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April Smith Finds What She Was Looking For

Pastor Dave recently gave a sermon about “what are you looking for”? I feel like I’ve found what I was looking for here at Redeemer Lutheran!

When I first started attending Redeemer worship services last October, I was so tired and burned out I told Pastor Dave I just wanted to sit in the pew and worship. Little did I know I was surrounded by such a great group of folks that, after just a few Sundays, I was ready to jump in to the life of this congregation.

I immediately made friends with **Kathy Rapp** and **Karen Kent** and was so blessed to be able to share my gift of flute music during Advent and Christmas. I had been looking for a chance to be involved with church music after the past few years of sporadic occasions to play. I found what I was looking for.

Also on my list has been looking for an opportunity to play my flute in a community band. I was making the rounds of the local groups when the pandemic shut everything down and I never did anything more about it. On a recent Sunday, I struck up a conversation with **Linda Williams** who also plays flute and she offered me an invitation to join the Reynoldsburg Community Band. That’s what I’ve been looking for!

I didn’t know I was looking for a way to share one of my acquired skills until **Tom Mimplitch** asked for new folks to join the livestream team. Since I was heavily involved in livestreaming as part of my former job at another church, I felt led to share my skills with Redeemer. I’m learning the system and will be joining the rotation of producers in the coming weeks.

Something I’ve been praying for (is that similar to looking for?) is the healing of cancer in both my friends from Dayton who moved to Ohio from Hawaii a few years before I did. They were both very active in our congregation and we became very good friends. A few Sundays ago they called and said they were on their way to Columbus and we were able to share dinner together and lunch the next day. Prayers have been answered as after a five-year battle, **Tami** shows no signs of cancer and **Gary** has completed his radiation for his cancer and is feeling good.

I’ve been blessed to be a part of RIC Lutheran and other welcoming and affirming Christian congregations since 1998 and I am so grateful that I found Redeemer at the time I needed to make a change in my worship life.

Thanks be to God for this beautiful community of believers!

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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

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Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director -

Karen Kent

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The Redeemer Community

RLC Sponsors 'Souper Bowl' Sunday Feb. 12

The 2023 Super Bowl game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles is **Sunday, February 12** and that means Redeemer will sponsor its own "Souper Bowl" – this one to benefit the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry.

Donations of canned goods, especially soups, are encouraged. The most needed soups are tomato, chicken noodle, and vegetable. Other great canned good choices include peanut butter (16 oz. plastic jars) or any canned fruit (about 15 oz.).

Those wishing to donate cash can vote for their favorite team. (The pantry is able to purchase \$4 of food for every \$1 donated.) Any contributions will be very much appreciated!!

Go Chiefs! er... Go Eagles!!

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

Continuing on **Sunday, February 12**, retired Trinity Lutheran Seminary Professor **Brad Binau** explores 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 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!"

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.

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?"

To join the Zoom session, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 883 5396 2283; Passcode: 991336. 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/88353962283?pwd=MnU0bVFwUHh5VjBRRnh2QWFTN0xCdz09>

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.

The group meets on **Wednesday, February 15** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the church or on Zoom to discuss the book. To join the Zoom meet, go to the Zoom app and enter the following information: Meeting ID 865 8150 4887; Passcode 274918. To participate via phone, call 312-626-6799.

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

<https://us02zoom.us/j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tKM2xEd3dyK1RvSURJYlFuZz09>

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."

Tuesday Bible Study Looks at Judges on Feb. 7

The Tuesday Bible study continues exploring the book of Judges when it meets this week on **Tuesday, February 7**. 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>

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.

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:

- Redeemer Network Meeting: **Monday, March 13, 2023**, at 7 p.m. in Room 2 and on Zoom.
- Rally: **Monday, March 27, 2023** at 7 p.m.
- Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, April 25, 2023** at the Celeste Center (Ohio State Fairgrounds).

January Council Highlights

On **Saturday, January 28**, the Council held a retreat at the church to review members' roles and expectations, and start discussing the vision for this year. They did a team-building exercise, approved the financial reports, and appointed **Julie Johnson** to continue serving in her role as treasurer. The Southern Ohio Synod THRIVE Campaign was discussed and approved, as recommended by the Executive Committee. **Julie Johnson** will oversee that effort.

It was requested at the Annual Congregational Meeting that synopses of council meetings be published in *Reflections* to keep the whole congregation updated. The following summarizes the Annual Meeting:

- The 2023 Council members were introduced
- The distribution of the funds proposed by the Special Funds Team was approved
- The 2023 budget was discussed and approved. It is important to note that the church is anticipating higher than usual utilities as well as planning more work on the parking lot, both of which resulted in a significant increase in property expenses.
- Two Southern Ohio Synod activities are on the calendar for 2023: Their THRIVE Campaign has been approved for early this year, so watch for upcoming information.
- The SOS Assembly takes place in Dayton on June 3, and our representatives are **Krista Skipper** and **Scott Steiner**, with alternates **Becky Fisher** and **Brad Phillips**. (See the Jan. 30 Issue of *Reflections* for additional information on the annual meeting.)

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

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.

February Birthdays

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

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

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.

Columbus Symphony Sponsors 'Winter Pride Night'

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is sponsoring “Masterworks Pride Night” on **Saturday, February 18** beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Ohio Theatre. This concert features CSO principal clarinetist **David Thomas** performing the Brahms Clarinet Sonata.

Folks are invited to join a special post-concert “meet and greet” with **Music Director Rossen Milanov, Thomas** and other LGBTQ+ musicians of the orchestra. This event takes place in the Patron Lounge on the second floor. There will be a cash bar.

Getting Ready for Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 12, 2023 Lessons

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; Matthew 5:21-24, 33-37

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us 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 African International Lutheran Mission in Columbus.
+ For Redeemer community members Elizabeth George and Paul Voytas.

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, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal/Kiarra Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs
Communion Prep	Eileen Day, Nancy Magargal, Michelle Clemence
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are given by Kathleen Zwanziger in honor of Jeremy Hutton
Noisy Offering will go to Choices.*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

February 7 – February 13, 2023

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team on ZOOM
	7:30 p.m.	Berwick Civic Association
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act IN-PERSON and ZOOM
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group
Next Sunday	8:45 a.m.	CANCELLED Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School for ALL
	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