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Continuing to Draw Us Together While We're Apart

For most of you who haven't been to the church much if at all since we stopped gathering for worship in March, and who don't participate in any of the Zoom small groups or team meetings, you might wonder how much is going on, and who even comes into the building these days.

The ministries of the church have been continuing these past five months since we stopped gathering for worship in-person. I wanted to draw your attending to two ministry areas in particular.

The first has to do with questions about re-gathering for worship. We are aware that more and more congregations in the area have begun meeting face-to-face. And we are aware the just this past weekend, four congregations in Ohio were listed as having been sources of a number of new COVID-19 cases. One person who attended one in-person worship service in Ohio ended up being the cause of 91 people testing positive. So we are aware that as we talk about coming up with safe ways to regather for worship, we need to be extremely thoughtful and thorough.

A worship regathering team has been meeting on Zoom to develop a plan for regathering. Council has seen that plan and feels it is a good one. By the end of next week, all of you will receive a copy of it, both electronically and by mail. The regathering group wants you to be very clear about what our trial attempt to regather *outside* will look like, and what we're asking of each other. An essential part of this plan has to do with the maximum number of people whom the Ohio Department of Health believes can gather in one place safely. Now that number is 10. The regathering team, and council, believe we can regather as soon as the health department raises that number to 50. We are aware that the governor has always said faith communities are exempt from all of his COVID orders. At the same time, we do not believe people in faith communities have some protective shield that makes it safe for us and no one else to gather in groups that are larger than 10 – just as we believe people in faith communities must wear masks.

So look out for this safe regathering document. If you have any questions or comments about it, feel free to speak to one of us from that team: **Margie Frazier, Julianne Johnson, Julie Larson, Wendy Stoica, Sue Yehling**, or me.

Second, as we have been worshipping separately, we know that issues of racism have surfaced in undeniably ugly ways. This makes the work of our two-year-old race conversations group that much more timely and important. After discussing *White Privilege* earlier this spring, the group decided it was time for us to imagine stepping outside the walls of the church to engage larger communities around these issues.

As a result, we have scheduled two Zoom conversations with people who have worked on a couple areas we want to learn more about so we might decide if we'd like to invite you all to engage in these specific areas of anti-racist work.

On **Wednesday evening, August 19**, we will have a Zoom conversation with **Suellen Bennett**, the recently-appointed health equity supervisor in the Columbus Health Department. She will speak with us about the ways this pandemic has only made more obvious what people in the health field have known for decades: that people of color are far more at risk to be sick and die of preventable illnesses and conditions than white people. She will talk with us about how church communities and organizations might partner to address this injustice toward our neighbors in meaningful ways. Here is the information on how to join in that conversation on Zoom:

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Faithful Giving!

The Congregation Council met **Wednesday, August 5** evening, and among the items reviewed were Redeemer's finances through the end of June. **Julie Johnson** reports, "We talked about how grateful we are that the congregation has continued to financially support the congregation faithfully throughout this time away during this COVID-19 pandemic. Giving at the end of June was slightly over 50 percent of the annual budgeted giving -- right on target!

"Council thanks you all for continued support in these uncertain times. We are truly an extraordinary group of believers!"

Sharing Meals on the Church Lawn

The next two gatherings on the lawn will be **Sunday, August 23** at noon for lunch, and **Wednesday, August 26**, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon for coffee and doughnuts and to hear from **Gail Feinstein**, the community engagement coordinator for Kensington Place Senior Living Community, talk about that facility and what it offers. This had to be rescheduled from earlier this month.

RSVP to Becky Trover in the church office at 614-237-1263. There is room for nine individuals at each.

Please bring your own chair and mask and lunch on the Sunday. Likewise, bring your own chair and mask on Wednesday. However, doughnuts will be provided.

Follow Redeemer on Facebook Instagram, YouTube

Did you know that Redeemer is on social media? You can follow RLC on Facebook, Instagram, and our YouTube channel! These pages/profiles will be sharing church updates, announcements, weekly worship and more in addition to the news you receive through the weekly *Reflections*.

If you are active on these social platforms, please support Redeemer by following our page, liking our posts, and maybe even re-sharing Redeemer's content with your own social network. These efforts help spread the word about RLC and the many ways our congregation is serving, connecting, and worshipping.

Do you have something to share on Redeemer's Facebook or Instagram? Email your request and details to communications@redeemerluth.com. Thanks for your support and help spreading the word about RLC!

Follow us on Facebook at Redeemer Lutheran Church (@RedeemerColumbus), on Instagram @RedeemerLuth, and on YouTube at Redeemer Lutheran Church Columbus Ohio.

RLC Seeks Donations of Disinfecting Wipes

One supply Redeemer will need as church council begins to contemplate re-opening the building are disinfecting wipes to make available throughout the building. However, these wipes are difficult to find and, while the congregation will continue to try to order through its regular sources, they have been consistently out of stock. **So, if congregation members happen to see some in stores, they are asked to pick up as many as permitted and share any they don't need for personal use with the church.**

RLC Weekly Produce Giveaway Underway

Redeemer's weekly Saturday morning produce giveaways from our own garden will again be held on **Saturday, August 15** and 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 on Hiatus for Week

The adult Sunday Class will be on hiatus until Sunday, August 23. Check the August 17 issue of *Reflections* for the Zoom information.

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus for Week

The Tuesday Bible Study is on hiatus for this week, August 11; it will resume on Tuesday, August 18. Check the August 17 issue of *Reflections* for the Zoom information.

Sister Act Cancels Fall Retreat

Carol Heacock reports that, due to the situation with the coronavirus, the group has decided to cancel the fall retreat that had been set for October 9-11. She said that, "In our discussions, we felt it would be impossible to maintain distance in the Priebe Center plus having to be inside for most of the time, including meals, would not be a healthy setting for us, certainly not this year."

The group does plan to give a donation to the camp "as a show of appreciation and support to their ministry."

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The August 9 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!

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Topic: Redeemer Race Conversations Zoom Meeting on health inequity

Time: Aug 19, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: ID: 848 4641 2334; Passcode: 007526

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84846412334?pwd=WXYxYUhwZ3c0VDRIRkNLSDc3Y1NOZz09>

Phone only: 646 876 9923

On Wednesday, September 9, at 7 pm, our Zoom talk will be about police reform. Our guest will be **Debbie Crawford**. She has been engaged in anti-racism work in Columbus for years. In the past four years she has focused that work on the area of police accountability and reform. She will speak with us about her work and, again, facilitate a conversation with us about ideas we might have about how our congregation and others might work meaningfully to bring about changes in policing. Here is Zoom information for that gathering:

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Time: Sep 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: ID: 875 3338 8596; Passcode: 521578

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87533388596?pwd=cm1Lb0FTdUJGK05zVXIHSm1UWIZWdz09>

Phone only: 646 876 9923

These are two ways we can continue to carry on the work of Christ while we are not gathering face-to-face. Your voice would be a welcome addition as we seek to listen for how God's Spirit calls us to live into our vision of fostering understanding and healing in community!

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.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer's social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

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 **Neil** and **Ranel Hoddinott** after Neil was hospitalized this past week for observation.

Pastor Dave on Vacation

Pastor Dave is on vacation from the afternoon of **Sunday, August 9**, through **Sunday, August 16**. Emergency pastoral care will be offered by the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, **Dan Hille**, 614-832-2461. **Jill Disbro** will be preaching on **Sunday, August 16**.

New Redeemer Directory Available

Redeemer's Directory of members has been updated. To receive an electronic copy or to have a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. Hard copies are available at the church and can be found under the bulletin board in the hallway off the Narthex.

August Birthdays

Editor's Note: Several folks were missed in the original birthday list for August. They are highlighted below. We apologize for the omissions and hope their birthdays were/are very happy!!

3-Kathy Pautsch

5-Julie Denniss 5-Clayton Ullman

6-Bret Jimison 8-Jessica Marquez

9-Justin Marquez 15-Seth Harms

15-Sarah Day Kirkman

16-Diana Gordon 16-Cathy Oldham

16-Madelyn Zimmer 17-Thelma Johnson

18-Jasper Glover-Oakleaf 23-Scott Steiner

25-LaVerna Reinoehl 26-Brad Binau

27-Matthew Bird 27-Jon Disbro

29-Heather McGurer **31-Lynn Belhorn**

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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.

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

St. Philip's Offers Free Produce

St. Philip Lutheran Church (1506 E. Long St.) is sponsoring a free produce giveaway on **Saturday, August 22** from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the food runs out) in the East High School parking lot across from the church. Folks are asked to bring their own heavy duty bags, boxes and carts to carry the bulk produce home.

The giveaway is in conjunction with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

LOMO Thanks Supporters

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries thanks God for the generous campers (individuals, families and congregations) who turned their deposit and payments into gifts! After announcing that LOMO would not be able to run its traditional summer camp programs registered LMC, Luther and Congregation Day Camps were given the option of receiving a full refund or gifting back part or all of their financial deposit or payments.

The results are heartwarming:

- 44 percent of the 809 registered camper units gave all or part of their deposit and payments.
- 32 percent of the funds were donated for a total of \$76,400 in gifts from individuals and congregations.

LOMO Board Member Pastor Bob Miller said it best, "It certainly reflects those who love camping and the ministry it provides during challenging times. It takes a huge leap of faith to give back in a world that basically likes to take only for themselves. These people truly reflect a partnership in ministry for which we are thankful."

The Community Beyond

Free Masks for Columbus Residents

In response to Gov. Mike DeWine's instituting a statewide mask mandate, Columbus Recreation and Parks is providing **free** masks at a Produce Drop on the following dates at various community centers.-All locations are open 3:30-5 p.m. "Help slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep the Columbus community safe. Show respect and kindness to others by wearing a cloth face covering in public."

Adams Community Center

854 Alton Ave. | 43219

Dates: Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

Barnett Community Center

1184 Barnett Rd. | 43227

Dates: Aug. 14 and Sept. 11

Beatty Community Center

247 N. Ohio Ave. | 43203

Dates: Aug. 14 and Sept. 11

Dodge Community Center

667 Sullivant Ave. | 43215

Dates: Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

Fedderson Community Center

3911 Dresden St. | 43224

Dates: Aug. 21, Sept. 4 and Sept. 18

Glenwood Community Center

1888 Fairmont Ave. | 43223

Date: Aug. 20

Holton Community Center

303 N. Eureka Ave. | 43204

Dates: Aug. 20, Sept. 3 and Sept. 17

Howard Community Center

2505 N. Cassady Ave. | 43219

Dates: Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

Marion Franklin Community Center

2801 Lockbourne Rd. | 43207

Dates: Sept. 24

Milo Grogan Community Center

862 E. 2nd Ave. | 43201

Dates: Aug. 21, Sept. 4 and Sept. 18

Scioto Southland Community Center

3901 Parsons Ave. | 43207

Dates: Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

Tuttle Park Community Center

240 W. Oakland Ave. | 43201

Dates: Aug. 21, Sept. 4 and Sept. 25

Getting Ready for Sunday Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, August 16, 2020 Lessons

Readings: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Matthew 15:21-28

Prayer for the Times

Editor's Note: This week, we again turn to the ELCA's daily "Prayer Ventures": petitions offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of neighbors, communities and the world. There is a suggestion for each day of the coming week:

August 10 Give thanks to God for leaders — paid and volunteer — who serve in youth, young adult and family ministries in our congregations and synods. Pray for the ELCA Youth, Young Adult and Youth Gathering ministries and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, that their collective work of supporting, equipping and nurturing faith and of connecting leaders and young people will yield abundant fruit.

August 11 Pray that we will listen carefully to God and be receptive to the ways God speaks to us each day, especially when we least expect it or are slow to recognize God's voice amid the noise and competing voices in the world.

August 12 "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Ask God to help us proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and salvation, that all who hear will believe, be saved and enjoy the blessings of being a sibling in Christ with believers throughout the world.

August 13 Give thanks for nurses, who care for our physical, emotional and spiritual needs in diverse settings, including hospitals, community clinics, congregations, schools, home care, the military, facilities for older adults, health education programs and global mission. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association and its work supporting, equipping and encouraging parish nurses across the country.

August 14 Pray that during this pandemic, which has stretched beyond our expectations and imagination, we will be renewed in our commitment to the patience, sacrifice and awareness of the example we set as we continue personal health measures for the sake of our health and the wellness of our neighbors, community and nation.

August 15 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others of the Eastern North Dakota Synod who are gathering for their digital assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

August 16 Pray for forgiveness and God's mercy when our actions, words, intentions or thoughts dishonor God's ways and commandments. Ask for the Spirit to help us shine as bright witnesses to God's unbound, unbiased love for humanity and to serve our neighbor without prejudice or reluctance.

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of David Lutheran Church, Canal Winchester.
- + For Redeemer community members Joanie and Dave Engel.

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 and brother Jeff, Jack and Shirley Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Grace Jones' son Chief Warrant Officer Henry Mentrak, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Class is on hiatus; it resumes Sunday, August 23.

This Week at Redeemer August 11 - 17, 2020

<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Redeemer Garden Pick
	10:00 a.m.	Redeemer Garden Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion

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