



# Reflections

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## Jill Disbro: *A Call to Ministry Born at Redeemer*

Growing up, my parents had a practice of celebrating Elaine and my baptismal anniversaries every year. For me, on July 19 they would pull out my baptismal candle, and we would light it and have a special summer breakfast remembering my baptism. That baptismal remembrance has meant different things to me at different points in my journey of faith. It has reminded me of my belovedness in God's eyes, it has challenged me to live out our shared baptismal call to justice and peace, and it has always rooted me in a sense of community and belonging at Redeemer.

Redeemer has been my faith home for as long as I can remember, and it's the experiences of giving, questioning, growing, and learning together that set me on this path to ordained ministry. I remember singing in the children's choir with **Karen Kent** and loving how singing made worship fun. I remember being one of the few early service kids, sitting in front of **Dick** and **Hilda Kautz** and having a moment of weekly check in before worship through which I felt seen and cared for. I remember becoming an acolyte... and remaining one for MANY years, even when I was home visiting from college. And I remember **Merl Hoops** making a subtle comment to me in early high school, that boy did I look comfortable up at the altar and maybe one day I would consider becoming a pastor. I remember volunteering at the food pantry, helping with Vacation Bible School, and still coming back and participating in garden giveaways.

Through it all, Redeemer has been a community that has challenged me and supported me, and has shown me what participating in God's work in the world can really look like. This formation and community is part of my sense of call to ministry because I've seen what a difference community and relationship rooted in faith can make not only in our lives but in our broader communities. And I've seen how transformative church can really be with a little dose of creativity, openness, and courage. That is part of what calls me into my current work at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. As I accompany people discerning their own calls to ministry, I get to encounter new and creative visions for the church and am inspired by what God is doing among us, even in uncertain times. We know that church as it has always been is declining in prominence in many communities, but that doesn't mean that we don't still need faithful community and accountability. It doesn't mean that the Spirit isn't still moving in new and creative ways.

I will be ordained next week on Pentecost Sunday, a day in which we commemorate the movement of the Spirit in mysterious and unexpected ways. What a more fitting context for reflecting on my call and ministry journey! In many ways, this path makes a lot of sense based on the family I was raised in and the faith foundations I found at Redeemer, and yet so much of where I am today feels so unexpected. I never thought ordained ministry would be my path, and then I felt called to seminary. Going through seminary, I thought I'd end up pastoring a

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## The Redeemer Community

### Volunteers Needed for Next Food Giveaway Set for Thursday, May 16

**Volunteers are needed** for the next Lutheran Social Services (LSS)/Mid-Ohio Food Collective/Redeemer Food Giveaway which is set for this **Thursday, May 16**. Set up begins at 1 p.m., with giveaway beginning at 3 p.m. Folks are needed to help throughout the entire afternoon.

The “extra” items for this month are soaps: hand and body soaps, bar, gels or foam.

### 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.

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.

### Registration Open for RLC Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for Redeemer’s summer basketball camps. Led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, the camps begin **Monday, June 10**. A parent/camper orientation is set for this **Thursday, June 6** at 6 p.m. in the church.

Redeemer provides these camps for free to youth ages 8 to 14. The camps run for six weeks, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. They conclude on **Thursday, July 18**.

To register, call 614-237-1263. A registration form is also available on the Redeemer website.

### 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=K2CRuC7oQbI>
- 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.

## Narthex Art Is Changing; Please Pick Up Items Loaned for Easter Season

The Narthex Art team has identified the theme for the Summer Art Exhibit as "Redeemer Through the Seasons." There will be three different exhibits as part of this theme. The first one starts on **Pentecost, May 19** and will be a display of different vestments that are worn throughout the church year. The congregation's help will be needed with the second installment and that will be announced at the end of June.

## Sister Act Sets 'Mini' Retreat for June 1

On **Saturday, June 1** at 11 a.m., Sister Act will gather at the home of **Sue Yehling** for a time of devotion, praise, and prayers. There will be a potluck lunch and then the group will hear from guest speaker, **Lydia Dowler**.

Lydia heads up the Good Neighbors Picnic. She will share some of her experiences with the Good Neighbors Picnic over the past 25 year and the homeless population in the Columbus area. "She will share some suggestions for how we can help those we encounter on our travels around town. If anyone has any specific questions that they would like for Lydia to address, please forward them to **Carol Heacock** at [carol.heacock@gmail.com](mailto:carol.heacock@gmail.com)."

There will also be time for enjoying any crafts folks bring, writing cards to RLC members and friends, and writing notes for Sister Act's service project in September when members put together care kits.

"Sue has a beautiful yard for walking and exploring nature or for finding a quiet place for some time of reflection." The afternoon will end around 2 p.m. (Check the church directory for Sue's address.)

## 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](mailto:wendystoica@earthlink.net) or call or text her at 614-477-3247.

## Adult Ed Class to Discuss ELCA Draft on 'Living Our Faith as Citizens'

In this season of the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 21, Memorial Day, and elections, it's timely to ask the question, "How as Lutherans should we understand our relationship to civic life — including government — as individuals and as a church body?"

An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) task force led by experts in theological ethics has been addressing this question for the past three years. This group has issued "A Draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith." For the next couple of Sunday mornings, our adult education class will read through a summary of this statement and discuss what it says about faith and public life. Any who wish can submit comments and suggestions to the task force until **Monday, Sept. 30**.

Copies of the draft statement will be available Sunday. The summary and the entire document can be found online at [www.elca.org/civicsandfaith](http://www.elca.org/civicsandfaith).

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Tuesday Bible Study Begins Study of Romans on May 14

The Tuesday Bible study resumes on **Tuesday, May 14** and 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.

Recently, members of one of WCK’s relief teams were killed while going into Gaza to deliver food. **Kay Ernsthansen** 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!

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congregation right after internship, and then I took a call to seminary admissions. And now I'm going to be starting a part-time call to a congregation here in the Bay Area (Hope Lutheran Church in El Sobrante) due to the hard work and advocacy of the Bishop and people around me here in Berkeley to allow me to be ordained in such a non-traditional shared-time ministry call. All of these experiences have been unexpected in so many ways and a testament to the ongoing moving and shaking of the Spirit.

As I enter this new step in my ministry journey next week, I'm reminded of my roots in baptism and all that has formed me in faith. I give thanks to my Redeemer community and all the ways you have been part of my journey and growth over the years, and I'm hopeful that as the church shifts and grows into the future, God will continue to find new ways to call us into love for those around us.

Thanks for all your prayers and support and thanks be to God for all She is doing in our midst!

*Jill Disbro*

P.S. - If you find yourself with some time at 7 p.m. (EDT) on **Sunday, May 19**, you can join my ordination service via [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84070825642?pwd=bSs4d3VHYngreFlwdUliSW5nNnZHUT09) using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84070825642?pwd=bSs4d3VHYngreFlwdUliSW5nNnZHUT09>; Meeting ID: 84070825642; Passcode: 085495

*From the office:* Jill's correct address is: 1367 Santa Clara St., Richmond, CA 94804

## 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 Scam Alert

Folks should **never** respond to emails or texts purportedly from **Pastor Dave** asking for gift cards or any other solicitation. These are scams. He would not do that.

### 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 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](mailto:KARichter@gmail.com).
- **Naomi Morgan** has a new address: 651 Sheridan Ave., Columbus OH 43209.
- **Jill Disbro's** correct address is: 1367 Santa Clara St., Richmond, CA 94804

### May Birthdays

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>.

### Lutheran Social Service Ministries Call for Federal Aid for Housing

Due to a federal budget deal struck in 2023, paired with continued inflation in the market, congressional staff have indicated it will be a challenge finding enough funding simply to renew EXISTING housing programs in the annual federal budget – meaning housing this fiscal year could affect the work of many of the ministries among people experiencing homelessness.

Additionally, new restrictions on nonprofits in the House of Representatives have inadvertently barred faith-based and religious entities from making their own appropriations requests, adding new challenges for partner agencies active in providing essential shelter needs. Adequate funding for shelter and expanding housing supply is crucial to ensuring that all people, especially the most vulnerable among us, have access to a safe and affordable home.

Folks are being encouraged to send a customized letter with their local experiences and convictions to their member of Congress urging them to support housing and shelter funding in the federal budget at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrh88t79>. This link is through the ELCA.

## Gaza and Palestine Update

**Julie Johnson** submitted the following update on Gaza and Palestine:

- Israel has invaded Rafah where approximately 1.4 million Palestinians are sheltering.
  - Israel closed two humanitarian entries in southern Gaza, including the main one in Rafah;
  - President Biden has delayed shipment of 3,500 offensive weapons and warned Israel.
  - 2,000-pound bombs and 500 pound bombs have been delayed. 2,000-pound bombs are referred to as “dumb bombs” because they destroy not only the target but large areas around it, taking many civilian’s lives.
  - On Friday the UNWRA (United Nations Works and Relief Agency) was attacked, fires were set, and the agency was closed. Israel has an obligation to protect UN workers, but the police stood by while the attack happened.
  - Because of the closing of the entry for humanitarian relief fuel for hospital generators is running out in Rafah – effectively closing hospitals.
  - Israel has declared that if necessary, it will stand alone.
  - The death toll has exceeded 35,000 with up to 70 percent of those killed being women and children.
- Please pray for peace and advocate for a ceasefire in Gaza.

## A Letter from ELCA Bishop Eaton

Dear church,

“In 1 Corinthians 12:26 the apostle **Paul** reminds us that “if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” For 15 years we have accompanied our full-communion siblings in the United Methodist Church (UMC) through joyous and challenging times. We know firsthand the pain of debate, disaffiliation and division that they have experienced. Yet we also know the hope-filled renewal of Christ’s church.

“Last week the UMC General Conference, postponed since 2020, concluded in Charlotte, NC. With each day’s news we witnessed our partner church emerging strengthened, revitalized and united. Several actions will shape the future of the UMC. These include the adoption of a plan for worldwide regionalization to restructure the UMC as a truly equitable, diverse and global church, which now goes to annual conferences for ratification. Regionalization will allow for unity within the worldwide UMC structure, even as members hold diverse opinions on the following actions:

1. “Lifting a 40-year ban on the ordination of practicing homosexual clergy.
2. “Lifting restrictions on clergy to officiate at, and on congregations to host, weddings between adults of the same gender.
3. “Eliminating from the UMC’s Social Principles the assertion that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.
4. “Broadening the definition of marriage to be between either a man and a woman or two consenting adults.

“The UMC welcomed over 70 ecumenical guests, who were present when the conference adopted a proposal for full communion with The Episcopal Church (TEC); this now awaits action by the TEC General Convention. Worship included a postponed celebration of full communion with the Moravian Church in America (Northern and Southern provinces), ratified in 2018, and a sermon titled “Christian Unity Matters,” preached by the **Rev. Dr. Jerry Pillay**, general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

“These significant actions and the UMC’s witness to the ecumenical vocation we share come as we celebrate 15 years of full communion. The ELCA rejoices and gives thanks to God for the opportunity to proclaim together, from this point forward, that Christian teaching is for all people and that the gifts of all are welcome and needed to serve Christ’s church.”

## Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**May 14** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

**15** Give thanks for the ELCA Life of Faith Initiative, an effort to equip people of all ages to live out their faith in their families, workplaces, schools, local communities and world, serving their neighbors and working for justice in everyday life.

**16 International Day of Living Together in Peace** Our words and actions speak volumes about our faith and values. Pray that we might move past our conflicts and that the Spirit will fill us with kindness, compassion, respect and sacrificial love for our neighbors.

**17** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Southeastern Iowa Synod, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Greater Milwaukee 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.

**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Northern Great Lakes 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.

**19 Day of Pentecost** Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which calls us to faith, focuses and strengthens us, accompanies us in our baptismal journeys and unites us in a diverse, global community of siblings in Christ.

**20** Remember in prayer college, university and seminary students as they prepare for final exams, graduation and vocations that will direct their gifts and passions into service to their church, communities and world.

## The Community Beyond

### IACO to Meet May 19

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will meet **Sunday, May 19** from 4 to 7 p.m. at the North Campus of First Community Church (3777 Dublin Rd.) to hear from and recognize Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens, senior pastor of First Congregational Church, and Rev. Dr. Jefferey Kee, pastor of New Faith Baptist Church, for their work with BREAD.

A vegetarian potluck dinner will be held as part of the even. Attendees are asked to a vegetarian main dish, salad, side dish or dessert that serves eight.

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 15** and can be done online at [www.bit.ly/2024Main](http://www.bit.ly/2024Main).

## Getting Ready for Worship

### Day of Pentecost

**Plan to wear RED Sunday!!**

**May 19, 2024 – 10 a.m.**

### Lessons

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-30. 35b; John 16:5-15

### Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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

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 Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna.

+ For Redeemer community member Linda 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 Ehrich; Terry Warren's sister Elaine Warren, Nathaniel Bird's in-laws Rose and Wendell Jordan, David Williams, John Huber, Lorien Dana, basketball coach Tom Mitchell.

## Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	<b>Dave Shull</b>
Assisting Minister	<b>Karen Rider</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>Kathleen Zwanziger</b>
Verger	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
Producers	<b>Sue Yehling, April Smith</b>
Communion Prep	<b>Carol Heacock, Becky Trover</b>
Hospitality	<b>Ashley and Judith Bird</b>

*Flowers are given by Kathleen Zwanziger in honor of Wendy Stoica.*

*Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

## This Week at Redeemer

**May 13 – May 20, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 p.m.	Book Group: Poverty by America
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1-3 p.m.</b>	<b>Set up for Food Giveaway</b>
	<b>3-5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LSS/ MidOhio Food Giveaway</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Make lunches for First English
	12:00 p.m.	Hymn Picking Team
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30-9:30 a.m.	Serve breakfast at First English
	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship ( <b>Plan to wear RED!</b> )
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout 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