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A Thanksgiving Challenge



Every year, it seems the Thanksgiving holiday fades more and more under the onslaught of early Christmas decorations and focus. The *Columbus Dispatch* this last week even published a list of radio stations that are already playing Christmas music!

But I believe observing Thanksgiving has merit, providing an impetus to stop and consider what each of us has to be grateful for which perhaps can feel very difficult in our world today.

In that vein, and with Reflections coming out 10 days before the holiday this year, Redeemer members and friends are challenged to daily identify one person or item you are grateful for and to note it on the following lines. When all is done, you will have your own personal Thanksgiving Litany for 2023!

Give thanks to the Lord who is good. Thank you, God, for
Tuesday, Nov. 14: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Wednesday Nov. 15: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Thursday, Nov. 16: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Friday, Nov. 17: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Saturday, Nov. 18: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Sunday, Nov. 19: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Monday, Nov. 20: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Tuesday, Nov. 21: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Wednesday, Nov. 22: _____
I thank you, Lord God.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23: _____
I thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to me. Amen.

Judith Bird

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OUR CONGREGATION

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Pastor - Rev. David Shull

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Pianist/Chime Choir Director -
Karen Kent

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President - Michele Disbro

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The Redeemer Community

Deadline for Advent Devotional Entries Is Nov. 13



Thanks to everyone who has already sent in an Advent devotion to Mary Benis for editing. For those who have not yet sent one in, the deadline is **TODAY, November 13**. If you need more time, please contact Mary MKBenis@yahoo.com to make other arrangements.

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages; Deadline: Nov. 14

With Thanksgiving approaching in just seven weeks, Redeemer will again be assisting the Food Pantry in providing some food for those who need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for their families. Bags are available at church to fill with these items *only*. (LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce.)

- 2 pouches or 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 boxed yellow cake mix



Kathy Zwanziger reports, “As of October 23, 41 bags have been delivered to the Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving give-away. That’s over half our goal! Thanks for your generosity! All other bags are due to the pantry by **November 14**, so get them to church before then! Questions? Contact Kathy.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people!

Recruiting Adults for Christmas Program

For this year’s Christmas program, the kids would love to invite adults in the congregation to participate, **Emily Ott** writes. “We’d like to have a panel of adults, and the kids will ask questions about Christmas traditions, cherished memories, and beloved hymns and songs.

“We would love for interested adults to stay for the Sunday school hour on **December 10** to practice with the kids, and to be at the service on **December 17**, when the program will take place during the sermon.”

She can be contacted via email at EmilyK1.Ott@gmail.com or by calling 419-271-3661.

2024 Church Council Elections Set for November 26

Vice President Krista Skipper announced Sunday that the election for the 2024 Church Council will take place after the worship service on **Sunday, November 26**. The slate includes the following:

- Vice president – (open)
- Finance Officer – **Laura Warren**
- Property – **April Smith**
- Stewardship – (open)
- Worship – **Michelle Clemence**

Anyone interested in filling either of the two open slots should contact Krista or **Kristi Hildebrand**. Folks needing an absentee ballot should contact the church office.

Officers continuing for a second year include the following:

- President – **Krista Skipper**
- Secretary – **Sue Watson**
- Education – **Katie Jacobs**
- Member Support – **Elyce Herring**
- Outreach – **Diane Brobeck**

Theme for Upcoming Narthex Art Exhibit: Angels

Drumroll please! The next theme for the Narthex art project is ... Angels! Calling any and all angels for the Advent/Christmas art display. Submissions should be made before **Friday, December 1** in order to be up for the first a Sunday of Advent on **December 3**. Both artwork release and artwork description forms can be found on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the Library.

That means the current exhibit, "Snapshots of Saints," will only be up for two more Sundays. Stop by to peruse the exhibit!

Deadline to Order Poinsettias Is Nov. 20

The deadline to order poinsettias for the Christmas holidays is **Monday, November 20**, Kay Ernsthause reports. They are \$7 per plant and an order envelope can be found on the table in the back of the church or on the shelf under the bulletin board. Or orders can be submitted by email to Kay at KAErnsthause@gmail.com or to the church office at info@RedeemerLuth.com (poinsettias in the subject line).

When sending the email, please include your name, color of poinsettias (red, pink or white) and the number of each color. Then the next time you're in church, pick up an envelope from the table in the back of the sanctuary. Complete the envelope with your name and the dedication for the plants. Put your money in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate. The money and dedication are due to the church office by **Sunday, December 10**. The dedication can be "in memory" of a loved one, "in honor" of loved ones or "to the glory of God."

Don't wait ... Don't forget ... Order Now!!

Sunday Adult Forum to Continue Discussion of Creed on Nov. 19

The Sunday Adult Forum will continue its discussion of the meaning of the Apostles' Creed for individuals here and its meaning as a part of Redeemer's weekly worship liturgy on **Sunday, November 19**. The forum begins after worship at 11:15 a.m. in Room 2.

All voices are valued!!

Noisy Offering to Go to LSS Choices

The Noisy Offering for November and December will be sent to LSS Choices. The holidays can be a very stressful time and as a result, the number of people (both men and women) abused by their spouse increases. Many will stay with a spouse because it's the holidays. But once January comes around they find the courage to leave.

Along with the increase is spousal abuse the holidays also see an increase in human trafficking.

So when Redeemer sends the funds in January it will be right when the numbers seeking service are going up.

Because of these 2 facts we will be collecting noisy offering for LSS Choices during this holiday season.

Sister Act Christmas Brunch Set for Dec. 2

Sister Act's Christmas Brunch will be held **Saturday, December 2** at the Woodbury (215 E. Town St. in downtown Columbus) beginning at 10 a.m. Reservations are due to Kay Ernsthause by **Sunday, November 26**. Email her at KAErnsthause@gmail.com.

Book Chosen for January Discussion

Sheryl Owens reports that Redeemer's book group will be discussion *This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto* by Suketu Mehta at its meeting on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024** at 7 p.m.

She writes, "Mehta's forte is not mincing words or verbal diplomacy. He does not sugar coat his perspective; in fact, he rips off the bandage and throws alcohol on the wound left behind and then douses you with an ice water bath. This is either refreshing, or startlingly shocking, but it is not boring. You immediately feel his frustration and anger.... and hope.

“You may have heard it before, but this is not a whisper. It is a migrant's tale, and a minority tale. It is an economic tale since migrants and immigrants have all been touched by this saga. However, some have been able to rise above it because they could and chose to blend in.

“I was going to include a quote from this book, but choosing just one is like eating one Lays potato chip. Instead, I'll just invite you to read this book, and join the discussion: ... I believe there is something for everyone on this journey.”

Calling All Puzzle Lovers!



Michele Disbro writes, “Do you like to put puzzles together? Do you have puzzles at home that you’ve put together too many times?”

“Let’s have some fun with a Puzzle Library! Bring in your old puzzles and put them in the library. We’ll be making some space on some of the shelves for puzzles. Leave your puzzles and then, help yourself to some of the other puzzles. What a fun way to have access to lots of different puzzles!”

Enjoying Ongoing Activities at Redeemer

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.: Exploring the Bible. This fall the group will explore 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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHRON1FHbFRZdStqbk9Bdz09> Phone only: 301-715-8592. The study is on hiatus for **Tuesday, November 14**, resuming on **Tuesday, November 21**.

Journaling Group, led by **Rich Pautsch**, meets the **fourth Tuesday** of the month at **7 p.m.** here at Redeemer.

Ongoing Sundays: 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.** In addition, volunteers are needed set out **refreshments** following the worship service. Check the list on the bulletin board for open Sundays. (Cookies can be found in the cupboard in the kitchenette off the Narthex. Coffee is also supplied – it just needs to be perked.

Ongoing Sunday mornings: The Senior Choir rehearses at 8:45 a.m. Contact **Kathy Rapp** with questions at arapthing@hotmail.com or 614-565-2945.

Saturday mornings: The Chime Choir has now switched its rehearsals to approximately every other Saturday morning. The next rehearsals will be at 10 a.m. on **November 18; December 9** and **December 23**.

First Wednesdays: 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 **Wednesday, December 6**.

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

Prayers for healing and strength are asked for former Redeemer community member **Pastor Tim Muller** and his wife **Mary**. She did report on Facebook that Tim, who suffered a spontaneous rupture of his esophagus, was able to go home this week but it is a long road to recovery.

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Prayers for continued healing are asked for **Emily Kent** who had has found recovery slow going. Prayers are also asked for **Larry Trover** who brought a case of COVID back with him from Italy and for **Kathy Richter**, aunt of **Emily Ott**, who is undergoing medical tests but faces a likely cancer diagnosis.

Pastor Dave to Return from Vacation Next Weekend; Smeck Fills In

Pastor Dave is on vacation through **Friday, November 17**. **Pastor Julianne Smeck** is providing emergency pastoral care coverage. She can be reached at 614-258-6634.

***Reflections* Taking Week Off**

Reflections will not be published the week of November 20. It will resume **Monday, November 27**. Everyone is wished a safe and happy holiday!

Updated 2023 RLC Member Directory Available

An updated edition of the 2023 **Redeemer Member Directory** is now available. Copies are available by contacting the church office at 614-237-1263 or info@RedeemerLuth.com. In addition, folks can be put on the list for quarterly electronic updates. Just contact the office.

November Birthdays

13-Emily Ott

18-Carla Baldogo 19-Carolyn Klopfer

20-Zak Hinkle-Moore 21-Andy Jacobs

23-Chelsea Gordon 23-Carolyn Moehring

24-Judith Bird 24-Sarah Highland

25-Dereck Stewart 26-Grace Montgomery

27-Greyson Brush 28-Dave Shull

29-Mary Bowling

The Wider Church

Bishop Eaton to Take 4-6 Month Sabbatical

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church (ELCA) this past week announced that the Council Executive Committee had approved **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's** request for a four-to-six-month leave of absence. Her leave starts **Friday, November 17**.

"The Church Council appointed **Rev. Michael Burk**, former bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, as presiding bishop pro tem to care for the responsibilities of the presiding bishop during her leave of absence.

"We give thanks for Bishop Eaton's tireless dedication and leadership and pray for her during this time of rest and rejuvenation."

Redeemer's guest pastor Sunday, **Rev. Emlyn Ott**, reported that she had been in touch with the bishop and that, after nine years in that position, this is the first sabbatical she has had.

First English Update

Kay Ernsthausen writes, "It's been awhile since I gave an update on First English. So here are some things happening and changing:

- **Pastor Lorin Darst** is the new pastor at First English.
- "Due to some volunteers' being called to another church, the Thursday night dinners will be suspended for the foreseeable future. However, they are still doing the Sunday morning breakfast, and according to some regulars, the best one in town. ... Sunday morning breakfast is a show up at 7:15 -7:30 a.m. and help serve the breakfast that is brought in. The breakfast is done serving and cleaned up at 9 a.m. The church currently has enough providers of breakfast. However, the church doing food on the third Sunday of the month can use some help serving. If anyone would like to do this, let me know and I will connect you with the Sunday meal coordinator.
- "A second option is to collect food and put together a brown bag lunch. These are handed out at the Sunday morning breakfast. The brown bag can be what we make it as long as it's a balanced meal. One suggestion was a PB&J sandwich, a meat and cheese sandwich, a bag of chips, a soft/chewy granola bar, some kind of fruit or fruit cup, a dessert like cookies or HoHo's. Part of this is very much like our Thursday night to go dinner. The lunches are given out as people leave the Sunday breakfast.

"If you would like to help with or feel we should do one of the above suggestions please let Kay know your preference or if you have another suggestion." Email her at KAErnsthause@gmail.com and she will then bring it up with the staff at First English.

Prayer Concerns for Two Weeks from ELCA

14 Pray for youth and family ministry leaders in our congregations, and promise to express appreciation, support and encouragement for their work of faith formation and caring for young people and their parents.

15 Give thanks to God for the comfort of knowing that we, and those who have gone before us, will one day be gathered together in the kingdom of God -- forever.

16 "O God, to you I cry in pain when sickness makes me weak, when mind and body out of tune bring fears I cannot speak" (ACS 1021). We are never alone in times of distress. Praise God for being attentive to us through caring neighbors and siblings in Christ, especially when we find it difficult to express our infirmities and suffering.

17 Pray for the 800-plus rostered ministers who have responded to God's call to provide specialized pastoral care in ministries across the ELCA and in our communities, including hospice, counseling, corrections, long-term care, and police and fire chaplaincy.

18 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

19 Thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, who guides our understanding of generosity, for the sake of the world and our neighbors at the margins of society.

20 Pray for the success of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service's Preferred Refugee Employer Program, which helps employers offer support and services of particular benefit to the refugees in their communities.

21 Pray for youth, parents, youth leaders and congregations registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Ask the Spirit to stir their enthusiasm, guide their preparation for their experience in New Orleans, and help those who are discerning whether to participate.

22 Pray that our acts of generosity will come from a place of gratefulness to God and concern for our neighbor and will "produce thanksgiving to God through us" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

23 Thanksgiving Day "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering" (ELW 692). Pray that we will see every aspect of our life as an offering for the sake of our neighbor and the well-being of the world -- an expression of thanksgiving for the blessings and resources that God has generously given to us.

24 Native American Heritage Day Praise God for the rich and diverse legacies of Native American neighbors and siblings in Christ. Give thanks for the continuing influence of Indigenous cultures, traditions, spirituality, arts and concepts of community.

25 Remember in prayer neighbors and siblings in Christ who are without safety, shelter, food or basic social services. Promise to be tireless, creative and respectful in providing immediate and long-term care for those who are homeless, and in boldly advocating for just laws that yield appropriate and truly affordable housing.

26 Pray that our concern, empathy and service for the well-being of our neighbors in need will be bold and boundless, especially when we are pressured to serve only select groups.

27 Remember in prayer pastors and their families, and pray that we will demonstrate our concern for their well-being and renewal through ongoing encouragement, support, affirmation and guidance.

Getting Ready for Worship

25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 2023

Lessons

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Psalm 90.1-6, 12 Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Peace

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 Zion Lutheran Church in Danville.

+ For Redeemer community members Emlyn Ott and Robert Ward.

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, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Becky Fisher's stepmother who is entering Hospice care

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Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
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Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Hospitality	Kathy Mimplitch
Communion Prep	Michele Disbro
Producers	April Smith, Judith Bird

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Upcoming Week at Redeemer

November 13 -November 20, 2023

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 1143
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Member Care Team
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith on
	7:00 p.m.	Berwick Civic Association
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	CANCELLED Coffee and Conversation
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	1-3:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Program
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 1143
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council

Getting Ready for Worship

Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023

Lessons

Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 95:1-7a; Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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The following Week at Redeemer

November 20-November 27, 2023

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	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council
Tuesday	12:30 p.m.	Thankfull Holiday Distribution
Thursday	.	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	After Worship	Congregational Meeting – Election of Church Council
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 1143

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