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A Note from Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt

Dear Southern Ohio Synod,

Hate is not the witness of the Gospel. Racism is sinful and wrong. As people of faith we stand against what is wrong. Some would say we need to do more than pray, others begin with prayer. People are angry and people are hurt. Listen to the cries of people. Make a difference and be a peace bringer and be the gospel.

Below is a statement from the ELCA Conference of Bishops, that I signed, regarding the ELCA's reaffirmation of its commitment to combat white supremacy in light of so many senseless deaths of people of color in the last few months.

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8).*

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) reaffirms its commitment to combating racism and white supremacy following the recent murders of Black Americans. **Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon (Sean) Reed, and George Floyd** were our neighbors. Ahmaud Arbery was chased down, shot and killed by a retired police officer and his son while jogging in Brunswick, GA. (Feb. 23, 2020). Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency medical technician, was shot eight times by Louisville Metro Police Department officers who entered her apartment while serving a "no-knock warrant" (March 13, 2020). Dreasjon (Sean) Reed, a 21-year-old from Indianapolis died after being shot at least eight times by an Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer (May 6, 2020). George Floyd was killed by police in Minneapolis while begging for his life, a block away from Calvary Lutheran, an ELCA congregation (May 25, 2020). As the Conference of Bishops, we condemn the white supremacy that has led to the deaths of so many unarmed black, indigenous, and persons of color in our country. We grieve with, pray for and stand in solidarity with the families and friends of all whose loved ones have been and continue to be victims of injustices run amok, racist violence and the insidious venom of white supremacy.

The ELCA's social policy resolution, "Condemnation of White Supremacy and Racist Rhetoric," adopted by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, states: "As persons called to love one another as God has loved us, we therefore proclaim our commitment to speak with one voice against racism and white supremacy. We stand with those who are targets of racist ideologies and actions." As church, together we must work to condemn white supremacy in all forms and recommit ourselves to confront and exorcize the sins of injustice, racism and white supremacy in church and society and within ourselves as individuals and households.

On May 21, the ELCA Southeastern Synod hosted a [webinar](#): "Becoming the Body of Christ – Condemning White Supremacy" in response to the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. This is one of many strategic opportunities happening across this church to address white supremacy and racist rhetoric. On **Wednesday, June 17**, we will gather again as church to commemorate the Mother Emanuel 9 and to repent of racism and white supremacy. An online ELCA prayer service, including leaders from across the church and

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The Redeemer Community

Registering for Brownbag Lunches on June 3/June 7

Per **Pastor Dave's** *Reflections* frontpage article on May 18, reservations are still being taken for the two brownbag lunches on the church lawn for **Wednesday, June 3** and **Sunday, June 7**. Limited to nine people (plus pastor), these will run from 12 to 1 p.m. Anyone who wants to attend needs to RSVP to info@redeemerluth.com.

Attendees will need to wear facemasks and bring their own chairs and lunch. There are currently two spaces open on Wednesday and four on Sunday.

As **Pastor Dave** noted in his article, "We miss being together. We want all of this to end. And we need to be smart and safe, which means being patient, and being creative about how to find ways we can meet together in small groups until the experts tell us it's ok to consider gathering larger groups."

In case of rain, it will be moved inside to a space large enough for safe distancing.

Adult Sunday Class Examining Apostles' Creed Resumes

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 7** from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting using ID: 886 9845 8609; Password: 333858. 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/88698458609?pwd=MWpzQ1U1dm84OHBRa1NmUElGVkVsdz09>

You would bless us by your participation in this!

Tuesday Bible Study Resumes This Week on Zoom

This **Tuesday, June 2**, the Bible study group here at Redeemer resumes its in-depth exploration of Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth after a week off. 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:

If you'd like to be part of the Tuesday Bible study on Zoom and have the Zoom app, then enter Zoom and use this information: Meeting ID: 827 0526 9941; Password: 328595. To enter by phone call 646-876-9923 and enter the meeting ID and password.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82705269941?pwd=UXkzRzVoNitXSVp1akZZOGh6Y1g3QT09>

Call Dave Shull at 206-725-3785 if you have any questions.

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **May 31** 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!

Sister Act to Host Zoom Session on Caring for LGBTQ Community

Redeemer's Sister Act small group will host a discussion on Zoom about how to care for the LGBTQ community. The intent is to open eyes to the discrimination that goes on, gain understanding about how comments can be hurtful and learn about the importance of pronoun identification. This is set for **Tuesday, June 16** beginning at 6:30 p.m. Information about how to join the online discussion will be available closer to the date.

A Note from Bishop Dillahunt

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Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as preacher, is being planned for **Wednesday, June 17**, marking the fifth anniversary of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9. We encourage congregations to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and dismantling white supremacy that continue to plague this church by marking this day of penitence with study and prayer leading to action. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.elca.org/emanuelnine>.

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



Congratulations to **Danica Denniss** who graduated from Groveport Madison High School! Her mother, **Julie**, reports she is very excited about attending a program at Ohio Dominican University.

Members are asked to notify the church office of any graduates in your family so we can recognize them in a future issue of *Reflections*. Just email the information to info@redeemerluth.com.

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Prayers of thanksgiving are offered on the healing of **Julie Dennis'** nephew **Kris Kendrick** who she reports is "back to himself again." She thanks everyone for praying for him.

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Prayers for healing and strength are asked for **Dave and Dolores Brannigan** as Dave is dealing with some side effects from medications he was given. Prayers of comfort are also asked for **Tom Comstock** and his family on the death of his brother, **Greg**.

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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.

June Birthdays

1-Rachel Day 3-John Eyster
3-Malcolm Highland 3-Rob Skoog
4-Ruth Boys 4-Scarlett Brush
6-Nanacy Steiner 11-Cassandra Reinoehl
13-Jim Riley 16-Val Farnham
20-Katie Jacobs 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

Bishop Eaton

Trinity Sponsors Courses Online

Between **Monday, June 8** and **Monday, June 22**, Trinity Seminary is offering five one-week intensive courses. They include two different church music courses, a preaching workshop, a course on Emotional Intelligence, and a course on Faith, Work, and Economic Wisdom, which explores how human flourishing requires engaging all aspects of life in community. With the exception of the preaching workshop, all courses are appropriate for lay people as well as clergy.

Please note that while courses are being offered using online technology, they will meet synchronously, at specific times as listed.

All courses are available for credit (\$600/hour) or for audit (\$105/credit or \$52.50/hour for 65+).

If interested, email TJ Carpenter, administrative assistant for academic and contextual matters at Trinity at tcarpenter@capital.edu or by calling 614-236-6841 for a flyer with times and more detailed descriptions of the courses.

Updated Guide Available

The updated guide “Lutheran Introduction to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression” is now available to order for \$2.25 each. Published by ReconcilingWorks, this latest edition includes revisions “to ensure that the language is as helpful and inclusive to expanding welcome to the LGBTQIA+ community...” In addition, “new pages bring some visibility to the different ways in which someone may identify – including the flags that celebrate their diversity.”

It can be ordered by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y6ugynf5> where other print items are also available.

The Community Beyond

IACO Sponsors Online Discussion of Systemic Violence Tuesday

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) is sponsoring a Zoom discussion on “Addressing Systemic Violence against African Americans in Contemporary America” with Rev. Susan Williams Smith, one of the three chairs for the Ohio Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

It runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. **Tuesday, June 2**, on both Zoom and Facebook Live. To attend, please email office@iaco.org with your name, email address and faith or organizational affiliation.

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.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020

Lessons

Sunday Readings: Daniel 10:4-6, 9-19; Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20

Prayer for the Times

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted,
grant courage and hope.
Where anxiety is infectious and widening,
grant peace and reassurance.
Where impossibilities close every door and window,
grant imagination and resistance.
Where distrust twists our thinking,
grant healing and illumination.
Where spirits are daunted and weakened,
grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Advent Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Susan, Joe, Todd, Amber and Adam Darst.

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, 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, Bonnie Hegreness, Becky Trover's sister Maddie, Jack and Shirley Miller, Tom Comstock and family, and Redeemer visitors.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday June 7: The class resumes its 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 2 – June 8, 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study – via ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:30 p.m.	Redeemer at LSS Food Pantry
<u>Sunday</u>	YouTube 10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Adult Sunday School – via ZOOM