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ELCA Good Gifts Reach Folks in Need around World

Contributions to the ELCA's "Good Gifts" this year are "do it yourself" as Redeemer is not staffing a table at church to accept donations. To that end, "Good Gifts" catalogues are available in the Narthex for members to use to consider sending in their own gift that can change others' lives. Those donations can be sent directly to ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101, or made online at goodgifts@elca.org. The order form is attached to today's *Reflections*.

There are both familiar gifts such as \$10 for chicks for a family, a blanket for a disaster survivor, or a mosquito net and new gifts like \$25 for a hygiene kit or personal protective equipment or \$100 for a couple of goats or one month of Internet connectivity; \$160 for a week of trauma counseling; \$220 for a community garden and honeybees; \$350 for a week of shelter for a vulnerable LBTQI+ youth; or \$800 for a computer for a community center. That is just a sampling of the Good Gifts that are available to reach others in need around the world and in this country. Some of the other possibilities this year include the following:

Global Barnyard

- \$15 for a rooster.
- \$30 for a piglet.
- \$500 for a cow – or \$50 for a share of cow.
- \$250 for a community fish farm or \$50 for a share of a fish farm.
- \$20 for honeybees.
- \$50 for a goat.
- \$715 for a family farm. This contribution supports the provision of a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training.

Water

The lack of access to clean water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty in many parts of the world. It is also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change. With a simple well or spring box as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water and communities become healthier.

- \$250 supports a share of a safe water project.
- \$30 provides a water filter.
- \$150 for a latrine.

Agriculture

- \$10 for a fruit tree seedling.
- \$150 to support a fruit tree farm.
- \$50 for seeds and gardening tools.

Women and Children

- \$125 for a microloan for a woman to start her own business – weaving, baking or running a storefront, for example.
- \$40 for school fees and uniform for a girl.
- \$10 for school supplies for a child or \$300 for school supplies for a classroom.

There are many more options available. Check out the catalog to see what grabs your attention to help others!

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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

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Kathy 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

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Margie Farnham Marques Highland

Emlyn Ott Krista Skipper

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Dave Engel, Chair

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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 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.
- * Please put cellphones on "airplane mode."

Children's Christmas Program Set for Dec. 19; Rehearsal on Dec. 12

Just like everything else nowadays, COVID has caused events to change up a bit. Redeemer's annual children's Christmas program is no exception. Last year, the children created a great video of the Christmas story. This year they will be performing the children's Christmas program, *The Friendly Beasts AND the Friendly Kids*, during the 10 a.m. church service on **Sunday, December 19**.

Plan now to join us for a heartfelt message about the gifts we bring to the world!

Parents of all youth, please plan to bring your children to our rehearsal on **Sunday, December 12** during the Sunday School hour following the 10 a.m. church service.

Looking for Two More Volunteers to Share Reflection during Mid-Week Advent Service

At the beginning of the Holden Evening Prayer service which Redeemer does Wednesday nights during Advent, the cantor sings, "Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world," and the congregation responds, "the light no darkness can overcome." It is the promise that moves us through this Advent season: Light.

There is a place in this service for a member or friend of the congregation to offer a brief story – five minutes or so. This Advent, consider sharing a story that speaks to this opening sentence. When is a time in your life you needed light – a time you were lost, stuck, confused, afraid, overwhelmed? How did light come for you? What difference did that light make? What was possible that wasn't before? How does the coming of that light affect how you move through this season of Advent?

If this topic stirs a memory or story, please contact **Dave Shull** or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the Library. Two more volunteers are needed for **December 15** and **December 22**.

"Don't underestimate the power your story has to touch us deeply and bring this season alive for us!"

The first Wednesday evening Advent service will be held this week on **December 1**.

Sister Act Adopts Two Families for Christmas

Sister Act is coordinating gift cards for two families of students at Berwick School for Christmas. Due to the holiday and personal travel we do not have more information on the families at this time. Details about the families will be available next Sunday morning, December 5, and in next week's *Reflections*.

Advent Devotional Booklets Now Available

Redeemer's 2021 *Advent Devotional Booklet* is now available for pick up in the Narthex. It can be found in both regular and large print versions. You may request a copy to be mailed by contacting the office. The devotions are also available for download on the Redeemer website: www.RedeemerLuth.com.

Those who would like to receive a daily email with that day's devotion should contact the office. If anyone would like a print version mailed to them, please let the office know.

Congregation Elects Officers for 2022-23

The following were elected Sunday to serve on Redeemer's Church Council for 2022-23: Finance Officer – **Nathan Ott**; Member Care – **Elyce Herring**; Property – **Sue Yehling**; Worship – **Jennifer Young**; and Special Funds Team – **Dave Engel**.

The election of vice president was deferred until the January annual meeting as they continue to search for a candidate.

Others returning to council for the second year of their terms are **Wendy Stoica**: president; **Margie Farnham**: secretary; **Krista Skipper**: Education; **Sue Watson**: Outreach; and Stewardship: **Laura Warren**.

Report from BREAD Annual Assembly

A total of 14 members and friends from Redeemer attended BREAD's annual assembly on **Monday, November 15**.

First, the presenters reported on a recent win by the organization where Columbus City schools agreed to train all their Student Safety Resource personnel in Restorative Practice training. Restorative Practices is a program that's an alternative to the 20,000 out-of-school suspensions handed out every year to Columbus Public School students. A current Student Safety Resource person gave her personal story of what a positive difference has made with the students.

Another win was reported from the Gun Violence Research Committee. Columbus City Council invested \$80,000 in 2020 for a contract with the National Network for Safe Communities to make 2022 a safer year for Columbus residents.

They reported on the results of the 2021 Listening Process which included 120 House meetings (six at Redeemer) and 1,000 people engaged. The top three problems that people discussed were neighborhood safety, mental health and environmental injustice. The people in attendance who have committed to BREAD ("Network Members") voted that the next issue BREAD will work on is environmental injustice.

The next steps in the yearly cycle of BREAD are the following: 1. Research committees to learn about the issues and evaluate solutions; and 2. Faith communities to build their networks because BREAD is only able to make a difference when they have people power to influence decision makers.

If any of these existing program priorities, or if the new issue of environmental injustice, are something that you have a special connection to, you can contact one of Redeemer's BREAD Team members to talk about getting involved. Those team members include **Sue Watson**, **Pastor Dave Shull**, **Emily Ott**, **Kristi Hildebrand**, **Michele Disbro** and **Kathy Zwanziger**.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

Research Kick-Off: **Monday, December 6, 2021** at 7 p.m.

Redeemer Network Meeting: TBD February 2022

Rally: **Monday, April 11, 2022** at 7 p.m.

Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 10, 2022**, 6:15 p.m. Registration: Celeste Center

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

Adult Ed Discusses Gospel Narratives around Jesus' Birth

The Adult Education Class continues to discuss *How do the Gospels talk about the advent and birth of Jesus?* at its next meeting on **Sunday, December 5**. It begins at 11:15 a.m. and will be held both in-person and on Zoom.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706; Passcode: 804399. To participate by phone, call 312-626-6799. 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/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVczSng4NE5GOURmQT09>.

23rd Annual Good Neighbor Picnic Serves Hundreds

The 23rd Annual Good Neighbor Picnic held this past September served over 350 individuals through its Free Store, according to a report from event leaders. There, folks shopped for coats, blankets, winter clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, and personal hygiene items. And this year, thanks to the generosity of one of the sponsors, Rocky Brands, Inc., the Free Store was also stocked with 246 pairs of brand new boots.

At the picnic, over 200 pairs of glasses and sunglasses, 80 backpacks filled with school supplies, and nearly 700 books for children and adults alike were distributed.

Throughout the afternoon, the 400+ attendees received a hot meal fresh off the grill, which included hamburgers, hotdogs, mac-and-cheese, beans, pasta salads, and chips. And thanks to the local Dairy Queen, attendees received a Dilly Bar for dessert.

The children who attended had games, crafts, superheroes, and princesses galore! Live music and other entertainment echoed throughout the park from 12 – 4 p.m., allowing everyone the opportunity to enjoy a fun, free, celebratory day for the whole family.

Noisy Offering Will Now Go to ELCA World Hunger

For now 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.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Nov. 30

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of Jesus’ parables on **Tuesday, November 30**. 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>.

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.

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

Prayers for healing are asked for **Pastor Al Debelak** who dealing with an infection in his spine. Prayers are also asked for **Ashley Bird** who had cataract surgery last week and faces a second surgery next week.

Furniture Available

Karen Kent has an assortment of gently-used furniture that just doesn't fit in her small condo, available FREE to anyone who needs it. All you have to do is pick it up! If you're interested in any of these items, call Karen at 614-604-6960.

- Loveseat - Green/Burgundy/Tan plaid
- Loveseat cover - Solid Green
- Rocking Chair and Footstool - Dark Wood with Green cushions
- La-Z-Boy Recliner - Tan (with flip-up arm and secret compartment!)
- Bar-Height Chair - Burgundy with Black legs
- Massage Chair - Black
- Bathroom Floor Cabinet - White
- Round 4' Patio Table - Tan with partially painted mosaic-look top, with center hole for umbrella
- (2) 14-inch Square Wicker Baskets
- Car Booster Seat - Spiderman (Miles has outgrown it 😊)

- Rolling Laundry Sorter with 3 detachable laundry bags and hanging rod
- Dog Crate/End Table Combo - Dark Brown with Silver
- Dog Crate - Black Metal
- Dog Cushion that fits in either Crate
- 2 sets of pet steps (one is 3-steps/fleece-covered, one is 4 steps/plastic with stair treads)

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

29-Mary Bowling

December Birthdays

2-Ruby Jacobs 3-Julija Volfa
3-Walton Wolfe 4-Hitoshi In Phillips
6-Izzy Skoog 6-Sophie Skoog
8-Payton Friederich 8-Bob Rapp
10-Eric Hutton 15-Mindy Eakin
19-Darren Baldogo 19-Joe Darst
19-Novella Hinkle 21 Kolya Larson
24-Julie Johnson 25-Doug Eakin
26-Emily Kent 27-Sue Darst
27-Paul Ritter 29-Tom Comstock
31-John Kennedy 31-Emma Martin

The Community Beyond

BECA Meeting Set for Nov. 30

Berwyn East Civic Association's (BECA) last meeting of the year is set for **Tuesday, November 30** at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church on Zettler Road. This meeting will include the election of trustees for 2022.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Second Sunday in Advent, December 5, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Luke 3:1-6

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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 Reformation Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Michele, Rob, Izzy, Sophie and Andy Skoog.

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, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, 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, Nancy Stinson and family on the death of her brother Tom Starkey, Emily Kent, Nancy Steiner.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Reader	Katie Jacobs
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Helen Brunston
Producer	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling

Flowers are given by the Reinoehl family in memory of Dave

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA World Hunger

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Adult Education: How do the Gospels talk about the advent and birth of Jesus?

Led by Pastor Dave

This Week at Redeemer November 30 – December 6, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 a.m.	Synod Cluster
	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:30 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM Advent Service
<u>Sunday</u>	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM – Adult Education
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Team at Pastor Shull's house

ORDER FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP code _____
Email _____

GIVE BY CHECK

☐ A check is enclosed for \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Save a stamp. Give online! ELCA.org/goodgifts

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Chicks	WHG0106	\$10		
Rooster	WHG0133	\$15		
Family farm	WHG0107	\$715		
Goat	WHG0102	\$50		
Goat + flock of chicks	WHG0154	\$60		
Couple of goats	WHG0147	\$100		
Herd of goats	WHG0155	\$300		
Piglet	WHG0099	\$30		
Cow	WHG0097	\$500		
Share of a cow	WHG0098	\$50		
Fish farm	WHG0101	\$250		
Share of a fish farm	WHG0152	\$50		
Honeybees	WHG0100	\$20		
Honeybees + vegetable garden	WHG0153	\$220		
God's Global Barnyard	WHG0051	any \$ amount		
WATER	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Simple water well	WHG0108	\$2,500		
Share of a safe-water project	WHG0109	\$250		
Water filter	IDG0099	\$30		
Portion of an irrigation project	WHG0111	\$100		
Latrine	WHG0134	\$150		
WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Computer for a community center	WHG0162	\$800		
Environmentally friendly cookstove	WHG0166	\$105		
Farmers' field school for a woman	WHG0148	\$75		
One month of internet connectivity for students	WHG0168	\$100		
Microloan for a woman	WHG0119	\$125		
School fees and uniform for a girl	WHG0121	\$40		
School supplies for a child	WHG0122	\$10		
School supplies for a classroom	WHG0123	\$300		
AGRICULTURE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Fruit-tree seedling	WHG0124	\$10		
Fruit-tree farm	WHG0125	\$150		
Community vegetable garden	WHG0126	\$200		
Seeds and gardening tools	WHG0157	\$50		

GIVE BY CREDIT CARD

☐ Please charge my credit card for \$ _____



Name on card _____

Credit card number _____

Three- or four-digit security code _____ Expiration date (mm/yy) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DETACH AND ENCLOSE IN PROVIDED ENVELOPE

HEALTH CARE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Hygiene kit	WHG0167	\$25		
Mosquito net	WHG0138	\$10		
Mosquito nets for a family	WHG0165	\$20		
Stock a health clinic for a week	WHG0118	\$75		
Personal protective equipment	IDG0101	\$25		
Clinic visit for a child	WHG0114	\$10		
Nutrition for a child: one month	WHG0116	\$25		
Nutrition for a child: one year	WHG0117	\$300		
Vaccinations for a child	WHG0113	\$30		
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Feed a refugee family: one week	IDG0081	\$50		
Feed a refugee family: one month	IDG0082	\$200		
Week of trauma counseling	DDG0092	\$160		
Month of trauma counseling	DDG0091	\$640		
Blanket	IDG0093	\$10		
GROW THE CHURCH	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Bible	GCS1001	\$12		
Sunday school start-up kit	GCS1003	\$65		
Motorbike for a pastor	GCS1002	\$375		
LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Scholarship support for an int'l woman leader	GCS5001	\$100		
One week of tuition for one seminary course	E270134B	\$150		
One month of tuition for one seminary course	E270134D	\$600		
One semester of tuition for one seminary course	E270134C	\$2,500		
Vocational training	WHG0158	\$75		
HELP AT HOME	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Stock a backpack with food	WHG0129	\$10		
Month of necessities for a disaster survivor	DDG0080	\$200		
One night of shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth	WHG0164	\$50		
One week of shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth	WHG0163	\$350		
Feed 10 at a soup kitchen	WHG0130	\$20		
Feed 50 at a soup kitchen	WHG0131	\$100		
GIVE WHERE NEEDED MOST	Item	Price	Qty	Total
	MCG0053	any \$ amount		

☐ Please check here if you would like a card for each of your gifts delivered to your home. Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

TOTAL

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Your donation will be used where needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive and flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the United States or abroad.