



# Reflections

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## LDR Assists Victims of Wildfires, Hurricane

Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) is seeking assistance as it works to help those affected by Hurricane Laura and the wildfires in California.

According to LDR, Hurricane Laura, a powerful Category 4 storm, hit Louisiana and parts of Texas with devastating force, causing a number of deaths, major damage and leaving hundreds of thousands without power. With extremely dangerous storm surge and winds of at least 150 mph, it's one of the most powerful storms to hit the area in a century, and it left widespread destruction in its wake. Given the complexities caused by COVID-19, sheltering those impacted will be a challenge.

"Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response (Upbring) and the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southwestern Texas synods, which are assessing the immediate needs and initiating a response. While the extent of the damage is not yet known, we will accompany devastated communities from immediate relief through long-term recovery. This is an important part of Christ's call to our church.

"Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Please join me in prayer and partnership, and stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our Facebook page" which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ELCALDR/>.

Meanwhile, LDR continues to assist those affected by the California wildfires. "Fueled by a heat wave and ignited by lightning strikes, some of the worst wildfires in California's history have erupted across the state. At least four people have died, tens of thousands of people are under evacuation orders, over 1 million acres have burned, and more than 1,000 structures have been destroyed and thousands more are threatened. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods (Sierra Pacific, Southwest California and Pacifica), to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs to include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized. Long-term recovery assistance may include rebuilding and repairing homes. "

Contributions to support the disaster relief efforts can be made online for Hurricane Laura at <https://tinyurl.com/y4y4p752> and for the wildfires at <https://tinyurl.com/y26atyvy>

Contributions will be used entirely for the designated disaster relief effort.

**Rev. Daniel Rift**, director of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding, says, "Please join me in praying for those whose lives are being impacted by disasters at this time: wildfires, COVID-19, severe storms, hurricanes and more. Even as we face multiple crises, by working together, we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need."

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## The Redeemer Community

### Redeemer to Serve at First English on September 10

On **Thursday, September 10**, Redeemer is scheduled to provide the take out dinner at First English. The menu will be Sloppy Joe sandwiches, individual potato chip snack bags, fruit cups and individually wrapped Hostess desserts. There will be lemonade and water also available for the dinners.

**Coordinator Kay Ernsthausen** is soliciting enough food for 72 dinners (six dozen), specifically donations of desserts (i.e. HoHo's, Nutter Butter bars, oatmeal cookies), potato chip snack bags or boxes of different kinds of chips such as Doritos, hamburger buns, and containers of Sloppy Joes in two-pound batches. (Enough fruit cups have already been donated.)

Please let Kay know what items you plan to provide. There is a basket in the Narthex to collect all the individually wrapped donations and the hamburger buns. Also please let Kay know if you will be donating Sloppy Joes and she will make arrangements for pick up on Thursday, September 10 so they are hot.

For those individuals wishing to donate items but can't get to church, please let Kay know and she will make arrangements to pick them up. Kay can be reached at 614-288-8506 or via email at [KErnie032000@yahoo.com](mailto:KErnie032000@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your continued support in helping feed those in need. A Sloppy Joe recipe from **Kathy Mimplitch** is as follows:

2 lbs lean ground beef (or ground turkey)  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1 tsp garlic powder  
2 tsp prepared yellow mustard  
1 1/2 cups ketchup  
6 tsp brown sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion and green pepper. Drain off liquids. Stir in garlic powder, mustard, ketchup and brown sugar. Mix thoroughly. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. This makes 12 servings.

The green pepper can be omitted while the ketchup can also be mixed with barbecue sauce. The brown sugar can be almost doubled for a sweeter batch.

### 2020 CROP Walk Goes Virtual

This year's CROP Walk for alleviating hunger will be on **Sunday, October 11**. The walk will be a virtual one because of coronavirus restrictions. As a result, Redeemer walkers will do their walks around their own neighborhoods instead of in a group at Scioto Audubon Metro Park as in previous years.

To walk or donate, either contact **Connie Criswell** at [cac56@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cac56@columbus.rr.com) or sign up on the RLC Team page at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbusoh/Team/View/134358/Redeemer-Lutheran-Church>.

The need this year is greater than ever with so many people out of work. This is a way we can all help.

### Stepping Out into the Community

Redeemer's two-year-old race conversations group, after discussing *White Privilege* earlier this spring, has decided it is time for us to imagine stepping outside the walls of the church to engage larger communities around these issues. As a result, another Zoom conversation has been scheduled to learn more about a specific area of anti-racist work.

On **Wednesday, September 9**, at 7 p.m., the Zoom talk will be about police reform with **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:

**Topic:** Redeemer Race Conversations Zoom Meeting on police reform

**Time:** September 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

This is a way 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!

## **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](mailto: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, September 5** 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 Education Class Continues on September 6**

The Sunday adult education class on the Apostles' Creed continues on **Sunday, September 6**. This class explores the words said 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, September 6** from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting ID: 820 7717 4843; Passcode: 605705. 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/82077174843?pwd=UVhxMUdIcHQya3dyRitjRmk0S0VFQOT09>

You would bless us by your participation in this!

## **Tuesday Bible Study Moves to Study of Genesis on August 25**

The Tuesday Bible Study will begin studying the book of Genesis on **Tuesday, September 1**. 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, September 1** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 852 9883 4347; Passcode: 581483. 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/85298834347?pwd=YjMyOEYyUGltU1lSalhFemk4ZTJaZz09>

## **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 30** 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.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](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 An Update from the Trovers**

**Becky Trover** reports the following: “**Larry Trover** remains in the hospital, but is much improved. He is eating well, oxygen levels greatly improved, able to move about, receiving physical therapy. Becky still hasn't received test results, but her symptoms have abated. We remain hopeful and are grateful for the love and support of our Redeemer family. God bless you all!”

Becky learned Monday she does not have COVID and she will be returning to the church office on Tuesday, September 1. Yea!!!

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According to YouTube, Redeemer has 50 subscribers to its YouTube channel and for August so far there have been 910 views. It has received six likes, one comment and seven shares. Thanks to all who make this possible!

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**Kathy Zwanziger** reports that 169 people came through the food giveaway line on Thursday, August 27 with a total of 558 served. There were 21 volunteers who helped. “LITTLE was left over!”

## **August-September Birthdays**

Aug. 31-Lynn Belhorn Sept. 1-Joanie Engel  
3-Sue Baker 5-Trina Thornton  
7-Bonnie Hegreiness 8-Julie Boreman  
8-Tom Kent 8-Andrea Steiner  
13-Ashley Bird 14-Elyce Herring  
15-Kris Kauffman 15-Nancy Stinson  
16-Grace Binau 16-Michele Disbro  
16-Oliver Glover-Oakleaf 20-Paula Andree  
21-Jenny Peresta 22-Adam Darst  
24-Sheryl Owens 27-Becky Fisher  
28-Faith Wick 29-Jennifer Young

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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

### Triedstone Sponsors 'Drive Thru' for Civic Actions

Triedstone Baptist Church is conducting a drive thru voter registration, absentee ballot request and Census response two Saturdays in September on the **September 12** and **September 19** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Triedstone is located at 858 E. Third Ave. (43211), here in Columbus. For more information, call **Elder Larry Price** at 614-981.9-2336.

### ELCA Explores Martin Luther's *Freedom of a Christian* on 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The ELCA recently invited Lutherans to study and reflect on **Martin Luther's** "The Freedom of a Christian" on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its writing. This is an invitation to hear, share and experience the Lutheran witness of the Christian faith as it relates to God's narrative of freedom in Christ.

To this end, the ELCA has made both an annotated version of the statement available as well as a study guide. Both can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yryzcb>.

Of this effort, **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** writes, "We are living in uncertain and difficult times. Amid the pandemic of COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic of racism and xenophobia, our communities and world are ravaged by illness, death and injustice. Fear, grief, anger and strife are within and around us. We are tempted to turn inward in despair.

"Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther wrote a treatise titled *The Freedom of a Christian*. In it, he offered his most compelling summary of the Christian life: In Christ we are completely free and at the same time completely bound in love and service to our neighbors. For Christians such as you and me, this has been our Lutheran way of telling the Christian story for 500 years. At the heart of our Lutheran theological tradition, we find the antidote to our despair.

"In this treatise, Luther describes a 'happy exchange' wherein Christ sets us free by taking upon himself humankind's sin, pain and judgment, and in return giving us his liberating life. In that exchange, we are free from the clutches of sin, from the forces that try to tear us apart and from any condemnation. We are empowered in turn to use our freedom to serve our neighbors, whoever they may be. This message remains timely when voices that marginalize certain people, or preach contempt, hatred and violence, dominate our public discourse. How do we hear and trust this word from God today, and continue to serve God's life-giving work?"

"I invite you to read, study and reflect on *The Freedom of Christian* using this study guide, ably written by the **Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos**, director for theological diversity and ecumenical and interreligious engagement, in consultation with others. As you engage with this 500-year-old text, a series of case studies he has curated at [ELCA500.org](http://ELCA500.org) will help you to encounter the diversity of voices that represent the vitality of the Lutheran movement today.

"Luther wrote, 'Christian individuals do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor.' Today, as in Luther's day, our faithful response to the uncertainty and death-dealing forces in our world is to proclaim that which is sure and life-giving for all. Freed in Christ, we resist the temptation to turn

inward in despair by turning outward in love and service to the world. Siblings in Christ, rejoice! We are no longer captive, but free.”

## **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: Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

#### **Barnett Community Center**

1184 Barnett Rd. | 43227

Date: Sept. 11

#### **Beatty Community Center**

247 N. Ohio Ave. | 43203

Date: Sept. 11

#### **Dodge Community Center**

667 Sullivant Ave. | 43215

Dates: Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

#### **Feddersen Community Center**

3911 Dresden St. | 43224

Dates: Sept. 4 and Sept. 18

#### **Holton Community Center**

303 N. Eureka Ave. | 43204

Dates: Sept. 3 and Sept. 17

#### **Howard Community Center**

2505 N. Cassady Ave. | 43219

Dates: Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

#### **Marion Franklin Community Center**

2801 Lockbourne Rd. | 43207

Date: Sept. 24

#### **Milo Grogan Community Center**

862 E. 2nd Ave. | 43201

Dates: Sept. 4 and Sept. 18

#### **Scioto Southland Community Center**

3901 Parsons Ave. | 43207

Dates: Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

#### **Tuttle Park Community Center**

240 W. Oakland Ave. | 43201

Dates: Sept. 4 and Sept. 25

## **Getting Ready for Sunday**

**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 6, 2020**

### **Lessons**

**Readings:** Romans 13:8-14; Psalm 119:33-40; Matthew 18:15-20

### **Prayer for the Times**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close,  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money

in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have not margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.  
**AMEN**

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Fellowship Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Val Farnham, Maureen Callahan and Margie Farnham.

*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, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry and Becky Trover.

*Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

### Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, September 6: A study of the Apostles' Creed for today ~ Led by  
Pastor Dave Shull

**This class is held via Zoom or folks can call in. See separate story about how to participate.**

### This Week at Redeemer September 1 - 7, 2020

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	12:30 am	RLC @ LSS Food Pantry
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	9:00 a.m.	Redeemer Garden Pick
	10:00 a.m.	Redeemer Garden Giveaway
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Labor Day</b>