



# Reflections

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## Thank you for your order

*a poem by Pastor Stephen Bond*

*Don't ask why you should be angry.  
Just trust us that you should  
and let it burn.*

*Subscribe to the outrage du jour.  
Clench your fists at the morning's chryons  
without a moment's second thought,  
and broadcast your indignation  
without any further reading.*

*You can even use our suggested wording;  
we discourage you, in fact, from revision.  
Strongly.*

*Do not wait for more detail. There is no time  
for research, only reaction.*

*Set your subscription to auto-renewal  
so you won't even notice  
how much it has cost you  
for an uninterrupted flow  
of daily vitriol and targeted ads.*

*Do not worry that you are in our sights.  
Tomorrow there will be fresh invective  
when today's has gotten stale.*

*It is already pre-ordered in your cart.  
We are proud of our reputation  
for customer loyalty. You are welcome.*

*Whatever you do,  
do not close the screen  
and take a breath.*

*Your terms of service forbid  
opening the porch door  
to hear the cricket and the wind.*

*Under no circumstances  
are you to allow*

*a prayer to love your enemies  
or thanks for the roadside chicory  
to escape your silent lips,  
as the breeze tickles the oak leaves  
still shining with last night's rain.*

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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## The Redeemer Community

### Sign a Square – *Just a Few Left*

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. *There are only a few squares left.* They 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.

### Thrive! Update

**Julie Johnson** reports, "Last year individuals at Redeemer joined many across the Southern Ohio Synod in pledging support through the synod's Thrive! campaign, which continues to fund several new resources of the SOS. Thrive! is a three-year campaign and Redeemer pledges totaled just over \$34,000!

"As of last month we have topped \$17,000 (combined last year and seven months of this year.) Each month we forward to the synod the amount received the previous month.

"Redeemer greatly benefited from the expertise we received to livestream our services as part of early Thrive! ministry expansion. Keep those pledges coming!"

### Worship Committee Solicits Sermon Topic

Is there a topic or a Bible passage you've always wanted to have addressed in a sermon? The Worship Committee would love to hear from you and on **Sunday, October 13** **Pastor Brad** will address the topic that stirs the most interest.

Send suggestion to [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com) or fill out the green form that can be found on the table in back of the Sanctuary or on the bulletin board next to the Library and drop it in the offering plate.

Submit your suggestion by **Sunday, September 8**. The Worship Committee will select the three most intriguing suggestions and the congregation will have until **Sunday, September 15** to vote on the final selection!

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

Join Sister Act on **Wednesday, Aug. 21** at 6:30 p.m. here at Redeemer 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!"

The group meets in-person here at Redeemer or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83940727387?pwd=bbhlaWfD73DMaFlvQSIHxD1JagAIF.1>; Meeting ID: 839 4072 7387; Passcode: 079087

### Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry Team August 7

At least two more volunteers are needed to help at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry this Thursday, August 7. Volunteers work at the 1460 S. Champion Ave. (corner of Frebis and Champion) from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For questions, call the church office at 614-237-1263.

### 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. Volunteers to work that day are also needed. Just sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library. People are needed starting at 1 p.m. to help set up.

## 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).

## Important Emails

[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

Prayers are asked for **Becky Trover** and **Jon Disbro** as they recover from COVID.

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### ***A Note of Thanks***

**Carol Heacock** thanks everyone for their prayers and words of encouragement during her recent shoulder surgery and recovery. “I also would like to thank those who provided transportation to church and to doctor’s appointments.

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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 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).

### August Birthdays

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

### 'Death Café' Set for August 13

**Emily Kent** will be hosting a Death Café at the New Albany branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (200 Market St, New Albany, OH 43054) on **Tuesday, August 13**. Join her for non-judgmental conversation about grief, death, and dying. It runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 2.

### Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Group to Meet

The Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group meets in-person on **Thursday, August 8** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. here at Redeemer. "Wearing a mask is not required, but is very acceptable if you prefer to wear one."

The virtual group meeting continues via Zoom the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

For those who have not attended before, please register by calling 800-272-3900 or go online to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

### Update on Palestine and Gaza

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

"The past two weeks I had hoped to share my thoughts on why the United States should formally recognize the state of Palestine - but the news of this past week must take precedence.

"This week Israel assassinated one of the key leaders of Hamas while he was in Iran for the official celebration of their new prime minister. This action is especially critical for at least two reasons. First, it took place in Tehran -

an assassination on their soil - an escalation of hostility against Israel's most powerful enemy. There are certain to be repercussions from Iran against Israel for this provocation. The United States is moving additional military assets to the Middle East to assist in Israel's defense.

“Just as importantly, this Hamas leader was the person who was leading Hamas' negotiations on a potential ceasefire and hostage release. He was the most powerful voice in Hamas advocating for the ceasefire. The fact that Israel targeted him, especially when he was visiting Iran, sets back the possibility of a ceasefire agreement - which was appearing closer than it had been in months.

“Israel also announced that a senior military Hamas leader thought to be very involved in the October 7 attack on Israel, was killed in Gaza in the past two weeks.

“Death and famine continue in Gaza. The acknowledged death toll now exceeds 39,000 - although estimates by respected news outlets suggest that 185,000 - or nearly 10 percent of the entire population of Gaza are now dead.”

## Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**Aug. 6** Be persistent in praying for peace, justice and reconciliation in the world, including in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**7** Pray that we will be mindful of our oneness — one body, one baptism, one Spirit, one Lord, one God and one faith — while also valuing our diversity, which strengthens and enriches our life together for bearing public witness to God's boundless love.

**8** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999 and one of the oldest Protestant denominations in Christianity. 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.

**9** Praise God, for God provides all that is good and sustains us, imploring us to use these gifts to care for our neighbors in need.

**10** Praise God for deacons who are called to serve as ministers of Word and Service in diverse settings and contexts — congregations, special ministries, social services, parish nursing, schools and beyond. Pray that we will identify and encourage siblings in Christ as they discern how they might serve the church, our society and the world.

**11** Give thanks to God for the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the bread of life and son of God, and that this faith brings a new life that stretches beyond human understanding and imagination — eternal life with God.

**12** Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators as they prepare to welcome students to a new school year. Ask the Spirit to inspire their energy, creativity, wisdom, compassion for students and enthusiasm for their vocation; promise to affirm those involved in the education and care of our children and youth.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024 – 10 a.m.

### Lessons

Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in 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 The Church on Oakland Park in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Julie, Steve, Evelyn, Alta and Clyde Boreman.

*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, Becky Trover, Jon Disbro.

### Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	<b>Pastor Brad Binau</b>
Assisting Minister	<b>Emily Ott</b>
Cantor	<b>Wendy Stoica</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>Nate Ott</b>
Verger	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
Producers	<b>Judith Bird, April Smith</b>
Hospitality	<b>Miles Smith</b>
Communion Prep	<b>Kathleen Zwanziger, Becky Trover, Karen Rider</b>

*Flowers are given by members of Redeemer*

*The Noisy Offering will go towards construction of a tool shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.*

### This Week at Redeemer

**August 5- August 12, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	5 p.m.	Executive Team
	5 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 2462
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	National Night Out – Berwick Civic Association
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 – 4 p.m.	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Berwick/Bexley Dementia Support Group
<b>Saturday</b>	10 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
<b>Sunday</b>	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
<b>Monday</b>	5 p.m.	TOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 2462



**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