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Opening Ourselves to New Words for God, Church

The words we use matter.

We want the words we use to express truths about who we are, what we value, and where we place our trust.

Each Sunday, when we gather for worship, there are parts of the liturgy we sing and say together. As people who want our words to matter and to reflect our authentic selves, what do we do when some of the words we're asked to sing or say week after week don't reflect what we believe or trust?

That issue is at the heart of the conversations we've had over the past 18 months around the weekly use of the Apostles' Creed. For some of you, the words of the Creed and its history express the God you trust in authentic ways. Stating it with your faith community in worship each week brings you meaning and joy. Others of you have a very different experience. You find parts of the Creed contain words you do not believe or trust. It doesn't contain what is most essential for your faith; so you say only certain parts of the Creed, or stay silent while the rest of your community speaks it. You long for an expression of your faith that you can voice in community with integrity and joy.

The challenge for the Worship Team has been how to try to honor each of you and your widely different experiences of the Apostles' Creed. Agreeing to disagree about these matters in an adult education class discussion is one thing. But when we worship, we come together as one people. We sing and speak one set of words with one voice. And while many weeks there will be parts of hymns, prayers, and sermons you don't agree with, when you are asked to say something together week after week that doesn't express your faith, that can make it impossible for you to worship with an open heart and mind.

So the Worship Team has been asking itself: How can our worship service make room for people who are united in many ways, yet who have some deep differences about the words we use for the God we worship?

Last week, the Worship Team decided one way we can honor the differences among you is to invite us to open ourselves to using a second creed in worship on a regular basis. Beginning this Sunday, and through December, every third and fifth Sunday of the month, instead of the Apostles' Creed, we will speak together a creed developed by the United Church of Canada. We used this Creed in worship one Sunday this past fall, and some of you said you found it meaningful.

Here is that creed:

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The Redeemer Community

BREAD'S Nehemiah Action Set for May 13

Emily Ott writes, "I hope everyone is excited to put justice into action at BREAD's Nehemiah Action **Tuesday, May 13** at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds! Parking is free, Schmidt's will have a concession stand there for treats, and Redeemer will have a section of seats so we can sit together.

Look for Kristi Hildebrand who will be saving a row of chairs for Redeemer members on the left side, facing the stage.

"We on the BREAD team are so grateful for the support of the congregation in this ministry. Personally, the reasons I still feel passionate about BREAD even a few years in are it gives me a place to take my small quantity of energy and time where those resources can have their effect magnified. BREAD has the infrastructure to make my small contribution mean something bigger than it can on its own. I don't know of any other time when just showing up as a warm body in a chair has a material impact on my community like this, and I'm so glad for what they've built and what everyone here at RLC continues to support.

"The second reason I'm still in this is the example BREAD sets of persevering through the wins and losses. They don't give up when a policy decision doesn't go their way, nor do they dust off their hands and move on when they get a win. They keep their heads down, their eyes clear, and their feet moving forward one boring step at a time through the work of civic life.

"That's an example I need more than ever. It's inspirational when the wins come after years of slow or stalled progress (hello, Columbus Violence Reduction initiative), and it gives me hope when I look around the world and see so many areas that need attention.

"I'm grateful to be part of a community here that will unite its voice and show our local officials that we care. BREAD rises!"

Tickets for the Nehemiah Action are still available. Check with **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro**.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 13, 2025** at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center on the State Fairgrounds.

Celebration: **Monday, June 30, 2025** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.

Who Do We Welcome?: A Conversation with CRIS on June 1

Folks who have questions or concerns about the current realities facing immigrants and refugees in Central Ohio are invited to join the Adult Education Class after worship on **Sunday, June 1**. We will host **Teresa Gibson**, who is the Community Engagement Coordinator for CRIS – the Community Refugee and Immigration Services.

She will explore with us one of the essential questions of our time, "Who do we welcome?" Learn about immigration statuses, common myths, and the realities refugees face, while discovering how CRIS supports displaced individuals. You're invited to grow in both understanding and compassion.

Save the Date for PRIDE

This year's PRIDE parade will take place on **Saturday morning, June 14**. Once again, ELCA marchers will gather together at Trinity Lutheran Church downtown, at 404 S 3rd St., and will then march as a group behind the ELCA banner.

All marchers must register to receive a wristband, which is required to participate in the parade. To register, go [HERE](#). To order a tee-shirt, click [HERE](#), choosing both size and color. The shirt will be delivered to you.

More details will be shared in early June, but please put this on your calendar now. "It is such a meaningful way to show our support for the LGBTQIA community," **Mary Benis** notes. Questions can be directed to **Pastor Brad Gee** at Epiphany Lutheran Church, who's coordinating the efforts this year, or to Mary, who's channeling the information that comes to Redeemer.

Sign Up Now to Receive *Living Lutheran* Print Editions

Redeemer is now compiling a list of members who are interested in receiving the print edition of the ELCA's *Living Lutheran* magazine by mail. Just sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the Library or call or email the church office.

For those who would like to cover the \$17 subscription cost, use the envelope on the bulletin board. For those who can't afford the cost, sign up anyway: gift subscriptions are available.

Basketball Camp Registration Open; Camp Starts June 16

Registration is now underway for Redeemer's Basketball Skill Building Camp under the direction of former NBA/ABA player and coach **Larry Jones**. The free camp is for girls and boys ages 8 to 14.

The camp, which runs Mondays through Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. rain or shine, begins **Monday, June 16** and goes through **Wednesday, July 23**. To register, call the Redeemer church office at 614-237-1263. The information meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 12** at 6:30 p.m. here at Redeemer.

Summer Book Group to Read/Discuss Book on James Baldwin

Pastor Dave wrote in the April 28 issue of *Reflections*: "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."

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**."

Columbus Safety Collective Campaign - FAQs answered

Q: What is the Columbus Safety Collective?

A. "The Columbus Safety Collective Campaign is a coalition of statewide health and justice organizations working to implement a fully resourced, alternative crisis response program to meet the mental health and safety needs of our community in the city of Columbus. We are working together to put the commonsense amendment on Columbus' municipal ballot in November 2025.

"If you live in the city of Columbus, you can sign the petition! Please see **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro** to sign.

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.

RLC Staffs Food Pantry on Thursday

Redeemer is now serving as second shift at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on the corner of Frebis and Champion: this one the third Thursday of the month in addition to Redeemer's regular shift on the first Wednesdays. This is one substitute to the produce giveaways the church used to host on the parking lot once a month.

According to **Kathy Zwanziger**, 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. 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!”

As of **Monday, May 12**, five volunteers have signed up to serve this **Thursday, May 15**.

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.”

Tuesday Bible Study to Explore Parables of Jesus

Starting this week on **Tuesday, May 6**, the Bible Study group begin an exploration of the parables of Jesus. The group meets from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays for the Bible study. Folks can participate in-person or on Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1>; Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992; Passcode: 830218. Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

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 18** 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.**

‘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.

Opening Ourselves to New Words for God, Church *cont’d from p. 1*

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The United Church of Canada is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. It came together as a “marriage” between the Canadian Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Congregational Union of Canada. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America holds full communion partnership with the “versions” of these denominations in the United States – the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, USA, and the United Church of Christ. Among other things, a full communion partnership means the leaders of the denominations see enough commonality among each other that anyone ordained in one of these four denominations can apply to be a pastor in the other three. That is why back in 2017, the call committee here could consider hiring me as your pastor even though my ordination is in the United Church of Christ. Our denominations respect and honor each other.

The Worship Team is aware not all of you will be pleased with this plan. Some of you will see no need to change our practice of using only the Apostles’ Creed; others will be disappointed that, most weeks, we’ll still be using that Creed. We ask each of you to open yourselves to this change. We ask you to pay attention to what you notice as you speak the new words in the United Church of Canada Creed, and we ask you to pay attention to what you notice as you speak the familiar words of the Apostles’ Creed. Let yourself be surprised – just as you’ve told me that, hearing familiar Bible stories in a new translation, you’ve heard things you’d never heard before.

After we’ve worshiped with this new creed for several months, the Worship Team invites you to let us know what you’re noticing and experiencing. Please share what stirs in you with **Michelle Clemence, Karen Kent, Kathy Rapp, Wendy Stoica, Jennifer Young, or Dave Shull**.

We worship the God who sings:

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43.19)

One of the ways we perceive the new thing God’s Spirit is trying to do is when we hear new words coming out of our mouths, and notice how those words are trying to wake us up and shake us up, so we might experience God in fresh ways. That is the Worship Team’s invitation to each of us.

After all, making room to let God’s Spirit wake us up and shake us up is who Redeemer, at our best, has always been.

Dave Shull

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

Thank you!

Kathy Mimlitch thanked everyone who helped with the luncheon following the Saturday memorial service for **Ruth Boys** – the lasagna bakers, those who brought salads, bread and desserts “and especially those who helped clean up!”

Parking Lot Resurfacing Set for This Week

Julie Johnson announced that the parking lot fence will be removed this week and the lot resurfaced. It will be closed Wednesday – Friday for the work which will include restriping. *Thanks to Julie for seeing that this is being done!*

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 **Jon** and **Dani Denniss** on the death of their father and for **Sam** and **Cynthia Hudson**, brother and sister-in-law of **Laura Warren**, on the death of their son. Prayers for healing are asked for **Edwina Bradley** and for **Kevin Bailey** who is having surgery this week.

Congratulations ...

... to **Seth Harms** whose Eastmoor Academy High School production of *Hadestown (Teen Edition)* received the CAPA Marquee Award for Best Musical Production which Seth directed!!

... to **Anna Johnson**, **Julianne Johnson's** niece, who receives her Ph.D. in peace and sociology from the University of Notre Dame on **Saturday, May 17**.

'Like New' Microwave for Sale FREE

A “like new” 1.9 cu stainless steel Frigidaire Electrolux over the range microwave oven (Model FMOS17468SA) is available. It has been used only a few times. To pick up, contact **Becky Trover** at becky.trover@gmail.com.

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.

May Birthdays

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 or to his email at GKJones21@yahoo.com*

The Wider Church

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Eaton on Election of Pope Leo XIV

“We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America join with people around the world in praying for the ministry of **Pope Leo XIV**. We rejoice with the people of the Roman Catholic Church, especially those in our communities, as they joyfully receive their new shepherd.

“Today we witnessed the historic election of the first Augustinian and the first U.S.-born pope — only the second to come from the Americas. Thus we share with him both context and theological roots (**Martin Luther** was also an Augustinian). We pray that this will provide us, as Catholics and as Lutherans, with an opportunity to strengthen our visible unity in Christ through dialogue and cooperation for the life of the world.

“In his first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, the new pope extended the blessing of **Pope Francis**, saying: ‘God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us,

and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.'

"We pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain Pope Leo XIV for the ministry to which he has been called, and will strengthen us all in our vocations as bridge-builders and as witnesses to God's love for all people and creation."

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.



The graphic is a blue rectangular banner. On the left, the title 'Managing Self: Take Your Own Pulse First' is written in yellow. Below it, in white, is the description: 'A daylong seminar using a Bowen Family Systems lens to engage thinking and responses to anxiety in our families, communities, and the culture.' Further down, the date and time are listed: 'Monday, May 19, 2025 - Hybrid Conference 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eastern'. At the bottom left, a registration link is provided: 'Register at: healthycongregations.com/2025-annual-event'. On the right side, there is a portrait of Dr. Kathleen Smith, identified as the 'Keynote Speaker'. Below the portrait is a QR code and the Healthy Congregations logo.

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."

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

May 13 The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches around the world to participate in God's work of service, reconciliation and proclaiming the gospel. Praise God for what we accomplish together and for the faith, hospitality, enthusiasm and wisdom of companion churches that energize our own leaders and congregations.

14 Give thanks for ELCA Campus Ministry and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), which serve students, faculty, staff and others on college and university campuses and which bear witness to God's abundant grace through worship, study, fellowship, service and pastoral care.

15 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast 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.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington, Pacifica, Saint Paul Area and Southeast Michigan 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.

17 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Southeastern Iowa Synod and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan 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.

19 Give thanks and pray for women from global companion churches who participate in the International Women Leaders program of our church. Ask God to nurture and enrich their leadership skills through seminars, south-to-south exchanges, in-country study programs and degree programs at ELCA colleges and universities.

Getting Ready for Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; John 13:31-35

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 Newark.

+ For Redeemer community members Misato In, Brad, Toshi and Sachio Phillips.

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	Lynn Belhorn
Cantor	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Communion Prep	Misato In, Carol Heacock, Karen Rider
Hospitality	

The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

Flowers are given by Ashley and Judith Bird in memory of Julia Tieman

Upcoming Events at Redeemer

May 12 - May 19, 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
	6:30 p.m.	BREAD Nehemiah Action at Celeste Center
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Suzuki School
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Suzuki School
	12:30-4 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
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
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2462