



# Reflections

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*Please join us for Christmas worship*

*Thursday, December 24*

*7 p.m.*

The worship video production team is putting the Christmas Eve service together and will have it posted to YouTube so you can worship with it starting at **7:30 pm Christmas Eve**. If you'd like to "see" Redeemer people before the service, join us on **Zoom from 7-7:30** that evening. This will be a time for informal updates from people and a good way to see those we haven't seen in a long time. At **7:30, each of us can go to YouTube** for the service. **After the worship video has ended**, any who wish can return to the Zoom meeting and we will have a candlelight service together with a Bible reading and Julie Larson singing "Silent Night." Feel free to join us for either or both Zoom gatherings! Thanks to all who have shared their gifts in creating and producing this way for us to celebrate the joy and wonder of this night.

The link to the Zoom gathering before and after the video service is

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81806769508?pwd=RkhBVGFpYTA2dHJ4bjE4NC9YT3h3UT09>

Meeting ID: 818 0676 9508 - Passcode: 924489 - Phone only: 646 876 9923

### RLC YouTube Video Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

*Friday, December 25*

*10 a.m.*

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81806769508?pwd=RkhBVGFpYTA2dHJ4bjE4NC9YT3h3UT09>

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*The Redeemer Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas  
and God's rich blessings in the New Year!*

*Karen, Kathy, Marshall, Tori, Becky, and Pastor Dave*

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## The Redeemer Community

### RLC Sets Virtual Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Services

Redeemer's Christmas Eve will have two parts: first, from 7-7:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a Zoom gathering to see and offer greetings to each other. Through a simple setting on Zoom, the person/family who speaks is enlarged, so we can get a good view of everyone.

Then at 7:30 p.m., the Christmas Eve service will be available to watch on YouTube. This will not be a live-streamed service. It will be a video with lots of participants who have recorded their parts in advance so you will see members of the Redeemer community you haven't seen in quite a while. Included in this will be the world premiere of a new Christmas pageant starring Redeemer families. And you will hear Christmas carols that you can joyfully sing along with at home.

At the end of the taped service, we will return to Zoom. We ask all of you to light a candle on Zoom and darken the room you're in, so we can feel like we're back in the sanctuary together, challenging the dark with our light. A solo voice will then lead us in "Silent Night."

On Christmas morning at 10 a.m., we will gather on Zoom for a service of carols, sharing stories of Christmas, and simply enjoying the chance to share this morning with people we love. Because you're at home, you can still be in your pajamas with your favorite beverage and some wonderful Christmas morning edible.

Please see the front page of this newsletter for Zoom and YouTube links.

### RLC Seeking Readers for Livestreamed Worship Services

Enjoy seeing a variety of people participating in Redeemer's livestreamed Sunday service? Redeemer is seeking to expand the number of individuals willing and comfortable to come to the church to read the lesson. The only other people who would be in the building are the others directly involved in the service. If you could serve in this way, please contact **Pastor Dave**. Thank you.

### Sister Act Reports on Gifts for Berwick Families



Sister Act wants to thank the congregation for your generosity! We collected \$2,200 in gift cards to Kroger, Target, Amazon and some other places. **Pastor Dave** and **Berwick Alternative Principal Kyla Mitchell** delivered the cards, a box of goodies, a poinsettia and some wrapping supplies to each Berwick Alternative K-8 family we adopted on Thursday. We also sent this wish:

From our family to yours:  
Wishing you peace, joy, love, and rest  
As we celebrate the birth of Jesus  
We hope the enclosed brings a little light  
Merry Christmas from Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Dave and Principal Mitchell reported that the families were overjoyed by the gifts and amazed by the generosity of the congregation. Thank you again for your wonderful support of this project.

### Deadline This Week to Help

The deadline is this week to support efforts by Jacob's Porch, the ELCA campus ministry at Ohio State, to assist two refugee families. One group are two children from Honduras and their foster family. A "Genius" sign-up has been set up that lists specific items for all the kids:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d48a4aa22a46-holiday>. But Visa cards, gift cards, and checks would also be welcome. Any of these gifts can be mailed to Jacob's Porch, 45 E. 13th Ave., Columbus, OH 43201, and **Grant Eckhart** of Jacob's Porch will make sure the children receive them, along with any letters that might be included. Grant will be delivering everything by **Tuesday, December 22**. Checks should be made out to Jacob's Porch with "Mission outreach/children's fund" in the memo line or mentioned in the letter.

The other is an immigrant from Ghana who has an asylum hearing this week. To contribute to his needs, please send Visa cards, gift cards, or checks made out to Jacob's Porch with "Mission outreach/Ghana" in the memo line.

Individual names have been withheld in both of these situations because of the sensitivity of the cases. If you have questions, please contact **Pastor Dave**.

Thank you for any assistance you might feel led to offer.

## **Deadline Extended to Submit Suggestions for 2020 Distribution**

Each year Redeemer contributes the interest from the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) to other charities on behalf of the congregation. The guidelines for distribution, as established in the constitution; are to establish/support ministries of outreach within or on behalf of the congregation, and to further partnerships in mission through the synodical, regional and national expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Examples, include but are not limited to ELCA Good Gifts, LSS Food Pantry, the sanctuary program at First English Lutheran Church, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio and affiliated camps, Redeemer's partnership with Mid-Ohio Food Bank, etc.

To those ends, the Special Funds Team (SFT) is seeking suggestions for the use of the funds for 2020. Please use the form below to nominate possible recipients. You may leave it in the church office or copy/paste it into an email it to Dave Engel at [joanie.dave@yahoo.com](mailto:joanie.dave@yahoo.com).

**Suggestions are due by Sunday, December 27.** The SFT will make its recommendation to Council which, in turn, will present the final recommendation to the congregation at the January annual meeting.

Thank you for your suggestions.

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### Mission Endowment Fund 2020 Distribution Nomination

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested; \_\_\_\_\_

Redeemer member(s) involved with the organization: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Redeemer member submitting the request: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit to church office or email to **Dave Engel**, [joanie.dave@yahoo.com](mailto:joanie.dave@yahoo.com), on/before **Dec. 27, 2020**.

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## Tuesday Bible Study Continues Dec. 22

The Tuesday Bible Study, which is studying of the book of Genesis, resumes on **Tuesday, December 22**. 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, December 22** 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 to Look at Tithing on Dec. 27

The Sunday Adult Education class resumes on **Sunday, December 27**. At that time the class, will discuss what does the Bible say about tithing and gratitude?" The next class will held on Zoom on **Sunday, December 27** 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=a0pQaVlTTFlsQTlhZllhRUFnZnZoQT09> .

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](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.

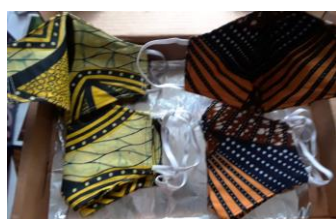
## Prayers and Personals

Prayers are asked for former Redeemer members **Kim** and **Kendall Meyer-Turner** who are recovering from COVID and for **Ruth Murray's** brother **Allen Harju** and **Linda Williams' son Greg Williams**, who have also been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus. Prayers are also asked for **Bill Boys** who has been hospitalized. Prayers continue to be asked for **Skye Andree** and for **Dora Pinder** and her family who are facing some challenges.

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Former Redeemer member **Jacqueline Bussie** reports that her latest book *Love Without Limits* has won two IAN (Independent Author Network) Book of the Year awards: Outstanding Religion 2020 IAN Book of the Year and third place across all categories in Non-Fiction Book of the Year.

## Sale of Face Masks to Benefit Abuse Victims



**Diane Louangrath**, a Redeemer member, has founded an organization called Renewed Strength and its partner Renewed Strength Zambia to help women and children who have suffered sexual assault or abuse. After speaking with Redeemer members last year, she traveled to Zambia to help heal the wounds of abuse and give guidance on its prevention.

Diane returned with some cloth, now made into masks which she is selling to help support the mission of her organization in Zambia and in the U.S. (She has applied for nonprofit status and is awaiting the answer.) If you are interested in purchasing a mask (in basically orange or yellow), the cost is \$5; **Kathy Zwanziger** is coordinating the distribution with more masks to be delivered on Monday for those who are interested. Thank you.

## Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets

The January – March edition of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available. If you would like to have a copy, the church office is happy to mail one to you. Call 614-237-1263 or email [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com)

If you prefer, you may receive Christ in Our Home devotionals via email by going to <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription>.

## December Birthdays

21-Kolya Larson 24-Julie Johnson  
25-Doug Eakin 26-Emily Kent  
27-Susan Darst 27-Paul Ritter  
29-Tom Comstock 31-John Kennedy  
31-Emma Martin

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## 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's Good Gifts Program Covers Gamut of Needs**

Even though Redeemer will not be offering its own in-person Alternative Gifts Fair this year, that does not mean that mean folks cannot still support the ELCA's Good Gifts program. And this year, two new pandemic-related programs are available to support: soap and sanitation supplies (\$25) and protection for frontline workers (\$25).

The former provides sanitation supplies and education for households, schools, clinics and other public spaces while the latter provides personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face masks, gloves and disinfectant.

This is in addition to the many projects that run the gamut from providing a goat and flock of chicks (\$60) to supporting a community garden (\$200) to providing scholarships (\$100). Chicks alone are \$10.

To see all the options available go to [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts), call 1-800-638-3522 or pick up a catalog at the church. (Best call first to make sure someone is there.)

## The Community Beyond

### **CVSHealth Hiring Health Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccine Team**

CVSHealth has announced that it is hiring 1,000s of pharmacy technicians, pharmacists and nurses to assist in its COVID-19 vaccination efforts. "An addition 'Hero Pay' will be offered to the pharmacy teams administering the vaccinations on top of standard pay." To learn more, go to <https://jobs.cvshealth.com/covid-19-vaccine-support>.

## Getting Ready for Sunday

### **First Sunday of Christmas, December 27, 2020**

#### **Lessons**

**Readings:** Galatians 4:4-7; Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-40

#### **Prayer for the Times**

This prayer comes from **Pastor Steve Bond**:

You redefine what we thought we knew, God,  
and we aren't quite sure what to do about it.  
We live in a time and in a land  
that speaks so glibly of "freedom"  
as if it meant we are not bound to one another,  
as if we bear no responsibility for each other,  
as if no one can tell me to give anything up for someone else,  
as if my convenience and comfort outweigh my neighbor's life.  
We were told such freedom is the most important thing there is.  
But you, O God, you are perfectly free.  
You are the sovereign over all creation,  
And yet your freest act of all  
was the choice to lay it all down,  
pouring yourself out like water,  
entering our humanity,  
Sharing our breath and bone,  
binding your life to ours

at the cost of comfort and glory.  
Such is your wild and good freedom, God.  
Redefine us, as well, to be free for such love.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin.
- + For Redeemer community member Kristi Hildebrand.

***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, Kay Ernsthause, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Kristi Hildebrand's grandmother Hazel Plice, Ken Jones, Skye Andree, Michelle Clemence's roommate Courtney, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Ruth Murray's brother Allen Harju, Kim and Kendall Meyer-Turner, Greg Williams.

*Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

### Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, December 27: Adult Sunday School "What Does the Bible Say  
about Tithing and Gratitude?"  
Led by Pastor Dave Shull

### This Week at Redeemer December 22 - 28, 2020

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Journaling Workshop
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	ZOOM Christmas Open House
	7:30 p.m.	YOUTUBE Christmas Eve Worship
	8:30 p.m.	ZOOM Candlelight Service
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM Christmas Morning Worship
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	10 a.m.	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
	11:15 a.m.	ZOOM Adult Sunday School