



Reflections

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ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton: A Time Of Renewal

At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, the decision was taken to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to “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.” This is no small task!

The Commission for a New Lutheran Church that led to the formation of the ELCA completed its work 35 years ago – before TikTok, smartphones, and telemedicine. Even MTV was relatively new. The world has changed a lot since then, so perhaps it is time to take a look at our statements of purpose and principles of organizational structure.

There has been a range of reaction to this – excitement, trepidation, a call to tear the church down completely and then rebuild it, requests to maintain the status quo, and everything else in between. There has even been the suspicion voiced by some that a cabal of churchwide leaders on Higgins Road has already completed the project (actually, no). We have committed to being a thriving church rooted in tradition and radically relevant – the tradition being our theology, not culture or cuisine.

The church is unique among institutions. It is divine and also very human. It is the only institution whose reason for being is to preach the gospel in its purity and to administer the sacraments according to the gospel. “The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God’s creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world” (ELCA Constitution 4.01).

Do we always get it right? No. Since, as it has been said, the church is not a hotel for saints, but a hospital for sinners, there are many things in the long history of the church and in the much shorter history of this church that have caused harm – even deadly harm – to people and creation. And yet, God continues to use the church and our branch of it to be an ambassador of hope and to keep telling the radical story of grace. We are a both/and church that understands the baptized to be at once saints and sinners.

Here is part of an essay by 20th-century Roman Catholic brother **Carlo Carretto**: “How baffling you are, oh Church, and yet how I love you! How you have made me suffer, and yet how much I owe you! I would like to see you destroyed, and yet I need your presence. You have given me so much scandal and yet you have made me understand what sanctity is. I have seen nothing in the world more devoted to obscurity, more compromised, more false, and yet I have touched nothing more pure, more generous, more beautiful. How often have I wanted to shut the doors of my soul in your face, and how often I have prayed to die in the safety of your arms.”

That pretty well sums up the beautiful, maddening, sublime and broken reality of the church and of its people. God alone preserves the church and God alone renews it. But God, in God’s inscrutable wisdom, continues to call, gather, enlighten and make “holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith” (Small Catechism) and invites sinners to be part of the body of Christ.

I call all of us to be in prayer for the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church. The commission will meet together for the first time in July. Pray for openness to God’s Spirit, humility in discernment, and bold trust that God will bless our efforts as we seek to give the gospel free course in the world.

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The Redeemer Community

Reflections Taking Week Off, Will Resume June 5

Today's issue of *Reflections* is a double issue to allow staff to take Monday, May 29 off next week. The weekly editions will resume on Monday, June 5.

Thrive! Pledge Sunday Success

This past Sunday those who were at church had the opportunity to pledge support for Redeemer's **Thrive!** campaign to support the Southern Ohio Synod. This campaign sees a church that equips leaders, both rostered ministers and lay people. It sees the church with stories to share about how God's love is alive and meets people where they are. It sees a growing church not bound by the walls of its buildings.

Council set a goal for Redeemer of \$20,000 over three years; pledges for \$19,510 were turned in Sunday.

For those not in church Sunday, pledge forms will be available for the next two weeks. To support **Thrive!**, make contributions to Redeemer with a designation to Thrive! in the memo line. Redeemer will establish a separate category through Tithley for those who want to use that platform.

Thanks to everyone for supporting these efforts.

Redeemer's **Thrive!** Team: **Margie Frazier, Wendy Stoica, Julianne Johnson, Dave Shull**

An Update from Thursday's Food Giveaway

Thursday, May 18 was a beautiful day! Surprisingly, Redeemer got its typical eight skids of products, but were told by the drivers that yes, times are coming when RLC may not get so many nor such a variety.

The numbers served were very similar to April: 135 families instead of 131 and 39 new families after 40 new families in April.

Thanks to all the volunteers – 23 this month, three of them new. A special thank you to **Kathy Mimplitch** who sewed jar openers for all our guests: MANY of them were thrilled!

Adult Ed Class to Look at the Church and Holy Spirit

In honor of Pentecost Sunday this Sunday, May 28, the 11:15 a.m. Adult Education Class will look at a brief history of how the Christian Church has explored and experienced the Holy Spirit, and discuss attendees own explorations and experiences!

The class is both in-person and on Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86591680137?pwd=dEYvV09FM1JzMXEzbfZrWjlydzdyZz09>. Meeting ID: 865 9168 0137; Passcode: 520176; phone only: 312 626 6799.

The Adult Ed Class will continue through June. Watch Redeemer's *Staying Connected* email update for the topic and Zoom information for Sunday, June 4.

Fans, Fans, and More Fans!

Sister Act recently discussed all the ways that Redeemer currently serves as a refuge, and how the congregation might imagine new ways to be a refuge in the future.

Long story short (and you'll hear more of that discussion in the future!) Sister Act members thought about how the community collects fans each summer for people without air conditioning and how many of those current efforts reach people who are homebound.

Sister Act would like to provide fans in July at Redeemer's LSS/MidOhio Food Giveaway, to households that may need them. So, to that end, Sister Act is collecting box fans from now until Thursday, July 20 when they will be distributed at the July food giveaway. Fans, fans, and more fans!

Narthex Changing Up for Pentecost

The Narthex Art team is changing the theme for the Pentecost season to "Love in Any Language." Members are asked to check around their homes for pieces of art that might fit this theme and consider loaning it to the church for a few weeks. The artwork can be brought in now.

There is a song by Sandi Patty with this same title and here are the lyrics to the chorus:

Love in any language
Straight from the heart
Pulls us all together
Never apart
And once we learn to speak it
All the world will hear
Love in any language
Fluently spoken here.

Tuesday Bible Study Turns to Ecclesiastes on May 23

Beginning **May 23**, the Tuesday Bible study will begin an examination of the book of Ecclesiastes. 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>

Sister Act to Meet May 24

Sister Act will next meet on **Wednesday, May 24** at 6:30 p.m. here at Redeemer to *Imagine ... through Music*. The group will explore the connection between music and imagination and sample how some composers, song/hymn writers, arrangers, and performers have used their imaginations to create music. **Kelley Frank** will be leading the discussion.

"Do you have a favorite song or hymn that inspires you? Share it during our time together!"

The meeting is also on Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81289924578?pwd=NmEzOHlidGM0cFkrTUxzM2dmYUJKdz09>;

Meeting ID: 812 8992 4578; Passcode: 030225. It can also be accessed via phone: to find your local number go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81289924578?pwd=NmEzOHlidGM0cFkrTUxzM2dmYUJKdz09>.

Join Redeemer Folks for June 17 PRIDE Parade

Register by June 1 Using Link Below

So far this year, there have been 537 pieces of legislation introduced in 49 states that discriminate against our transgender individuals; 64 have passed and 376 are still actively being considered. Because the vast majority of these bills have been sponsored and supported by people who base their actions on their Christian faith, it is all the more important for followers of Jesus who hear him offering a different message to show up in large numbers in PRIDE parades around the country.

Redeemer members and friends have a chance to use their bodies and voices to proclaim a different gospel at the Columbus PRIDE Parade on **Saturday morning, June 17** as they walk with folks from other Columbus-area ELCA congregations.

Those who'd like to get a t-shirt to wear to identify them as followers of Jesus who want to express a gospel of compassion and joy need to register by **Thursday, June 1**. Please use this link: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/7077794>.

In addition, folks are asked to let **Dave Shull** or **Mary Benis** know they're registered, so they can look for Redeemer's participants at the parade and so they can pass on other information as needed, including where the ELCA marchers will meet so they can go together to their spot among the marchers.

It's Getting to Be That Time

Donations of Bottled Water Sought for Basketball Camp

With Redeemer's summer basketball camp set to kick off on **Monday, June 12**, it's not too early for folks to donate a case of bottled water. One thing that's certain: there will be hot days out there on the basketball courts.

Feel free to buy a case of **8-ounce** water bottles and put it in the donation room off the Narthex. The young people go through a lot of water!! The camp runs through **Thursday, July 20**. Thank you!

Highlights of May Council Meeting

This May 15 Church Council meeting's "Big Picture Discussion" was on how to promote the recently-announced RLC Values. The plan is to use Redeemer's teams and items in *Reflections* to familiarize everyone with the three words that were selected by the congregation: **Inclusion, Compassion, Justice**.

Finance Officer **Nate Ott** advised that the accounting firm is doing its final double-check on the quarterly summaries for the teams; once they are received, he'll send them out. The Stewardship Team will be sending the giving statements for the first four months of the year by the end of this month.

Redeemer's building use policy is being reviewed, and the review will be presented to council for approval of any needed changes or corrections.

Council approved the purchase of a new laptop for the purpose of Zoom events (Adult Ed, Sister Act, other presentations). Council also approved the purchase of an updated software package to help streamline some of the office activities.

Lastly, the new Safe Church Team (**April Smith, Sara Auman, and Sue Yehling**) will be preparing materials to be placed in the pews with various safety information.

June Book Group to Discuss *When Breath Becomes Air*

On **Wednesday evening, June 7**, Redeemer's book group invites folks to gather in-person or by Zoom to discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by **Paul Kalanithi**.

It is the memoir of a writer and neurosurgeon who at age 36, just when he was finishing 10 years of medical training, was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. With his whole future in front of him, a wife and a baby, he now nurtures new life. The novelist **Ann Patchett** says, "This is one of a handful of books I consider to be a universal donor – I would recommend it to anyone, everyone."

Atul Gawande, the author of *Being Mortal*, the book discussed in July 2021, says, Dr. Kalanithi's memoir is "proof that the dying are the ones who have the most to teach us about life." There are a number of copies in the public library. "Join us on June 2!"

Here's the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tKM2xEd3dyK1RvSURJYlFuZz09>; Meeting ID: 865 8150 4887; Passcode: 274918. Or join the group via call to 312 626 6799.

BREAD Roadmap Report – Stop Violence Build Trust

BREAD has a roadmap of issues that members are actively working on. The current roadmap includes the following:

- **Stop Violence! Build Trust!** (Violence)
- **Don't Ignore! Restore!** (Juvenile Justice)
- **Trees protect us! We protect trees!** (Environment)
- **Families first! Housing now!** (Affordable housing)
- **ID equals...opportunity** (Municipal ID)
- **Come together...Close the Gap!** (Elder Care)

Each issue has a steering committee and research team that is actively working all year on finding solutions that have worked other places or working with Columbus and Franklin County leaders to implement them. This series, from **Kristi Hildebrand**, will do a deeper dive on each of the issues, beginning with "Stop Violence! Build Trust!"

Violence by gangs. This past March, BREAD participated in the kickoff of the Columbus Violence Reduction initiative or CVR, along with 65 other local organizations. This new CVR initiative is the result of eight years of BREAD pressing the city to use proven strategies to reduce violence by gangs.

The CVR initiative is a proven strategy in which a multitude of local agencies work together to engage individuals and groups or gangs who are prone to participate in or become victims of future violence. The initiative offers them a way out of their risky lifestyles, by providing services to meet their needs. CVR has reduced murders in other cities, and BREAD knows it will reduce murders in Columbus! **Molly Robbins**, assistant director of public safety and others from the CVR leadership team have shown dedication and put in hard work to ensure CVR launches on a firm foundation. They have dedicated many hours to bringing a siloed community of public and private agencies together around a common solution. They have worked closely with national experts to make sure CVR follows the model that has worked in so many cities. BREAD will be supporting them in any way that they can.

Deadly police force. Franklin County ranks 18th in the country for the highest rates of fatal police shootings. Residents have watched too many unnecessarily gunned down. Unnecessary use of brutal and deadly police force erodes the trust of the community and undermines efforts like CVR to reduce violence. BREAD has introduced city leaders, including **Police Chief Elaine Bryant** and the Department of Public Safety, to two strategies used by other cities to build trust with the community.

During the past three years, BREAD has been pressing the Department of Public Safety to implement a formal reconciliation process. This is a process whereby police would meet regularly with residents in a structured formal conversation. Both sides are given the opportunity to share their perspectives, police acknowledge harm done, and real solutions are agreed to, mutually. The former director of public safety repeatedly confirmed that the National Network for Safe Communities, contracted by Columbus to develop CVR, would also work with Columbus to engage the community in a formal reconciliation process. BREAD has yet to receive details on when and how that will be done. BREAD had been working with **Robert Clark**, director of public safety, until his sudden and unexpected resignation April 15. BREAD has already requested a meeting with the newly appointed director of public safety to ensure reconciliation happens as promised.

Active Bystanders. While reconciliation with the community for past harm is essential, more must be done to change the current “don’t speak up” culture that was so obvious as folks watched many officers stand by a hand-cuffed **Andre Hill** and do nothing as he bled to death. BREAD has asked Chief Bryant to apply to Georgetown University School of Law to provide free Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement - or ABLE - Training. This training teaches officers to intervene regardless of rank, when anyone is in violation of established department policy, with no retribution. This training also promotes officers’ mental health and wellness, taking the stigma away from those who seek or need help. When officers stop one another from violating policy, they are also keeping each other out of legal trouble.

ABLE training would help in changing the culture of policing in Columbus and help with the health and well-being of police themselves, ABLE provides officers a way to hold each other accountable and get support for doing so. Chief Bryant has not met with BREAD leaders in over a year despite repeated attempts. BREAD hoped that Chief Bryant could provide the leadership needed to change the culture of Columbus police.

Alternative Crisis Response. Finally, when loved ones place emergency calls for behavioral health crises, police respond. The sight of a badge and a gun often escalates the behavioral crisis, and the police intervention leads to inappropriate hospitalizations and incarcerations. To reduce police intervention in these situations, BREAD is working collaboratively with the Columbus Safety Collective on a non-police response to address behavioral health emergencies.

City Council recently allocated \$1.2 million to pilot an alternative crisis response; Police will not be part of this team; rather, it will include a behavioral health specialist and a paramedic, who are trained to respond to behavioral health emergency calls. While BREAD applauds City Council for financing this pilot, it knows that an outside consultant is needed to ensure the pilot is set up to succeed.

Furthermore, oversight by the community will be crucial to its success. BREAD met with Council member **Emmanuel Remy** on March 22 to discuss this campaign. As the council representative

overseeing public safety, he was very supportive of the non-police crisis pilot and agreed with the need for an advisory committee.

BREAD knows that stopping violence and building trust with police will not be easy and will not happen overnight. It has accomplished a great deal with CVR, but in some ways must start over as committee members build new relationships with the new director for violence prevention and a new director of public safety. Rest assured, BREAD will keep pushing forward.

Upcoming BREAD Date

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church (2777 E. Livingston Ave.)

Noisy Offering Now Goes to Kindway

During December, the Adult Sunday Education class welcomed people from groups that are out bringing God to a group of people or a neighborhood. One of the groups was Kindway.

Kindway is a God-led prison ministry devoted to investing in the lives of those who've been affected by incarceration. According to Kindway, it has developed "an impressive reputation within Central Ohio prisons and the Columbus community for its EMBARK reentry programming." EMBARK helps individuals build their independence while growing their faith to become active and engaged Christians in the Columbus community. After a thorough selection and orientation process, individuals begin the EMBARK program during their incarceration within a year of release to ensure enough time for intensive personal reflection.

During this time, individuals also participate in Equip programming including trauma recovery, faith-based reentry curriculum and vocational training.

One of the group members who came in December was a young woman who is thriving due to this program. Redeemer's support will help with program cost, rent, setting up housing and many more costs that are incurred as people leave a jailed life and reenter society.

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

Congratulations to **Andrea Steiner**, daughter of **Scott Steiner** and granddaughter of **Nancy Steiner**, who graduated Sunday from Thomas Worthington High School. Way to go, Andrea!!!

Transplant Deemed 'A Success'; 'Meal Train' Donations Sought

Prayers continue to be asked for **Kathleen Zwanziger** and **Wendy Stoica** as the kidney donation surgery on **Friday, May 19** was a success. Wendy is now home while Kathy remains hospitalized. This means donations for the 'Meal Train' to provide them food once they return home to recuperate are now needed.

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

May Birthdays

22-Dave Lippert
26-Kathie Ehrich 29-Barbara Willmann

June Birthdays

1-Rachel Day 3-John Eyster
3-Malcolm Highland 3-Rob Skoog
4-Ruth Boys 4-Scarlett Brush
6-Nancy Steiner 11-Cassandra Reinoehl
12-Clyde Boreman 13-Jim Riley
16-Jil Williams 18-Jessica Fisher
20-Katie Jacobs 23-Nathaniel Bird
24-Andy Day 24-Bobby Jimison
25-Ron Willmann 26-Eric Reinoehl
30-Julie Brush

The Wider Church

ELCA Working Group Seeks Input

The 10th chapter of Romans reads, "How are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-15).

In response to this and other invitations in Scripture, the church continues to educate, form, and send rostered ministers so that all may call on Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Our process to do so is currently under review.

In March 2022 a diverse group was appointed to examine and improve the candidacy process that equips rostered ministers for service in the church. This ELCA team is the Candidacy Leadership Development Working Group (CLDWG.)

In the last year the group has spent much of its time hosting virtual and in-person listening sessions to learn the needs of our church. It also completed a survey for those excluded by the candidacy process. As it moves forward, the working group is prioritizing feedback from the church.

All members of the ELCA are invited to hearings at which the working group will share its findings. There will also be an opportunity for response. More details will be shared at the hearings; an executive summary of the team's work can be found [here](#).

The hearings will be hosted [via Zoom](#) on the following dates:

- June 20, 7 p.m. Eastern
- June 22, 1 p.m. Eastern
- June 26, 2 p.m. Eastern
- June 28, 10 p.m. Eastern

Getting Ready for Worship

Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-30, 35b; John 20:19-23

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Deidre, Bret, Jessie, Bob and Lauren Jimison.

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, Toshi Phillips, Matt Bird.

Worship Leaders for May 28

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Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird
Communion Prep	Misato In, Karen Rider
Producers	April Smith, Sue Yehling, Tom Mimplitch

Flowers are given by Mindy and Doug Eakin in memory of Bob and Jeanne

Noisy Offering will go to Kindway

Upcoming Week at Redeemer

May 23 – May 29, 2023

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversations
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	CANCELLED 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

Getting Ready for Worship

The Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; Matthew 28:9-10, 16-20

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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+ For the people of Grace Lutheran Church in Centerburg.

+ For Redeemer community member Thelma Johnson.

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Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Saturday		Southern Ohio Synod Assembly
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
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Executive Team

Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all

Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community

Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice