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OUR CONGREGATION

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Custodian - Marshall Edgington

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Pianist/Chime Choir Director - Karen Kent

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Holiday Worship



6:15 p.m. Advent Desserts

7 p.m. Wednesday, December 21

Holden Evening Prayer

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

10 a.m. Sunday, January 1

Epiphany Sunday Worship

In-Person and Livestream

Zoom link for worship services:

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

The Redeemer Community

Sharing of Nativity Sets Continues through Christmas



Members can still share their Nativity sets as they will be up in the Narthex and Sanctuary through Christmas Day. Folks can place them on the window sills around the Sanctuary “or on any flat surface” in the Sanctuary or Narthex. Stop by to see the wide variety of nativities.



Redeemer’s ‘Littlest Angels’ a Hit in Children’s Program!



This year’s children’s Christmas program “The Littlest Angels,” presented **Sunday, December 18**, was an adaptation and updating of the story “The Littlest Angel,” written and directed by **Emily Kent**. Assisting was **Emily Ott**.

Those participating in the program included the following: **Kathryn Ott, Caroline Ott, Ruby Jacobs, Miles Smith, Elinn Neal, Auden Neal, Ryland Neal, Cora Marquez** and **Isaac Marquez**.

Time Running Out to Get Photo Taken for New Directory

Karen Rider and **Linda Williams** will continue taking pictures of families through Christmas Eve.

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.

Adult Education Class to Examine RLC Budget, Personal Finances

When the Adult Education class resumes on **Sunday, January 8**, it will review Redeemer’s proposed 2023 budget. This is an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal before voting on it at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 23**.

Plan now to attend to understand more fully what’s in the budget.

Then the next week, on **Sunday, January 15**, the class will examine “How To Take Care Of Our Own Financial Well-Being And Reduce Money-Related Stress?”

Berwick resident **Helen Wang**, who has gotten involved in Redeemer’s journalling class, monthly book group, and food giveaways, helps people to learn financial knowledge and skills so they can manage their own money better.

Owner of Money Coach Helen, LLC, says, “Every question is a great question, no judgment, no pressure. Let’s share ideas related to gifting, inflation, funding kids’ college, money habit, retirement, and if money can buy happiness.

“Family finance is a team effort. Please feel free to invite your spouse/partner and kids to join our discussion.”

Both sessions run Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 2.

Message from Stewardship Committee:

There is still time for members to make a pledge to the Heart to Heart, Hand in Hand 2023 Annual Pledge drive for Redeemer Lutheran Church. Envelopes are available both on the table when entering the Sanctuary and in the Narthex. Pledging helps the church plan what we can accomplish in the new year. So far, pledges have been received from 47 households, totaling \$180,154.

Did you know that direct distributions from an IRA to the church are tax free? They are called Qualified Charitable Distributions and can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions for the year. Check with your tax advisor to see if this is right for you.

Thank you for your pledges and gifts to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Tuesday Bible Study Concludes 2022 Sessions on Dec. 20

The Tuesday Bible study continues its examination of the book of Hebrews on Tuesday, December 20. To join the Zoom meeting, 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>

The Bible Study will then be hiatus until Tuesday, January 3.

Interested in Joining Redeemer?

Persons interested in joining Redeemer – or exploring what membership means – are asked to contact **Pastor Dave** by the beginning of January. He will set up a dinner at his home with you and several folks from Redeemer to talk about their experiences and how they came to find a meaningful faith community here.

He can be reached by calling 614-237-1686 or 206-725-3785 or via email at DShull@RedeemerLuth.com.

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.

Narthex Art Display of Madonnas Continues; January Theme: 'Light'

Redeemer's artwork on loan from members that is displayed in the Narthex continues through the end of month. Those who haven't stopped by are encouraged to do so to see the wide variety of styles. They will be up through the end of the month.

In keeping with the Epiphany season, the theme for the January art exhibit in the Narthex is "Light."



Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Margery Iehle

Kristi Hildebrand reports that BREAD Network Members were asked to answer a handful of questions. Their answers have been shared in *Reflections* during 2022. Here is the latest installment featuring **Margery Iehle**, mother of **Emily Ott**.

Name: **Margery Iehle**

Justice issue that keeps you up at night: The need for children to be well cared for, physically and emotionally, is a concern that stays on my mind. I know that the situations of children cannot be separated from the issues facing the whole population, and are a result of the social issues that the adults face. I do, however, worry that it is easy for child specific needs to be lost in the shuffle. Children whose developmental years are spent in environments negatively impacted by any of the social justice issues are robbed of having a fair chance to simply be children. I worry that the ripple effects of such stressful growth and development will cause damage well beyond that which we can even see.

Why did you join the justice ministry/become a network member of BREAD? While I am pleased to be able to show support to this effort, I cannot say that it was a planned action on my part. Sadly, I was not aware of the BREAD group, nor was I up to speed on the needs that are specific to the Columbus area. I was asked by my daughter (**Emily Ott**) to be part of this and became aware of the goals and activities of the group through her information and involvement.

What is your favorite kind of bread? Dark rye bread is my favorite bread.

What is your justice prayer for 2022? My prayer is that people from all walks of life, from all socio-economic levels, from all ethnic backgrounds, religious affiliations, political leanings, or those of any age will feel open to the idea of working together for the good of all. I pray that somehow everyone will be willing to set aside hateful reactions to those who seem different so that solutions to problems can be found, not just argued about. I pray that we can all accept the worth of others as being equal to that which we see in ourselves.

Upcoming BREAD Date:

Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, April 25, 2023** at the Celeste Center (Ohio State Fairgrounds).

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 – 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 healing are asked for **Donna Voelkel** who is now home following knee replacement surgery and, who, according to **Ruth Murray**, is doing well. In addition, prayers for comfort and sympathy are also asked for Donna and her family on the death of Donna's sister **Mary Lee Swanson**. She was 97.

Prayers of comfort are asked for **Jeanne Eakin** and her family as Jeanne continues to experience serious health issues. Prayers are asked for **Mary Watts**, mother of **Karen Kent** and **Kathy Rapp**, who has been hospitalized. They continue to be asked for **Kathy Zwanziger** who is having ongoing health issues, and for **Skye Andree**.

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Member Directory Updates: **Scott Steiner** has a new address: 173 Prairie Creek Way, Columbus 43213-7632. His phone number remains 614-806-3748. In addition, **Petra Williams** has both a new mailing and email address: petrawilliamsptphd@gmail.com and 17565 Bobo Rd., Guysville, OH 45735-9513.

***Reflections* on Hiatus Monday, Dec. 26, Resumes Publication Jan. 3**

Reflections will not be published on **Monday, December 26** as the church office will be closed. It will resume publication on **Tuesday, January 3**.

Pastor Out-of-Town Dec. 29-31

Pastor Dave will be out-of-town **Thursday evening, Dec. 29** through **Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31**. Members needing emergency pastoral care during this time should contact **Rev. Dan Hille** from Faith Lutheran Church at 614-832-2461.

Advent Desserts Needed for Dec. 21

There are two slots open for providing Advent desserts this week on **December 21**.

'Christ in Our Home' Available

The January-March, 2023 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 info@redeemerluth.com.

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.

December Birthdays

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

January Birthdays

1-Connie Criswell 2-Don Luck
4-Kristen Ullman 5-Tamara Wawrosch
9-Marques Highland 11-Rich Pautsch
13-Michelle Skoog 16-Melissa Vivens
20-David Detweiler 20-Corinne Montgomery
20-Tony Naess 20-Eric Vivens
21-Elizabeth George 21-Shirley Miller
22-Maureen Callahan 22-Shirley Cannon
24-Sophia Brush 24-Marshall Edgington
24-Kathy Rapp 24-Heath Wolfe
25-Rosalie Highland 26-Jeff Montgomery
28-Bebe McCoy

The Wider Church

'Have Yourself a Dairy Little Christmas'

Folks can still give creative and memorable Christmas gifts this season and share God's love in Christ with neighbors around the world by contributing through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. It offers more than 50 different gift-giving options that will delight recipients even as the gifts fight hunger, transform lives, and grow the church. For example, just one dairy cow can produce as much as three gallons of milk each day! A gift of \$50 buys a share of a cow.

Other gift ideas start at just \$10. These gift ideas make it easy (and fun) to honor friends and family and, at the same time, make a difference. The catalog can be found in the Narthex and on the shelf next to the Library.

CU Invites Folks to Its 'MLK Day of Learning'

Capital University invites members of its ELCA congregational partners to its 32nd annual "Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning" on **Monday, January 16** beginning at 8 a.m. The theme of this year's event is "A New Day for All of Us." Community members, faculty, students, staff, alumni, and congregational partners will come together to celebrate the legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** and Capital's commitment to the community.

The day's activities include service projects, workshops, a jazz luncheon, and keynote by **Zellie Imani**, an educator and community organizer with Black Lives Matter.

All can **register today** at this link: <https://bit.ly/3iU0xT>

The Community Beyond SWACO Provides Sustainability Hints for Holiday

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates waste can increase by as much as 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Additionally, discarded electronics continues to be one of the fastest growing waste streams in the world. Electronics remain a popular gift during the holiday season, so SWACO is reminding families that buying refurbished electronics, as well as recycling and donating ones no longer in use, is easy to do and good for the environment.

E-Waste, or electronic waste, encompasses virtually any item that utilizes an electric cord that is now outdated, unwanted or broken. This can include everything from small personal items like smartphones and tablets to TVs and other household items like washers and dryers, microwaves and refrigerators.

"More than 40 percent of what is thrown out in Franklin County, including e-waste, could easily be diverted from the landfill through programs available today," said **Hanna Greer-Brown**, communications manager for SWACO. "Central Ohioans have many convenient options available to them to give new life to the electronics they no longer want or need."

SWACO suggests the following ways to prevent e-waste:

- Consider repairing broken electronics. Online resources like <https://www.ifixit.com/> can walk you through how to make repairs yourself.
- When purchasing new electronics, check with the retailer to see if they have a take-back program for items you are replacing or upgrading. Many computer and cell phone stores offer these incentives.
- Many types of household appliances can be donated, including toasters, blenders and vacuum cleaners. Use SWACO's [search tool](#) to find a charitable organization that accepts electronics in good working condition for donation.
- Cell phones and cell phone batteries can be recycled at a variety of locations, including Verizon, Lowes, Home Depot and Best Buy stores, among other locations. Never place cell phones or cell phone batteries in your curbside recycling or drop-off recycling containers. They can cause fires and put recycling workers at risk.
- CRT or 'tube' style televisions and monitors may not be accepted or may require a fee to be recycled. Projection televisions may also have some limitations associated with them. However, most styles of flat-screen televisions (LCDs, LEDs, etc.) are readily accepted for donation or recycling.

Goodwill Columbus is just one of many partners who accepts several e-waste items for resale and recycling. "Goodwill Columbus is committed to supporting the global shift to a more circular economy, a system that focuses on waste reduction and resource utilization." says **Marketing Director Simone Attles** "Our stores and donation centers across Franklin Country are happy to accept your gently used clothing, goods, and much of your e-waste which help to support our job training and life skills services." In addition to electronics, there are many other ways to celebrate sustainability this holiday season.

SWACO suggests the following ways to prevent waste:

- When decorating for the holidays, reuse items from previous years and shop local thrift stores for new items. Donate strings of lights and decorations to places like Goodwill or recycle them through [one of these community programs](#).
- Wrap gifts in papers you already have on-hand – newspaper, brown bags and magazine sheets all are interesting gift wrap options. Also, consider alternative ways to embellish a gift package, like holiday stamps or stencils, or reuse old ribbon. In fact, according to information shared by Stanford University, if every family reused just two feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet.
- When preparing for a big holiday meal or festive get together, shop with a list so you only buy what you need, and send guests home with leftovers to eat. You can also safely freeze and eat leftovers for many months after the holidays. Visit savemorethanfood.org to download more food waste prevention tips for your holidays.

Recycle correctly with these easy steps:

- Empty and flatten cardboard before putting it in the curbside recycling cart or before taking it to the SWACO drop-off locations.
- Bring your expanded polystyrene to the Styrofoam collection drop-off location at 3770 Municipal Way, Hilliard, Ohio. The drop-off is available 24/7 and is free to use. Find [program details here](#).
- Wrapping paper and cards without foil, glitter or embellishments can be recycled.
- Compost live wreaths, garland and trees following the holidays by removing decorations and setting them at the curb on your yard waste collection day.

Download [SWACO's Green Holiday Guide](#) for more tips to reduce holiday waste.

Getting Ready for Worship

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-6; 11.1-4a; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:2-7; Luke 2:8-20

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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. Phillip Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member Jeanne Eakin.

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, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Donna Voelkel and family, Jeanne Eakin, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's mother Mary Watt.

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*Flowers are Christmas Poinsettias
Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Epiphany Sunday, January 1, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14; Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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- + For the people of the Church on Oakland Park in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Haretta and Marshall Edgington.

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Upcoming Week at Redeemer

December 20-January 2, 2022

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversations
	6:15 p.m.	Advent Desserts
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Midweek Service, Holden Evening Prayer IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Next Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Monday		Office Closed
New Years Day Sunday	10:00 am	Epiphany Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM

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