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On Redeemer's Becoming Involved in BREAD

Every summer, Redeemer has a book study. In July of 2019, the book was *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. Normally, the book study meets weekly in July and then it is finished. But the 2019 book study took hold and nobody wanted to stop meeting. The group continued to meet, approximately monthly, to learn about various topics related to race. They read more books; they had speakers; they watched movies; and they had discussions. In addition to learning about the issues, they researched various groups that are working on solutions. One of those groups was the BREAD Organization.

BREAD's mission, per its website, is to build the power of people of faith to solve community problems. In meetings with thousands of community residents, the organization presses targeted decision makers to implement solutions to those problems. Every year, the organization:

- Conducts a listening and voting process to choose one new community problem that is added to the organization's list of issues
- Trains dozens of leaders to research that problem and identify proven solutions
- Identifies solutions and the research committee identifies the appropriate decision maker in the community with the authority to implement that solution
- Brings out thousands of people from BREAD congregations to the annual Nehemiah Action Meeting to press those decision makers for specific commitments
- Follows up, throughout the year, with those officials to ensure that the solutions are implemented

On April 14, 2021, Redeemer's Anti-Racism Group voted to recommend to council that Redeemer join BREAD because it is an established organization with a proven history of getting results. BREAD would give Redeemer a chance to truly make a difference and allow various entry points for members. Those entry points include reading the *Reflections* articles and BREAD bulletin board, attending meetings at Redeemer, attending citywide BREAD meetings, joining the BREAD Organization as a Justice Ministry Network Member, joining the research groups ... the opportunities are limitless. One Redeemer attendee commented that they have been so frustrated by feeling powerless especially after **George Floyd's** murder and they are overjoyed to finally be doing something constructive.

On April 20, 2021, Redeemer's Church Council followed the recommendation of the Anti-Racism Group and joined BREAD. On June 28, Redeemer was welcomed into BREAD membership. Redeemer has now entered into BREAD's yearly cycle. BREAD is currently in the listening phase where individual faith communities hold "house meetings" to listen to what people are concerned about. Redeemer jumped right in, holding five "house meetings." People were great! They attended and spoke freely about what is on their minds. They passionately voiced concerns about education, access to food and housing, neighborhood safety, rising utility bills, policing, climate change and other issues.

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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

Office Manager - Becky Trover

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chimes Choir Director -

Karen Kent

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2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Julie Johnson

Vice President - Wendy Stoica

Finance Officer - Margie Frazier

Secretary - Margie Farnham

Worship - Julie Larson

Education - Krista Skipper

Outreach - Sue Watson

Member Support - Elyce Herring

Property - Sue Yehling

Stewardship - Laura Warren

APPOINTMENTS

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Margie Farnham Marques Highland

Emlyn Ott Krista Skipper

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Dave Engel, Chair

Michelle Clemence Nancy Magargal

Jim Riley Terry Warren

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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.

Responses to Stewardship Appeal to be Dedicated Sunday

All of the responses to the stewardship appeal, which has been running for the last several weeks, will be dedicated during worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 31.**

Members received the information in the mail and are asked to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the materials. Completed cards can either be mailed in the envelope provided or returned Sunday, placing it in the basket in the Narthex.

Redeemer's Church Council is leading the response this year with nearly 100 percent 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.

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With Thanksgiving approaching, the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantries have supplied Redeemer with 40 Meal Bags (labeled "Columbia Gas") for the congregation to fill in preparation for a holiday meal for those who need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for their families. The bags can be found just inside the front door to the Narthex on a table to the right or they can be obtained from Kathy Zwanziger. They are to be filled with the following items. (The list is also tucked in the bag.)

- 2 pouches or 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 boxed yellow cake mix



Won't you consider donating one or more bags of these items? Donations of these items can be dropped off at church (making sure someone is there) or by taking them to **Kathy Zwanziger's** home or they can be delivered directly to LSS food pantry (1460 S. Champion); contact **Ben Powers** at bpowers@lssnetworkofhope or 614-429-5528 to schedule a time. The "bags" are due by **Thursday, November 18** so they can be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people.

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 by today, **Monday, October 25** because Donna has an opportunity to show them for sale on **October 27**.

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.

The intent of this effort is for Redeemer members to provide contacts **outside the immediate household**. The church office already usually has that information.

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 – and/or your partner. The Member Care Team thanks you.

Tuesday Bible Study Looks at Jesus' Parables Oct. 26

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of Jesus' parables on **Tuesday, October 26**. 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=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>.

Sunday Adult Ed Class to Conclude Look at Trauma

Redeemer member **Jeff Montgomery** will conclude the three-week Sunday morning series on trauma that is based on the film, "The Wisdom of Trauma" and the work of **Dr. Gabor Mate** this Sunday, **October 31** during the adult education hour beginning at 11:15 a.m.

As a social work supervisor at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe, Jeff works with issues around trauma every day and is part of an effort to implement Trauma Informed Care within the VA nationally.

This class will be available both in-person and on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83993230187?pwd=cXNEU2ViRWWh4UXZSVjlmelRNTWNWZz09>. Meeting ID: 839 9323 0187; Passcode: 633276; Phone only: 646 876 9923

2022 Flower Chart Available

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody's birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services in 2022 is now on the bulletin board next to the library.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

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.

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.

On Redeemer's Becoming Involved in BREAD *cont'd from p. 1*

A quick note about jargon. Redeemer benefits from BREAD's being established and extremely organized. Naturally they come with a new vocabulary that is unfamiliar at the moment. A couple of examples:

BREAD – Building Responsibility Equality and Dignity -- name of the organization.

House meetings - Listening sessions that happen in homes, coffee shops, churches, synagogues and on Zoom when people share what their greatest struggles are.

Team Members - People who lead their faith community in their BREAD efforts are called Team Members.

Justice Ministry Network Members (JMNM) - People who commit to engage with a handful of asks:

1. Bring at least three people to the big Nehemiah Action in May 2022
2. Attend three other citywide assemblies
 - a. Annual Assembly on **Monday, November 15, 2021**
 - b. Rally in April 2022
 - c. Celebration in June 2022
3. Consider investing \$200 or more

What's next? Redeemer is just starting out. The main thing is that the BREAD group wants to keep the lines of communication open between BREAD and Redeemer. They will let you know when there are events going on and progress being made. The opportunity is always available to get more involved. The BREAD group is always available to talk if you want to learn more.

The next officially sanctioned BREAD event is the Annual Assembly on **Monday, November 15**. This meeting is to hear about the results from the Listening Process and to join with hundreds of others to commit to follow up on those conversations with the Issue Work. You could consider coming to that. You can just keep reading *Reflections* articles about BREAD and checking the bulletin board and see where it goes.

This is how we have begun, but it is just the beginning of a hopeful long and fruitful partnership!

Kristi Hildebrand

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates now through the end of the year. **Youth are also encouraged to volunteer.** The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings.

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

Congratulations to **Kathy and Bob Rapp** who celebrated their 50th anniversary over the weekend and to **Nathaniel Bird and AlyssaRose Jordan** who were married earlier this month in Minneapolis. Prayers are asked for both couples.

Updated Redeemer Directory Available

Redeemer's Directory of members has been updated. To receive an electronic copy or to have a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office at 614-237-1263 or via email to info@redeemerluth.com. Hard copies are available at the church and can be found under the bulletin board in the hallway off the Narthex.

Food Giveaways Conclude for Year; 162 Families Served at October Event

Thanks go out to all Redeemer folks for all you have done over the last seven months in helping with the food giveaways in the parking lot. **Kathy Zwanziger** writes, "For the 22 who worked at some time on **Thursday, October 21**, if you thought we were busy, you are right! We had 162 families -- that's 38 more than the next highest number this summer! There were 61 new families! We served a total of 567 people, 174 of whom were children and 125 were seniors.

"We gave away a good share of the nearly 13,000 pounds of food we received, as well as all the cleaning supplies that had been donated.

"A special thanks to **Misato In** who supplied us with snacks over the summer--and to **Kathy Mimplitch** for some trademark masks!

"Thanks to all of you who make this ministry so vibrant. See you in April!"

Pastor Dave also wrote, "What an incredible effort today -- and for the entire season. You all are a huge blessing to each other and this community. Thanks to all who shepherded this process and all who worked to make it happen. You are remarkable!"

October Birthdays

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

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.

The event will be held at Berwick School from 9:00-11:00. If you don't have a suitcase or duffle, a small donation is requested.

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

Reformation Day, October 31, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Intercessor Lutheran Mission, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Kelley Scott and Trina Thornton.

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	Jon Disbro
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Mike Benis
Producers	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are given by Danica Denniss celebrating her 21st birthday
Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief*

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Adult Education: What Trauma Can Teach Us

Jeff Montgomery

In Person and on Zoom

This Week at Redeemer

October 26 – November 1, 2021

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. **IN-PERSON & ZOOM** Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Journaling Workshop

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. **IN-PERSON** and **LIVESTREAM** Worship with Holy Communion
and Dedication of Financial Gifts
11:15 a.m. **IN-PERSON & ZOOM ADULT EDUCATION**