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See the Love

Everyone's talking unity. It's true we as a country have broken into armed camps that look at each other with deep hostility, even seeming to question whether we come from the same planet or are part of the same species. One wonders if we care enough about each other to be willing to do the hard work of discovering what common hope we might have for this moment in history.

We can talk about the need to come together. We can speak of our sadness that no one seems to have come up with any good ideas about how to bridge the ever-widening chasm that separates our various camps. Two weeks ago I talked about the "Braver Angels" groups that are beginning to form in Columbus to create ways for people in opposing camps to listen and talk to each other. At least one couple in Redeemer participated in one of these sessions this weekend. They said it was a beautifully run event. I look forward to hearing more about how the time offered a different story than we've been living for so long.

For me, songs often paint a picture of a better story. I find myself singing songs and the words start to work on softening my heart and steeling my spirit and challenging my hands and feet to do something. Last spring I discovered a song called "See the Love" by The Brilliance. I don't think a week has gone by since then that I haven't played it again. It is the best Gospel I know for these times. I encourage you to listen to it online. I hope it gives you a picture of what might be possible. And the courage to try to make the spirit of the song real. Imagine looking at people in whose face I don't know how to see God ... and singing, "I wanna see the love all around you!" That could change this world.

Here are the words:

'See the Love' by The Brilliance

Everyday we go to war again.

We assume we know so much more than them
before we hear what they have to say.

Headline breaks and we start to hate again,

calling them names again,

we give our peace away.

I hope they see it

cause I wanna see it;

I hope we believe it.

I wanna see the love

all around you, all around you.

I wanna know, I wanna know

that love is all around you, it's all around.

Day by day

hope fades away and then

we know

that there is pain within, we cannot medicate.

Learn to feel,

learn to begin again,

open our eyes again

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OUR CONGREGATION

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Pastor - Rev. David Shull

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Kathy Rapp

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Karen Kent

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Secretary - Margie Farnham

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The Redeemer Community

Information on Getting COVID Vaccine

Nurse and Redeemer member **Michelle Skoog** provides the following information about how to get the COVID-19 vaccination: “In case you or a loved one are in need of a COVID vaccine, and meet age requirements, there are several options available. Currently, Ohio is vaccinating Group 1B. This is for people aged 65 and up, beginning with 80+. This week, the week of January 25, Ohio is vaccinating age 75 and older. Several places are providing the vaccine (although supply is limited), including some store pharmacies such as Kroger, Giant Eagle and Walmart. Primary care providers, associated with a major hospital system, may also have some availability for their patients who meet age requirements. A complete list of vaccine locations can be found at the following link: <https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov>

“Another easy option is your local health department. For Franklin County residents, currently 75 or older, vaccination appointments are being scheduled for this Monday and Tuesday. You can register online for an appointment at <http://bit.ly/vax2normal> or by calling the appointment hotline at 614-525-5225. Vaccinations are done at the Franklin County Board of Elections on Morse Road. You choose an appointment time when you register. Franklin County's registration typically opens for the next age group Thursdays at 1 p.m. of the week prior to that age group's assigned week.

“If you are a Columbus or Worthington resident, age 75 or older, vaccination appointments may also be made through the Columbus Health Department. They are available online for this week at: <https://redcap.columbus.gov/surveys/?s=8C9FTR78EN> or by calling Columbus Public Health at 614-645-1519 to schedule an appointment time. Vaccinations are drive-through at the fairgrounds. The time that Columbus Public Health has opened up appointment slots have varied the past two weeks. One week it was Friday of the week prior and the next week it was Saturday. Best advice: start checking online the Thursday before your age range and keep checking!

“In case registration is listed as closed at either public health website (as it is as of January 24 at Columbus Public Health for ages 75 and up), registration often will reopen throughout the week once more vaccine supply becomes available. Keep checking back!

“If you need general information about the COVID vaccine, the following link is a good resource: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine>.”

Souper Bowl Takes on New Format in COVID Times

February 7 will again be Souper Bowl Sunday. It won't be quite as easy or fun to donate this year, but people still need food assistance. So this year, folks are encouraged to make a special donation designated for Souper Bowl (made out to Redeemer) without choosing team or any of the other possibilities.

Or cash in the envelope, will be assumed to be for the Souper Bowl.

Another alternative is to donate food items directly to the LSS Panty: contact **Ben Powers** (bpowers@lssnetworkofhope.org) or call him at 614 429-5528 to make arrangements to drop off the food at the corner of Frebis and Champion during February. These are the most needed items:

Grape jelly: 15-17 oz. in plastic bottles.

Black beans: 15.5 oz.

Diced tomatoes: 15.5 oz.

Mandarin oranges: 11 oz.

Tuna *in water*: 5 oz.

Soups: Tomato, chicken noodle or vegetable.

If you would prefer to bring food items to the church, **Kathy Mimplitch** is willing to deliver them – or she would pick them up from homes.

Questions should be directed to **Kathy Zwanziger** at 801-205-9542/KZwanOSU69@gmail.com.

Coffee/Conversations Group to Gather on Zoom Feb. 17

The next Coffee and Conversations group is **Wednesday, February 17**, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. To join, 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>

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, wear a mask!

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 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 both **John Kennedy** and **Kevin Bailey**, for **Michelle Clemence's** sister **Nancy Roebuck** and for Michelle's niece and family: **Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam** and **Tiffany Scales**, all of whom have contracted COVID-19. Prayers for healing are also asked for **Bebe McCoy's** sister **Jan** who has been hospitalized. Prayers continue to be asked for **Kathy Rapp** who is recovering from COVID-19; for **Pamela Andrews** who was recently hospitalized; for **Heidi Sherer's** cousin **Ann** who is being treated for cancer; and for both **Barbara** and **David Hairston** as he begins radiation and chemotherapy for cancer.

Prayers are also asked for teachers and other school personnel in the Columbus city schools and other districts as they prepare to return to their classrooms and as they juggle hybrid schedules. Prayers are asked especially for those working with special needs and K-3 students.

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.

Note of Thanks

"Pastor Shull and Church Family,

"Words cannot express how grateful I am for your generosity towards our Berwick families in need this Christmas season. We placed the call and your members showed up in an unbelievable way, which was so appreciated during this global pandemic. You brought a sense of great relief to both families during an already stressful time. I look forward to the day when I can come to the church to thank you in person. Please let me know how we can support you as well. We are ONE community."

Kyla Mitchell, Principal at Berwick

January Birthdays

25-Rosalie Highland

26-Jeff Montgomery 28-Bebe McCoy

February Birthdays

1-Michael McClain, Jr. 3-Karen Kent

4-Donna Voelkel 5-Andre Friederich

5-Georgene Slagle 6-Richard Amon, Jr.

8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes

11-Stan Heacock 14-Kurt Goshen

15-Nancy Ehrich 16-Heidi Carman

24-Linda Williams 24-Susan Yehling

25-Bernice Stewart 26-Diane Brobeck

26-Wally Jacobs 28-Colton Day

COVID-19 Information from Columbus Public Health

COVID-19 Vaccines

Beginning **Monday, January 25** and depending on vaccine supply, **Gov. Mike DeWine** will open up COVID-19 vaccination to those in Phase 1B which includes those 75 years of age and older. Vaccines will be administered by physicians, local health departments, hospitals, federally qualified health centers, in-home health service providers and some retail pharmacies. Vaccinations will be available to those 65 years of age and older as well as school personnel, the following week.

The week of January 25 will also include vaccinations for Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early onset medical disorders. See article on p. 2 about how to schedule an appointment.

Under Phase 1A, vaccinations have been given to health care workers, EMS responders, and staff and residents at long-term care facilities.

Columbus, Franklin County Stay at Home Advisory Remains in Effect

The Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health Stay at Home Advisory remains in effect until **Saturday, January 30**. Residents are advised to stay at home to the greatest extent possible, and to only leave home to go to work or school or for essential needs such as medical care, groceries, medicine and food pick up. While case numbers remain high, the curfew and stay at home advisory are working with cases trending down over the last three weeks. The advisory continues what we are doing to maintain this downward trend while we work to get our community vaccinated and protected.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing by appointment is offered at the Ohio Expo Center & State Fair Celeste Center in partnership with the hospital systems. To make an appointment, call 614-645-1519. Testing is also available throughout the community. To find a testing site go to: www.columbus.gov/coronavirus.

Help Prevent COVID-19!

Please do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Only go out for essential activities.
- Celebrate holidays only with people in your own household.
- Always wear a face covering.
- Practice social distancing by staying six feet apart from others.
- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid contact with people in your household.
- Avoid gatherings with people outside of your household and large groups.

The Wider Church

Registration for 2021 LOMO Camp Programs Now Open

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) announced that registration for 2021 sponsored retreats and summer camp programs opened 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> .

Getting Ready for Sunday

4th Sunday after Epiphany, January 31, 2021

Lessons

Readings: 1 Corinthians 8:1-3; Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28

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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church Vanatta in Newark.

+ For Redeemer community members Misato In, Brad Phillips, and Sachio and Hitoshi In-Phillips.

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, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, 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, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthansen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Heidi Sherer's cousin Ann, Margie Farnham and family on the death of Val Farnham, Earl Bradley and family on the death of his brother Fay Bradley, Kathy Rapp, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, January 31: Book Discussion on *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. - Chaps. 1-4*
Led by Pastor Dave

This Week at Redeemer

January 26 – February 1, 2021

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
7:00 p.m. ZOOM Journaling Workshop

Sunday

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