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Arise

The following is a selection of daily Facebook posts from former Redeemer intern and now **Pastor Stephen Bond**. He serves two churches: Hope Lutheran Church in Homer City, PA and New Life Lutheran Church in Marion Center PA. They are reprinted with permission.

Wednesday, June 17

“Jesus keeps on pulling at me, calling to me, compelling me into the beauty of his way in the world. And that means, too, that for all the ways I am sure I let Jesus down, he does not give up on me. For all the ways any of us Respectable Religious Folk say and do some pretty terrible things (or defend terrible things on social media ... or stay silent in the midst of rotten things in front of us ... or ignore the awfulness lurking in our history that we don’t want to face and would rather whitewash), Jesus doesn’t give up on us or on his way of being in the world.”

“On the days when the world seems like a dumpster fire, sometimes the Spirit whispers to you to look up from your screen and keyboard and out your window ... and then to go running out the door to catch a glimpse of glory. And it’s not that the world stops being full of flaming rottenness, but you remember the audacious notion that God still loves it all, even the parts that most break the divine heart, and the Mercy keeps granting sunsets to stinkers like me.”

Saturday, June 20

“Even when it feels like the world we knew has been yanked out from under our feet, we are bound to Jesus ... who will carry us through from death to life, and on new adventures along the way.”

Sunday, June 21

“In a time when it is easy for tempers to flare, and when so many representatives of Respectable Religion end up defending unchecked bombastic insecure anger as though it were compatible with Jesus, we can be voices of calm and clear-thinking compassion. We can be the ones known for our gentleness, rather than trying to convince the world of our supposed ‘greatness.’”

Tuesday, June 23

“This is the daily struggle: being willing to reject the systems around us all the time – like they are in the air we breathe and the water we drink – in order to step into a new way of being human. It means daring to look deeper into ourselves to see how we have been complicit in a lot of rottenness and daring to believe we do not have to continue in those ways.”

Saturday, June 27

“Note to Self: While I do not bear responsibility for events or choices that occurred before I was born, I am certainly responsible for how I live in the world in which I find myself, and what I do either to make it more just or less just, more beautiful or less, kinder or meaner.”

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The Redeemer Community

Sharing Meals on the Church Lawn

In the past three weeks, we've had four gatherings on the church lawn for people to bring a chair and something to eat and their masks. The conversations have been good and the chance to see each other in all three of our dimensions as opposed to being in boxes on a Zoom call has been a delight.

If you haven't had a chance to come to one of these, think about giving it a try! There are nine spaces open at noon on **Wednesday, July 8**, and nine spaces at noon **Sunday, July 12**. RSVP to the church office (614-237-1263; info@redeemerluth.com). If you've been to one of these already and would like to come, just let **Office Manager Becky Trover** that you'd like to come back. We'll let you know if we get nine new people who'd like to come. If so, we'll then ask you to sign up for a future one.

It would be great to see all the dimensions of you!

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), 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.

Scenes from LSS/MOFC/RLC Food Giveaway



RLC Weekly Produce Giveaway Underway

Redeemer's weekly Saturday morning produce giveaways from our own garden will again be held on **Saturday, July 4**. 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, July 5** from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting using ID: 832 7565 5368; Password: 735788. 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/83275655368?pwd=SIBCWGVUS21Sa21VcVFDQ0xXU01LQT09>

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 30** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 835 9326 6992; Password: 354759. 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/83593266992?pwd=dHZMSHM1OW1ad1pZT2kxb2ZvcGEvQT09>.

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **June 28** 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!

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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Member Directory Update: There is a new email address for **Pamela Andrews:** jamma1959@gmail.com .

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Computer Available to Good Home

For Sale Cheap (\$0, yes free), to a good family, one 10-year-old PC computer system taken out of service at Redeemer.

It is a Dell Optiplex 990 tower PC, running windows 10 Pro, with 8 GB Ram, 465GB hard drive, a keyboard, mouse, and a 20-inch monitor. The CPU is an Intel i5-2400. A Wifi interface has been added.

If you could put this PC to good use, please contact the church office via phone or email on or before **Friday, July 10**. In case we have several people that would like to have this PC, we will have a random drawing.

Call 614-237-1263 to let **Office Manager Becky Trover** know of your interest, or email her at info@redeemerluth.com. For specific questions about the computer, please email **Tom Mimplitch** at tmimplitch@yahoo.com.

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-July Birthdays

June 30-Julie Brush July 1-Bruce Collins
1-Karen Riccio 3-Caroline Ott
5-Sachio In Phillips 7-Diane Montgomery
8-Kathy Zwanziger 11-Evelyn Boreman
12-Payton Rae 13-Renee Glover-Oakleaf
14-Chase Friederich 15-Kandice Hoddinott
16-Cora Marquez 17-Jasmin McFarland
18-Kelley Scott 19-Leslie Sorg
20-Pamela Reed 21-Grace Jones
22-Alta Boreman 22-Kim Faulk
22-Noah Gosnell 25-Tracy Hoddinot Ervin
27-Tom Mimlitch 27-Mike Shugert
29-Kathy Mimlitch 29-Becky Trover
31-Marilyn Roberts

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>. 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>.

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 **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, July 5, 2020**

Lessons

Sunday Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Matthew 11:20-30

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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center.
- + For Redeemer community members Julie, Jonathan and Danica Denniss.

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 July 5: 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 30 - July 6, 2020**

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - via ZOOM
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team - via ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:30 p.m.	Redeemer at Food Pantry
<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
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School - via ZOOM