

LDR Responds to Hurricane Ian

Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) reports that while the first months of the hurricane season were relatively quiet, September brought damaging storms including Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. First, Hurricane Fiona inundated Puerto Rico with rain, reminding people of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Then, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida on Wednesday, September 28 with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic, life-threatening flooding. Authorities estimate the destruction could amount to a historic flooding event, and the number of fatalities is continuing to rise. The western coast of Florida was hit particularly hard. Wind gusts of over 130 mph downed power lines, leaving millions of residents still without power.

It then made another landfall in South Carolina, bringing hurricane-force winds and life-threatening storm surge.

Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades. And, with two months of hurricane season remaining, LDR stands ready to respond in anticipation of more storms in the weeks ahead.

How LDR Works

LDR collaborates with synods, congregations, Lutheran ministries and other faithbased partners to accompany communities impacted by hurricanes. In the short term, LDR provides immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes, including Ian and Fiona, require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners support communities on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management and emotional and spiritual care.

Specifically, in response to Hurricane Ian, LDR is partnering with the Florida-Bahamas, Southeastern, North Carolina and South Carolina synods, as well as Lutheran Services Carolinas, to provide both immediate and long-term support. "We anticipate relief will include water, food supplies, tarps, cleaning materials and other needs for those who have lost or damaged homes," LDR writes.

What to Do

Pray

Please pray for the communities impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

Give

Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Ian. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" at <u>https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief</u> will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. Or make a general donation to Lutheran Disaster Response at <u>https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse</u> so LDR can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

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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.

Volunteers Needed for Oct. 5 Food Pantry Team

Volunteers are needed for Redeemer's team to serve at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry this <u>Wednesday, October 5.</u> Volunteers work from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the pantry which is located at 1460 S. Champion Ave. – the corner of Frebis and Champion. If you can help, please call the church office at 614-237-1263 or contact **Kathy Zwanziger** with questions.

CROP Walk Continues Oct. 9

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25 percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. One of the recipients in Franklin County is the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, which supplies the produce for Redeemer's monthly food giveaways in the parking lot.

This year, CROP Walks in the area are set for both <u>Sunday, October 2</u> and <u>Sunday, October 9</u>. Donations may be made online or by cash or check made out to CWS/CROP. Redeemer's team webpage can be found online at <u>https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2</u>

Redeemer's walkers include Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica, Kathy Zwanziger and Connie Criswell.

Sister Act Fall Retreat Set for Oct. 7-9

Sister Act's Fall Retreat is this next weekend, <u>Friday-Sunday, October 7-9</u>, 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.

Check with either **Michelle Clemence** or **Kay Ernsthausen** if you have not registered but are now interested in attending for a day or the weekend.

Stewardship Drive: 'Heart to Heart ... Hand in Hand'

Laura Warren, Stewardship Team chairperson and council representative, reports that the Annual Pledge Drive theme for this year is "Heart to Heart...Hand in Hand." The drive, which kicked off with the Redeemer Lutheran Church Council and then the full congregation drive has begun early. All members of the congregation should have received a mailing including a pledge card for 2023.



The returned completed pledge cards will be blessed during the <u>October 30</u> church service. Thank you for your gifts to Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Adult Education to Explore Making Core Values Real

Last month, people in the Sunday morning adult education class worked to name two values that they felt were at the core of who they are. "These values help us be who we want to be, and help us get back to our center when we go off track," **Pastor Dave** explained. He now invites folks to live this next week conscious of choosing to live by those values. "When you find that you're confused, frustrated, upset, apathetic, or sad, go back to those two values and see how they might help you respond to what you're going through.

On <u>Sunday, October 9</u>, the class will talk about their experiences of being intentional about trying to make those values real, and what differences doing that made. "If you weren't part of the original discussions, come anyway! We'll have materials for you to identify those values."

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=cGNGMHo2K2d1WElzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With Thanksgiving approaching in just seven weeks, Redeemer will again be assisting the Food Pantry in providing some food for those who need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for their families. Bags are available at church to fill with these items *only*:

- 2 pouches or 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 boxed yellow cake mix

This gives folks the opportunity to begin shopping now. Further details about where to bring the filled bags will be forthcoming. Questions? Contact **Kathy Zwanziger.** LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people.

Sign Ups Underway for 2022 Advent Devotional Booklet

Advent will soon be upon us, and one way Redeemer has observed the season for several years has been the preparation of an Advent devotional booklet, with daily devotions for Advent written by members of the congregation. Members and friends are asked to consider writing a devotional for the booklet this year. Individual devotions should be emailed to **Mary Benis** by <u>Monday, November 7</u> for editing.

The list of readings which provide the basis for the devotions is posted on the bulletin board. Call the church office at 614-237-1263 and check with booklet coordinator **Connie Criswell** at cac56@columbus.rr.com with your selections to avoid duplications.

BREAD House Meetings Set for Oct. 16, Oct. 18

Kristi Hildebrand reports that BREAD "had a very good meeting with **Mayor Andrew Ginther** in July. "They used a restorative approach to build bridges and have an agreement to meet periodically during the year. They hope to meet again in October to discuss BREAD's campaigns. One of the mayor's assistants is quite familiar with BREAD and said he'd always been impressed by the 'solid research' BREAD does before adopting a particular policy solution for which to advocate."





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BREAD will not take on a new problem this year so that they can focus on their current large campaigns around environment, housing and violence.

BREAD has also decided that the annual assembly this year will be a "mini-action" on **Tuesday**, **November 15**. They will be working to get other officials to attend and make commitments to further action on the campaigns. The director of public safety has committed to attend.

Here at Redeemer, there will be two house meetings: on <u>Sunday, October 16</u>, at 11:15 a.m. during the adult education hour at the church, hosted by **Pastor Dave Shull** and <u>Tuesday, October 18</u>, at 6:30 p.m. at **Emily** and **Nate Ott's** home in Gahanna. These are a great opportunity to talk about justice issues that you care about and to hear about what is going on with BREAD.

"Redeemer has been a member of BREAD for one year now. We had a great turnout for the Nehemiah Action and exceeded our attendance goal. A big thank you to the congregation for their donations to BREAD. We are pleased to announce that Redeemer has donated \$1,240 to BREAD. This is a great example of living out our faith and our values!"

The next Nehemiah Action is being scheduled for <u>Tuesday April 25, 2023</u> at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars now.

Monthly Food Giveaway Seeks Cleaning Supplies as 'Extra' Item

The "extra" items designated for the October giveaway are cleaning supplies such as wipes, sponges and paper towels. Items can be placed in the appropriate bin in the cloakroom. Folks very much appreciate these "extra" items, in addition to the produce, as they are not covered by food stamps.

Once Monthly Book Study Launches Oct. 19

Beginning <u>Wednesday evening, October 19</u>, Redeemer will launch a third-Wednesday-of-the-month book discussion group. It's different from the summer book group in several ways. First, the group will discuss a whole book in one session. So, they'll be shorter books than the summer ones. Second, the group won't just read non-fiction books. They will do novels, short stories, essays, etc. Third, suggestions about books the group will read will be solicited from participants. Fourth, it is hoped that more people will participate because of the changing format and the wider variety of books being read.

To kick the group off, the October book has been around for quite a while, and it created quite a stir when it first came out in 2007. *The Shack* was written by Canadian author **William P. Young**, who self-published the book, only for it to become a million-seller; a movie based on the book was made in 2017 and starred Academy-Award winner **Octavia Spencer**.

So if you'd like to give this new group a try, find a copy of *The Shack* in whatever format you prefer. Bring a couple questions, and gather with us in-person or on Zoom on Wednesday, October 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. Here's the Zoom link: To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 869 2869 1370; Passcode: 603299. 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/86928691370?pwd=VkRHYXRiTIl0aG9tcjFDRGJFQTJIdz09

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus, to Resume Oct. 11

Pastor Dave reports that when the Tuesday Bible study resumes on his return on <u>Tuesday, October 11</u>, the group will continue exploring **Karen Armstrong's** book, *The Bible: A Biography*. "There's no expectation people will read this; Dave is summarizing the content of how the Bible came to be what it is, and the ways we seek to understand it today."

Meanwhile, the group is on hiatus while Dave and Mike are on their honeymoon.

To join the Zoom meeting in October, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 891 1782 1516; Passcode: 513561. 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/89117821516?pwd=d0lhUlg0Zi92YjIvU0taeWpYcWFhQT09



Calling All Ringers!

Have you ever considered playing in the **Chime Choir**? If you can read music (even just a little!), we have a place for you! Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:30 a.m., and will start <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 16</u>. "Come give us a try -- we are a fun bunch!"

Calling All Singers!

Senior Choir rehearsals have begun and **Choir Director Kathy Rapp** says the group will practice after worship 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."

"Looking forward to making beautiful music and singing praises to our God."

Redeemer to Offer Active Shooter Training

On <u>Saturday, October 22</u>, 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 the congregation might learn some best practices about how to respond if it finds itself in an active shooter situation.

"Of course, we never want to have to face this but no one ever expects it," **Pastor Dave** explained. "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."

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 upcoming Sundays.

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.

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.**

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Connect

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

- "Like" Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook, follow @ELCALDR on Twitter and follow @ELCA_LDR on Instagram.

Donations are also hard at work in communities around the world through Lutheran Disaster Response, including responses to the drought in the Horn of Africa, the severe storm in Alaska, the war in



Ukraine – to name a few. "Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support disaster survivors."

Important Emails

<u>Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave.**

<u>Info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, Office Manager Becky Trover, healing prayer requests or for general information.

<u>MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – 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.

<u>Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

<u>Property@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

<u>SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

<u>Transportation@redeemerluth.com</u> – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

<u>Communications@redeemerluth.com</u> – 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 <u>info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> 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 continue to be asked for the **Mimlitch Family** on the sudden death of Tom and Kathy's son-inlaw **John**, husband of their daughter **Cindy**.

Prayers for strength and comfort are asked for **Stan** and **Carol Heacock** as Stan has entered hospice care due to the recurrence of brain tumors. Carol reports he is still at home and is not experiencing pain or discomfort from headaches.

Prayers for healing are also asked for **Rev. Don Luck**, who was recently diagnosed with COVID-19. Prayers for strength and comfort continue to be asked for **Nancy Stinson** who faces very serious health issues.

Bennett Whitaker asks prayers for his family, as there are many concerns with several family members.

While Pastor Dave Is Away

Pastor Dave's first day back in the office after his honeymoon is <u>Wednesday, October 5</u>. If any member has an emergency pastoral need before this date, contact **Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church at 614-832-2461.

Members Urged to Keep Car Doors Locked while at Church

Sunday, the usher noticed that someone was in the parking lot, trying car doors as the church service was underway. Members are urged to lock their car doors anytime they are at church.



'Christ in Our Home' Available

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

October Birthdays

4-Misato In 4-May Schwarz
6-Tammy McFarland 7-Randy Kuklinski 8-Julie Larson 9-Bill Boys
9-Thea Barbour Harms 11-Sue Watson 15-Jessie Jimison 16-Eileen Day
17-Shari Ayers 19-Renee McFarland 19-Miles Smith 23-Skye Andree 23-Cason Day 23-Sandra Keaton 24-Bret Day 24-Leyton Wolfe
25-Madeline Gosnell 25-Madalyn McGurer 26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin 26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips 28-Bruce Hutson 29-Brittany Amon 29-Jeremy Davis 30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

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 through **Sunday, October 30.**

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 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

18th Sunday after Pentecost, October 9, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; Luke 17:11-19

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, 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 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dublin.
- + For Redeemer community members Paula Carson, Skye Andree, Jeremy Davis, Chelsea Hood and Clay Andree.

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, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, 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, Skye Andree, family of Karen Collins, Bennett Whitaker family.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Judith Bird
Producers	Scott Steiner, Kathleen Zwanziger
Communion Set-up	Kay Ernsthausen, Lynn Belhorn
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs

Flowers are given by Laura and Terry Warren celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary. Noisy Offering will go to the Lutheran Disaster Relief

Upcoming Week at Redeemer October 4– October 10, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	7:30 p.m.	Berwick Civic Association
<u>Wednesday</u>	12:30-3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry ZOOM Executive Team
<u>Friday – Sunday</u>		Sister Act Retreat at Hopewood Pines
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	 IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion Senior Choir Rehearsal Sunday School for all ages IN-PERSON & ZOOM Adult Sunday School