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BREAD House Meeting Set for Sunday: *Come, Share Ideas*

Redeemer is filled with people who care about what's going on in the world outside of our immediate lives. We often wish there were ways we could do something tangible to bring healing, understanding, and justice to Columbus and Franklin County.

On Oct. 19, Redeemer members and friends have a chance to gather in a small group to talk about a justice issue you care about – something that keeps you up at night, something you wish you could change in some way. And this might be the first step to having that issue become a priority that the BREAD organization votes to pursue in the coming year.

Redeemer, along with over 40 area Christian and Jewish faith communities, is a member congregation in BREAD – Building Responsibility, Equality, And Dignity. BREAD builds the power that a large number of committed, engaged people uniquely have to bring their concerns before policymakers. Members of BREAD do research to find policies that have proven effective, present those to policymakers, and ask these policymakers to make a public promise to make these policies real.

For example, over the last couple of years, BREAD has won several victories:

1. In the face of rising violence in the community BREAD got Columbus to implement a proven initiative that has reduced murders. Currently murders are the lowest they have been in 15 years! Not only that, Columbus has led every major city in the country in the reduction of violent crime.
2. This year BREAD got the city to draft legislation to protect tenants and to hold irresponsible landlords accountable for failing to provide safe housing! This is a complete reversal from last year when they told us that doing so was not a priority! BREAD's people power turned a "No" into a "Yes"!

Knowing there are thousands of people who are part of BREAD congregations gives us tremendous power. The first step in introducing people to BREAD and learning about the issues that people in BREAD congregations care about is what's called a house meeting: Small groups from the congregation gather to talk about what justice issues they care deeply about, and what makes this issue so important to them. The house meeting facilitators will take these issues to a BREAD meeting next month where all the issues that were voiced around the county will be gathered. There's no expectation that those who come to a house meeting will get more involved. We'd love to hear your voice and listen to your concerns and dreams. For those of you who might be curious, we'll let you know what's possible for you to do to put your passion into action.

Please join us for the BREAD House meeting on **Sunday, Oct. 19**, during the 11:15 a.m. adult education hour at the church. It will be hosted by **Michele Disbro** and **Kathleen Zwanziger**. *Come share your thoughts and hear the concerns of others!*

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The Redeemer Community

Donations Requested for Another Round of Care Kits

Redeemer youth will assemble more Care Kits in November during Sunday School. These care kits can be given out to anyone members find in need. Heading into winter, these items (hand warmers, socks, chapstick) are especially helpful. Bombas has donated socks and Redeemer has received a donation of chapstick from the food pantry for this project.

“If you are able to donate any of the following items, please put them in the black crate in the Narthex by **Sunday, Nov. 2.** Thank you!

- Small bottles of lotion
- Hand warmers
- Soft breakfast bars
- Small packets of wipes or small bottles of hand sanitizer
- Quart size ziplock bags

Sign Ups Underway for 2025 Advent Devotional Booklet



Members and friends are invited to write a devotion for Redeemer's 2025 Advent devotional booklet – the 10th year Redeemer has done this under the leadership of **Connie Criswell!**. It has been fascinating over the years to read/“hear” the different voices as members and friends have contributed to the devotions. Slots for this year's booklet are rapidly filling!

The list of readings which provide the basis for the devotions is posted on the bulletin board. The meditations should be fewer than 350 words, include a title and conclude with a short prayer. Individual devotions should be emailed to **Mary Benis** by **Monday, Nov. 10** for editing.

Call the church office at 614-237-1263 and check with Connie at cac56@columbus.rr.com with your selections to avoid duplications. Redeemer member **Margie Frazier** will provide original art for the cover.

If you'd like a copy of a previous booklet as an example, contact the office.

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With Thanksgiving approaching, Redeemer will again be assisting the Food Pantry in providing some food for those who need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for their families. A few bags are available at church to fill with these items **only** so folks are asked to use their own cloth bags for the items. (They will not be returned.). LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce. **The deadline to have items at church is Monday, Nov. 17.** Redeemer's goal is 50 bags. Questions? Contact **Kathy Zwanziger**.

- 2 pouches or 1 13.75 oz box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 box dessert mix



Folks are asked to supply their own reusable shopping bags or the thicker plastic bags such as the Kroger Click List-style bag. (Paper bags tend to tear during storage and delivery so folks are asked NOT to use them.) Bags will not be returned.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people!

'Noisy Offering' to Go to Huckleberry House

Kay Ernsthausen reports that Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" will now go to support Huckleberry House. She notes Huckleberry House provides shelter, support, and guidance to young people facing difficult situations through four main programs:

- A **24/7 Crisis Shelter** offering a temporary safe place to stay for teens ages 12 to 17 including hot meals, a warm bed, and access to necessities like clothes and hygiene items.

- A **Transitional Living Program** for young people, 18-24 years old, providing a safe place to live combined with a range of supportive services.
- A **Counseling Center**, with a team of therapists who specialize working with teens, young adults, and families to help solve even the most challenging problems.
- The **Youth Outreach Program**, a team of trained, professional staff that engage with youth to prevent homelessness and provide support and resources to increase stability.

Currently the Huckleberry House serves all youth between ages 12-24. Youth between the ages of 12-17 are given shelter and programs to prepare them to move to appropriate housing. This program averages 6.5 days to transition one person.

Youth between 18-24 receive housing and services to help them prepare for transitional housing. This program currently averages 18 months to find housing.

With Kaleidoscope's loss of funding for housing, Huckleberry House is the alternative for LGBTQ youth and young adults for housing. Please note: Kaleidoscope is not closing all services; they are only losing the funding for housing. Programs will continue.

Narthex Art *Changes*

The current theme for artwork in the Narthex is "Changes." Plan now to check out the latest exhibit and what members found illustrating the theme.

Thanks to the team that oversees this ministry!!

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

Jones Family Sends Thanks

Wanda Jones, wife of Redeemer's former basketball coach **Larry Jones**, sent the following note:

"Redeemer Lutheran Church Family,

"Please share our gratitude to church members who expressed condolences to the family of **Larry Jones** during his passing and homegoing service.

"Larry was so proud of all your church provides for the community and was pleased to be associated with Redeemer.

"Your kindness is very much appreciated by our family."

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CROP Walk Coordinator **Connie Criswell** reports that this year's team raised a total of \$17,518, making us fourth in the country! Thanks to everyone who donated, to those who walked and to Connie for coordinating Redeemer's participation!!

October Birthdays

16-Eileen Day

19-Renee McFarland 19-Miles Smith

23-Skye Andree 23-Cason Day

23-Sandra Keaton 24-Bret Day

25-Madeline Gosnell 26-Kennedi Jacobs

26-Avery Martin 26-Krista Skipper

27-Brad Phillips 30-Martin Binau

31-John Caron

The Wider Church

Curry Installed as ELCA Presiding Bishop

When **Yehiel Curry** was installed as presiding bishop of the ELCA on Saturday, Oct. 4, **Elizabeth Eaton**, the former presiding bishop, led the assembly in welcoming Curry. "Yehiel, bishop in the church of God, we have looked forward to your coming with great joy," she exclaimed to a diverse, colorfully dressed and enthusiastic assembly at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

"With all my heart," Curry began before pausing emotionally. After Eaton went to his side and placed a hand on his arm, he continued. "I thank you for your welcome. I hope to serve among you in Christ's name. And in the joy of the Spirit, may the peace of God be upon this house and this assembly."

Throughout the service, a variety of hymns and songs were led by the National Lutheran Choir and musicians from the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod and St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

Members of the ELCA Conference of Bishops, members of the Church Council and ecumenical, interreligious and global guests participated in the processional.

CeCee Mills, secretary of the ELCA, began the installation with an African tradition, the pouring of libations in honor of "the God that created us and in recognition that we are because of the ancestors who preceded us and in the hope of those who will come," she said. "This ritual recognizes and shows respect for those who have come before and who have paved the way, and those who are yet to come."

Eaton, who presided at the service, then led an acknowledgement that the assembly was gathered on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota people.

Curry was introduced to the assembly by representatives of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he served as bishop prior to being elected to a six-year term as presiding bishop. "Grounded in mission, he gave us the charge to 'Go, therefore,' and invited us to smile, embracing the joy of God's calling and trusting that our labor in the Lord is not in vain," said one synod representative.

Kevin Vandiver, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., delivered the sermon, emphasizing that God calls everyone to serve in different and sometimes unlikely ways. "Whether we are clergy or lay, all of us have wrestled with this concept of call," he said. "The truth is that everybody gets a call. Even Jesus is not exempt."

For Curry, that call to ministry took shape as he became first mission developer and then pastor of Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, IL, and it continues now. “There came a call over the portals of heaven into the earth, round about the South Side of Chicago, at 61st and Woodlawn,” Vandiver said.

“Who would’ve thought that that young boy growing up on the South Side of Chicago would grow also in wisdom and stature and somebody would put their hand on him and say, ‘We want you to be a lay mission developer?’” Vandiver continued. “Who would’ve thought in that moment that we’d be sitting here today? Look what the Lord has done!”

Trinity Seminary Sponsors ‘Trinity Days’ Oct. 23-24

Trinity Seminary at Capital University is sponsoring Trinity Days on **Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23-24**. They will feature a keynote address by **Rev. Leila Ortiz**, former bishop of the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA.

Also a screening of the film “1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture” at 1 p.m. on Friday in the Huntington Recital Hall. A discussion follows at 3 p.m.

According to the seminary, this is a “documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers **Kathy Baldock** and **Ed Oxford**, who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations and cast significant doubt on a biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the person stories of the film’s creators, 1946 is a once challenging, enlightening and inspiring.

For more information on Trinity Days and to register, go [HERE](#). Cost is \$75/person.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

Oct. 14 “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation,” (Psalm 111:1). Give thanks to the Spirit, who gathers us together in community to praise God, reflect on the word of God, celebrate the sacraments, respond to the needs of our neighbors and encourage one another in doing God’s work in the world every day.

15 Give thanks and praise for God’s inexhaustible grace, which liberates us from despair when we feel ill-equipped to deal with our troubles.

16 Give thanks and pray for those in our communities who serve in law enforcement, that they will be safe, affirmed in their vocations and led by the Spirit to exercise justice, fairness and wisdom in their duties.

17 Pray for ELCA campus ministries, that their reach and impact will grow among students, faculty, staff and others through worship, study, fellowship and service. Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry Network, which strengthens and supports campus ministries by equipping and connecting leaders and by advocating for ministry on college and university campuses.

18 Luke, Evangelist. Ask the Spirit to help us express our faith, share the good news of Jesus Christ with confidence and enthusiasm, and invite others to join the community of siblings in Christ who do God’s work in the world.

19 Ask God to grant justice to those who suffer discrimination and inequity, and ask the Spirit to help us be bearers of God’s justice in the world.

20 Remember in prayer our ministries in seven countries in Asia and the Pacific region. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel and Young Adults in Global Mission who work alongside companion churches to spread the gospel, equip leaders, teach, respond to community needs and strive for justice.

The Community Beyond

Julie Johnson Provides Update on Middle East

Julie Johnson reports, “A ceasefire has finally begun in Gaza and Israeli troops have pulled back their forces to an interim line. In the coming days Hamas will be returning the remaining living hostages, and returning the remains of the other hostages. Israel will be releasing 2,000 Palestinian prisoners, many of whom have been captured in the last two years. A flood of humanitarian aid will finally be allowed to enter Gaza which will be coordinated by the United Nations and the Red Crescent (the equivalent of the Red Cross).

While there are many important details that must be worked out between the parties in the days and weeks to come, it finally appears possible that the genocide can end. We pray for all who have been so traumatized by this war, and that wisdom and grace will guide the future negotiations.

BCA to Sponsor 'Trunk or Treat' on Oct. 30



The Berwick Civic Association (BCA) is sponsoring "Trunk or Treat" on **Thursday, Oct. 30** at Berwick Alternative School (2655 Scottwood Rd.) This is a fun and safe alternative to trick or treating door-to-door that runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and support the event. They are also looking for Trunk participants who will decorate trunks and hand out candy. Email Robyn Robinson at Robyn.Robinson@614Berwick.com with questions or to sign up to participate.

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, Oct. 28**.

Early Voting for November Election Underway

Early in-person and absentee voting for the **Tuesday, Nov. 4** General Election is now underway. While there are no statewide issues or races on the ballot, there are a number of municipal elections and local ballot issues up for consideration.

Early in-person voting hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct 14-Friday, Oct. 27: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no early voting hours on Monday, Oct. 13, due to the observance of Columbus Day.
- Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Oct. 29-Friday, Oct. 31: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 1: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 2: 1-5 p.m.



Absentee ballot applications must be received by boards of elections by Tuesday, Oct. 28, by 8:30 p.m. Returned absentee ballots must be postmarked by Monday, Nov. 3.

Polls will be open on Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 4 - from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Running elections is about preparation, and Ohio's bipartisan officials have done the work to ensure a secure and accessible election," said **Secretary of State Frank LaRose** in a statement on the start of early voting. "I encourage every eligible voter to visit VoteOhio.gov and make their voting plan."

Getting Ready for Worship Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Luke 18:2-5

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of First English Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Sheryl Owens.

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 and her 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, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Bill Boys.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Toshi and Sachio Phillips
Communion Prep	Misato In, Kathleen Zwanziger
Hospitality	Maddie Sutphin

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Flowers are given by Emily Kent celebrating Miles's birthday*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer October 13- October 20, 2025

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith @ 7 th Son Brewery
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Thursday	12:30 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion/
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Classes
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop #2462

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