Julianne Johnson: *Update from Church Council*

As I wind down my time as president of Redeemer Church Council, it dawns on me that it is likely that I have not communicated adequately what all your council has worked on so far this year and what direction(s) we are headed in the next. So settle in for a little update from my point of view!

One thing that is different about council that **Margie Frazier** instituted last year is that meetings begin by discussing a "big issue." In the past we often haven't gotten to big issues because the focus goes to doing the business of the month. Now, for about a half an hour, we hear from all council members about issues that go beyond their individual responsibilities. It helps — and I dare say that I feel that over the months we have more of a sense of teamwork than I have experienced before. I am thankful for the group that is serving on council. I don't say it enough.

Every area of ministry has something happening. **Education** has had to adapt to the realities of COVID to offer learning activities to kids who mostly haven't had access to vaccines. Kids Fest and monthly Sunday School are a couple of examples. But there has also been outreach to families with small children on other occasions. Adaptations continue as confirmation has been rescheduled so confirmands can hopefully have family gatherings next spring. Adult study has been remarkable this year on a variety of areas, most recently giving us insight into the effects of trauma.

Member Care has reached out to numerous individuals and families in need. This is a truly gifted group, and the needs have been many last year and this. Please keep them and those they support in your thoughts and prayers.

Outreach (including justice initiatives) is expanding regularly. The ongoing focus on facilitating food to families in need recently saw the last LSS/Mid-Ohio food giveaway for the year but also includes distribution of the food grown in Redeemer's own garden crop. It also includes serving at First English and at the LSS Food Pantry. These past few years have also seen an expanded focus on justice issues, increasing the congregation's communication with the community.

Stewardship is just wrapping up the fall campaign whose theme was *Now We Cam Dream!* with the pledges dedicated during worship this past Sunday. And the **Worship** Team has also been active planning worship, modifying protocols and services numerous times to provide worship that is inspiring, but also safe. And now that Redeemer has new technology tools, the congregation is meeting the challenge reaching members and others who are not able to attend worship in person and other opportunities. There's plenty of room to dream there!

Some of the most significant changes and improvements have come to **Property** and **Finance**. First a word about financials. At last month's council meeting **Margie Frazier** presented a financial report that shows that as of September 30 the congregational giving was 95 percent of the budget for the year! There were unplanned expenses – for technology and the fascia and soffits on the

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Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor – Rev. David Shull
Office Manager – Becky Trover
Custodian – Marshall Edgington
Organist/Senior Choir DirectorKathy Rapp

Pianist/Chimes Choir Director -Karen Kent

Reflections Editor - Judith Bird

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent – Emily Ott

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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 insider 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.

Time Change Coming

Daylight Saving Time will end on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 7</u> at 2 a.m. that morning. Plan now to set your clocks *back* one hour when you go to bed on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 6</u> or you could end up being an hour early for church!

Stewardship Appeal

Thanks from the Stewardship Team to all who have returned their response cards, which were dedicated during worship services on Reformation Sunday. If you haven't yet returned your card, please send it in as soon as possible so that it can be included in the total, which is important for planning purposes.

If you need a replacement, just contact the church office or a Stewardship Team member. "We're dreaming together for what can be accomplished in 2022 through Redeemer Lutheran Church."

Redeemer to Serve at First English

Redeemer will provide a carryout dinner at First English Lutheran Church on <u>Thursday, November 11</u> beginning at 5:30 p.m. The menu will be sloppy joes, chips, fruit cup, dessert and a Belvita for later.

Kay Ernsthausen reports that she still needs 96 (8 dozen) hamburger buns, and five more people to make sloppy joes.

All food needs to be at the church by 4:15 p.m. on November 11. The sloppy joes need to come hot. If that is a problem, there are volunteers who will pick up the sloppy joes hot and deliver them to First English. Just let Kay know if a pick-up is needed. Any questions please contact Kay by emailing her at KErnsthuasen@gmail.com or calling 614-288-8506.

Noisy Offering Will Now Go to ELCA World Hunger

Starting with All Saints Day on <u>Sunday, November 7</u>, and running until Epiphany, the "Noisy Offering" – that is the offering of loose or "noisy" change made during communion -- will go to ELCA World Hunger.

Working with and through ELCA congregations (in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, gifts to ELCA World Hunger enable the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, ELCA World Hunger meets basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change is fostered. To learn more, go to elca.org/hunger.

Deadline for Advent Devotions Is Nov. 8

Thanks to everyone who signed up to write an Advent Devotion for this the sixth edition Redeemer has published. Please send them to **Mary Benis** (email mkbenis@yahoo.com) by Monday, November 8 for editing. If anyone will miss the deadline, they are asked to contact **Connie Criswell** at 614-471-5219 or via email at CAC56@columbus.rr.com.

RLC's CROP Walk Team Raises \$8,000

Many thanks to all those who donated, walked, or otherwise supported the Redeemer Lutheran Team in this year's CROP Hunger Walk on October 3.

Redeemer had four walkers: **Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Heidi Sherer** and **Connie Criswell**. To maintain social distancing, they walked individually in parks or around our neighborhoods.

Redeemer's team, which raised \$8,000 to alleviate world hunger, was the #1 fundraiser in Central Ohio! Three weeks ago, they were #25 in the entire USA, although as donations have come in they are now at #40.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays here in Franklin County, with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective as one of the beneficiaries. Yay, Team!

BREAD Annual Assembly Watch Party Set for Nov. 15

BREAD has a list of issues that they are currently working on: 1. Jobs, 2. Elder Care, 3. Affordable Housing, 4. Gun Violence, 5. Juvenile Justice, and 6. the One ID Columbus Coalition.

Part of the yearly BREAD cycle is to add one new issue to work on. They do this by conducting listening sessions to learn what people are concerned about and then compiling those results to make a list of possibilities for the new issue.

This year, the list (including the results from Redeemer's five House Meetings) includes: transportation, mental health, substance abuse, education, neighborhood safety, lack of access to health care and the environment (floods/storms, extreme heat/utility bills, contaminated air/water/land, lack of access to nutritious foods).

The team members voted and narrowed that down to these three issues: mental health, neighborhood safety, and the environment.

On <u>Monday, November 15</u>, at the Annual Assembly, the Network Members (including 20 from Redeemer) will vote to decide which of those issues is added. It will then join the other issues in being actively worked on by BREAD.

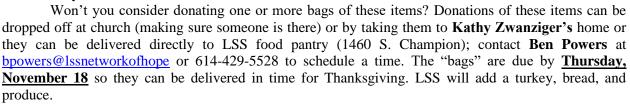
BREAD network members who are passionate about an issue can join subcommittees to research the issue, find potential solutions, identify the policy makers who can get those solutions implemented and petition them to do so.

Redeemer will have a watch party for the Annual Assembly zoom meeting on <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 15</u>. Whether or not you are a Network Member, you are welcome to see what it's all about.

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



Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people.

Planning the 2022 Sister Act Calendar

Sister Act will meet via Zoom on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 17</u> to begin to plan for 2022. The topic of "Joyful Revolutionaries" has been suggested as a focus for the next year. **Pastor Dave** has shared messages on this topic the past few Sundays, as Redeemer imagines where it might go, moving forward as the body of Christ.

In addition, the Fall Retreat for 2022 is set for Friday-Sunday, October 7-9.

Members are asked to think about the following question in preparation for the planning meeting:

- 1. What topics, books, articles, interests, or experiences might help us develop our understanding of what it's like to be a *Joyful Revolutionary*?
- 2. What service projects might we include in our plans for the year 2022? It might be a project that fits into one gathering or an ongoing project over several months.
 - 3. What format should we plan for meeting together next year?

To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and enter the following information: Meeting ID: 811 2128 3225; Passcode: 426031. 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/81121283225?pwd=UFpKcGRVWThWekVNUytmM2FVaFB6Zz09.

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 Nov. 2

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of Jesus' parables on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 2</u>. 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** and **Pastor Dave** will conclude the Sunday morning series on trauma that is based on the film, "The Wisdom of Trauma" and the work of **Dr. Gabor Mate** this Sunday, **November 7** during the adult education hour beginning at 11:15 a.m.

The discussion this week will be based on a handout from Pastor Dave. To receive a copy, email him at dshull@redeemerluth.com .

This class will be available both in-person and on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82694911536?pwd=UTI5eEkxVVpLakVSSmZpUVIxSXIvUT09. Meeting ID: 826 9491 1536; Passcode: 244777. Phone only: 301 715 8592.

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.

The form to suggest recipients for the Memorial Funds is attached to today's *Reflections*. Fill it out and either place in the offering plate on Sunday or return to the church office by <u>Sunday</u>, November 21.

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.

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educational wing – but there was extra giving as well. In addition, Redeemer's work with the Donald Wells, CPA firm facilitated preparing the first draft of next year's budget by the September council meeting with the second draft on the agenda in October. Members will also be receiving their third quarter giving reports soon.

Finally, **Property**. Between **Custodian Marshall Edgington**, **Property Chair Sue Yehling**, and able assistant **Dave Lippert** countless small and big issues have been identified and addressed. **Tom Mimlitch** has also done a ton of jobs, especially around technology. The church should have commissioned a video to keep track of the numerous issues they have found themselves addressing. But overall team has established a system of preventive maintenance with trusted providers/vendors so the congregation can, as much as possible, avoid crises.

In all of this, the congregation has been very supportive and I couldn't be more grateful.

However, there has been one building project that council has not felt the congregation could do this year: since reopening the building the church has not been able to use the Fellowship Hall or kitchen in the basement. Air quality issues in all other areas of the building have been addressed but the HVAC system in the basement most likely would completely break down if a stronger filter were tried. It's old – well past it's usable life – and needs to be replaced. In addition, the bathrooms, kitchen and adjoining room are covered by a furnace that hasn't run for a year. The cost for replacing these two units – the last of the units to be replaced – is just under \$46,000. Council tabled this for this year.

BUT, now we can dream! And this dream is closer to being addressed. In October, the congregation received a generous gift of stock worth \$25,000 for Redeemer's building and equipment fund. The donor learned about the need to do this work in order to fully open the building. I'm hopeful that we can include this work early next year.

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

<u>Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave.**

<u>Info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

<u>MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

<u>FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for stewardship campaigns.

<u>Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – 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.

<u>SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

<u>Transportation@redeemerluth.com</u> – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

<u>Communications@redeemerluth.com</u> – 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 <u>info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> 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 **Emily Kent** who had carpal tunnel surgery this past week.

Pastor Dave on Study Leave

Pastor Dave will be on study leave between <u>Sunday afternoon</u>, <u>November 7</u> and the end of the day on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 14</u>. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact <u>Pastor Dan Hille</u> of Faith Lutheran Church in Whitehall at 614-832-2461. <u>Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson</u> will lead the worship on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 14</u>.

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.

November Birthdays

2-Barbara Connors 2-Danica Denniss
2-Barbara Hairston 2-Neil Hoddinott
3-Bryce Harms 4-Gage Gosnell
9-Ruth Murray 13-Emily Ott
16-Karen Collins 18-Carla Baldogo
19-Carolyn Klopfer 20-Zak Hinkle-Moore
21-Andy Jacobs 23-Chelsea Gordon
23-Carolyn Moehring McMeans 24-Judith Bird
24-Sarah Highland 25-Dereck Stewart
26-Grace Montgomery 28-Dave Shull
29-Mary Bowling

The Wider Church

LMC Sponsors Family Advent Retreat

Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) is sponsoring a Family Advent Retreat <u>December 3-5</u>. 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 <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 6</u> 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.

Dave Lippert commented Sunday that the suitcases are necessary because otherwise, the foster children often pack their belongings in plastic trash bags.

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

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

All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021 Lessons

Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 24; Mark 12:38-44

Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Mission, Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member Heidi Sherer.

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** Kay Ernsthausen **Interpreter** Bryan Neal Crucifer Skye Andree Cantor Mary Benis **Organist** Kathy Rapp **Pianist** Karen Kent Verger Wendy Stoica Usher Mike Benis

Producers Tom Mimlitch, Scott Steiner

Flowers are given by Julianne Johnson in memory of her wife, Judy Pollock Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Adult Education: What Trauma Can Teach Us

Jeff Montgomery and Pastor Dave

In Person and on Zoom

This Week at Redeemer November 2 – November 8, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>		Election Day Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team
<u>Wednesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	Redeemer at LSS Food Pantry
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Team
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion All Saints Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM ADULT EDUCATION

Mission Endowment Fund 2021 Distribution Nomination
Organization Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Web Site Address:
Organization's Purpose:
Amount Requested:
Redeemer member(s) involved with the organization?
If yes, who?
Redeemer member submitting the request:
Please submit to the church office or put in the offering plate on/before November 21, 2021