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Capital Names Kaufman 17th President

A little over a year after having been named interim president of Capital University (CU), **David L. Kaufman** was recently named the school's 17th president during a news conference by the Board of Trustees and its chairman, **Andre Porter**.

Kaufman came out of retirement in June 2020 to become Capital's interim president. He had previously been the CEO of Encova Insurance (formerly Motorists Insurance Group) – an unusual selection of someone from outside the higher education community that both Porter and Kaufman mentioned.

Porter mentioned the “strong headwinds” the university was facing at the time of the interim appointment and praised Kaufman's efforts over the last year for returning the school to financial stability while keeping focused on student success.

Porter also noted that Kaufman has assembled a “strong cabinet,” commenting that one of his strengths is that he listens.

Kaufman commented that he could never have imagined being in this position, calling it a “unique opportunity and calling.”

He outlined goals going forward including the following:

- Uniting the Capital community through the development of a strategic plan that will encompass the college, seminary and law school.
- Transforming the university's current business model and pursuing “partnership opportunities to expand enrollment, promote student learning and success and ensure all programs and services are sustainable.”
- Establishing “clear accountability to implement the diversity and inclusion priorities developed and approved this past year. The Capital community will welcome all, value differing perspectives and champion social justice.”
- Defining and promoting Capital's “value proposition” “including our Lutheran identity”
- Creating “a trusting, collaborative culture that appropriately supports, develops, recognizes and compensates each individual contributor.”

Kaufman also spelled out his leadership style, which includes keeping his words “positive” and refraining from blaming or getting defensive; learning one new thing every day; and giving his best effort every day and expecting that from his team. He said that leads to a “high performing” organization.

Kaufman earned bachelor's degrees in both mathematics and economics, graduating cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan University. He went on to earn the ACAS designation and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation. He is a member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington.

When he was named interim president in July 2020, he succeeded **Elizabeth Paul** who, after four years as president of Capital, left to become president of Nazareth College in Rochester, NY.

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Update on Worship Protocol

Given the latest guidance by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the rate of increase in COVID infections due to the Delta variant, the Redeemer Church Council strongly encourages all people attending worship services or other large group gatherings at Redeemer to wear masks. "Our shared safety remains our first priority."

LSS-MOFC Food Giveaway Set for August 19, Paper Products Sought

The next Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative (MOFC) Food Giveaway is scheduled for Redeemer's parking lot on **Thursday, August 19**. This month, to supplement the giveaway, contributions of **paper goods, such as paper towels, toilet tissue, baby wipes, etc.** are being requested. "The giveaway guests appreciate these extra items so much, and we are grateful for the generosity of this congregation! And as always, we are indebted to our volunteers who make the whole process look seamlessly easy."

Those considering volunteering for the August 19 event can just call the church office! All are welcome.

Redeemer Anti-Racism Group Hosts Police Sergeant for Conversation about Race/Policing

The anti-racism group at Redeemer invites folks to an evening with **Sergeant Christopher Smith-Hughes** on **Wednesday, August 25**, from 7-8:30 p.m. Sergeant Smith-Hughes works is the Recruiting Sergeant for the Columbus Division of Police. He will talk with the group about some of the realities police face, ideas about police reform, and other topics the group would like to explore with him.

Please join us – and invite your friends!

Sunday Adult Ed Class on Hiatus until Sept. 12

The Sunday Adult Education Class concluded its study of the Lord's Prayer on **Sunday, August 1** and is now on hiatus until **Sunday, September 12**. At that time it will begin a four-part series "Reintroducing Jesus" which will be led by Redeemer member and Trinity Seminary emeritus professor **Don Luck**. The class will run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. here at church and on Zoom.

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus for August

The Tuesday Bible Study has concluded its study of the First Letter of John and is now on hiatus for the month of August, resuming on **Tuesday, September 7**. At that time it will return to meeting in-person here at church and on Zoom from 1-2:30 p.m.



Save the Date!

Redeemer Kids Fest: Let Your Light Shine!

Sunday, August 29, 2-4

On **Sunday, August 29**, 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 Redeemer's community kids and families. But, of course, all are welcome! It will run from 2 to 4 p.m.

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.

A few more volunteers are needed -- especially for storytime. This just involves reading a picture book, at two different scheduled times. Because there are two books, two readers are needed. Other volunteers could be used as backup at the different stations and as general floaters to help where needed.

If interested, contact either **Krista Skipper** at kristamary5114@gmail.com or **Michele Disbro** at mddisbro@gmail.com to volunteer. Lists of donation opportunities for the snack station to come.

Looking Ahead to Fall

A couple things about scheduling the rest of the summer and fall.

Redeemer's attendance for in-person worship leads the Worship Team and council to decide to **stay with one 10 a.m. worship service through December**. "All of us felt strongly that we enjoy the vibrant feel of more people in worship. And we know any visitors will sense that we are a more vital, healthy congregation when they see more people in a service. We'll look at in-person attendance numbers later in the fall and see what they indicate."

Also: Redeemer's traditional five-evening **Vacation Bible School**. Because younger kids can't be vaccinated, and the church is not yet ready to open Fellowship Hall to groups, it was decided this summer to offer **a full-on KidFest out on the lawn on Sunday, August 29 from 2-4 p.m. Please invite younger folks you know to come.** (See separate story, this issue.)

The Education Team is also responding to feedback from parents and so are planning for **one Sunday School gathering each month for children and youth** that will engage them in a wide variety of ways and not ask for weekly commitments from adults who are still feeling stretched in so many ways.

According to **Pastor Dave**, "We continue to need to be nimble, creative, and willing to do things in ways we haven't imagined before. As the people are about to leave their long exile in Babylon, God proclaims, 'I'm doing a new thing! Don't you see?' We ask you to try on the new things we are offering this fall, as we seek to be the most faithful body of Christ we can be."

Good Neighbors Picnic Coming Sept. 25 to Wolf Park

The Good Neighbors Picnic will be held this year on **Saturday, September 25** at Wolfe Park on the east side of Columbus. Redeemer members and friends are invited to begin donating new or gently used blankets and cold weather clothing and accessories to help provide for our homeless brothers and sisters in the Columbus area.

This all-day event was started in 1999 by Redeemer member **William McCully** along with a few volunteers as part of the National Make a Difference Day. On the day of the Good Neighbors Picnic, volunteers work to provide a day of celebration including food, music, games, books, family photos, crafts, and shopping at a Free Store for blankets and winter clothing. In 2019, close to a thousand guests, men, women, and children of all ages from local shelters, were transported to the park for this day of celebration and fun.

Redeemer, along with other faith organizations, community leaders, local businesses and organizations will work to gather in items for those who are homeless or in shelters.

Donations may be placed in the bin located in the Narthex. Cash donations or gift cards are welcome and may be dropped off at the church office.

To learn more about the Good Neighbors Picnic, contact **Carol Heacock** at Heacock.Carol@gmail.com.

Second Quarter Statements Emailed

Margie Frazier reports that second quarter giving statements have been emailed to the Redeemer community. "If you do not see your statement in your inbox, please check your spam folder, and look for Marissa@wells CPA OH.com. If you have any issues with your statement, please email margie.frazier@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support."

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!

Sign-Up Open for Oct. 3 CROP Walk

The CROP Walk, scheduled for **Sunday, October 3** this year, is only two months away! If you wish to sign up as a walker or to donate, the Redeemer Team page can be found online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>.

Slots Available to Sponsor Flowers for Sunday Services

Since Redeemer has returned to in-person worship, there are lots of openings for folks to sponsor flowers for the Sunday services now into early fall. The flowers, a beautiful addition to Redeemer's livestream, are a great way to recognize a loved one's birthday, an anniversary or to honor an individual important in your life.

A wide choice of dates are available. Cost is \$20/bouquet. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall next to the Library along with the payment envelopes. For those not yet coming in to the church, just call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

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.

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 comfort are asked for the family of **Bernice Stewart** who died unexpectedly this past week. Service arrangements are pending.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Arnell Comstock** who recently had surgery and is now headed to rehab. Prayers are also asked for **Bob Gray** who is deciding treatment options and for **Kristi Hildebrand** whose grandmother has died. Prayers are also asked for **Jack** and **Shirley Miller** as they make decisions regarding Jack's ongoing care.

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Membership Directory Update: **Bob Gray's** new phone number is 614-557-5424 and the best email to reach him is bobg4209@gmail.com. Copies of the latest edition of the directory are available on the shelf outside the church Library or call the church office to have one mailed.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Dave is on vacation until **August 23**. During his absence, **Pastor Julianne Smeck** from Hope Lutheran Church will be covering pastoral emergencies. She can be reached at 734-972-6126. **Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson** will preach and preside on **Sunday, August 15** and **Rev. Dale Linder** will again preach and preside on **Sunday, August 22**.

August Birthdays

9-Justin Marquez

15-Seth Harms 15-Sarah Kirkman

16-Diana Gordon 16-Cathy Oldham

16-Madelyn Zimmer 17-Thelma Johnson

18-Jasper Glover-Oakleaf 23-Scott Steiner

25-LaVerna Reinoehl 26-Brad Binau

27-Matthew Bird 27-Jon Disbro

29-Heather McGurer 31-Lynn Belhorn

Sister Act Presents

BOLD Women Quiz: Part 7

The Sister Act theme for the year is “*Bold Women.*” At a recent meeting, **Kathleen Zwanziger** led a quiz on “Notable Bold Women” that the group thought would be fun to share with the congregation over the summer months. Note that all answers will be used; some of them more than once as some women are noted for more than one thing! All have been in the news since December. [Answers can be found at the end of *Reflections.*]

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| 1. Marcia Fudge | a. Mayor of Chicago |
| 2. Deb Haaland | b. One of Joe Biden’s possibilities for v-p |
| 3. Kamala Harris | c. Former chair of Congressional Black Caucus |
| 4. Yvette Herrell | d. Native American representing New Mexico |
| 5. Lori Lightfoot | e. Secretary of HUD |
| | f. From Ohio |
| | g. First Cherokee elected to Congress |
| | h. Republican who wants to secure southern border |
| | i. Former Attorney General of California |

The Wider Church

Getting to Know LSS’ New President/CEO

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) has released a video message on YouTube from its new president and CEO, **Stacy Martin**. She recently succeeded **Larry Crowell** who retired after 10 years leading the organization. That video can be found at <https://lssnetworkofhope.org/message/>.

The Community Beyond

IACO Sponsors Virtual Visit to Jain Center

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) is sponsoring a virtual visit to the Jain Center of Central Ohio on **Saturday, August 14** at 2 p.m. According to IACO, “Jain dharma belongs to the sramana’ traditions and is one of the oldest Indian religions. It prescribes a path of nonviolence (ahimsa) towards all living beings. Practitioners believe nonviolence and self-control are the means to liberation.”

Registration is required to participate in the Zoom worship/learning session and can be done online at <https://bit.ly/IACOfJain>. It can also be watched on Facebook Live @InterfaithOhio.

IACO Sponsors Event Featuring Young Adults

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will sponsor “Responding to Religious and Racial Prejudice: Perspectives of Young Adults” on **Sunday, August 22**, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Columbus (444 E. Broad St.). It will be both in-person and on Zoom.

The program will feature a discussion with young adults from diverse religious and racial backgrounds on their perception of prejudice and discrimination and the path toward social justice.

Cost is \$25/person for in-person attendance (limiting seating) and \$10 person to participate via Zoom. Registration deadline is **Thursday, August 12**. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/yz2ptu5p>.

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.

Getting Ready for Sunday

12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 15, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-55

Prayer of the Day

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of First English Lutheran Church, Columbus

+ For Redeemer community member Sheryl Owens.

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, 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, John Kennedy’s niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, and Bob Gray.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Sue Watson
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

The class is on hiatus until Sunday, Sept. 12.

This Week at Redeemer

August 10 - 16, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 p.m.	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00 a.m.	RLC Garden Give Away
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion

Bold Women Answers: 1=c, e, f; 2=d; 3=b; 4=g, h; 5=a, f

Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community