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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

You only are the maker of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure – our humble thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

-- Mathias Claudius



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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community Advent Devotional Booklet Now Available!

Advent begins this year on **November 29** and Redeemer's annual Advent devotional booklet, written by members of Redeemer, is now available. 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 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.**

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.”

Tuesday Bible Study Returns Nov. 24

The Tuesday Bible Study, which is studying of the book of Genesis, resumes on **Tuesday, November 24**. If you have Tuesday afternoon 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, November 24** 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>

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, November 25** 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>

Adult Sunday Education Class Returns on Nov. 29

The Sunday Adult Education class 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: 820 2910 0882; Passcode: 024855. 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/82029100882?pwd=a0pQaVITTFIsQTIhZllhRUFuncnZoQT09> .

You would bless us by your participation in this!

December Sister Act Event Set for December 5

Sister Ace has one more event scheduled on this year's calendar for **Saturday, December 5**. The group will be meeting that day at 4 p.m. by ZOOM for a Happy Hour event.

Michele Disbro is planning a game with questions similar to the party questions the group shared at its retreat. These are general question designed to share little known facts about who we are, questions to cause us to ponder, spark a memory, or just bring a smile or a hearty laugh.

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!

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

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 recently. Prayers of healing are also asked for **DeeDee Jimison** who was diagnosed with COVID-19. Prayers are also asked for **Kay Ernsthansen** who had successful hip replacement surgery **Monday, November 23**. Prayers are also asked for Redeemer custodian **Marshall Edgington** and his wife who have been facing some health challenges.

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November Birthdays

23-Chelsea Gordon 23-Carolyn Moehring McMeans

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

Capital Choir Offers Virtual Christmas Concert

Although Capital University will be unable to offer an in-person Christmas Festival this year, the 2020 Christmas Festival, **Together We**, will be offered in an online format, providing the choir the opportunity to share the joy and hope of the season with audiences near and far.

Together We will include never-released video highlights of several past Christmas Festivals (years 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2019) performed by Capital's Conservatory of Music choral ensembles and instrumentalists. The virtual concert will also feature a first-ever performance by the 2020-21 Chapel Choir. Join us as **together we** celebrate the miracle and wonder of the Christmas story.

Links to the video concert will be available at www.capital.edu/christmas-festival on the following two dates and times only:

- **Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.**

- **Sunday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.**

"Mark your calendars to celebrate this joyous season '**together**' with us!"

LMC Gets New Director

Jenny Frantz, who has been with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) for seven years as the director of Camp Luther and director of congregation relations, will become director of Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) on Jan. 1, 2021.

She succeeds Rod Pearce who announce his retirement effective December 31, 2020. He has been with LOMO 11 years and says he now plans to travel with his wife Cindy and spend more time with his grandkids.

He writes, "I have been affiliated with camps for 57 years beginning as a three-year old attending Lutheran summer camp with my family. My experiences to say the least have been immeasurable and life changing. Throughout that time, I have met and been associated with thousands of camp related people that remain as gifts in my life. Every year has presented itself with unique challenges, rewarding encounters, and countless laughter and highlights. I have truly been blessed and eternally grateful for the opportunities I have been given. While I look forward to enjoying retirement, I will miss the interactions with those connected to outdoor ministries. I will miss you and cherish the memories of our time together."

Regarding his replacement, he notes, "I have found Jenny to be knowledgeable, enthusiastic, easy to talk with, and quick to smile. Plus, as a Deacon in the ELCA, her formal education, training, and experience make her extremely adept at sharing the Gospel with youth, curriculum development, and program ministries. To hear her lead a song or read scripture is mesmerizing.

"Please continue to support LOMO during this time of transition."

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://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."

Getting Ready for Sunday

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Lessons

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:24-37

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Carol and Stan Heacock.

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, David Hairston, DeeDee Jimison, Bill Boys, Kay Ernsthause, Kristi Hildebrand's grandmother Hazel Plice.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, November 29: Adult Sunday School "If All Religions are Equally Valid, Is the Bible the Only Place we Should Look?"
Led by Pastor Dave Shull

This Week at Redeemer
November 24 – November 30, 2020

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
5:30 p.m. ZOOM Outreach Meeting
7:00 p.m. ZOOM Journaling Workshop

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. ZOOM Coffee and Conversation

Thursday

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Sunday

10 a.m. Livestream Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
11:15 a.m. ZOOM Adult Sunday School