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Summer Book Group to Read/Discuss Challenges Posed by 'America's Great Prophet'

I don't know how many of us at Redeemer have read anything by **James Baldwin**. Baldwin (1924-1987) has been called the best-known Black writer during the period of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. Even though he died almost 40 years ago, more and more writers in this country are looking back to him to try to understand how the unwillingness among White people to look honestly at our country's treatment of Black people keeps us from healing and being able truly to become a country whose laws and attitudes reflect we truly believe that "all are created equal."

This summer, we will do a deep dive into the thoughts, words, and faith of Baldwin as we read ***The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us about Life, Love, and Identity***. At just under 200 pages, this 2024 work was written by **Greg Garrett**, whom BBC Radio has called "one of America's essential voices on religion and culture." Beginning **Wednesday, July 9** and then on July 23, 30 and Aug. 6, we will read and discuss this book from 7-8:30 p.m. in-person and on Zoom.

Throughout his works, Baldwin calls on Whites to face what we have done to people of color in this country. In his 1964 essay, "The White Problem," Baldwin writes, "The people who settled the country had a fatal flaw. They could Recognize a man when they saw one. They knew he wasn't ... Anything else but a man, but since they were Christian, and since They had already decided that they came here to establish a free country, the only way to justify the role [the slave] was playing in one's life was to say that he was not a man. For if he wasn't, then no crime had been committed. That lie is the basis of our present trouble."

Because our founders said God had this great vision of this country as the shining city on the hill – the New Jerusalem – then they needed to believe everything they were doing in creating the United States of America reflected God's will. And they defined this nation as a place where all are created equal, a place where they loved their neighbors as themselves. But how in the world does one square neighbor love and doing God's will and creating the New Jerusalem with chattel slavery, where humans were bought and sold, families ripped apart, human dignity and autonomy utterly violated? You define the Native American, you define the enslaved person, as not human. Then these Christians could sleep peacefully at night, secure in the confidence that they were doing God's will, when, in fact, they were breaking all God's laws.

And, Baldwin writes, to the extent that Whites in this country refuse to look honestly at our history, our nation will never heal. We will never live up to the creed we say defines who we are.

Baldwin's writings couldn't be more relevant to the issues we're facing in this country today. Join **Sheryl Owens** and me this summer as we explore this prophet and discover how he calls us to heal and live into the best of who we might be.

Dave Shull

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The Redeemer Community

RLC to Serve at First English May 8

Redeemer will be serving dinner at First English Lutheran Church on **Thursday, May 8**. The menu will be Sloppy Joes, tater tots, celery strips and carrots with ranch dressing. The sign up to volunteer to provide food is on the bulletin board next to the Library. Still needed are eight pounds of Sloppy Joes (recipe on bulletin board) and four pounds of baby carrots.

Also needed are eight servers. Folks should be at First English by 4:30 p.m. on May 8 with the food to be at Redeemer by 3:30 p.m. that day.

Questions should be directed to **Kay Ernsthause**n at 614-288-8506 or KAErnsthause@gmail.com.

Getting Close to Goal for Remembrance Garden

Donations for the Remembrance Garden thus far total about 80 percent of the \$9,311.83 needed, reports **Mary Benis**. “So if you haven’t already, please contribute whatever you can as soon as you can. We know you’ll be glad you did as you see the garden coming to life. We’re hoping the actual planting will happen within the next 10 days or so, but pledged donations will also help us reach the goal.

“The Remembrance Garden will be a meaningful addition to Redeemer for many years to come. It will give us a dedicated space to remember and cherish lives we’ve loved, even as we commit ourselves to carrying forward the best of those who have gone before us.”

A copy of the donation card is included with today’s *Reflections*, but all that’s truly needed is your name and gift amount, as well as an indication of whether you want to be included in the list of donors.

“Please be sure you’re part of this whole-congregation effort.”

Adult Ed Continues to Explore Buddhism with Don Luck, John Caron

On Sunday mornings through **Sunday, May 18**, Redeemer members **Don Luck** and **John Caron** are offering a series of adult education sessions on Buddhism. Some of the topics that will be covered include:

- What are the Refuge and Bodhisattva Vows?
- What is Enlightenment in Buddhist thought?
- What is Karma really?-

Class members will also do various brief Buddhist meditation practices. Instruction and guidance will be provided.

Calling All Singles!

Kathy Zwanziger writes, “Do you live alone and think this might be a good time to make some arrangement to notify someone that you ARE alive and well when you wake up in the morning?

“Some folks like to tackle “Wordle” first thing in the day. I might like for someone in Columbus to know that I am enjoying another day. My sons live far away and wouldn’t be much help in a dire emergency.

“If you have ever thought along these lines, perhaps we could help each other. We might like to have a ‘Singles Group Wake-up Message’: just send a group text and get a reply from all involved.

“Another option would be to identify one partner to message or call as you begin your day -- nothing long or elaborate, just a brief notification that all is well. If there is no reply within a certain time period (or after a time when you are generally awake), it means we should look into the matter to see if there is a problem.

“Let me know if you are interested in some form of a well-being call/text so we can discuss the options further.”

‘Third Thursday’ Alternatives

Kathy Zwanziger writes, “Many Redeemer members have expressed disappointment that we will no longer be having our ‘Third Thursday’ food giveaways in the parking lot. **Ben Powers**, Lutheran Social Services, suggested to me that we could have that same afternoon as an additional day to work at the Food Pantry on the corner of Frebis and Champion.

“The Thursday hours are 12:30-4 p.m. [but not in June (Juneteenth) or November (Thanksgiving)]. The first 30 minutes are getting ready for the pantry to open: bagging sweet corn or apples or ? on one side and making sure the cases of food on the other side are open and ready to be distributed.



Redeemer's Food Pantry volunteers.

Volunteers either hand out food (meat, dairy, bread, produce) directly to the clients (who have been checked in by an employee) or fill orders from printed (pre-ordered) lists. At least we are never in the rain! We would need to guarantee a certain number of volunteers monthly (perhaps 4 or 5). Several already work the first Wednesday of the month doing these same tasks. It's a good time to get together with friends to help our neighbors. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let me know."

As of **Monday, April 28**, one more volunteer is needed for **Wednesday, May 7** and two more for **Thursday, May 15**.

"Another opportunity is to help at Bishop Griffin Resource Center in their Produce Market or clothing store. Work in the produce market would be similar to that at the food pantry. Sorting and staging clothing or guiding the clients through the store are other options. For this an application and background check are necessary. Again, you may contact me if you are interested.

"A third option is to help at the Linden Produce Market – the first and third Wednesdays of each month."

Non-Police Crisis Response Ballot Initiative Moves Ahead

Michele Disbro announced Sunday that the petitions are available for the local ballot initiative to create the non-police crisis response in the city. The goal is to collect 50,000 valid signatures by **Friday, June 27**. Registered voters who live in the city of Columbus can sign the petition. "The benchmark used is if you can vote in the mayoral race, you live in the city of Columbus. If you match this description, please consider signing. We will have them available to sign in the Narthex after church."

Kristi Hildebrand added, "To collect signatures, you only need to be 18 or older. There are no requirements to validate signatures and that can be done from home. If you are interested in collecting signatures or validating signatures, please see **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro**."

From Church Council

To keep the congregation informed about what the Redeemer Church Council is doing, each month look for an article that summarizes the significant matters before the Council.

Council approved a Facilities Use request from **Dr. Nina Helene**. Dr. Helene will be using **Pastor Dave's** office a couple of hours for counseling on occasional Thursdays.

Redeemer's Use of Personal Images Guidelines have been completed and approved.

The repaving of the parking lot has been approved for a cost of \$74,000. This item is part of the spending plan approved by the congregation at the annual meeting. Look for this work to begin in the next few weeks.

There is a team working on revising the constitution. The goal is to have a revised constitution for congregation approval at the November congregation meeting.

Narthex Art Focuses on 'Reflection' for Lent, Easter

The Narthex Art theme for the Lent/Easter season is "Reflection." Almost all of the art on display has been created by members of Redeemer, and is meant to be interactive. "As you look into the mirrors, you become part of the art! We encourage you to take your time reading the information next to each piece, and reflect on what you see," writes **Emily Kent**.

"A journal is provided in the exhibit for those that would like to share reactions or thoughts (*reflections?!*) about the art."

See **Pastor Dave's** front page article as he asks questions to think about this Easter season.

Tuesday Bible Study to Meet April 29

The Tuesday Bible Study will continue its discussion of the stories of Elijah and Elisha when the group meets on **Tuesday, April 29**. The group meets from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays for the Bible study. Folks can participate in-person or on Zoom.

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for services over the winter. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library. Readers are still needed for **Sundays, May 11, 18** and **25** and **June 1**.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. **Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.**

CROP Walk Set for Sept. 28; Donations Being Accepted Now

Connie Criswell reports that this year's CROP Walk for world hunger is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 28**. However, "They have asked for us to start fundraising NOW, because the need is greater than ever, especially since the current administration has slashed or eliminated aid funding.

The 2025 Redeemer Team page is up and available for donations [HERE](#). If anyone is interested in joining this year's team, please let Connie know. Those who plan to walk are **Kathy Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Heidi Sherer, and Connie Criswell**. Two new walkers have now been added to Redeemer's team: **Trina Thornton** and **Kelley Frank!**

'Noisy Offering' Going to CRIS

Redeemer's Noisy Offering will be going to the Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). (See separate story, this issue for more information on CRIS.)

CRIS' mission is to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the Central Ohio community.

Due to the current political climate the funding for CRIS has been cut drastically, so those who can are asked to help.

The "Noisy Offering" is that donation of loose change that is made as one enters the Sanctuary.

Important Emails

Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer's social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Bishop Dillahunt to Preach at Redeemer on May 11

Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will preach at Redeemer on **Sunday, May 11**. Plan to join the congregation in giving her a warm welcome!

Prayers Asked

Prayers for comfort are asked for **Ellen Rose**, daughter of **Ruth Murray**, who recently entered hospice care. Prayers for comfort are also asked for **Sam** and **Cynthia Hudson**, brother and sister-in-law of **Laura Warren** on the death of their son. Prayers are also asked for **Edwina Bradley** who is having some medical tests.

Congratulations to Emlyn Ott!

Redeemer member and CEO and Executive Director of Healthy Congregations **Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott** has received a 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. These awards recognize alumni who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, service and academic excellence in their respective fields. *We celebrate with you, Emlyn!*

Congratulations to Seth Harms!

Congratulations go out to Redeemer member **Seth Harms** and his students at Eastmoor Academy High School who were nominated to receive 1 2025 CAPA Marquee Award in the following categories:

- Outstanding Dance Execution for *Hadestown – Teen Edition*.
- Outstanding Ensemble for *Hadestown – Teen Edition*.
- Best Actor for both Kyle Meadows and Shawn Underwood for their roles in *Hadestown – Teen Edition*.
- Best Musical Production for *Hadestown – Teen Edition*.

And Seth himself was nominated for “Best Direction,” also for *Hadestown – Teen Edition*.

The winners will be announced on **Friday, May 9** at the Ohio Theatre.

Memorial Service for Ruth Boys Set

The family of **Ruth Boys** invites you to gather at Redeemer for a memorial service which will celebrate her life. It will be held on **Saturday, May 10**, with visitation at 10 a.m., the service at 11 a.m., and a lunch reception at noon.

“We hold family members and friends of this remarkable woman in love, and are grateful for the ways she enriched Redeemer and the ways her spirit remains alive in this place.”

An Update from Naomi

Pastor Dave writes, “A couple of you have asked me recently about how **Naomi Morgan** is doing. Here's what she writes from her new home in New Jersey, where she's working on a master's degree in sacred theology, focusing on philosophy and theology at Drew University: ‘Drew is amazing!! I very, very much love it here – so many conversations and ideas and all the things that make a nerdy woman happy.

“And the people!!! You're constantly learning about other ways of being here – and hearing so many languages spoken. I sort of wake up every morning and pinch myself.’

“She sends her love to Redeemer!”

Flower Sign Up Sheet for 2025 Now Up

The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for the worship services in 2025 is on the bulletin board next to the Library. This is a good opportunity to remember a loved one, a special occasion or just because. To pay for the flowers use the special envelope that is also available on the bulletin board. They run \$20.

April Birthday

28-Edwina Bradley

May Birthdays

1-Daniel Pawlowski 2-Nicholas Jack Amon
2-Trevor Binau 2-Jon Denniss
2-Jackson Harms 3-Heidi Sherer
5-Nancy Magargal 8-Kay Ernsthausen
8-Auden Neal 8-Kathryn Ott
14-Ty Pawlowski 17-Mary Benis
17-Ken Jones* 19-Al Debelak
21-Paul Voytas 22-Dave Lippert
26-Brad Dana 26-Kathie Ehrich

**Ken Jones turns 95 this year on May 17!! Let's flood him with birthday cards to 158 Ironclad Dr., Columbus OH 43213-7607.*

The Wider Church

Take Your Own Pulse First

If you find yourself feeling anxious about all that is going on within your family, your communities, and the larger culture, you may find some creative ways to move beyond feeling stuck and overwhelmed by participating in the one-day conference sponsored by Healthy Congregations.

"Managing Self: Taking Your Own Pulse First" offers innovative ways to respond to the realities we find ourselves in that can help us see the relationships we're part of in ways we likely haven't before.



**Managing Self:
Take Your Own Pulse First**

A daylong seminar using a Bowen Family Systems lens to engage thinking and responses to anxiety in our families, communities, and the culture.

Monday, May 19, 2025 - Hybrid Conference
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eastern
Register at: healthycongregations.com/2025-annual-event

Dr. Kathleen Smith
Keynote Speaker

The graphic includes a portrait of Dr. Kathleen Smith, a QR code, and the Healthy Congregations logo.

Capital Signs Letter on 'Constructive Engagement,' 'Government Overreach'

Amid Trump administration action to freeze and curtail higher education funding, scores of institution presidents, including a few from Ohio, have signed a statement decrying "government overreach and political interference."

The statement, titled "A Call for Constructive Engagement," was organized by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. Ohio signatories include **David Kaufman** of Capital University as well as **Suzanne Ames** of Oberlin College, **John Comerford** of Otterbein University, **Jane Fernandes** of Antioch College, **Julie Kornfeld** of Kenyon College and **Adam Weinberg** of Denison University.

"We are open to constructive reform and do not oppose legitimate government oversight. However, we must oppose undue government intrusion in the lives of those who learn, live, and work on our campuses. We will always seek effective and fair financial practices, but we must reject the coercive use of public research funding," the statement reads. The full statement is available [HERE](#).

Considering Ways to Support Immigrants

Church Council has appointed **Julie Johnson** to lead a new ministry group to explore ways Redeemer can support those seeking to immigrate legally to or to remain legally in the United States. People on this ministry group include **Elaine Disbro, Kelley Frank, Emily Ott, Karen Rider** and **Dave Shull**.

The ELCA is a "Sanctuary Denomination." As the ELCA website states: "In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith."

Among the tasks the ministry group has identified are the following:

- Keeping informed of the rapid changes affecting specific refugee and immigrant groups initiated by the Trump administration.
- Keeping informed of the legal actions and the status of those actions.
- Ensuring that those we know who are potentially affected have access to resources to help them.
- Learning about the various ways that Redeemer can consider how to be a sanctuary to immigrants and refugees.
- Learning what churches in our area are doing and have done to support immigrants and refugees.
- Exploring what the implications and factors would be in considering all of the options that we might be called upon to consider.
- Reporting our findings to the Congregation Council.

"One immediate way that individuals and Redeemer can walk along with immigrants at this critical time is by supporting CRIS Ohio. The Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) is a nonprofit agency in Central Ohio that provides a variety of services to refugees and immigrants. "The quickest way to support CRIS is directly through either their website at crisohio.org or by calling 614-235-5747. You can also donate by writing a check to Redeemer and note in the memo line CRIS. Donations through Redeemer are usually delayed by at least a month.

"Another way that Redeemer is walking alongside immigrants is to be of assistance to those who worship with us. Whether through transportation to church, providing a bulletin in their language, connecting them to needed services or helping with daily needs, we have opportunities to help. We ask for your prayers as we continue in this work."

Spring Gathering of Lutheran Women Set for May 4

A “Spring Gathering of Lutheran Women” will be held **Sunday, May 4** at St. Luke Lutheran Church (4456 Morse Rd., Gahanna). It begins at 1:30 p.m. with registration and the program begins at 2 p.m.

The speaker is **Jennifer Shaw**. There will also be singing and refreshments. Questions should be directed to either **Janet Dixon** at 614-475-2772 or at dixon201@earthlink.net or to **Nancy Labuhn** at 614-315-4771 or at nlabuhn@yahoo.com.

All women are welcome!

ELCA Issues Draft Statement on Child Protection/Maltreatment

The ELCA released a [draft social message](#) on child protection and maltreatment on March 21, ELCA Program Director of Theological Ethics, Education and Community Engagement Ryan Cumming and ELCA Director of Theological Ethics Roger Willer announced. This draft social message is in response to a request from the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and addresses the church’s calling to protect and nurture children and youth, both within the church and within society more broadly. We are writing in hope that you will participate in the public comment period on this draft.

Folks are asked to read the draft social message and complete an online survey by visiting [HERE](#). Comments, affirmations, questions or concerns about the draft social message can also be emailed to the Theological Ethics team of the ELCA churchwide organization at draftsocialmessage@elca.org. The survey and public comment period will be open until **Monday, June 30**. A copy of the draft can also be found on the kiosk in the Narthex.

ELCA social teachings are developed through a process of communal deliberation across the church, and your feedback will be prayerfully considered as this draft is revised. Your perspective is important to this process, so we hope you will find time to review the draft and share your comments.

A revised, proposed social message will be sent to the ELCA Church Council this fall for possible adoption as the newest social teaching of our church. If adopted, this social message will serve as a guide for people of faith to think theologically and ethically about children and the church. It will also serve as an official policy document to guide the church’s public witness and to support policies at the congregational, synodical and churchwide level.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

April 29 Pray for those who suffer the trauma of gun violence in their communities and elsewhere. Ask for wisdom in responding to our stricken neighbors, for guidance in working to ending gun violence and for fearless respect for human life -- a precious gift from God, our creator.

30 Again, we rejoice and shout, “Hallelujah! The Lord, our savior, is risen!” The good news and power of Easter that we experience cannot be confined to a single calendar day.

May 1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Praise God for Asian and Pacific Islander members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA, which represent a diversity of cultures, languages and traditions. Pray for the ministry of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders of the ELCA.

2 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Metropolitan New York and Minneapolis Area 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.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Minnesota, Northwest Intermountain and Southwestern Texas 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.

4 “[Peter] said to [Jesus], ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep’” (John 21:17). Ask God to help us align our expressions of faith and love for God with how we respect, love and care for our neighbors in need and our siblings in Christ.

5 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

The Community Beyond

Singing Buckeyes Chorus Presents Concert on May 10

Redeemer member **Scott Steiner** invites all Redeemer members to the 75th anniversary concert of the Singing Buckeyes Chorus on **Saturday, May 10** at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church (3500 Mill Run Dr.). Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students (13 and under) and can be purchased from Scott or online at www.singingbuckeyes.com.

The concert begins at 7 p.m.

May 6 Primary Election Sees Vote on Statewide Issue 2, Primaries for Local Offices

Early voting is now underway for the **Tuesday, May 6** Primary Election, both in-person at the local board of elections and via absentee ballot.

State Issue 2 renews a bond issue Ohio voters first approved in 1987. It has provided funding for more than 19,000 infrastructure projects and upgrades to local roads and bridges, wastewater treatment systems, water supply systems and solid waste disposal facilities across all 88 counties. In the current 10-year cycle, \$2.3 billion has been awarded to 1,084 local governments for 4,490 projects, according to the organization.

Candidates on the Franklin County May ballot are those running for seats on the Columbus City Council, Whitehall City Council, Hilliard City Council and the Columbus Board of Education. Eligibility to vote for these depends on an individual's address.

Berwick School Sponsors 5K Run/Walk

Berwick Alternative PreK-8 School is sponsoring a 5K Run and Walk on **Saturday, May 3**. All are welcome and registration is free. It begins at 10 a.m. at Berwick School (2655 Scottwood Rd.).

There will be medals for finishers as well as music and snacks at the school and community resources.

For additional information, email Mrs. Holbert at 1holbert@columbus.k12.oh.us. Registration information and the race map can be found [online](#).

Getting Ready for Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30:1-3, 8-12; John 21:1-19

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

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

+ For Redeemer community members Zak Hinkle-Moore, Novella Hinkle and Theresa and John Gavin..

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, 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 their son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose and family, Kathie Ehrich, Barbara Hairston and family, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Scott Steiner, Al Debelak, Edwina Bradley, and Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling
Communion Prep	Misato In, Carol Heacock, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

*The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]
Flowers are given by Wendy Stoica in memory of Tim*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer

April 28 - May 5, 2025

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Suzuki School
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Suzuki School
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Recital
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	4:30 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2462

Redeemer Lutheran Church Remembrance Garden

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Amount donated now \$ _____

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Pledge for future \$ _____

Bank transfer

Pledge date _____

Tithely



Optional: In memory of _____

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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