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Weeding Out the 'Noise' during Election

Election Day is now two weeks away with some even voting early now and the "noise" around various candidates will only crescendo over that time as campaigns are forced to go online for much of its messaging. So now is probably a good time to review the ways to weed out the propaganda and get back to relying on reliable and trustworthy news sources.

The following are steps suggested by the Newseum to identify propaganda which it defines as "information that's been molded to influence what you think and do – for better or for worse. This mind control isn't magic: it's carefully cultivated manipulation. Your best defense: recognizing the techniques propaganda uses to spread ideas and persuade the public."

Simplification

Propaganda reduces complicated issues to basic ideas and packages them with catch slogans and images so they're easy to understand and remember.

Watch out for:

Extremes. Describing people and issues as good or bad, right or wrong. No complexity or room for compromise.

Leaps of Logic. Using minor connections or coincidences to "prove" a point.

Incomplete Facts. Citing only convenient or helpful facts. Ignoring or glossing over counter arguments.

Setting up Easy Targets. Simplifying the other side's arguments or twisting their ideas to make them easier to bring down.

Exploitation

Propaganda uses emotional messages to play on universal weaknesses, fears and desires.

Watch out for:

Fear-Mongering. Promising worst-case scenarios will come true if you don't back the cause.

Flattery. Suggesting that people who support the cause are smart, strong and attractive.

Shocking Content Shaping content to elicit strong emotional reactions – positive or negative.

Deadlines and Peer Pressure. Taking advantage of your fear of being too late or missing out on something big.

Exaggeration

Propaganda paints its cause as unbeatable, without flaws or weaknesses.

Watch out for:

Outlandish Outcome. Making big promises, but not offering any evidence to back them up.

Piggybacking on Success. Tying the cause to bigger ideas and issues that already have public support, like religion, patriotism or morality.

Overhyped Success Stories. Using testimonials from supporters to illustrate the benefits of supporting the cause.

Power Plays. Using images and descriptions of the cause that emphasize how popular, well-respected and powerful it already is.

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The Redeemer Community

RLC Worship Returns to Online for Oct. 25

Given the colder temps and the higher COVID-19 cases for Franklin County, Redeemer is returning to online worship. Beginning at 10 a.m., the **Sunday, Oct. 25** (Reformation!) will be livestreamed on YouTube. Please join us or it can be viewed later by going to Redeemer's channel.

Volunteers Needed for Final Food Giveaway Set for Thursday

Redeemer's final monthly food giveaway in cooperation with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative is this **Thursday, October 24** beginning at 2 p.m.

It will be a drive-through giveaway that was implemented in April. Some volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. to set-up while others are asked to arrive by 2 p.m. to bag the food.

Anyone who can volunteer is asked to contact the church office at info@redeemerluth.com or 614-237-1263 or **Jon Disbro** at MDDisbro@gmail.com or 614-451-3642. There are a variety of roles that need filling: traffic control, check in, food sorting and bagging, food picking from each station and transport to the pickup spot, food loaders, etc.

Volunteers are asked to bring masks and water and to park on Ivanhoe – the street just south of the church.



Stewardship Appeal Wraps Up Sunday

The Stewardship Team invites you to reflect on what this faith community means to you, and to use that to help guide you in deciding what financial support you'd like to commit yourself to offer for RLC ministries next year.

Please review your stewardship materials thoughtfully and prayerfully, and then return the completed card, either in the envelope provided or by email to the financial secretary. All of our responses are to be dedicated during worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 25**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Stewardship Team (**Ruth Murray, Dave Lippert, or Mary Benis**) or the church office. The year ahead may be filled with uncertainty, but we at Redeemer walk by faith, not by sight -- and we walk together.



Volunteers Sought to Write for 2020 Advent Devotional Booklet

Redeemer, under the leadership of **Connie Criswell**, will be doing an Advent devotional booklet again this year. In this time of uncertainty, it is more important than ever that we stay connected and this would be a way for people to "be together" through reading what each other has been thinking about and feeling and praying this year.

Because we won't be in the church building for the foreseeable future, we've devised a virtual sign-up sheet to replace the paper one that usually is posted on the bulletin board. To sign up, please go to the Redeemer website at <http://www.redeemerluth.com/news> and click on the NEWS SERMONS AND DEVOTIONS tab. Choose a set of readings (or more than one) and contact the church office by phone (614-237-1263) or email info@RedeemerLuth.com to have your choices posted.

Write your devotion and email it to **Mary Benis** for editing no later than **Monday, November 9**. The booklets will be available on **November 22**, the Sunday before the first Sunday in Advent.

Light a Candle for All Saints' Day

On **Sunday, November 1**, Redeemer will be honoring those who have been baptized (**Isaac Marquez and Carson Spahn**) and those who have passed on (**Rose Varga, Bob Eakin, Gerry Stokes, Don**

Williams) since last All Saints' Day. We will take time for people in the congregation (if we're meeting in-person) or watching online to light candles to remember their own loved ones.

Consider this a "heads-up" to get candles and matches ready if you plan to attend virtually.

Additional Volunteers Needed for RLC Food Pantry Team

Kathy Zwanziger reports that Lutheran Social Services has made some changes to the pantry operation. The clients are again allowed to come into the pantry. Plexiglass has been installed for the "registrar." There is a "yellow brick road" for the clients to follow, allowing them to pick up a prepared box of food, then leading them past the meat, bread (one volunteer), milk, butter (a second volunteer), then to the produce (where more volunteers work) -- and out the "middle" door. At least this month, no client was in the building for very long.

The biggest change is that now Redeemer is requested to supply volunteers. If anyone is interested in assisting with this service to the community and would feel OK with helping, please let Kathy know at 801-205-9542 or KZwanOSU69@gmail.com . Redeemer's next scheduled day is **Wednesday, November 4**, from 1 until 4 p.m.

Coffee and Conversations to Meet Via Zoom on Wednesday

Despite plans to the contrary, the small group Coffee and Conversation will meet via Zoom this week on **Wednesday, October 21** due to the spike in COVID-19 cases here in Franklin County. It meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To join the group, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 836 4294 4204; Passcode: 919121. 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/83642944204?pwd=NXg3V1BBaVRsRzZvcnlUK2lGcE9uZz09>

Tuesday Bible Study Now Looking at Book of Genesis

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of the book of Genesis on **Tuesday, October 20**. 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, October 20** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983; Passcode: 619946. 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/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Adult Sunday Education Class Meets at 11:15 a.m.

The Sunday Adult Education class will begin discussing the *What does the Bible say about conflict resolution?* at 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday, October 25** after the 10 a.m. worship.

The group looks at the ways the Bible addresses various questions and topics people in the class want to examine. You can bet the Bible won't just have one opinion on anything! The group continues to explore questions around what the Bible says about conflict management and resolution. We'd love to have your voice and your questions! So join us **Sunday, October 25** 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!

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!

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Division

Propaganda sets up "us" versus "them" scenarios, broadening divisions between different people, groups and ideas.

Watch out for:

Heroes and Villains. Depicting key figures as either flawless superheroes or despicable demons rather than human beings.

Pushing People to Pick a Side. Framing those who disagree as enemies and not to be trusted.

Cozying Up. Using celebrities, recognizable places and pop references to make the cause seem more friendly and familiar than the other options.

Stereotypes and Name-Calling. Reducing whole groups of people to exaggerated features and behaviors to dehumanize them and devalue their beliefs.

Important Emails

DShull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips**, and for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

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

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO **5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS**.
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

A Note from Linda Williams

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the outpouring of love, thoughts, prayers and sympathy for Don (and me) during Don's illnesses and death on October 12.

He truly loved his church family. He especially liked going to Men's Breakfast and his adopted role as "second wave greeter" on Sundays and any time he was at church. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at the church at a later time when it will be safe to gather. If you wish to make donations in Don's memory, please consider the church Memorial Fund, your local animal shelter, or your favorite charity.

Blessings to all.

Love, Linda

Member Directory Update: **Colin Young** has moved back home after graduating from the University Pittsburgh. His address is 721 S. Roosevelt Ave., Bexley 43209. His cellphone is the same but his email is now young.colin01@gmail.com.

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.

October Birthdays

19-Renee McFarland
19-Miles Smith 23-Skye Andree
23-Cason Day 23-Sandra Keaton
24-Bret Day 24-Leyton Wolfe
25-Madeline Gosnell 25-Madalyn McGurer
26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin
26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips
29-Brittany Amon 29-Jeremy Davis
30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

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Jeremy Davis, a Redeemer member who is at the Ross Correctional Institute, is unable to receive visitors due to COVID-19 prevention efforts. In addition, Redeemer is not able to send him the group letter written each week after worship. Please send him a note sharing a greeting, thought, or prayer. It must be on a blank white 8.5x11" piece of paper; the note must be written in black or blue ink only. There can be NO enclosures of any kind. His address is Jeremy Christian Davis #758199, 16149 Ohio-104, Chillicothe OH 45601.

COVID-19 Information

To get the most up-to-date information regarding the pandemic and Ohio's COVID-19 activities, go to the Ohio Department of Health website at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

In addition, the Southern Ohio Synod has put together a number of Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) resources online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ohdaov>. Among the items linked to are the latest "Stay Safe Ohio" order from **Gov. Mike DeWine**, a checklist on face coverings and cleaning and disinfecting alternatives.

The Wider Church

St. Philip to Hold Produce Giveaway on Oct. 24

St. Philip Lutheran Church (1506 E. Long St.) will hold a free produce giveaway on **Saturday, October 24** in the East High School parking lot which is across from the church. It will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or until they run out of food.

Drive-thru and walk-up options will be available. Folks are asked to bring their own heavy duty bags.

2020 Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge Starts Oct. 21

In an increasing polarized world, biblical citations do not always serve their primary intent of reflecting God's love. Under the theme "The Bible – Word, Not Weapon," the 2020 Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge will address how Bible verses taken out of context can become weapons that discredit others or justify cruel treatment of those portrayed as different.

Presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the annual Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge seeks to enliven the biblical engagement of the whole church by encouraging the development of faithful, innovative and effective ways to teach and learn Scripture. The event is sponsored by the seven ELCA seminaries, the Hein-Fry planning team and the ELCA Book of Faith Initiative.

Every year, one student from each seminary is invited to develop and present a class or series for people both familiar and unfamiliar with biblical texts. In follow-up, the students are invited to report their findings.

This year the challenge will comprise four online events:

- **Jennifer Garcia** from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif., will present "Sharing Our Faith in a Time of Social Distancing" on **Wednesday, October 21**, at 2 p.m. Pacific time.
- **Taylor Berdahl** from United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., will present "Biblical Responses to COVID-19: Lament, Bodies, Breath" on **Monday, October 26**, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern time.
- **Karl Anliker** from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will present "Look for the Women: A Virtual Bible Study in Search of Hope" on **Wednesday, October 28**, at 2:30 p.m. Central time.
- **Christopher Shealy** from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Columbia, S.C., will present "How Scripture Is Weaponized, and What We Can Do About It" on **Friday, October 30**, 2 p.m. Eastern time.

Rev. Susan R. Briehl will serve as online host.

The public is invited to attend these free online events, but registration is required. Registration information is available [here](#).

The Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge is an endowed theological lecture series established after the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) merged into the ELCA in 1988. The series combines the ALC's Dr. Carl Christian Hein Memorial Seminary Lectures and the LCA's Franklin Clark Fry Theological Lectures.

Thrivent Sets Webinar on 'Faith and Race' for Oct. 22

Thrivent, in cooperation with Barna will present a webinar **Thursday, October 22** looking at recent research findings regarding how people are doing in this moment and what it could mean for the church community. Daniel Copeland, director of research for Barna, will present beginning at 12 noon. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y39tm4mf>.

The Community Beyond

Columbus Public Health Sponsors Community Flu Shot Clinics

Columbus Public Health announced that it is now sponsoring a series of “drive-thru” flu shot clinics throughout the city because, “Getting a flu shot is more important than ever this year to protect health in our community as we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.” They are scheduled as follows:

October 19 - 23

Briggs High School, 2555 Briggs Rd.
M,W,F: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
T,Th: Noon-6 p.m.

Saturday, October 24

Columbus Public Health (Loop Drive-thru)
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

October 26-30

Ohio Expo Center & State Fair Celeste Center,
717 E. 17th Ave.
M-F: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

October 27 - 28

Worthington Community Center, 345 E. Wilson
Bridge Rd.
T: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
W: Noon-6 p.m.

Friday, October 31

Columbus Public Health (Loop Drive-thru)
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Anyone 6 months of age or older can visit the clinics to get a flu shot at no cost. (Registration is not required and participants should bring their insurance card if they have one.) Flu shots are also available at the Columbus Public Health Immunization Clinic, health care providers and retail pharmacies.

For more information and to see the full list of clinics go to www.columbus.gov/flu.

Curbside Voting Available for Those with Physical Handicaps

Individuals with a physical handicap who wish to do early voting at the Franklin County Board of Elections at 1700 Morse Road can go to curbside voting at the east end of the building around the corner from the Payless Shoe Store. A team of election workers will assist you from your vehicle.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020

Lessons

Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6; Matthew 22:34-40

Prayer for the Times

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to redeem all of creation. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world. Grant us faith and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus as caretakers of, and justice-seekers for, your beautiful and bountiful creation. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Diana and Chelsea Gordan.

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 Hegreiness, 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, Pamela Andrews, 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, 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 Trover.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, October 25: What Does the Bible Say about
Conflict Management and Resolution?
Led by Pastor Dave Shull

This Week at Redeemer

October 20 – 26 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	1 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	ZOOM Outreach Team
<u>Wednesday</u>	11 a.m.	ZOOM Coffee and Conversation
	7 p.m.	ZOOM Congregation Council
<u>Thursday</u>	3 p.m.	LSS/MidOhio Foodbank Food Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m.	Online Worship with Holy Communion livestreamed on YouTube
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education