



# Reflections

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## LOMO Becomes 'HopeWood Outdoors'

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) announced this week that it has changed its name and the names of its camps. Here is their letter:

Dear Siblings in Christ,

We've all been blessed by the incredible community, beautiful camps, and amazing memories that have been experienced through LOMO, Lutheran Memorial Camp, Camp Luther and LOMO Outreach. We love seeing youth and multiple generations enjoying camp together, retreat groups building community, school groups exploring nature, and an incredibly diverse camper community discovering a place to belong, feel safe, and experience faith and joy.

Camp truly is a place that changes lives!

To continue sharing this incredible experience with an increasingly diverse community and a changing world, our board of directors has unanimously made the exciting decision to broaden our organization and camp names from LOMO to **HopeWood Outdoors**, Lutheran Memorial Camp to **HopeWood Pines**, Camp Luther to **HopeWood Shores**, and LOMO Outreach to **HopeWood Connect**. We believe these new names will help us fulfill our vision of "connecting all people to faith and nature for a changing world."

### Why these new names?

HopeWood Outdoors brings together two concepts, "heartwood" and "hope", that deeply embody our missional connection to both faith and nature. Heartwood is the name for the wood found in the center of the tree trunk - it is dense, strong, and alive. Hope is one of the central components of our faith. Together, these words combine to embody the unique connection of faith and nature that all people can find in our camp programs.

### Why do we need new names?

We want to be a welcoming place for all people to explore faith and nature, regardless of where they are at on their faith journey. In 2020, Pew research discovered U.S. church membership fell below 50 percent for the first time in history. No religious affiliation continues to be the fastest growing religious affiliation. Only 36 percent of millennials are members of churches or places of worship. We believe our camps can be a place where everyone is welcome to find a spiritual home, even if they don't identify as Lutheran or any other religious organization. Our new names will help us continue this safe, inviting and welcoming environment.

### What is happening with the current names?

We will continue using these names in meaningful ways, because we understand how impactful camp has been for generations of campers. We will legally retain the names of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO), Camp Luther, Lutheran Memorial Camp and LOMO Outreach.

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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Pastor - Rev. David Shull

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Custodian - Marshall Edgington

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Pianist/Chimes Choir Director - Karen Kent

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### 2022

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

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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 silence cellphones."

### Keeping Redeemer's Community Prayer List Current

One of the ways we try to make our love for each other real at Redeemer is by taking seriously the prayer requests we make. When you or someone you love is facing challenging times of any sort, you let someone in the church know so we can add that name to the prayer lists in the bulletin and in *Reflections*.

The Member Care team is interested in making sure this list is as accurate and current as possible. In the next couple of weeks, we ask you to look over the list. If you find your name on it, or the name of someone for whom you asked the congregation to pray, and you don't feel like that name needs to remain on the list, please let **Office Manager Becky Trover** know. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one to remain on that list, that is absolutely fine! Again, just let Becky know.

It is an honor to be asked to pray for each other. Thank you for giving us that opportunity.

### Bengals Win! (*At Least at Redeemer*)

Had Redeemer's "Souper Bowl" offerings been an accurate predictor of the winner of the Super Bowl, the Bengals would have won by far more than 3 or 4 points. Although the Rams won the game, at Redeemer, the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry is a big winner, receiving over \$750!

The final stats: LA Rams: \$23.05; Commercials: \$96, and the Bengals: \$637.70 for a total of \$756.75. Thanks, everyone, for helping our neighbors!

### Two Ash Wednesday Services Set for March 2

Redeemer has set two Ash Wednesday services on March 2: 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. here at the church. More details about the Lenten schedule will be published in next week's *Reflections*.

### RLC Collecting Items for LWF Personal Care Kits

Sister Act is collecting items for "Personal Care Kits" to be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and will be working with the youth in Sunday School to start assembling them in March. These are similar to Health Kits Redeemer has assembled in the past in that they are given to people who have to flee their homes. However, the contents of these kits have changed. **Only these specific items are in each Personal Care Kits. All items should be new.**

#### Personal Care Kits include the following:

- 1 light-weight bath towel (no smaller than 20" x 40" and no larger than 27" x 52")
- 2 or 3 bars of soap
- 1 adult toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 nail clipper (with or without attached nail file)

The towels should be light-weight because people who get them often have to wash them or let them dry by hanging them up to air dry.

Please put the donations in the coat room on the shelves. Let the giving begin!

## Noisy Offering Now Going to 'ReconcilingWorks'

For now through Easter, Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" – that is, the offering of loose or "noisy" change given each Sunday when entering the Sanctuary – will now go to ReconcilingWorks. This is in celebration of Redeemer's 30th Anniversary as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Since 1974, "ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation" has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their church, congregations and community.

"In relationships built through outreach and education, ReconcilingWorks shares Christ's message, the Gospel, which is for everyone equally. The group advocates for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, working to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes.

"We are Lutherans working with the recognition that racism, sexism, ageism, able-ism, heterosexism, homophobia, and all the other artificial distinctions that seek to raise one group into privilege and preference over another, conspire together to diminish our world and church.

"An independent, Lutheran, membership-supported organization, ReconcilingWorks is committed to strengthen all of God's beloved for authentic, visible, faithful lives and to work for systemic change with the church and society."

For more information check out their website at [www.ReconcilingWorks.org](http://www.ReconcilingWorks.org).

## Redeemer to Serve Dinner at First English March 10

Redeemer is serving dinner at First English on **Thursday, March 10**. This will be the last early dinner as Daylight Savings Time will begin. The menu will be Sloppy Joe sandwiches, individual package of chips, fruit cup, desert, and granola bar.

**Kay Ernsthansen** reports that the numbers have been going up this winter so it is necessary to plan on 120 dinners (10 dozen). To volunteer to provide a batch of sloppy joes or a dozen or more of any of the items, please contact Kay by texting or calling her at 614-288-8506 or emailing her at [KErnsthansen@gmail.com](mailto:KErnsthansen@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

## Adult Ed to Discuss 'Seven Deadly Sins'

Surprise! The classic "seven deadly sins" (Pride, Anger, Envy, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Lust) are not really sinful actions! Rather, they are deadly attitudes or dispositions that can *lead* to sinful actions. For seven weeks beginning on **Sunday, February 27**, Redeemer's Adult Education class will explore these "deadly seven" and when in the cycle of our lives each disposition is most likely to take hold of us.

Along the way, the class will also consider the life-giving potential inherent in each of the seven and those virtues that serve to thwart their influence.

As we enter Lent, what better time to take a hard, and sometimes humorous, look at who we are and who God is calling us to be.

**Dr. Brad Binau**, a Redeemer member and professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University will lead the discussion. He is currently teaching a course at Trinity on the Seven Deadly Sins.

## Redeemer BREAD Network to Meet Feb. 23

The Redeemer BREAD Network Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 23** at 7 p.m. in Room 1 and on Zoom. The meeting is the Redeemer group only to hear what is going on with BREAD and start preparing for the Nehemiah Action in May. This meeting is for anyone who is a Network Member, anyone who is considering becoming a Network Member or anyone who just wants to hear about what is going on with BREAD.

Topic: Redeemer BREAD Zoom Meeting

Time: February 23, 2022 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting at the following link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86867395905?pwd=cFpWVUMzSXRBMlIUGZPTk5vSkVqdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86867395905?pwd=cFpWVUMzSXRBMlIUGZPTk5vSkVqdz09;); Meeting ID: 868 6739 5905; Passcode: 445681. Phone only: 312 626 6799.

### **Upcoming BREAD Dates**

Redeemer Network Meeting: February 23, 2022 at 7 p.m.

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

Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Celeste Center 6:15 p.m. (Registration) 7 p.m. (Event)

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

## **New Procedure Set for Disposing of Communion Cups**

Those attending worship and participating in communion on Sundays are invited to place the empty communion cups in the designated container on the back table after worship. They will be rinsed out, and the rinsed element will be poured into the ground to honor those who are no longer with us.

## **Tuesday Bible Study to Explore Letters of Paul**

The Tuesday Bible Study will meet both in-person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 22** to continue its study of Paul's letters.

Join us in-person 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: 881 4197 0483; Passcode: 646129. 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/88141970483?pwd=L1RkZ3F2UVlhSWIRWS85ZkFjS3NHUT09>.

## **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.

## **LOMO Becomes 'HopeWood Outdoors'** *cont'd from p. 1*

This will be beneficial for business practices as we expand usage of the HopeWood names. For example, people who have included one of the camps of LOMO in their wills and estate plans will not need to change their designated recipient to HopeWood.

Over the coming months, we are excited to continue developing and sharing more about these names and how they will help us reach out to more individuals, families, youth, school groups and organizations to experience the joy of camp life.

Stay tuned for more information and announcements as we continue building on the Hope we have in Christ and the joy we find in camp.

In Christ,

The LOMO – "HopeWood Outdoors Board of Directors

## **Important Emails**

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 and recovery are asked for **Kathy Ehrich** who had knee replacement surgery and for **Emily Kent** who had surgery on Monday.

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A set of keys has been found at the church. Call the church office at 614-237-1263 to claim them.

## **Narcan Nasal Spray Available at Redeemer**

Redeemer has been given some Narcan Nasal Spray which can save the lives of those who are experiencing an opioid overdose. They are available for folks to have in their cars or to give to people you know. Redeemer can get more, so please take as many as you need. They can be found on a table in the Narthex.

The following link is to a very user-friendly YouTube training video on how to use it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZmSXQfi74k>

## **February Birthdays**

24-Linda Williams 24-Sue Yehling  
26-Diane Brobeck 26-Wally Jacobs  
28-Colton Day

# **The Wider Church**

## **Lutheran Collaborative Justice Team Begins Work**

First English Lutheran Church and its eight partner churches in Franklin County have organized a Lutheran Collaborative Justice Team “to intentionally show mercy to diverse populations.” The group meets quarterly at First English to read, study, discuss and pray.

Individuals who would like to participate are asked to email **Sara Neikirk** at [ssneikirk@gmail.com](mailto:ssneikirk@gmail.com) to be added to the team and to receive the group’s quarterly newsletter. **Kay Ernsthausen** reports that the group has identified four local issues that need attention and prayers:

- **Death penalty** - There is pending Ohio legislation to end the death penalty.

- **Gerrymandering** - Following rulings from the Ohio Supreme Court ruling on several lawsuits on both proposed state legislative district maps and congressional maps, the Ohio Redistricting Commission is again charged with redrawing both maps.

- **Affordable housing** - A recent local panel indicated that there is absolutely no housing available for persons making \$30,000 or less. Columbus is expecting a major population increase and is building everywhere. Shelters are full. Columbus has an **affordable** housing crisis.
- **Education** - House bills (HB) 322 and 327 are attempting to abolish efforts to implement the State Board of Education's (SBOE) comprehensive plan which includes strategies for addressing equity and diversity. Two Republican SBOE appointees of Gov. DeWine were forced to step down late last year.

## The Community Beyond

### Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in seven to 12 days.

Tests can be ordered online at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> .

### Home-Delivered Meals Available through Aging Office

The Franklin County Office on Aging is still offering free home delivered meals through **Thursday, March 31**, and is continuing to provide free COVID-19 vaccine, booster, and medical transportation for those who are over the age of 60 living within Franklin County that have an appointment scheduled.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving free home delivered meals or transportation, please contact aging office at 614-525-6200.

### Office on Aging Launches HOPE Campaign

The Franklin County Office on Aging has launched its HOPE Campaign which has a mission of "Helping Our residents and families with Purposeful Engagements".

They hope to check in on seniors, families, caregivers and Franklin County residents' mental and physical health, as well as to inform them of the community-based programs and services available to them through the Franklin County Office of Aging.

Individuals who would like to reach out to find out more about the services and programs the agency can offer to Franklin County seniors, and caregivers, please contact 614-525-5230.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 27, 2022 Lessons

**Readings:** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; Luke 9:28-36

### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Sue and Tim Watson.

**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, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Alyssha Jordan-Bird and Nate Bird, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Chad Eberle's mother.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Collins
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Reader</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Murray
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Producer</b>	Scott Steiner, Helen Brunston

*Flowers are given by Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel in thanks for Redeemer musicians  
Noisy Offering will go to Reconciling Works*

## Upcoming Week at Redeemer February 22 – February 28, 2022

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> BREAD meeting
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Adult Education
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all  
**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community