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With joy and thanksgiving you are invited to witness and celebrate

THE ORDINATION OF **Jillanne Disbro**

TO THE MINISTRY OF
WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, May 19th at 7 pm EDT

In person at **University Lutheran Chapel**
2425 College Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

You can also join on Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84070825642?pwd=bSs4d3VHYngreFlwdUliS W5nNnZHUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 7082 5642
Passcode: 085495

Reception with light refreshments to follow the service



The Redeemer Community

BREAD Nehemiah Action Coming May 21

The BREAD Nehemiah Action is coming up soon on **Tuesday, May 21**, beginning at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center on the State Fairgrounds. The free tickets are available from RLC BREAD Network members or sign up online. Redeemer's goal for the Nehemiah Action is 60 members and friends to help achieve the BREAD goal of 2,500 attendees. According to Redeemer BREAD Network member **Kristi Hildebrand**, "Action attendance crucial for impact. When we follow up, they follow through."

Child care will be provided and parking is free.

Highlights of BREAD's achievements:

- a. Tree protection ordinance passed by City Council.
- b. Launch of Columbus Violence Reduction initiative, reducing murders significantly. **Pastor Dave** hosted CVR team talk in April for Adult Education Class. Here's the link to the YouTube recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2CRuC7oQbl>
- c. Training 800 Columbus City Schools staff in restorative practices.
- d. The CPD police chief is seeking a grant for ABLE training.

This year BREAD is seeking the following:

- \$60 million in ARP funding for affordable housing.
- Addressing predatory landlords who are raising rents drastically.
- Support for non-police crisis response teams for mental health emergencies.

If anyone would like more detailed information on the BREAD campaigns, please see the BREAD bulletin board in the hallway between the men's and women's restrooms.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 21, 6:15 p.m. doors open; 6:40 p.m. event starts, Celeste Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds

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

Donate to 2024 Youth Gathering Yard Sale!

Redeemer's Youth are raising funds for the 2024 Youth Gathering by holding a yard sale on the church lawn Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To help make the sale a success, they are looking for donations of gently used items in good condition.

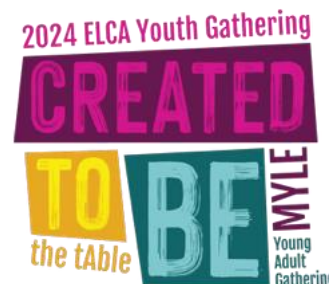
This could include the following:

- Clothes
- Housewares
- Books
- Toys
- Sporting goods
- And more!

"Your donation will help make the 2024 Youth Gathering a memorable experience for our young people," writes **Wendy Stoica**.

Donations can be dropped off at the church by Sunday, June 16. The current location is in the Fellowship Hall on the stage. "We will update this information soon including how to request pick up of items so stay tuned!"

In the meantime, for any questions, please contact Wendy at wendystoica@earthlink.net or call or text her at 614-477-3247.



Fans, Fans, and More Fans!

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of box fans to be distributed at the June 20 LSS/MidOhio f\Food Giveaway. The goal for this year is 170 fans. (A total of 153 fans were collected last year.)

Folks can either donate fans (**Julie Johnson** suggests watching for sales) or make a monetary donation to Redeemer, noting “Fans” in the memo line.

Questions should be directed to Julie at Julianne.Johnson53@gmail.com.

Fans, fans, and more fans!

Redeemer Summer Book Study to Focus on Poverty, By America

In recent summer book studies, Redeemer’s Book Group has focused on immigration, racism, and death and dying. This summer, they will discuss a book that begins with the statement: “The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why?”

Pulitzer-prize author **Matthew Desmond** dives into that question in his book *Poverty, By America*. He looks at causes, and, most importantly, presents his own solution for how actually to end poverty.

The group will meet Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. on **June 19**, **June 26**, **July 3**, and **July 10**. The group is starting in June because **Pastor Dave** will be at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in the middle of July. They will meet both in-person and on Zoom.

Both pastor and **Sheryl Owens** look forward to another summer of honest, enriching conversations.

Sermon ‘Talk Back’ Set for Sunday

The Adult Education Class for **Sunday, May 13** will feature sermon a “talk back” where members are encouraged to engage the day’s preacher on the sermon. What questions were raised?

Naomi Morgan will lead the class on May 13.

RLC to Serve Breakfast at FELC on May 19, Prepare Sack Lunches

Redeemer is both packing lunches for distribution at First English Lutheran Church (FELC) on **Sunday, May 19** as well as serving breakfast at First English that day from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Check the list on the bulletin for the items needed for the packed lunches. While Redeemer will be providing 150 sack lunches, that is not the number needed for many of the items. In addition, folks have signed up to provide some of the items already.

Items still needed are granola bars (15), fruit cups (65), wrapped desserts (30), juice pouches/boxes (120), and water bottles (150).

In addition, volunteers are needed to help pack the lunches on **Saturday, May 18** beginning at 9 a.m. here at Redeemer and to serve breakfast on May 19. To volunteer, sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Update on Distribution of 2023 Mission Endowment Fund Monies

Church Council President Krista Skipper reports, “At the January 2024 annual meeting, the congregation voted to approve that six organizations receive one-sixth of the 2023 funds (4 percent of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) balance as of December 31, 2023). A percentage/fractional part of the money is used since the actual dollar amount in the fund is not available until late January.

“A new transmission of funds process was followed this year. The Columbus Foundation is able to directly transfer the funds to recipients that happen to also be members of the Columbus Foundation. All six recipients this year are members.”

As a result, “Six equal disbursements of \$1,011 were made to Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio, Directions for Youth and Families, Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity (BREAD), Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp), and the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.

“The distribution was delayed slightly this year due to a changeover in the IT at the Columbus Foundation and transfers took place as soon as the IT change was completed.”

Want to Get More Involved?

Have you ever wondered how people get chosen to hold a communion tray? The assisting minister generally holds one tray and asks another person to hold the second tray. That person is “chosen” because we know that person has done it in the past and would probably say yes if asked. If YOU are interested in servicing in this capacity, please sign up on the bulletin board under the picture of the communion tray or contact **Kathy Zwanziger**.



In addition, since the pandemic, the “usher team” has been limited to one person. We have now been requested to have at least two ushers, one of whom would stay near the door to the sanctuary and hand out bulletins. This means that you wouldn’t need to help carry the elements down the aisle (unless you wanted to). If mobility is a concern but you want to help, this is a perfect way. Again, if YOU are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board under the picture labeled “Usher” or contact **Kathy Zwanziger**. We intend to let you know prior to the Sunday you would help.



Thanks to all of you for the myriad of ways you contribute to the life and mission of Redeemer!

March Council Meeting

Council met on **Tuesday, March 26**. Highlights included a discussion of the congregation’s “energy level.” The Stewardship team will take the lead in coming up with ways to engage the congregation in conversations around this question. Stay tuned for that!

Council also noted that Member Care is establishing a system to alert members by text in the event of an emergency, and their Memorial Garden team will be meeting soon. Again – stay tuned.

Finance Officer Laura Warren is working to clarify and simplify some of the monthly documents to provide better understanding for the congregation.

Council’s next meeting is **Tuesday, May 28**.

First 2024 LSS/Food Collective Food Giveaway Serves 370!!



Kathy Zwanziger reports, “The first food giveaway of 2024 was held Thursday, April 18, on a beautiful day! Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions to its success. As we have noted in previous years, the numbers were lower than at the end of last year. Going through the ‘season,’ the numbers tend to increase—word spreads rapidly!

“There were 104 guests representing 370 people (121 children and 68 seniors). We had 35 new families which shows again that many people need assistance in obtaining the food they need. We had a total of 24 volunteers setting up, packing food, distributing food, and taking down the canopies. Thank you all!”

Please remember: the “extra” items for the **Thursday, May 16** Giveaway are soaps: hand and body soaps, bar, gels or foam. **Sign up sheet to work on May 16 can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library.**

‘REJOICE!’ Theme for Easter Art Exhibit

The Easter theme for Redeemer’s Narthex art is REJOICE! Members and friends have loaned a variety of pieces fitting the theme. Stop by the display in the Narthex during this joyous season!

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus, to Begin Romans on May 14

The Tuesday Bible study is on hiatus while **Pastor Dave** is away. When it resumes on **Tuesday, May 14**, the group will begin a study of the book of Romans. Join the group Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in-person or on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbK9Bdz09>; Meeting ID: 822 5966 0622; Passcode: 435549. Phone only at 312 626 6799.

Noisy Offering to Support World Central Kitchen

Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" will go to the World Central Kitchen (WCK) which is first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world -- and it is more important than ever in a crisis.

Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that they are not alone, someone is thinking about them, and someone cares.

Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. This is the foundation of **Chef Jose Andres**, founder of World Central Kitchen. The program began after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. For seven years they worked on resilience programs investing in long-term solutions around the food needs in the Caribbean and Central America.

Then in 2017 with Hurricane Harvey hitting Houston, WCK began to move into action and respond to areas hit by natural disasters. So 2017 they went to Houston.

Since then WCK teams have served meals to people recovering from crisis every single day. Hurricanes, wildfires, tsunamis, and volcano eruptions took the team across the world, growing in knowledge and capacity with each crisis. Initially responding to just natural disasters, WCK quickly expanded the definition of disasters to which we respond – providing nourishing meals for refugees arriving at the U.S. border after fleeing violence and extreme poverty, Venezuelan families lacking access to food in their own neighborhoods, heroic hospital staff working nonstop in the uncertainty of a global pandemic, and Ukrainian families living through an unthinkable invasion and the constant threat of attack.

All of this work is made possible by working with communities wherever WCK teams go – over and over again, WCK sees the best of humanity show up in the worst of times. World Central Kitchen teams across the world remain deeply committed to serving delicious, chef-prepared meals to people with the dignity they deserve.

“As the climate-crisis worsens and disasters become not only larger, but more frequent, we’ll continue to be there – and we hope you’ll join us. As José likes to say, ‘everyone is a part of World Central Kitchen, they may just not know it yet!’”

Recently, members of one of WCK's relief teams were killed while going into Gaza to deliver food. **Kay Ernsthause**n writes, “Since the bombing in Gaza there has been an earthquake in Taiwan. There are so many places that need food. We do what we can for our neighbors with the food giveaways and the garden and this is an opportunity to feed those who are hungry around the world. For more information on World Central Kitchen look them up at <https://wck.org> .”

Being Good Stewards of Earth #3

Michele Disbro asks, “Do you recycle right?”

1. The triangular recycling symbol ♻️ does NOT mean an item is recyclable; the number in the middle just indicates what type of plastic it is. For example, the black plastic food containers that typically have a 5 in the center are not recyclable nor are SOLO cups. Check here with questions: <https://recycleright.org/recycle-reuse-search-tool/>
2. Do not put plastic bags in with the recycling. They get caught in the machines. Take them to a store drop-off along with other stretchy plastic.
3. Clamshells for salads and berries are not recyclable.
4. Remove the metal lids from the glass jars but keep the plastic lids on the plastic bottles.
5. Do not recycle items with contamination. A little grease on cardboard is fine but tear off places with food remnants stuck to it.
6. Aluminum foil, pie tins, and basting pans are not recyclable.
7. Shredded paper should be put in a see-through plastic bag (only exception to rule #2).
8. Check out SWACO for any recycling questions: <https://www.swaco.org/299/Recycling-Drop-Off-Program>

Thanks for doing your part to being a good steward of the Earth!

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 **Ranel** and **Neil Hoddinott's** daughter **Kandice Hoddinott-Ward** who broke her leg and for their granddaughter **Brittany Amon** who is currently hospitalized at Riverside Hospital, awaiting transfer to the Cleveland Clinic for a rare condition. Prayers are also asked for **Linda Williams' brother John Huber**, who fell and broke his hip, for Sarah Sed who is having surgery this week, and continue to be asked for Redeemer's basketball coach **Tom Mitchell**, who is recovering from surgery.

Pastor Dave Takes Vacation April 29-May 12

Pastor Dave is taking two weeks' vacation, beginning Monday morning, April 29. He will return to work on Monday, May 13.

For members who have an emergency pastoral care need while he is away, please contact **Rev. Julianne Smeck**, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church. She can be reached at 734-972-6126. Redeemer member and Trinity Lutheran Seminary student **Naomi Morgan** will preach on May 12; **Larry Trover** presides that day.

Updated 2024 RLC Member Directory Now Available

The updated edition of the 2024 **Redeemer Member Directory** is now available. It can be picked up in the church office. Or call the church office at 614-237-1263 to have it either mailed or emailed. Thanks to **Diane Brobeck** for keeping this resource up-to-date!

The following two updates have been received since the directory has been published:

- Add **Kathy Richter**, 1260 Marks Rd., Apt. F, Valley City, OH 44280-9816; KARichter@gmail.com.
- **Naomi Morgan** has a new address: 651 Sheridan Ave., Columbus OH 43209.

May Birthdays

8-Kay Ernsthausen 8-Auden Neal
8-Kathryn Ott 11-Logan Baldogo
14-Ty Pawlowski 17-Mary Benis
17-Ken Jones 19-Al Debelak
20-Jackson Harms 21-Paul Voytas
22-Dave Lippert 26-Brad Dana
26-Kathie Ehrich 29-Barbara Willmann

The Wider Church

Emily Kent to Host 'Death Café' May 13

Emily Kent will host a Death Cafe at the New Albany Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Join her for a conversation about grief, death, and dying on **Monday, May 13**, beginning at 7 p.m. and running until-8:30 p.m. The library is located at 200 Market St, Room 2 New Albany, OH 43054.

Synod Assembly Set for May 31-June 1

The Southern Ohio Synod will hold its annual Synod Assembly on **Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1** at Peace Lutheran Church in Dayton. Redeemer's delegates are **Scott Steiner** and **Wendy Stoica**. **Pastor Dave** also attends.

This year the theme is "Out of the Waters ... Follow Me."

Folks can view a livestream of the gathering on the Southern Ohio's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/southernohiosynodorgelca> or on its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SOSynodELCA>.

Gaza and Palestine Update

Julie Johnson submitted the following update on Gaza and Palestine:

- The death toll in Gaza has topped 34,000. This does not include tens of thousands of people missing and presumed buried in rubble.
- Children account for approximately 44 percent of those killed in Gaza.
- Winter is over now, and warmer weather has brought more spread of disease in Gaza.
- A report from France found that Israel has not provided any evidence for the accusation that about a dozen employees of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) took part in the October 7 attack by Hamas. This accusation caused several nations, including the U.S. to halt aid to the group which is critical to humanitarian aid distribution in Gaza. Congress has passed a measure that halts aid to UNRWA for a year. Please advocate for this to change.
- Israel, under intense international pressure, has opened another passage into Gaza for humanitarian aid. In spite of this, the number of trucks with humanitarian aid rarely equals the daily total before October 7.
- Israel has, in the past three months, taken more land from the occupied West Bank than at any time since the Oslo accords.
- At least 482 Palestinians in the West Bank have been killed by the Israeli Defense Forces or settlers since October 7.

"This is an incredibly complex time in an unbelievably complex region. Condemnation of any person, group, religion, or country won't help. But neither can we be silent."

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

May 7 Pray that our love for God will move us to seek God's ways, wisdom and Commandments, which exist for the benefit of all humanity.

8 Give thanks for the creative gifts of church musicians and music ministry leaders, who enrich the worship experience in our congregations and help us express to God our joy, concerns and praise.

9 Remember in prayer our neighbors in Haiti, who yearn for peace, safety and hope amid persistent suffering and violence. Ask the Spirit to guide us as unwavering advocates for the peace and relief of our neighbors and siblings in Christ.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Saint Paul Area Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota, Southeast Michigan, North/West Lower Michigan and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

12 Praise God that the truth of our faith, assurance of salvation and call to participate in God's work in the world are revealed to us through Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and the nurture and affirmation we experience in our faith communities.

13 Ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers — biological, adoptive and foster — in the daily joys and challenges of teaching values, passing on faith, and protecting and guiding their children.

Getting Ready for Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 9-13; John 17:5-19

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg.

+ For Redeemer community member Jil Williams.

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 and her niece Olivia Theisse, 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 Ehrlich; Terry Warren's sister Elaine Warren, Nathaniel Bird's mother-in-law Rose Jordan, David Williams, Lorien Dana, basketball coach Tom Mitchell.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Larry Trover
Preaching	Naomi Morgan
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Jennifer Young
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, Scott Steiner
Communion Prep	Carol Heacock, Becky Trover
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs

*Flowers are given by Wendy Stoica in memory of Tim.
Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

This Week at Redeemer

May 6 – May 13, 2024

Monday	5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Bexley/Berwick Support Group
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
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School for ALL ages
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
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