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Anchored in Grace ... Freed to Serve

Editor's Note: The following is from **Wendy Stoica**, who along with **Brad Phillips** and **Pastor Dave** served as Redeemer's delegates to the weekend Synod Assembly for the Southern Ohio Synod.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

The theme of the biannual Southern Ohio Synod Assembly was "Stronger and Better Together: Joining Jesus in Restoring the World." We met at the African Event Center at the Columbus Zoo with a view of the giraffe yard – spectacular! We acknowledged Central Ohio as the traditional homeland of the Shawnee, Miami, Wyandotte and other Indigenous Nations, honoring their stewardship of this land.

While the assembly is designed to conduct official synod business, e.g., elections, budget, committee and team reports, for me it is an opportunity to tell faith stories of the past and inspire hope for the future. My husband Tim and I moved from Indianola, Iowa, to Columbus to attend Trinity Lutheran Seminary. It was the best years of our marriage, living in seminary housing and making lifelong friends with five years of classmates and their families. Even 27 years later, I get excited about synod assemblies and youth gatherings for opportunities to be with ALL my friends from our seminary days.

The synod is now 10 years away from the start of the THRIVE campaign that funded new creative and inspiring ministries. Raising leaders is vital to our Church's thriving future as we continue to make disciples, calling and equipping servant leaders for rostered ministry. The Leadership Academy is preparing Lay Worship Leaders and Synod Authorized Ministers to serve churches across the synod when traditional leadership is not feasible.

Youth ministry continues to evolve by broadening synod wide opportunities for youth and families to engage. **Gary Pecuch** traveled to all but one of the synod's churches to learn and understand their faith stories and how they connect youth and family ministry. He offers us a school calendar of events for 2025-26. In August as a back-to-school event, Epiphany Centerville/Austin will host Messy Games for grades 5-12. After hosting the event for a few neighboring churches over the last 10 years, Epiphany invites all synod youth to come and get messy. HopeWood Outdoors continues to focus on fun education events and confirmation retreats for youth and their leaders. Redeemer is among many churches with small numbers of youth, and we greatly benefit from connecting with others to learn and experience community together. Jacobs Porch at Ohio State University is expanding to Cincinnati this year as a model for campus ministry that welcomes college students who just want to learn and wrestle with faith whether they are Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, or Episcopal. I will always be grateful for the Lutheran campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where I first considered a family could include non-blood relatives.

By Saturday afternoon I had hugged, laughed and cried with my old and new friends. We were awed by the wildlife around us as we embark on a journey of rediscovery, focusing on the transformative power of sharing our faith stories as authentic witnesses to Jesus.

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The Redeemer Community

Plan to March 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., at 8:30 a.m. and will then move as a group to our holding location to await the beginning of the parade. Then we'll all march in the parade behind the ELCA banner.

All marchers must register to receive a wristband, which is required to participate in the parade. To add your name to the registration list, click on this [link](#). To order a tee-shirt, click on this [link](#). You can then choose both size and color, and the shirt will be delivered to you.

Mary Benis notes, "This is such a meaningful way to show our support for the LGBTQIA community in these uncertain times. If you're planning to march with the Lutherans, please let **Pastor Dave** or me know so we can be looking for each other or can help with transportation if needed."

Sister Act Retreat Set for June 14

Summer is almost here! It's time for some summer sabbath at **Sue Yehling's** house (9660 Taylor Road SW, Reynoldsburg). Sister Act hopes you can join them for some fellowship and conversation. The group will gather at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, June 14** for an opening devotion and some conversation. Then, they'll enjoy a potluck lunch (with folks encouraged to bring whatever they'd like to share), the usual letter writing, crafts, and conversation. **Michele Disbro** adds, "If you have any craft that you'd like to bring to teach others, there's always some of us who love to craft. Hope you can join us!" Closing prayer is around 2 p.m.

Also, last year Sister Act started a "Summer Bucket List" so they are doing it again this year. "Please bring the information (what, where, when, website, cost) about your favorite fun activities or events going on in Central Ohio this summer. We will collect the list and share with the group."

Folks are asked to bring a chair for sitting outdoors. If the weather is inclement and not suitable to be outside, the group will meet at Redeemer.

Adult Forum to 'Get to Know' Lynn Belhorn

On **Sunday, June 15**, the Adult Forum will "Get to Know" **Lynn Belhorn**. Come, join the group following the worship service at 11:15 a.m. to hear more about Lynn's life as **Pastor Dave** interviews her. There is generally time for questions from the group.

RLC's 'Summer Picnic on Lawn' Set June 29

It's time for Redeemer's annual summer picnic on the lawn! Members and friends are invited to join the festivities after worship on **Sunday, June 29** outside on the lawn for a potluck summer picnic. "It will be a great time to wander around the Remembrance Garden, too, **Michele Disbro** adds.

Cane's Chicken will be provided and people are encouraged to bring sides and desserts. The canopies will be set up along with some tables and chairs, but folks are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. If it's hot, people can also eat at the tables in the Narthex and library.

"We hope you'll join us for some fun fellowship!"

Sponsors Sought to Provide Refreshments after Worship

There are no sponsors for refreshments on Sunday, June 15 and for most days for the remainder of the summer! Groups at Redeemer, friends or individuals are sought to provide refreshments following the worship services over the summer. This provides a chance for folks to linger and reconnect with members and friends here at Redeemer. Sign ups for June, July, and August are on the bulletin board outside the Library in the hallway or call the church office

Narthex Art Turns to 'Colorful Creation' for Pentecost

Inspired by the first couple verses of Isaiah 35 which mention "Wilderness and desert will sing joyously... a symphony of song and color," the Narthex art theme for Pentecost turns to "Colorful Creation." Stop by to see the latest items on loan from members of the congregation!

Remembrance Garden Update

Mary Benis asks, “Have you seen the north side of the building lately? The promised landscaping was installed last week, and suddenly the Remembrance Garden has come to life. It’s simply beautiful! But there’s more to come -- the St. Francis statue needs to be installed in the pet area, and the cross is due to arrive soon. The plan is to celebrate the completion on **Sunday, June 22**.

“In the meantime we have about \$800 yet to raise to fully fund the landscaping. If you haven’t yet participated, please consider a donation soon. We want this effort to reflect the whole congregation, and it would be wonderful to reach the fundraising goal by the June 22 celebration. The donation card is copied at the end of this newsletter, and printed cards are available in the Narthex.

“The task force continues to meet to formulate policies for the garden, planning for such things as signage and lighting. One update to note is that the Memorial Book will include pages for members whose cremains lie elsewhere but whose families choose to honor their connection to Redeemer in this way.

“The task force is also looking for a few individuals who might be willing to help maintain the garden. We’re envisioning the need for some occasional weeding, some watering as needed when the rains decrease, and just keeping an eye on things. If you might be willing to help with this, please let a task force member know (**Mary Benis, Brad Binau, Michele Disbro, Dave Lippert, Kathy Mimlitch, Al Rider, Dave Shull, Linda Williams, and Sue Yehling**).”

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 16, 23** and **30**, we will read and discuss this book from 7-8:30 p.m. in-person and on Zoom.” (**Note: the dates have changed!**)

Second Summer Book Study Option: This One Led by Staci Stought

If folks are not interested in the book study Redeemer is offering, then they can join seminarian **Staci Stought** – who spoke earlier this year at Redeemer Adult Forums -- for a book study on *Surviving God: A New Vision of God through the Eyes of Sexual Abuse Survivors* by **Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim** and **Rev. Dr. Susan Shaw**. This book explores the church’s potential to play a vital role in the spiritual healing of those impacted by sexual violence. Whether you’re a survivor, an ally, or someone seeking to understand, this book offers valuable insight and guidance. The authors engage harmful and common theologies that are used to excuse or ignore abuse, and instead propose a survivor-centered vision of God; one rooted in justice, compassion, and healing. Come join the conversation about how faith communities can become places of healing in response to the common and overlooked wounds carried by our neighbors.

This group will meet on **Wednesdays July 9, 16, 23, and 30** at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church (1200 Waggoner Rd, Reynoldsburg). Staci, a retired sexual assault police officer and a current Luther Seminary student, will help to facilitate the study. Staci is the pastoral care minister of Messiah Lutheran and a Trauma One chaplain for co-victims of homicide at Grant Hospital. For questions, please contact Staci at 614-257-9493 or email her at ssought001@luthersem.edu.

Nadia Bolz-Weber to Bring ‘Red State Revival Tour’ to Columbus

Many have enjoyed reading books by **Nadia Bolz-Weber**, such as *Accidental Saints* and *Pastrix*, or have listened to “The Confessional” podcast. Well, she is coming to Columbus and a group at Redeemer are hoping to organize a group to go see her.

Her “Red State Revival Tour” will be in Columbus on **Friday, Aug. 22**. The event will be held at St. John’s United Church of Christ (59 E. Mound St. Columbus, Ohio 43215).

Those interested in going should purchase your own ticket [HERE](#). Then, later in August, **Michelle Disbro** says they will make plans of gathering there to sit together or catching dinner beforehand. “We’re not quite sure, but tickets are limited so please get your tickets early if you’re interested in going. We’ll keep you posted!”

New Home for Old Clothes

Thanks to a suggestion from Joss Dana, the Outreach Team looked into possible donation sites for used clothing. As you're cleaning out your closets, keep these spots in mind, where individuals can be helped free of charge:

- Joseph's Coat, 7500 E. Main St. -- supported by various eastside churches -- drop-off hours vary Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday.
- The Free Store, 946 Parsons Ave. -- supported by the United Methodist Church for All People -- drop-off hours vary Monday-Saturday.
- Open Shelter, 1037 Parsons Ave. -- drop-off hours 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

In addition, the team decided to add another bin to the coatroom and collect used clothing -- men's clothes and other seasonal clothing -- for our neighboring Bishop Griffin Resource Center at Christ the King Catholic Church on Livingston Ave., where many immigrants in our area receive help. But please continue to put warm clothing, coats, and jackets in the Good Neighbors bin. These are easy ways to help our neighbors in need.

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 6:00 p.m. here at Redeemer.

Christ Lutheran Invites Redeemer Youth to Its Vacation Bible School

Christ Lutheran Church (2314 E. Main Street in Bexley) has invited Redeemer's children, ages K - age 11, to their Vacation Bible School on **Monday-Thursday, June 23-26**. It runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." To register, scan the QR code on the poster on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Tuesday Bible Study Explores Parables of Jesus

Continuing this week on **Tuesday, June 10**, the Bible Study group is exploring 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. The Bible study will wrap up **Tuesday, June 17** for the summer.

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.

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**."

The Columbus Safety Collective Campaign this week released the following endorsements from local and statewide partner organizations, all of whom have pledged support for an alternative-police response program to meet the mental health and safety needs of community members in crisis. According to the release, "All of the endorsing organizations are united in their commitment to reimagining public safety, investing in community care, reducing violence, strengthening trust in city institutions, and saving lives. The campaign is founded by the ACLU of Ohio, Ohio Families Unite for Political Action and Change, and Ohio Voice."

The current list of organizations supporting the Columbus Safety Collective Campaign include the following:

- Abortion Forward
- Asian American Midwest Progressives
- Black Men Build
- Columbus Stand Up
- Indivisible Central Ohio
- Innovation Ohio
- Law Enforcement Action Partnership
- League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus
- National Association of Social Workers – Ohio Chapter
- Ohioans Against Extremism
- Ohio Citizen Action
- Ohio Fair Courts Alliance
- Ohio Families Unite Against Police Brutality
- Ohio Women's Alliance
- OPAWL – Building AAPI Feminist Leadership
- Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio
- Policy Matters Ohio
- Working Families Party

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 **Sunday June 15.**

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.

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

Blessings and prayers are asked on the occasion of the marriage of **Jill Disbro** and **Connor Williams** last **Saturday, June 7**.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Pastor Al Debelak** who is having surgery on **Wednesday, June 11**; for the **Watson Family: Sue, Tim and Lisa** as they are all dealing with a variety of health issues that is limiting their getting out. Prayers for wisdom and healing are asked for **Edwina** and **Earl Bradley** as they seek to identify the best way forward following Edwina’s cancer diagnosis.

Prayers for comfort are asked for former member **Julie Hutson** on the death of her husband **Bruce**. Prayers for comfort continue to be asked for **Ellen Rose** and her mother **Ruth Murray**, as Ellen is in hospice care.

Pastor Dave Taking Vacation June 23-July 6

Pastor Dave will be on vacation **Monday, June 23-Sunday, July 6**, returning to work on **Monday, July 7**. Members who have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact **Pastor Julianne Smeck** from Hope Lutheran Church at 734-972-6126.

Preaching on **Sunday, June 29** is **Denise Rector**, an instructor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University and Ph.D. candidate at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. **Pastor Al Rider** will preside. Then on **Sunday, July 6**, Redeemer member the **Rev. Emlyn Ott** will preach and preside.

***Christ in Our Home* for July-Sept. Available**

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet *Christ in Our Home* for July through September is now available on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

Sponsors Sought for Summer Flowers for Worship

The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for the worship services this summer 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.

June Birthdays

9-Elinn Neal

11-Cassandra Reinoehl 12-Clyde Boreman

13-Jim Riley 16-Jil Williams

18-Jessica Fisher 20-Katie Jacobs

23-Nathaniel Bird 24-Andy Day

26-Eric Reinoehl 30-Julie Brush

The Wider Church

Southern Ohio Synod Re-Elects Dillahunt Bishop

The Southern Ohio Synod announced the 2025 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly re-elected **Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt** to a six-year term as Bishop of the synod!

She was re-elected on the first ballot, receiving 171 votes; 169 votes were necessary for election.

ELCA Social Message on Child Protection

Jesus’ call of welcome in Matthew 19:13-14 points to the church’s responsibilities toward children. Yet too many children today experience not welcome and safety but traumatic abuse and neglect. The ELCA’s draft social message on child protection addresses this crisis and outlines the church’s sacred responsibility to protect and nurture children.

To strengthen this draft, the ELCA is seeking feedback. Comments and suggestions will be accepted during the public comment period, which ends **Monday, June 30**. Read the draft and complete an online survey [HERE](#).

CRIS Sponsors 'World Refugee Day Block Party' on June 21

Join Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) for its second annual World Refugee Day Block Party on **Saturday, June 21** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This special event is a family-friendly celebration of the strength, beauty, and cultures of the refugees and immigrants in our community, featuring global arts and crafts activities for families, as well as music, food, and dance from around the world.

It will be held at 4645 Executive Dr., Columbus, OH 43220.

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

June 10 Ask God to help us nurture a new generation of leaders for our church, our communities and our nation — people of faith, wisdom, compassion, creativity and courage.

11 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who languish in jails, prisons, correctional facilities or immigration detention centers, that the Spirit will inspire their faith and hope and that they might access skilled legal, physical, spiritual and emotional care.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Washington, Upper Susquehanna, Virginia and Western Iowa 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.

14 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific 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.

15 The Holy Trinity “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s unwavering love and forgiveness, will strengthen our confidence in both the reality and the mystery of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
16 For Father's Day (June 15), remember in prayer biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers, that they will treasure the joys of fatherhood and find support and wise counsel for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.

The Community Beyond Virtual Death Cafes Now on Zoom!

Emily Kent hosts a virtual Death Cafe on the fourth Tuesday of every month. They run from 7-8:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID 880 4396 8579, passcode 478465. “Please join us for a non-judgmental conversation about death and dying.”

Reynoldsburg Community Band Announces Concerts

The Reynoldsburg Community Band has announced the schedule for its free concerts this summer. Please come and join the band ... and **April Smith** and **Linda Williams**, who both play in the group! More information about the band can be found [HERE](#). *Mark your calendars for the following concerts:*

Monday, June 9 at 7 p.m.
Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg

Monday, July 14 at 7 p.m.
Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg

Monday, August 11 at 7 p.m.
Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg

Sunday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Village Green Park
47 Hall St, Powell, OH

Getting Ready for Worship Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; John 16:12-15

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community friend Larry Jones.

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 sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, 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, Dottie and Larry Bird,

Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Al Debelak, Edwina Bradley, for Laura Warren's brother and sister-in-law Sam and Cynthia Hudson, and Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim and Lisa Watson, Julie Huston.

Worship Leaders

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| Presiding Minister | Dave Shull |
| Assisting Minister | Michele Disbro |
| Cantor | Scott Steiner |
| ASL Interpreter | Marilyn Floyd |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chime Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Usher | John Disbro |
| Verger | Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica |
| Producers | Judith Bird, April Smith |
| Communion Prep | Becky Fisher |
| Hospitality | |

*The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]
Flowers are given by Becky and Larry Trover in celebration of their 55th anniversary*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer

June 9- 16, 2025

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| Monday | 3:00 p.m. | Suzuki School |
| | 5:00 p.m. | TOPS |
| Tuesday | 1:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Suzuki School |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Outreach Team |
| | 6:30 p.m. | A Brewing Faith |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Suzuki School |
| Thursday | 10:30 a.m. | Suzuki School |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Basketball Camp Orientation |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Bexley/Berwick Dementia Support Group |
| Saturday | 8:30 a.m. |  March, Festival and Rally Downtown |
| | 11:00 – 4 p.m. | Sister Act Retreat at Sue Yehling's house |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 a.m. | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed |
| Monday | 3:00 p.m. | Suzuki School |
| | 5:00 p.m. | TOPS |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts #2462 |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Basketball Camp |

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Congregation Celebrates Tom Mimlitch

On **Sunday, June 8** the congregation celebrated **Tom Mimlitch** for all that he does – and has done – around the church starting with heading up anything electronic. Tom is the person who leads Redeemer's livestreaming efforts, starting back in COVID days, but so much more! One member said he is one who, when he sees something needs to be done, does it. Here are pictures, compliments of **Kristi Hildebrand**, from the party and [here](#) is a link to the video that highlights Tom – and wife **Kathy**.



Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community
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