

Deadline to Register to Vote Nears

For those Ohioans who have not voted before or have not voted recently or who have voter information to update, the deadline to register to vote for the <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 7</u> election is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 10</u> and early in-person and absentee voting by mail begins <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 11</u>.

Voters can cast their ballots early in-person; vote-by-mail; or on Election Day. Absentee voting has already begun for military and overseas voters with those ballots mailed out Friday, September 22.

New voter registration and needed updates to a current registration can be done entirely online at <u>http://VoteOhio.gov</u>. Additionally, every county board of elections will be open until 9 p.m. Tuesday, October 10 for anyone who chooses to register in-person.

Early, in-person voting hours at local county boards of elections will be as follows:

- Wednesday, October 11-Friday, October 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 16-Friday, October 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 23-Friday, October 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 30- Friday, November 3, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 4, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5, 1-5 p.m.
- Election Day Tuesday, November 7 polls will be open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Voters may also choose to vote by mail. Information about requesting an absentee ballot can be found online at VoteOhio.gov. The deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received by the local board of elections is **Tuesday**, **October 31**. Absentee ballots must be post marked by Monday, November 6 or delivered directly to the local board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7.

Once their ballot request is received by their county board of elections, voters may track their ballot at <u>http://VoteOhio.gov/Track</u>. As long as a ballot is postmarked by the day before the election, <u>Monday, November 6</u>, and received by Saturday, November 11, the vote will be tabulated.

Ohio voters will find two issues on their ballot this election: State Issue 1 is the reproductive/abortion rights constitutional amendment while State Issue 2 is an initiated law legalizing recreational use of marijuana. Also on this ballot are local elected offices.



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The Redeemer Community

CROP Walk This Sunday!!

This year, the CROP Walk is scheduled for <u>Sunday, October 1</u> – a little earlier than in previous years. Once again, the Redeemer Lutheran Church Team is gearing up to do the walk to raise funds for alleviating hunger, both here in the Columbus community and around the world.

Wendy Stoica, Kathy Zwanziger, Heidi Sherer and Connie Criswell will be walking. Anybody who would like to join them would be more than welcome. Contributions to support Redeemer's walkers can be made on the team's webpage at <u>https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2</u>.

September Giveaway Distributes Nearly 10,000 Lbs of Food

It's hard to believe that the numbers for the September Mid-Ohio Food Collective/Lutheran Social Services Food Giveaway here at Redeemer on <u>Thursday, September 21</u> were a little lower than in August because the line of cars stretched to Scottwood Road until nearly 5 p.m. There just wasn't a break – and all the food (except some onions) was gone by then. Redeemer was back to the typical eight pallets of food (9,882 pounds). A total of 195 families came through the line, translating to 626 people (including 183 children and 141 seniors). There were 49 new families.

"THANK YOU ALL for your support and the 200 or so personal care items that you contributed. (Not many left!!) Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so diligently to help our neighbors. Our last produce market will be October 19; the extra item will be cleaning supplies," **Kathleen Zwanziger** reports.

LWR to Provide Update on Ukraine Efforts

On <u>Tuesday morning, October 3</u>, from 10-11:30 a.m., the **Rev. Tim Krick**, manager of congregational relations with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), will be at Redeemer to talk about his recent visits to Ukraine and Turkey. He will also discuss whatever folks would like to hear about.

Everyone is welcome to join the group for doughnuts and coffee/tea in the Narthex. Feel free to invite others who'd be interested in this to join the group.

Sister Act Sets Fall Retreat

Sister Act will hold its fall retreat **Friday-Sunday, October 6-8** at Hopewood Pines (aka Lutheran Memorial Camp). The cost for the weekend runs \$86 or \$12 for one day. (Checks should be made out to Hopewood Outdoors.) The includes meals and snacks.

Michelle Clemence is coordinating the menus so let her know about any dietary restrictions.

To RSVP, please contact Michele Disbro, Carol Heacock, Kay Ernsthausen or Wendy Stoica.

The group will be staying in the Priebe Center for the weekend. It is set up with a large open room for meeting and fellowship (puzzles!), a kitchenette, and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds. There are two bathrooms with showers, one in each wing.

Outside, there is a patio with picnic tables and a fire pit which is traditionally used for the evening campfire, including s'mores. Here is a slideshow of photos from the 2022 retreat: <u>https://youtu.be/R54AdQLt0Zw?si=s-UGqY_iuh7ddgTN</u>

Journaling Workshop Coming This Fall

The following was written by **Mark Katrick**, who will be leading the journaling workshop <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 14</u> from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. here at Redeemer. Folks planning to attend are asked to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Contact **Rich Pautsch** with questions.



Mark writes:

I LOVE TO WRITE!

"At a high school journalism camp, an instructor advised me to "not let my head hit the pillow before writing something!" Since that day and time, I've done my best to follow this good advice as a sports reporter (my first job), religion columnist and high school journalism teacher. This is not to mention 40 plus years of writing sermons, meditations and prayers as a pastor.

"Perhaps a better way of putting it is I LIVE TO WRITE. and in a spiritual sense I write to live. As a trained and certified spiritual director, I'm blessed to comb the depths of my spiritual connection with the Holy One, living learning and growing through prayer, contemplation and journaling, and helping others to do the same.

"It is my great joy and blessing to be able to spend time with you, whether you are curious about journaling or dedicated to journaling. The workshop will be on <u>Saturday, October 14, 2023</u> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. During this time, through various forms of imagery like music, art, photography and the written word (of course) we'll explore ways to journal our blessings (given and received). The spiritual guide in me simply says that this is a time to just breathe in the breath of God, and be together to do that blessed thing each one of loves to do and lives for each day."

BREAD Informational Meeting Set for October 15

The Redeemer BREAD Network Team will be hosting an <u>Informational "House Meeting"</u> during the Adult Education Hour on <u>Sunday, October 15</u>. This will be an opportunity to hear updates and successes regarding all the various campaigns the BREAD members have been working on.

These house meetings also provide an opportunity for BREAD to hear about concerns people are having regarding their community. All the information gathered from the 43 faith congregations will be used to determine what new topics BREAD might tackle.

It is also an opportunity for individuals to get more involved in this Justice Ministry. If so, come to Redeemer's "House Meeting" on Sunday, October 15 or reach out to a BREAD Network Team Member (Kristi Hildebrand, Kathy Zwanziger, Emily Ott or Michele Disbro).

Don't forget: donations supporting the work of BREAD can be made using the envelopes on the table at back of the sanctuary and depositing them in the offering plates.

Next Book Group Explores Adoptee's Seeking Her Birth Parents

The next Redeemer Book Group book will discuss *All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung. Chung was born extremely premature, placed for adoption by her Korean parents, and raised by White parents in a tiny Oregon town.

The book, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography, explores the discrimination she faces and her search for her birth parents. There are plenty of copies in the library to check out. The group meets in-person and on Zoom <u>Wednesday evening, October 18</u>, from 7-8:30 p.m. "We'd love your voice in our conversations."

Saturday Produce Giveaways Now Ended

With the end of the 2023 growing season, Redeemer's Saturday morning distribution of produce from the garden has now ended. Members are welcome to pick whatever they find in the garden.

Coordinator Jon Disbro reported Sunday that a total of 1,800 pounds of produce had been distributed this year. He said an average of seven individuals volunteered each week, handing out produce to approximately 20 persons each week.

Jon added that members and community members would also bring their surplus harvest to hand out.

By weight, the largest crop distributed was tomatoes at 570 pounds followed by *kale* at 160 pounds, thanks largely to **Pastor Al.** Others contributing their surplus were **Sue Yehling** and **Kathy Zwanziger**.



Enjoying Fall at Redeemer

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.: Exploring the Bible. This fall the group will exploring The Acts of the Apostles. Not too familiar with it? Come and change that! Join Zoom Meeting ID: 822 5966 0622; Passcode: 435549; at the following link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbk9Bdz09</u> Phone only: 301-715-8592. **The group is on hiatus Tuesday, September 26 while Pastor Dave is on vacation.**

Sundays, Oct. 1 & 8: Adult education class on the theology of "Womanism." In the August 28 *Reflections*, Trinity Seminary student and Redeemer member Naomi Morgan's front-page article described what she plans to cover during this four-week offering: "The Fruit of 'Our Mothers' Gardens." It's something that's new to most, so there is a lot to explore and ask about. And womanism may open up new, meaningful ways to experience God and connect to Scripture.

Every second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.: A Brewing Faith: Redeemer's Zoom theology pub. If you've ever wanted a super-informal, non-threatening place to explore questions about life and theology, this is for you. We often eat and drink at home while we're discussing whatever topic(s) we choose for the evening. It is a really great way to get to know a small, lively group of people. The Zoom link is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81765916972?pwd=bjJ0T1JlbG1keXpsV205TWNHVUFpQT 09.

Monthly/Third Wednesday Book Group: The joy of a book group is that someone in the group always picks up something the rest of the group missed! This group meets in-person and on Zoom. (See separate story on the new October book.)

Thursday, Oct. 19, between 1-4: The last Mid-Ohio Food Collective/Lutheran Social Services Food Giveaway of the year. Watching the transformation of an empty parking lot into a drive-through fresh produce market where love and joy are real enough to touch is only one of the reasons to be part of this ministry. Another is to connect with other members of this community as folks bag cucumbers and put boxfuls of amazing stuff into backseats and trunks. Just show up and you'll be put to work. The October giveaway "extras" are cleaning supplies. These items can be dropped off in the coatroom. (See separate story, this issue, about September's giveaway.)

Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-noon: Journaling Workshop led by Mark Katrick. The facilitator of Redeemer's monthly journaling group, **Rich Pautsch**, invites journalers and non-journalers to this exploration of the variety of ways we can be stimulated to journal blessings. The monthly journaling group meets the **fourth Thursday** of the month at **7 p.m.**

Sunday, Oct. 15, 11:15 a.m.: BREAD conversation. Redeemer is part of Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity (BREAD), a Franklin County-based interfaith justice advocacy group. Participants in this conversation will learn about the latest BREAD successes, what our involvement is making possible, and what justice issues you care about. (See separate story, this issue.)

<u>Ongoing Sundays</u>: Readers are needed for the Sunday services throughout the fall. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library. Readings are sent out the week ahead of the service. **Readers of all ages are welcome to participate in this ministry.**

<u>Ongoing Sunday mornings</u>: The Senior Choir rehearses at 8:45 a.m. Contact Kathy Rapp with questions at arappthing@hotmail.com or 614-565-2945.

<u>Ongoing Thursdays</u>: The Chime Choir rehearses at 6:15 p.m. most Thursdays. Check the weekly calendar for whether it is meeting. Contact **Karen Kent** at <u>527780KK@gmail.com</u> or 614-648-8393 with questions.



<u>First Wednesdays</u>: Redeemer serves at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on the first Wednesdays. It runs from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Questions? Call the church office at 614-237-1263. Or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library. The next time Redeemer serves is <u>Wednesday, October 4</u>.

RLC Safe Church Team Offers New Emergency Preparedness Brochure, Guidelines for Staying Safe in Public Places

Redeemer's Safe Church Team has developed a new emergency preparedness brochure that can be found in the pew racks and in the Narthex. This summarizes information on ways to respond to various emergency situations while in the church building. Be prepared, stay safe!"

Here are some reminders about staying safe in public places, including houses of worship. This includes a refresher on Avoid, Deny and Defend in responding to armed intruders. These tips are not meant to frighten or alarm you, rather let them remind us to be alert to our surroundings and prepared to protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors.

Prepare before

- Stay alert. Always be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
- If you see something, say something to local authorities. That includes suspicious packages, people behaving strangely or someone using strange communications.
- Observe warning signs. Signs might include unusual or violent communications, substance abuse, expressed anger or intent to cause harm. These warning signs may increase over time.
- Have an exit plan. Identify exits and areas to hide wherever you go, including work, school and special events.
- Learn lifesaving skills. Take trainings such as You Are the Help Until Help Arrives and first aid to assist the wounded before help arrives.

Stay safe during

- Seek safety. Getting away from the attacker is the top priority.
- Cover and hide if you can't evacuate.
- Fight only as a last resort. When you can't run or take cover, attempt to disrupt the attack or disable the attacker.
- Take care of yourself first. Then, if you are able, help the wounded get to safety and provide immediate care.

Know what to do after

- Remain calm.
- Keep hands visible and empty.
- Report to designated areas.
- Follow law enforcement's instructions and evacuate in the direction they tell you to go. Listen to law enforcement for information about the situation. Share updates as you can with family and friends.

AVOID: Move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible. The more distance and barriers between you and the threat, the better.

DENY: If you cannot AVOID - Create barriers to prevent or slow down a threat from getting to you. Turn the lights off. Remain out of sight and quiet by hiding behind large objects and silence your phone.

DEFEND: If you cannot AVOID or DENY - be prepared to defend yourself. Be aggressive and committed to your actions. Use any object as a weapon. Do not fight fairly. Fight to survive.



Noisy Offering to Hawai'i Relief Efforts

The Noisy Offering is now going for the Hawai'i disaster relief. Funds will be sent directly to the ELCA synod in Hawai'i. RLC member **April Smith** has provided the following update on Hawai'i relief efforts via **Terri Robertson**, executive assistant for finance and accounting of the Pacifica Synod on behalf of **Bishop David Nagler**:

"Thank you for your congregation's support of those affected by the wildfires in Hawai'i. Bishop Dave is there through the end of the month. In fact today he is on Maui and meeting with partners there."

"As of August 22, donors from across the United States have donated almost \$42,000 to our synod's Hawai'I Relief fund. Here is what I can share with you (from Bishop Dave) about the fund:

1 "100 percent of any donations will be given to support people affected by the fires.

2 "We are working with local agencies on the ground to ensure that the money is used wisely.

3 "Our commitment is long term. We stand by communities long after the news cycle has moved on. We are proud of our Lutheran focus on restoring people; body, mind, and soul."

Donations can be made online at <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ82/campaign/C-149JR</u> or by mailing a check to the Pacifica Synod Office, 1801 Parkcourt Pl. Bldg. C, Santa Ana, CA 92701 and write Hawai'i Relief in the memo section.

Important Emails

Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with Pastor Dave.

<u>Info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, Office Manager Becky Trover, healing prayer requests or for general information.

<u>MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

<u>FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for stewardship campaigns.

<u>Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

<u>Property@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

<u>SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

<u>Communications@redeemerluth.com</u> – 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 <u>info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> 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 **Terry Warren** who was hospitalized last week and for **Nancy Magargal** who had surgery.

Pastor Dave on Vacation

Pastor Dave is on vacation now through <u>Saturday, Sept. 30</u>. During this time, emergency pastoral care coverage will be provided by the **Rev. Lorin Darst**, pastor of First English Lutheran Church (503-886-9353). Dave will be back <u>Sunday, October 1</u>.



'Christ in Our Home' Available

The October-December 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

September Birthdays

27-Becky Fisher 27-Karen Rider 29-Jennifer Young

October Birthdays

4-Misato In 4-May Schwarz
6-Tammy McFarland 7-Randy Kuklinski 8-Julie Larson 9-Bill Boys
9-Thea Barbour Harms 11-Sue Watson 15-Jessie Jimison 16-Eileen Day
17-Shari Ayers 19-Renee McFarland 19-Miles Smith 23-Skye Andree
23-Cason Day 23-Sandra Keaton 24-Bret Day 24-Leyton Wolfe
25-Madeline Gosnell 25-Madalyn McGurer
26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin 26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips
28-Bruce Hutson 29-Brittany Amon 29-Jeremy Davis 30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

The Wider Church

Lutheran Memorial Apple Butter Festival Set for Oct. 8

The Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) (HopeWood Pines) Apple Butter Festival will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 8</u> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event, which is free, includes children's crafts and activities, live music, wagon rides, local vendors, baked goods, and fresh apple butter. All proceeds benefit camperships.

Following the days events, **Rev. Drew Tucker** will be installed as the new executive director of HopeWood Outdoors.

The camp is located 2790 State Route 61 in Marengo OH.

Prayer Concerns for Week from ELCA

27 Pray that we will remember the wonderful and miraculous things God has done and revealed to us throughout the history of humankind. Ask the Spirit to help us share -- with young and old alike -- stories of our faith and of God's presence and activity in the world.

28 Give thanks for our ecumenical and interreligious relations and partnerships, which lead to unity and cooperation, mutual understanding and respect, and shared resources for serving our neighbors in need.

29 "When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry." (Jonah 3:10–4:1) God's love and justice do not always sit well with us. Ask forgiveness for when we wish ill upon others, and ask the Spirit to inspire our patience and love as we strive to do God's work in the world.



30 Pray for God's guidance and wisdom throughout the Future Church: God's Love Made Real initiative as our church tries to discern God's will and navigate the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing world.

October 1 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and renew our trust in the authority of his teachings and actions as the Son of God, born among us for our salvation.

2 Remember in prayer those who have suffered tragedy, displacement and loss as a result of the wildfires in Maui. Ask God to stir their hope and strength for the long recovery ahead and inspire our generosity in supporting relief and rebuilding efforts, including the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and the Pacifica Synod.

3 "Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4) Pray that our lives might reflect the selflessness of Jesus and the work of the Spirit, which enable us to act with compassion and empathy for the well-being of our neighbor, our communities and the church.

Getting Ready for Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Philippians 2:1-13; Psalm 25:1-9; Matthew 21:23-32

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through 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 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Diane, Jeff, Grace and Corrine Montgomery.

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, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Kathleen Zwanziger, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank.



Worship Leaders

- Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Cantor ASL Interpreter Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chime Choir Director Usher Verger Hospitality Communion Prep Producers
- Dave Shull Michele Disbro Emily Kent Bryan Neal Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Jon Disbro Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica Michelle Clemence Kay Ernsthausen Judith Bird, Tom Mimlitch

Flowers are given by Neil and Ranel Hoddinott in memory of loved ones. Noisy Offering will go to Hawai'i Synod of the ELCA

Upcoming Week at Redeemer September 26 -October 2, 2023

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	CANCELLED Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:30 pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship: IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed Confirmation Class
Monday	5:30 p.m.	ZOOM 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