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Some Ways to Connect at Redeemer This Summer

Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer. And even if it's been a LONG time since many of us got a summer vacation, I think all our years of schooling hard-wired us to let ourselves slow down in summer and choose activities we really want to do.

In that spirit, I wanted to let you know about a few things that are going on here in the next month that you might enjoy participating in this summer.

Saturday morning, June 17: Join Lutherans throughout the area marching in the Pride Parade, which starts at 10:30. Contact **Dave Shull** for more information or use this link: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/7077794> to register.

Sunday morning, June 18: Redeemer Founding Pastor **John Radloff's daughter, Susan**, will be in worship and available for conversation afterwards. Susan called us a couple of weeks ago and said she'd enjoy coming by and talking with anyone who wants to about the birth of Redeemer, her dad's ministries, and her early childhood in Berwick, as well as connecting with anyone who was here at that time. To prime the pump a bit, she is writing a *Reflections* article for June 11 sharing some of her memories.



Sunday morning, July 2: Former member of the Redeemer family, **Mary Ann Horton**, who wrote in *Living Lutheran* about how welcomed she felt here years ago as a transgender woman, will sign her book after worship and then speak to the adult ed class. Mary Ann's connections at Redeemer helped encourage us to expand our welcome statement to lesbian and gay persons to include transgender people.

Here's a bit about her: To have invented the email attachment is one thing. To have done so while transitioning from male to female and paving the way for trans rights in the workplace is quite another. Her book, *Trailblazer*, describes her childhood as **Mark Horton** and how the question "who am I, really?" became too loud to silence. As she transitioned from Mark to Mary Ann, she quickly learned the challenges and heartbreaks that came with navigating the maze of social, medical and legal rights afforded, or rather not afforded to the trans community. In 1997, Mary Ann persuaded Lucent Technologies to become the first Fortune 500 company to add transgender-inclusive language to its nondiscrimination policy, and to add coverage for transition care and surgery.

Wednesday evenings in July, 7-8:30 p.m.: Redeemer Summer Book Study explores the realities of experiences on the Mexico-US border. There's an article about our summer book, *The Line Becomes a River*, elsewhere in this issue. Our discussions are safe spaces to explore topics about which those who gather bring a wide variety of perspectives which have no easy resolutions ... and about which you might not have conversation partners to talk.

May your choices this summer bring you joy!

Dave Shull

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The Redeemer Community

June Book Group to Discuss *When Breath Becomes Air*; July Book Announced

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.

Summer Book Study Focuses on Mexican/US Border

Every July, Redeemer spends four Wednesday evenings together discussing a book on an issue that comes out of the day's headlines. Having this amount of time means the discussions on the book are not rushed nor are the conversations short-circuited. Spending four weeks on the book invites a deep dive into a topic that is controversial and complex. And it creates a space where folks can share their opinions and questions while listening to people who likely will have some different ideas and experiences. This July book group offers a rich opportunity to live into Redeemer's mission of *fostering understanding and healing in community*.

This July, the group will read and discuss *A Line Becomes a River* by **Francisco Cantú**. Cantú is a Mexican-American who worked for the U.S. Border Patrol on the Mexican border from 2008-2012. Writing about this book, author **Sandra Cisneros** says, "There is a line dividing what we know and do not know. Some see the world from one shore and some from the other. Cantú brings the two together to a spiritual whole. My gratitude for this work of the soul."

There are a lot of copies in the public library for those who don't want to buy a copy. Please lend your voice and ears to our discussions the four Wednesday evenings in July, beginning **July 5**, from 7-8:30 p.m.

And invite your friends! Having non-Redeemer people joining us makes our conversations that much richer.

Registration Open for RLC Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for Redeemer's summer basketball camp. Led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, it will begin **Monday, June 12**. A parent/camper orientation is set for this **Thursday, June 8** at 6:30 p.m. in the church. To register, call 614-237-1263.

Redeemer provides this camp for free to youth ages 8 to 14. The camp runs six weeks, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It concludes on **Thursday, July 20**.

Donations of Bottled Water Sought for Basketball Camp

With Redeemer's summer basketball camp set to kick off on **Monday, June 12**, Redeemer members are asked 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!

Sister Act to Hold Mini-Retreat June 10

On **Saturday, June 10** at 11 a.m., Sister Act will gather at the home of Sue Yehling (9660 Taylor Road SW, Reynoldsburg) for a “mini” retreat and potluck. There will be devotions, praise, and prayers. Those attending will have time to choose from a number of stations and options for activities. **Carol Heacock** notes, “Sue has a beautiful yard for walking and exploring nature or for finding a quiet place for some time of reflection.”

The day will end with a closing prayer around 2 p.m.

Parking

Sue's home is directly across from The City Church, Taylor Road SW. There is room for 6-7 cars to park in Sue's driveway or folks may park across the street in the church parking lot. Please make sure to park so that others can easily get to the church's Blessing Box.

What to Bring

Please bring a chair for sitting outside. For those who don't, Sue has a couple of extra chairs to use. Please bring a dish to share for lunch and table service. Wear comfortable clothing. Those who have a hobby that they would like to work on during the retreat, please feel free to bring it along to enjoy.

Inclement Weather

If the weather on the day of the retreat is not suitable to be outside, the group will meet at Redeemer.

BREAD Justice Ministry Celebration June 12

The BREAD Celebration is just around the corner! There will be light refreshments served and activities beginning at 6:15 p.m. at All Saints Academy (the school next to Christ the King Catholic Church at 2855 E. Livingston Avenue, 43209). Part of the BREAD celebration is to kick off the investment drive for 2023.

- Food is first come, first served
- There will be outdoor activities, conversation starters, and plenty of activities indoors
- For those who want to participate in the first ever “bread walk” – Buy or Bake a loaf of bread (of any kind) to contribute
- The program will begin at 7 p.m. when Network Members and Junior Justice Seekers will be recognized.

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.

Julie Johnson has gone ahead and purchased 50 fans at \$20/each. Contributions can be made toward those rather than worry about bringing in a fan. Just note “Fans” in the check memo line or on the envelope.

Fans, fans, and more fans!

Adult Ed Class to Examine 'Why I Follow Jesus'

The Pentecost story celebrates God's Spirit being unleashed on the earth and how, over the centuries, She has awakened people to experiences that lead them to gather in communities that commit themselves to follow Jesus.

Spirit's stirring happens in as many ways as there are Jesus' followers. Early in this season of Pentecost, this Sunday's Adult Ed Class invites attendees to talk about how they found themselves among the community of people who want to follow Jesus.

Imagine bringing the class on that path that shows us how you chose to follow Jesus, what would some of the key parts of that journey be? How does this commitment shape the ways you live? The hope for this time is that we will get to know each other more deeply and that each of us might become clearer about how we got here and why we choose to stay.

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.

Thrive! Pledge Sunday Success

On Sunday, May 28, 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 May 28.

Pledge forms are still available for one more week. 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**

Narthex Art: *Love in Any Language*

The Narthex Art theme is now "Love in Any Language." Stop by to check out members' vision of what that means to them.

Tuesday Bible Study Looks at Ecclesiastes

The Tuesday Bible study is now examining 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>

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.

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

An Update from Kathy Z

"Although I don't hurt quite so much anymore, I have no stamina whatsoever! It doesn't take much to completely wear me out. My sister Chris is here now, and we go for walks every day – up to three now! We walk to the end of the block and back, but today, a trip to the lab for a blood draw counted as one. We spent a lovely afternoon outside, sitting in the shade.

"Thanks to all of you for your kindness and words of comfort. It is great having a family like you!"

'Meal Train' Continues

Those wishing to participate in "Meal Train" to provide meals for Kathy and her donor **Wendy Stoica** as they recuperate 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.

'Christ in Our Home' Available

The July-September 2023 edition of "Christ in Our Home" is now available in the Narthex for anyone who would like a copy. Feel free to take an extra copy to share with family or friends. 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

June Birthdays

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

Trinity Seminary to Honor May Schwarz

Trinity Seminary will hold a farewell reception on **Tuesday, June 13** for Redeemer member **Professor May Schwarz**, thanking her for 39 years of service. The reception runs from 5-6:30 p.m. in Koinoinia. This is ahead of the "Tuesday at Trinity" performance by the Raise Choir, directed by **Dr. Raymond Wise**. That begins at 7 p.m.

The concert will take place in Gloria Dei Worship Center on the seminary's campus. The program will include spirituals, choral music, hymns, and traditional and contemporary gospel music.

Raise Choir has performed extensively throughout the United States and abroad and have received numerous gospel music excellence awards.

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

The Community Beyond

Mid-Ohio Workers' Association Celebrates 22nd Anniversary

Redeemer members are invited the 22nd Anniversary Celebration of the Mid-Ohio Workers' Association on **Saturday, June 24** at Blendon Woods Metro Park/Sycamore Shelter (4265 E. Dublin Granville Rd.). It runs from 3 to 7 p.m. (rain or shine). There will be dinner, live entertainment and speakers. To RSVP, please call 614-262-0567.

Getting Ready for Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 11, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Hosea 6:4-7; Psalm 50:7-15; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, 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 Grace of God Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Grace and Ken Jones.

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 Hegreiness, 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.

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Katie Jacobs

Becky Trover, Michelle Clemence

Sachio Phillips, Toshi Phillips

*Flowers are given by John Kennedy in memory of his dad, Rev. John L. Kennedy
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Upcoming Week at Redeemer

June 6 – June 12, 2023

Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team
	7:30 p.m.	Berwick Civic Association
Wednesday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	RLC at Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	Book Group
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp Orientation
	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
	11:00 a.m.	Sister Act Retreat – Sue Yehling’s house
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp
	7-8:30 p.m.	BREAD Celebration – Christ the King Catholic Church

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