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RLC Ups Goal for Personal Care Kits to 150

Because Redeemer members and friends have already exceeded the initial goal of collecting enough items for 75 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), **Julianne Johnson** announced Sunday that the goal has now been upped to 150 kits by Easter.

The first kits will start to be assembled this **Wednesday, March 15** following the noon soup luncheon. Anyone wishing to help is welcome.

As the death toll from the earthquake and aftershocks in Turkey and Northern Syria continues to climb, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) has sent quilts, personal care kits, baby care kits, heating stoves, tents, and other critically needed supplies to trusted local partners in the affected areas, **Julianne** reports. This is possible because of ongoing efforts to prepare quilts and kits by Lutheran churches on a regular basis so that a supply is on hand when disaster strikes.

Redeemer has in the past sent personal care kits. The followings items are needed:

1. Light weight bath size towels – should be **between** 20" x 40" and 27" x 52". Please remember they are to be light-weight and preferably dark colors (so they are easy-to dry and won't show dirt as quickly).
2. Bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces in original packaging.
3. Adult toothbrushes.
4. **Sturdy** combs.
5. Metal nail clippers.

Items can be placed on the table in the Narthex.

Please avoid items with religious symbols or messages or the camouflage, military symbols or American flag. No additional items will be included. For those who prefer to give money, write a check to Redeemer but in the memo area put "LWR Personal Care Kits" it will be used to complete kits. Any balance will be sent to LWR for shipping costs.



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The Redeemer Community

Redeemer BREAD Network to Meet March 13

The Redeemer BREAD Network will meet **Monday, March 13** at 7 p.m. to hear what is going on with BREAD and start preparing for the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, April 25**. This meeting is just for Redeemer members rather than the entire BREAD organization.

The Nehemiah Action is "the Big Event" of BREAD's year where thousands of people gather to show support for the issues BREAD has been working on and to encourage officials to support them.

Any one and everyone is encouraged to support BREAD by attending the Nehemiah Action on April 25.

Those wishing to take their involvement to the next level can become a BREAD Network Member by committing three things:

1. Attend four BREAD meetings in a year
2. Bring three people to the Nehemiah Action and
3. Consider a monetary commitment.

For those with any questions about becoming a Network Member, the Nehemiah Action or anything BREAD related, please ask a Redeemer BREAD team member: **Sue Watson, Dave Shull, Emily Ott, Kristi Hildebrand, Kathy Zwanziger, or Michele Disbro.**

Redeemer's March 13 meeting will held in Room 2 and on Zoom. To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and enter the following information: Meeting ID: 859 6681 4372; Passcode: 483823. 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 their browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85966814372?pwd=U0lzN3liSF15aDV0c0tlVGZsSGtrUT09>

Upcoming BREAD Dates:

- 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).

March Adult Ed Class Concludes Examination of II/Legal Abortion

On Sunday March 19, LIC student **Marit Johnson** concludes the discussions on articles from the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* February/March issue, titled "II/legal Abortion: Lutheran Ethical Responses post-Dobbs." Together participants will read articles from the journal, look at the ELCA's 1991 Social Statement on Abortion, and share insights on ways to talk about this divisive topic from a Lutheran ethics perspective.

To view articles that may be included, visit <https://learn.elca.org/jle/>.

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=VkRHYXRiTI10aG9tcjFDRGJFOTJlZ09>

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Look at Judges on March 14

The Tuesday Bible study continues exploring the book of Judges when it meets this week on **Tuesday, March 14**. It runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 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: 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>

New Photo Directories Available

Redeemer's new Photo Directory is now available!! Many thanks to **Michele Disbro** for shepherding this project and especially to **Karen Rider** and **Linda Williams** for their photography.

Paper copies of the directory are available on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the Library for those who wish to have a hard copy otherwise copies have been emailed to all members.

Volunteers to Offer Reflections for March 15, Good Friday Needed

The final blessing of Redeemer's new Service of Lenten Evening Prayer is a traditional prayer of Palestinian Christians:

Let your peace rain upon us, O living God of peace.

Let your peace rain upon us, Lord, fill our hearts with your peace.

Pastor Dave asks, "When you hear the word *peace*, what comes up for you? Do you go toward international conflicts? Or toward the need for peace among people divided by race, religion, gender and identity politics? Do you think of tensions among families, or even ways we struggle to be at-peace within ourselves and our hearts?"

"If you would like to prepare a five-minute reflection on some aspect of peace and what this sung blessing brings up for you, I know your words would be a blessing to all of us. Please sign up for the March Wednesday evening that works best for you on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Library." **All the slots are filled except for this week, March 15.** Contact **Dave Shull** with any questions.

In addition, cantors are needed for the Wednesday evening service on **March 29**. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Good Friday worship, which will be here at Redeemer this year, sees an opening for one person to offer a reflection on "Word Six: *It is finished.*" If this is something you can do, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Sister Act, March Event Set for March 21

The March meeting of Sister Act will focus on "The Joy of Decluttering." **Ruth Murray**, who will lead the discussion, shares that the book of Matthew talks about the sharing of one's goods. As part of the discussion time, Ruth will ask folks to share some of their own experiences of decluttering.

"How did this process create peace in you and joy in sharing with others? How do we move forward in the process of decluttering? Is this just something we do with our possessions or can we apply the act of decluttering to the way we spend our time?"

The group meets at the church and on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 21**. The Zoom information will be sent out later.

New Worship Response Being Used to First Reading

Now through the season of Easter, the Worship Team is asking members of the congregation to offer a new response to the first reading. At the end of the reading, instead of the reader's saying, "Word of God, Word of Life," to which the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God," the reader will say, "May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church," and the congregation will respond, "Amen."

"The reason for this change has to do with the fact that a number of Bible readings contain images of violence, cruelty, and hatred. If we want to take these texts seriously, and wrestle with the hard issues they raise, we believe we can't simply declare them to be 'word of God, word of life.' We believe responding to such texts by saying, 'May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen,' names the reality that these are hard texts, and that their meaning for today is not at all clear. So we ask for the Spirit's guidance to help us listen for what they may be saying to us who live in a very different time and reality than when they were written," **Pastor Dave** explains.

"Please let any of the Worship Team members know what your experiences using this new response are. Your feedback will help guide our decision about continuing to use it after Easter."

The members of the worship team are **Michelle Clemence, Jennifer Collins, Karen Kent, Don Luck, Kathy Rapp, Dave Shull, and Wendy Stoica.**

Soup Luncheons Planned for Lent

Soup luncheons are now being held at Redeemer on the Wednesdays through Lent. They run from noon to 1 p.m. Folks are asked to sign up to provide soup, bread or a dessert. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library. One more soup is still needed for **Wednesday, March 15.**

Redeemer Book Group to Discuss *The Personal Librarian*

Redeemer's Book Group next meets on **Wednesday evening, April 19,** at 7 p.m., in-person at the church and on Zoom. They will discuss *The Personal Librarian*. **Donna Voelkel**, who recommended the book, says it is a historical novel by **Marie Benedict** and **Victoria Christopher Murray**. **Belle da Casta Greene** was a young Black librarian who identified herself as White. She was hired by financier **J.P. Morgan** to manage and create a library for his large collections of ancient manuscripts, etchings, and noted oil paintings. After Morgan's death, Belle was successful in encouraging J.P. Morgan's son, Jack, to turn the library into public institution to honor his father.

There is much more to say, but that's for the reader to find out and discuss!

Narthex Art Changes Theme for Lent

The changing of the church season means the theme for the gallery of member art in the Narthex has changed. The theme for Lent is "Respite" and many depictions of that are now on display in the Narthex. Folks are invited to ponder members' view of "respite."

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."

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 **Nancy Magargal** who is having surgery Monday. Prayers continue to be asked for friends of **Ruth Murray** who are battling cancer: **Phillip Hall** and **Kirstin Roberts**.

Redeemer Member Margie Farnham to Preach on Sunday

Redeemer Member **Margie Farnham** will be preaching **Sunday, March 19** on the topic “Clearing the Mud from My Eyes.” She has been a member of the congregation since 2002 and has both a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) and a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, where she also worked as the director of communications for 16 years.

She currently works as a copywriter in the marketing department at Equitas Health, a nonprofit community health care system serving people with HIV/AIDS, the LGBTQ+ community, and others who have been left out or kept out of traditional health care. She is married to **Maureen Callahan**.

An Update from Kathy Z

Kathy Zwanziger has sent another update on her journey on dialysis and toward receiving a kidney transplant: “‘Murphy’s Law’ says that ‘if anything can go wrong, it will.’ Recently week I had another medical procedure – a heart cath. After showing me the catheter (MUCH smaller than my PD catheter) and the size of a stent (should one be necessary), the doctors tried to go in through the (preferred) right wrist, but there was a ‘roadblock.’ Instead, they went in through my left wrist.

“The heart cath was the last procedure I needed to ‘pass’ before I would be cleared for a kidney transplant. I had needed to start dialysis because the process includes inserting a contrast dye which is very hard on kidneys and can cause them to fail.

“From family history, I have seen that dialysis affects people differently. Mom also had PD (peritoneal dialysis) and did not have her previous level of energy. My sister (who had hemodialysis) could barely walk from the taxi to her room following a treatment. My brother (also on hemodialysis) could drive himself 16 miles to the clinic, 16 miles back home, eat lunch, and go work on his farm. My energy level seems better than it was for a while. By night I am tired – but that is nothing new.

“Bottom line: the doctors pronounced my heart strong enough to undergo a kidney transplant – even though I got **two** black and blue wrists in the process. Not only does a kidney transplant recipient need to pass several tests, a kidney donor also needs to pass several tests. Then, of course, there needs to be a match. Fingers are crossed!”

Looking for Volunteer to Keep Kitchenette, Donation Center Tidy

Redeemer is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to monthly tidy up the kitchenette on the first floor as well as the Donation Center in the cloakroom.

The kitchen has recently been cleaned up so it just needs to be maintained while the donation center/shelves could use a once over. This latter does NOT entail delivering or getting rid of the items, etc. Others in the congregation take care of that.

If this is something you can do or if you have questions, please call the church office at 614-237-1263.

Church Office Hours Updated

The church office will now be open Mondays through Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with **Becky Trover** and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon with **Diane Brobeck**. The office is closed on Fridays.

'Christ in Our Home' Available

The April-June 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.

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.

March Birthdays

13-Dave Engel 14-Jenny Friedrich
14-Lynn Nakamura 14-Laura Warren
14-Tim Watson 15-Kristi Hildebrand
17-David Williams 24-Carol Heacock
27-Margie Farnham 30-Colin Young

The Wider Church

Trinity Seminary to Present Haydn Mass in D Minor on March 31

The Trinity Seminary Choir will present the Haydn Mass in D Minor – the "Mass for Troubled Times" – as part of its Choral Evensong on **Friday, March 31**. To be held in the Gloria Dei Worship Center at the corner of Main St. and College Ave., the event begins with the prelude at 7:30 p.m. with the Evensong beginning at 8 p.m.

Performing with the choir is the Trinity Seminary Choir Chamber Orchestra and soloists **Jennie M. Blosser**, soprano; **Katrina Warner**, mezzo; **C. Andrew Blosser**, tenor; **William Schott**, bass; and **Carol Ann Bradley**, organist. Redeemer member **May Schwarz** is the director.

Free parking is available in the adjacent lot off College Ave.

The event is free but donations online to <https://tinyurl.com/bddhs2kd> are welcome. To support the music program, click "other" on this site and write in "Music at Trinity."

First English Blessing Box

Kay Ernsthansen reports that, with the suspension of Thursday night dinners at First English Lutheran Church, the Blessing Box in the church's courtyard is needed more than ever. There is a basket in Redeemer's coatroom to collect donations for the Blessing Box or they can be dropped off directly.

Suggested items include soup and canned meats that open with a pop tab when possible (not all unboxed have a can opener); canned fruit and veggies; instant mac and cheese or any "just add water" items; granola bars, either the harder Nature Valley kind or the softer fruit bars; and instant potatoes and boxed dinners.

They are not able to accept fresh fruit and veggies as they draw bugs and critters. "Both things they don't want in the box with the food."

As the RLC basket has items Kay will take them to First English to fill the Blessing Box there. In advance thank you for your donations.

The Community Beyond

Program Offers Clinics on Challenging Home Valuation

The Auditor's Office is partnering with Columbus Legal Aid to host its third annual Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP). The program is designed to help low-to-moderate income homeowners file a complaint against the valuation of their owner-occupied home with the County Board of Revision (BOR).

The program provides complaint-filing clinics and referrals for possible further representation for homeowners in Franklin County with gross annual incomes below \$75,000. The auditor's office will host in-person, Zoom, and telephone clinics, where low-to-moderate income homeowners will be paired with an attorney or real estate professional for assistance with completing the BOR complaint form.

The final clinic will be held on **Thursday, March 23** via phone.

More information, including links to register as a volunteer or participant, is available on the [Franklin County Auditor's website](#).

Getting Ready for Worship

4th Sunday in Lent, March 19, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-11, 24-41

Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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 Christ Lutheran Church in Heath.

+ For Redeemer community member Carol Heacock.

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, Karen Kent, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Nancy Magargal.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister

Preaching

Assisting Minister

Reader

Cantor

ASL Interpreter

Pastor Dave Shull

Margaret Farnham

Marit Johnson

Marit Johnson

Mary Benis

Bryan Neal/Kiarra Santiago

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Pianist & Chime Choir Director
Usher
Verger
Hospitality
Communion Prep
Producers

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Karen Kent
Judith Bird
Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica

Becky Fisher
Scott Steiner/ Michele Disbro

*There are no altar flowers during Lent
Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES.*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

March 14 - 20, 2023

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith ZOOM
Wednesday	noon	Soup and Discussion
	After lunch	Assembling of LWR Care Kits
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
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
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council

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