



Reflections

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Congregational Meeting Set to Elect Officers, Ratify Call Committee

The November Congregational Meeting to elect council officers for the next year will be held **Sunday, Nov. 23**. However, this year there is the addition of ratifying the members of the Call Committee which will guide Redeemer through the process of selecting the congregation's next pastor.

The meeting will begin immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary.

Current **Congregation Council President Brad Binau** notes, "As specified in the constitution, this meeting will be held in person only. Therefore, to have a quorum (20 percent of our voting membership), we encourage you to attend. **There will not be a Zoom option.**" The slates include the following:

Congregation Council

Vice president – **Lynn Belhorn**

Property – **Sue Yehling**

Stewardship – (open)

Finance Officer – **Laura Warren**

Worship – **Michelle Clemence**

Special Funds Team 3 yr term – **Wendy Stoica**

Special Funds Team 3 yr term – (open)

Officers continuing for a second year include the following:

President – **Ashley Bird**

Education – **Karen Rider**

Member Care – **Kathy Mimlitch**

Outreach – **Mary Benis**

Call Committee

Joss Dana

Zak Hinkle-Moore

Emily Ott

Sheryl Owens

Al Rider

Krista Skipper

April Smith

Kathy Zwanziger

For those unable to attend in person, absentee ballots are available the week leading up to the election.

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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor – Rev. Dave Shull

Office Manager - Becky Trover

Office Assistant - Diane Brobeck

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director – Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director – Karen Kent

Reflections Editor - Judith Bird

2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President – Brad Binau

Vice President – Ashley Bird

Finance Officer - Laura Warren

Secretary – Rich Pautsch

Worship - Michelle Clemence

Education – Karen Rider

Outreach – Mary Benis

Member Support – Kathy Mimlitch

Property - April Smith

Stewardship - Kathy Denhard

APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer – Kay Ernsthansen

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Misato In Sara Auman

Emlyn Ott Rich Pautsch

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Wendy Stoica, Chair Hitoshi Phillips

Emily Kent John Kennedy

Terry Warren Laura Warren [ex officio]

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Emily Ott

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The Redeemer Community

Tell Pastor Dave What You Think of Him!!

Over the next weeks, leading up to **Pastor Dave's** retirement celebration on **Sunday, Dec. 14**, Redeemer members and friends are invited to submit a personal note of appreciation and to place them in a basket in the Library. Blank note cards will be available.

Questions should be directed to **Kathy Mimplitch, Michelle Disbro** or **Kathleen Zwanziger**.

Stewardship Team Thanks Congregation for 2026 Support

The Stewardship Team thanks the congregation for the support demonstrated for 2026, reporting receiving a total of 40 pledges totaling \$208,449.

Those who have not returned a pledge card for next year are encouraged to do as soon as possible as the Congregation Council is preparing the proposed budget for the year.

RLC to Serve Dinner at First English on Nov. 13

On **Thursday, Nov. 13**, Redeemer is scheduled to provide the dinner at First English. The menu will be: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, tater tots, corn, fresh fruit and cookies. There will be lemonade and water also available for the dinners. "We will need enough food for 120 dinners which will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will need to be at First English by 4:30 p.m. to help," says coordinator **Kay Ernsthansen**.

She added, "First English will be a warming center for the winter. If the temperature drops we will have more people than if it stays warm.

Still needed are three five-pound bags of taters tots, fresh fruit, a couple dozen cookies and approximately two more servers. For any questions contact Kay.

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.** While Redeemer has met its goal of 50 bags with 59 bags taken down to the pantry thus far, folks are encouraged to keep filling bags as the need is certainly not lessening. Last year, Redeemer supplied 71 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. **There are some bags that folks can use under the TV in the Narthex.**

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people!

BREAD Annual Assembly Set for Nov. 17

Kristi Hildebrand reports, "During Redeemer's BREAD house meetings and one-on-ones, attendees shared their concerns about health care and insurance, Columbus City school's student achievement levels, hunger, loss of democracy, tax justice, recycling availability, rising utility costs, and lack of housing. BREAD will be taking on a new issue this year, so our conversations will contribute to determining what problem people in Franklin County are most concerned about.

"The next Nehemiah Action will be **Tuesday, May 12, 2026** at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center. Please mark your calendar now if you are open to attending and contributing to BREAD's people power.

“For BREAD Network Members, the next event is the Annual Assembly on **Monday, Nov. 17**. We will be voting on the new issue for the roadmap from the concerns that were raised at the house meetings. Also, Redeemer will be recognized for showing up with 75 percent of our average weekly attendance at the 2025 Nehemiah Action. They missed recognizing this achievement at the Celebration in June.”

Upcoming BREAD Dates for Network Members

- Annual Assembly: **Monday, Nov. 17** at 7 p.m. St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church (6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.).
- RLC Network Meeting: **Wednesday, March 18, 2026** at 6 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church (Room 2).
- Rally: **Tuesday, April 14, 2026** at 7 p.m., Corinthian Missionary Baptism (3161 E. 5th Ave.).
- Celebration: **Monday, June 22, 2026** at 6 p.m., location TBA.

Upcoming BREAD Date for EVERYONE

- Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 12, 2026** at 6:40 p.m., Celeste Center (717 E. 17th Ave.).

Theme Announced for Advent Narthex Art: *Blue or Purple*

Michelle Clemence announced Sunday that the theme for artwork in the Narthex for Advent will be anything *blue* or *purple*. Submit your item, along with the permission form which can be found on the shelf below the bulletin board next to the Library, by Thanksgiving. Advent begins **Sunday, Nov. 30**.

Pumpkin Pie Returns!!

Kathy Mimplitch writes, “In Redeemer’s past, pumpkin pie was served after a Thanksgiving Eve service. While Redeemer no longer has that service, we would like to resurrect the idea of pumpkin desserts after the **Sunday, Nov. 23** service.

“A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for any pumpkin pies, bars or cookies and the mandatory whipped cream!”

Time to Order Poinsettias!

Yes, it is that time to order poinsettias for Christmas! They are \$8 per plant and can be ordered in red, white or pink. The order is due the **Sunday, Nov. 23**, before Thanksgiving. The envelopes are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Complete the envelope with your name and the dedication. Put cash or check in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate. The dedications can be: “in Memory” of a loved one, “in Honor” of loved ones or “To the Glory of God”.

Don’t wait...Don’t forget...Order Now!!

Save the Date! Plan to Come!!

After worship on **Sunday, Dec. 14**, Redeemer will have a special celebration honoring **Pastor Dave** and his time here at Redeemer. It will be a catered luncheon, so plan to attend and be a part of the festivities as Redeemer wishes Pastor Dave the best in his retirement!

Council Clarifies Policy on Payments to Individuals

The Redeemer Congregation Council has adopted a policy of not disbursing funds directly to individuals with the exception of funds requested by individuals for reimbursement of church related expenses and funds requested in payment for personal services. This was prompted because council has received requests from some members about designating contributions from a particular donor to the Immigration Support Fund or other funds of the church designated to benefit a particular individual. They refer folks to the following article for more information [HERE](#).

“If you need additional information about this matter, consult your tax preparer.”

Remembrance Garden Guidelines Posted

The following guidelines have been posted regarding Redeemer's Remembrance Garden: The garden is intended to be a place for reflection, remembering and celebrating those who have gone before. Just as the congregation welcomes all, so, too, the garden is open to all.

Anyone wishing to scatter or bury the remains of a beloved person or pet simply needs to speak with the pastor, who will facilitate the process to best suit the individual's preferences and desires. The pastor can be contacted through the church office at 614-237-1263 or info@redeemerluth.com.

'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.

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.**

Zoom Links

The following regular Zoom links to Redeemer's Sunday Adult Education Forum and weekly Tuesday Bible Study.

Adult Education Forum Zoom can be found [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 889 7945 2993; Passcode: 850178 .

Tuesday Bible Study Zoom can be found [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 819 5203 4409; Passcode: 781179 .

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

Edwina Bradley Dies; Visitation, Memorial Service Set

Long-time Redeemer member **Edwina Bradley** died Thursday, Nov. 6 at her home. Prayers for comfort and peace are asked for her husband of 49 years, **Earl Bradley**.

Visitation will be held on **Friday, Nov. 14** from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Diehl-Whittaker Funeral Home (1370 E. Main St.). The memorial service for Edwina will be held **Saturday, Nov. 22** here at Redeemer. Visitation that day is set for 10 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m. A luncheon follows in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Dave Gone Nov. 12-14

Pastor Dave will be in Florida **Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 12-14** to lead a memorial service for a long-time family friend who died at age 94. If anyone needs emergency pastoral care during that time, please contact **Pastor Lorin Darst** from First English Lutheran Church at 503-886-9353.

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Redeemer's Quarterly Member Directory is now available by contacting the church office.

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Directory Update: **Cathy Oldham** has moved. Her new address is 2288 Haven Brook Dr., Newark 43055.

November Birthdays

12-Emlyn Ott

13-Emily Ott 19-Carolyn Klopfer**

20-Zak Hinkle-Moore 21-Andy Jacobs

24-Judith Bird 24-Sarah Highland

26-Grace Montgomery 26-Dereck Stewart

28-Greyson Brush 28-David Shull

29-Mary Bowling

****Carolyn Klopfer** celebrates her 93rd birthday on Nov. 19! *If folks want to send her a card, her address is 2263 Americus Boulevard #3, Clearwater FL 33763*

The Wider Church

LWR Seeks Contributions for Victims of Hurricane Melissa

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is seeking contributions to help those in Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean who are victims of Hurricane Melissa. According to LWR, they have a team in the area, assessing needs and preparing their emergency response.

Contributions to their efforts will assist with items including food, water, shelter and other essential supplies. To give online, go [HERE](#).

LSS Food Pantries Responds to SNAP Cutoff

The following letter was received from Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries:

"As I am sure you are aware, more than 1.4 million Ohioans are at risk of losing federal food aid ... Nov. 1. This will last until Congress reaches an agreement to end the government shutdown. In Franklin County, there are about 180,000 people that receive SNAP benefits. Additionally, the federal government says it won't reimburse states that cover expenses on their own. The governor's office announced Thursday it will dedicate \$25 million to help offset lost SNAP funding. However, the state said Ohioans received more than \$252 million in SNAP funds during *September 2025* alone.

“The LSS Food Pantries already operate with a tight budget to purchase food for free distribution to clients across eight Ohio counties. Recent inflation has made that budget even tighter. A sudden SNAP freeze or reduction would mean more families and individuals turning to LSS for help — many of them for the first time. Without additional resources, food supplies will be stretched thin, and the LSS Food Pantries will be unable to keep up with the increased demand. We may have to decrease the number of times households can visit each month, depending on the need we see and how long the shutdown lasts. For these neighbors, LSS Food Pantries will be one of the few remaining sources of reliable nutrition and compassion.” **Looking for ways to help?**

- Donate directly to LSS Food Pantries [HERE](#).

- Consider collecting these specific food items: canned chicken (10 oz), canned tuna (5 oz), creamy peanut butter (15 oz plastic jar), canned peaches, pears or fruit cocktail (15 oz).

These items can be dropped off at either of the following:

- LSS Champion Ave Food Pantry (1460 S. Champion Ave., Columbus) – Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

- LSS Fairfield County Food Pantry (2045 E. Main St., Lancaster) – Tuesdays & Fridays, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.; or Thursdays, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

IACO to Celebrate 40th Anniversary Dec. 7, Continues Interfaith Discussion

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will celebrate its 40th anniversary on **Sunday, Dec. 7** at its annual Prayer Gathering at the Bharatiya Hindu Temple (3671 Hyatts Rd., Powell). It will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

IACO is also sponsoring an interfaith dialogue group discussing “How Can People of Faith Respond in Times of Crisis and Conflict?” Each gathering will have speakers of different faith traditions. The next meeting will be **Thursday, Nov. 20**. Register [HERE](#). A vegetarian potluck light dinner is also available.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

November 11 Ask God to bless the work of farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers. Give thanks for their vocations and the diverse roles they play in bringing food to our tables and around the world.

12 In the Gospel of Luke, when 10 men with a skin disease approach Jesus in search of mercy and healing, Jesus never hesitates. Give thanks to God for attending to our needs and tribulations, and for the love and forgiveness that flow to us through Jesus Christ.

13 Indigenous Peoples’ Day Today we remember and honor Indigenous people -- our neighbors and siblings in Christ. Lift up prayers of gratitude for the cultures, traditions, spirituality and history of Indigenous people and tribal nations. Ask the Spirit to guide and enrich our lives together, helping us remain faithful to our shared journey toward truth and healing in the church and society.

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 ministry by equipping and connecting leaders and by advocating for ministry on college and university campuses.

The Community Beyond

Divas & Dragons Tickets Now on Sale for Nov. 22 Concert



Columbus Pride Bands will present “Divas & Dragons” on **Saturday, Nov. 22** at the Lincoln Theatre. “Drawing from the heroic ballads of ancient realms, triumphant fanfares of dragon-slaying glory, and some familiar tunes that will cast a spell of nostalgia on you, this concert isn’t just a performance—it’s a roll of the dice. With every note a new challenge and every movement a step closer to destiny, you won’t want to miss it!”

Tickets run \$22/person and are fee-less if purchased at CAPA box office at the Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.). They can also be purchased by calling the CAPA Ticket Center at 614-469-0939.

Tickets are also available for \$10 [HERE](#) to watch the livestream performance.

Becky and Larry Trover’s daughter **Rose** plays flute in the band.

Getting Ready for Worship

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 12; Luke 21:5-19

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Grace of God Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Kathy and Bob Rapp.

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, the Bradley Family, 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	Kathleen Zwanziger
Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro
Communion Prep	Sara Auman, Lynn Belhorn, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

*The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.
Flowers are given by Bruce Collins in memory of Karen*

**Upcoming Events at Redeemer
November 10- November 17, 2025**

Monday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School 5:00 p.m. TOPS
Tuesday	<i>Veterans Day</i> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School 6:30 p.m. A Brewing Faith at Budde Dairy, 1086 N. 4 th St.
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
Thursday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School <i>4:30 p.m. RLC serves at First English</i>
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
Monday	1:00 p.m. BREAD Assembly 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School 5:00 p.m. TOPS 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop #2462



Please join us on
Sunday, December 14
11:45 am
to celebrate the ministry of
Pastor Dave Shull
as he enters retirement.

Luncheon will be provided.

Please RSVP to info@RedeemerLuth.com
or 614.237.1263

In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation to RLC
ministries such as Good Samaritan fund,
Immigration fund, Mary Kohler fund, Memorial
fund, etc.

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