



# Reflections

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## BREAD-Nehemiah Action Report

BREAD held the Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, May 10 with 1,262 attending including 47 from Redeemer. The event was successful and inspiring. The meeting started with a welcome and preparation for the meeting by **Pastor Dave Shull** and **Rev. Jefferey Kee** from New Faith Baptist Church. After some music and a call to order, they celebrated two recent BREAD wins, the implementation of Restorative Practices in Columbus City Schools and the One Linden Cooperatives (<https://www.onelindencooperatives.com>).

The active campaign reports started with the **Stop Violence...Build Trust!** campaign. BREAD applauded city council for entering into a contract with the National Network for Safe Communities in 2021. While there is work yet to do in reducing gun violence and building trust with the police, BREAD is hopeful because they have developed a good relationship with **Police Chief Elaine Bryant** and **Director of Public Safety Robert Clark**.

No officials accepted the invitation to address the **One ID** campaign, but they are hopeful that it can move forward with the support of Police Chief Bryant.

The campaign, **Environmental Justice**, was a big success. **Councilmember Elizabeth Brown** attended and committed to ensuring that the public tree ordinance is introduced to Columbus City Council no later than Feb. 1, 2023, and to having a consultant under contract to develop a private tree protection ordinance no later than June 1, 2023. The research team for Environmental Justice has learned that trees are an extremely important factor in fighting the results of climate change, absorbing water and reducing heat. Planting new trees will help, but preserving large established trees is more beneficial.

The **Families first and ... housing now** group had questions for **Commissioner Erica Crawley** and **Councilmember Shayla Favor** but unfortunately they were not in attendance.

BREAD will continue to apply pressure to **Mayor Andrew Ginther** and the other officials to encourage them to meet and keep the dialogue open.

The event concluded with a wrap-up and the BREAD prayer: "O God, to those who have hunger give BREAD, and to those who have BREAD give the hunger for justice!"

Kristi Hildebrand

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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Pastor - Rev. David Shull

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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 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.*

### Food Giveaway This Thursday; **Volunteers Needed**

Redeemer's next Lutheran Social Services/Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative (LSS/MOFC) Food Giveaway is this **Thursday afternoon, May 19!** **Volunteers are needed for this event.** Please email or call the church office to let us know.

The giveaway runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and is held on the church parking lot. Set-up begins at 1 p.m. Help is also needed for clean-up which lasts until approximately 6 pm.

Donations of hand and body soaps – bar, gel or foam – are needed for this month's "bonus" personal care item. As always, Redeemer's support and generosity is so meaningful, and the church's outreach means so much to those we serve."

### Pastor Al Debelak to Preach May 22 while Pastor Dave Is Away

Pastor Al Debelak, who served Redeemer from 1986 to 2016, will preach on Sunday, May 22 when Pastor Dave is away with Mike Allen at a pre-wedding reception being held for them in Seattle. Pastor Dave will be on vacation from May 20-May 27.

Pastoral emergency coverage will be by Pastor Dan Hille from Faith Lutheran Church. He can be reached at 614-832-2461.

### Registration Open for RLC Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for Redeemer's summer basketball camps. Led by former NBA and ABA player Coach Larry Jones, they will begin Monday, June 13. A parent/camper orientation is set for this Thursday, June 9 at 6 p.m. in the church. To register, call 614-237-1263.

Redeemer provides these camps for free to youth ages 8 to 14. The camps run six weeks, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for either the Monday and Wednesday camp or the Tuesday and Thursday camp. They conclude on Thursday, July 21.

### Join RLC Members on Poor People's March June 18

On Saturday, June 18, people from across the country will gather for the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly Moral March on Washington and to the Polls! Both Pastor Dave and Larry Trover are planning to go. Larry reports, "I have booked my trip on the bus from Columbus, and have

been following the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) since I participated in their huge online event in 2020. You can find out more about the PPC at <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

“The campaign is using a crowdsourcing charter bus service called [Rally.co](https://rally.co) where you can reserve a seat on a bus shared with your local PPC family. This link will take you directly to information and sign-up for the bus from Columbus: <https://rally.co/poor-peoples-assembly/from/columbusoh-oh> .

#### **Some important things to remember:**

- “A credit card is required for reserving your seat but won’t be charged until the ride is confirmed closer to the date of June 18.
- “If you don’t have a credit card or don’t feel comfortable entering it on the website, contact [ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org), and they will help get you on the bus!
- “If you have any questions at all, please contact [ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org). They will do everything we can to make sure you can join in this historic event!

“Bus prices will rise May 19, so book your ride now! All reservations need to be made by **Friday, June 10**; bus trips will be confirmed by **Saturday, June 11**.”

### ***Thinking on the Edge***

**Don Luck** is leading a series in the Adult Education Class that focuses on traditional themes in Christian self-understanding that have been making him uncomfortable for some time. He is sharing how and why he’s been “fussing” with them and invites you to enter his internal conversation. On **Sunday, May 22**, Don examines **Where Is God in the Injustice of the Human World?** By 10 years of age children come to know the meaning of being fair. And they know they are expected to honor it. But life is not fair. And can it ever be so? Where is God in all the tears of pain and righteous anger that mark the sweep of human history and the reach of individual lives? Don shares his uncertainty at 11:15 a.m.

The next two weeks, he will then examine the following:

**May 29 What is the core of being “church?”**

**June 5 How should we view non-Christians?**

The class begins in-person after worship service at 11:15 a.m. in Room 2 in Redeemer’s education wing. It is also available 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 will certainly be thought-provoking and there is always room for more voices!!

### **PRIDE Is Back**

The Columbus Pride Parade returns in person this year. This parade celebrates support and solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings. The date is **Saturday, June 18**, at 10:30 a.m. The ELCA effort is being coordinated by **Pastor Jacqui Buschor** of the Church on Oakland Park.

The t-shirt color this year is blue, and the cost to register is \$18 with a t-shirt, or \$5 without a t-shirt. The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 1. This registration link allows us to register together or individually: <https://tinyurl.com/ELCApride2022>. If you’d rather not register alone, get in touch with **Mary Benis** at [mkbenis@yahoo.com](mailto:mkbenis@yahoo.com).

“The Pride Parade is always a good experience for the marchers. It’s a wonderful opportunity to say out loud what our shirts proclaim: ‘This is Christ’s church; there’s a place for you here.’ So if you can spare the time and you’re up for a slow walk, make plans to join with other Columbus Lutherans to celebrate both our diversity and our unity.”

### **Fellowship Hall Update**

Redeemer’s Property Team is happy to report that the HVAC systems in the Fellowship Hall and basement are complete! **Julie Johnson** reports, “We have now replaced all of the furnace and air conditioning units and put iWave air purification devices in.”

However, they are not yet ready to recommend to Church Council that those spaces be opened until a couple more tasks are accomplished.

First, since the space was not used and the air was not circulated for so long a time, they have arranged for the duct system to be professionally cleaned with the hope that job will be complete by the end of the month.

In addition, the team has had some minor electric repairs done and some plumbing checks done on the bathroom. They are recommending that only the bathroom that is entered from the Fellowship Hall be opened due to the condition of the one off the hall. That bathroom will be closed for the foreseeable future.

The cost for final replacement of the HVAC system was just over \$45,000. Redeemer had received a gift last year toward this project of \$25,000.

## **Tuesday Bible Study Continues May 17**

The Tuesday Bible Study returns on **Tuesday, May 17** 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. It will then be on hiatus on **Tuesday, May 24** while Pastor Dave is gone.

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=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIUOT09>.

## **Sister Act Event to Meet May 18**

Sister Act will discuss "joy" at its next meeting on **Wednesday, May 18**. Led by **Julie Johnson** and **Sara Auman**, the group will explore what joy looks and feels like as individuals and as a community of sisters in Christ. This builds on the group's theme for the year: "Joyful Revolutionaries."

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Julie and Sara's home (688 Brenton Place). It is planned to be outside on the patio but can move inside if needed.

The June event, set for **Saturday, June 11**, will be a day-long retreat at **Sue Yehling's**. It begins at 11 a.m. Ideas for activities, projects, and discussion topics are welcome. Please feel share them with **Michele Disbro, Carol Heacock, or Kay Ernsthausen**.

## **Noisy Offering Now Going to 'ReconcilingWorks'**

For now through the Easter season, 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).

## 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 **Terry Warren** following hip replacement surgery this past week and for **Maddie Sutphin**, sister of **Becky Trover**, who had a stroke.

Prayers for comfort are asked for **Jim Riley** and his family following the sudden death of his mother **Caroline**.

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Congratulations to **Noah Gosnell** on his graduation from Lewis & Clarke College in Portland OR! His parents are Redeemer members **Tamara Wawrosch** and **Gage Gosnell**.

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**Member Directory Updates:** **Kay Ernsthausen** has a new email: [kaernsthausen@gmail.com](mailto:kaernsthausen@gmail.com). Other email changes include **Margie Frazier's** is now [margie.frazier@gmail.com](mailto:margie.frazier@gmail.com) and **Dave Lippert's** is [lippertdd@gmail.com](mailto:lippertdd@gmail.com). In addition, **Michelle Clemence** has a new address: 1544 E Broad St., Apt. 101, Columbus 43203. Her cell phone remains the same: 614-266-2311.

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The annual report for 2021-22 from Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran campus ministry at Ohio State University which Redeemer supports, is available. Folks wishing to have a copy should contact **Office Manager Becky Trover**. One is also posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

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The updated **Redeemer Member Directory** is now available. It can be picked up in the Narthex. (It can be found on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the library.) Or call the church office at 614-237-1263 and have it either mailed or emailed. Thanks to **Becky Trover** for doing this!!

## May Birthdays

17-Mary Benis 17-Ken Jones  
19-Al Debelak 20-Jackson Harms  
21-Paul Voytas 22-Dave Lippert



22-Lea Spang 26-Kathie Ehrich  
27-Jeanne Eakin 29-Barbara Willmann

## The Wider Church

### LOMO Taking Registrations for Summer Camp

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) is now taking registrations for summer camps at Camp Luther and Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC). These include the following:

**Youth Summer Camps** – Youth Summer Camps are offered at Lutheran Memorial Camp (near Mt. Gilead). These camps are for children in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> as well as confirmation.

**Family Camps** – The majority of family camps are offered at Camp Luther, on the shores of Lake Erie. In addition, Family Camp weekend is offered at LMC.

More information on each of the camps as well as registration information can be found online at [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org). A flyer with the dates, types of camps and availability is also posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

In addition, LOMO leadership is encouraging folks looking to honor or remember a loved this year to consider a gift to LOMO, Camp Luther or LMC. “By honoring the lives of those who have been an important part of your life, you also are able to give the life-giving and Christ-centered gift of a camp or retreat experience to a young person or family.” For more information on donating, go to [www.lomocamps.org/donate](http://www.lomocamps.org/donate).

### LMC Hiring Summer Staff

Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) at HopeWood Pines is still hiring staff for this summer. They especially need cabin counselors and a lifeguard.

They are seeking young adults (18+). They can apply at [www.lomocamps.org/employment](http://www.lomocamps.org/employment).

### 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!

## Community Beyond

### 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](http://www.alz.org).

### Bexley Library Holds Spring Book Sale

The Bexley Library (2411 E. Main St.) is holding its Spring Book Sale **Friday-Sunday, May 20-22**. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Not only will they have books for children and adults they also have CDs and DVDs for sale. Additional information is available online at [www.FriendsBexLib.org](http://www.FriendsBexLib.org).

# Getting Ready for Worship

## Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022

### Lessons

**Readings:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

### Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

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 Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Madelyn Zimmer.

***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, 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, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Jim Riley and family on the death of his mother Caroline.

### Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Al Debelak
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Usher</b>	Neil Hoddinott
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimplitch, Michele Disbro
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Misato In, Wendy Stoica

*Noisy Offering will go to Reconciling Works*

**Upcoming Week at Redeemer**  
**May 17 – 23, 2022**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	<u>Sister Act : address 688 Brenton Pl, Columbus 43213</u>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	3:00 p.m.	<b>LSS/MidOhio Food Giveaway</b>
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / ZOOM</b> Adult Ed
	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