



# Reflections

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## Holiday Worship



6:15 p.m. Advent Desserts

7 p.m. Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21

### Holden Evening Prayer

In-Person and Livestream



10 a.m. Sunday, December 18

During worship service

### Sunday School Christmas Program

Please bring Nativity scenes to share

In-Person and Livestream



7 p.m. Saturday, December 24

### Christmas Eve Worship

In-Person and Livestream

10 a.m. Sunday, December 25

### Christmas Day Worship

In-Person and Livestream

Zoom link for worship services:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

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#### **OUR CONGREGATION**

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

Office Manager - Becky Trover

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director - Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director - Karen Kent

**Reflections** Editor - Judith Bird

#### **2022**

##### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

President - Wendy Stoica

Vice President - Michele Disbro

Finance Officer - Nathan Ott

Secretary - Margie Farnham

Worship - Jennifer Young

Education - Krista Skipper

Outreach - Sue Watson

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Stewardship - Laura Warren

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##### **MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM**

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##### **SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM**

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## The Redeemer Community

### 2023-24 Council Elections Held

Redeemer members, at the congregational meeting held Sunday, November 27 elected by acclamation the following Church Council officers for 2023:

Vice President - **Krista Skipper**

Secretary - **Sue Watson**

Education - **Katie Jacobs**

Outreach - **Diane Brobeck**

Stewardship - **Laura Warren**

Terms are for two years and, as such, other Council positions have another year to serve. **Michele Disbro** will move up from vice president to president for 2023.

### Advent Devotional Booklets Now Available

Redeemer's 2022 *Advent Devotional Booklet* is now available in regular and large print versions. Copies can be found in the Narthex for pick up. The devotions will also be available on the Redeemer website: [www.RedeemerLuth.com](http://www.RedeemerLuth.com).

If anyone would like a print version mailed to them, please let the office know. Those who would like to receive a daily email with that day's devotion, please contact the office.

Feel free to take as many as you like to share with friends and family – the hard work is done, the printer can easily make as many copies as we need!

### Deadline to Order Poinsettias Is Nov. 30

It is time to order poinsettias for the Christmas services. They are \$7 per pot and are available in red, white, or pink flowers. Plants can be ordered "in memory" of a loved one, "in honor" of loved ones or "To the Glory of God".

Order envelopes are on the bulletin board next to the Library or on the table going into worship. Please complete the outside of the envelope, insert cash or check (made out to Redeemer Lutheran Church) in the envelope and put the completed envelope in the offering plate. *It's as easy as that.*

The deadline for orders is **Wednesday, November 30**.

If you miss the church service and still want to order, please contact the church office. Don't wait ... Don't forget ... Order now!!

### LSS Helps 483 Families with Thanksgiving Bags

THANK YOU to all who filled Thanksgiving bags for Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to distribute to those who needed assistance this holiday. Redeemer collected 74 bags of food which were given away on **Monday, November 21**. A total of 483 families were assisted that day. Besides the bags, the guests were given a turkey (or a chicken) along with an assortment of fresh vegetables.

**Kathy Zwanziger** reports, "It was a pleasure to see the thankfulness on so many faces! Thanks for helping make those smiles!"

### Letting Someone Know Your 'Under Radar' Activities around Here

A request from **Pastor Dave**: "There are lots of things around the church that mysteriously seem to get done. Often they've been done by the same person for years. And they're done under the radar screen of all of us – except whoever does them. It's fantastic so many of you do so much without drawing attention to yourselves, and, on behalf of the congregation, I thank each of you for all you do. The only problem is that when, for whatever reasons, you can't do these tasks anymore, we don't know that we need to make sure they're done by someone else.

"**Becky Trover** words our invitation to you well: Could you be sure some church leader knows what you're doing? Oftentimes we don't notice that the robes are magically always clean and mended, the

kitchen is magically cleaned, certain supplies magically never run out, paint is magically touched up, and like that – until one day they're not. God bless you angels who take care of those things!

“So could you please make sure whoever leads the ministry area you’re blessing the congregation in an under-the-radar kind of way knows what you’re doing? THANK YOU!!”

## **Madonnas, Nativity Scenes Artwork Still Being Accepted**

Folks can still share Madonna/nativity scene artwork for hanging in the Narthex over the Advent/Christmas season. This is the first effort in a new “rotating art exhibit” plan to decorate the walls in the Narthex with artwork “on loan” from members. It can be left in the church office where the liability forms can be found for signing.

According to **Michele Disbro**, throughout the church year, there will be different themes. “If you have a piece of art you’d like to share with Redeemer for that theme, we will hang it in the Narthex using our flexible hanging system. (This system allows us to hang art using wires coming down from a support system rather than putting nails into the wall.)

“Please do NOT share super valuable art. Yes, we have a security system and cameras however, by lending your art, you are understanding that something could possibly happen and you are releasing Redeemer from responsibility.

Please contact Michele at [mddisbro@gmail.com](mailto:mddisbro@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **Members Urged to Share Nativity Sets on Sunday, Dec. 18**

Members who want to share their Nativity sets are encouraged to bring them on **Sunday, December 18** when tables will be set up around the Sanctuary. This is the Sunday of the children’s Christmas program as well.

## **Sister Act Collecting Toys**

Sister Act is coordinating the collection of toys and books for infants up through children age 17 to assist the Mid-Ohio Workers Association whose members are the working poor. This organization came to Redeemer’s Adult Education class on November 13, and these donations are part of their holiday efforts.

Toys are needed for all ages 0-17 and should be unwrapped. They need to be delivered by **Thursday, December 15**. This is in lieu of Redeemer’s adopting a family from Berwick School this year.

“Thank you all for your support.”

## **Tuesday Bible Study Continues Nov. 29**

The Tuesday Bible study will begin examining book of Hebrews on **Tuesday, November 29**. To join the Zoom meeting in October, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 898 1666 2484; Passcode: 072258. To participate via phone, call 646 876 9923. For those who don’t have the Zoom app, they can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXliQT09>

## **January Book Group Book ‘Crossover’ with Adult Ed**

Redeemer’s January book group will be part of an expanded Sunday morning adult education program on **January 22**. At 11:15 a.m. that day, the group will watch the documentary “Weapons of the Spirit.” This film tells the story of the January book, Philip Hallie’s *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed*, which is the true story of a village in France whose residents rescued 5,000 Jews during the Nazi occupation. It’s a story of courage, faith, and the daily choice to do good.

The 90-minute documentary was made by a filmmaker whose family was rescued by this village. The group will watch the film, enjoy a potluck, discuss it, and discuss the book. Those who don’t wish to stay for the book discussion can leave at any time. The discussion will be done by 2 p.m.

## **Volunteers Needed to Serve at Food Pantry Dec. 7**

Volunteers for Redeemer's team are needed to serve at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry on **Wednesday, December 7**. Hours run from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The pantry is located at the corners of Frebis and Champion, 1460 S. Champion Ave.

## **BREAD's Annual Assembly Hears Status Reports**

On November 15, BREAD met for the Annual Assembly at Christ the King Catholic church and on Zoom. ABC News coverage of the event can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/3texjxrz>. The Annual Assembly is one of the four major BREAD events that happen during the year. **Pastor Dave** gave the report on the 2022 Listening process. The committees gave reports on the status of five issues from the roadmap:

- **Juvenile Justice** reported on the importance of helping kids learn to communicate their feelings. In the first month of school, Columbus City Schools (CCS) had 97 fights. CCS has committed to have Restorative Practices, which are proven to reduce violence, in every school by 2026. BREAD also learned that restorative practices will now be included in the superintendent's annual evaluation which will lead to more accountability. Staff will have two additional trainings this school year, and five high schools are part of a pilot program with a special focus on student-led restorative practices.

- **"Family First! Housing Now!"** reminded attendees that there is still in a housing crisis. The voters approved a bond package that provides \$200 million for affordable rental and home-ownership programs, efforts to keep housing affordable in certain areas (including the Near East Side), and programs to house people who are homeless. This was a big win! But many people are being evicted and end up living in their cars or in tents. BREAD is holding a protest at Crew Stadium on **Thursday, December 1**. Anyone who wants to participate will meet at 5:30 p.m. and the protest will run from 6-7 p.m.

**Municipal ID** explained that thousands of families cannot access available aid because it requires an ID. A municipal ID would fill that need. **Police Chief Elaine Bryant** is from Detroit where they have a successful municipal ID program. To help, sign the letter at the following link to tell city council that the city needs a municipal ID: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/one-id-columbus>

- **"Stop Violence! Build Trust!"** As previously reported, Columbus signed on to the National Network for Safe Communities' (NNSC) Group Violence Intervention (GVI) as recommended by BREAD. "We need ongoing commitment to continue with it." This is good news as **Robert Clark**, director of public safety, has made a serious commitment to GVI. Under his leadership, a team of six has been hired to work with NNSC to implement the initiative with fidelity. The initiative will be ramping up in the winter of 2023 to reduce violence among gangs. Clark attended the Annual Assembly and spoke about the need to reduce violence in the city. He committed to work with BREAD and attend the Nehemiah Action in April.

- **Non-police Crisis Response.** BREAD has been working collaboratively with the Columbus Safety Collective on a \$10 million proposal to the city of Columbus to implement a non-police crisis response team that will respond to 911 calls involving individuals struggling with mental health. It is anticipated that a full proposal will be submitted to city council for approval in early 2023.

- **A.B.L.E. Training.** BREAD leaders participated with the U.S. Attorney for Southern Ohio in a training for Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. BREAD has asked **Police Chief Elaine Bryant** to submit an application for the free training provided by the Georgetown School of Law. No commitment has been made to date.

- **Environmental Justice.** People are suffering from more rain, more heat and worse air quality. One mature tree absorbs 500 gallons of rain, lowers the temperature 20 degrees and provides oxygen for a family of four. Studies show that more trees are linked to less crime. According to BREAD, legislation for both public and private trees is needed. **Steven Horhut**, Columbus Recreation & Parks, said that he explains his job to kids by telling them he is The Lorax since he speaks for the trees like the character in the **Dr. Seuss** book. He committed to having a consultant under contract to begin drafting a private tree protection ordinance by June 1, 2023. He also committed to attend the Nehemiah Action.

Redeemer was recognized as one of the faith communities in which 50 percent of the network members have made an investment of at least \$5 in BREAD. New officers in the executive committee were also voted in and installed.

The next BREAD event is the Research Kickoff on Monday, December 5.

## **Adult Education Class Continues with 'When Did We See You?' Hearing from Those Who Minister with the 'Least of These'**

As Redeemer continues its "Loving the Least of These" Adult Education series, here are the speakers who will be speaking over the coming weeks. Each of them will talk about the realities their clients face, what services they offer, and how individuals and congregations might form relationships with them. Classes meet from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday mornings.

**December 4:** **Malik Moore**, manager, Barnett Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library. He will talk about some of the realities of life on the East Side which many of us aren't aware of, and invite the congregation to explore being part of conversations about how the church might build relationships with the neighbors and move forward together.

**December 11:** **Joel Call**, distribution center manager for Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

**December 18:** **Lillian Howard**, director of clinical and supportive services, Lutheran Social Services CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, will join us via Zoom.

All these sessions will also be streamed on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting, go to the Zoom app and enter Meeting ID: 857 6635 5631; Passcode: 312394. Or go online and enter this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766355631?pwd=enM2bDNUV3NrK0Z5UTBxTU1pVXRQdz09>. Or phone 312-626-6799.

## **Members Urged to Get Photo Taken for New Directory**

**Karen Rider** and **Linda Williams** have started taking pictures of families before and after church and will continue for the next month or so. So plan to stop by!

Members who are homebound or need some special arrangements are asked to contact **Linda Williams** and she will schedule a time to come take your picture.

The team is hoping to roll out the new photo directory in 2023.

So, please be sure get your picture taken in the next month. "We want the current version of you in our directory!" **Michele Disbro** said.

## **2023 Flower Chart Available**

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody's birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services in 2023 is now on the bulletin board next to the library.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

Folks can also call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

## **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.**

## **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 are asked for **Skye Andree**.

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**Member Directory Update:** The **Disbros** have dropped their landline phone. Jon can be reached at 614-832-2639 and Michele can be reached at 614-286-0573.

## **Advent Signups Now Available**

**There are a number of new sign-up sheets available related to the upcoming midweek advent services: for cantors, for volunteers to share their stories and, last but not least, for Advent desserts.** This year, folks are asked to share about a time they felt led. When did you find yourself on a path you didn't expect to be on, one that perhaps you don't even remember choosing? How did you respond? What happened?

Please consider ways to add to the observation of the Advent season here at Redeemer and sign up.

## **'Instant Advent: A Cartoon Christmas Countdown' Available**

Starting on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 27**, families can enjoy 29 Sparkhouse Family Devotionals, to be posted daily. This is all part of a move that celebrates the new [Sparkhouse Family YouTube Channel](#). This series is meant for at-home use by families.

## **Members Urged to Keep Car Doors Locked while at Church**

A few Sundays ago, 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.

## **November Birthdays**

28-Dave Shull 29-Mary Bowling

## **December Birthdays**

2-Ruby Jacobs 3-Julija Volfa  
3-Walton Wolfe 4-Hitoshi In Phillips  
6-Izzy Skoog 6-Sophie Skoog  
8-Payton Friederich 8-Bob Rapp

10-Eric Hutton 15-Mindy Eakin  
19-Darren Baldogo 19-Joe Darst  
19-Novella Hinkle 21-Kolya Larson  
24-Juli Johnson 25-Doug Eakin  
26-Emily Kent 27-Sue Darst  
27-Paul Ritter 29-Tom Comstock  
31-John Kennedy 31-Emma Martin

## The Wider Church

### ELCA Asks for Input on Draft Social Message on Climate Care

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." —Psalm 24:1*

What is a faithful Lutheran response to Earth's changing climate and worsening natural disasters? How do we think about this crisis as people of faith, and what are we called to do?

After hearing requests from across the church for guidance, the ELCA Church Council in November 2021 authorized development of a social message on climate care. Social messages are ELCA social teaching documents on specific social topics; these documents shape ELCA policy and help members discern how to respond to an issue.

A draft of the social message "Earth's Climate Crisis" is now posted for public comment! Feedback of this kind helps the drafters know how the document could be more clear, helpful and faithfully Lutheran. Please [read the social message draft](#) and [use this survey](#) to share your input by **Friday, December 2**. Questions or longer responses can be emailed to [draftsocialmessage@elca.org](mailto:draftsocialmessage@elca.org).

## The Community Beyond

### Death Café Explores 'Death/Dying' on December 4

**Emily Kent** invites members to join a non-judgmental conversation about death and dying at the Columbus Main Library Downtown on **Sunday, December 4** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1-A.

### Connection Café Series Supports Caregivers

The OSU Aging Team invites non-paid caregivers to attend the free Connection Café: Caregiving Around the Clock virtual series every Tuesday in November from 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Participants can attend one or all the session and simply need to register at <https://go.osu.edu/caregivingaroundtheclock>.

Topics include stress and self care, health and nutrition and a caregiving plan, among others. This week's is the last one.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022

#### Lessons

**Readings:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Matthew 3:1-12

#### Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westerville.
- + For Redeemer community members Julie, Jon and Danica Denniss.

***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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, 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, Skye Andree.

### Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	<b>Pastor Dave Shull</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Kay Ernsthausen</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Kelly Frank</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Connie Criswell</b>
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	<b>Bryan Neal/Kiarra Santiago</b>
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	<b>Kathy Rapp</b>
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	<b>Karen Kent</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Ashley Bird</b>
<b>Verger</b>	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Michele Disbro, Eileen Day, Becky Fisher</b>
<b>Producers</b>	<b>Michele Disbro, Tom Mimplitch</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Michelle Clemence</b>

*Flowers given by the Reinoehls in memory of Dave  
Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

### Upcoming Week at Redeemer

**November 29-December 5, 2022**

<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:15 p.m.	Advent Dessert
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Midweek Service, Holden Evening Prayer
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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