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RLC Activities Ramp Up for Fall

Now that September has arrived, Redeemer is seeing a resumption of a number of activities and programs. And while details for many of the programs are included in articles in this *Reflections*, here is a rundown that can help members plan where they will “dip in” in the coming weeks.

Tuesday, September 7 will see the resumption of the Tuesday Bible Study at 1 p.m. both in-person and on Zoom. Topic: Jesus’ Parables.

Thursday, September 9 Redeemer serves dinner at First English.

Sunday, September 12 worship includes the Blessing of the Backpacks and Bible presentations at 10 a.m. Those receiving Bibles include **Miles Smith, Kathryn Ott, Jasper Glover-Oakleaf** and **Chase Friederich**.

It is also the opening day for both the Youth and the Adult Sunday School classes which begin at 11:15 a.m. The Youth Sunday School, which is moving to a once-a-month schedule, will meet in-person.

The Adult Sunday School class will feature Redeemer member **Rev. Dr. Don Luck** in a four-part series “Re-introducing Jesus.” It will be both in-person and on Zoom. See separate story for the weekly topics.

Thursday, September 16 sees the next to last Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) food giveaway on Redeemer’s parking lot beginning at 3 p.m.

Saturday, September 25 Good Neighbors Picnic will be held at Wolf Park. Redeemer continues to collect new or gently used blankets and cold weather clothing and accessories to be distributed that day.

Sunday, October 3 is the CROP Walk although contributions are now being accepted either by any of Redeemer’s walkers: **Connie Criswell, Kathy Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica** or **Heidi Sherer** or online.

Thursday, October 21 will be the last Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) food giveaway on Redeemer’s parking lot for the season.

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The Redeemer Community

RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- * We strongly encourage all people to wear masks in worship and in other larger group settings.
- * Both sides of the sanctuary are set up for social distancing.
- * Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- * During the passing of the peace, we suggest you wave or place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- * Individual communion elements are available to pick up insides the Sanctuary 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.

Don Luck Returns September 12 to Discuss *Re-introducing Jesus*

Don Luck, professor emeritus of systematic theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary will present a four-part exploration of the person and significance of **Jesus** that reflects contemporary biblical and theological scholarship and that reaches beyond popular assumptions by many both within and outside the Christian community. Come and be surprised starting on **Sunday September 12** from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in Room 2 and on Zoom

Here are the themes he will be addressing over the four weeks:

September 12: Re-introducing the Jewish Jesus. People inside and outside the church forget that Jesus was not a Christian He was thoroughly Jewish -- but expressed in a radical form of its prophetic tradition. Dr. Luck invites you to meet **Rabbi Yeshua bar Yusef**.

September 19: Re-introducing Jesus as 'Son of God.' What happens when we begin not with a divine reality ["the Eternal 'Son'"] but the thoroughly human Jesus and some Jewish assumptions? Dr. Luck points to Jesus "here on earth" in order to properly understand references to "the Son" who came "down from heaven."

September 26: Re-introducing Jesus and the Trinity. Because Jesus and God are firmly linked, Christian language about God gets complicated. The result sounds like an exotic – if not irrational – mathematical formula to be taken "on faith." Dr. Luck will explore the meaning of God's "tri-unity."

October 2: Re-introducing Jesus and Non-Christians. Numbers of informed voices in the Christian community are challenging St. Cyprian's assertion that "No one can have God as Father without having the Church as Mother." Find out why and how.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 868 0452 7196; Passcode: 229032. To participate by phone, call 646-876-9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86804527196?pwd=WVNPejFLQUpLTjIjFVkc3czVubTRZdz09>.

RLC Serves at First English This Week

Redeemer is serving dinner at First English on **Thursday, September 9**. **Kay Ernsthansen** reports that the number of individuals participating in the meal is starting to go up. This week's menu includes sloppy joes for 84. Call Kay if you can provide the sloppy joes. Also needed are seven dozen/84 hamburger buns as well as help to serve. Contact Kay at 614-288-8506 if you can help.

Next Food Giveaway September 16; Personal Items Needed

The next LSS-MOFC Food Giveaway is scheduled for **Thursday, September 16** from 3 to 6 p.m. on the Redeemer parking lot. The "extra giveaway" this month will be personal items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dental floss, body lotion, nail care kits, etc.). **Sue Watson** reports that the giveaway's guests truly are thankful for the extras that Redeemer is able to offer through the congregation's generous donations. Donations for September can be dropped off at the church and left in the on the shelf in the coat room.

Also, anyone interested in volunteering on September 16 is more than welcome! “We guarantee you’ll have a great time helping others! As always, thank you for your support!”

The final giveaway is scheduled for **Thursday, October 21**.

Tuesday Bible Study Returns Sept. 7

The Tuesday Bible Study will resume 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. The topic: Jesus’ Parables.

To join the group via Zoom, 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 pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09> .

First English Block Party CANCELLED

Kay Ernsthausen reports that the First English Block Party that had been set for **Saturday, September 18** has been cancelled due to the increase in COVID numbers. This is of particular concern because a large number of attendees would be children – who can’t be vaccinated.

The church hopes to have the Block Party next year.

CROP Walk Seeks Donations Now to Aid Haiti

The CROP Walk, scheduled for **Sunday, October 3** this year, is rapidly approaching!! Walking this year are **Connie Criswell, Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica** and **Kathy Zwanziger**. 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>

While the walk is set for October, donations are being sought now for assisting people in Haiti following the devastating earthquake on the island.

Donations can be made online at the above address or via cash or checks made out to CWS/CROP and given to any of the walkers.

Sister Act’s September Activity: Individual Service Projects

Carol Heacock reports that Sister Act traditionally participates in a service project for its September activity. “This year, we are leaving the choice to each individual sister. We have all been given a multitude of gifts, which we can readily share with others. Let us, each one, decide how we want to celebrate and show our gratitude to our Lord for His gifts to us by doing something for a friend, family member, or a stranger.

“Maybe ***Being Bold*** [Sister Act’s theme for the year] means serving in a way you’ve never tried before. Maybe ***Being Bold*** for you is reaching out to someone you don’t know very well, but you sense could use a friend. Use your creativity, if you see someone and sense a need, think about what you could say or do to show the Love of Christ.”

She provides the following ideas:

- “Maybe you have a family member or neighbor who doesn’t get out much, you could pick up a mum for their porch.
- “Years ago, a friend was going through a difficult time, so a group of us wrote quotes, Bible verses, and loving comments and filled a jar. Each day for a month, she pulled out a slip of paper with words of encouragement.
- “**Michele Disbro** shared that her parents, on their 50th anniversary, each guest was asked to write a memory and share it with them. Her mom and dad collected all these notes and each day, would pull one out, read the memory and pray for the person writing the note
- “It doesn’t need to be something that takes a lot of time; intentionally smiling at a person you pass, noticing a clerk’s nametag and thanking them by name, and donating gently used winter clothes to the Good Neighbors Picnic.

“If you would like to share an experience or idea with the group, please send me an email at Heacock.Carol@gmail.com . To read of each other's encounters and experiences is a blessing shared.”

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 McCulley** 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 .

Redeemer Garden Giveaway Continues This Saturday!



There are tomatoes and potatoes on a table in the Narthex available to anyone who is interested. Just call the church office to make sure someone is here to get in.

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!

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 healing are asked for the aunt and uncle of **Mike Shugert, Jim** and **Livvy Schleicher** and for **Sheryl Owen's** granddaughter Sophie, who are all dealing with COVID-19.

Prayers for healing are also asked for **Betty Weaver**, sister of **Kathie** and **Nancy Ehrich** and a former Redeemer member, who had major surgery last week.

Jacqueline Bussie Posts on Death of Her Husband Matt Myers

Prayers are also asked for former member **Jacqueline Bussie** whose husband **Matt Myers** died suddenly while they were on vacation in Iceland. She wrote the following on her Facebook page:

"I'm beside myself with grief to let you all know that my beloved husband Matt Myers died on August 20, of a massive, sudden heart attack while we were together on a beautiful guided walk in Iceland. He was my best friend for 38 years and we were married for 18. We had just moved to a brand new house in a brand new town so I could start a brand new job in Minnesota. The boxes are not even yet unpacked as I write this.

"Our love for one another was extraordinary and always will be. He was the love of my life and I will miss him forever. In our luggage, Matt packed one suit and I packed one dress, for a fancy dinner at the restaurant Blue Lagoon. We never made it to the restaurant, instead, he wore that suit in a casket at his own memorial service in Reykjavik, and I wore that dress.

"He was at the height of his career as a film producer, and I was so proud of him.

"He is the most compassionate, caring, generous and talented person I will ever know. My heart is completely broken, but I must say I have felt his presence in the astonishing love of dear friends and total strangers who have cried alongside of me and not left my side since he died. ...

"If you loved Matt and want to honor him, my wonderful friends have set up a GoFundMe page to help settle the unanticipated and weighty medical and legal costs incurred by a death abroad. Any gifts in excess of those costs will be donated to ELCA World Hunger, the primary charity Matt designated in his will: <https://gofund.me/e50d7af0>.

“Please pray for me and all who loved him, that we will learn how to walk through a world that is infinitely less without his huge heart.”

September Birthdays

7-Bonnie Hegreiness 8-Julie Boreman
8-Tom Kent 8-Andrea Steiner
13-Ashley Bird 14-Elyce Herring
15-Kris Kauffman 15-Nancy Stinson
16-Grace Binau 16-Michele Disbro
16-Oliver Glover-Oakleaf 20-Paula Carson
21-Jenny Peresta 22-Adam Darst
24-Sheryl Owens 27-Becky Fisher
28-Faith Wick 29-Jennifer Young

The Wider Church

Painters Sought for Eastside Project

Redeemer has been asked by the mission team of Unity Presbyterian Church to join them **Monday, September 27** and **Tuesday, September 28** to do some painting for an eastside youth mentoring program, ALL THAT. The *Columbus Dispatch* did a story on them in the August 30 issue.

No special skills are needed at all and you can work for whatever period of time fits your schedule.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Library. Contact **Pastor Dave** if you're interested or have questions.

Osterlen Sponsors Speakers on Mental Health/Addiction

Osterlen, a mental health treatment center for emotionally, behaviorally and psychologically troubled children and youth in Springfield OH, is sponsoring a two-part online and in-person series for faith communities on “Understanding Mental and Addiction.”

Speakers include Dr. Ebony Speakes-Hall on **Thursday, September 9** at 7 p.m. and Wendy Doolittle on **Thursday, September 16** at 3:30 p.m.

Speakes-Hall, a professor of social work at the University of Cincinnati, will address erasing the stigma of mental health while Doolittle, who is the CEO of McKinley Hall, a nonprofit in Springfield that provides substance abuse treatment and support services, will address understanding the brain and addiction.

The sessions will be held at the Greater Grace Temple (3801 W. Leffel Lane, Springfield) or can be watched online by registering at <https://forms.gle/jtaqGPvnrLgL768r7>.

Lutheran Disaster Response Assists Following Hurricane Ida

The headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on Sunday, August 29 -- exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in Southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi. Homes were flooded and debris has clogged the roads. Strong winds knocked out power lines and electrical substations, leaving more than 1 million people without power, including the entirety of New Orleans. In some areas, electricity is not expected to be restored for weeks.

While Ida weakened into a tropical storm as it moved inland it also caused devastating heavy flooding in the Northeast.

The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and

long-term recovery phases, Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs will include food, basic necessities and temporary housing. Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives.

Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Ida. Gifts to "U.S. Hurricanes" – which can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/2fp5syvu> -- will be used in full to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. "We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone."

The Community Beyond

Commissioners Affirm Welcoming Nature of Franklin County

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has reported that it recently "reaffirmed its commitment to Franklin County remaining a welcoming and inclusive community, including to Afghan refugees who may be resettling in Central Ohio after fleeing persecution in Afghanistan. During this difficult time, the commissioners stand with our Afghan partners and allies who have worked with the brave members of the U.S. military and our NATO partners to safeguard the fundamental principles of human rights, women's rights, gender equity, and the dignity of all people in the face of this repressive regime.

"Franklin County has a long history of welcoming and resettling allies from around the world and our large and vibrant refugee community is a testament to that commitment. The commissioners would be proud to welcome New American neighbors from Afghanistan to Central Ohio, and recognize that much of our community's strength comes from the diversity of our backgrounds, experiences, and abilities."

Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group in Berwick

Every second Tuesday of each month a Dementia/Alzheimer's caregiver support group meets in Berwick at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meetings are open to all caregivers who wish to attend. Most participants come from the immediate communities. There is no charge to attend.

Within meetings, individuals share caregiver concerns and challenges; group participants provide each other caring support, ideas for self-care, and everyday problem solving and care tips for the person affected by dementia.

The caregiver group is an outreach of the Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association. At the meetings information is shared about the association's services and those provided by other community agencies

Also, every third Tuesday of each month, a virtual Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets via Zoom, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you wish to attend, please register through the Alzheimer's Association Helpline, 800-272-3900. After registration, you will receive the Zoom link for the online meeting.

Folks may attend one or both meetings; registration is required for both meetings at the above number. For questions, contact the group facilitator, **Dottie Odrosky** at 614-237-9291.

Getting Ready for Sunday

16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 12, 2021

Lessons

Readings: James 3:1-12; Psalm 116:1-9; Mark 8:27-38

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Grace Lutheran Church, Pickerington.

+ For Redeemer organist and husband, Kathy and Bob Rapp.

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, Bob Gray, Damon Stewart and family, Bob Rapp, Miles Smith and Emily Kent, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Mike Shugert's aunt and uncle Livvy and Jim Schleicher.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthausen
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Kay Ernsthausen
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are given by Judy and Ashley Bird in celebration of their anniversary.
Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief*

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Re-Introducing the Jewish Jesus - led by Don Luck

In Person and on Zoom

This Week at Redeemer September 7 – September 13, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team
<u>Thursday</u>	11 a.m.	Member Care Team
	6:30 p.m.	IN-PERSON 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
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM Education for all ages

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