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Coming Up at Redeemer

Group to Attend Bolz Weber Revival Tour This Week

Michele Disbro writes, "Just an update to all those who have reserved tickets to see **Nadia Bolz Weber**. She will be holding a "Red State Revival Tour" at St. John's United Church of Christ at 59 E. Mound St. on **Friday, Aug. 22** at 7 p.m.

"If you are interested in joining us, some of us are going to meet at Pecan Penny's for dinner. This BBQ restaurant, located at 113 E. Main St. is pretty close to St. John's Church. It offers counter service to get your food and then, people can gather at a table. So, anyone interested can join us - simply show up between 5-5:30 p.m., order food, and look for us at a table. Then, we'll walk from there over to St. John's. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. You can park on the street (You'll need to pay with credit card at a kiosk or on the Cbus parking app) or at the Commons Parking Garage (between Rich and Main Sts., High and 3rd). If you Google map this, you'll see how close together St. John's, Pecan Penny's, and parking are.

If you haven't ordered a ticket yet, please know that there's a waiting list now for tickets. You can put yourself on the waiting list and they will contact you by email if some tickets open up. To be put on the waiting list, please click [HERE](#):

"If you are interested in carpooling from church, please let me know. So far, I know that **Michelle Clemence**, **Sue Watson**, and **Kathy Zwanziger** are interested in that. I know that for some of us, it's easier to go straight there.

"Please let me know if you have any questions. Hoping to see many of you on Friday, Aug. 22. It should be fun!"

New Theme for Narthex Art Announced: *Changes*

Emily Kent announced Sunday that the new theme for artwork in the Narthex will be "Changes." The team plans to change out the art bright and early on **Saturday, Sept. 6** so new items should be dropped off no later than **Friday, Sept. 5**. Likewise, pieces currently being displayed should be retrieved by that date.

Schedule for Adult Forum Sessions in September Announced

Pastor Dave reports that the Adult Education Sunday Forum will continue with its "Getting to Know You" series beginning **Sunday, Sept. 7** with **Jon Disbro**. He will be interviewed by **Lynn Belhorn**.

The following week, **September 14**, **Dr. John Johnobentz** will be interviewed by Pastor Dave.

On **Sunday, September 21**, there's no adult ed class because the congregation will celebrate the ministries of Redeemer and its 68th anniversary with an all-church picnic right after worship.

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The Redeemer Community

Redeemer to Host City Meeting on Bliss Run

Redeemer will host a public meeting with the city of Columbus Division of Water Reclamation on Bliss Run and Twin Lake Dam dredging on **Thursday, Aug. 28** from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is intended to share city plans and to take public comment.

Yost Certifies Summaries for Split Equal Rights, Right to Marry Issues

Redeemer member **Al Rider** reports that he will have sets of the petitions for the **two** equal rights ballot issues available for signing in the next couple of Sundays.

The language for the split ballot issue was recently certified by **Attorney General Dave Yost**. Ohio Equal Rights, the group behind proposed constitutional amendments to enshrine LGBTQ rights and other protections into the Ohio Constitution, recently saw its issue split into two by the Ohio Ballot Board: the Equal Rights Amendment and the Right to Marry Amendment.

In approving the resubmitted language, Yost's office wrote, "The submitted title and summary comply with Section 3519.01(A) as interpreted by the federal courts. This certification should not be construed as an affirmation of the enforceability, constitutionality, or wisdom of the proposed amendment."

The petitioners must now collect signatures from registered voters equal to at least 10 percent of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election for **both issues**. Those signatures must come from voters in at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and for each of those counties the number must equal at least 5 percent of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election. A total of 442,958 valid signatures for each issue must be collected to put it on the ballot. Conventional wisdom generally dictates that means at least twice that number must be collected for each issue to assure the valid signature threshold is reached.

Confirmation 2025-26 Begins

Pastor Dave reports that **Kathryn Ott** and **Miles Smith** are starting their confirmation journey with **Wendy Stoica** and him on **Sunday morning, Sept. 7**. From 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., they will introduce themselves to each other (even if they think they know each other), and do a deep dive into the story of Jesus' baptism in the first chapter of Mark.

The theme for the year together is "A Love that Can Change the World." It draws on the work of a Presbyterian religious educator who, 40 years ago, decided to interview as many folks who rescued enemies of **Adolph Hitler** as he could find. He wanted to discover what qualities and experiences they had in common. He thought if he could uncover what would lead people to risk everything to save people they didn't even know, then perhaps religious educators might seek to instill those same qualities in young people. In that way, we could raise new Christians who might be willing to change the world with their love by standing up to bullies and tyrants and any who try to convince them that being cruel is acceptable.

When this researcher looked at his data, this is what he found: "If we wanted to take everything about the Nazi-era rescuers and reduce it to one phrase, we could say they were *hospitable* people. And the only good definition of "hospitality" that I have read is that of **Henri Nouwen** in his magnificent book ***Reaching Out: Three Movements of the Spiritual Life***. Nouwen defines "hospitality" as "creating a free and fearless space for people to be authentically themselves – a space that transforms hostility to community, and offers food, comfort, warmth, friendship, and strength I guarantee you if you can teach that to your children before they leave the 12th grade, you will have taught them everything they need to know about the practice of Christianity."

"So we are going to look at the life and teachings of Jesus, and the invitation to faith, through the three parts of Henri Nouwen's vision of hospitality. We'll keep you informed about what we discover!"

Plans Underway for Fall Sister Act Retreat

Sister Act will hold its annual fall retreat **Friday-Sunday, Oct. 10-12** at Hopewood Pines Camp (Lutheran Memorial Camp). Cost is \$98 for the entire weekend plus an additional \$25 for food. Costs for attending on Saturday only are \$17 plus \$15 for food.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact **Michele Disbro** by **Sunday, Aug. 24** as the group must guarantee at least 10 attending for the weekend. She can be reached at mddisbro@gmail.com.

How to Recycle Pill Bottles, Styrofoam

Kathy Zwanziger writes, “For those of you who have EMPTY pill bottles that you would like to recycle rather than toss in the trash, the Waste and Reuse Convenience Center at 2100 Alum Creek Drive is the place to go! There is a container in the coatroom to collect the pill bottles.

“To protect your identity, as well as your prescription number, remove as much of the label as you can.

“This Convenience Center also recycles styrofoam (the kind that comes when packaging fragile items, NOT food containers).

“Be aware it is only for Franklin County residents and is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.”

Need a Ride?

Redeemer offers a temporary transportation service for members and friends who may need a ride to an appointment or other engagement. However, there is a new email where that request can be sent: NeedaRide@redeemerluth.com.

Redeemer Garden Giveaway Held Saturdays

Redeemer’s Saturday morning Garden Giveaway is now open. Stop by to pick up fresh produce from the garden beginning at 10 a.m.

‘Noisy Offering’ to Go to Kenyan Rescue Centre

Kay Ernsthansen reports that Redeemer’s “Noisy Offering” will now go to Sikhona Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya. According to Kay, this is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to provide a physically and psychologically safe space for abused women and neglected children to learn and grow.

The center is a “gender-based violence recovery center where at-risk women and their children are provided shelter, health care, legal representation, and education. Children are nurtured and empowered through primary school at Rehoboth Learning Centre while at-risk women will be employed and educated on our sustainable teaching farm.”

“Sikhona” translates from Zulu to mean, “I Exist”

LSS Food Pantry Seeks Produce Donations

In light of reductions in the state of Ohio budget resulting in less funds for Ohio foodbanks, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) reports that they recently learned that Mid-Ohio Food Collective has had to make the difficult decision to eliminate its daily produce shop-through service provided to food pantries for the month of July. While LSS Food Pantries will still receive produce from MOFC; “the removal of this service will significantly reduce the amount of produce we will have to offer the families we serve each week in Franklin and Delaware counties ... create[ing] a gap in the resources for the month of July”

As a result, LSS is asking for donations of bags of potatoes, salad kits, bags of grapes and carrots. These items can be taken to the pantry at 1460 S Champion Ave **any Tuesday in July, between 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** OR items can be dropped off at the regularly scheduled volunteer shift, at the Champion Food Pantry. Redeemer is next set to work on **Thursday, Aug. 21.**

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.

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.**

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.

NeedaRide@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

RLC Basketball Camp Founder Dies



Larry Jones, who with former RLC Pastor Al Debelak started Redeemer's summer basketball camp for youth in the neighborhood, died **Saturday, Aug. 16**. There are no details as yet on services.

It was a year ago June that Redeemer installed a plaque on the building honoring Jones for his dedicated leadership of the basketball camp.

Jones played pro ball for the Denver Rockets where he became the first player in the American Basketball Association (ABA) league to score 5,000 points. He also played for the Philadelphia 76ers, among others. He went on to coach for a number of teams including the Detroit Pistons.

Ashes of First Pet Scattered in RLC's Remembrance Garden

Al Rider writes that the first pet to have ashes scattered in Redeemer's Remembrance Garden on **Tuesday, Aug. 12** was "Jack Rider"

"He was the bestest of boys."

Owners were Mark and Carla Rider of Grove City and grand-dog of Al and Karen Rider. Age 11. "Uncertain doggish ancestry but 100 percent sweetheart. Does it show?? RIP, dear Jack-o. We miss you."



Pastor Dave Takes Continuing Ed Week, Vacation Beginning Saturday

While Pastor Dave is on a week-long silent retreat for his continuing education and then on his vacation starting **Saturday, Aug. 16**, emergency pastoral care is being offered now through **Aug. 20** and **Aug. 30-Sept. 5** by Rev. Julianne Smeck (734-972-6126). **Aug. 21-29** coverage is being offered by Rev. Lorin Darst, pastor of First English Lutheran (503-886-9353).

While Pastor Dave is gone, Pastors James Childs and Lynn Carter-Edmands will be preaching/presiding for the next two weeks.

August Birthdays

23-Scott Steiner

25-LaVerna Reinoehl 26-Brad Binau

27-Matt Bird **27 (a correction!)**-Jon Disbro

31-Lynn Belhorn

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Prayers and blessings are asked on the Sunday wedding of Micheline Saint Felix and Wilfrantz Raymond and for their daughter Shanelle Saint Felix.

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Prayers are asked for all those students in the Redeemer family and beyond who are returning to school in the coming weeks. May their time in classes be blessed.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Bill Boys** who was back in church Sunday after being hospitalized, for **Al Rider** who had surgery last week and for **Jeff Sutphin** who is recovering from a broken foot and shoulder.

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Member Directory Update: **Bruce Collins** has a new phone number: 614-404-2986.

The Wider Church

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

August 19 Give thanks to God that, through our collective generosity, our church provides grants and scholarships to support the ministries of individuals, communities, congregations, synods, and ELCA partners and companion churches.

20 “Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord” (Jeremiah 23:23-24). Give thanks that God sees all evil and deception in the world, and promise to be vigilant and discerning so that we might uplift our neighbors and please God.

21 Pray for the work of Sumud, an initiative of our church that works for justice in Palestine and Israel, proclaiming that all humans are beloved children of God who deserve safety, security and dignity.

22 Give thanks for the ELCA New Congregations ministry and for the 340 new-start congregations and ministries under development in the United States and the Caribbean, supported by local leaders and their synods’ bishops and directors for evangelical mission.

23 Pray for congregational leaders and volunteers who are preparing fall programs and community ministries to share the gospel, nurture faith, serve neighbors in need and equip people of all ages and abilities to do God’s work in the world.

24 There is no convenient or more suitable time to respond to the suffering of our neighbors. Pray that we will be mindful of those around us — near and far — and promptly respond with respect, kindness, generosity, sustainable solutions and concern for their short- and long-term needs.

25 Pray for teachers, student teachers, administrators and other school staff, that their strength, knowledge, creativity and commitment to students will be nourished throughout the school year. Ask the Spirit to help us express our thanks and support them in tangible ways.

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.” The next one is set for **Tuesday, Aug. 26.**

Getting Ready for Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 58:9b, 14; Psalm 103:1-8; Luke 13:10-17

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Heath.
- + For Redeemer community members Kathy and Tom Mimplitch.

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, Maddie Sutphin, the Trover's 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, Edwina Bradley, Karen Rider's niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Bill Boys, the family of Larry Jones.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev James Childs
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Sue Yehling/Miles Smith
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher and Eileen Day
Hospitality	

The Noisy Offering will go to Sikhona Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya.

*Flowers are given by Judith and Ashley Bird
celebrating Matt Bird and Alyssha Jordon-Bird's birthdays*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer August 18- August 25, 2025

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Thursday	12:30-4 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Bank
	3:00 a.m.	Suzuki School
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Sister Act at Nadia Bolz Weber
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop

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