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Worship Services for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter



April 6 – Final Wednesday Evening Prayer
7:00 pm In Person and Livestream

April 10 – Palm Sunday
10:00 am In Person and Livestream

Congregation will gather in the Narthex to process into church.

April 14 – Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm In Person and Livestream
with foot- and hand-washing

April 15 – Good Friday
Last Words of Christ
7:00 pm In Person and Livestream
at Christ United Methodist Church

April 17 – Resurrection of Our Lord
8:30 In Person
11:00 am In Person and Livestream

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- * Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- * 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 or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- * 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.

Children's Easter Party Set for April 10

Sunday School for children and youth on the second Sunday of the month, April 10, will include the children's Easter party including an Easter egg hunt. In addition, the children will learn a song to present to the congregation on Maundy Thursday, April 14, during the 7 p.m. worship service. Come join us after church!

One More Sought to Offer Reflections at Good Friday Service

This year, Redeemer will be worshipping with members of Christ United Methodist Church for Good Friday. As part of the service, Redeemer has been asked to provide a short reflection on four of the Jesus' last seven words. Three people have volunteered so far. The remaining scripture is Word One: Forgiveness/Luke 23:34: *Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do*. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library or call the church office.

Good Friday is April 15. The service begins at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church on Zettler Ave.

Volunteers Sought for 2022 LSS/Food Collective Food Giveaways

The season for Redeemer's LSS/MOFC Food Giveaway events is quickly approaching. Redeemer is scheduled for the *third* Thursday of every month from April to October, so that means the first event is scheduled in less than three weeks on April 21! As folks can imagine, the demand for food assistance is still high, so this ministry effort shared with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) is even more important!

At least for the first month or two, the processes used last year will be followed. To recap, there will be a drive-thru process where customers stay in their cars and we follow all of the current physical distancing, hand washing, glove and face mask guidelines.

In an effort to gauge the volunteer staffing for these events, and especially the one on April 21, those who are willing to help are asked to email or call the church office.

Coordinator **Sue Watson** notes, "I know our congregational efforts to combat food insecurity in our communities are very meaningful for many of us, and our outreach means so much to those we serve. So if you can volunteer (or if you'd like more info), please get in touch with the church office asap!

"We'll take all the help we can get!"

The other giveaway dates are Thursdays May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 20.

'Extras' of Hair Care Products Needed for LSS/MOFC April Giveaway

As has done in the past, Redeemer is requesting donations of personal items to be included with the produce at the monthly food giveaways. For April's event, hair care products (shampoo, conditioner, etc.) will be given away.

“We are so grateful for the congregation’s constant and generous donations. On behalf of our giveaway’s guests, thank you, Redeemer members!” Sue said.

Mid-Week Lenten Services Conclude on Wednesday

Mid-week Lenten evening prayer services will conclude this week on **Wednesday, April 6**. The service begins at 7 p.m. both in-person and livestreamed on YouTube.

For the remaining Lent schedule as well as the Holy Week and Easter worship schedule, see the front page of today’s *Reflections*.

We have missed those of you who have not yet returned to in-person worship. There are a whole variety of worship opportunities available in the upcoming weeks. 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.

Physicians from Haiti to Share in Sunday Message/Adult Education Class on April 24

On **Sunday, April 24**, Drs. **Johnson Deshommes** and **Stevenson Dimanche** will be Redeemer’s guests in worship and for the adult education program. During worship, they will be part of a "conversation" sermon with **Pastor Al Rider**. After worship, they will lead the adult ed class and continue their conversations with Redeemer members. Their theme will be life in Haiti today, and their hopes and dreams for themselves and their country. Invite friends who might be interested in these conversations! Read more about their visit in next week’s *Reflections*.

Lodging Sought for our Haitian Guests April 23

Are you able to provide a place for one or both of our Haitian guests on **Saturday evening, April 23** and a light breakfast **Sunday morning, April 24**? **Al** and **Karen Rider** will drop them off after dinner Saturday evening and pick them up for church Sunday morning.

If you can help out, please contact **Dave Shull**.

Adult Ed Concludes Discussion of ‘Seven Deadly Sins’ with Sloth

Don’t put it off!! The last opportunity to participate in the discussion of the “Seven Deadly Sins” with **Dr. Brad Binau** is **Sunday, April 10** when the Adult Education Class looks at sloth.

Previous weeks have examined Pride, Anger, Envy, Greed, Gluttony and Lust which Brad has noted are not really sinful actions but rather deadly attitudes or dispositions that can *lead* to sinful actions.

Brad is a Redeemer member and professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University where 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/81411790303?pwd=cGNGMHo2K2d1WEIzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09>; Meeting ID: 814 1179 0303; Passcode: 645662; Phone only: 312-626-6799. The discussion is lively and there is always room for more voices!!

Tuesday Bible Study Explores Book of Ruth

During Lent, the Tuesday Bible Study will be led in a study by the Book of Ruth by **Learning in Context student Adam Howard**. The group meets both in-person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 5**. 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: 863 5869 9434; Passcode: 943506. 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/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIUUT09> .

Redeemer BREAD Leadership Commissioning

On Sunday, March 20, Church Council President Wendy Stoica led the congregation in commissioning the Redeemer BREAD Leadership Team in our shared ministry of justice:

You have allowed your hearts to be broken by the realities of injustice around us.

You have allowed your imaginations to be stirred by visions of how much more beautiful this city and country could be if justice rolled down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

You see what might be possible if informed citizens and policy-makers come together to make visions of joy and justice real.

Thank you for leading Redeemer's new BREAD ministry.

Thank you for the passion, energy, intelligence, and heart you are giving.

Thank you for keeping us informed of the work of BREAD.

Thank you for calling us to let our hearts be broken and our imaginations stirred.

Thank you for challenging all of us to come to the Nehemiah Action at the Celeste Center on May 10, so policymakers can see we care enough about justice, grace, and mercy to show up and let them know we will insist that they do their jobs.

Redeemer has committed to bringing 57 people to the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, May 10**. Secure your free ticket for this event by contacting **Dave Shull, Sue Watson, Emily Ott, Michele Disbro, Kathy Zwanziger** or **Kristi Hildebrand** or calling the church office.



Upcoming BREAD Dates

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

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

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

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.

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 and recovery are asked for **Eileen Day, Sue Watson, Kris Kauffman, Kathy Ehrich**, and **First English Pastor Sally Padgett** who have all recently had surgery. Prayers are asked for healing and recovery for **Kathy Denhard** who just had knee replacement surgery. Prayers are also asked for **Cathy Oldham** and her family.

Prayers for protection and a safe return are asked for **Sam Hudson**, nephew of **Laura** and **Terry Warren**, who is an Army medic being deployed to Poland.

Update on LWR Personal Care Kits

Redeemer members actually provided enough personal care items to provide a total of 107 kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), **Kathy Zwanziger** reports. The kits included items such as a towel, soap, nail clippers, combs and toothbrushes and are given to people in crisis, here in the United States and abroad. Thanks again to everyone who contributed and who helped assemble the kits!!

'Christ in Our Home' Available

The April-June edition of "Christ in Our Home" is now available in the Narthex for anyone who would like a copy. Or, it can be mailed. Just contact **Becky Trover** in the church office to request a copy be mailed to your home. Reach her at 614-237-1263 or via email at info@redeemerluth.com.

April Birthdays

4-Jack Miller 4-Jenny Young
5-Wendy Stoica 6-Nathan Ott
13-Steve Boreman 15-Jill Disbro
16-Mike Benis 19-Damon Stewart
22-Grayson Ullman 23-Andy Skoog
24-Michelle Clemence 24-Elaine Disbro
27-Margie Frazier 27-Dora Pinder
28-Edwina Bradley

The Wider Church

Volunteers Needed for Churchwide Assembly 2022

The Southern Ohio Synod reports volunteers are needed for the Churchwide Assembly being held this summer in Columbus, OH. Volunteers are needed each day from **Sunday-Friday, August 7-12** in a variety of roles. You can sign up for the days and roles that you prefer by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrbxk6jt> . Please note that you are indicating a preference and event organizers may need to assign you a different role so that all responsibilities are covered. Thanks!

An Update on Relief Efforts for Ukraine

Redeemer will continue to collect contributions toward relief efforts in the Ukraine by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Just note "Ukraine" in the memo section of a check. Redeemer will forward the donations to LWR which has provided the following update on their efforts:

"While we have been able to collaborate with Lutheran partners to support humanitarian work within Ukraine, our greatest strength and most valuable assistance is through the supporting church's humanitarian efforts to receive and care for people who are fleeing Ukraine- a population that is overwhelming women and children.

"Our most extensive collaboration is work is through responses on the ground in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and other places where we have supported aid to those in migration in the past. By working with already established capacity and leadership, it has been possible to quickly adapt to a rapidly changing situation. This ability to adapt to the needs of the moment is a crucial element to effective support in this time of crisis in Eastern Europe.

"This is a fluid and rapidly changing situation. It is likely that by the time the media highlights a need, or a gap in assistance, the organizations on the ground (including those with whom we are coordinating) will already be working to acquire material locally or moving to provide expertise. This is the reason that financial support is so critical- to equip the people who are best prepared to respond to the crisis in the context.

"There will be long-term impacts to this violence in Ukraine throughout the region. It will be critical for the ELCA to continue to accompany churches as they address the trauma that comes with violence, dislocation, and family separation. The area of expertise that has been developed over the decades through faithful service by the churches will continue to be critically important and an area of expertise in a number of the programs we are supporting.

"Peoples of the nations neighboring Ukraine have firsthand family experience of a previous time under the Soviet occupation. For some, an underlying trauma has been reawakened, and the solidarity that is being expressed church-to-church can be healing.

"We are called and call others to remember, that the life we have together in Christ and the worldwide connection of churches is something strikingly important in this time of estrangement. For many in Russia, the challenge of this time is unfathomable to us. The prayer for peace and the drive toward fellowship with those in Russia, which were transformative in previous times of conflict are of paramount importance now. We continue to pray for the Lutheran community, all of Christ's followers, all people of faith, and the whole of the nation of Russia.

We call for financial support and for prayer:

"ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with local church and ecumenical partners to offer Humanitarian Relief for those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. What this means is that refugees and internally displaced persons in Ukraine are supported with emergency non-food items such as beds, mattresses, blankets, linens, food, hygiene items, and dignity kits. The churches are coordinating protection and safeguarding of vulnerable individuals and groups, psychosocial care pastoral support. The churches are coordinating to provide transportation for people from the border, temporary housing, food, and water.

“We have already provided financial assistance to those working in Ukraine and in neighboring nations and will continue to do so (with confidence that the generosity of those in support of Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to support the work). ...

“Please join the Lutheran Disaster Response feed on Facebook, or subscribe to the blog at elca.org/disaster. We will continue to provide situation updates. We thank those who have given general gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response as this has allowed us to act even as we appeal for additional support. ... Please commit to daily prayer for peace and for all who seek to aid those impacted by this war.”

In addition to this update from LWR, the Southern Ohio Synod provided the following link to view an update from **Revs. Rachel Eskesen** and **Zach Courter** on the refugee situation in Hungary and Central Europe and how the ELCA and Lutheran church partners in Europe are responding to the situation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cu3iCjWYUI>

Community Beyond

Deadline to Register to Vote April 4; Early Voting Begins April 5

Remember the deadline for registering to vote in the May 3 primary is today, Monday, April 4! This will be the first of two primaries Ohio will have this year because of the inability of the Ohio Redistricting Commission to draw constitutional maps for the state legislative and congressional districts. Candidates for statewide offices including governor/lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor and treasurer will be on the May 3 ballot as well as candidates for Congress (at least for now) and for local offices. Early voting, in person and via mail, begins on Tuesday, April 5.

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>.

Getting Ready for Worship

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:29-46

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Ukraine

For those who are
fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are
staying: safety

For those who are
fighting: peace.

For those whose hearts

are breaking: comfort

For those who see no
future: hope

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of All Saints Church: A Lutheran-Episcopal Community, Washington Court House.
- + For Redeemer community members Barb and Ron Willmann.

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, 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, Don Luck, Eileen Day.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Reader	Danica Dennis
Cantor	Emily Kent
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Kay Ernsthause, Kathleen Zwanziger
Producer	Scott Steiner, Helen Brunston

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

Upcoming Week at Redeemer April 5 – April 11, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & ZOOM Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:30-3:00 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
<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 Education <i>for all ages. Children's Easter Party/Easter Egg Hunt will be held at this time.</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 p.m.	BREAD rally

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