



# Reflections

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## ***Nos Vemos from Marit***

Dear Redeemer,

It's hard to believe that my semester is ending. My last Sunday with you will be April 30. It has been a joy to get to know you, learn with you, make music with you, and worship with you.

Thank you to all who shared their time and stories with me over coffee and lunch. Thank you for experimenting with me in our education hour and in worship. Thank you to the kids who spent time with me during our children's time and during children's Sunday school.

Redeemer is grounded in being a teaching congregation that deeply understands formation for its students. I can imagine that welcoming a seminary student in for such a short time can feel like a constant revolving door. Know that my time with you has been life giving and thought provoking. I don't take any of this time for granted!

I am excited to hear how you hope to continue paving the way for Jesus in your congregational work and in the community.

I thank God for you and how you have formed me in this phase of my life and ministry. Thank you.

The world is small, and the church is connected. I don't believe that this is a full goodbye. As we say in Spanish, "*Nos vemos*," -- we'll be seeing each other.

With gratitude,

Marit Johnson  
LIC Student

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### **OUR CONGREGATION**

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### **2023**

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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## The Redeemer Community

### 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.

### ‘Meal Train’ to Aid Kathy Z, Wendy Stoica Following Transplant

A way for the congregation to assist **Kathy Zwanziger** and **Wendy Stoica** following the **Tuesday, April 25** kidney transplant surgery is to participate in “Meal Train,” providing food once they return home to recuperate.

Those wishing to participate or for further details can contact **Eileen Day** at 614-907-5821 or via email at [eileenday@hotmail.com](mailto:eileenday@hotmail.com) or **Kathy Mimplitch** at 614-439-7739 or via [kathymimplitch@yahoo.com](mailto:kathymimplitch@yahoo.com).

### One More Chance to Right a Wrong

The Adult Education Class on April 23 with **Peter Kobak** of Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) was really informative and motivational, **Mary Benis** notes. “Thanks to all 35 folks who attended in person or by Zoom – it was a great turnout!

“If you haven’t yet been able to submit a postcard in support of freeing **Tony Apanovitch** from his wrongful incarceration on Death Row, you can still do so. There will be cards available in the Narthex through **Sunday, May 7**, along with a sample text. Or you can contact the church office and ask that a form be emailed to you. The sample text is available online at [bit.ly/takeactionfortony](http://bit.ly/takeactionfortony).

“For maximum impact, the best way to return your cards is to bring or send them back to Redeemer by Sunday, May 7. They will then be forwarded to OTSE. But if that’s not possible, just add

the stamps yourself, and mail your cards directly to the governor and the parole board. In addition, we're encouraged to call the governor's office at 614-644-4357 and ask for clemency for Tony.

"All the details of Tony's case can be found at [www.justice4apanovitch.com](http://www.justice4apanovitch.com). These postcards are a way to turn our righteous outrage into positive action and, hopefully, justice for Tony."

## **Exploring the God We Do and Don't Believe In Redeemer Sunday Adult Education for April 30, May 7**

**Pastor Dave** writes, "A question about how people might respond to someone who says they're angry with God because of some tragic event that has happened led to a lively conversation about God in the Sunday morning adult education class on April 16.

"On **April 30** and **May 7**, we will broaden that conversation by looking at a couple of articles about God and talk about how our beliefs about God have changed during our lifetimes. Sometimes it's just as important to name what we no longer believe about God – or what we never believed about God – as it is to talk about what we do believe.

"These two weeks will give us opportunities to hear from each other about what we do and don't believe, and what that means for how we live today."

## **Sister Act to Imagine Being Place of Refuge**

At its **Wednesday, April 26** meeting, Sister Act will continue its year-long series of "Imagining," this time imagining how Redeemer could be a place of refuge during a disaster. The discussion will be led by **Julie Johnson**. It begins at 6:30 p.m. at Redeemer or via Zoom. To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 823 1176 5920; Passcode: 695107. 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/82311765920?pwd=VWxtakdiUGlzUFdxcG9OWTlZd3dOdz09>. To join via phone, call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

## **April Council Meeting Highlights**

There was considerable discussion surrounding the responses to the recent "Values" survey at the Monday, April 17 meeting of the Church Council. Results of the survey will be published shortly.

**Wendy Stoica** spoke to the council about the Thrive Campaign and asked us to pledge our support. The Thrive Campaign will officially begin on **Sunday, April 30**, with a presentation to the congregation.

Council discussed the automatic doors for the main floor bathrooms. The estimated costs connected with this project were \$6,800+ for the installation and the electrical work required. It was agreed that we would temporarily move this to the "wishlist" category.

**Finance Officer Nate Ott** advised that the financial reports for the first quarter show we are in a healthy position. Also, as requested, they are working on getting quarterly financial reports to the teams; Nate has requested these documents and will distribute them as soon as they arrive from the accounting firm.

Lastly, Council approved the transfer request from **Tommy Spahn** and **Bailey Sanders** to a church nearer their home in Johnstown.

## **Food Giveaway Serves 131 Families**

A total 131 families or 448 people were served at Redeemer's first Food Giveaway of the year on **Thursday, April 20**, according to **Kathy Zwanziger**. That included 159 children and 105 seniors. There were 40 new families receiving assistance.

The church received a total of 6,681 pounds of food although it normally receives 10,000 pounds of food.

A total of 22 volunteers participated.

## **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 25**

The Tuesday Bible study continues its examination of the book of Colossians on **Tuesday, April 25**. 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>

## **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!



## **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](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave.**

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.  
[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.  
[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.  
[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Message from Kathy Z***

“Thank you all for your well wishes and encouragement through this process. I will go into surgery knowing I have a ‘multitude’ of friends with me. As much as I like flowers and would love a whole room full, NO PLANTS are allowed in the transplant wing. I will not even be allowed to ‘dig in the dirt’ for three months. (Would anyone like some small patty-pan squash plants?)

**Sue Yehling** will notify the office when surgery is over – and I will be functioning on one of Wendy's healthy kidneys, in addition to my own unhealthy kidneys. Again, thank you!”

Kathleen Zwanziger

## **Trinity Seminary Names Binau *Professor Emeritus***

Redeemer member **Brad Binau** recently received the designation of *professor emeritus* from Trinity Seminary at Capital University. He taught at the seminary for 29 years and was one of eight professors receiving the “emeritus” designation. Congratulations, Brad!

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Prayers for healing are asked for the aunt of **Emily Ott, Barbara Biehl**, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

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**Member Directory Update:** Kris Kaufman’s email is [kristikauf@gmail.com](mailto:kristikauf@gmail.com) .

## **April Birthdays**

24-Michelle Clemence 24-Elaine Disbro  
27-Margie Frazier 27-Dora Pinder  
28-Edwina Bradley

## **May Birthdays**

1-Daniel Pawlowski 2-Nicolas Jack Amon  
2-Trevor Binau 2-Jon Denniss  
3-Heidi Sherer 5-Nancy Magargal  
8-Kay Ernsthause 8-Kathryn Ott  
11-Logan Baldogo 14-Ty Pawlowski  
17-Mary Benis 17-Ken Jones  
19-Al Debelak 20-Jackson Harms  
21-Paul Voytas 22-Dave Lippert  
26-Kathie Ehrich 29-Barbara Willmann



## 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.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023

#### Lessons

**Readings:** Acts 2:41-47; Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

#### Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Zak Hinkle-Moore.

**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, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	<b>Pastor Dave Shull</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Karen Rider</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Karen Rider</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Connie Criswell</b>
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	<b>Bryan Neal</b>
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	<b>Kathy Rapp</b>
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	<b>Karen Kent</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Jon Disbro</b>
<b>Verger</b>	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Judith and Ashley Bird</b>
<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Diane Brobeck</b>
<b>Producers</b>	<b>In-Phillips, Sue Yehling</b>

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

## Upcoming Week at Redeemer

April 25 – May 1, 2023

<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study IN-PERSON and ZOOM
	2:45 p.m.	Stewardship Team
	6:30 p.m.	<b>BREAD Nehemiah Action</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act – Imagine how RLC could be a place of refuge
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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