



# Reflections

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## RLC Annual Meeting, Potluck Set for Jan. 28

Dear Redeemer Members and Friends,

I want to wish you a Happy New Year and send my wish for your health, your peace and your feelings of inclusion, compassion, and justice in the world and in the life of Redeemer Lutheran Church. The elected leaders of Redeemer look forward to the possibilities for our shared life and ministry in 2024.

The congregation will be gathering for our Annual Meeting in the sanctuary on **Sunday, January 28, 2024** immediately following the 10 a.m. church service. We will be voting on the 2024 budget and other motions. In addition, there will be an election to fill two slots that were not filled when the congregation elected officers in November. Council has approved a slate of **Brad Binau** for vice president and **Terry Warren** for an additional term on the Special Funds Team. As outlined in the constitution, this meeting will only be held in person, therefore, to meet our quorum, we encourage you to attend. There will not be a Zoom option.

Following the meeting, you are invited to join us for a meal in the basement fellowship hall. We're asking you to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Drinks and paper products will be provided, however you are always encouraged to bring your own table service. The main dish of lasagna (meat, veggie and gluten-free) will be provided by our youth, who will be collecting donations for their trip to the National Youth Gathering being held in New Orleans this summer.

Come enjoy the fellowship!

Your partner in ministry,  
*Krista Skipper*, Council President

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

P.S. If you are able to receive letters by email, would you please inform the office at [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com) with your email address. This will help reduce our mailing costs and keep you informed in an even more timely manner. Thank you!

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#### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

Office Manager - Becky Trover

Office Assistant - Diane Brobeck

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director -

Karen Kent

*Reflections* Editor - Judith Bird

#### 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Krista Skipper

Vice President -

Finance Officer - Laura Warren

Secretary - Sue Watson

Worship - Michelle Clemence

Education - Katie Jacobs

Outreach - Diane Brobeck

Member Support - Elyce Herring

Property - April Smith

Stewardship - Kathy Denhard

#### APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer - Julianne Johnson

#### MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Margie Farnham      Marques Highland

Emlyn Ott                      Rich Pautsch

#### SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Dave Engel, chair      Ashley Bird

Julie Boreman              Laura Warren

Wendy Stoica              Terry Warren

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Emily Ott

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## The Redeemer Community

### Potluck to Follow Sunday's Annual Meeting

Redeemer's youth are sponsoring the potluck which will follow Sunday's annual meeting. They will provide lasagna (meat, veggie and gluten-free) with the donations collected going to pay for their trip to the National Youth Gathering that will be held in New Orleans this summer.

Others are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Drinks will also be provided.

And while paper products will also be available, folks are encouraged to bring their own table service.

It will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall while the annual meeting will immediately follow the end of the worship service in the Sanctuary.

### ***A Note about Sunday's Special Music***

It was learned after the service on Sunday that the music for Karen and Kathy's duet had a special notation at the top. The words there came from **John Carter**, who had asked Kathy what Karen's favorite hymn was and then had arranged that hymn as a special duet for them to play.

So Redeemer was treated to the inaugural presentation of that duet on Sunday.

And the words printed at the top of the published music? "For **Kathy Rapp** and **Karen Kent** with thanks and high regard."

*Those of us at Redeemer already know how lucky we are to experience the music we hear each Sunday. But it gives added meaning to have the composer himself publicly acknowledge our good fortune. We are richly blessed indeed.*

### **Souper Bowl 2024 Coming!**

Once again, Redeemer will join with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry in a Souper Bowl Offering on **Sunday, February 11**.

Please remember that, due to the buying power of the food pantries, each \$1 donated will be able to purchase \$4 of food. However, those wishing to contribute an actual food item, the best soups to collect are tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable while the most needed items to collect along with soup are 16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter or any canned fruit of approximately 15 oz. However, ANY food items can be used.

The LSS Food Pantry has set a goal of 30 churches participating this year (24 in 2023), raising more than \$30,000 (compared to \$23,000 last year), and collecting 4,000 pounds of food.

*Let's see what Redeemer can do while cheering for its favorite team!*

### **January Book Discussion Now Set for Jan. 31**

The date for Redeemer's book group discussion of *This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto* by **Suketu Mehta** has been delayed until **Wednesday, January 31, 2024** at 7 p.m., both in-person and on Zoom.

**Sheryl Owens** writes about the book, "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."

To join the group on Zoom, go to

<https://us02zoom.us/j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tKM2xEEd3dyK1RvSURJYlFuZz09>; Meeting ID: 865 8150 4887; Passcode: 274918; Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

### **Adult Ed Class to Resume Discussion of Gaza-Israel War**

**Islamic Professor Loren Lybarger** returns to the Adult Education Class on **Sunday February 4** to continue conversations about the Israel/Palestine war that was started during his first appearance in December when he spent

an hour with the class discussing the war between Israel and Hamas. “He does not seek to demonize either party in this conflict, but instead he wants to help folks understand the history and context of this land and the various people who call it home,” according to **Pastor Dave**.

Lybarger is a professor of Islamic studies and comparative religions at Ohio University. He has degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and the University of Chicago. He spent eight years living in the Middle East, much of that in Gaza.

He lives with his wife and two daughters in Bexley.

The class is both in-person and on Zoom. To join the group on Zoom, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>  
Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923; Passcode: 38383; Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

## Noisy Offering Now Goes to Star House

Redeemer’s “Noisy Offering” will now go to Star House – a drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness and the only housing village of its kind in Central Ohio for college-age youth who are exiting homelessness. Young people experiencing homelessness, ages 14-24, are provided a safe location along with basic needs and access to crucial, stabilizing resources.

In addition, Star House, along with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and Finance Fund, jointly owns and operates Carol Stewart Village, an affordable neighborhood for youth coming out of homelessness. It has 62 studio apartments and onsite access to a wide array of programs and social services.

## Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus until Jan. 30

The Tuesday Bible study is on hiatus this Tuesday, January 23 but resumes on **Tuesday, January 30** with a review of its discussions of the book of Acts. Also, at that time, they will discuss what to cover next.

## Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for services over Advent and the winter. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. **Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.**

## 2024 Flower Chart Available

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody’s birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services in 2024 is now on the bulletin board next to the library.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

Folks can also call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

## Important Emails

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

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Info@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

[MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

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

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

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Communications@redeemerluth.com) – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer’s social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

## Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

### For Reflections

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com) and put Reflections in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

### For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put “Bulletin” in the subject line.

## Prayers and Personals

Prayers for comfort and healing are asked for a number of Redeemer’s members and families: the **Ehrich family** on the death of **Kathie and Nancy’s** sister **Betty Weaver** after a long illness and for Kathie as she was rehospitized for tests; for the **Frank/Thornton family** on the death of **Kelley’s** father **Wayne Frank** after a long illness and for **Trina’s** oldest grandson **Nate Foltz** who was in a very serious car accident and faces a long recovery ahead; for **Becky Trover** who will be having outpatient surgery this week; for **Kevin Bailey** who is having medical tests; for **Robin Stokes** who was hospitalized with the flu and who is now going into rehab; for **Elaine Warren**, sister of **Terry Warren**, who was diagnosed with kidney cancer; and for **Maggie Rapp**, the newborn great-granddaughter of **Kathy and Bob Rapp**, who has pneumonia.

Prayers for healing continue to be asked for **Pastor Tim Muller** and for **Kathy Richter**, aunt of **Emily Ott**.

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**Kay Ernsthansen** thanked all the folks who came out **Saturday, January 20** to help pack brown bag lunches that were handed out **Sunday, January 21** at First English Lutheran Church. She reported they 150 brown bag lunches. She also thanked all those who contributed food items.

## Pastor Dave to Attend Rostered Ministers Gathering

**Pastor Dave** will be out of town this week **Tuesday through Thursday, January 23-25**, attending the Rostered Ministers’ Gathering. However, because most pastors will be attending this event, folks should call **Pastor Dave** for any pastoral needs.

## January Birthdays

22-Maureen Callahan 22-Shirley Cannon  
24-Sophia Brush 24-Marshall Edgington  
24-Kathy Rapp 24-Heath Wolfe  
25-Rosalie Highland 26-Jeff Montgomery  
28-Bebe McCoy

## The Wider Church

### Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**22** Pray for Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders as they recruit young adult staff for summer ministries. Pray that young adults will respond to these leaders’ invitation to share their faith, gifts and leadership abilities with campers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**23** There’s a bit of **Jonah** in all of us when we question God’s wisdom and mercy and balk at doing what God asks of us. Promise to be attentive and responsive to God’s work and to trust that God’s boundless love and forgiveness are for all people, including ourselves.

**24** Give thanks for the ELCA Foundation, which helps us to fund God’s work in the world, now and well into the future.

**25 Conversion of Paul** Give thanks for God’s presence in our lives and for the work of the Holy Spirit, which changes our lives and the world.

**26** Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse group of sisters in Christ who courageously proclaim the gospel, work for justice and healing, and serve all people.

**27 Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe**, witnesses to the faith Pray that when we share the story of God's love and activity in the world, we will remember women in the Bible who professed their faith in God, served as leaders in the church, shared the good news of Jesus Christ and cared for neighbors in need.

**28** Praise God that **Jesus** was born human and knows what our life entails, and that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing the immeasurable power, love and mercy of our Creator.

**29** Remember in prayer those who serve in law enforcement in our communities and nation. Give thanks for the many ways they care for our well-being. Pray for their safety and ask the Spirit to nurture their wisdom, compassion and impartial judgment in the exercise of their responsibilities.

## The Community Beyond

The city of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods is seeking input into what the future for the Eastland area should be. A part of that planning process includes a questionnaire that is available in the Narthex for individuals to provide their thoughts and ideas.

Those interested should fill it out and deposit it in the box on the table next to the kitchen.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 4th Sunday of Epiphany, January 28, 2024, 10 a.m.

#### Lessons

**Readings:** I Corinthians 8:1-3; Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28

#### Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, 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 David Lutheran Church in Canal Winchester.

+ For Redeemer community members Bailey Sanders, Tommy Spahn, and Carson Spahn

**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, 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, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Pastor Tim Muller, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose and granddaughter Megan, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich and the Ehrich family; Trina Thornton's grandson Nathan Fultz, Kelley Frank's family on the death of her father Wayne Frank, Terry Warren's sister Elaine Warren, Becky Trover, Kevin Bailey, Maggie Rapp.

## Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	<b>Dave Shull</b>
Assisting Minister	<b>Jon Disbro</b>
Reader	<b>Joss Dana</b>
Cantor	<b>Connie Criswell</b>
ASL Interpreter	<b>Bryan Neal</b>
Organist & Senior Choir Director	<b>Kathy Rapp</b>
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	<b>Karen Kent</b>
Usher	<b>Ashley Bird</b>
Verger	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
Hospitality	<b>Congregational Meeting Potluck</b>
Communion Prep	<b>Julianne Johnson and Sara Auman</b>
Producers	<b>Michele Disbro, April Smith</b>

*Flowers are given by **Michelle Clemence** in memory of **Kaarina Clemence** on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.*

## This Week at Redeemer January 22- 29, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10 a.m.-noon	Congregation Council Retreat
<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON ONLY <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>
	12:30 a.m.	Youth sponsored Lasagna Luncheon to benefit their trip to National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts 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