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2023 RLC/LSS/Food Collective Food Giveaways Kick Off Thursday



The season for Redeemer’s Lutheran Social Services (LSS)/Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) Food Giveaways kick off this **Thursday, April 20**. Redeemer is scheduled for the *third* Thursday of every month from April to October. The demand for food assistance remains high, so this ministry effort shared with LSS and MOFC continues to be very important!

Here are the 2023 dates and the “extra” items the congregation will be collecting each month:

- April 20 – Hair care items (shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- May 18 – Skin care (lotions, sunscreen, etc.)
- June 15 – Soap, dish detergent, laundry soap
- July 20 – School supplies and tissues
- August 17 – Paper items (paper towels, toilet tissue, baby wipes, etc.)
- September 21 – Personal items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dental floss, etc.)
- October 19 – Cleaning supplies (wipes, paper towels, sponges, etc.)

Volunteers will follow the processes used the last few years including a drive-thru process where customers stay in their cars and those working the event will follow physical distancing, handwashing, glove and face mask guidelines.

In an effort to gauge the volunteer staffing for these events, and especially the one on April 20, folks are asked to email or call the church office saying if they can help. A sign-up sheet is also available on the bulletin board next to the library.

Sue Watson notes, “I know our congregational efforts to combat food insecurity in our communities are very meaningful for many of us, and our outreach means so much to those we serve. So if you can volunteer (or if you’d like more info), please get in touch with the church office ASAP. We’ll take all the help we can get!”

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Office Assistant - Diane Brobeck

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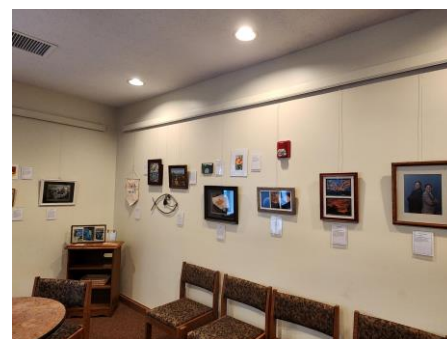
Adult Education Class to Focus on Death Penalty: *A Chance to Right a Wrong*

Plan to attend the Adult Education hour next **Sunday, April 23**, at 11:15 a.m. to hear from **Peter Kobak**, who's coordinating a campaign to free **Tony Apanovitch**. Tony's story can be found online at www.justice4apanovitch.com, but in brief, Tony spent 32 years on death row for a rape and murder he didn't commit. He was released after his conviction was overturned, but two years later a technicality has put him back on death row. Peter will lead a discussion of Tony's case, as well as the death penalty in general and the work of Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE). There will be time to write postcards to be submitted as part of the campaign to free Tony.

For folks who can't attend the Sunday discussion but want to be involved, card-writing materials will be available in the Narthex. **Mary Benis** noted that, "We hope to have a link available for online submission."

Narthex Art Exhibit: *Surprise!*

The new theme for the exhibit of members' art in the Narthex is *Surprise!* This theme will run for Easter/April is *Surprise!* Stop by to see what has prompted "Surprise" in members' lives!



Clearance: Lost and Found Box

Redeemer's Lost and Found Box has reached the overflowing stage so the items are spread out on the table in the Library in the hopes of their finding their owners. Check it out! Items that remain by the end of April will be donated or otherwise disposed of as appropriate.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Look at Colossians April 18

The Tuesday Bible study continues its examination of the book of Colossians on **Tuesday, April 18**. 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>

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!

BREAD: Nehemiah Action Set for April 25

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

BREAD’s big event, the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, April 25** is almost here! As people of faith, BREAD members will push for

- ...more affordable housing
- ...identification for all
- ...keeping children in school
- ...solutions to address climate change
- ...building trust between police and neighborhoods

The program runs from 6:40 p.m.-8:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks are set for 6:40 p.m.

According to **Kristi Hildebrand**, here’s what to Expect at the Nehemiah Action:

- You will be joined by THOUSANDS of people gathered to fight for justice on the community problems that BREAD. has voted to tackle.
- Our POWER lies in the number of people at the Nehemiah Action speaking with one voice.
- BREAD research committees have met with professionals and agencies in the field for months before deciding on the best possible solution and the appropriate decision-maker with the power to make the change.
- Public officials were given an opportunity to see the questions PRIOR to being on stage that night.
- Your presence is more than just a number; you can expect to be an active participant in backing up our spokespeople by showing solidarity and being a respectful audience member.

Redeemer has committed to bringing 60 people to the Nehemiah Action on April 25. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Dave Shull, Sue Watson, Emily Ott, Michele Disbro, Kathy Zwanziger** or **Kristi Hildebrand** or call the church office.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, April 25 at the Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds (717 E. 17th Ave. 43211).

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

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**.

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

A Big Thanks for Easter Breakfast Contributions!

Wendy Stoica thanked everyone who contributed for the Easter Breakfast last, noting it "was such a blessing" to be able to be back in the Fellowship Hall for the event.

Church Office Now Open Four Days/Week

The church office is now 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 Especially at Easter

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.

April Birthdays

18-Isaac Marquez 19-Damon Stewart
19-April Smith and her twin brother Alan Wood
22-Grayson Ullman 23-Andrew Skoog
24-Michelle Clemence 24-Elaine Disbro
27-Margie Frazier 27-Dora Pinder
28-Edwina Bradley

The Wider Church

Spring Gathering for Lutheran Women Set for May 7

The Spring Gathering is for all women who are members of any Lutheran church in the Central Ohio area. Attendees do not need to be a member of an organized women's group within their church to attend this event.

This is an opportunity to get to know other women in the area.

Who: Lutheran Women's Spring Gathering (Women of the ELCA)

Date: Sunday, May 7, 2023

Time: Registration: 1:30 p.m. Program: 2 p.m.

Place: Clinton Heights Lutheran Church (15 Clinton Heights Ave.; Columbus, OH 43202)

Theme: Love Thy Neighbor!

Please come for the fellowship, speakers, singing and refreshments! For questions or additional information, please contact **Janet Dixon** at 614-475-2772.

LSS Names New CEO

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) this past week announced the hiring of **Rachel Lustig** as the new president and CEO of the organization. She succeeds the **Rev. Larry A. Crowell**, who has served as interim for the past year. She begins her new duties on **Monday, May 15**.

Todd Treon, chair of the LSS Board of Directors, writes that, "Rachel has 14+ years' experience in executive leadership at faith-based organizations. In her previous decade-long role as president and CEO of Catholic Social Services based in Columbus, she transformed the agency and brought it into its strategic niche as an anti-poverty agency whose goal is to empower people in need -- regardless of faith or background -- with the tools they need to reach their full potential.

"Before joining Catholic Social Services, Rachel was a senior executive at Catholic Charities USA, the nation's largest private human service association. In that role, Rachel advanced best-practice strategies that were innovative, impactful, and collaborative, and she helped seed the nation's first domestic poverty research lab at her alma mater, the University of Notre Dame."

The Community Beyond

Grammercy Bookstore Hosts Discussion on *Poverty, by America*

The Grammercy Bookstore in Bexley (across from the Bexley Library) is hosting the Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Matthew Desmond** to discuss his latest book *Poverty, by America* beginning at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 19** at the Columbus College of Art & Design, Canzani Auditorium, 60 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43215. Desmond reimagines the debate on poverty, making a new and bracing argument about why it persists in America: because the rest of us benefit from it.

Tickets run \$30 and include a copy of the book. Limited complimentary tickets are also available. Both can be obtained by contacting the bookstore at 614-867-5515 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/yjbxcfvp>.

Local Groups Sponsor Community Safety Day

A number of local groups including the city of Columbus, the Columbus Division of Fire and Nationwide Children's Hospital are sponsoring a Community Safety Day on **Saturday, April 22** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3639 Parsons Ave.

The day will include the following:

- DEA Drug Take Back and Disposal
- Free Naloxone and Training
- Free Food and Produce
- Free COVID-19 and flu vaccinations
- Free Health and Resiliency Resources and free Kids' Activities.

Getting Ready for Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 38-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you 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 Faith Lutheran Church in Mt Vernon.

+ For Redeemer community members Novella, Theresa and John Gavin.

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, 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, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Ruth Boys.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister

Assisting Minister

Cantor

ASL Interpreter

Organist & Senior Choir Director

Pianist & Chime Choir Director

Usher

Verger

Hospitality

Communion Prep

Producers

Pastor Dave Shull

Kay Ernsthausen

Heidi Sherer

Bryan Neal/Kiarra Santiago

Kathy Rapp

Karen Kent

Mike Benis

Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica

Cathy Oldham

In-Phillips, Tom Mimlitch

*The flowers are given by members of Redeemer
Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES.*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

April 18 – April 25, 2023

Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Member Care Team, In-Person
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study
Thursday	1-3:00 p.m.	SET-UP for Food GiveAway
	3-6:00 p.m.	LSS/Mid-Ohio Food GiveAway
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 Education

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