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2024 Lenten Worship

Lenten Wednesdays

Ash Wednesday

February 14

7:00 am

IN-PERSON

7:00 pm

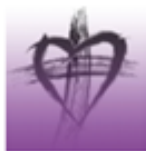
IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Soup and Conversation

Noon



Evening Prayer

7:00 pm

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



Maundy Thursday

March 28

7:00 pm with Foot- and Hand- Washing

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



Good Friday

March 29

7:00 pm Worship – Seven Last Words of Christ

At Christ United Methodist Church

1480 Zettler Rd

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, March 31

8:30 am Worship

IN-PERSON

9:30 am Easter Brunch

11:00 am Worship

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



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OUR CONGREGATION

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Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director -

Karen Kent

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The Redeemer Community

Ash Wednesday Services at 7 a.m./7 p.m.

Lent 2024 begins this week with Ash Wednesday on **Wednesday, February 14**. Redeemer will hold two worship opportunities that day: the first at 7 a.m. and the second at 7 p.m. Folks are encouraged to make one of those two worship services a part of their day.

The morning service is informal with a short litany and scripture readings while the evening service will include Holy Communion and an anthem by the Senior Choir. Both feature the placing of ashes.

RLC's Souper Bowl 2024 Raises \$1,422

Kathy Zwanziger writes to the congregation, "I should have known that I did not need to ask you to be generous with your contributions for the LSS Food Pantry through our Souper Bowl challenge. You have **always** been generous in helping our neighbors! Sunday we raised \$1,422!

"As in several of the past years, the 'commercials' won by a landslide: \$1,183. The Kansas City Chiefs were next with \$152. The San Francisco 49ers garnered \$87. There were also several canned items contributed, which will be taken to the pantry.

"Thank you all for your contributions of money and food – and to all those of you who contribute your time to distribute the food to clients. We are God's hands."

Kathy also reports that this year's total more than doubles the amount Redeemer raised last year which was \$626.

The "real life" Super Bowl saw the Chiefs become the first team in 20 years to win back-to-back Super Bowls with their 25-22 win over the 49ers in overtime.

Feb. 18 Adult Ed Forum to Revisit Apostles' Creed Discussions

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.

"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.

The in-person session begins following worship at approximately 11:15 a.m. in Room 2.

It will also be 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 bulletin board outside the library.

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 .

Tuesday Bible Study to Look at Letter of James

Beginning **Tuesday, February 13**, the Tuesday Bible study will begin a study of the Letter of James. The group meets at 1 p.m. here at the church. It runs until 2:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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.**

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 recently had knee surgery. She says she is "grateful for all the love." Prayers continue to be asked for **Robin Stokes** who has returned home following a bout of pneumonia and a stint in rehab. Prayers are also asked from **ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** on the death of her brother.

February Birthdays

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 13 Pray that everything we do and say as people of faith will light the world, direct attention to our Creator and reflect God’s love for humanity and all creation.

14 Ash Wednesday “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them” (Matthew 6:1). Reflect on who we are to God — fragile, imperfect beings and loved children who stand before God with humility and gratitude.

15 Joy and sorrow are both intrinsic to being human. Pray that we might feel each of them as deeply, in the world and in our lives.

16 Pray that, during Lent, we will lean into God’s grace and mercy with humility, trusting the promise that the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ win us a place in the kingdom of God.

17 Pray that, as bold disciples of Christ, we will be unashamed of our faith, confident in God’s promises, comfortable telling our faith story and quick to respect and serve those in need.

18 “God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth’” (Genesis 9:12-13). Give thanks and praise to God for this promise of love and forgiveness.

19 Martin Luther, renewer of the church (1483-1546) Give thanks that we continue to learn from and be inspired by the sermons, hymns and writings of Martin Luther, who studied and wrestled with Scripture and the church to better understand God’s saving grace and how it impacts every aspect of daily life.

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

First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2024, 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-7; Mark 1:9-15

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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.

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Fellowship Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Krista Skipper and Daniel and Ty Pawlowski.

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, 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

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| Presiding Minister | Dave Shull |
| Assisting Minister | Jon Disbro |
| Cantor | Heidi Sherer |
| ASL Interpreter | Bryan Neal |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chime Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Usher | Kathleen Zwanziger |
| Verger | Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica |
| Hospitality | Ashley and Judith Bird |
| Communion Prep | Katie and Ruby Jacobs, Karen Rider |
| Producers | Toshi Phillips, Sue Yehling |

No flowers during Lent

Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.

This Week at Redeemer February 12- February 19, 2024

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| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts Troop 1143 |
| Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Member Care Team |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| | 6:30 p.m. | A Brewing Faith by ZOOM |
| Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. | IN-PERSON Ash Wednesday Worship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Ash Wednesday Worship |
| Sunday | 8:45 a.m. | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10 a.m. | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM – the Creed in Worship |
| Monday | 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