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A Reason to Mark Indigenous Peoples' Day

This past Friday, President Biden signed a proclamation declaring today, October 11, 2021, "Indigenous Peoples' Day." The declaration makes a confession we all know to be true: *Our country was conceived on a promise of equality and opportunity for all people — a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to. That is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began. For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures.*

One example of our nation's sin is the story of Chief Logan – someone I confess I'd never heard of until I came across him looking through *The American Reader: Words that Moved a Nation*. Here's what it says about Chief Logan and his story:

In 1774, a series of bloody incidents occurred between Native Americans and whites living in the Ohio River valley. According to an account by Thomas Jefferson in his *Notes on Virginia* (1784-85), white settlers were outraged by robberies committed by Native Americans. In retaliation, white soldiers killed many innocent Natives, including the family of Logan, chief of the Mingos, who was known as a friend of the whites. Led by Logan, the Natives launched a war against the white settlers, scalping a large number of innocent men, women, and children, but were finally defeated by the Virginia militia in October 1774. After the decisive battle, Logan refused to join the other chiefs who asked the victorious whites for forgiveness. Instead, he sent the following speech to Lord Dunmore, royal governor of Virginia. It was reprinted in the *Virginia Gazette*, in papers across the continent and even in Great Britain.

Thomas Jefferson reprinted the speech in his *Notes on Virginia*. He offered it as proof "of the talents of the aboriginals of this country, and particularly of their eloquence." He asserted "that Europe had never produced anything superior to this morsel of eloquence." The speech was a regular feature in school reading books throughout the United States in the 19th century, and was familiar to generations of American young people at that time.

The speech:

I appeal to any white man to say, if ever he entered Logan's cabin hungry, and he gave him not meat; if ever he came cold and naked, and he clothed him not. During the course of the last long and bloody war Logan remained idle in his cabin, an advocate for peace. Such was my love for the whites, that my countrymen pointed as they passed, and said, "Logan is the friend of the white man." I had even thought to have lived with you, but for the injuries of one man. Colonel Cresap, the last spring, in cold blood, and unprovoked, murdered all the relations of Logan, not even sparing my women and children. There runs not a drop of my blood in the veins of any living creature. This called on me for revenge. I have sought it: I have killed many. I have fully glutted my vengeance: for my country I rejoice at the beams of peace. But do not harbour a thought that mine is the joy of fear. Logan never felt fear. He will not turn on his heel to save his life. Who is there to mourn for Logan? – Not one.

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

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

- * Masks are required 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 inside 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.

Sign-Up Underway for 2021 Advent Devotional Booklet

The Advent season is fast approaching, and once again Redeemer members are preparing an Advent Devotional booklet. The list of readings which provide the basis for the devotions is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or may be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/j99kfmja>. Either sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 614-237-1263. When you choose one or more readings, please let **Connie Criswell** know at cac56@columbus.rr.com to avoid duplications. You may also use the hard-copy signup sheet on the bulletin board. Individual devotions should be emailed to **Mary Benis** mkbenis@yahoo.com by **Monday, November 8** for editing.

Church Council Leads Stewardship Appeal

You should have received your stewardship mailing by now. Please review the materials thoughtfully and prayerfully, and then return the completed card in the envelope provided, either sending it by mail or placing it in the basket in the narthex. All of our responses are to be dedicated during worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 31**.

Redeemer's Church Council is leading the response this year with nearly 100% already participating. Please join them. Together, we've made it through what was hopefully the worst of the pandemic, so now we can dream.

If you didn't receive the mailing or you have other questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Stewardship Team (**Laura Warren, Dave Lippert, Mary Benis**) or the church office.

Final LSS-MOFC Food Giveaway Set for Oct. 21

The final Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) Food Giveaway of the season will be held on **Thursday, October 21** on the Redeemer parking lot. It will run from 3 to 6 p.m.

This month, the "extra giveaway" items will be cleaning supplies (wipes, sponges, paper towels, etc.) These are items that cannot be secured with food stamps nor are they a regular item stocked at the monthly giveaways.

Sue Watson writes, "We are so grateful for your constant and generous donations every month. On behalf of our giveaway guests, thank you, Redeemer members!"

She also invites folks to try volunteering for the event, saying they will be more than welcome. "We guarantee you'll have a great time helping others! As always, thank you for your support!"

Redeemer, Pastor Dave Seek Emergency Contact Info

Pastor Dave and Redeemer's Member Care Team would like to be able to contact members' loved ones if something happens to you. Right now, the church doesn't have emergency contact information in the membership files.

As a result, members are asked to email or call **Office Manager Becky Trover** with the information for someone you'd like us to contact if anything happens to you. Even if you're partnered, we'd appreciate having a name on file. The Member Care Team thanks you.

Tuesday Bible Study Looks at Jesus' Parables Oct. 5

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of Jesus' parables on **Tuesday, October 5**. It meets both in-person here at church and on Zoom from 1-2:30 p.m.

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>.

Sunday Adult Ed Class to Examine 'What Trauma Can Teach Us'

We hear a great deal about trauma these days. Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has become an increasingly common diagnosis and a common topic in the media. But what exactly is trauma? How can we talk about it in meaningful and helpful ways? And what do we have to learn from it?

Redeemer member **Jeff Montgomery** works with questions like this every day. Jeff is a social work supervisor at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe. He is part of an effort to implement Trauma Informed Care within the VA nationally. You'll learn a lot more about what that is during these three weeks together starting on **Sunday, October 17**.

Dr. Gabor Mate is one of the foremost experts on trauma in the world. He says, "Trauma is not what happened to you. Trauma is what happens inside you, as a result of what happens to you." This means trauma has a lot to teach us.

That's why Jeff and **Pastor Dave** are inviting you to watch and discuss the film "The Wisdom of Trauma" during the 11:15 a.m. Sunday adult education hour on **Sundays, October 17, 24, and 31**. Learning about trauma beyond our assumptions and beyond stereotypes gives us the ability to change the ways we treat each other as individuals and as groups so we're aware of how we can respond to people in the safest and most healing ways possible. Part of our discussion will be to discover the relevance of this movie to our ministries at Redeemer.

If you'd like to watch the entire film prior to our watching it together in three parts, you can do so between **October 4-10**. Go to thewisdomoftrauma.com to register for a viewing.

This class will be available both in-person and on Zoom.

Members May Take Produce from Redeemer's Garden



While Redeemer's Saturday morning Garden Giveaways have now ended, **Jon Disbro** reports that there will still be some produce coming from the garden over the next few weeks that is available to members after worship on Sundays.

Slots Available to Sponsor Flowers for Sunday Services

There are a couple of openings for folks to sponsor flowers for the Sunday services in late November. 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. 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.

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Whether as individuals, families, institutions, or countries, to face the sins of the past, look at them honestly, see the suffering and injustice that our actions caused, confess that sin and commit to reparations is a true sign of maturity. As we look at the realities of our treatment of indigenous peoples and the sins of slavery, Jim Crow, and all of the continued intentional policies to keep Jim Crow alive in more respectable trappings, how mature are we as a nation? What would truly growing up look like?

Dave Shull

Special Funds Team Information

The following information is provided to the Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC) congregation by the Special Funds Team (SFT) as recommended in the SFT Charter.

Memorial and Special Gifts Fund Information

The memorial and special gifts funds receive gifts given to RLC in memory or in honor of an individual/group and gifts other than usual contributions which are considered "Special" by the Congregation Council. The Fund may accept two kinds of gifts:

Unrestricted gifts - not restricted as to use by the donor

Restricted gifts - restricted to use by the donor

Memorial Gifts

Distribution Procedure:

The SFT shall announce to the congregation (at least annually) the purpose and availability of unrestricted gift monies in the fund, soliciting suggestions for its use. The SFT shall recommend to the Congregation council any distribution of the Memorial Gifts funds.

Special Gifts: Mary Kohler Ministry Fund

Applications for educational purposes and for new and existing RLC neighborhood ministries receive priority.

Distribution Procedure:

The SFT shall announce to the Congregation (at least annually) the purpose and availability of the monies in the fund and solicit suggestions for use. The SFT may recommend a distribution of funds to the Congregation Council. The funds are distributed at the direction of the Congregation Council.

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 **Pamela Anderson** and family. Pamela's father died on October 9.

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Linda Williams has new contact information: email is now LindyLew1943@gmail.com, telephone is 614-313-0040.

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October Birthdays

11-Sue Watson
15-Jessie Jimison 16-Eileen Day
17-Shari Ayers 19-Renee McFarland
19-Miles Smith 23-Skye Andree
23-Cason Day 23-Sandra Keaton
24-Bret Day 24-Leyton Wolfe
25-Madeline Gosnell 25-Madalyn McGurer
26-Kenndi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin
26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips
29-Brittany Amon 29-Jeremy Davis
30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

The Wider Church

LSS Issues 2021 Impact Report

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) issued its 2021 **Impact Report**, highlighting response to the pandemic as it sought to keep its programs open and safe for those seeking shelter, food, housing, safety and health care. As LSS President and CEO Stacy Martin noted, that was "no small task given the congregate living environments we have and the sheer number of people we serve. Our CHOICES shelter alone provided safety to 33 percent more domestic violence victims and their children.

"We have also spent time and resources this year on addressing racism through our anti-racism workgroup, with the goals of promoting education and understanding of racism with LSS employees, eliminating racial disparity and promoting equity in the LSS organization and advocating for racial justice in our communities.

"We also began what we term an ecosystem initiative, which is a network of LSS programs, services and people working together across the agency and in conjunction with diverse community partners to eliminate poverty by ensuring increased opportunities for individual households and challenging social structures that create and maintain poverty, especially in communities of color."

The full report can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/2xrtufpx>.

Online Event to Benefit ELCA World Hunger

Folks are invited to join **ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** and **Rick Steves**, guidebook author and travel TV host, as they celebrate World Food Day on **Thursday, October 14** beginning at 8:30 p.m.!

This online benefit for [ELCA World Hunger](#) will feature interviews hosted by Steves, with people on the ground who are doing the work of fighting hunger around the world. Special guests include **Rev. David Beckmann**, who is being honored for his lifelong service to end hunger; **Rev. Rebel Hurd**; **Willie and Anne Langdji**; and **Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla**. There will also be special performances by **Rachel Kurtz**, **Peter Mayer** and the St. Olaf Choir. "As a vital supporter of the church, we would love for you to join us as we hear compelling stories, listen to wonderful music and gather in fellowship to invest in this life-giving work," Eaton said in a release.

"As a church, we remain focused on supporting our neighbors near and far as the pandemic continues disrupting and impacting lives. At this event, you will learn about the ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. No one is better positioned and more experienced than the church in addressing hunger -- both immediate needs and root solutions. We are ready, able, effective and efficient."

To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3223ybt3>

The Community Beyond

Good Neighbors Picnic 2021 Wrap-Up

On September 25th, volunteers from the Columbus area and Central Ohio came together as neighbors to provide a day of food, fun, and fellowship for our brothers and sisters. Many of these neighbors rarely have the opportunity to experience a day such as this when their cares and worries can be set aside. Attendees were picked up from area shelters and transported to Wolfe Park on the east side of Columbus. At the Free Store, 365 men, women and children were able to sort through thousands of donated clothing items including boots, shoes along with blankets, to locate things they could stock up on for the cold weather months ahead. Tents and tables were set up where donated food items from area restaurants were served at no cost, including burgers, hot off the grills.

Throughout the afternoon, children and adults joined together to work on crafts, choose books to read, and play games. Everyone enjoyed the free entertainment provided by local artists.

Many, many thanks to all for your generous donations to this year's picnic. More information can be found by going to <https://goodneighborspicnic.org>. Next year's picnic is set for September 24th, 2022.

Clinics Offer COVID-19 Vaccines

Columbus Public Health is offering free COVID-19 Pfizer booster doses to eligible individuals at the following clinics:

Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave. – (Vax Cash available for first dose only while supplies last) - Starting Tuesday, October 5: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Tuesdays • 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Linden Community Center, 1350 Briarwood Ave. – (Vax Cash available for first dose only while supplies last.) - Mondays • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Columbus Fire Station 10 (Drive Thru), 1096 W. Broad St. Starting Tuesday, October 5: Tuesdays • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Barack Community Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave. – (Vax Cash available for first dose only while supplies last.) - Wednesdays • 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Columbus Fire Station 18 (Drive Thru), 1630 Cleveland Ave. Starting Thursday, Oct. 7: Thursdays • 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Westgate Community Center, 455 S. Westgate Ave. – (Vax Cash available for first dose only while supplies last.) - Fridays • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Flu shots and first doses will also be available at the clinics.

Shredding Event

Do you have some sensitive papers that need shredding? Do you have old duffle bags or suitcases that you no longer use? Then the Berwick Civic Association's shredding event on **November 6** is for you! The BCA is sponsoring an event that will help you with both. Just put your papers in the duffle/suitcase and bring it to the event. The papers will be shredded and the luggage will be given to foster children to use as they transition from place to place. November is foster care awareness month. Stay tuned for the exact time and location.

ODI Warns Ohioans about Medicare Scams

Department of Insurance (ODI) Director Judith L. French urges Ohioans on Medicare to guard against scams seeking their personal information when selecting 2022 coverage during the **Friday, October 15** to **Tuesday, December 7** open enrollment period.

"Fraud is rampant this time of year. Scammers know people are overwhelmed evaluating the different Medicare plans," French said. "I encourage Ohioans to learn how to best protect themselves and become more familiar with Medicare. As a consumer protection agency, we're closely monitoring the marketplace with our partners to protect Ohioans."

Ohioans should be on alert for fake Medicare communications seeking personal information or money in exchange for any of the following: to help with enrollment, to schedule health services, to sign up for a Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare health plan coverage, and to provide a new Medicare card.

How to protect yourself:

- Never give personal information, including Medicare, Social Security, bank account, and credit card numbers, to anyone who contacts you unsolicited by telephone, email, text, or in person, such as door-to-door sales.
- Medicare will never call you to sell anything, visit your home, or enroll you over the phone unless you called first.
- Medicare or Medicare health plans will only call and request personal information if you're a plan member or you called and left a message.
- Only give certain personal information to your doctors, insurance companies acting on your behalf, or trusted people in the community officially working with Medicare such as the department's Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP).

Report fraud and predatory sales practices:

- OSHIIP partners with Ohio's Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) to detect and report wrongdoing. The SMP provides education and response to reported Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse. Contact SMP at 800-488-6070.
- If you feel an insurance agent is using high-pressure, fraudulent, or dishonest sales practices, contact the department's Fraud and Enforcement Division at 800-686-1527 or the SMP.

For Medicare plan information and to enroll, visit www.medicare.gov.

To determine the license status of an insurance company or agent, go to www.insurance.ohio.gov. On the website, you'll also find an in-person and virtual OSHIIP Medicare Check-up Day events [schedule](#). OSHIIP representatives are available at 800-686-1578 to answer Medicare questions.

Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Meets at RLC

Every second Thursday of each month a Dementia/Alzheimer's caregiver support group meets in-person 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 Thursday 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. (Do not try to register on the national website which is experiencing problems.)

Folks may attend one or both meetings. For questions about registering, contact the group facilitator, **Dottie Odrosky** at 614-237-9291.

Getting Ready for Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 17, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Mark 10:35-45

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Hosanna Lutheran Church, Pataskala.

+ For Redeemer community members Graham Roy and Leslie Sorg..

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, 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, Damon Stewart and family, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Maureen Callahan and family, Dave Lippert and family, Pamela Andrews and family on the death of her father, family and friends of Bob Gray

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Sue Watson
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

Flowers are given by Emily Kent celebrating Miles 10th birthday.

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Adult Education - In Person and on Zoom

What Trauma Can Teach Us

Jeff Montgomery

This Week at Redeemer

October 5 – 11, 2021

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. **IN-PERSON & ZOOM** Bible Study

6:30 p.m. **ZOOM** A Brewing Faith

Wednesday

4:30 p.m. **ZOOM** Education Team

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. **IN-PERSON** and **LIVESTREAM** Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. **IN-PERSON & ZOOM ADULT EDUCATION**