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### OUR CONGREGATION

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## Perhaps You'd Like to Know...



**Pastor Dave** has left the building! And here I am leaning in to our three months together. I know some things about many of you and many of you know some things about me. Here are some things you may not know....

I am a "cradle Lutheran." Baptized, confirmed, and ordained in the same church in Upper Sandusky, OH. (That's the town between Marion and Tiffin, not the one on the lake by Cedar Point.)

I was schooled up as a Lutheran, graduating from Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary before taking up with the Calvinists when I did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary. That helped me clarify my Lutheranism and allowed me to meet my Presbyterian wife, **Ann**.

I served six years as a parish pastor in La Jolla, California (near San Diego) and then 29 years on the faculty of Trinity Lutheran Seminary. I retired in the fall of 2022.

I have no strong preference as to how you address me during the next three months. Brad or Pastor Brad is fine. (If you call me Mr. Binau or Dr. Binau I will probably give you a quizzical look.)

Because I've spent most of my adult life as a professor, one of my favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 50.4: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word the one who is weary."

The best job I ever had, for a variety of reasons (the pay wasn't one of them) was the three summers I spent during college working at a stone quarry. That experience helped me lay claim to my other favorite Bible verse, Isaiah 51.1: "Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug." (And coincidentally, our house is made of limestone.)

My favorite rock band: "Three Dog Night." My favorite song of theirs: "Out in the Country."

My favorite poet: **Robert Frost**. My favorite poem of his: "Birches." (Perhaps because it mentions baseball.)

My favorite book about baseball: *Take Time for Paradise: Americans and Their Games* by Yale President and Commissioner of Baseball **A. Bartlett Giamatti**.

A book I've read multiple times: *The Courage to Be* by theologian **Paul Tillich**.

A book I have on my shelf but haven't read yet: *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by church historian **Kristin Kobes Du Mez**.

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# The Redeemer Community

## Corn Roast Set for August 4

The congregation will hold a corn roast on **Sunday, August 4** to officially welcome **Pastor Brad** as Redeemer's interim pastor during **Pastor Dave's** Sabbatical. While corn and beverages will be provided, folks are asked to bring a dessert, salad, dessert, veggies or dessert .... 😊

Weather permitting, folks will eat outside so also plan to bring lawn chairs.

## Sign a Square

In preparation for Redeemer's 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, folks are encouraged to sign a quilt square for a wall hanging that **Kathy Mimplitch** is working on. The squares can be found on a table in the Narthex. Select one and write or print your name on the white stripe with the markers provided. Other decorative embellishments can be added such as a smiley face, hearts, etc.

## Latest Narthex Art Exhibit Up; It Is *Awesome*

The second installment of "Redeemer Through the Seasons" Art Exhibit, this one focusing on pictures of the church property throughout the years is now up. It is an awesome walk through Redeemer's history and the people who were here. Thanks to all who compiled the many photo albums of the church's decades of activities and to those who provided pictures for the display.

In addition, here is a link to the digital album of Redeemer street view since 2007, compliments of **Tom Mimplitch**: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/LZA6VdKPwTAsRDBG9>.

## Produce/School Supply Giveaway Serves 190 Families

**Kathy Zwanziger** reports that the weather for Redeemer's food giveaway on **Thursday, July 18** was MUCH more comfortable than in June. "I think the 30 volunteers would agree!"

"We used the new approach: one person commented that the Narthex looked like a data center, with several people entering the information into the system. Although we had 100 fewer people than in June, we still served 190 families for a total of 603 people, 191 of them children (and 139 seniors).

"We again had 52 new families (the same as May but 30 fewer than June). Although the numbers were down, volunteers said they were busy the entire time. Indeed, at one-point cars were reported to be lined up as far as Berwick School.

"Thanks to all of YOU who served our neighbors by volunteering that day as well as those who contributed the school supplies (and summer care products in June). YOU helped the day be a success!"

The next food giveaway is set for **Thursday, August 15** here at the church. This month, the "extra" items are paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, etc.

## Sister Act to Discuss 'Lessons in Chemistry' in August

Join Sister Act on **Wednesday, Aug. 21** at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the book, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by **Bonnie Garmus**. This gives folks time to get the book and read it. *Lessons in Chemistry* is a fun book about **Elizabeth Zott**, a not-so-average woman in the 1960's. [After all, Sister Act would probably ask "Is there such a thing as an average woman???"]

As the *Washington Post* wrote "Meet Elizabeth Zott: 'a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention' in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

"Hope you can join us for a lively discussion!"

## RLC Garden Giveaways Now Underway

Redeemer's Saturday morning veggie giveaways are now underway. For those who are interested in volunteering, harvesting begins between 8:30 and 9 a.m. with weighing and recording the produce before starting the giveaway at 10 a.m.

Returning and new volunteers are asked to contact Jon at [Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org).

### **Perhaps You'd Like to Know** *cont'd from p. 1*

I can change the oil in a car (though I prefer taking it the dealer). I can change plugs and light switches (learning the hard way to make sure the electricity is turned off). I can even change my mind (though it sometimes takes a while).

I love music and I love theater. The highlight of my singing career was with the Men's Glee Club at Capital University. My favorite role on stage was playing the "nice bad guy," **Mike Talman** in *Wait Until Dark*.

I love dogs and miss the Labradoodle we had for 16 years.

I love to travel and love planning the trip as much as making it. I've been to 27 countries, on five continents, 49 states.

I once wrote an article for the journal *Pastoral Psychology* called "Humor Reconsidered." It was a great excuse to read a lot of joke books though the article itself was hard to write and wasn't very funny.

I once played the clarinet. Actually I played it more than once but that was more than 50 years ago.

I am now nearing the end of my seventh decade as part of the cosmos I am still discovering the truth of **Eugene Peterson's** observation: "I need to become what I already know."

And I look forward to hearing what you think would be interesting for me to know about you!

*Pastor Brad*

## **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**

The Confirmation Class thanks **Kathy Mimplitch** for making the stoles which **Andrew Skoog** and **Toshi Phillips** wore during the confirmation Sunday. They were decorated with symbols chosen by each.

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**Property Chair April Smith** reports, "We welcome a new community support group to our building! Starting last week, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) began meeting in Room 2 every Monday night from 5 to 7 p.m. They will be providing more information for us in the coming weeks."

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**Larry Trover** reported Sunday that sufficient funds had been donated through the "Noisy Offering" to cover the cost of the storage shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center. Additional contributions will be applied to the cost of the concrete pad. Thereafter, any further contributions through the Noisy Offering – until its designation changes -- will be donated to apply to the costs of the garden there at the resource center.

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**Julie Johnson** reported that another \$300 to \$400 had been collected for fans. That will be carried over to next summer when she said the goal will be to give away 200 fans.

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### Supporting the Columbus Violence Reduction Program

Leaders of the Columbus Violence Reduction program spoke to Redeemer's Adult Education Class earlier this year. At that time, the class heard some remarkable stories about their creative efforts to work with members of the gangs in the Columbus area who account for a large percentage of violent crime to help them imagine different futures for themselves that would keep them out of prison.

Class members were moved and inspired by the presentation, and asked how people might support this program independent of what the city of Columbus budgeted for its work. Any who are interested can get more information and give online at [cityviewcolumbus.org/cvr](http://cityviewcolumbus.org/cvr).

### July Birthdays

29-Kathy Mimlitch 29-Becky Trover

### August Birthdays

3-Kathy Pautsch 5-Julie Denniss  
8-Jessica Marquez 9-Justin Marquez  
15-Sarah Kirkman 16-Cathy Oldham  
16-Madelyn Zimmer 17-Thelma Johnson  
23-Scott Steiner 25-LaVerna Reinoehl  
26-Brad Binau 27-Matthew Bird  
29-Jon Disbro 30-Kathy Richter  
31-Lynn Belhorn

## The Wider Church Update on Palestine and Gaza

The following update is provided by **Julianne Johnson**:

“The war in Gaza continues unabated, though our collective attention lags. As I write this Saturday a news story an hour ago reports over 30 Palestinians killed in an Israeli strike on a school in central Gaza that was harboring displaced people. This week's news reports also carried concerns that there will be a polio outbreak in Gaza. Most Palestinians in Gaza have been displaced multiple times, and the Israeli military is ordering evacuations of large portions of an area designated as a humanitarian zone. Israel also recovered the bodies of five hostages this past week

“It was a busy news week last week in the U.S due to **Prime Minister Netanyahu's** visit to the United States. Thousands of people protested as Netanyahu spoke to a joint session of the U.S. House and Senate. The prime minister also met separately with **President Biden**, and a meeting with President Biden and representatives of the families of several hostages who demanded that the fighting end so that their family members can be released. Separately he met with **Vice President Kamala Harris** who told the prime minister that the war in Gaza must end. Later in the week he met with **former President Trump** in Florida.

“Netanyahu stated that Israel will participate in peace talks this coming week and several news agencies report that a deal is near. It is difficult to predict if there will finally be a peace deal.

“Separately, there is an interfaith march to Washington going on now that will finish with lobbying of congressional representatives early this week. (My niece **Anna** and her mother **Kathy** – an ELCA pastor - are participating in these efforts.) Finally Great Britain announced that it will not interfere with an arrest warrant for Netanyahu that has been issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC has also issued arrest warrants for three leaders of Hamas.”

## Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**July 30** Ask God to stir within us an enduring spirit of generosity toward others, including generosity toward ministries that touch the lives of our neighbors in need.

**31** Remember in prayer teachers in public- and faith-based schools as they experience the rest and renewal of summer break, and pray for those who teach year-round. Ask the Spirit to give them strength, creativity and hope as they educate and inspire children and youth.

**August 1** Pray for those recovering in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean, the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico and the Texas Gulf Coast region. Pray that their faith and the care and support of neighbors near and far will sustain their hope and reassure them that they are not alone in this time of suffering. Give thanks for the support of congregations, synods and Lutheran Disaster Response.

**2** “Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat’” (2 Kings 4:42). The food that Elisha intended for the hungry crowd wasn’t scraps or leftovers; it was from the “first fruits” — the first and best of the harvest that was offered to God. Pray that our generosity toward our neighbors in need will come from our first fruits for the sake of their dignity and well-being.

**3** Remember our neighbors who are most vulnerable to hot weather, including older adults, children, people who are ill and those without shelter. Pray that they will find public cooling centers and neighbors offering relief.

**4** Pray for the Spirit’s presence and work, which enable our words and actions as we stir hope, inspire faith in Jesus Christ and pursue justice and peace for all people.

**5** Give thanks for the gift of Christian community, through which the Spirit unites us with siblings offering hospitality, encouragement, wisdom and skills for doing God’s work in the world together.

## Getting Ready for Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; John 6:24-35

### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### A Prayer for Peace

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St. Philip Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Ashley and Judith Bird.

**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, her son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, 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 father-in-law Wendell Jordan, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Mary Watts, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Carol Heacock.

## Worship Leaders

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Presiding Minister                  | <b>Pastor Brad Binau</b>                             |
| Assisting Minister                  | <b>Julianne Johnson</b>                              |
| Cantor                              | <b>Mary Benis</b>                                    |
| ASL Interpreter                     | <b>Bryan Neal</b>                                    |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director    | <b>Kathy Rapp</b>                                    |
| Pianist & Chim24-35e Choir Director | <b>Karen Kent</b>                                    |
| Usher                               | <b>Ashley Bird</b>                                   |
| Vergers                             | <b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>                |
| Producers                           | <b>Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips</b>               |
| Hospitality                         | <b>Laura and Terry Warren</b>                        |
| Communion Prep                      | <b>Kathleen Zwanziger, Becky Trover, Karen Rider</b> |

*Flowers are given by Becky and Larry Trover in honor of Rose's birthday  
The Noisy Offering will go towards construction of a tool shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.*

## This Week at Redeemer

**July 29– August 5, 2024**

|                 |            |                                     |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>   | 6:30 p.m.  | Girl Scouts 1143                    |
|                 | 5 p.m.     | TOPS                                |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 10 a.m.    | Garden Giveaway                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 10 a.m.    | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship    |
|                 | 11:30 a.m. | Congregational Potluck – Corn Roast |
| <b>Monday</b>   | 5 p.m.     | Executive Team                      |
|                 | 5 p.m.     | TOPS                                |
|                 | 5:30 p.m.  | Girl Scouts Troop 2462              |
|                 | 6:30 p.m.  | Girl Scouts                         |



**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

## A Grand Celebration!!

Sunday's worship service was a grand celebration of the congregation's receiving its latest two members by confirmation – **Andy Skoog** and **Toshi Phillips** – as well as hearing reports from the youth and chaperones on their experiences at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans; glorious music; and a moving send off and blessing of **Pastor Dave** as he began his three-month sabbatical.

Those providing the musical reflection, Bach's *Ich will dich all mein Leben lang*, were **April Smith**, flute; **Wendy Stoica**, cello; **Kathy Rapp**, piano; and **Connie Criswell**, alto.

