



Reflections

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Sign Ups Galore

As Redeemer moves into the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter seasons, there is a wide variety of ways members and friends can sign up to participate. Following is a summary of those opportunities:

Worship Service Related Opportunities

- **Cantors** for midweek Evening Prayer services beginning **Wednesday, February 21** and running through **Wednesday, March 20**.

- **Sharing Faith Stories** during midweek services. At this time, volunteers are asked to reflect on Psalm 16 and to think about what it means to them. "Let a story about refuge come to mind." Slots that remain open are **Wednesdays, Feb. 28** and **March 6** and **13**. (See January 29 *Reflections* for a discussion of this.)

- **Maundy Thursday**. Folks are needed to help strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

- **Good Friday Reflections**. This year, Christ United Methodist Church hosts Redeemer for the Good Friday service. Redeemer members are being asked to share a reflection on four of the Last Seven Words of Christ. All four slots are open.

- **Easter Breakfast**. Donate breakfast items as requested closer to the date.

Wednesday Soup Luncheons

Each Wednesday during Lent beginning on **Wednesday, February 21**, folks meet at noon for a soup luncheon. Three people are asked to bring a soup; one, bread; and one, dessert each Wednesday. Sign up for date and item to share.

Miscellaneous Opportunities

- **Easter Flowers**. Orders are due **Sunday, February 25**. See separate story, this issue.

All sign up sheets can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library.

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Souper Bowl 2024 Coming Sunday, Feb. 11!

Once again, Redeemer will join with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry in a Souper Bowl Offering on **Sunday, February 11**. This year, the teams in the Super Bowl are the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers.

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 ... or the Puppy Bowl or the ads.

Adult Ed Forums Set for Feb. 11, 18



On **Sunday, February 11**, the Adult Education Forum will hear from **Nancy DeRoberts Moore**, executive director of the Bishop Griffin Resource Center in Berwick. She will discuss the ministries of the organization which is located on East Livingston Ave., next to Christ the King Catholic Church. She will also cover ways Redeemer might partner with this neighborhood program.

Then on **Sunday, February 18**, **Pastor Dave** will present a summary of the comments from participants in the three adult ed conversations on the Apostles' Creed that were held last fall. At that time, Redeemer member and systematic theologian **Don Luck** talked about the purpose of a creed. People in the class shared widely varying opinions about the meaning of the creed for them, and the extent to which reciting the creed in worship each week does or does not deepen their worship experience. The class also looked at a couple other contemporary statements of faith.

On Feb. 18, "We will look more closely at several statements of faith, including one created by the ELCA that someone in last fall's discussions shared with Dave. And we will talk about what we hear from each other and discuss ideas about options around how the creed is used in worship," Pastor Dave explained.

Both in-person sessions begin following worship at approximately 11:15 a.m. in Room 2.

Both are also livestreamed on Zoom. To join on Zoom, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09> . Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923; Passcode: 383835; Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

Time to Order Easter Flowers!!

Because Easter is early this year, now is the time to order lilies and tulips for Easter Sunday. Lilies this year are \$12 per container. The tulips come in yellow, red, purple or pink and are \$8 per container.

The deadline to order is **Sunday, February 25**. To order; complete the front of the envelope, place cash or check in the envelope and seal. Then put the completed envelope with payment in the offering plate. The envelopes to order can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

The other way to order is to contact the office by email, noting what flowers, how many and total cost. Also include the dedication for the bulletin. Then send a check to the church for the order, noting it is for "Easter Flowers."

Any questions regarding ordering flowers, should be directed to **Kay Ernsthausen** at KAernsthausen@gmail.com .

Redeemer BREAD Network Meeting Set

On **Wednesday, February 21**, the BREAD Redeemer Network Members will hold a quick meeting for BREAD updates and Nehemiah Action planning at 6 p.m. This will be done in time for attendees to worship at the Lenten Midweek Service at 7 p.m.

Kristi Hildebrand, reports, "I heard a comment the other day where someone asked when we were going to stop reading books about the issues and start seeking solutions. That was the point that the Anti-Racism Team at Redeemer was at in the spring of 2021. Members were overwhelmed with concerns and feelings and looking for a

way to really make a difference. As **Sue Watson** said, ‘I joined BREAD because it is doing what I want to do: make changes that benefit ALL people!’ BREAD works because they are thorough, persistent, organized, and serious about what matters. I need to be part of that effort because it’s time to move from learning to *doing*.”

“The biggest contribution that Redeemer makes to BREAD during the year is to attend the Nehemiah Action. BREAD works all year on identifying solutions to issues and needs organized people power to encourage our elected officials to consider them. Mark your calendars now for May 21, 2024 and plan to attend! (Please note: the date for the Nehemiah Action had originally been set for May 14 but has been changed to May 21. Please make sure you have the correct date!”

BREAD Upcoming Dates

Redeemer Network Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6 p.m., Room 2.

BREAD Rally: Monday April 15 at 7 p.m., location TBD.

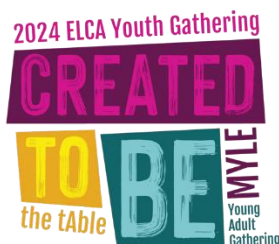
Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 21, 6:15 p.m. registration, Celeste Center.

BREAD Celebration!: Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m., location TBD.

New Art Exhibit Installed

The latest art exhibit has been installed in the Narthex. This one features paintings by **Cody Miller**, both those that belong to the church and others that are on loan by members. Stop by and enjoy his depictions of Bible stories and characters.

Created to Be ... *Brave, Authentic, Free, Disruptive Disciples!*



“Many thanks to those who participated in the annual congregational meeting dinner on Sunday to support the five youth and two adults traveling to New Orleans this summer for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. In addition to delicious homemade lasagnas by youth, chaperones and **Nancy Magargal**, we enjoyed side dishes, desserts and fellowship. We received over \$550 in donations, wrote **Wendy Stoica**.

“The theme for the Youth Gathering is “Created to Be” from Psalm 139:14. We meet once each month to get ready for the gathering by learning about each other and ourselves along with the gathering themes:

“We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

“We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

“We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.

“We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings.

“We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

“We plan to host the Easter Breakfast on **Sunday March 31** before worship and a yard sale on the church lawn in late spring. As you consider your own spring cleaning, please think of us and we’ll be in touch soon about how to donate to the yard sale.”

*Toshi and Sachio Phillips, Izzy, Sophie and
Andrew Skoog. Dave Shull, Wendy Stoica*

Church Council Thanks Congregation for Generous Giving in December

At the Annual Meeting, **Michele Disbro** thanked the congregation for their generous giving in December. “With lower general offerings in September, October, and November, the Congregational Council was worried about ending the year with a large deficit. Due to the congregational response, we actually ended the books for 2024 in the black.

“**Nate Ott**, 2023 finance officer, reminded the congregation that we did receive a \$25,000 settlement check from **Mark Nye** in 2023 which helped offset the deficit. Nonetheless, the council thanks the congregation for their part in generous giving and encourages members to keep it up in 2024!”

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 Continues Review of Acts

The Tuesday Bible study continues its review of the book of Acts this **Tuesday, February 6** at 1 p.m. here at the church. 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 – 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 are asked for **Kathy Denhard** who is having knee surgery and for **Robin Stokes** who has returned home following a bout of pneumonia and a stint in rehab.

Prayers of thanksgiving are asked for **Matt Bird** who is recovering from COVID and for his wife **Sarah Sed** who had successful surgery this past week.

A Note of Thanks

Becky Trover thanks the Redeemer family for their prayers and well wishes for recovery, and especially the Office Angels for their support.

Redeemer Member Julie Larson Says 'Thank You' as She Moves to Iowa

Member **Julie Larson** writes, "After almost 25 years at Redeemer, I'm sad to say goodbye to my church family. As many of you know, 2023 was a very challenging year with my husband **Ely's** AML diagnosis, then chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant at MDAnderson. I was back and forth between Houston and Columbus for much of the year, trying to manage life in both places. No longer able to care for our Pickerington property, we decided it was best to sell and start fresh elsewhere. Iowa is my home, so we've moved to Iowa City to start our next chapter as Ely continues his lengthy recovery; **Kolya** will remain in Columbus at least for the near future.

"Thank you for all the prayers, love and support you've given our family over the past year, and really for the past 25 years. I feel so fortunate to have found such an open and inclusive faith community that truly welcomes everyone. Keep doing what you're doing, Redeemer, because you are serving the community in many wonderful ways. I will definitely visit whenever I'm back in Columbus! God's Peace to you all."

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Membership Directory Updates: Brad Binau's email address should be BBinau@capital.edu. Madelyn Zimmer's new address is 4800 Old S Wadsworth Blvd., #215, Littleton CO 80123. Her daughter May reports she is doing "really well."

February Birthdays

5-Andre Friederich
5-Georgene Slagle 6-Richard Amon Jr.
8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes
14-Kurt Goshen 15-Nancy Ehrich
16-Heidi Carman 24-Linda Williams
24-Sue Yehling 26-Diane Brobeck
26-Wally Jacobs 28-Colton Day

The Wider Church

HopeWood Pines Maple Syrup Festival Seeks Volunteers

With the HopeWood Pines – formerly Lutheran Memorial Camp – Maple Syrup Festival approaching, volunteers are being sought to work on the **Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9** before as well as on the day of the festival, **Sunday, March 10.**

Volunteer tasks on Friday and Saturday include decorating, cleaning up the grounds and the Maple Sugar shelter, clearing hiking trails and cleaning the restroom facilities. Tasks on the day of the festival for which volunteers are needed include setting up for and serving at the pancake brunch, helping with parking, assisting in the kitchen, cashier, kids crafts and more.

To volunteer, go to the HopeWood website at <http://tinyurl.com/5bwck8kp>.

Trinity Seminary Sponsors Nelson Lecture Series

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University will hold the Nelson Lectures on **Wednesday and Thursday, March 13-14** when **Jeremy Gillett** and **Pastor Jenny Sung** will speak.

Gillett will discuss "Black and Twenty-five in America" on Wednesday as he shares a series of vignettes about the lives of young Black people in America and mobilizes audiences around the country towards empathy and compassion for humanity through stories that explore issues of race, class, gender, and identity.

Sung will speak on Thursday on "God with Us: Seeing God in People around the World." An ordained minister, Sung has been preaching, writing, and curating spaces worldwide for healing through brave love and community

art. Rev. Sung's passion for art comes from her many years as a professional modern dancer, founder, and co-director of One Dance Company in the Twin Cities.

Both events begin at 7 p.m. in the Huntington Recital Hall at Capital. They are free and open to the public.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

February 6 “The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary.” (Isaiah 40:28) Who better to have at our side during every twist and turn in life than God, who is mighty, merciful and concerned for our well-being? Give praise and thanks to God!

7 Remember in prayer our neighbors and siblings in Christ who experience domestic abuse -- physical, sexual or emotional. Pray that they will find refuge, community support and care for their injury and trauma. Give thanks for the work of ELCA Justice for Women, Women of the ELCA and community organizations that serve victims and survivors of domestic violence.

8 Praise God for the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger and the ways God continues to use our collective assets to impact the world and serve our neighbors in need.

9 Promise to follow in the footsteps of Paul, who was mindful of the responsibility God had entrusted him with to share the gospel with people of various cultures, beliefs and life circumstances.

10 Pray that the Spirit will strengthen and sustain **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, stir her wisdom and renew her vision for our church and its mission.

11 Like Jesus' disciples, we are often confused, fearful and full of questions, longing to understand what God is doing through Jesus and what we must do as followers. Pray for God's patience as our faith matures and we learn how to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

12 Give thanks for our global companions, whose daily realities, faith traditions, culture and language may differ from ours yet complement and enrich our lives and faith.

The Community Beyond

Emily Kent to Hold Gahanna Death Café on February 13



Emily Kent is hosting a Death Cafe the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Gahanna Library (310 Granville St., Gahanna), Room 1. The next one is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 13**.

According to Emily, “A Death Cafe is a time for people to come together in a relaxed atmosphere and talk about anything relating to dying, grief, and death. There is never an agenda or judgement.

There is however, always dessert!”

Getting Ready for Worship

Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2024, 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 8:31—9:9

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

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Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Dave Shull and Mike Allen.

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 and 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	Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Reader	Georgene Slagle
Cantor	Al Rider
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs
Communion Prep	Katie and Ruby Jacobs
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith

*Flowers are given by Kathleen Zwanziger celebrating Jeremy Hutton's birthday.
Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.*

This Week at Redeemer February 5- February 12, 2024

Monday	5:30 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:15 p.m.	Outreach Team
	7:00 p.m.	Berwick Civic Association
Wednesday	12:30 – 3 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Bexley/Berwick Dementia Support Group
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Healing Prayer
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM – Bishop Griffin Resource Center
	12:30 a.m.	Confirmation
	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