elca.org. To learn more about what social messages are, click www.elca.org/socialmessages.

In light of the feedback, the message will be revised and presented to the ELCA Church Council for a vote in June. Upon its adoption, the message and a study guide will be released over the summer, along with a Spanish translation.

To learn more about this social message and the process of its creation, please visit its [webpage](#), which features “[Frequently Asked Questions](#).”

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this project—it’s through the wisdom of the full church that a strong message will be created.

LOMO Cancels Camps for Summer

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) announced recently that its Board of Directors decided to keep the camps closed until further notice. “We will not be offering traditional camp programs this

summer through Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC), Camp Luther, LOMO Outreach and Amazing Grace Day Camps. All spring retreat and environmental education groups are cancelled also until further notice.

“We know people will be disappointed in this decision, but hope you understand that we grieve this loss with you and our concern is to keep everyone safe and healthy. The risk is too high in a camp community setting for people to be exposed to the coronavirus.”

Families who have already paid a deposit may get that refunded or else the payment can be turned into a tax deductible donation to LOMO or one of the camps. Others are also encouraged to consider a donation to LOMO which can be made online at www.lomocamps.org/donate.

The Community Beyond

Mobile Produce Market - Columbus City Schools

Free bags of fresh produce will be provided to adults only on the following dates at the specified sites from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or as long as product is available.

Tuesday April 28	Buckeye Middle School– 2950 S Parsons Ave Columbus Oh 43207 Starling PreK-8– 145 S Central Ave Columbus Oh 43222
Wednesday April 29	Independence High School - 5175 E Refugee Rd, Columbus Oh 43232 Sherwood Middle School - 1400 Shady Lane Rd, Columbus Oh 43227
Thursday April 30	Columbus Global Academy - 4077 Karl Rd Columbus Oh 43224 Mifflin High School - 3245 Oak Spring St Columbus Oh 43219
Friday May 1	East High School - 1500 E Broad St Columbus Oh 43205 South High School - 1160 Ann St Columbus Oh 43206

State Provides Resources for Job Search

The state of Ohio provides a couple of website listing jobs available: they include the COVID-19 Job Search which can be found online at <https://jobsearch.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/jobsearch/>. There is also the opportunity for employers to list jobs on this site.

Another state website, OhioMeansJobs.com offers a variety of resources beyond the jobs search including virtual job fairs. It can be found at <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/>. Individuals can register by calling 614-559-5052 or emailing info@omjfc.org.

Ballots for Primary Election Can Still Be Dropped Off at Elections Board

Folks who requested a ballot for the 2020 Primary Election must mail it so it is postmarked April 27. Or they can submit the ballot by dropping it in a secured box located outside the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Rd., Columbus by 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 3, 2020

Lessons

Sunday Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

Prayer for the Times

BE AT PEACE (By Saint Francis De Sales)

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;

and when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same understanding Father who cares for
you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace,
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of The Church on Oakland Park, Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Paula Carson, Skye Andree, Clay Andree Jeremy Davis, Chelsea Hood and Sabraya Hood.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:, Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Betty Shull, Madelyn Zimmer's daughter DJ, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Bonnie Hegreness and family, Barbara Hairston and her son Derwin, Marques Highland and family, LaVerna Reinoehl and family, Jack and Shirley Miller and Redeemer visitors.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

10 a.m., Sunday May 3: The class begins a study of the "Apostles' Creed for Today" - Led by Dave Shull

This class is held via Zoom. See separate story about how to participate.

This Week at Redeemer

April 28 – May 4, 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Conversations on Race
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 a.m.	YouTube Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School