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RLC Youth Participate in Easter Festivities

Redeemer's youth participated in a variety of activities at the 2022 Easter Party held during the Sunday School time on Sunday, April 10.



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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.

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

Redeemer Returns to One Service, Hosts Haitian Guests

Redeemer returns to one service at 10 a.m. on **Sunday, April 24** after the two services held on Easter. Also this Sunday, **Dr. 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, at 11:15 a.m., 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.

For additional background information, see the April 11 issue of *Reflections*.

Invite friends who might be interested in these conversations!



Dr. Stevenson Dimanche (left) and Dr. Johnson Deshommes (right)

Volunteers Sought for 2022 LSS/Food Collective Food Giveaways

The first food giveaway, sponsored by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) and held here on Redeemer's parking lot, is this **Thursday, April 21**. It runs from 3 to 6 p.m.

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.

It is not too late to volunteer to help. Either call or email the church office that you will be here or just come starting at 2 p.m. Thursday.

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

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

The other giveaway dates, which fall on the **third** Thursdays are 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.

Distribution of Mission Endowment Funds Underway

At the annual meeting the congregation voted on what organizations would receive the 2021 Distribution from the Mission Endowment Fund. Because the exact amount was not known at that point, the congregation voted to distribute percentages to nine different organizations.

Treasurer Julie Johnson reports, "We have received the total distribution and have started to send these funds to the approved organizations. The total amount is \$6,846 with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) receiving 20 percent, or \$1,369.20; and all other organizations receive 10 percent or \$684.60." Those organizations are Lutheran Outdoor Ministries/Lutheran Memorial Camp; LSS Food Pantry on Champion Ave.; Grace Mission, Haiti; Groveport Special Olympics; Bishop Griffin Resource Center; The Ronald McDonald House; Renewed Strength, Zambia; and Wildness Experience, Leadership and Service.

Adult Ed Resumes April 24

The Adult Education Class returns on **Sunday, April 24** with a discussion/dialogue with the two Haitian doctors, **Drs. Johnson Deshommes** and **Stevenson Dimanche**. The theme will be life in Haiti today and their hopes and dreams for themselves and their country. **Invite friends who might be interested in this conversation.** The class begins at 11:15 a.m. in Room 2, following the worship service.

Tuesday Bible Study Resumes April 19

The Tuesday Bible Study returns on **Tuesday, April 19** with a new series on encounters Jesus had with women in the Gospels. The group runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. here at the church.

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>.

Adam's Thank You and Farewell

Hi friends,

Throughout seminary, there's a process of "discernment" and "call." That's just a fancy way of saying "figuring out what God wants me to be when I grow up." One of the purposes of the beginning of the ordination process is to make sure that ordained ministry is your "call." This is a long process that will likely never be over.

I have discerned that ordained ministry in the ELCA is not my call at this time. I don't know if it will be in the future or not, but just as I am not now who I previously was, I am not yet who I will be. I do not and cannot know exactly what the future holds. I am no longer pursuing ordination in the ELCA at this time. This means that I will no longer be required to do LIC (Learning in Context), so I will no longer be able to serve this community in the fashion that I have been this semester.

I will still be attending both of the services on Easter, where I look forward to seeing you all before I leave. I appreciate all that you've all done for me. I've really grown a lot this semester, certainly more than I thought I would, and a large part of that is because of the community at Redeemer.

You have shown me what a solid congregation looks like, how good a congregation can be. This community is the most welcome I've ever felt at a non-university church. I have all of you to thank for

that. I'm sorry that I have to leave you, but I know that I am better because of having been with you. Thank you. So much love,

Adam Ben Howard

April Sister Act Event Set for Wednesday

Redeemer's Sister Act will meet **Wednesday, April 20** to discuss "Growing Through COVID: Learning to live with the unknown." The discussion, which will be both in-person and on Zoom, will be led by **Ruth Murray**. "Now that we seem to be entering another phase of this time in our lives, it might be good to discuss and share some of our thoughts and experiences."

Some questions to ponder include the following:

- What short and long term effects have we experienced throughout this time?
- What do you see as the GOOD and the BAD that has resulted from the pandemic?
- How do you see yourself moving forward?
- What are some goals you have set for yourself in the days and months ahead?
- How do we use this experience as a tool in learning and growing as Joyful Revolutionaries?

It begins at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2 or to join via Zoom, go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87494992863?pwd=Ni9Rc1Vla1RxS2paRGdzNjMyUW9kQT09>; Meeting ID: 874 9499 2863; Passcode: 254953.

Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Sue Watson

BREAD Network Members have been asked to answer a handful of questions: the answers will be shared in *Reflections* over the course of 2022. Up this week is **Sue Watson**.

1. What is your name? Sue Watson

2. What issues keep you up at night? In this day and in this world, there's no shortage of issues! I think fear of what might be coming keeps me worried: a tsunami of deliberate misinformation, economic landslide, stampeding injustice, flagrant disparity, and indifference.

3. Why did you join the Justice team at Redeemer? I wanted to learn more about what justice means, and I wanted to be a little more uncomfortable about injustice in all its forms. Diversity is such a nice word; disparity is not. The more I learned and heard, the more I wanted to make a difference.

4. What is your favorite kind of bread? Rye bagels, warm French bread, sourdough anything.

5. Why did you decide to become a Network Member of BREAD? I joined BREAD because it is doing what I want to do: make changes that benefit ALL people! BREAD works because they are thorough, persistent, organized, and serious about what matters. I need to be part of that effort because it's time to move from learning to *doing*.

6. What is your Justice Prayer for 2022? Heavenly Father, show us the way and give us the strength to prevail so that ALL your creatures are provided for. In whatever way you ask, let me do your will, let me work toward justice for all.

Redeemer has committed to bringing 47 people to the Nehemiah Action on 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

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 **Kelley (Scott) Frank** who had surgery this past week and for **Kris Kauffman**, and **Kathy Ehrich**, who have all recently had surgery.

April Birthdays

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

Women of ELCA to Hold Spring Gathering

All women of the ELCA are invited to the Spring Gathering on **Sunday, May 1** at Messiah Lutheran Church (1200 Waggoner Road in Reynoldsburg). This year's theme is "Rejoice! We Are Together Again!"

There will be speakers, singing, refreshments and many opportunities for fellowship. Program begins at 2 p.m. with registration at 1:30 p.m.

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

Treasurer Julie Johnson reported that Redeemer has collected nearly \$4,685 for Ukraine relief efforts by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The congregation will continue to collect contributions for those relief efforts. Just note "Ukraine" in the memo section of a check. Redeemer will forward the donations to LWR.

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>.

IACO to Visit Bharatiya Hindu Temple April 23

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will worship with the Hindu community at the Bharatiya Hindu Temple (3671 Hyatts Rd., Powell 43065) on **Saturday, April 23** at 5 p.m.

According to IACO, the program will include a discussion of the Hindu faith, an explanation of each individual Deity within the temple and a reception with light snacks. Masks and social distancing are encouraged but not required.

Please RSVP by **Friday, April 22** via the IACO website at www.iaco.org/events.

Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Support Group Returns to In-Person Meetings

The Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group has returned to meeting in-person here at Redeemer on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. **Dottie Odrosky** leads the group.

Wearing a mask is no longer required but is very much acceptable for those who prefer to continue to do so.

Those who have not attended before are asked to register by calling 800-272-3900 or by going online to www.alz.org.

Getting Ready for Worship

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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

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 Ascension Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Michelle Wolfe.

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, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren, on being deployed to Poland.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Dave Shull, Pastor
Preacher	Pastor Al Rider Dr. Johnson Deshommes Dr. Stevenson Dimanche
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Crucifer	Skye Andree
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Ushers	Sue Watson
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro
Communion Set-up	Kay Ernsthause, Kathy Zwanziger

*The flowers on the altar are given by various members and friends of Redeemer
Noisy Offering will go to Reconciling Works*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer April 19 – April 26, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON /ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 p.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	IN-PERSON /ZOOM Sister Act Growing Through COVID: Learning to live with the unknown
<u>Thursday</u>	3-6 p.m.	LSS/MidOhio Food GiveAway
<u>Sunday</u>	8:45 a.m.	Chimes Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON /ZOOM Adult Ed
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	3:30 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Team

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