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## ***Being Mortal* Book Study to Run Wednesday Evenings in July**

We are slowly coming out of a long season in which issues of medicine and mortality have assaulted us at every level. In the age of COVID, all the words and phrases which had rarely been part of the vocabularies of most of us became as commonplace as book, restaurant, and podcast recommendations and updates on the latest activities of our grandchildren.

So why am I inviting you to join a church book study on **Atul Gawande's** book, ***Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End?*** Partly because of what I just said. Issues of medicine and mortality have been front-and-center for the past 15 months. Since it's been on our minds, maybe now is a good time to dive into the broader questions about the role of medicine in our lives, particularly when it comes to the time when our lives are drawing to a close.

I'm also suggesting this because we're getting older. The people we love are getting older. So maybe it would be good to have a chance to dive into a really wise book that will make us wiser about matters that often leave us feeling overwhelmed and guilty, or matters we'd prefer to avoid entirely. And to do that deep dive with people we care about and people we can be honest around. One review of this book speaks to that: "[This book] is about our misguided approach to end-of-life care that causes unnecessary misery. It is about changes we must make in the way we treat and the way we think. Above all, it is about the need for relentless honesty, especially when we are afraid."

When we can come to accept our mortality, we increase the likelihood that the process of our dying will be more peaceful. Unfortunately, the medical profession tries to hold out promises around this that are little more than fantasies that keep us from facing what is real and making decisions that make a peaceful ending more possible.

This book invites us to learn how to make choices that are all about nurturing and maintaining our well-being.

So pick up a copy of this 2014 book that spent a year on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was chosen as a "best book of the year" by 29 publications and organizations. And let's spend Wednesday evenings in July together, from 7-8:30 p.m. – hopefully in-person, if public health trends continue in positive directions. Please let me know you're planning to join our conversations so I can have an idea of how many people to plan for.

To have a chance for honest conversations about a topic our culture loves to avoid is a great gift we can gift each other.

*Dave Shull*

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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## The Redeemer Community

### Church Council Adopts New Worship Guidelines

Based on the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state of Ohio pandemic recommendations, the Redeemer Church Council adopted these new worship guidelines:

- “We ask that all people, except the worship leaders, wear their masks throughout the service.
- “The far side, or north side, of the sanctuary is set up for social distancing. People who have not been vaccinated or are more comfortable maintaining social distancing please sit there.
- “The south side, closest to the double doors, pews are not restricted and should be used by those who have been vaccinated.
- “Please remain seated throughout the service.
- “You can sing hymns softly with your masks on.
- “Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- “If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- “We will want everyone out of the building by 20 minutes after the service ends.”

### Southeastern Ohio Thrive Campaign: Equipping a Vibrant Church Together

**Wendy Stoica**, vice president of the Redeemer Church Council, writes, “At the Synod Assembly in June 2018 we learned how the Spirit is moving in Southern Ohio mission territory. God is doing amazing ministry through rostered ministers, lay leaders, congregations, institutions and agencies as we live together into the synod’s vision: *Stronger and Better Together- Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World*. We could not know then that a pandemic was coming that changed everything and resulted in our living into this vision in a very different and challenging way.

“The synod staff and external consultants provided by the synod extended tremendous guidance and support to Redeemer over the past 14 months to equip us with the ability to livestream weekly worship services. We received regular updates on safe church practices like singing, communion, and gatherings. Synod staff offered webinars on a variety of relevant topics to support church leaders.”

As a result, Wendy reports that the church council last week voted to affirm its earlier decision to participate in the synod’s “Thrive” campaign initially made in 2020.

“We will be sharing more soon about how Redeemer can both offer and benefit from this campaign.”

### Redeemer’s Basketball Camp Returns This June

Registration is now open for Redeemer’s basketball camp which will run **Monday, June 14** through **Friday, July 23**. Run by former NBA player **Coach Larry Jones**, the camp is split into two sessions of 40 participants each on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sessions run 6:30-8:30 p.m. The orientation for parents and guardians is set for **Thursday, June 10** from 6:30-7 p.m. here at the church.

To register, call the church office at 614-237-1263.

### Anti-Racism Group to View ‘Two Distant Strangers’

Redeemer’s Anti-Racism group is sponsoring a viewing and discussion of the Emmy Award-winning Netflix show, “Two Distant Strangers” at the church on **Wednesday, June 16**, at 7 p.m., in the Narthex. Folks who haven’t been part of this group are welcome to join the group for this viewing. A link to the trailer can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPgf-JaWNh8>.

For those who prefer to join by Zoom to watch the video and/or to join the discussion afterwards, and aren't on the Anti-Racism group email list, please let **Pastor Dave** know so he can send you the information.

## Noisy Offering to Go to ELCA Disaster Relief Program

Not only has the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund responded to the COVID-19 pandemic here in the United States but it has also responded in places around the world, most notably now turning its attention to the outbreak in India where it works with partners and companion churches throughout the country. They are supporting communities by distributing food and hygiene kits, conducting livelihood training for migrants, sharing information about COVID-19 and promoting prevention practices.

As a result, now through Pentecost, Redeemer's Noisy Offering will help replenish the ELCA Disaster Relief fund.

## Sunday Adult Ed Class Explores the Holy Spirit: *Source of Life*

This **Sunday, May 30**, the Sunday morning adult education class continues to explore the Holy Spirit -- what do the Bible, theology and mystics say about Spirit, and how might we open ourselves to Spirit's presence and power?

New voices for the class' Zoom conversations are always welcome! It meets Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. if you'd like to dive in with us! Let **Dave Shull** know if you have any questions.

Join the Zoom Meeting ID: 850 2032 6420; Passcode: 689131. By phone call 646 876 9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the class by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85020326420?pwd=MXYSZIZ6UnlyWDNqejZjeDhpRUw1Zz09>

## Tuesday Bible Study Continues Study of Psalms May 25

The Tuesday Bible Study continues looking at the book of Psalms on **Tuesday, May 25**. 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, May 25** 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>

## 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 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 for healing are asked for **Emily Kent** who had surgery this past week and continue to be asked for **Kris Kauffman** and **Terry Warren** who are also recovering from surgery.

## **Notes of Thanks**

**Diane Louangrath** writes: "I just read this week's *Reflections* and I just want to say thank you so much for the prayers. It means so much to me. I have such a wonderful church family that I can depend on for support. I'm so blessed as many do not have this. ... Hugs."

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**Kathy Zwanziger** writes: "Thanks to the 19 volunteers who helped with the LSS/MOFC giveaway on a VERY warm Thursday! We appreciate your willingness to help our neighbors.

"Thanks also to everyone who donated hair care products -- only a couple bottles were left.

"Despite our initial difficulty in connecting to the new WiFi, according to the pantry's tally, we served 117 families (although some of us felt it was more like 1,017!). A total of 365 individuals were served, including 45 new families. Blessings to all of you for blessing the community with your funds and service!"

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Thanks to everyone who assisted with the memorial service for **Pamela Reed** that was held here at Redeemer on **Sunday, May 23**.

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A BIG "Thank you" goes out to **Tom Mimplitch** for all his work installing Redeemer's network and Wifi upgrades!! This will strengthen the church's Wifi signal nearly everywhere in the building.

## **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](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com). Hard copies are available at the church and can be found under the bulletin board in the hallway off the Narthex.

## **May Birthdays**

26-Kathie Ehrich

27-Jeanne Eakin 29-Barbara Willmann

## The Community Beyond

Registration are now open for a free COVID-19 Vaccine Community Clinic that will be held on **Monday, June 14** at the Far East Recreation Center (1826 Lattimer Dr.) from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is for anyone 12 years of age or older. Folks are asked to bring their IDs and insurance cards if they have them. "No one will be turned away."

While walk ins are welcome, appointments can also be scheduled by going online and copying/pasting this link [bit.ly/FERCVax614](https://bit.ly/FERCVax614) into the browser; calling 614-645-1519; or emailing [health@columbus.gov](mailto:health@columbus.gov). First doses of Pfizer and the Johnson and Johnson vaccines will be offered. Appointments for the second Pfizer dose will be scheduled when the first dose is received.

### **Interfaith Association of Central Ohio Responding to Religious Prejudices Young Adult Perspectives**

In recent years we have seen a dramatic increase in prejudice, discrimination, and violence against racial, religious, nationality, and gender minorities. How can the experiences of adults inform the understanding of our youth in these troubling times, and how do youth themselves relate to these issues?

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO), now in its 36th year, is made up of nine diverse faiths who have come together for one purpose: **To create a vibrant interfaith community based on understanding, friendship, and trust.**

IACO hosts an annual program called the Main Event. This program focuses on current issues of importance within the faith community. This year we will feature videos produced by young adults where they interview members of minority groups who have withstood hatred and misunderstanding.

A panel of young adults will then put these challenges into the context of today's reality and discuss how we can all move forward and build a more accepting and inclusive society.

If you are a high school senior or college-age young adult or have suggestions of who would be interested in participating in this event as a video producer, panel member, or moderator, please respond by completing the form at <https://forms.gle/DMQys4ZZC1o8UMwm6>

Deadline for response is May 31, 2021.

IACO will cover any reasonable expenses incurred in producing the video. We would also welcome suggestions of adult interviewees who have relevant experiences to share.

Please direct any questions to Kerry via email: [office@iaco.org](mailto:office@iaco.org)

## Getting Ready for Sunday

**The Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021**

**Lessons**

**Readings:** Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 29; John 3:1-17

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center.

+ For Redeemer community member Don Luck.

***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 and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Heidi Sherer's Aunt Mary and family on the death of her Uncle Joel Sherer, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Terry Warren, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's cousin Beatrice Watts Young, Emily Kent.

*Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief*

## Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, May 30: *Holy Spirit: Source of Life*

Led by Pastor Dave

## This Week at Redeemer

May 25 - 31, 2021

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> and <b>IN-PERSON</b> Bible Study – Room 2
	7:30 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> and <b>IN-PERSON</b> Journaling Workshop
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	1:30 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> Stewardship Team
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON</b> and <b>LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
	11:15 a.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> Adult Sunday School
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		<b>Memorial Day</b>