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Stoica Reviews Proposed Church Budget for 2023

Church Council President for 2022 Wendy Stoica presented an overview of Redeemer's proposed 2023 budget Sunday after worship. She reviewed the updated format and provided information on the proposed budget which she said has been kept at approximately the same level as the 2022 budget.

The budget format has changed which sees the consolidation of a number of the line items. This has been done on the recommendation of Redeemer's CPA firm, Donald Wells.

Redeemer's proposed budget is based on projected general offering income of \$305,000 in 2023 although Stoica noted that as of early December pledges for \$180,054 had been received. Other projected income reflects targeted uses such as for the basketball camp, flowers, *Living Lutheran* and BREAD, among others.

Among anticipated expenditure changes, the 2023 budget proposes the following:

- an increase in the budgeted amount for utilities.
- a 3 percent cost-of-living increase for all staff.
- a decrease in funding allocated for staffing the nursery, reflecting staffing for only Easter and Christmas.
- the addition of a separate line item for hospitality.
- a reduction for stewardship, reflecting the suspension of providing offering envelopes by an outside firm.
- while building maintenance remains the same, Stoica said that this includes additional planning for parking lot maintenance. She added that 2022 did see the completion of the replacement for all furnace units.
- an increase in the fee paid the CPA firm due to the increase in the number of reports Redeemer is requesting.
- an increase in the amount allocated for "information technology" which includes livestreaming. It was not clear whether the amount allocated will cover the cost of a replacement camera.

"Council's hope is that this opportunity would help members feel more informed as we discuss and vote on the budget at the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 29."

Those unable to attend Sunday's briefing in-person or virtually can access the recording at https://youtu.be/uZVW_OiS3bo.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the proposed 2023 budget. Please contact **Wendy Stoica, Michele Disbro, or Nathan Ott** with budget questions.

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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

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CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Michele Disbro

Vice President - Krista Skipper

Finance Officer - Nathan Ott

Secretary - Sue Watson

Worship - Jennifer Young

Education - Katie Jacobs

Outreach - Diane Brobeck

Member Support - Elyce Herring

Property - Sue Yehling

Stewardship - Laura Warren

APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer - Julianne Johnson

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Margie Farnham Marques Highland

Emlyn Ott

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Dave Engel, Chair

Michelle Clemence Nancy Magargal

Jim Riley Terry Warren

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Emily Ott

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The Redeemer Community

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.

Adult Ed Class to Look at Personal Finances

On **Sunday, January 15**, the Sunday Adult Ed Class will examine the question "How To Take Care Of Our Own Financial Well-Being And Reduce Money-Related Stress?"

The presenter is Berwick resident **Helen Wang**, who has gotten involved in Redeemer's journalling class, monthly book group, and food giveaways. She 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."

It runs Sunday morning from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 2.

Three-Year-Olds Receive Bibles



Two of Redeemer's three-year-olds received their first Bibles on Sunday, January 8. They included Isaac Marquez and Malcolm Highland. This followed Cora Marquez' reading her favorite story from her copy of the Bible. Carson Spahn will also receive a Bible.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues on Jan. 10

The Tuesday Bible study continues its examination of the book of Hebrews when it meets on **Tuesday, January 10**. 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>

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 Theme for Narthex Art Display Turns to 'Light'



In keeping with the Epiphany season, the theme for the January Narthex art exhibit is “Light” which is now installed. Stop by and look to see the wide variety of depictions of “light.”

Folks who have loaned items include **Kathy Zwanziger, Karen Rider, Emily Kent, Linda Williams, Dave Shull** and **Tamara Wawrosch**.

Thank you for sharing!

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

Celebration of Life for Jeanne Eakin Set for Saturday

The Celebration of Life for **Jeanne Eakin** will be held **Saturday, January 14** here at Redeemer beginning at 11 a.m. Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, folks are asked to consider a contribution in Jeanne's memory to Redeemer.

A luncheon will follow the service. (See below.)

Jeanne died peacefully on **Sunday, January 1** at the age of 82.

Eakin Luncheon

The **Eakin Family** would like lasagna, salads, breads and desserts for the luncheon following the memorial service this Saturday. Those who can assist in this endeavor are asked to contact **Kathy Mimplitch** at kathymimplitch@yahoo.com or by calling 614-439-7739.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Laura Warren's** brother **Walter Hudson** who begins new treatments as his cancer has spread.

Prayers continue to be asked for **Kathy Zwanziger** and **Harretta Edgington** who are having ongoing health issues, and for **Skye Andree**.

An Update from Kathy Z

Kathy Zwanziger writes, "Genetics is a fascinating topic. For years, because of my family genetics, I simply assumed I would be on dialysis eventually. When the topic of a transplant was introduced, I thought perhaps I could skip the dialysis segment. That didn't turn out to be the case. The second attempt to 'place' a PD catheter was successful. After three to six weeks of healing and at least a week of training, I will begin Peritoneal Dialysis. In the meantime, as I adjust to this new reality, I am trying very hard to **not** sneeze, cough, or laugh!"

'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.

January Birthdays

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

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/3iIU0xT>

The Community Beyond

Green Lawn Offers Free Seminar on Funeral Planning

The Green Lawn Cemetery Association in conjunction with Edwards Funeral Service will offer two free seminars on funeral pre-planning on **Thursday, January 12** at the TAT Ristorante DeFamiglia at the corner of James and Livingston. The sessions are at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and include a complimentary meal.

Speakers include **Matthew Wolf** and **Heather Gilham**. They will cover topics such as the cost advantages of pre-planning, the emotional benefits for the family of pre-planning and the ability "to do it your way."

To reserve a slot, call 833-535-0558, reservation code <<1000>>.

Getting Ready for Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 15, 2023

Lessons

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:35-51

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, 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 Trinity Lutheran Church in Marysville.
- + For Redeemer community members Joanie and Dave Engel.

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, and family and friends of Jeanne Eakin.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal/Kiarra Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Karen Rider
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

Flowers are given by Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel celebrating their 39th anniversary

Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

January 10 -January 16, 2022

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
	6:30 p.m.	Brewing Faith on ZOOM
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group
Next Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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