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Council Updates In-Person Worship Guidelines

Council has approved the Worship Team's recommendations around new COVID-related protocols for worship. These include:

- ❖ Fully-vaccinated people are welcome to come to worship without masks
- ❖ Those who aren't full vaccinated are asked to wear masks
- ❖ Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel
- ❖ During the passing of the peace, people who wish to hug and be hugged may do so; if you do not wish to be hugged, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way
- ❖ The north side of the sanctuary (left side as you're in the back) will continue to be socially distanced; the south (right) side is not socially distanced
- ❖ We will no longer check your temperature

We make these changes guided by federal and state public health information. If you have feedback or other ideas about worship practices, please share it with anyone on the Worship Team: **Michelle Clemence, Karen Kent, Julie Larson, Don Luck, Kathy Rapp, Dave Shull, Bernice Stewart, or Wendy Stoica.**

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we seek to create a meaningful, safe, enjoyable worship experience for you.



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The Redeemer Community

Worship Team Seeks Input Regarding Fall Schedule

The Worship Team would like to hear from Redeemer members about preferences for Redeemer's worship schedule starting this fall. Redeemer has been having one 10 a.m. service since the Sunday after Easter. Right now attendance is averaging 38 people in worship. Soon the team would like to recommend to council whether to stay with one 10 a.m. service into the fall or return to the pre-COVID schedule of two Sunday mornings services.

Folks are asked to share their thoughts about this *by the end of June* with any member of the worship team in whatever form is most convenient! Council will need to make these decisions in July so ministries can plan accordingly for the fall.

Worship team members are **Michelle Clemence, Karen Kent, Julie Larson, Don Luck, Kathy Rapp, Dave Shull, Bernice Stewart, and Wendy Stoica.**

Redeemer's Basketball Camp Underway

Redeemer's basketball camp which began **Monday, June 14** will run through **Friday, July 23**. Run by former NBA player **Coach Larry Jones**.

Sessions run 6:30-8:30 p.m. The closing banquet for parents and guardians is set for **Friday, July 23** at 6:30 p.m. here at the church.

Redeemer Garden Giveaway Continues This Saturday!



For now through every Saturday this summer, Redeemer Lutheran Church will be picking the produce from its community garden and sharing it with neighbors throughout the summer.

The garden giveaway begins at 10 a.m. and is available until it's gone (sometimes by 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.!). Picking begins about 9 a.m.

If you have any extra produce from your garden, we encourage you to bring it over to share.

Our garden produce is available for anyone who would like some fresh produce! Check us out!

Save the Date! Redeemer Kids Fest: *Let Your Light Shine!*

The Education Ministry Team is planning an afternoon of crafts, story time, music, snacks, activities and games on the lawn for Redeemer's kids and families, as well as the Redeemer community kids and families on **Sunday, August 29** from 2 to 4 pm.

But, of course, all are welcome!

Due to the uncertainty of health mandates, Redeemer was unable to schedule its traditional Vacation Bible School. This is a way to slowly start rolling out the children's ministry and include the community in the safest way possible.

Volunteers will be needed to monitor each station. Most activities will be under the shade of a canopy. Kids and families will rotate through stations as they like. Folks are needed to read stories, direct crafts, staff a welcome table and so on. "We would love to have some joyful live music playing to add to the festival atmosphere. Have another idea for an activity or yard game you would like to lead? We would love to hear it!" Please email **Krista Skipper** at kristamary5114@gmail.com with any additional ideas or to volunteer.

Lists of donation opportunities to come.

Being Mortal Book Study Set for Wednesdays 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 a 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.

Construction Continues on New Production Booth in Sanctuary



While construction of the new production booth in the back of the sanctuary is not quite complete, the newly installed cameras were used in the streaming of the **Sunday, June 20** worship service on YouTube. According to **Producer Scott Steiner** they made a big difference in the quality of the livestream.



Check it out at <https://tinyurl.com/3d689ywj>.

Here are a couple of pictures showing the progress thus far. Much thanks goes out to **Tom Mimplitch** for overseeing all of these improvements!

As noted in last week's *Reflections*, these improvements include new speakers, microphones, cameras, audio mixer, and more. The cost will be between \$15,000 and \$17,500.

Noisy Offering to Go to ELCA Disaster Relief Program

Redeemer's Noisy Offering – that offering of loose “or noisy” change made during communion – continues to be designated for the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. Not only has Lutheran Disaster Relief 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 coronavirus 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.

Hybrid Sunday Adult Ed Class to Discuss Lord's Prayer

When the Sunday Adult Education Class resumes on **Sunday, July 4**, it will begin discussing the Lord's Prayer, following up on the issues raised by that morning's sermon as well as supplement what was said.

The group now meets both in-person here at church or it can be joined via 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>

Please Note: the Adult Class will be on hiatus Sunday, June 27 while pastor is gone.

Tuesday Bible Study Returns June 29

When the Tuesday Bible Study returns **Tuesday, June 29** it will begin a five week study of the First Letter of John. Reflecting on this book, **Martin Luther** said, “This is an outstanding [letter]. It can buoy up afflicted hearts. Furthermore, it has **John's** style and manner of expression, so beautifully and gently does it picture Christ to us.”

New members are always welcome. This is a group of people who are both serious about listening for the Spirit's voice in the text and in each other and who are serious about supporting each other. They laugh deeply and often as well.

The group meets both in-person and on Zoom. To join the group **Tuesday, June 29** from 1-2:30 p.m. either come to church for in-person participation or 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>

Please Note: the Tuesday Bible Study will be on hiatus Tuesday, June 22 while pastor is gone.

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.

June LSS / MidOhio Giveaway

Thanks to all of you who contributed soaps for the food distribution on Thursday. We had 100 guests come through the parking lot. There was a total of 300 people fed, 83 of them children and 77 were seniors. There were 31 new families. We did have some veggies left—and several of you were recipients of that food on Sunday! (Some of the surplus was given to the guests at our first garden give-away on Saturday.) Thanks too to the 24 volunteers who distributed the food. We appreciate each one of you!

Prayers and Personals

Prayers are asked for the **Marquez Family** as **Cora** recovers from surgery last week. Prayers continue to be asked for **Arnell Comstock** who is facing some health challenges, and for **Terry Warren** following complications from surgery. In addition, prayers are asked for **Linda Williams'** sister **Judy Sells** and her niece **Julie Wettersten**, who both have contracted COVID-19.

Office Hours

As the office workflow has changed [again!], **Office Manager Becky Trover** will once more be taking Thursday as her regular day off. Normal office hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Schedule Revised for '*Staying Connected*' Emails

Going forward, the *Staying Connected* emails from the church will be sent Thursday mornings. Other regular emails include *Reflections* sent on Mondays, and worship service information on Saturdays. Of course, crucial information will be sent as needed.

If anyone would like to contribute items for the *Staying Connected* emails, please contact **Office Manager Becky Trover**.

Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets

The July – September edition of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available on the kiosk. For those unable to get to church, the church office is happy to mail one to you. Call 614-237-1263 or email info@RedeemerLuth.com

The Christ in Our Home devotionals are also available via email by going to <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription>.

Pastor Goes on Study Leave

Pastor Dave is on study leave **Monday-Sunday, June 21-27**. During his absence, **Pastor Julianne Smeck** from Hope Lutheran Church will be covering pastoral emergencies. She can be reached at 734-972-6126. **Rev. Dale Linder** will preach and preside on Sunday.

Pastor Linder is a member of Hope Lutheran Church and a chaplain at Riverside Hospital, here in Columbus. He has lived in Cameroon West Africa, where he taught English for the ELCA global missions department and met his wife, **Halima**. They have two children, **Pomgna** and **Abbe**. Both are students at the French immersion elementary school.

June Birthdays

23-Nathaniel Bird 24-Andy Day
24-Bobby Jimison 25-Ron Willmann
26-Eric Reinoehl 27-Mike Shugert
30-Julie Brush

The Community Beyond

Vaccination Clinic Set for July 6

Registration are now open for a free COVID-19 Vaccine Community Clinic that will be held on **Tuesdays, July 6** and **July 27** at Community Development for All People (946 Parsons Ave., Columbus 43206) from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.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.” This clinic is sponsored by the city of Columbus and Columbus Public Health.

While walk ins are welcome, appointments can also be scheduled by going online and copying/pasting this link bit.ly/CDVax76 for July 6 or bit.ly/CDVax727 for July 27 into the browser; calling 614-645-1519; or emailing 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.

In other news, the drive-thru vaccine clinic at the Celeste Center will close on **Saturday, June 26**. In addition, the Columbus City Council voted to repeal the local mask order to align with new CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines. Those who have not been vaccinated should continue to wear a mask until fully vaccinated, especially when indoors “to protect yourself and others,” Columbus Public Health advises.

Free Lunches for Students Available at Columbus Libraries

For now, through **Friday, August 20**, free lunches are available for students at 15 library locations throughout the city. The lunches will be distributed as “grab and go” meals for kids to take home weekdays. The hours vary by location (and are all during lunch time except for the Barnett Branch which is 3-4 p.m.) so go to <https://tinyurl.com/xn9tj3cw> to check out the time for the branch library closest to you.

In Redeemer’s area, meals will be available at the Driving Park Branch, Barnett Branch, Main Library, Whitehall Branch and Reynoldsburg Branch.

The meals are made possible in conjunction with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

City Council Announces Financial Aid for Those Still Needing COVID-19 Vaccine

City Council President Pro Tem Elizabeth Brown and the Columbus Urban League have a new program to help residents access the COVID-19 vaccine.

“Finding time to get vaccinated can be tough for working families, and we want to help,” said Brown. “If we are going to end this pandemic, we need to address the real barriers that stand in the way of people getting the shot.”

Residents taking the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine are eligible to receive \$100. Those receiving the two-shot vaccines are eligible for \$50 for the first shot and \$50 for the second. To qualify, applicants must be Columbus residents, 12 or older, and get their vaccine after June 15, 2021.

According to Columbus Public Health, 49.77 percent of Columbus residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 44.98 percent are fully vaccinated. Importantly, only one CelebrateOne

zip code is over 50 percent vaccinated, and the lowest CelebrateOne zip code is only at 23 percent vaccinated.

The Columbus Urban League will act as the administrator and distributor of the program. Residents who are eligible may apply for their payments here: cul.org/vaccinegreen.

“We’re delighted to again partner with the city of Columbus and continue alleviating the financial losses suffered by people who contracted COVID-19,” said **Stephanie Hightower**, president and CEO of the Columbus Urban League. “We also applaud the idea of offering residents financial resources to break down barriers they face in protecting their long-term health. Not only shouldn’t you go broke because you got sick, you shouldn’t pay a penalty for trying to stay healthy. Many folks, particularly Black workers in jobs without paid time off, hesitate to schedule vaccinations because of lost wages or additional child care expenses. The City’s \$100 vaccination initiative makes compassionate sense and practical cents.”

Previously, Brown worked with the Columbus Urban League to launch the Right to Recover program, which has been extended throughout the remainder of 2021. The program provides one-time financial relief to low-income workers infected with COVID-19 to help them be able to afford to take the time off work to recover from the illness and avoid spreading it to others in their workplace and community. For more information on Right to Recover, please visit <https://www.cul.org/right-to-recover/>.

“Improving vaccination rates is the fastest way to stop COVID-19 -- but no access to paid time off or childcare can create barriers that prevent people from getting vaccinated,” Brown continued. “This financial support aims to bridge accessibility gaps to promote an equitable recovery for every person in every neighborhood, especially in neighborhoods that were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and continue to have vaccination rates under 50 percent.”

Getting Ready for Sunday

5th Sunday after Pentecost, June 27, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Lamentations 3:22-33; Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43; 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Christ Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Heather McGurer.

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 Hegreess, 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, John Kennedy’s niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp’s cousin Beatrice Watts Young, Emily Kent, Trina Thornton and family, Arnell Comstock.

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, June 27: on hiatus

This Week at Redeemer

June 22 - 28, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON Journaling Workshop
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
<u>Monday</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp