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SOS Council Adopts Statement on Racial Justice

Editor's Note: Southern Ohio Synod (SOS) Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt recently reported that the SOS Council had adopted the following Statement on Racial Justice. She notes, "As we continue to alongside our siblings of color, we know we have a long road ahead, but this statement is a step that names the sin of racism and white supremacy and calls on the Southern Ohio Synod to acknowledge and repent of this sin, listen to our sisters and brothers of color and support policies and bold thinking that provide healthy and safe communities for everyone."

*She noted that the statement was crafted by members of the SOS Race Relations Task Force, specifically **Pastor Orinda Hawkins-Brinkley**, **Deacon Nick Bates**, and **Pastor Katie Kerrigan** with input from the SOS Executive Committee and Synod Council.*

In response to 401 years of white supremacy in the United States and its predecessor colonies that continue to divide our communities, The Southern Ohio Synod, which believes we are stronger and better together, condemns white supremacy, white privilege, and racism as sin that must be addressed by our church and society.

As the Southern Ohio Synod, we seek to join Jesus in the restoration of the world by first confessing our sin, brokenness, and separation from God:

- We confess our complicity in racism and white supremacy through our direct actions and our silence that allows evil to exist in the world. Racism is not only a sin against our neighbor but a sin against God. Our world is imprisoned to the sin of racism and we ask God to guide us toward freedom (Luke 4:18).

- We confess that we -- Southern Ohio Synod, comprised of congregations, a seminary, colleges, campus ministries, and social ministry organizations -- live in broken relationships with our neighbors because of the divisions of race that we have failed to correct. "Because we are sinners as well as saints, we rebuild walls broken down by Christ. We fall back into enslaving patterns of injustice."

- We confess that many of our stories, our culture, our celebrations are riddled with racist ideas, concepts, and origins. "A wall of hostility stands intact. Captive on one side of the wall, people with access to opportunities and institutions are largely unaware either of their own cultural biases or the worth of other cultures. On the other side of the wall, people scarred by slavery and other forms of degradation and suffering have seen their cultures ridiculed and reviled, or destroyed."

- We were called by the ELCA "into a season of confession and lamentation" in the summer of 2019. This requires us to "move beyond empty promises or well-meaning intentions" and recommit "to the work of racial justice, socioeconomic equity, and racial reconciliation."

As a Synod, we encourage all the congregations and ministries in our territory to ask God to forgive us and guide us into repentance where we acknowledge the broken world.

As the Southern Ohio Synod,

- We condemn the killings of **George Floyd**, **Breonna Taylor**, **Tamir Rice**, **John Crawford**, **Henry Green**, **Julius Tate Jr.**, and many others in our community and throughout the country who were killed at the hands of law enforcement. Killing of kin is sin (Gen 4).

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The Redeemer Community

Sharing Meals on the Church Lawn

Gather in a safe and enjoyable way with people you miss seeing at one of our next two gatherings on the lawn at Redeemer. We'll do lunch from 12-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, and coffee and doughnuts Wednesday, August 5, from 10:30 a.m.-noon. On August 5, **Gail Feinstein**, who does congregational outreach for the Kensington Place retirement home in Columbus, where **Don Luck** now lives and where **Hilda** and **Dick Kautz** lived for a number of years, will join the group. Gail can respond to questions about retirement housing. Resch's doughnuts will also put in a cameo appearance!

There are nine spaces for the noon lunch and eight for the coffee and doughnuts, so contact **Becky Trover** to RSVP. Please bring your own chairs, your sack lunch on Sunday, and whatever beverage you enjoy with doughnuts for Wednesday.

Pastor Dave looks forward to welcoming you!

RLC Weekly Produce Giveaway Underway

Redeemer's weekly Saturday morning produce giveaways from our own garden will again be held on Saturday, August 1 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.

Sister Act Says 'Let's Get Together'!!!

Redeemer's Sister Act is planning a "socially distanced" in-person event at **Sue Yehling's** on Saturday morning, August 1, starting about 11:30ish. The group will gather in her yard for lunch to discuss the book by **Anne Lamott**, and really, just to spend time together.

Sue lives at 9660 Taylor Road SW in Reynoldsburg. Her home is easy to find, east on Main Street and right on Taylor Road. The house is just a short distance after turning south onto Taylor with yellow siding and across from City Church. She has a large shaded yard for gathering and still maintaining social distance.

Everyone is asked to bring their own lawn chair, lunch, and something to drink. Sue also has a few lawn chairs available.

Looking forward to seeing all of you! If you are unable to make this event, don't worry, the group will be brainstorming another time and place where we can all safely meet together.

Questions ponder prior to the gathering on August 1:

1. What is your description of hope? What does hope look like or feel like for you?
2. If you could bring back any style trend or fad, what would it be? Let's think about personal style as in clothing or hairstyle. "What does this have to do with hope?" Well nothing, it's just for fun.

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, August 2 from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting using ID: 857 2153 2687; Passcode: 274380. 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/85721532687?pwd=K3B1Qis4bkNTM0hwWDJHcFFsL1V5dz09>

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 exploring the Letter to James. It's a book which **Martin Luther** 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.

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, July 28** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 860 9239 2265; Passcode: 635479. 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/86092392265?pwd=TjZFYnBUd2FuSEExeDRYSkZaQ2ZZQT09>

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

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

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

SOS Statement on Racial Justice *cont'd from p. 1*

- We condemn institutions and systems that place profit over the health and safety of our black and brown neighbors (2 Corinthians 8:13-15).

- We condemn any and all racist assumptions and stereotypes that continue to persist in the medical and legislative communities.

As Church together, we ask God to help and guide us in joining Jesus in the restoration of the world:

- We recognize that different ideas exist on the solutions to the racism that plagues our communities. However, as a predominantly white/European descent denomination we commit ourselves to listen to the voices who have been harmed and silenced by racism.

- We acknowledge that voices from those we have marginalized can agitate, challenge, and lead to uncomfortable conversations. As a synod, we commit to listening and sitting with the discomfort instead of rejecting calls for God's justice that challenge our sin (Luke 4:14-30).

- We support public policies that will invest in healthy and safe communities for everyone. We encourage transformational and bold thinking that will put people and communities first. As a synod we commit to work through local, state, and national advocacy efforts to support public policies that seek justice in our world.

We call for the uplifting of Black and Brown leaders in our church, in our ministries, and in our communities. As a synod, joining Jesus in the restoration of the world, we will seek to tear down oppression and lift up those who have been oppressed by racial injustice for far too long (Luke 1:46-53).

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 for healing are asked for **Becky Trover's** brother **Jeff Sutphin** who is having back surgery. Prayers are also asked for **Linda** and **Don Williams** as Don is in Altercare in Canal Winchester for rehab.

Prayers are also asked for the safe return of **Grace Jones' son Chief Warrant Officer Henry Mentrak** who is being redeployed to Iraq.

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Member Directory Update: Pamela Reed has moved. Her new address is 94 Nursery Lane, Columbus OH 43206.

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Kathy Zwanziger reports that 189 families – including 91 new families – were served at the monthly Lutheran Social Services/Mid-Ohio Food Collaborative food give-away on **Thursday, July 23**. That total accounted for 559 people including 170 children and 140 seniors.

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.

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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.

August Birthdays

5-Julie Denniss 5-Clayton Ullman
6-Bret Jimison 8-Jessica Marquez
9-Justin Marquez 15-Seth Harms
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

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.

The Community Beyond

Columbus Library Sponsors Virtual Social Services Fair

The Columbus Metropolitan Library will hold a virtual Social Services Fair on **Thursday and Friday, July 30 and July 31**. The event opens at 9 a.m. on Thursday and closes at 7 p.m. on Friday. Professionals will be available for live chat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Over 40 agencies will be participating.

Registration opens **Tuesday, July 28** and can be done online at <https://cmlvss.easyvirtualfair.com/> . More information about the fair itself can be found at <https://www.omjfc.org/vssfair> .

Free COVID-19 Care Kits Available at Area Rec Center

The city of Columbus together with the Community for New Direction will be distributing free COVID-19 care kits on **Thursday, July 30** from 3 to 6 p.m. at Barnett Community Recreation Center, 1184 Barnett Rd., Columbus OH 43227. The distribution will last until supplies are gone.

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. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 4 and Sept. 18

Glenwood Community Center

1888 Fairmont Ave. | 43223

Dates: Aug. 6 and Aug. 20

Holton Community Center

303 N. Eureka Ave. | 43204

Dates: Aug. 6, 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. 7, 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. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 4 and Sept. 25

Getting Ready for Sunday Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, August 2, 2020 Lessons

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Matthew 14:13-21

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. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Christ Lutheran Church, in /Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Marshall Edginton.

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, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday August 2: A study of the "Apostles' Creed for Today" – Led by
Pastor Dave Shull.

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

This Week at Redeemer July 28 – August 3, 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	10:30 a.m.	Zoom Member Care
	1:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Journaling Workshop
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Redeemer Garden Pick
	10:00 a.m.	Redeemer Garden Giveaway
	11:30 a.m.	Sister Act @ Sue Yehling's – see article
<u>Sunday</u>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School – via ZOOM
	12 NOON	LUNCH ON THE LAWN – CALL OFFICE TO RESERVE
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class