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ELCA Online Lecture Series Looks at 'New Normal'

Some people may hope for a return to normal after the world-changing events of the last 18 months, but sociologists say the future will revolve around living into a "new normal."

Presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the 2021 Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge will probe this new normal. Under the theme "Imagining Scriptural Encounters in the New Normal," four online presentations by ELCA seminary students will help participants deepen their encounters with Scripture and strengthen their relationships with God in a time of extreme and continuous change.

The annual Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge is an endowed theological lecture series that seeks to enliven the biblical engagement of the whole church by encouraging the development of faithful, innovative and effective ways to teach and learn Scripture. The event is sponsored by the seven ELCA seminaries, the Hein-Fry planning team and the ELCA Book of Faith Initiative.

Every year, one student from each seminary is invited to develop and present a class or series for people both familiar and unfamiliar with biblical texts. The students are then invited to report their findings.

This year the challenge will comprise four online events:

- **Kaylie H. Ines** from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, will present "Hope Remains: A Creation Care Faith Study" on **Wednesday, October 20**, at 1 p.m. Pacific time.
- **Aneel Trivedi** from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IW, will present "Return to Baptism, Return to a New Normal" on **Friday, October 22**, 2 p.m. Central time.
- **Katrina Steingraeber** from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will present "Looking at Today's World Through the Psalms" on **Thursday, October 28**, at 10 a.m. Central time.
- **Melissa J. Harris** from United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA, will present "Environmental Stewardship: Reconsidering the Creation Narratives in the 21st Century" on **Friday, October 29**, at 1 p.m. Eastern time.

Rev. Dr. Diane Jacobson will serve as online host.

The public is invited to attend these free online events, but registration is required for each of them. Registration information is available at <https://www.bookoffaith.org/?sslred=true>.

The Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge was established after the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) merged into the ELCA in 1988. The series combines the ALC's Dr. Carl Christian Hein Memorial Seminary Lectures and the LCA's Franklin Clark Fry Theological Lectures.

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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.

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!"

Six Slots Remain for 2021 Advent Devotional Booklet

Only six slots remain for entries in Redeemer's 2021 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 sign-up 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 percent 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** and **Mary Benis**) or the church office.

Sunflower Artwork for Sale

Redeemer's Narthex has been graced by artwork of sunflowers painted by Redeemer member **Donna Voelkel** for the past few years. As council reimagines this space, Donna wants to first offer the three smaller sunflower pieces to anyone who wishes to buy them; she plans to donate that money to the church. All three are original, one-of-a-kind pieces and they are framed with quality frames and mattes.

Each piece will sell for \$225. Anyone interested in buying one should please notify the church office this week. Because Donna has an opportunity to show them for sale on **October 27**, folks are asked to let the office know of their interest by **Monday, October 25**.

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. 19

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of Jesus' parables on **Tuesday, October 19**. 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'

A great deal is heard 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 it be talked about in meaningful and helpful ways? And what can folks 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. A lot more about what that is continues to be discussed over the next two weeks in the Adult Education Class on Sunday mornings.

Dr. Gabor Mate, one of the foremost experts on trauma in the world, 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 24**, and **31**. Learning about trauma beyond assumptions and stereotypes gives individuals the ability to change the ways they treat each other as individuals and as groups so they're aware of how they can respond to people in the safest and most healing ways possible. Part of the discussion will be to discover the relevance of this movie to the ministries at Redeemer.

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

One Slot Available to Sponsor Flowers for Sunday Services

There is one more opening 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.

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 Fund receives gifts given to RLC in memory or in honor of an individual/group and these gifts other than usual contributions 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 Distribution Procedure:

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

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 October Birthdays

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-Madelyn 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

LMC Sponsors Family Advent Retreat

Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) is sponsoring a Family Advent Retreat **December 3-5**. Families are encouraged to enjoy a weekend getaway in nature. The weekend also includes games, crafts, devotions, hikes and more.

To learn more and to register, go to <https://www.lomocamps.org/familyadventretreat> . Registration deadline is two weeks before the event.

The Community Beyond

Good Neighbors Picnic 2021 Wrap-Up

Carol Heacock reports, "On **September 25**, 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 24, 2022**."

BCA Sets 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 **Saturday, November 6** is for you! The BCA is sponsoring an event that will help you with both. Just put the 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.

Bexley Library Sponsors Session on 'Music and Memory Care'

The Bexley Public Library is sponsoring a session on "Music and Memory Care: How Music Can Improve Quality of Life" on **Wednesday, October 27** by music therapist **Erin Spring** of Central Ohio Music Therapy. It will begin at 7 p.m., both in-person and on Zoom.

To register, either call the library at 614-231-2793 or go online at www.BexleyLibrary.org/Experience.

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 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost, October 24, 2021** **Lessons**

Readings: Jeremiah 37:7-9; Psalm 126; Matthew 10:46-52

Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Ibada ya Kiswahili Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Bailey Sanders and Tommy Spahn Carson.

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, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Pamela Andrews and family

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
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Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Judith Bird
Producers	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro

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Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Adult Education: What Trauma Can Teach Us

Jeff Montgomery

In Person and on Zoom

This Week at Redeemer

October 19 – 25, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
<u>Thursday</u>	3:00 p.m.	Mid-Ohio/LSS Food GiveAway
<u>Sunday</u>	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
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation gathering
	4:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry