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Early Voting for March Primary Now Underway



Ohio voters are now able to cast an early ballot for the **Tuesday, March 19** primary election as early voting began last **Wednesday, February 21**. That means mail-in absentee ballots are also going out to voters who request them.

"Ohio's bipartisan county boards of elections have spent months preparing to deliver another secure and accessible election. I am proud of their work and that our state continues to serve as the gold standard for elections," said **Secretary of State Frank LaRose** in a statement. "Ohio makes voting easy and convenient. We also investigate fraud, maintain voter rolls, and take other commonsense steps to ensure Ohioans can be confident in the outcome of an election. I encourage every eligible voter to visit VoteOhio.gov and make their plan to vote today."

Early, in person voting hours are as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 26 through Friday, March 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, March 4 through Friday March 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17, 1-5 p.m.
- Monday, March 18 – No early voting hours.

Voters will need to have a government-issued photo identification when voting in person. Those IDs include an Ohio driver's license; a State of Ohio ID card; Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV; a U.S. passport; U.S. passport card; a U.S. military ID card; Ohio National Guard ID card; or a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card. All photo IDs must have an expiration date that has not passed.

The secretary of state's office said poll workers are still needed for the upcoming election. Those wishing to serve as a poll worker can register at the local county board of elections or visiting <http://VoteOhio.gov>.

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The Redeemer Community

Sister Act to Sponsor 'World Day of Prayer' Luncheon

Sister Act is inviting members and friends of Redeemer to join them at a noon luncheon here at the church on **Friday March 1** to participate in the World Day of Prayer. "Sharing a meal and conversation about prayer is our way to contribute positively to the profoundly important task of asking God to guide us in our search for peace in the world.

"We hope to have guests who will share their prayer lives with us."

Help Clean Up Highway Exit Ramps of Litter

Sick of seeing the trash along the freeways? The city of Columbus is encouraging citizens to help clean up trash at the highway ramps as part of the "Kick Butt Columbus" campaign. **Jon** and **Michele Disbro** are inviting the congregation to join them on a team to help clean up Columbus. "We are hoping to get assigned to the exit ramps at James and I-70 for the citywide clean up on **Saturday, March 9.**"

KickButtColumbus! is the Keep Columbus Beautiful annual Spring highway ramp clean-up event to remove trash – including cigarette butts -- from the city's exit and entry ramps after the winter thaw and to raise awareness about the hazards of cigarette butt litter to the environment.

It runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants will meet at the Goodale Shelterhouse (120 W Goodale St, Columbus, OH 43215) before heading out to clean up the designated ramps. All supplies will be provided.

Those interested in forming a Redeemer team should contact Jon or Michele.

Adult Ed Class Resumes Creed Discussion

Pastor Dave writes that, "On **Sunday, February 18,** 20 or so of us in the Adult Education Class had a very thoughtful conversation about the use and meaning of the Apostles' Creed in worship. This **Sunday, March 3** at 11:15 a.m., we will continue our discussions by looking at several contemporary creeds and statements of faith.

"Whether you've taken part in past classes or not, your voice would be a welcome contribution on Sunday."

Volunteers Sought

Volunteers are still needed to read a Sunday lesson on March 10 and March 17. 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.**

In addition, volunteers are needed on Good Friday to provide a reflection on one of five words of Christ. Those slots open address Word One: Forgiveness and Word Seven: Reunion.

Sign up sheets for both can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Also, another soup is needed for this week's Soup Luncheon on **Wednesday, February 28.** In addition, soups and breads are needed for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent. The luncheon runs from noon to 1 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study Looking at Letter of James

Continuing on **Tuesday, February 27,** the Tuesday Bible study will be examining the Letter of James. The group meets at 1 p.m. here at the church. It runs until 2:30 p.m.

Art Exhibit Features Paintings by Cody Miller

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.

Noisy Offering to Go 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.

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 are asked for **Heidi Carman** and for **Kathie Ehrich** who are both recovering from surgery.

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Congratulations to Redeemer member **Earl Bradley** who turns 90 this week!! Way to go, Earl!!

February Birthdays

26-Diane Brobeck

26-Wally Jacobs 28-Colton Day

March Birthdays

1-Todd Darst 1-Kathy Denhard

3-Ranel Hoddinott 3-Larry Trover

4-Petra Williams 5-Lilly Glover-Oakleaf

6-Bennett Whitaker 7-Earl Bradley

8-Helen Brunston 8-Al Rider

12-Deirdre Jimison 12-Catherine McFarland

13-Dave Engel 14-Jenny Friederich

14-Lynn Nakamura 14-Laura Warren

14-Tim Watson 15-Kristi Hildebrand

17-David Williams 24-Carol Heacock

27-Margie Farnham 30-Colin Young

The Wider Church

Synod Schedules Events

The Southern Ohio Synod will hold a **Bishop's Convocation** on **Monday, March 11** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington. Targeting rostered ministers, church staff and lay congregational members, the event includes two sessions on learning about mental health concerns for children and youth and how congregations and ministries can become safe places of support for youth and their caregivers.

The afternoon worship will include a renewal of ordination vows.

Cost to attend is \$20/person (includes lunch) and the deadline to register is **Friday, March 1**. To register, go to <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8394055>.

In addition, the synod has announced that the **2024 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly**, set for the evening of **Friday, May 1** through **Saturday, June 1**, will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek, a suburb of Dayton. The theme for the assembly is "Out of the Water ... Follow Me."

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 27 Remember in prayer the bishops of our church gathering for the Conference of Bishops in Itasca, IL. Give thanks for their faith, gifts, wisdom and diverse perspectives, which God uses to benefit the church and help us do God's work in the world.

28 "In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me" (ELW 325). Lent reminds us of our frailty, suffering and loneliness and of God's love and forgiveness, found in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Breathe a sigh of relief and thank God.

29 Be mindful of those in your community who lack safe shelter and adequate food. Pray that their needs will be met, and that God will use you and your congregation to meet them.

March 1 Women's History Month Give thanks for women throughout history and in our lives who have shared their gifts and leadership with the church and society, raised and cared for us, inspired us and nurtured our faith, and fought for justice, equity and inclusion. Pray for women everywhere who suffer injustice, demeaning stereotypes, violence and poverty, that they will not lose hope but will be delivered from their suffering and persecution to live freely and boldly.

2 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who have been driven from their homes and communities by conflict, persecution, disaster, political turmoil, economic crisis or the effects of climate change.

3 Bold Women's Day (Women of the ELCA) Celebrate and give thanks for Lutheran women who act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, service to neighbors in need, advocacy, leadership, hospitality and telling their stories of faith.

4 Promise that we will never use our faith, our service to neighbors or our identity as followers of Christ to benefit ourselves, enhance our reputations or earn a profit. Ask the Spirit to nurture in us humility, generosity and gratitude for the gift of grace and salvation God has given us through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Getting Ready for Worship

Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024, 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14; John 2:13-22

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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 Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Georgene Slagle.

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, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law Becky and Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich; Terry Warren's sister Elaine Warren, and Terry and Laura Warren's son-in-law Dan Patterson.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthansen
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Vergers	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher, Lynn Belhorn, Michelle Clemence
Producers	Toshi Phillips/Sachio Phillips

*No altar flowers during Lent
Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.*

This Week at Redeemer February 26- March 4, 2024

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
Friday	12:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer - Lunch
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Executive Team
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 2462
	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