



# Reflections

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## Reflecting on Racism Discussions at RLC

Several weeks ago, the Race Conversations group finished a three-week discussion of *White Fragility* by **Robin DiAngelo**. It was the third book on race and racism that folks from Redeemer and the broader community have explored together in the past couple of years. I have found our discussions among the most honest and real of any on race I've ever participated in.

As we finished discussing this book, I invited any participants who wished to write down some reflections about the experience and the book. Two of them took me up on my invitation.

Your voice and your passion would be a blessing to this group! Our next gathering will be on Zoom on **Wednesday, June 17**, from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll share ideas about what concrete steps we might imagine taking to build relationships between black and white people, and to seek to be healers around issues of race and racism. If you're not on my email list and would like to be so you hear about what we're doing, please let me know.

*Dave Shull*

### Reflections on *White Fragility*

by Michele Disbro

Recently, a group stemming from the summer book study and the Justice Team met over Zoom to discuss **Robin DiAngelo's** book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. This book dug into the concept of racism and why people struggle to discuss it. First of all, one must understand three important terms: **Prejudice** is a pre-judgment about another person based on the social groups to which that person belongs (p.19). **Discrimination** is action based on prejudice (p.20). **Racism** is a system of advantage based on race (p.24). This system is controlled by those in power through legal authority and institutional control. Throughout the book, DiAngelo reminds us that we are all prejudiced and discriminate. As a white person, we benefit from so many societal constructs that we can't help but be racist. Unfortunately, people think of racism as a good/bad issue so how can we call someone a racist who is a good person?

DiAngelo encourages us to let go of this good/bad dichotomy and instead transform our fundamental understanding of racism. She challenges us to change our assumptions and shares a long list of new attitudes for us to embrace. Here are a few of her attitudes/assumptions she encourages us to adopt:

- *Being good or bad is not relevant.*
- *Racism is a multi-layered system embedded in our culture.*
- *All of us are socialized into the system of racism.*
- *Racism is complex, and I don't have to understand every nuance of the feedback to validate that feedback.*
- *Giving us white people feedback on our racism is risky for people of color, so we can consider the feedback a sign of trust.*
- *The antidote to guilt is action.*
- *Racism hurts (even kills) people of color 24-7. Interrupting it is more important than my feelings, ego, or self-image. (p.142-143)*

With these assumptions in mind, when someone challenges our racism, we need to breathe, listen, and reflect. We need to build up our stamina and replace our white fragility.

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## The Redeemer Community 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, May 28** 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 **Jon Disbro** at [MDDisbro@gmail.com](mailto:MDDisbro@gmail.com) or 614-451-3642 or the church office at [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com) or 614-237-1263.

Volunteers are asked to bring masks and water.

### Update on LSS Food Pantry

**Kathy Zwanziger** provides this update on what is happening with the food pantry and with those needing food in light of the pandemic: First, an additional thank you to **Kathy Mimplitch** and **Michele Disbro** who worked at the food pantry in April on separate days.

In a recent virtual meeting, **Ben Powers** from LSS made the following points:

- 1) If volunteers are not feeling well: stay home!
- 2) Temperatures are taken at the door.
- 3) Hand washing/sanitizing is required.
- 4) Masks must be worn.

Not too surprisingly, the food pantry is experiencing a significant increase in demand: about 25 percent of their clients are new. The pantry is two-three weeks behind where the grocery stores are; since they had purchased a great deal of frozen meat earlier, they are still able to give out meat (but expect that will decrease). Unfortunately, with fewer volunteers (to facilitate physical distancing), food is prepacked and all boxes are the same 25-30 items; there is no choice. Larger families do get an extra bag of food. (In the future when choice is re-initiated, the pantry will again need more volunteers.)

As reported in *Reflections*, Faith in Whitehall (and other churches) are sponsoring food drives to help the pantry. The most needed items are grape jelly – 15-17 oz. squeeze bottles [NOT glass jars], black beans (15.5 oz.), diced tomatoes (15.5 oz.), and mandarin oranges (11 oz.).

Of course, the other way to continue to support the pantry is financially. A check can be written to LSS with “pantry” in the memo line (and sent to LSS, 500 W. Wilson Bridge Road, Ste. 245, Worthington, OH 43085) or an online donation to [LSSNetworkofhope.org](http://LSSNetworkofhope.org). A \$1 donation purchases \$5.25 of food.

Thank you all for the help you have given in the past. Remember this is just one way to be a neighbor, especially at this time.

### Registering for Brownbag Lunches on June 3/June 7

Per **Pastor Dave's Reflections** frontpage article on May 18, reservations are now 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](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com).

Attendees will need to wear facemasks and bring their own chairs and lunch. There are already three reservations for each date.

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.

## Tuesday Bible Study, Adult Sunday Class on Hiatus

The Tuesday Bible Study and the Sunday Faith Exploration class are on hiatus for this week. They resume via Zoom on **Tuesday, June 2** and **Sunday, June 7**.

## Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **May 24** Sunday worship service is available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the Sunday Worship Bulletin, go to the Redeemer website at [www.RedeemerLuth.com](http://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!

## Important Emails

[DShull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:DShull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips**, and for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 **Jill Disbro** who graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary on **Saturday, May 23**. On **September 1**, she will begin her internship at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Garden Grove, CA. Her proud parents are **Jon** and **Michele Disbro**.

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](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com).

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Prayers are asked for **Tom Comstock's** brother, **Greg**. Greg recently married a Filipina and moved to the Philippines. His health has taken a turn for the worse and has become quite serious.

Prayers are also asked for the nephew of **Julie Denniss**, **Chris Kendrick**. It is suspected that he has COVID-19 since he is having problems breathing and has coworkers who have tested positive. Julie also asked for prayers for the family of her former brother-in-law **Chris Denniss** who died last week from cardiac arrest.

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**Pastor Dave** is taking a week for some time off and for continuing education between noon on **Sunday, May 24** until **Monday morning, June 1**. Emergency pastoral care coverage will be provided by

**Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church. His number is 614-832-2461. Redeemer member **Margie Farnham** will preach for the service which will be available on YouTube on **Sunday, May 31**.

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**Member Directory Update:** **Sandra Keaton** has a new email: [SLKeaton@gmail.com](mailto:SLKeaton@gmail.com) . In addition, **Don Luck** has a new phone number: 614-388-9299.

For the Farnham-Callahan Household, please remove Val's email and change **Maureen Callahan's** email to [LYL2FLT@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LYL2FLT@sbcglobal.net) and **Margie Farnham's** email to [margaretfarnham83@gmail.com](mailto:margaretfarnham83@gmail.com) .

**Member Transfer:** **Tom Rabenold** and **Lou Staffilino** have transferred their membership.

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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.

### May Birthdays

26-Kathie Ehrich  
27-Jeanne Eakin 29-Barbara Willmann

### 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.

### Reflecting on Racism Discussions at RLC

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Hopefully, we can do this through opportunities to build relationships with people of color and to continue to learn about other perspectives. How can Redeemer members, followers of Jesus, share God's love with all and grab hold of this adventure to break down racism? Come be a part of that conversation and action!

### Being Part of Redeemer's "Race Conversations" Group

by Dottie Odrosky

I'm pleased to be a member of the "race" group at RLC wherein we study issues about race in our society and culture through reading/discussion of books. Last year I participated in the study of *So You*

*Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo, and enjoyed that experience; and recently participated in the study of *White Fragility*, written by Robin DiAngelo.

The first book was written by a black female author and the second by a white female author. Both books provide a “deep dive” into insights about the negative impacts of racism. It was interesting to read perspectives from both authors and note similar conclusions by both writers that we do truly live in a deeply racist society.

Usually, after reading a few chapters, we discuss many nuances of race, often seen in everyday happenings that we may wish ideally to discuss with friends and family, but as we all know these are difficult conversations to start and continue in any depth, so we either do not initiate the conversations or fail to nurture continuation of a conversation. Participation in study at RLC provides a safe, accepting and encouraging group environment for conversations about race.

As a Berwick resident, participation provides a good experience to meet other neighbors and make new friends. I'm a member of a Presbyterian church and have always been made to feel welcome at RLC and would encourage others to join our discussions; wherever you are on the continuum of understanding the impact of racism in our society.

## **The Wider Church**

### **Bishop Eaton Issues Pastoral Message on COVID-19 Racism, White Supremacy**

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body,  
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ — 1 Corinthians 12:12*

Dear church,

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

During the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am encouraged by your resilience and creativity in our witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am also inspired by your generosity. Through the ELCA COVID-19 Response Fund and our Daily Bread grants, we are providing critical support to struggling yet vital ministries across this church. Through Lutheran Disaster Response International we have intensified our accompaniment of global partners. *We are church together.*

This is a trying time for us all. At the same time, we know that a disproportionate burden of illness, death, discrimination and harassment falls on communities of color. This pandemic has exacerbated racism and racial inequities deeply entrenched in society and across the church. We see this in the growing anti-Asian racism and the disproportionate number of deaths in black, American Indian and Latinx communities. I have been learning from the leaders of the ELCA's ethnic associations how the data we see on the news is experienced in real life. I have listened to leaders of color share the impact of this pandemic on their communities -- on their lives and on their ministries. These stories are difficult but important, so we are launching a special series on [www.LivingLutheran.org](http://www.LivingLutheran.org) to lift up these voices for us all to hear. We also seek to ensure that our COVID-19 response more effectively tends to the realities of racism and racial inequality. *We are church together.*

Recently, in cities across this country, we have seen horrifying anti-Semitic and white supremacist messages displayed during public protests against government orders that are intended to protect lives. No matter our politics or opinions about our elected leaders and their policies, all of us must come together on the basis of our church's commitments to condemn racism against indigenous people and people of color, white supremacy, sexism, and anti-Semitism whenever they occur. Whether our churches and communities are racially diverse or predominantly white, our work for racial and economic justice for all people is work for all of us. *We are church together.*

Just as God has joined us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in baptism, we are joined to each other. Paul helps us to understand this by speaking of the one body of Christ, with many members. While this is always true, perhaps we feel it more acutely in this time of physical distancing. In our longing to be church together, let us be even more intentional in sharing with each other, easing each

other's burdens, consoling each other in our fear and grief, condemning what is contrary to the gospel and living out our baptismal covenant "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

In partnership,  
Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

To learn more, visit:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: "COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups"

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/racial-ethnic-minorities.html>

ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture"

<http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/RaceSS.pdf>

"Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent"

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery\\_Apology\\_Explanation.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery_Apology_Explanation.pdf)

ELCA social policy resolution "Condemnation of White Supremacy and Racist Rhetoric"

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Condemnation\\_of\\_White\\_Supremacy\\_and\\_Racist\\_Rhetoric.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Condemnation_of_White_Supremacy_and_Racist_Rhetoric.pdf)

ELCA social statement "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action"

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice>

"Declaration of the ELCA to Jewish Community"

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Declaration\\_of\\_The\\_ELCA\\_to\\_The\\_Jewish\\_Community.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Declaration_of_The_ELCA_to_The_Jewish_Community.pdf)

## Faith Lutheran Sponsors Final Food Drive

Faith Lutheran Church (730 Collingwood Ave., Whitehall) is sponsoring a "touchless LSS canned goods collection" from 10 a.m. to noon next **Sunday, May 31**. There will be a blue bin in the parking lot, on the sidewalk near the front door as you enter from Collingwood Ave. People wishing to donate are invited to drive up to and deposit that Sunday's item in a touchless fashion.

The items will then be delivered to the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on Champion Avenue. **Each Sunday LSS is asking for a specific item:**

5/31- Creamy peanut butter-approximately 18 oz. jar.

## 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](mailto: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**

### **ODA Starts New Program to Keep in Touch with Seniors**

To help ensure that older Ohioans stay connected while staying at home, Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel McElroy recently announced a new service to provide a daily check-in by phone for Ohioans age 60 or older.

The "Staying Connected" program will call older adults who sign up for the service during a predetermined window of time. When participants answer the phone, they will be asked to respond via touch-tone to confirm that they are OK or to access live support.

If no one answers after three attempts, a call is then made to an alternate contact (if provided) or to non-emergency services.

"Staying Connected" can be cancelled at any time.

"Especially during this very challenging time, we encourage older Ohioans to sign up for the Ohio Department of Aging's Staying Connected phone program. This program will help reduce isolation and support the health and well-being of older adults in our state," said Robert Cornwell, executive director of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association.

Eligible Ohioans can sign up at [www.aging.ohio.gov](http://www.aging.ohio.gov) or by calling 1-800-266-4346.

"Staying Connected" is not an emergency response service and participants should always use 9-1-1 or their emergency response system if they are injured or in need of emergency assistance.

### **ODJFS Announces Unemployment Expansion through CARES Act**

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced Wednesday the rollout of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), a federally funded program stemming from the CARES Act that will expand unemployment benefits to individuals affected by COVID-19, including those who have been diagnosed with the disease and family caregivers.

Others who can receive PUA but cannot receive traditional unemployment benefits include self-employed individuals, 1099 tax filers and part-time workers. In addition, parents of children who cannot go to school because of COVID-19 can receive PUA. There is no minimum income requirement.

"The benefit amount will be similar to traditional unemployment benefits plus an additional \$600 per week," according to ODJFS. The additional \$600 per week will be available from March 29, 2020, through July 25, 2020.

The benefits will last for up to 39 weeks, but not past Dec. 26, 2020, and are retroactive until the earliest date someone is eligible, as early as Feb. 2, 2020.

Funding for PUA was provided through the federal coronavirus response package, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

ODJFS Director Kimberly Hall said in a news release, "We appreciate everyone's patience as we diligently worked to build this new system in record time for the agency. We encourage anyone who believes they may be eligible to apply. Even after you return to work, you still may be eligible to receive retroactive benefits, dating from as early as Feb. 2."

According to the department, more than 1 million unemployment claims have been filed in the past seven weeks, more than the previous three years combined.

Someone can receive PUA if they are in one of the following situations:

- The individual has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or is experiencing symptoms and is seeking medical diagnosis.
- A member of the individual's household has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- The individual is providing care for a family member or member of the household who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

- A child or other person in the household for which the individual has primary caregiving responsibility is unable to attend school or another facility is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 emergency, and the school or care is required for the individual to work.
- The individual is unable to reach the place of employment because of a quarantine imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The individual is unable to reach the place of employment because a health care professional has advised him or her to self-quarantine due to COVID-19 concerns.
- The individual was scheduled to commence employment and does not have a job or is unable to reach the job as a direct result of COVID-19.
- The individual has become the breadwinner or major support for a household because the head of the household has died as a direct result of COVID-19.
- The individual has quit his/her job as a direct result of COVID-19.
- The individual's place of employment is closed as a direct result of COVID-19.

More information about the program is available online at <https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/expandedeligibility/>.

## **Columbia Gas Suspends Late Payment Charges**

According to information provided by Columbia Gas, the utility company has suspended late payment charges until June 1. It has also voluntarily suspended shutoffs for nonpayment and it is also offering flexible payment plans to customers “who indicate either an impact or hardship as a result of COVID-19.”

To learn more, go to [www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com/COVID-19](http://www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com/COVID-19).

## **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@omjfcf.org](mailto:info@omjfcf.org).

# **Getting Ready for Sunday** **Day of Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020**

## **Lessons**

Sunday Readings: Acts 2: 1-8, 11-12; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; John 20:19-23

## **Prayer for the Times**

From **Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber**, Lutheran pastor and podcaster, The Confessional

I do not know when we can gather again in worship, Lord.

So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder’s Songs in The Key of Life album, that it be counted as praise.

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.



And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion. **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Zion Lutheran Church, West Jefferson.

+ For Redeemer community member Connie Criswell.

*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 Dennis' 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, and Redeemer visitors.

*Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

### Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday May 31: The class is on hiatus. It will resume on Sunday, June 7.

### This Week at Redeemer

May 26 – June 1, 2020

<b><u>Monday</u></b>		MEMORIAL DAY – Office closed
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study – <i>on hiatus</i> . It returns <b><u>Tuesday, June 2.</u></b>
	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Journaling Workshop
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	3:00 p.m.	LSS/FoodBank/Redeemer Food Giveaway
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School – <i>on hiatus</i> . It returns <b><u>Sunday, June 7.</u></b>