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Meet RLC's Learning in Context Student



Dear Redeemer,

Grace and peace to you in this Epiphany season! My name is **Marit Johnson** (name pronunciation: mahr-it; pronouns: she/her/hers), and I am excited and grateful to be your Learning in Context (LIC) student this spring. I am a first year Master of Divinity student at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

I grew up in a small town of 1,400 people in northeastern North Dakota. After graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, Spanish, and a minor in English, I completed a year of service with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Chicago, Illinois. My placement was with the Justice for Women program at the ELCA Churchwide Organization.

To my surprise I stayed in Chicago for six years. Community was a central part of my Chicago experience. My congregation, St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Logan Square, opened my eyes to the possibility of combining ministry and social action. Much of our congregation's work focused on access to affordable housing in the Logan Square neighborhood and a campaign for a community mental health center. Additionally, I played French horn in the Windy City Winds community band, which rehearses and plays at St. Paul's United Church of Christ – a congregation **Pastor Dave** attended during his time in Chicago! It is a small world.

Following my six years in Chicago, I moved to Columbus in August 2022 to attend Trinity Lutheran Seminary. I am thankful to be an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholar, which allowed me the opportunity to quit my job as a technical writer and attend school full-time. It has been fun to learn about this new place and what Lutheranism, religion, and spirituality look like here.

My parents **Jeff**, an ELCA Lutheran pastor, and **Marsha**, a former nurse, have retired to Fargo, North Dakota. (Sorry. I have not seen the movie or the show, but I do know about the woodchipper.) My younger brother **Isak** is currently a master's student at the University of Minnesota in urban and regional planning with an expected graduation this May. He also has a master's degree in applied physics from the University of Michigan.

Now that you have heard a snippet of my story, I look forward to learning more about you! I hope to get to know you more through worship, education and small groups, or over a cup of coffee or tea. I would love to hear about what brought you to Redeemer and your relationships here. As a newcomer to Columbus, I also have a lot to learn about Ohio; we could talk about that, too. If you would be interested in getting together send me an email at mjohnson425@capital.edu.

God is still at work, and I am eager to be a part of God's work with you in this season.

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OUR CONGREGATION

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Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director -

Karen Kent

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The Redeemer Community

Annual Congregational Meeting, Pot Luck Set for Jan. 29

Redeemer members and friends are invited to participate in person at the congregation's Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on **Sunday, January 29**. (The meeting will not be streamed.) Annual Reports are available at church in the Narthex.

Following the meeting in the Sanctuary, everyone is invited to Redeemer's traditional Annual Meeting Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Meat will be provided. Folks are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks and paper products will be provided, but attendees are always encouraged to bring their own table service.

Come participate in making decisions about 2023 including voting on the budget and then enjoy the fellowship at the meal! "Whether you attend Redeemer a lot or a little, we want you to come. Whether you think you have a lot to say or not so much, we want you there. We can't wait to see you!"

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.

Because this class will run longer than usual, feel free to bring a brownbag lunch to enjoy as the class watches and discusses the movie.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues on Jan. 17

The Tuesday Bible study continues its examination of the book of Hebrews when it meets on **Tuesday, January 17**. 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>

Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Kathy Zwanziger

Kristi Hildebrand reports that BREAD Network Members were asked to answer a handful of questions. The last of their answers are being shared in *Reflections*. Here is the latest installment featuring **Kathleen Zwanziger**.

1. **What is your name?** Kathy Zwanziger
2. **What issues keep you up at night?** I am concerned with the problem of hunger in Columbus and the surrounding area, as well as the violence in our city. There are way too many shootings – plus all the robberies. Affordable housing is another issue. I see lots of buildings going up but wonder if those with a lower income can really afford them. There is such a wide gap between the wealthy and the poor, often because of skin color.
3. **Why did you join the Justice team at Redeemer?** I am interested in learning ways to help resolve some of the issues mentioned. Becoming more informed by talking with people from a different background than mine would be helpful.
4. **What is your favorite kind of bread?** Pumpernickel
5. **Why did you decide to become a Network Member of BREAD?** By joining BREAD I hope to learn other perspectives and work with an organization that has a track record of working with these issues.

6. **What is your Justice prayer for the future?** Dear Lord, please be with your children as we struggle through this pandemic, which has exacerbated the problems of race and violence because of the economic impact. Help us work together for a better environment in which to live and work. Amen.

Upcoming BREAD Date:

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

Sister Act Set for Jan. 25

Sister Act's January event will be held on **Wednesday, January 25** here at Redeemer at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2. Folks are welcome to attend in-person or to join the group by Zoom. (Information for Zoom access will follow at a later date.)

This month's discussion, led by **Carol Heacock**, focuses on "Imagination. What is it? How does it develop? Where does your imagination take you? What is "re-imagination"? What happens when you have imagination with faith?"

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

Thanks to Those Who Assisted with Eakin Luncheon

Kathy Mimlitch writes, "Thank you everyone who assisted in any way in making the memorial luncheon for **Jeanne Eakin**. This provided the family and friends a chance to gather and reminisce on the life of Jeanne. Thanks for people who brought food, and a special thanks to those who helped serve and clean up." Thanks, too, to Kathy for organizing the meal!

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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**.

Prayers are also asked for **St. Philip Lutheran Church Pastor Orinda Hawkins-Brinkley** on the death of her son **Lonnie Gallo**.

2023 RLC Member Directory Available

The 2023 **Redeemer Member Directory** is now available. It can be picked up in the Narthex. Or contact the church office at 614-237-1263 or info@RedeemerLuth.com to be put on the list for quarterly electronic updates.

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

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

Former RLC Intern to Present at Trinity's Trout Lectures

Former Redeemer intern, **Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wheeler**, will read from his book *U.S.: The Resurrection of American Terror* at this week's Nelson W. Trout Lectures at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He joins keynote speaker **Rev. Dr. Kevin Dudley** on **Thursday, January 19** at the seminary.

Dudley speaks at 3:30 p.m. on "Pieces of the Dream: Preaching as Prophetic Perspective" with Wheeler reading from his book beginning at 4:45 p.m. Copies of his book will be for sale and there will be an opportunity to have the book signed.

According to the Amazon summary, "In this heart-wrenching yet stubbornly hopeful narrative, Evangelical Lutheran Pastor Kenneth Wheeler exposes White supremacy as America's greatest threat. Transcending the boundaries of memoir, scholarship, theology, and sharp political critique, Pastor Wheeler takes readers on his own seven-decade-long journey that lays bare the terror of being Black in America. From his childhood in Jackson, Mississippi under the trauma of Jim Crow segregation to the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, Wheeler steadily holds a mirror up to a nation drowning in a rising tide of White supremacy.

"This is a come-to-Jesus book in every sense of that phrase. Grounded in scripture and engaging in scholarly conversation with voices such as **Isabel Wilkerson** and **James Cone**, Wheeler demonstrates how the wound of White supremacy fundamentally diminishes all of our humanity. ...

"Intentionally resistant to providing cheap answers or an easy blueprint for the way forward, Wheeler instead uses his prophetic voice to call on White Christians in particular to engage in the deeply personal yet collective work of facing ourselves in order to turn away from who we have become. It is only from this place of seeing *who we are*, he argues, that we can hope to reclaim the fullness of our humanity and embrace what it means to be people created in the image of God.

"There are some things if you are White in America that you will never have to think about, worry about, or have fears about. This is the power and privilege of White supremacy."

Dudley continues his presentations at worship Thursday night at 7 p.m. and again on **Friday, January 20** at 9:30 a.m.

The Trout lectures are free but registration is requested and can be done online at <https://www.capconnect.org/TroutLectures>.

Getting Ready for Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 22, 2023

Lessons

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Matthew 14:12-23

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, 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 Zion Lutheran Church in Danville.
- + For Redeemer community member Kay Ernsthausen.

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, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, and family and friends of Jeanne Eakin.

Worship Leaders

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

*Flowers are given by Judith and Ashley Bird in memory of Judy's father Oscar Tieman.
Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

January 17 - January 23, 2023

Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Member Care
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversations
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/Book Study 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