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RLC Annual Meeting Set Via Zoom for Jan. 17

This year, Redeemer will hold its annual meeting via Zoom on **Sunday, January 17** at 11:30 a.m.

This includes not only the option to participate online but also to call in.

Materials are being mailed in advance to all members.

Among the items on the day's agenda is the election of the 2021 slate of council members. They include the following:

- Vice President – **Wendy Stoica**
- Secretary – **Margie Farnham**
- Finance Officer – **Margie Frazier**
- Education – **Krista Skipper**
- Outreach – **Sue Watson**
- Stewardship – **Laura Warren**
- Special Funds Team – **Terry Warren**

New Executive Team appointments include **Emlyn Ott** and **Marques Highland**.

By dint of their election last year, continuing council members include **Julie Johnson** (president), **Julie Larson** (Worship), **Elyce Herring** (Member Support) and **Sue Yehling** (Property). Special Funds Team members continuing are **Michelle Clemence**, **Dave Engel**, **Nancy Magargal** and **Jim Riley**.

In addition, the following outgoing council members will be recognized: **Jon Disbro** (Outreach), **Chad Eberle** (secretary), **Ruth Murray** (Stewardship), **Wendy Stoica** (Education) and **Margie Frazier** (president); and outgoing Special Funds Team member **Bruce Collins**.

Also concluding their service are **Brad Phillips** as financial secretary, **Larry Trover** as treasurer and Executive Team appointees **Michele Disbro** and **Bill Boys**.

In addition, approval of the 2021 budget for the congregation is on the agenda.

The following is the link, meeting ID and passcode for the annual meeting. To join the Zoom Meeting, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176701929?pwd=bW9KTzZlZQ0FMmJlEwVzZhYWh2UnNlZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 7670 1929

Passcode: 226159

The phone number for the meeting is 1-646-876-9923.

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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor – Rev. David Shull

Office Manager – Becky Trover

Custodian – Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director-

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chimes Choir Director -

Karen Kent

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2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Margie Frazier

Vice President – Julie Johnson

Finance Officer –

Secretary – Chad Eberle

Worship – Julie Larson

Education – Wendy Stoica

Outreach – Jon Disbro

Member Support – Elyce Herring

Property – Sue Yehling

Stewardship – Ruth Murray

APPOINTMENTS

Interim Treasurer – Julie Johnson

Financial Secretary – Brad Phillips

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Michelle Clemence

Bruce Collins

Dave Engel, Chair

Nancy Magargal

Jim Riley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent – Emily Ott

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The Redeemer Community

Adult Class Explores Pandemic, Racism, God's Judgment

We all know that the year we have just come through has brought with it a lot of national soul-searching. The pandemic reveals (again) how our race and class affect our access to medical care, whether we have an option to work from home, and whether or not we will survive a COVID-19 diagnosis. Different responses by police when a "suspect" is a person of color remind those of us who have the luxury to forget it that law enforcement is one of the "systems" in systemic racism. Where is God amidst these realities? As Christians, how do we talk about God's judgment of sinful systems?

A recent *Christian Century* article entitled "A Time of Judgment: Seeing Our Sin in a Disastrous Year" addresses these hard questions. This **Sunday, January 10** from 11:15 a.m. to 12:14 p.m. we'll discuss it. If you'd like a copy of the article, email or text **Dave Shull**. New voices are always a gift to our Zoom conversations.

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> .

Please note the class will **not** meet on **Sunday, January 17** because of the annual meeting.

Sunday Adult Ed Class to Begin Discussing Duncan Book on Jan. 24

In his book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.*, ELCA Pastor **Lenny Duncan** writes about some realities confronting our denomination that we won't want to face, but which we ignore at our own peril. He writes in a very accessible style. He clearly wants to wake us up. And he knows waking people up from sleep doesn't often feel very kind to those of us who wish to ignore painful truths. But throughout the book Pastor Duncan's motivations are clear: "Dear Church, this book is a love letter to you. I know at times it hasn't felt that way."

The book is available a lot of places online for quite reasonable prices, and it seems you'll get your copy at least a week before our first class so please order your own copies. The class will discuss the introduction and first two chapters for the session on **Sunday, January 24**.

Let Pastor Dave know if you have any problems/questions.

Redeemer to Serve at First English January 14

On **Thursday, January 14** Redeemer will be providing the carry out dinner for the members and neighborhood of First English. The menu will be an Italian pasta bake casserole, dinner roll, fruit cup, Hostess desert (something individually wrapped), and Belvita cookies. We will be making 84 dinners (seven dozen). If you are able to help with any of the items, please let **Kay Ernsthausen** know: email: kernie032000@yahoo.com or text 614-288-8506. (Sufficient fruit cups have already been donated.) If you would like to donate but can't get the items to the church, please let her know; she has drivers who will do pick ups.

Italian Pasta Bake Recipe

2 lbs. ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 jar (24 ounces) spaghetti sauce
1 can (14 ½ ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms, drained (optional)
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
3 cups uncooked medium pasta shells
3 plum tomatoes, sliced

¾ c shredded provolone cheese
¾ c shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

- In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, mushrooms and Italian seasoning. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes.
- Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350°. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Add to beef mixture and gently stir in sliced plum tomatoes.
- Transfer to an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheeses. Bake 25-30 minutes or until bubbly and heated through.

2021 Flower Sign Up Available

Now that services are being livestreamed, Redeemer is again placing flowers in the sanctuary. Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody's birthday to recognize? Contact the church office at info@RedeemerLuth.com or 614-237-1263 to sign up for a particular Sunday. Make sure to leave information on the designation for the flowers to be shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by mailing in or dropping the payment off.

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.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Jan. 5

The Tuesday Bible Study, which is studying of the book of Genesis, continues on **Tuesday, January 5**. 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, January 5** 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>

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 are asked **Edwina Bradley** and her nephew **Kyle** on the death of Edwina’s sister-in-law and Kyle’s mother **Pat Johnson**. Prayers are also asked for **Heidi Sherer’s** sister **Wendy** and brother-in-law **Sion** due to health concerns. Prayers continue to be asked for **Ruth Murray’s** brother **Allen Harju** and **Linda Williams’** son **Greg Williams**, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Prayers are also asked for **Bill Boys** who is recovering at home after having been hospitalized and for **Dora Pinder** and her family who are facing some challenges.

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January Birthdays

4-Kristen Ullman 5-Tamara Wawrosch
9-Marques Highland 13-Michelle Skoog
16-Melissa Vivens 18-Gary Pawlowski
20-David Detweiler 20-Corinne Montgomery
20-Tony Naess 20-Eric Vivens
21-Elizabeth George 21-Shirley Miller
22-Maureen Callahan 22-Shirley Cannon
24-Sophia Brush 24-Kathy Rapp
24-Heath Wolfe 25-Rosalie Highland
26-Jeff Montgomery 28-Bebe McCoy

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

Registration for 2021 LOMO Camp Programs Opens Soon

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) announced that registration for 2021 sponsored retreats and summer camp programs will open on **Saturday, January 23**. The complete schedule can be found online at <https://www.lomocamps.org/calendar>. The first of the retreats is the Family Spring Retreat at Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) on April 23-24. That is followed by Servant Weekends at Camp Luther and LMC in May.

Summer camp programs are scheduled to begin the week of June 13.

LOMO writes, "We have put many safety protocols in place to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19; these procedures are based on the CDC's Field Guide for camps. But, even with safety procedures, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 will not be spread at camp. While we want everyone to experience the joy and blessings of camp participation we understand that you might choose not to attend camp if you are at high risk for complications if you become infected with the virus.

"The CDC continues to update their recommendations for how to reduce your risk of contracting the virus. We will continue to update safety information in light of COVID-19 on this website.

"Each camper will be required to sign a covenant related to COVID-19; when a vaccine is developed we will ask every camper to be vaccinated prior to attending camp unless you have a pre-existing medical condition that prevents you from doing so. We will not turn anyone away from participating in a camp program if they have not been vaccinated."

For more COVID-19 information related to camps, go online to <https://tinyurl.com/y9e4e4wn>.

Also online is information about applying to work at LOMO: <https://www.lomocamps.org/employment>.

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, 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

COTA to Begin Charging Fares on Jan.11

COTA will begin charging fares on **Monday, January 11** for fixed-route vehicles and COTA//Plus and **Monday, February 1** for Mainstream and Mainstream On-Demand.

According to the company, operates on a fare-based system for its long-term financial sustainability. COTA temporarily suspended transit fares in March because fareboxes are located in the front of all its vehicles. At that time COTA required rear-door boarding of all vehicles to allow time for state-of-the art sanitization practices and implementation of protective measures like facial coverings and increased air circulation to be implemented. Beginning January 11, customers will board at the front entrance and exit at the rear.

“Masks are required for all operators and customers. All COTA vehicles are equipped with strong ventilation systems, to keep air constantly circulating every minute. COTA has implemented daily sanitization procedures that exceed industry standards. COTA uses virus-killing disinfectants and all surfaces of all transit vehicles are coated with Aegis Microbe Shield, which is an antimicrobial solution used in the hospital and food industries. These solutions are applied through spraying, fogging and intensely cleaning every surface. Meanwhile, additional vehicles are being added to improve social distancing on high ridership lines since capacity is reduced to 20 persons on all fixed route transit vehicles.”

Customers can now purchase new passes and replace expired passes at the Customer Experience Center at 33 N. High St. in downtown Columbus or at more than 30 grocery store retail locations.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Baptism of Our Lord, January 10, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Acts 19:1-7; Psalm 29; Mark 1:4-13

Prayer for the Times

Paraphrase of a poem by **Rev. Howard Thurman**:

When the carols
have been stilled.
When the star-topped tree
is taken down.
When family and friends
are gone home.
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins.
To welcome the refugee.
To heal a broken planet.
To feed the hungry.
To build bridges of trust,
not walls of fear.
To share our gifts.
To seek justice and peace
for all people.
To bring Christ's light
to the world.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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 Resurrection Lutheran Church in Hilliard.
- + For Redeemer community member Zak Hinkle-Moore.

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 Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Kristi Hildebrand's grandmother Hazel Plice, Ken Jones, Skye Andree, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Ruth Murray's brother Allen Harju, Kim and Kendall Meyer-Turner, Greg Williams, Heidi Sherer's sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Sion.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, January 10: Adult Sunday School will discuss the pandemic, racism
and God's judgment
Led by Pastor Dave Shull

This Week at Redeemer **January 5 – January 11, 2021**

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m.	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
	11:15 a.m.	ZOOM Adult Sunday School