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Happy Summer

My older brother Phil from Washington, D.C., was in town this weekend on his way up to Wooster to enjoy a couple of “outside visits” with my parents at their assisted living place this week. Being with him brought back Wooster summers growing up. As did living into the reality of my mom’s declining health. And Father’s Day. How fitting Phil was here over Summer Solstice weekend, when the heat and humidity made it feel like summer. Maybe I decided not to turn the air conditioning on in honor of the fact that my parents only put central air conditioning in the house *after* the last of us had left for college. (Can I ask what *that’s* all about?? 😊)

We spent hours playing “War,” that mind-numbing, no-strategy, endless card game where the high card wins. If it weren’t boring enough, we’d make it *more* tedious by not dealing out one deck among all the players but having *each person* start with their own deck. But it was fun for us, which was all that mattered.

“Bike hikes” were essential summer fun. Once or twice a week, my friend, Mark, and I would head off after breakfast and spend all day biking to little towns outside Wooster. The absence of anything like really busy roads meant there were no limits where we could go. We learned where the best soft-serve twist cones were in any direction. No consulting of Yelp ratings needed! ... The most ambitious was an overnight at a campground at Mohican State Park when we were in junior high. We felt *so* adult and *so* responsible.

Summer was hamburgers, corn on the cob, gallons of iced tea, real tomatoes (as opposed to the ones we get most of the year that Garrison Keillor says were “strip-mined down in Texas) – all enjoyed on our back screened-in porch. I swear one of the things that sold me on the house I live in now is because it has one of those. But it’s in the front, which, as an adult, I love even more than a backyard one.

When I was in junior high I started mowing lawns to earn money. I remember biking home from a lawn-moving job on Saturdays. I tried to time my return for the start of the Cleveland Indians afternoon game. As I cooked boxed macaroni and cheese and a couple hotdogs and threw some Fritos corn chips on my plate, I’d listen to the game on the radio ... hoping my team wouldn’t be behind by more than two runs before I sat down to eat.

Evenings were pickle or kick-the-can. Sitting in the basement (with its dehumidifier, the only cool room in the house) watching “Hawaii Five-0” (totally my favorite show growing up), “Maude,” “The Waltons,” “All in the Family,” “M*A*S*H,” “Sonny & Cher,” and “Cannon.” I’d always run upstairs and grab a bowl of ice cream or cereal during the last commercial break before seeing how Steve McGarrett was going to apprehend the criminals and restore safety to the 50th state for at least another week.

Both sets of grandparents lived in Southern California, so some summers we’d get into our old VW bus and make the trip ... a week-long operation in a vehicle with only 53 horsepower! Kids stayed free at Holiday Inn, and those had a pool, so the day was always better when we knew that was our destination come evening.

The first weekend in August was always the Shull Family reunion: two nights in bunkbeds at a Church of the Brethren Camp in northern Indiana. My great aunt Lois would always write a play for us kids to act out. As I remember, the last one she did one of our characters fell in love with a camel ... maybe it made sense to *her*!

It’s these kinds of rhythms that gave summer some shape while leaving things open for surprises and new adventures.

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The Redeemer Community

Sharing Meals on the Church Lawn

If you are interested in seeing people in 3-D, plan now to join another round of “meals (or coffee) on the lawn” with **Pastor Dave**. On **Wednesday June 24**, there will be “coffee on the lawn” from 10:30 a.m.-noon. And there will be another Sunday noon lunch on **June 28**. Please email or phone **Becky Trover** in the church office (614-237-1263 or info@redeemerluth.com) to let her know of your interest. There's room for nine people at each event.

Hope to see some of you in all your three-dimension glory!

Earlier this month, two groups gathered on June 3 and 7 for a sack lunch on the church lawn: seven people for the first one and nine for the second. According to **Pastor Dave**, “We brought our own meals and chairs and masks and stayed six feet apart the whole time. And it was good!”

Food Giveaway Set for Thursday

Redeemer's next scheduled monthly food giveaway in cooperation with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative is this **Thursday, June 25** beginning at 2 p.m.

It will be a drive-through giveaway that was implemented in April. Some volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. to set-up while others are asked to arrive by 2 p.m. to bag the food.

Anyone who can volunteer is asked to contact the church office at info@redeemerluth.com or 614-237-1263 or **Jon Disbro** at MDDisbro@gmail.com or 614-451-3642. There are a variety of roles that need filling: traffic control, check in, food sorting and bagging, food picking from each station and transport to the pickup spot, food loaders, etc.

Volunteers are asked to bring masks and water and to park on Ivanhoe – the street just south of the church.

Redeemer to Serve at First English July 9

On **Thursday, July 9** Redeemer is scheduled to provide the takeout dinner at First English. With its being July and picnic season, the menu will be sloppy joe sandwiches, individual potato chip snack bags, fruit cups, individually wrapped Hostess Desserts.

There will be lemonade and water also available for the dinners.

We will be needing enough food for 84 dinners (seven dozen). Donations of the following are needed: fruit cups, Hostess desserts (i.e. HoHo's, Nutter Butter bars, Oatmeal Cookies), potato chip snack bags (i.e., the boxes of different kinds of chips, different kinds of Dorito's), hamburger buns, and two pounds of sloppy joes. (Recipe is available by contacting the church office or **Kay Ernsthansen**.)

Please let Kay know if you are donating any of the listed items by calling her at 614-288-8506 or emailing her at KERNIE032000@yahoo.com. There is a basket in the Narthex to deposit the individually wrapped donations and the hamburger buns. Please let Kay know if you will be donating sloppy joes and she will make arrangements for pick up on July 9, so they are hot.

If you want to donate any of the items but can't get to church, please let Kay know and she will make arrangements to pick them up.

Thank you for your continued support in helping feed those in need.

RLC Weekly Produce Giveaway Underway

Redeemer's weekly Saturday morning produce giveaways from our own garden will again be held on **Saturday, June 27**. Thereafter, the giveaways will continue every Saturday morning through the summer. The giveaway runs from 10 a.m. until items are gone. Picking is at 9 a.m. If you can help, please call **Jon Disbro**.

If you have food items to include in the giveaway, please drop them off at the church.

Adult Sunday Class Continues to Examine Apostles' Creed

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're exploring in our Sunday Faith Exploration class. The next one is **Sunday, June 28** from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting using ID: 845 5898 3786; Password: 186622. By phone, call 646 876 9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84558983786?pwd=RDV6ZVB4NSStDU2JDaWU5WkVXT2V5QT09>

You would bless us by your participation in this!

Tuesday Bible Study to Begin Look at Book of James on Zoom

The Tuesday afternoon Bible study is beginning to explore the Letter to James. It's a book which **Martin Luther** described as "a right strawy epistle." He believed it totally contradicted the teachings of Paul which had been so essential for Luther's own transformation and which he felt formed the essence of grace. It was one of the last books accepted into the collection that became the New Testament partly because it seemed to differ from Paul's writings. The main reason was because it wasn't clear that it was written by someone who had known or met **Jesus**, so its "apostolic origins" were in doubt. At the same time, James has some of the clearest statements about what love and justice look like in action that exist in any of scripture.

This will be the group's "summer dive" for 2020. If you have Tuesday afternoons free, join us. We are a group of people who are both serious about listening for the Spirit's voice in the text and in each other and serious about supporting each other through whatever we're going through -- and who laugh deeply and often. Give us a try! Get in touch with **Dave Shull** if you have any questions.

To join the group this **Tuesday, June 23** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 863 0367 0245; Password: 355265. To participate by phone, call 646-876-9923.

If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86303670245?pwd=Vy9VdFhQb2w3cngyK2NSd0VrZnUxUT09>.

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **June 21** 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!

Happy Summers *cont'd from p. 1*

I was talking to a college friend on Saturday who has had multiple heart surgeries and has a very compromised immune system. She can't see her grandkids. She said, "That time of childhood innocence where you can just play with your friends and go places to explore ... to lose that in a season where playgrounds are closed and it's not safe to get together with just anyone: kids shouldn't have to deal with that. And it's so hard to have to stay away when more than anything I want to see them."

It will be a different kind of summer for many of us ... maybe for all of us. No matter what *isn't* possible, may there be good moments that connect you with what was best about some of the summers

from your growing up. And may you create some new ways to enjoy this season, and share joy and love like you've never imagined before.

Happy day-after Father's Day. Happy Solstice. Happy Summer.

Dave Shull

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**, healing prayer requests 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 those who have lost their jobs or had their hours cut even as businesses begin opening back up in this COVID-19 economy.

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Val Farnham thanks the members of Redeemer for the many birthday cards he received on the occasion of his 97th birthday. "It was a nice surprise during this time when I must stay at home. Your good wishes were much appreciated!"

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Southern Ohio Synod Moves

The offices of the Southern Ohio Synod are moving. Effective **Wednesday, July 1** the new address will be 9200 Worthington Rd., Suite 140, Westerville OH 43082.

Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets

The July – September 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>

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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.

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June Birthdays

16-Jil Williams 24-Andy Day
24-Bobby Jimison 25-Ron Willmann
26-Eric Reinoehl 30-Julie Brush

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).

In addition, the Southern Ohio Synod has put together a number of Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) resources online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ohdaov>. Among the items linked to are the latest "Stay Safe Ohio" order from **Gov. Mike DeWine**, a checklist on face coverings and cleaning and disinfecting alternatives.

The Wider Church Camp at Home

Join Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) all summer long for LOMO's Camp at Home!

LOMO is looking forward to bringing folks the most valued aspects of camp to homes – campfires, worship, interactive Discovery Bible studies for both youth and adults/families, devotions, nature activities, camp photos, brainteasers, games and reminiscing about past memories.

Programs are for all ages.

The Discovery Bible Studies are via Zoom and are the only events where registration is needed. All other activities will be posted online at <https://tinyurl.com/yd6d9ogf>. For example, the Adult and Family Discovery Bible Study this week with **Pastor Martin Otto-Zimmann** is set for **Tuesday-Thursday, June 23-25** at 10:30 a.m. To participate, email **Jenny Frantz** at jenny@lomocamp.org.

See the link above for all the dates and how to participate.

LSS Faith Mission Seeks Support to Help Homeless

Lutheran Social Services' (LSS) Faith Mission writes that, "Summer is a dangerous time of the year for neighbors experiencing homelessness on the streets of Columbus. They face dehydration, heatstroke, and food poisoning on the streets – and this year, they're scrambling to find safe shelter in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

"As the need increases, giving goes down. It becomes even more difficult for us to serve the many neighbors who are hungry and homeless coming to us for support."

As a result, LSS is asking folks to make a three-month commitment over the summer. This can be done online at <https://tinyurl.com/y85e5mrf>.

"Your gift also offers healing to people in need across the LSS Network of Hope – providing meals and shelter to homeless and hungry neighbors at LSS Faith Mission in both Franklin and Fairfield counties, ensuring families struggling with hunger have access to nutritious food at the LSS Food Pantries and blessing women and men facing domestic violence with a safe secure place to stay and heal through LSS CHOICES."

The Community Beyond

Columbus Public Health Offers Free COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing, Insurance Not Required

Columbus Public Health (CPH) announced last week that free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing is now available at its 240 Parson Ave. location. Anyone with symptoms can now receive a test from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Health insurance is not required.

“Testing is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and helps save lives. If you’re sick, it’s important to get a test as soon as possible to protect yourself, your loved ones and the community,” CPH said in a release. The service is offered through a partnership with Mount Carmel, OhioHealth and the Ohio State University (OSU) Wexner Medical Center.

A doctor’s referral is not required, however registration and appointments are recommended. Community members can call CPH at 614-645-1519 to register or for any questions. Those who test positive will be contacted by a public health employee who will ask questions about where they have been and who they were in close contact with as part of the contact tracing process.

In addition to the CPH location, eight other community sites are offering varying levels of free testing in Columbus as well as one in Whitehall.

- **Capital Park Family Health Center**, 2365 Innis Rd. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The location offers screening as well as testing. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is not available.

- **King-Lincoln Medical Center**, 750 E. Long St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday-Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **KIPP Columbus**, 2900 Inspire Dr. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday-Thursday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **Lower Lights at Mt. Carmel West**, 777 W. State St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday only. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne** at St. Stephens Community House, 1500 E. 17th Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne Health** at the Health and Wellness Center, 2300 W. Broad St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne Health** at the John R. Maloney Family Health & Wellness Center, 1905 Parsons Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne** on Agler Road, 3433 Agler Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **Whitehall Family Health Center**, 882 S. Hamilton Rd. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday; 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is not available.

More information is available at www.columbus.gov/coronavirus.

Getting Ready for Sunday Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, June 28, 2020

Lessons

Sunday Readings: Genesis 22:1-19; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Prayer for the Times

Good and gracious God, you have called your people to work for justice. Help us to clearly see the ways racism resides within ourselves, in our interactions with each other and through the policies, actions and attitudes within institutions and across society. Guide our actions, transform our thoughts and stir our hearts to work for a society that values the intrinsic worth of all of your people. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington
- + For Redeemer community members Karen Riccio and Al Debelak.

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 and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Becky Trover's sister Maddie, Jack and Shirley Miller, Tom Comstock and family, Betty Shull.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday June 28: 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 June 23 - June 29, 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - via ZOOM
	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop - via ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:30 am	RLC 3-D Coffee on the Lawn
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council - via ZOOM
<u>Thursday</u>	3-6:00 pm	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School - via ZOOM
	Noon	RLC 3-D Lunch on the Lawn