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How Can It Be August? and Other Random Musings

People were picking up the handout for the adult education class yesterday morning which is reading through the Bible passages for the coming Sunday and sharing their responses to them. That helps me get a sense for what parts of the readings folks are drawn to, confused by, or just plain don't like. The handout with this Sunday's passages was titled, *Readings for August 7*. Someone in the class looked at it and said, "I can't believe this says 'August 7.'" A couple of people talked about how their professional lives were tied to the academic calendar, and how the arrival of August always meant they really needed to ramp up preparations for school starting again.

My dad taught college for 40 years. I remember how the start of August meant seeing him spending more time in his study, underlining intimidatingly thick textbooks, taking notes on his Smith-Corona electric typewriter, and, as the month progressed, hearing more frequent exclamations of "Oooh, *phooey!*" when calendar pressures would contribute to his fingers missing the intended keys and to his frustrations about the syllabus not turning out to be as provocative as he hoped it would be. He used to say, "I've known when the first week of classes was going to be all summer. But I'm still never quite ready for them to start up again." Then he'd add, "One of the things I want on my tombstone is, 'I could have used another week.'"

How are you feeling about the start of August? Does it feel very different from the start of any other month for you? Even though I haven't been in school for years, I think I was doing it for long enough that I still feel like the beginning of August means summer is ending, and something new is starting, and if I had some hopes for the summer, I should probably attend to them.

Those of you who work in education, who are going back to school, and whose kids are going back to school, you've had so many challenges to face since March 2020. May you feel Redeemer's love and support for you. And please let us know how we can walk with you and help make your return this fall a bit easier. We want to be here for you!

Jumping ahead to the *last* day of this month, **Wednesday, August 31**, you're invited to a 2:30 p.m. tea in the Narthex with the **Rev. Tim Crick**. Tim is the manager of congregational engagement for Lutheran World Relief. He reached out to us because he wants to thank us in person for our generosity toward their work in Ukraine and with Ukrainians displaced by the war. You know we are not a large congregation. But we responded to LWR's appeal for support with gifts totaling \$11,704.95!

Tim will join us for this tea to express his gratitude, and to talk with us about what is going on in the Ukraine, and how LWF is making a difference there. He's also happy to talk about any other programs we're interested in.

If you'd like to join us, please let **Pastor Dave** know so we can have enough tea, baked goods, and seats available!

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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.

Sister Act Hosts Special Event on Medical Ethics, Health Decisions

Sister Act invites the congregation to a special event on **Wednesday, August, 17** at 6:30 p.m. to learn about medical ethics and questions regarding health care decisions. **Dr. Mobin-Uddin** will present some information and allow time for questions and answers that might help attendees understand the ethics and decisions that must be made around health care and end of life concerns.

This event will be held in the sanctuary and participants are required to wear masks. "We hope you can join us for this very interesting and informative event!"

August 14 Church Picnic Celebrates Pastor Dave, Mike

Redeemer members and friends are invited to a church picnic on the lawn to celebrate the upcoming wedding of **Pastor Dave** and **Mike Allen**. It will follow worship on **Sunday, August 14** and will be held on the church lawn. Fried chicken, beverages and paper products will be provided. The congregation is invited to bring a side dish or dessert.

Although Pastor Dave and Mike have requested no gifts, Redeemer would still like to offer the opportunity to honor them with a donation to a charity. Those interested can make a donation to a charity of their choice in their honor, or can donate to Redeemer Lutheran Church (memo line: Pastor Dave & Mike). The money collected will be used to make a donation to Reconciling Works.

Plan to come for a fun celebration and fellowship! "Keep your fingers crossed for good weather." (If the weather doesn't cooperate, the celebration will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall.)

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 28, 2-4 p.m.

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." ...Ephesians 5: 1-2

The Education Ministry Team is planning an afternoon of fun on our lawn for Redeemer's kids and families, as well as our Redeemer community kids and families. All are welcome!

This year KidsFest will be a camp theme. Additional volunteers to monitor each station are still needed. Teenage volunteers are welcome as well.

**KidsFest:
Camp Compassion**



Volunteers are encouraged to come up with their own ideas for craft stations. However, **Krista Skipper** has a number of resources to help. Most activities will be under the shade of a canopy. Kids and families will rotate through stations as they like.

Volunteer opportunities could include, but are not limited to:

Crafts	Welcome table
Music	Set up/Take Down
Games	Decor
Story	

Please let **Krista Skipper** know if you would like to be a part of this community ministry opportunity. She can be reached at kristamary5114@gmail.com or by texting/calling 614-596-5886.

Save Date for Redeemer's 65th Anniversary Celebration

On **Sunday, September 25**, Redeemer will celebrate its 65th anniversary. Redeemer members and friends are invited to an old-fashioned Redeemer celebration: a **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social**. Following worship, folks will gather in the basement Fellowship Hall for a simple lunch provided by Sister Act. Then, they can sit back to enjoy ice cream sundaes and a Redeemer Talent Show.

Talent Show? Yes, Redeemer's got talent and we're looking for folks to share theirs. In the past, we've had groups sing, instruments played, poems shared, and even THE Croatian Stepdancers (thimbles and all) performed. Some of Redeemer's technology talent will be utilized to create a video of life at Redeemer over the last 65 years. Those who'd like to share their talent are asked to contact **Michele Disbro**.

"Redeemer may be turning 65 but we're not retiring from our active ministry in Berwick!"

Sunday Morning Drivers Needed

A Redeemer member living at Kensington Place, just north of Bexley, is in need of transportation to worship services. If you would be willing to be part of a transportation rotation, please let the church office know so that a schedule can be put together that works for everyone.

Providers of After-Worship Refreshments, Cookies Sought

Individuals or groups within the congregation are encouraged to sign up to provide refreshments following a worship service. It doesn't need to be elaborate: cookies, cold iced or lemonade and coffee will do. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library for those who might be willing to provide refreshments on Sundays through the summer.

In addition, donations of packaged cookies are also needed. If this is something you can do, just put them on the counter in the kitchen off the Narthex. Questions? Contact **Jon Disbro** at 614-451-3642 or at Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org.

Join the Redeemer Live Stream Team

Tom Mimplitch writes, "We are hoping to add some new faces to our live stream production team. We have some of the most advanced audio and video production equipment in Columbus, outside of commercial studios. There are five high resolution cameras that we remotely aim and zoom to capture the action wherever it is. We have wireless and wired microphones processed by a state of the art 16 channel audio mixer that is also remotely controlled. These are all controlled by software running on a PC and an iPad in our control booth.

"If you would like to learn more please stop by our booth for a tour sometime after a service (we are too busy before a service). Or contact via email at live@redeemerluth.com."

Adult Education Class Moves to 'Sermon Talkback'/'Look Ahead'

For the next several Sundays, the Adult Education Class will be a "sermon talkback" as well as a sermon "look ahead" so folks interested in discussing the themes raised by the day's sermon and the biblical text it was based on as well as the scriptures for the next Sunday can gather in Room 2 at 11:15 a.m. to share their thoughts and ideas.

Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Michele Disbro

BREAD Network members were asked to answer six questions with their answers published in *Reflections*. Next up, the spotlight is on **Michele Disbro**.

1. **What is your name?** Michele Disbro

2. **What issues keep you up at night?** As I sit here in front of the computer trying to sum up my thoughts, I guess I would have to say I am most troubled by the disparity in our country. So many people experience life drastically different than I do simply because of the color of their skin. Going back to the institution of slavery in our country, people have different opportunities, interactions, and access to power (often achieved through money) based on the color of their skin. I don't know how to reconcile this with my faith. This disparity is the cause of so many problems in our society: lack of affordable housing, equal educational opportunities, economic opportunities, and civil rights. This lack of equality has led to gun violence, civil unrest, and the need for police reform.

3. **Why did you join the Justice Team at Redeemer?** I joined the Justice Team to become more informed about the disparity in our country and to have open conversation about what might be done.

4. **What is your favorite kind of bread?** I love garlic bread.

5. **Why did you decide to become a Network Member of BREAD?** I joined BREAD because I wanted to move from the learning stage into trying to become more active in helping find solutions. Change requires the voice of many people and I want to share my voice.

6. **What is your Justice prayer for 2022?** Dear God of Justice and Peace, please open the eyes, ears, and hearts of all your children to listen and learn from each other. Help us all to join hands to find ways to lift up the marginalized, to link arms in unity, so that your will might be done on earth.

RLC's Saturday Garden Giveaways Now Every Saturday

Redeemer's Saturday morning garden giveaways are now underway and will occur every Saturday through the summer. Picking begins at 9 a.m. while the giveaway begins at 10 a.m. and runs until the week's harvest is gone.

Plan to come, help with the picking and the distributing! And if you have extra from your garden, please bring that to share.

LSS Food Pantry Needs Donations

Kathy Zwanziger reports that the LSS Food Pantry needs canned tuna, canned chicken, vegetable oil, and wrapped paper towels as well as cash donations. She reminds folks that donations can be leveraged to purchase more items for the same amount than we can on individual items. Whichever way you choose to donate, it is gratefully appreciated!

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates over the summer. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Noisy Offering to Go to Columbus Diaper Coalition

Redeemer's Noisy Offering – that offering of loose change that is deposited in the offering plate just inside the entrance to the Sanctuary – will now be used to support the Columbus Diaper Coalition.

This coalition began in November 2013 because diapers are not covered by Ohio Works First, SNAP (food stamps) benefits, or any other social-service organization.

The Columbus Diaper Coalition is a diaper bank that currently supports four area food pantries. Since the supply chain for infant supplies has been interrupted and with the added stress of inflation, the diaper bank has more and more demand. The vision of the Columbus Diaper Coalition is to grow into a diaper bank that can serve all of Columbus.

For more information or where to drop off diaper donations go to:

<http://www.columbusdiapercoalition.org> .

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Thank you for the concrete ways you make real the outreach slogan of our denomination: *God's Work. Our Hands.*

In the middle of this month, **Sunday, August 14**, right after worship, we're having a picnic on the lawn with fried chicken and your sides and desserts. Aside from enjoying the chance to be together and do what churches are so good at doing, you're going to share your love with **Mike Allen** and me as we look ahead to our wedding on September 16. Getting married wasn't something I expected to be doing, especially as I was doing online dating during a pandemic. Mike didn't ever think this would ever be part of his future either.

But here we are.

And we are so, so grateful you will be there to celebrate with us. You don't just talk love. You *do* love. And those of us on the receiving end of your love are forever changed.

Dave Shull

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 of thanksgiving and healing are asked following the successful surgery of **Chad Eberle's** mother. Likewise, prayers for healing are asked for **Karen Kent** who has contracted COVID, and for **Rose**, a friend of **Julianne Johnson**, who was in a very serious accident.

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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 keeping this resource up-to-date!

Card Ministry Seeks Donations of Greeting Cards

Redeemer's Card Ministry is seeking to replenish its supply of greeting cards, especially ones that are suitable for men as well as women. They can be placed on the donation shelves in the coat room.

August Birthdays

3-Kathy Pautsch 5-Julie Denniss
5-Clayton Ullman 6-Bret Jimison
8-Jessica Marquez 9-Justin Marquez
15-Seth Harms 15-Sarah Kirkman
16-Diana Gordon 16-Cathy Oldham
16-Madelyn Zimmer 17-Thelma Johnson
18-Jasper Glover Oakleaf 23-Scott Steiner
25-LaVerna Reinoehl 26-Brad Binau
27-Matthew Bird 27- Jon Disbro
29-Heather McGurer 31-Lynn Belhorn

The Wider Church

HopeWood Outdoors Upcoming Events

HopeWood Outdoors [LOMO] announces upcoming late summer and fall events. There are still openings at HopeWood Shores [Camp Luther] for both kids camp and family camp. Special events for September include Water & Wine Retreat, Wild Women's Retreat, and Camp Boo-ther. October brings a HopeWood Shores Servant Weekend and HopeWood Pines [Lutheran Memorial Camp] Apple Butter Festival.

Registration is also open for 2023 Camps.

For more information, view their newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/57p7z4t3>



Community Beyond

Ohio's Second Primary Set for Tomorrow, August 2

Ohio's second primary election will be held tomorrow, **Tuesday, August 2** from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at voting locations throughout the county. This election sees candidates for the Ohio General Assembly, state party central committees and some local issues on the ballot.

Because many polling places have been changed or consolidated for this election, voters in Franklin County can confirm their voting location online at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9y9xep>.

National Night Out Set for August 2

National Night Out is set for **Tuesday, August 2** from 6 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of Berwick School, 2655 Scottwood Road. A collaboration of the Berwick Civic Association and local police, this event features a carnival.

Sales Tax Holiday Approaching

Ohio's back-to-school sales tax holiday will take place soon, according to the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT).

Established in last for the first weekend in August, this year's holiday will start at 12 a.m. **Friday, August 5** and end at 11:59 p.m. **Sunday, August 7**.

During the holiday, purchases of the following are exempt from sales and use tax:

- Items of clothing priced at \$75 or less.
- Items of school supplies priced at \$20 or less.
- Items of school instructional materials priced at \$20 or less.

ODT offers answers to frequently asked questions on the holiday at <https://tinyurl.com/2z3d7s7k>. The back-to-school sales tax holiday started with temporary authorizations from lawmakers but has been a permanent fixture of law since the 2018 signing of 132-SB226 (Bacon).

CMOA Exhibit Features Tapestries with Biblical Themes

The Columbus Museum of Art (CMOA) announced that its newest exhibition, *Raphael —The Power of the Renaissance Images: The Dresden Tapestries and Their Impact*, features six monumental tapestries depicting Biblical scenes. It is now open.

The tapestries have never-before been exhibited in the U.S. and the Columbus Museum of Art is the only American venue for this exhibition. The specific scriptures depicted in the tapestries are:

- St Paul Preaching at Athens (Acts 17:16–34)
- Christ's Charge to Peter (Matthew 16:16–19)
- The Sacrifice at Lystra (Acts 14:8)
- The Healing of the Lame Man (Acts 3:1–8)
- The Conversion of the Proconsul (Acts 13:6–12)

These massive tapestries were created from the same Raphael paintings as the world-famous versions that were woven in the 16th century to hang in the Sistine Chapel. Currently housed in the museum of the Vatican, this original set was temporarily reinstalled in the Sistine Chapel in February 2020 to commemorate the 500-year anniversary of Raphael's death. Each tapestry depicts -- in monumental scale and grand detail -- a Biblical moment in the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Over 100 years after the Vatican tapestries were completed, Raphael's original designs were purchased by King Charles I of England and made into another set of tapestries at the renowned Mortlake Tapestry Manufactory outside London. This second set of tapestries was taken to Germany in the 18th century and now, for the first time ever in the United States, these tapestries will be on view at CMOA, loaned by the Old Masters Gallery of Dresden.

The museum has multiple formats for group visits:

- **A Guided Tour:** One-hour tours are conversation based and led by trained volunteers to share information about the art and exhibition.
- **A Self-Guided Experience:** Explore the galleries as individuals or small groups. The Museum can provide stools for slow looking or casual discussion.
- **A VIP Tour with a Curator:** Receive an in-depth look at the incredible history and significance of the tapestries, but also the truly one-of-a-kind exhibition partnership with Columbus' Sister City, Dresden.

The museum strongly encourages weekday visits when the exhibition will be quieter and less crowded and welcomes visitors to extend their visit and enjoy the café and sculpture garden after exploring the museum. Ticket information and information on a variety of seminars on the tapestries can be found online at the museum's website at <https://tinyurl.com/3k7rn9a2>.

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

The Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group has returned to meeting monthly in-person here at Redeemer on the **second Thursday** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. That makes the next meeting on **Thursday, August 11**. **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 **9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022** **Lessons**

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Luke 12:32-40

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Upcoming Churchwide Assembly

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is divided, reunite it; Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by that truth and peace, as this church prepares to gather in assembly. God of grace, hear our prayer.

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 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Mary Bowling.

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, 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, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren, on being deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Helen Brunston
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro
Communion Set-up	Michele Disbro, Becky Trover
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

*Flowers are given by the Trovers for Rose's birthday
Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer August 2 – August 8, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	6-8 p.m.	National Night Out at Berwick School
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:30-3 p.m.	RLC at Food Pantry
<u>Saturday</u>	9 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Adult Ed Sermon Talk Back/Look Ahead

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