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A Bit of This; A Bit of That

I'd like to let you know about several opportunities for learning and conversation that are coming up over the next couple of months.

This Wednesday, August 31, from 2:30-4 p.m., is our tea with Pastor Tim Krick, head of Congregational Engagement for Lutheran World Federation. Redeemer gave over \$11,000 to LWF's outreach ministries in Ukraine. Tim reached out to us to ask if he could come in-person to thank us for this extraordinary gift. He also wants to talk about what LWF is doing in Ukraine, and answer any questions we have about any of their work. We'll meet in the Narthex.

The next two Sundays, September 4 and 11, the in-person/Zoom adult education class is going to do a mini-exploration of values, leading to class members' identifying the two values that can be their "true north" to keep them on the path they want to be on. Dr. Brene Brown's 2018 book *Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts* focuses on the importance of living into our values if we want to have meaningful lives. But it's hard to put our values into practice if we haven't identified them. So in the first class, we will explore what values are, and look at a long list of values from her book. The second week, we'll come back and share with each other the TWO (no more) values that get us back on track when we've lost our way. This will be clearer when you come!

This fall, the in-person/Zoom Tuesday Bible study will explore the Letter to the Hebrews. That study begins October 11, the first Tuesday after Mike and I get back from honeymoon. For our classes on September 6 and 13, we'll look briefly at some of the major points Karen Armstrong makes in her book, *The Bible: A Biography*. We'll look at how it came together, different ways it has been interpreted over the centuries, and how we might hear God's Spirit alive in it today.

On Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Columbus Police Department will offer an active shooter training here at Redeemer. Given the number of shootings in places of worship, Redeemer's Church Council is sponsoring this program so we might learn some best practices about how to respond if we find ourselves in an active shooter situation. Of course, we never want to have to face this but no one ever expects it. So we want to have a plan if it does. This is open to the whole congregation. It would be good to have as many of us trained as possible.

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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.

LWR Representative Coming to RLC Wednesday

Rev. Tim Krick, manager of congregational engagement for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), is coming to Redeemer on **Wednesday, August 31** to thank the congregation for its support of LWR work in Ukraine and to update Redeemer about its current efforts there and in other parts of the world. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. here in the Narthex. Tea, fruit and baked goods will be served. There will be time for questions following his presentation.

Calling All Singers!!

Choir rehearsals will begin on **Sunday September 11** following worship. **Choir Director Kathy Rapp** says the group will practice in the Sanctuary from 11:15 a.m. until noon. "I try to keep rehearsals to 45 minutes so folks can head home and get on with their day. We usually sing three times a month – more if there are special holy days."

The Chimes Choir will begin rehearsing in October so watch for news from **Karen Kent**.
"Looking forward to making beautiful music and singing praises to our God."

Sunday School/Christmas Program Help Sought

Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach a session of Sunday school for the kids! If anyone is still interested in helping, we're looking for the month of May (May 14), and possibly December. "We have plenty of materials for folks who would like to use them, or the sky can be the limit on what you'd like to do!" reports **Sunday School Superintendent Emily Ott**.

"The biggest ask right now is for someone to head up the Christmas program. If we do this like we have in the past, the Sunday School hour after the service on **December 11** would be used for practice, and the program would take place during the service on **December 18**. However, if nobody is wanting to step in to do this the traditional way, I'm open to something new!

"In recent years, the person who leads this has found a children's book relevant to the Christmas story, and one older kid reads the book while the younger ones act it out. It's pretty low stress; we just need someone to be the person to coordinate everybody. I'm sure we'll have many happy helpers!

"If we don't have any takers, then we need someone to volunteer for teaching Sunday School on **December 11**, to do whatever Advent-y or Christmas-y kind of lesson/activity/gathering sounds good to you."

Please contact Emily Ott if you have questions or are interested.

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!"

Team Forming to Select Artwork for Narthex

It's time to do something about the bare walls in the Narthex! Actually, it's long overdue. As a result, Church Council decided to form a team to gather suggestions and identify various pieces of art that can be hung on the Narthex walls. It will then submit a proposal to council for artwork to be purchased with Memorial Funds. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact **Michele Disbro** or **Wendy Stoica**.

First English Changes Serving Date Just for September

Kay Ernsthausen reports that First English asked Redeemer to change serving dates in September to the **fourth Thursday**. As a result, Redeemer will be serving dinner on **Thursday, September 22**. The meal will be the usual dinner of sloppy joes, chips, fruit cups, Hostess desserts, and granola bars (soft ones). People wishing to donate should let Kay know anytime between now and **September 18**.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the coatroom. Kay notes that with its being the fourth Thursday, "We will have more than the usual to serve. We will need food for 150 people."

A Big Thank You to All Who Helped with Food Giveaway

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Lutheran Social Services/Mid-Ohio Food Collective food giveaway on Thursday, August 18! That certainly includes all those who contributed paper products – which all "disappeared"! There were 22 volunteers helping distribute 5,758 pounds of food – yes, that is just over half the amount of food we generally distribute.

What was a surprise it was to receive 1,254 pounds of garlic! And this time, 427 pounds of Cheryl's cookies were also delivered. Redeemer served 150 families which meant 498 people which included 141 children and 130 seniors. There were 51 new families.

There are two more giveaways this year. September's "extra" items will be personal products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dental floss, body lotion, nail care kits, etc. "We truly appreciate everyone's help!"

Dave Lippert, who thanked **Kathy Zwanziger** and **Sue Watson** for their work with the food giveaway, reports that his "t-shirt will need three washings to get the garlic smell out!!"

Adult Class to Examine Values Sept. 4, 11

The Adult Education Class will conduct a mini-exploration of values, leading to class members' identifying the two values that can be their "true north" to keep them on the path they want to be on. **Pastor Dave** will lead the classes, based on **Dr. Brene Brown's** book *Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts*.

To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 814 1179 0303; Passcode: 645662. 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/81411790303?pwd=cGNGMHo2K2d1WEIzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09>

Bible Study to Explore Armstrong Book

For classes on **September 6 and 13**, the in-person/Zoom Tuesday Bible study will explore some of the major points **Karen Armstrong** makes in her book, *The Bible: A Biography*. "We'll look at how it came together, different ways it has been interpreted over the centuries, and how we might hear God's Spirit alive in it today," **Pastor Dave** writes.

To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 863 5869 9434; Passcode: 943506. To participate via 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=cTlaaUM5MWI6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIUT09>.

Good Neighbors Picnic Set for Sept 24

The Good Neighbors Picnic will be held this year on **Saturday, September 24** at Wolfe Park on the east side of Columbus. Redeemer members and friends are invited to begin donating new or gently used blankets and cold weather clothing and accessories to help provide for homeless brothers and sisters in the Columbus area.

This all-day event was started in 1999 by **Redeemer member William McCulley** along with a few volunteers as part of the National Make a Difference Day.

On the day of the Good Neighbors Picnic, volunteers work to provide a day of celebration including food, music, games, books, family photos, crafts, and shopping at a Free Store for blankets and winter clothing.

Last year over 350 individuals shopped the Free Store which included coats, blankets, winter clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, and personal hygiene items. Men, women, and children of all ages from local shelters are transported to the park for this day of celebration and fun.

Redeemer, along with other faith organizations, community leaders, local businesses and organizations work to gather items for those who are homeless or in shelters. Donations may be placed in the bin located in the cloakroom. Cash donations or gift cards are welcome and may be dropped off at the church office. To learn more about the Good Neighbors Picnic, go to www.goodneighborspicnic.org

Booklet on End of Life Choices Available

Thanks to **Ruth Murray**, Redeemer has copies of the booklet, "Choices-Living Well at the End of Life" that **Nancy Magargal** referenced in her article, "Questions and Answers Around Death and Dying" in the August 22 issue of *Reflections*.

They can be found on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the Church Library and are available for the taking.

Sister Act Plans Fall Retreat

Sister Act has begun planning its Fall Retreat, **Friday-Sunday, October 7-9**, at Lutheran Memorial Camp. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating Our Faith-Filled Journeys."

According to coordinator **Carol Heacock**, "During our time together at the retreat, we will be celebrating our journeys of faith these past two years. We will also spend some time celebrating the lives of women of faith who have come before us, in recent and Biblical times."

The group will be staying in Priebe Center. This facility has a large open room for meetings and fellowship, a kitchenette and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds. There is also a patio with picnic tables and fire pit.

The cost for the weekend is \$80 and for a day, \$10.

Suggestions for activities, Bible studies, crafts, music, games, worship, meals, etc. should be sent to Carol, **Michele Disbro** or **Kay Ernsthansen**.

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.

Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Emily Ott

Kristi Hildebrand has asked BREAD Network Members to answer a handful of questions, sharing their answers here in *Reflections*. Next up: **Emily Ott**.

1. **Name:** Emily Ott

2. **Justice issues that keep me up at night:** The way we handle poverty – it's expensive to be poor, and our society punishes it at every turn. It feels overwhelming because it spirals into so many other problems of safety, health care, quality of life, etc. And then I start thinking about the institutions that keep things the way they are, including the disproportionate amount of people of color who are poor; it's a lot to try to chip away at.

3. **Why did I join the justice ministry:** I felt very strongly called to take action on issues of racial justice. I didn't know what to do or how, but I felt led to speak up in our congregation and community about the need to interrogate our response to racial justice after **Henry Green** was killed.

4. **Favorite kind of bread:** Dark rye

5. **Justice prayer for 2022:** That we would see some tangible gains, that some of these strategies would have a pronounced impact, to spur greater energy to keep working at this.

RLC's Saturday Garden Giveaways Continue on Saturdays

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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Keep your eyes opened for word of a new monthly book group! Our summer book discussions have been so successful and well-attended, **Sheryl Owens** and I thought it would be fun to do a monthly book group. Instead of spending four consecutive weeks on a book, we'd just discuss the whole book on one Wednesday evening. We'd plan on having a variety of books – fiction, non-fiction, short stories, essays,

poetry. Sheryl and I will pick the first several, and then participants will make suggestions of ones they'd like us to explore together. We'll get an October date to you soon for our first conversation. It will be both in-person and on Zoom.

It's hard to believe fall is here. Let's make it a season of good connections and conversation.

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 for comfort and strength are asked for the family of **Lea Spang** who died this past weekend. Watch for a email from Redeemer with the date and time of her memorial service.

Prayers for strength and comfort are asked for **Nancy Stinson** who faces very serious health. Prayers for healing are also asked for **Karen Collins** as she recovers from pneumonia and for the **Skoog family**, where four of the five family members have contracted COVID as well as Michelle's father.

Kathy Updates Her Health Status

Kathy Zwanziger wrote, "My evaluation by a kidney transplant team was postponed when I had COVID; the next available date is in late October (but I'm hoping someone else will cancel before then). In the meantime, I can look for a living kidney donor.

"Who could donate? Healthy people between 18 and 70 can donate a kidney and have no change in life expectancy. A kidney from a living donor is generally healthier than one from a deceased donor – and the wait for the recipient can be decreased from years to months. Donors are often family members or friends, but some people just want to offer the gift of life to a stranger. Donors are given a complete health work-up; expenses are usually paid by the recipient's insurance company (and would be, in my case). Neither sex nor race matter; blood type does – but if the donor's type does not match the recipient, "paired exchanges" are facilitated, and more lives can be saved.

“For more information about living kidney donation at Ohio State, please visit: <https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/KidneyDonor>.”

Piano Available Free

Madelyn Zimmer has a piano that she is giving away to anyone who might be interested. It was purchased in the 1970s at Lazarus and is in excellent condition. If interested, please reach out to Madelyn’s daughter May by texting or calling her at 937-728-2643. (She lives in Dayton.)

August Birthdays

29-Heather McGurer 31-Lynn Belhorn

September Birthdays

1-Joanie Engel 5-Trina Thornton
7-Bonnie Hegreness 8-Julie Boreman
8-Tom Kent 8-Andrea Steiner
13-Ashley Bird 14-Elyce Herring
15-Kris Kauffman 15-Nancy Stinson
16-Grace Binau 16-Michele Disbro
16-Oliver Glover Oakleaf 20-Paula Carson
21-Jenny Peresta 22-Adam Darst
24-Sheryl Owens 27-Becky Fisher
28-Faith Wick 29-Jennifer Young

Community Beyond

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 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>.

Getting Ready for Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost, September 4, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 14:25-33

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 Ibada ya Kiswahili Lutheran Church, Columbus.
+ For Redeemer community member Helen Brunston.

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, Nancy Stinson, Lea Spang's family.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner
Communion Set-up	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson

Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

August 30 – September 5, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team
<u>Wednesday</u>	2:30 p.m.	Tea with Lutheran World Federation rep
<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.	Adult Education Class

