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Bishop Eaton: A Thanksgiving Remembrance

Editor's Note: Even though holidays this year will take on a different format -- perhaps sharing meals via Zoom or just calling family on the holiday -- sharing still remains a possibility ... just as we are able to share in communion as we participate in the live streaming of Sunday services. The following is from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Old recipes are precious things. They give instructions about how to prepare a dish, but they are so much more. They are filled with memories. They connect families as they are passed from one generation to the next. They bring events and people from long ago right into the present.

I am looking at a recipe card that has that effect on me. It's my mother's recipe for stuffing for turkey. It's written in her neat hand—a skill I never mastered. It's a basic recipe, just bread and butter and onions and celery and poultry seasoning. I don't even have to read it now when I make stuffing, but I like to look at it because it puts me right back into Thanksgivings past.

Thanksgiving in our family was an *event*. The Eatons have been gathering for Thanksgiving dinner for nearly 70 years. We traded off between our house and my aunt and uncle's home. When it was our turn we got up early and started cooking.

Out came the recipes and equipment. There were no food processors in those days. We had a cast iron food grinder that clamped on to the edge of the kitchen table. It was kept in its own special box. It only made an appearance once a year and its emergence signaled that Thanksgiving had arrived. Grinding the celery was no problem. Onions were another story. My brothers and I spelled each other at turning the crank until we were overcome by the fumes.

No matter what, when my mother or my aunt announced, "Supper's ready," we all came to the table together. We were family, we shared our lives, we loved each other. My parents and my aunt and uncle established this tradition shortly after World War II. We have always had three and sometimes four generations present. A lot has gone on in our family and in the world these past decades. Marriages, children, moves, deaths, war, recession, elections, the '60s. We are a lively bunch and none of us lacks an opinion or the ability to express it. Conversations were spirited and sometimes heated. My father and my uncle served in the army during World War II. My older brother and older male cousins didn't support the Vietnam War. We belong to different political parties. We are Lutheran and Catholic and members of the Unification Church and unchurched. We are liberal and conservative.

But no matter what, when my mother or my aunt announced, "Supper's ready," we all came to the table together. We were family, we shared our lives, we loved each other. A lot is going on in our church and in the world right now. We are a changing church, which brings its own tension. We live in a wired world where news is instantaneous and continuous. We don't agree on everything. We belong to different political parties. We have varied ethnicities. We're liberal and conservative and everything in between. We're in an "either/or" world. And we are contending with cultural forces that exacerbate division. But by the tender love of God, by this ceaseless pursuit of the Spirit, we are members of the body of Christ. We are family. We share our lives. We love each other.

Here is another simple recipe: flour, water, wine, the body and blood of Jesus. A meal of healing, forgiveness and thanksgiving. No matter what, when our Lord tenderly and urgently invites, "Supper's ready," we all come to the table. There in our common brokenness we meet each other in Christ.

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The Redeemer Community Council Sets Annual Meeting Via Zoom

Redeemer Church Council President Margie Frazier reports that the council has set Redeemer's annual meeting as spelled out in the resolution below and in accordance with guidance from the Southern Ohio Synod on how congregational meetings can be held under COVID-19 restrictions.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council Continuing Resolution October 21, 2020

"That Redeemer Lutheran Church hold its annual congregational meeting on **January 17, 2021** electronically by Zoom. The meeting shall be conducted as follows:

1. All members shall receive notice as required in the constitution and bylaws of this congregation.
2. As part of the notice, printed ballots on all issues requiring a written or secret ballot shall be enclosed. There shall be sufficient ballots for the number of confirmed members of the household where the notice is sent. Copies of the budget and any other measures where information is provided in writing shall be included with the notice.
3. Members who are able to participate by video shall be permitted to login, and required to identify themselves by name and the number of confirmed members participating on their computer.
4. Members who are not able to participate by video shall be permitted to participate by a telephone call-in number provided by Zoom. They shall be required to identify themselves by name and give the number of confirmed members participating on their telephone.
5. For votes not requiring a written ballot, members shall vote by voice. A true count shall be obtained by the counters of the yeas, nays, and abstentions (if any).
6. For votes requiring a written or secret ballot, members may vote by mailing completed ballots to the church by U.S. mail by **January 16, 2021**. Ballots received after that date shall not be counted.
7. Results of all written ballots shall be announced after worship the following Sunday and (*whatever method you choose...*)
8. The presiding officer at the meeting shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, and all bylaws and continuing resolutions of the congregation.
9. Minutes shall be taken by the council secretary. Any person who speaks during the meeting must identify themselves at the beginning of their remarks, motions, or questions so that the council secretary may keep an accurate record of the meeting.
10. This continuing resolution shall supersede and replace any previous continuing resolution adopted by this council to the extent necessary to implement these provisions."

Margie also notes, "... we will vote on the slate for council and Special Funds Team volunteering to serve for the upcoming two years. As we work to implement this continuing resolution we will provide updates. We want to assure you that we will do whatever we can to facilitate involvement by members in the meeting.

"We look forward to seeing everyone together (on screen) in prayerful consideration of the work of the church. Thank you for your continued support and creativity as we face challenges in this pandemic."

Advent Devotional Booklet Coming Soon!

Advent begins this year on **November 29**. Redeemer's annual Advent devotional booklet, written by members of Redeemer, will be published before then. Once again, **Donna Voelkel** has provided lovely artwork for the cover.

Both regular format and large-print format booklets will be available to pick up at the church or through the mail. We will also provide the devotions via daily email upon request and [we hope] on Redeemer's website. **Please contact the church office at 614-237-1263 or info@RedeemerLuth.com if you would like to have a paper copy sent to you through the mail or if you would be interested in receiving devotions via email.**

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With the holidays approaching, Lutheran Social Services is trying to make Thanksgiving a little more joyful by supplying a bag of groceries (along with hope and healing) for people in crisis. To this end, LSS is assembling bags containing the following items:

- 2 pouches or 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 boxed yellow cake mix

Won't you consider donating one or more bags of these items? Donations of these items can be dropped off at church (making sure someone is there) or by taking them to **Kathy Zwanziger's** home. The "bags" are due by **Tuesday, November 17**. LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people.

Green Tomatoes from Garden Available

There is still a quantity of green tomatoes from the church garden, waiting in the Narthex for someone to give them a home. Folks have been experimenting with various relishes, looking up heritage green tomato pie recipes, learning to pickle green tomatoes – **Sheryl Owens** is the *Chow-Chow Diva*. And, of course, they will ripen indoors – **Heidi Sherer** has been posting lovely tomato pics on FaceBook.



So please consider picking up some of the last fruits of RLC's garden – call the office to make sure someone is here to let you in.

An Update from Church Council

Members and Friends of Redeemer:

We would like to update you on council approved actions to address air quality in the church building related to COVID-19. These actions have been taken in light of the research that shows this virus is significantly airborne and the reality that with colder weather approaching, outdoor worship is not possible.

GIVEN THE CURRENT RATE OF INFECTION, WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED TO ONLINE SERVICES.

However, in anticipation of being able to return to in-person worship and after significant research about how to address the airborne virus, recommendations were made to council to install iwave devices in all furnaces except those for the Fellowship Hall and basement. (For more information on iwave technology, check out a YouTube video about it.)

It was also recommended that the Narthex furnace be replaced since it is so old, and that area is so central to most people entering the church building.

“With these actions we will be able to run the fans on the Narthex and sanctuary furnaces for one hour before people come in to totally ensure filtering that air. We will continue to run the furnace fans during worship, and then for one hour after people have left. While there is no guarantee that the COVID-19 virus will be eliminated, this should substantially address the airborne risk of indoor gatherings. We will continue to follow public health guidelines of requiring face masks and social distancing and sanitizing surfaces.”

It was also recommended that the Fellowship Hall, downstairs kitchen, basement bathroom and adjoining basement rooms be shut off to use because we do not have the resources to replace those furnaces, and installing higher grade filters might well stress the current furnaces to break down.

Additional recommendations were made for stand-alone air purifiers to be placed in the church office, the upstairs women's and men's bathrooms, and the small entryway. Higher grade filters (MERV values of 11), will be installed in all the furnaces upstairs.

All of these recommendations are estimated to cost less than \$13,000 and will be taken from the building maintenance budget for this year. That line item for 2020 is \$30,000.

To date, the Narthex furnace has been replaced and the iwaves have been installed. The HVAC contractor is in the process of procuring the recommended furnace filters. "We will have them replace filters more frequently once we begin to use the building more to ensure that the furnace motors are not stressed by the MERV 11 filters."

All these recommendations, presented by **Julie Johnson**, were passed by council. She is available to address any concerns you may have. Her email is jjjap80@aol.com.

Good Neighbors Picnic Comes Off ... Even during Pandemic

Despite the pandemic, the Good Neighbors Picnic did occur this year, but in a different format, according to a report on the event supplied by **Carol** and **Stan Heacock**, who have headed up Redeemer's efforts with the group over the years.

This year, rather than having folks gather at a park, the Good Neighbors Picnic delivered ... meals were delivered, money was donated to 11 agencies assisting individuals experiencing temporary or long-term homelessness and toiletries and other essential items were supplied to Columbus Relief.

Carol also reported that Redeemer, through Sister Act, donated five large bags of winter coats, gloves, socks and hats gathered at the groups mini retreat in October.

Thanks so much to Carol and Stan for their faithfulness in heading this effort up for Redeemer! Your work is much appreciated!

Previous Sunday Worship Services Available on YouTube

Previous Sunday worship services are available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the current 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!

Tuesday Bible Study on Break until Nov. 24

The Tuesday Bible Study, which is studying of the book of Genesis, is on hiatus for two weeks, resuming on **Tuesday, November 24**.

Adult Sunday Education Class on Hiatus for Another Week

The Sunday Adult Education class is on hiatus through Sunday, **November 22** while **Pastor Dave** is on vacation. The group resumes on **Sunday, November 29**. At that time the class, which has been looking at "What Does the Bible Say About?" will start to explore the following question: If all religions are equally valid, is the Bible necessarily where we turn for guidance? Is the answer that each person chooses the religion that works for them and then they concentrate on their path. If they chose Christianity, they lock into their document (the Bible) and their favorite guy (Jesus) and they get their answers there. Meanwhile, others are getting their answers from the Quran, or just the Old Testament, or whatever their chosen document is. Or should we all be seeking answers from all the documents? Or should we be looking somewhere else?

The next class will held on Zoom on **Sunday, November 29** from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885; Passcode: 043099. 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/83783266885?pwd=S3hqdl1dQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09> .

You would bless us by your participation in this!

Important Emails

DSnull@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

Dave Shull on Vacation November 9-23

Pastor Dave Shull is taking a vacation. Preaching and presiding on **November 22** is **Dr. Cheryl Peterson**, a very familiar and beloved presence at Redeemer, is preaching and presiding.

If you have emergency pastoral care needs while Dave is gone, please contact **Office Manager Becky Trover** at 614-237-1263 or **the Rev. Julianne Smeck** at 734-972-6126 or smeckj@mac.com. Julianne is the pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Columbus.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Barbara Hairston's** husband **David** as he goes through some medical tests to determine what kind of treatment may be needed. Also undergoing tests is **Bill Boys** who was hospitalized this past week. Prayers of healing are also asked for **DeeDee Jimison** who was diagnosed with COVID-19. Prayers are also asked for **Kay Ernsthansen** who will be having hip replacement surgery next **Monday, November 23**. Prayers are also asked for Redeemer custodian **Marshall Edgington** and his wife who have been facing some health challenges.

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 at 614-237-1263 or via email to info@redeemerluth.com . Hard copies are available at the church and can be found under the bulletin board in the hallway off the

Narthex. This edition corrects Pastor Dave's office number which is 614-237-1686 or he can be reached on his cell at 206-725-3785.

Redeemer Members Serve at LSS Food Pantry



Thanks to all the volunteers who met at the LSS Food Pantry to pack holiday food bags. In two hours Saturday, Redeemer's 10 volunteers packed just over 300 bags! There were also several bags donated by other members: thank you! Each bag will be supplemented with a turkey and fresh produce for a full Thanksgiving meal.

Please note: In December, Redeemer volunteers will return to the regular schedule: the first Wednesday afternoon of the month from 1 until 4 p.m. That means only five volunteers are needed. Clients will be coming into the building on those days.

November Birthdays

16-Karen Collins 18-Carla Baldogo
19-Carolyn Klopfer 20-Zak Hinkle Moore
21-Andy Jacobs 23-Chelsea Gordon
23-Carolyn Moehring 24-Bobby Jimison
24-Judith Bird 24-Sarah Highland
25-Dereck Stewart 26-Grace Montgomery
28-Dave Shull 29-Mary Bowling

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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

ELCA Taking Applications for YAGM Program

Applications for the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program are now being accepted, for the 2021-2022 program year.

This program is for young adults ages 21 to 29 and begins in August 2021. Participants will be placed in one of the country programs, with the list of participating countries possibly changing due to the COVID-19 situation.

Through YAGM, young adults will learn what it means to serve in a spirit of accompaniment as they walk alongside global church companions. They'll become immersed in a new community and form deep relationships. And they'll confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, gender privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

To learn more go to [ELCA.org/YAGM](https://www.elca.org/YAGM).

Young adults will find relevant opportunities for professional experience, including the following:

- **Health and human rights:** health care, HIV and AIDS, homelessness, immigration and refugees.
- **Education:** fine arts, youth education, childhood education, working with people living with disabilities.
- **Environmental justice:** agriculture and farming, development, environment.
- **Professional support:** office work, communication, technology, finance.
- **Congregational ministry:** children's ministry, Christian education, youth ministry, congregational ministry, camp ministry.

Around the world, host families, churches, workplaces and communities are ready to welcome YAGM volunteers. The deadline to apply is **January 15, 2021**.

Christ United Methodist Church Learning Extension Center Program Seeks Volunteers

Christ United Methodist Church is seeking volunteers to help with its Learning Extension Center as well as students who might be interested in participating. No teaching background is necessary.

The center, established in partnership with Columbus City Schools, is intended to support students in the community by providing a safe and quiet learning space with Internet access and guidance from caring adult volunteers.

It runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Lunch is provided from 12:30 to 1 p.m. with an optional Bible lesson following. The center is working closely with the principal and some teachers from the neighborhood Scottwood Elementary School, assuring that the students are following the standards in the curriculum. Already several students are coming to the center.

The center is being operated according COVID-19 guidelines: all volunteers and students have their temperature checked when entering the building. Everyone is required to wear a mask except when eating or drinking. "The kids are not always completely compliant with this but this is a work in progress!" All students are at least six feet apart. Volunteers attempt to maintain that distance from the students "but that has been challenging when they need more help. As we are learning more about how the online learning works we are not needing to be so close to them. But when we are trying to look at what they are doing on the computer we are definitely not able to stay six feet away. So there is obviously some risk but we are trying to minimize it. We will know everyone who is there every day so if someone does become ill we can easily do contact tracing. And we are not around any other people in the building."

The three students currently participating are all family members and are around each other every day, making social distancing less important. That will not be the case as more students come.

Those interested in learning more or volunteering, can call **Site Coordinator Debbie Jackson** at 614-406-2362. "Thank you for considering sharing your presence and skills."

The Community Beyond

Columbus City Council to Hold Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

Columbus City Council will be giving away 1,000 turkeys to local families from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Saturday, November 21**. Registration is required and can be done online at bit.ly/CouncilTurkeyGiveaway. There will be one turkey per household and they can be picked up at St. Stephen's Community House, 1500 E. 17th Ave., Columbus OH 32119. Folks are asked to wear a mask when picking up a turkey.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020

Lessons

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer for the Times

God, in Jesus Christ, you have redeemed us through the life, death and resurrection of your son Jesus. Grant your unending power to create life where there is death, calm where storms rage, peace where there is unrest, justice where there is injustice, humility where there is haughtiness, love where there is hate and indifference, health where there is sickness, hope where there is hopelessness. Sustain us all by your patient power through the Holy Spirit. Guide us in the way of truth and life for Jesus' sake. Direct us to do your will. Show us the way to grace and love that we are Jesus' feet, hands and voice sharing the Gospel's message by showing grace and mercy. Help us to pray for each other and let the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Intercessor Lutheran Mission in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Seth Harms and, Thea, Bryce and Jackson Barbour Harms.

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, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, DeeDee Jimison.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, November 22: Adult Sunday School on hiatus

This Week at Redeemer

November 17 – November 23, 2020

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. ZOOM Coffee and Conversation

7:00 p.m. Congregation Council

Sunday

10 a.m. Livestream Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube