



# Reflections

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## Wisdom from Another Tradition

Yesterday we had our second adult education discussion of a draft document from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This document addresses the relationship between one’s faith and how one gets involved in trying to make our society more loving and just. The conversations have been quite spirited. Yesterday over 25 took part.

A section of the document that generated a lot of passion yesterday had to do with the call of the 8th century BC Hebrew prophet, Micah, to “walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6.8). One of the ways the document says Lutherans can “walk humbly” is to know that Christians, as individuals or as the church, have no guaranteed higher or better reasoning than other people in religious or nonreligious communities” (Article 9). In matters of public policy, and life in general, we look to other peoples and traditions for wisdom.

Being married to a Buddhist leads me to explore practices from that tradition, which predates the birth of Jesus by some 400 years. One teaching I have been (trying) to practice is called tonglen, a Tibetan word that means “sending and taking.” The Buddhist nun Pema Chodron, a true source of wisdom for me, describes tonglen as “being willing to take in the pain and suffering of ourselves and others and to send out happiness to us all.” Chodron explains, “We breathe in what is painful and unwanted with the sincere wish that we and others could be free of suffering. As we do so, we drop the story line that goes along with the pain and feel the underlying energy. We completely open our hearts and minds to whatever arises. Exhaling, we send out relief from the pain with the intention that we and others be happy” (**The Places that Scare You**, p. 55).

To illustrate tonglen, I’ll walk you through a time I practiced it last week.

I was with some friends. One person was talking about how lonely they were, and how much they envied people who are partnered, because they’ve never been able to sustain a long-term relationship, and are now in their 60s. As I listened, I found myself feeling little empathy. This seems to be a frequent refrain in their lives. At one point, I realized I’d stopped listening since I felt I’d heard it all before.

The next morning, as Mike and I sat down for the meditation time we do before he goes to work, I thought about my response to what this friend had said the evening before. I realized what I’ve realized before, but often conveniently forget: One of the reasons I let this person push my buttons is

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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## The Redeemer Community

### Registration Open for RLC Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for Redeemer's summer basketball camps for youth ages 8 to 14. Led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, the camps begin **Monday, June 10**. A parent/camper orientation is set for **Thursday, June 6** at 6 p.m. in the church.

Redeemer provides these camps for free. They 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.

### Donations of Bottled Water Needed for Basketball Camp

Members are asked to donate **8 oz.** bottles of water for use by participants at Redeemer's Basketball Camp. They can be placed in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

### 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.)

### How to Participate in Columbus Pride 2024

**Saturday, June 15** is the Columbus Pride Parade. Area ELCA congregations hope to have at least 100 folks marching and riding behind the ELCA banner. Here's how to register:

To add your name to the list of people who will be marching or riding in this year's parade, click on the following link, fill in the information that is requested in the google doc and submit the response: <https://forms.gle/v6TcfBBJhto3YQd9> .

To order a t-shirt, click on the following link to be taken to a page with multiple sizes and colors to choose from. Once you have chosen a size and color, place the order for a t-shirt that will be delivered directly to you. <https://epiphanypickerington.secondslide.io/products/PRIDE/pride> .

The group will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church (404 S. Third St.) between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. This is where to check in and receive your wristband for the parade. No one will be permitted to march or ride without a wristband. The group will leave the parking lot together at 8:45 a.m.

For those who arrive at the church after the group leaves, text **Pastor Brad** at 248-470-3185 for information about where to meet the group. Folks are encouraged to bring a water bottle and any snacks and posters they'd like.

For those with mobility challenges and who need a ride from the parking lot to the parade route, plan to arrive at Trinity by 8 a.m. so the van can drive you to the staging area.

"Participating in this parade is an awesome way to show people who assume Christians are anti-LGBTQIA+ that there are so many of us who know the circle of God's embrace is infinite. Our Outreach Team invites you sign up and make that number even larger, so no one can doubt it!"

"If you'd like to connect with other Redeemer folks that day, let **Mary Benis** know you're marching so we can look for each other."

### ***Fans, Fans, and More Fans!***

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of box fans to be distributed at the June 20 LSS/MidOhio fFood Giveaway. The goal for this year is 170 fans. (A total of 153 fans were collected last year.) There are over 150 fans bought – and donations are sought for 30 of those. Folks can make a monetary donation to Redeemer, noting "Fans"

in the memo line. Or if you would like to donate fans **Julie Johnson** notes that Menards has had good sales with fans costing as low as \$18 a piece.

Questions should be directed to Julie at [Julianne.Johnson53@gmail.com](mailto:Julianne.Johnson53@gmail.com).

*Fans, fans, and more fans!*

## 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 Discusses ELCA Draft on 'Living Our Faith as Citizens'



The Adult Ed Class continues to examine the question “How as Lutherans should we understand our relationship to civic life — including government — as individuals and as a church body?”

The discussion is based on “A Draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith” developed by an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) task force. That group was led by experts in theological ethics who have been addressing this question for the past three years. The adult education class has been reading through the summary of this statement and discussing what it says about faith and public life. Discussions have been most lively! In addition, anyone who wishes 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).

## Liturgical Garments Reflect 'RLC through the Seasons'

Liturgical garments and other items worn/used by Redeemer's worship leaders over the years are the first installment in the latest Narthex Art exhibit: “Redeemer through the Seasons.” Two additional exhibits under this theme are planned with the congregation's help needed for the second installment to be announced at the end of June.

The changeover, however, means that folks who loaned items for the Easter season exhibit are asked to pick those up. They can be found in the Library.





## Sunday Marked Last Day for Choirs until Fall



**Sunday, May 26** marked the final Sunday for the choirs until they resume again in the fall. Thanks to all the musicians and to directors **Kathy Rapp** and **Karen Kent** for all their work! Marking the event, the children gave the choir members flowers.

## May Food Giveaway Serves 533 Individuals

**Kathy Zwanziger** reports that the LSS/MOFC Produce Market held on **Thursday, May 16** saw 157 people register, for a total number of 533 people served. There were 163 children and 119 seniors, with 52 new families.

Redeemer had 22 volunteers plus an additional person who came early for the food -- and stayed to help (**Bernice Stewart's** sister)!

“Thanks to all who helped by working as well as supplying the soap items we were able to distribute. It’s always good to see the appreciation on people’s faces.”

## 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.

## Tuesday Bible Study Studies Romans

The Tuesday Bible study continues on **Tuesday, May 28** with the study of the book of Romans. Join the group Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in-person here at the church or on Zoom at [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbK9Bdz09](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 Ernsthausen** 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 #4: Ways to Compost Food Scraps

**Michele Disbro** asks, "Do you recycle right?"

"Did you know that the Franklin County Landfill receives 1 million pounds of food EVERY day! That food can actually be composted and returned to the ground as nutrients. Some people compost food in their yards. Redeemer member, **Sue Yehling**, takes all of the inedible food scraps from the monthly food giveaways and the Saturday garden giveaways. She hauls the scraps to a compost pile on her property. Many of us do not have the space to set up a food compost in our yard and these food composting spots can often attract animals. (Sue has fun stories about watching animals drag away cracked open melons and squash, etc.) So how can we compost food at home?

"Buy a five-gallon bucket with a lid (available at hardware stores). Deposit any food scraps (including meat and bones if you're NOT composting in your own yard) into this bucket and store out of the way. You may want to keep it in your garage and empty it more often in the summer months because it will smell when you open the lid. You can buy green compostable bucket bags to line the bucket to make it easier to empty or be prepared to rinse out the bucket at times. Then simply take your bucket to one of the many free drop off sites as listed below. Rather than fill a landfill, let's put those food scraps to good use by composting them!"

### FREE Food Scraps Drop-off

Franklin County Landfill receives 1 million lbs of food Every DAY!

Bexley Curbside

\***Columbus** Bill McDonald Athletic Complex, 4900 Olentangy River Road, 43214

\***Columbus** Dodge Park & Community Center, 667 Sullivant Ave, 43215

\***Columbus** Scioto Southland Park, 3901 Parsons Ave, 43207

\*\***Columbus** 2566 Jackson Pike, (Some items like Tires & TV's may require a fee)

\*\*\***Columbus** 2100 Alum Creek Drive, (All accepted items are accepted free)

Dublin City Service Center parking lot at 6555 Shier Rings Road

Gahanna Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave

Grandview Heights on Douglas Street behind 1481 Goodale Blvd

Grove City Brookpark Middle School, 2803 Southwest Blvd

Hilliard Municipal Bldg 3740 Municipal Way 43026

New Albany (3) Public Service Bldg 7800 Bevelhymer Road | Village Hall 99 W. Main St

Temple Beth Shalom/All Saints Episcopal Church, 5089 Johnstown Rd

Upper Arlington Municipal Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Upper Arlington Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park, 4395 Carriage Hill Lane

Upper Arlington Fancyburg Park, 3375 Kioka Ave

Westerville (4) Public Service Dept, 350 Park Meadow Rd | Parks Dept 469 Westdale Ave |

Former Senior Center, 310 W Main St | Huber Village Park, 362 Huber Village Blvd

Whitehall Municipal Building, 360 South Yearling Road

Worthington Currently the program is at full capacity & cannot take new participants

\*These locations are open to Columbus residents 24/7 and are Free

\*\*This location takes Reuse, Recycling & Food scraps, Mon – Fri 10:30a-6p, Sat 9a-4:30p

\*\*\*This location takes Reuse, Recycling & Food scraps, Tuesday – Saturday 10am-6pm

Affordable Compost Pickup Service ... 740-249-5427

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because they remind me so much of how I used to be. Not that long ago, I looked at couples with the same kind of envy and resentment – like why did they have something I wanted so badly? And when this person talks about their loneliness, I remember how, not even 10 years ago, I felt exactly the same way. Even when I'd had a really enjoyable time with a friend, as soon as they left, I'd feel lonely again. I know this person reminds me of many years in my

life that were super painful ... and I know I don't want to feel that again. I resented this person for reminding me of *me*.

And even though I know that, it can be hard for me to do what Chodron refers to as “drop[ping] the story line that goes along with the pain.” The story line is the story we attach to a familiar feeling. In this example, when I feel loneliness and envy, the story line that used to come with that feeling is something like “no one wants to be around me,” which as recently as a decade ago, often then morphed into the story line “why would they want to be around me, since I don't have much to offer?” Think about a painful feeling you're familiar with. What story is connected to that? You'll know it's probably true if it's a story that leaves you feeling critical toward yourself or someone else!

So ... the morning after my interaction with this friend, I'm in our meditation time. And I do the first step of tonglen: I imagine a place I've been that exudes spaciousness and openness. I breathe in that scene, which frees me to feel like I have that much spaciousness and openness inside me. Then I remember what all that loneliness and envy I used to feel feels like. Into that spacious place, I breathe all the suffering I went through when I felt that. And, into that spacious place, I also breathe in the suffering of the friend for whom I'd felt so little empathy the evening before. Then I breathed out relief from suffering, toward myself when I still feel this way, and toward my friend and all creatures whose joy is crushed by loneliness and envy. I tried to practice that tonglen cycle of breathe in pain, breathe out relief from suffering for the entire 15 minutes of our meditation time. I emphasize the word *tried*, since my mind often wandered to other places during those 15 minutes! At the end of this time, I did find myself feeling kinder toward my friend, kinder toward myself for the anguish I used to feel, and gratitude for all the people whose love has helped bring me to a much more joyful place in my life.

It's counter-intuitive to choose to breathe in suffering. And yet I have found that it can be a game-changer. To imagine a spacious place inside ourselves, to breathe into that space our suffering and the suffering of others – especially someone we have deeply mixed feelings about, or don't like at all – and then to breathe out relief from suffering: this sends compassion, kindness, and courage into a world that desperately needs it.

I'm grateful to those followers of Buddha who came up with such a risky, beautiful way to make love real.

*Dave Shull*

## 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 Pastor on Vacation

**Pastor Dave** will be on vacation from Monday-Sunday, June 3-16, returning to the office on Monday, June 17. Between June 3-8, emergency pastoral coverage will be provided by **Rev. Julianne Smeck** (734-972-6126). Between June 9-14 and June 16, it will be provided by **Rev. Dave Richie** (740-377-5883). On Saturday, June 15, contact **Pastor Dave** at 206-725-3785.

### 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 update has been received since the directory has been published:

- **Helen Brunston** has a new phone number: 614-549-7295.

### May Birthday

29-Barbara Willmann

### June Birthdays

3-Malcolm Highland 3-Rob Skoog

4-Ruth Boys 6-Nancy Steiner

9-Elinn Neal 12-Clyde Boreman

13-Jim Riley 16-Jil Williams

18-Jessica Fisher 20-Katie Jacobs

23-Nathaniel Bird

## The Wider Church

### 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 International Criminal Court [ICC] has issued arrest warrants for three leaders of Hamas for the attacks on October 7 and other crimes.
- The ICC has also issued arrest warrants for **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** and the Israeli Defense Minister for crimes including blocking food and other humanitarian assistance and other issues on the manner it has conducted the war against Hamas.
- **President Biden** has stated that the arrest warrants for the Israeli officials are outrageous.
- Spain, Norway and Ireland are recognizing Palestine as a state.
- The southern crossings remain closed by Israel which prohibits aid trucks from going into southern Gaza.
- Aid is not and has not exceeded the daily humanitarian aid that entered Gaza prior to the Israeli bombardment of Gaza.
- Virtually everyone in Gaza is now dependent on humanitarian aid for food and water.
- While President Biden continues to pause the shipment of 2,000-pound bombs to Israel, this week the administration advanced \$1 billion of military aid to Israel.
- 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.



## Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**May 28** Sing a prayer of praise and worship to the Lord our God, creator of all that exists and sustains our lives. **29** Pray for teachers and professors in public and faith-based settings, who work with students of all ages and abilities to develop and nurture their faith, self-confidence, curiosity, creativity and caring relationships.

**30** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana and North Carolina 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.

**31** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwest California, South Dakota, Southern Ohio, Lower Susquehanna, Western North Dakota, Southeastern and Florida-Bahamas 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.

**June 1** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Metropolitan Washington (D.C.), Nebraska, Northeastern Ohio, Northwestern Ohio, Oregon, and West Virginia-Western Maryland 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.

**2** Thank God for the gift of the sabbath, which offers physical, mental, spiritual and emotional renewal. Pray that we will honor our sabbath opportunities and help others find times and places to rest and to attend to their own well-being.

**3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Upstate New York 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.

## The Community Beyond

### Alzheimer's Association to Hold 'Caregiver' Forum

The Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio Chapter will hold a community forum on "The Role of Caregiving" on **Tuesday, June 11** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bexley Library Auditorium. Topics to be covered include "The Importance of Caring for Yourself," "Importance of Support Groups" and "Support Group Experience."

Registration is requested and can be done by calling 800-272-3900. Refreshments will be provided.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024 – 10 a.m.

### Lessons

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; Mark 2:23—3:6

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 Reformation Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Sue Yehling.

**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 Theissen, 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>Naomi Morgan</b>
Reader	<b>Nancy Magargal</b>
Cantor	<b>Emily Kent</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>Judith and Ashley Bird</b>
Verger	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
Producers	<b>Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips</b>
Communion Prep	<b>Laura Warren, Cathy Oldham, Michelle Clemence</b>
Hospitality	<b>Michelle Clemence</b>

*Flowers are given by John Kennedy in memory of Marcelene A Kennedy*

*Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

## This Week at Redeemer

**May 27 – June 3, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:15 p.m.	ZOOM Outreach Team
	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
<b>Friday and Saturday</b>		<b>Southern Ohio Synod Assembly</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 am	Sister Act Retreat at Sue Yehling's
<b>Sunday</b>	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143

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**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community

**Redeemer's Values:** Inclusion, Compassion, Justice