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Redeemer Holds Annual Meeting

Redeemer's 2023 budget was accepted unanimously at Sunday's annual meeting after some discussion around various items including stewardship and the benevolence funds, maintenance and utilities.

The budget anticipates income totaling \$350,850 over the year while it projects expenditures at \$391,618. Some of the increase in 2023 is attributable to anticipated hikes in utility costs. The budget also includes funding to begin work on the parking lot.

In other action, the congregation approved the proposed distribution of Mission Endowment funds as follows:

- 30 percent to the Champion Avenue Food Pantry (LSS)
- 20 percent to BREAD
- 15 percent to Lutheran Memorial Camp (now HopeWood)
- 15 percent to Jacob's Porch
- 10 percent to Legal Aid Society of Columbus
- 5 percent to Directions for Youth and Families/Crittenton Community Center
- 5 percent to Ronald McDonald House

It was estimated that the amount to be distributed would be in the \$3,400 to \$4,000 range once the final figures are received from the Columbus Foundation.

Among items raised in the budget discussion was one regarding stipends for the technical team – which had been suggested at last year's annual meeting but which had not been addressed. Others suggested the congregation be supplied monthly updates on the budget via *Reflections* while another asked that council provide monthly updates, also via *Reflections*.

Another question regarding the general business of the congregation dealt with the results of the worship survey which **President Michele Disbro** said would be coming in the next weeks.

In other action, outgoing council members **Margie Farnham** and **Wendy Stoica** were thanked for their work. Disbro updated the members of the Special Funds Team to include **Julie Boreman**, **Dave Engel**, **Wendy Stoica**, **Terry Warren** and **Nate Ott** by dint of his position as finance officer.

The congregation elected **Krista Skipper** and **Scott Steiner** as its delegates to the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly set for **Saturday, June 3** at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek. Alternates selected include **Becky Fisher** and **Brad Phillips**.

It was also announced that **Julie Johnson** will head up Redeemer's THRIVE! Campaign which will seek additional funding for the Southern Ohio Synod which several said had been incredibly helpful to Redeemer throughout the pandemic.

The meeting is available for viewing on Redeemer's YouTube channel.

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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

LIC Student - Marit Johnson

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

Julie Boreman

Nathan Ott

Wendy Stoica

Terry Warren

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Emily Ott

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The Redeemer Community

Adult Ed Class to Look at 'Everything, Everywhere, All at Once'

Beginning on **Sunday, February 5**, retired Trinity Lutheran Seminary Professor **Brad Binau** will explore the theme "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: God and the Cosmic Story." During the Sunday education hour beginning at 11:15 a.m., he will discuss the following topics:

Sunday, February 5: *Your God Is Too Small* and Why I Got Interested in All of This

Sunday, February 12: As It Was in the Beginning: The Big Bang and God after Darwin

Sunday, February 19: Is Now: Time and God after Einstein

Sunday, February 26: And Evermore Shall Be: The Future and a Big-Enough God.

The class is both in-person and on Zoom. 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 via phone, call 312-626-6799.

For those who don't have the Zoom app, they can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in the browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86928691370?pwd=VkrHYXRiIl0aG9tcjFDRGJFQTJldz09>

Education Team: *Calling All Middle/High School Students, Parents*

Redeemer's middle and high school students and their parents are encouraged to join a few members of the Education Team on **Sunday, February 12**, during the Sunday School hour for donuts and a casual conversation about how to meet your needs. **Katie Jacobs** adds, "We'd love to hear from you regarding Sunday School/programs that you would enjoy. Hope to see you there!"

February Book Written by Columbus Author

"Who would think that finding a bag of books would change your life? Well, Juanita didn't. As a matter of fact, she tried to toss that bag, but it fell on her as if it was trying to tell her something. What did she discover?"

"This is a humorous, light story written by a local author, and starts its whimsical journey right here in Columbus Ohio," writes **Sheryl Owens** about the next book for Redeemer's Book Group.

Join them as they read *Dancing On The Edge Of The Roof* by **Sheila Williams** for the February book of the month.

There are copies available via the public library. (When searching Columbus Metropolitan Library by title, click the "search other resources" link, then click the "search in search Ohio" link for additional copies.

Reminder: Redeemer Takes Ongoing Safety Measures

The ushers are locking the front doors soon after worship starts. During worship, an usher will check the Narthex from time to time to make sure no one who wants to attend the service is locked out and to check the parking lot. (Members are reminded to lock their cars while at worship)

Ushers will unlock the front door after worship ends. When the Narthex empties after worship, the front doors will be locked again.

According to **Pastor Dave**, "As Council members review what we learned at the active shooter training, they will offer more information, guidance, and opportunities for conversation."

Redeemer Seeks Part-Time Office Help

Redeemer is seeking an individual to serve one day a week as office staff (Thursday or Friday preferred.) Duties will include the following:

DAILY TASKS

- phone call answering/forwarding/message recording and delivery
- sending requests for assistance to pastor

- email reviewing/answering/forwarding as appropriate
- greet and direct visitors as needed

GENERAL TASKS

- reformat binder to bulletin
- create weekly MailChimps
- create monthly calendar/worship leader chart
- keep worship attendance records
- update data base/official church record
- update directory/various lists
- do Safe Church background checks

SKILLS/TALENTS/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- computer proficiency in Word, and formatting worship documents; Excel a plus
- data base management
- copyright checking

If interested please contact **Nancy Magargal** at nmagargal@gmail.com or 614-208-5702 to schedule an interview.

Tuesday Bible Study Looks at Judges on Jan. 31

The Tuesday Bible study continues exploring the book of Judges when it meets this week on **Tuesday, January 31**. According to **Pastor Dave**, this is the chance to learn everything there is to know about **Samson** and **Delilah!** ... as well as a host of others!

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 Kristi Hildebrand

BREAD Network Members were asked to answer a handful of questions. Here is the latest installment featuring **Kristi Hildebrand**:

1. What is your name? **Kristi Hildebrand**
2. What issues keep you up at night? Shootings in Columbus, systemic racism, affordable housing, hunger.
3. Why did you join the Justice team at Redeemer? Like many people, I feel bad about the injustice I see around me, but I don't know what to do to make a positive difference, no matter how small. I thought that joining with others would help show me what to do.
4. What is your favorite kind of bread? Focaccia
5. Why did you decide to become a Network Member of BREAD? By committing to be a network member of BREAD, I knew I was taking one positive step to fight injustice with a long-standing organization that knows what it is doing.
6. What is your Justice prayer for the future? There are so many things but I pray for communities that are disproportionately impacted by COVID due to systemic racism.

Upcoming BREAD Date:

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

Sister Act to Look at 'Imagination' on Feb. 8

Sister Act's January event will be held on **Wednesday, February 8** 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.

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 are asked for **Julie Larson's** husband **Eli** as he receives cancer treatment in Houston and she relocates to be with him. Prayers are also asked for **Jennifer Young** and her family on the unexpected death of her mother-in-law **Shirley**.

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Member Directory: **Heidi Sherer** has a new email address. If you don't already have her Yahoo address or her cell phone number, you may contact the church office for the information.

Corrections: **Terry Warren's** email address is TerryWarren831@yahoo.com and **Jil Williams'** email is JLWilliams867@gmail.com.

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Member Transfer: **Mike Shugert**, who now lives in Lewis Center, has transferred his membership to Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Worshippers Asked to Wear Nametags

Worshippers are asked to wear their nametags for the next several weeks – not only for the sake of newer folks but also for the sake of those among the congregation whose memories aren't what they used to be!

Nametags can be found on the rack near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Can't find yours ... or never had one ... write your name on the pad provided and one will be made.

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.

An Update from Kathy Z

Kathy Zwanziger writes: "I can eat almonds again! And meat and bananas and oranges. Dialysis has begun. Being able to remove toxins from my body makes it possible for me to eat foods I had to avoid previously. It also means I have to plan carefully so that I can make an "exchange" four times a day. As my brother used to say, that is my "job" now. Thanks for all your encouragement!"

"By the way, if anyone is planning to move soon or needs sturdy boxes for any other reason, I will have plenty to donate."

Members Urged to Keep Car Doors Locked While at Church

Recently, an 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. In addition, the front door will now be locked during the church service.

February Birthdays

1-Michael McClain Jr. 3-Karen Kent
4-Donna Voelkel 5-Andre Friederich
5-Georgene Slagle 6-Richard Amon Jr.
8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes
14-Kurt Goshen 15-Nancy Ehrich
16-Heidi Carman 24-Linda Williams
24-Sue Yehling 26-Diane Brobeck
26-Wally Jacobs 28-Colton Day

The Wider Church

HopeWood Seeks Volunteers for Maple Sugar Festival

Volunteers are needed to work the HopeWood (formerly Lutheran Memorial Camp) Maple Sugar Festival in March. If interested, email pin@hopewoodoutdoors.org.

Others are encouraged to “treat yourself to a day filled with maple syrup, all you can eat pancakes, and live music performed by a local band. You can purchase sassafras tea and donuts that are cooked over an open fire, buy real maple syrup or take a nature hike. Be sure to visit the Sugar Shack. You can relax and enjoy a conversation around the fire and connect with friends, old and new.

“Funds are raised at the festival for summer camperships.”

The event is set for **Sunday, March 12** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nominations Open for ELCA Commission on Church Governance

At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted a memorial concerning restructuring the ELCA’s governance. The assembly adopted 738-72 the following action:

- “To direct the Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church comprised of leaders of diverse representation from all three expressions that, working in consultation with the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council, shall reconsider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto, being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism, and will present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention to be called under the rules for a special meeting of the Churchwide Assembly.”

The Church Council discussed this churchwide assembly action at its November 2022 meeting and authorized establishing the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) to consist of no more than 35 voting members and directed the Executive Committee of the Church Council to initiate the process of forming the commission.

The nomination process is open until **Thursday, March 9, 2023**. More information about the commitment and expectation of serving on the CRLC can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2mk5m6p>. Interested individuals who wish to be nominated or to nominate another person should complete and submit the nomination form.

The Executive Committee of the ELCA Church Council will serve as the nominating committee and will present a slate of nominees to the Church Council at its April 20, 2023 meeting for appointment to the CRLC.

The Community Beyond

Death Café Meets Feb. 5

The next Death Cafe is **Sunday February 5**, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Whetstone Library, 3909 N High St, Columbus, Oh 44214. Join **Nikki**, the Death Doula for a non-judgmental discussion of all things related to death and dying.

Black History Month Film Screening to View ‘Something the Lord Made’

The city of Columbus and a number of health care groups are sponsoring a screening of the film “Something the Lord Made” to prompt a conversation on health in the Black community. The screening is set for **Saturday, February 11** from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The King Arts Complex (835 Mt. Vernon Ave.). To register, go to <https://bit.ly/BHM211223>. For questions, call 614-645-6911.

Columbus Public Health Director Dr. Mysheika Roberts will make opening remarks.

Getting Ready for Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 5, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; Matthew 5:13-20

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, 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 Advent Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Margie Frazier and Dave Lippert.

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 Shirley Miller and family on the death of her son-in-law Rick Henry.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal/Kiarra Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Eileen Day, Nancy Magargal
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling

*Flowers are given by Julianne Johnson celebrating Sara Auman's birthday
Noisy Offering will go to Choices.*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

January 31 – February 6, 2023

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Redeemer at LSS Food Pantry
	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship Team
	5:30 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Team – home of Emlyn Ott
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.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed

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