



# Reflections

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## Questions Lent Asks Us to Spend Some Time With

In 1903, a young poet wrote a letter to the poet **Rainer Maria Rilke**. He wrote about his anxiety, and asked Rilke for answers to what he was struggling with. Rilke responded, “Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love *the questions themselves* as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language. Don’t search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, live everything. *Live* the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.” (*Letters to a Young Poet*, Translation Steven Mitchell, New York: The Modern Library, 1984, pp. 33-35; emphasis original).

I’ve always loved these words. And, when I’m honest, most of the time I don’t have the patience to follow this wisdom. I want to figure out the big questions *now*. I mean I’m in my 60s, for heaven’s sake! Shouldn’t I *know* what’s important to know by now? Shouldn’t I have most of life figured out by now?

Maybe Lent is the liturgical calendar’s answer to my anxiety about not knowing more answers and not having figured out whatever I assume I should be clear about. Since it’s a time when the weather can’t make up its mind and we have a second worship service each week, there’s a bit more time to pause to make a bit more room to risk listening to what’s stirring in and around me – maybe Lent is a good time to see what life questions come up. Not so I can jump to clear answers but so I can see where the questions take me.

Every year the Gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent is the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. The earliest Gospel, Mark, only tells us the temptation by the Satan happens. Mark doesn’t tell us how the Satan tries to tempt Jesus. Writing 20 or so years after Mark, Matthew and Luke give us those details. Though they agree on the content, they don’t agree on the order the questions came. This year we’re following Luke’s order.

The questions these temptations raise might be questions you can let live in you during this season of Lent.

Jesus responds to the first temptation to turn stones into bread by saying, “No one can live only on food.” What questions does this raise for you? For me, I might spend some time this Lent reflecting on the question, *What makes me feel alive?*

In Luke, the second temptation is to get power and glory by worshipping the Satan. Jesus responds, “The Scriptures say: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve God only!’” What’s a question this raises for you? I hear Jesus asking, *What are a couple of the most important things in your life? Are these connected to your commitment to following Jesus? How do they compete with that commitment? How do you respond to the tensions between these competing commitments?*

In the third temptation, the Satan tells Jesus to throw himself off the top of the Jerusalem Temple because God has promised to send angels to keep him safe. Jesus replies, “Don’t try to test the Lord your God!” What’s a question or two that

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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."

## Two Ash Wednesday Services Set for March 2; Lenten/Holy Week/Easter Schedule Set

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 2, with Ash Wednesday worship services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Redeemer will have Wednesday sung evening prayer services the next five Wednesdays, from Wednesday, March 9 through Wednesday, April 6.

If anyone would like to share a five-minute spoken reflection that evening, please see the article below about the theme for these messages, and sign up on the sheet in the hallway outside the library.

Sundays, Redeemer will have the regular 10 a.m. Sunday morning services. [Remember to turn clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed Saturday evening, March 12!]

Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m. on April 10. The congregation will gather for Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. April 14; foot- and hand-washing along with the Lord's Supper will be offered that evening.

The Good Friday service will include reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ by members of Redeemer and Christ United Methodist Church. Christ UMC hosts the service this year. Those who wish to speak about "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,*" "*Woman, behold thy Son,*" "*I thirst*" or "*Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit,*" please sign up in the hallway outside the library.

On April 17, Redeemer will celebrate Easter Sunday with services at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

All of the services that Redeemer is hosting will be livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel *except* for the 7 a.m. Ash Wednesday service on March 2.

*We have missed those of you who have not yet returned to in-person worship. If you feel safe coming back into the sanctuary, your presence and spirit would be a true blessing to us. We are not the same without you.*

## Volunteers Sought for Mid-Week Lenten Reflections

One of the songs in the Lenten evening prayer service includes the words: "Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor."

Lent is a time when we reflect honestly about our lives, and open ourselves to name the ways God's Spirit has been present to us in some kind of way. When have you or someone you know felt broken-hearted? What brought that pain about? How did some kind of healing come about? Who are what helped make God's Spirit real and present?

Each of us has some stories about this. You can bless this community by sharing a five-minute story at a Lenten evening service. Sign up in hallway outside the library or phone or email the church office: 614-237-1263; [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com). Thank you!

## 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 item 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") – **Darker colors preferred.**

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!

### **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. **This time they have asked that a second sandwich be added to the meal as well as fresh fruit so this means additional batches of Sloppy Joes are needed as well as 20 dozen packages of buns.**

**Kay Ernsthause**n 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 [KErnthausen@gmail.com](mailto:KErnthausen@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

### **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.

### **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).

## **Adult Ed Discusses ‘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, Redeemer’s Adult Education class is exploring 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. The first Sunday, the class discussed gluttony.

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.

The class is available both in-person and on Zoom. Click this link to join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87187274507?pwd=Q1BoRjluaTk3Q096L21SVDFkZ1ptdz09>; Meeting ID: 871 8727 4507; Passcode: 098407; Phone only: 312 626 6799.

## **Report from Redeemer’s BREAD Network Meeting**

The Redeemer BREAD Network Meeting took place on February 23. Pastor Dave started off the meeting with a welcome and a reminder of why justice is important. Redeemer’s BREAD liaison **Rob Sievert-Wagner** reported on the current campaigns on the BREAD roadmap. The upcoming Nehemiah Action will be addressing four campaigns: **Police Reform & Gun Violence, Affordable Housing, One ID and Environmental Justice**. Here are summaries of each campaign:

- The **Police Reform & Gun Violence** committee is working with the city on the non-police crisis response unit. The new **Public Safety Director Robert Clark** has met with BREAD and is open to working with them. We hope to be celebrating progress on the group violence reduction campaign.
- The **Affordable Housing** committee is pushing Columbus and Franklin County to use 1/3 of the half a billion dollars they received from the federal government’s American Rescue Plan for housing for people who are hurting the most -- i.e., families making under \$30,000 per year. They are also asking the city to require housing developers to make a priority of building affordable housing.
- **One ID** is the longest running campaign and had been stalled but the new **Police Chief Elaine Bryant** is in favor of it and has previous experience with a similar program in Detroit.
- The **Environmental Justice** committee is continuing to explore what can be done to address the immediate harms caused by climate-driven flooding, heat, and worsening air quality.

Redeemer has committed to bringing 57 people to the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, May 10**. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Dave Shull, Sue Watson, Emily Ott, Michele Disbro, Kathy Zwanziger** or **Kristi Hildebrand** or call the church office.

### **Upcoming BREAD Dates**

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 Explores Letters of Paul**

The Tuesday Bible Study will meet both in-person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, March 1** to continue its study of Paul's letters. The group runs 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>.

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brings up for you to explore this Lent? For me: *What kinds of bargains do I try to make with God? What hoops do I ask God to jump through in order to keep believing, or keep following, or keep praying to?*

As it becomes harder and harder for us to make room to listen to ourselves and others, maybe this Lent is a good time to honor the questions this Lenten story stirs in us. Maybe this Lent is a good time to take time and make room for some of the questions of Lent asks us.

And if we don't try to rush the answers but really make room to live the questions, maybe Lent will surprise us.

*Dave Shull*

## **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, for **Emily Kent** who is recovering from surgery and for **Don Luck** who had a pacemaker implanted last week.

## **RLC's Souper Bowl Offering Increases**

With the receipt of an additional contribution, Redeemer's Souper Bowl offering for the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry now totals \$806.75! Thanks to everyone who contributed.

## **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 Birthday**

28-Colton Day

## **March Birthdays**

1-Todd Darst 1-Kathy Denhard  
3-Ranel Hoddinott 3-Larry Trover  
4-Petra Williams 5-Lilly Glover Oakleaf  
6-Bennett Whitaker 7-Earl Bradley  
8-Helen Brunston 12-DeeDee Jimison  
12-Catherine McFarland 13-Dave Engel  
14-Jenny Friederich 14-Lynn Nakamura  
14-Tim Watson 14-Laura Warren  
15-Kristi Hildebrand 17-David Williams  
24-Carol Heacock 30-Colin Young

# **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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2022

### Lessons

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Faith Vigil for Peace in Ukraine



### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church, Marysville.

+ For Redeemer community members Tamara Wawrosch and Noah and Maddie Gosnell.

**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, 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, Alyssa 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>	Adam Howard
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Reader</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Cantor</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Zak Hinkle-Moore
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Producer</b>	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

*There are no flowers on the altar during Lent  
Noisy Offering will go to Reconciling Works*

## Upcoming Week at Redeemer March 1 – March 7, 2022

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	7:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON</b> Ash Wednesday Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Redeemer @ LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Ash Wednesday Worship
<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