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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 Mimitch
 Property - April Smith
 Stewardship - Kathy Denhard

APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer – Kay Ernsthause

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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Holiday Worship



Wednesdays December 3, 10, 17

6:30 p.m. *Advent Desserts*
 7 p.m. *Holden Evening Prayer*



Sunday, December 21

During 10 a.m. Worship
Children's Christmas Program



Wednesday, December 24

7 p.m. *Christmas Eve Worship*

Thursday, December 25

10 a.m. *Christmas Day Worship*

All services **IN-PERSON** and **LIVESTREAM**

YouTube link [HERE](#)

The Redeemer Community

Advent Devotional Booklets Now Available

Redeemer's 2025 *Advent Devotional Booklet* is now available in the Narthex in both regular and large print versions. The devotions are also available on the Redeemer [website](#).

If anyone would like a print version mailed to them, please let the office know. *Those who would like to receive a daily email with that day's devotion, please contact the office.*

Please feel free to take copies to share with family and friends – more can be printed if needed.

Congregation Elects Officers, Ratifies Call Committee

The congregation on Sunday, Nov. 23 elected council officers for next year and ratified the members of the Call Committee which will guide Redeemer through the process of selecting the congregation's next pastor.

Current **Congregation Council President Brad Binau** announced that **Don Crosley** agreed to fill the open slot on the Special Funds Committee. Those elected/ratified include the following:

Congregation Council

Vice president – Lynn Belhorn
Property – Sue Yehling
Stewardship – Brad Phillips
Finance Officer – Laura Warren
Worship – Michelle Clemence
Special Funds Team 3 yr term – Wendy Stoica
Special Funds Team 3 yr term – Don Crosley

Officers continuing for a second year include the following:

President – Ashley Bird
Education – Karen Rider
Member Care – Kathy Mimplitch
Outreach – Mary Benis

Call Committee

Joss Dana
Zak Hinkle-Moore
Emily Ott
Sheryl Owens
Al Rider
Krista Skipper
April Smith
Kathy Zwanziger

Contact Pastor Dave if You'd Like to Talk before He Retires

Pastor Dave is setting aside time in his schedule for conversations with any of you who would like to have some time together before his last day at Redeemer on Sunday, Dec. 28. If you'd like to set up a time to talk, email him at (dshull@redeemerluth.com), text, or call him (206-725-3785). You can also put your name on the appointment sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Library.

Dave would value any conversations you would wish to have with him.

Would You Like to Be a Counter??

Redeemer is looking for people to be a volunteer counter for the church. "We would like to expand our counter pool so that the volunteers aren't counting all 12 months," writes **Laura Warren**. Duties of the counters include the following:

- Counters collect all the donations after each service and place them in the safe.
- Counters count, prepare the counter report and make the deposits for the church, every two weeks and on the last business day of the year.

Please let Laura know if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you.

Adult Forum on Spirituality to Conclude; Bishop Nicholas Up Next

Pastor Dave and **Kelley Frank's** series on spirituality concludes Sunday, Nov. 30 when they introduce the class to some of the people they've found to be wise spiritual guides. They'll share works that they've found especially challenging, provocative, meaningful, and transformative on this journey. They will talk about the gifts they are giving and what has changed for them in the past year or so taking the two-and-a-half-year certification program to be a spiritual director. And they will ask the class to share who some of their spirit guides might be.

"We are made to be whole, holy beings. Exploring our spirituality, and creating a rhythm of spiritual practices, invite us to dive more fully into who we truly are, and to risk living as that person every moment of our lives. We hope you'll bring your authentic selves to these times together, so we can be blessed by each other's wisdom – a wisdom we may not even know we have!"

Then on Sunday, Dec. 7, **emeritus Bishop Nicholas** of Myra will lead the Adult Forum in a discussion of Christian relationships with empire. "Sharing my very different experiences under the reigns of Diocletian (284-305 AD) and Constantine (306-337 AD), I will invite the group to consider how we relate to our government.

"Happy holidays! May every day be a holy day for you."

Find Calm during Redeemer's Midweek Advent Services

With the beginning of the season of Advent on Sunday, Nov. 30, Redeemer offers a space to rest in the calmness, beauty, and joy of a darkened sanctuary filled with the sounds of *Holden Evening Prayer*.

Wednesday evenings, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17, will be oases in the midst of everything else that is going on in your lives. Folks are invited to gather in the Narthex at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee (sign-ups are in the hallway outside the library), and then in the Sanctuary for the 7 p.m. service.

Volunteers are also being asked to offer reflections on their experiences with fear with the Dec. 10 slot still open. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Library.

"Let yourself let go of all you might be carrying right now, and receive the gift of this time to be reminded of what life, love, and peace feel like."

Care Kits Available for Members to Distribute

The Sunday School students assembled over 100 care kits for the congregation to pass out to those in need, **Michele Disbro** reports. The kits are now available in the Narthex. "Take as many as you'd like."

The care kits contain socks, hand warmers, lotion, wipes or hand sanitizer, chapstick, a granola bar, and a list of resources for support.

"Feel free to grab bottles of water to distribute with the care kits.

"A huge thank you to everyone who donated materials to support this wonderful project. The care kits will be available in the Narthex throughout the cold season until we run out."

A Reminder from Stewardship

The Stewardship Team would like to remind Redeemer members that it is not too late to return their commitment cards for 2026. "If you need a new card, please contact the office and one will be mailed to you. For those who have returned theirs, 'Thank You for your support.'"

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

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, Nov. 27. Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 30.

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!

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**.

'Noisy Offering' to Go to ELCA's Good Gifts

Kay Ernsthansen reports the Noisy Offering from the beginning of Advent thru Epiphany will be used to buy items from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. "With the right amount of donations we could buy a Family Farm (\$715), a herd of goats (\$300), a cow (\$500), fish farm (\$250), community vegetable garden (\$220), an irrigation system (\$100), safe water access (\$250), latrine (\$150) and the list goes on.

To decide what Redeemer will support, the children and confirmation Sunday school classes will vote in January. "The kids will be able to make suggestions of what we should buy and then will vote on what we buy. If we can buy more than item, we will maximize the offering to buy as much as we can," Kay writes.

"So, clean out the bottom of your purses and backpacks, empty out the columns of the car from all the change from the fast food drive thru's. See what you want to help give as a Christmas gift to someone in need."

From the Council

To keep the congregation informed about what your Council is doing, each month look for an article that summarizes the significant matters before the Council.

The council has elected to transfer checking account funds in excess of funds needed for the day to day operation of the church to interest bearing accounts. \$100,000 will be transferred to a five-month certificate of deposit, and \$30,000 will be transferred to a liquid, interest bearing account. In addition, \$22,000 will be added to the Property and Equipment Fund at the Columbus Foundation. After the transfer, the Property and Equipment fund will have a balance of about \$50,000.

Since **Ashley Bird**, as the incoming Congregation Council president, will be added as a check-signer for the main checking account, he will be resigning as one of the offering counters. Council is looking for volunteers to fill that role. (See separate story, this issue.)

With the resignation of **Rich Pautsch** as secretary, council will be appointing someone to serve as secretary for 2026.

Council also continues to fine tune the spending plan for 2026. One item in particular under discussion is the amount of Immigration Support to fund through the spending plan.

Repairs have been made to the furnace serving Fellowship Hall, and a voltage monitor will be installed to protect and determine the cause(s) of the blower motor burning out on this unit.

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.**

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.

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

Way to Go, Redeemer!!

Redeemer members filled 80 Thanksgiving bags to be given out through the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry, **Kathy Zwanziger** reports. This is up from the 71 bags members filled last year. LSS will add a turkey, bread and produce. *Thank you all for helping our neighbors in need.*

Members are also thanked for their generosity for all the wonderful presents and food donated for the baby shower for **Micheline Saint Felix** and **WilFrantz Raymond!**

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Ranel Hoddinott's** sister and brother-in-law **Paulie** and **Jerry Shaffer** as he is being treated for cancer and for comfort for **Mary**, the daughter of her friend **Lana Thomas**, who is in hospice care.

November Birthdays

24-Judith Bird 24-Sarah Highland
26-Grace Montgomery 26-Dereck Stewart
28-Greyson Brush 28-David Shull
29-Mary Bowling

December Birthdays

2-Eowyn Dana 2-Ruby Jacobs
4-Toshi Phillips 6-Izzy Skoog
6-Sophie Skoog 8-Bob Rapp
10-Eric Hutton 19-Joe Darst

19-Novella Hinkle* 20-Debbie Turner
24-Julie Johnson 24-WilFrantz Raymond
26-Emily Kent 31-John Kennedy

***Novella Hinkle** celebrates her 98th birthday on Dec. 19!!! *If folks want to send her a card, her address is 2884 Ivanhoe Dr., Columbus 43209-3225.*

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](#).

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

November 25 Ask God to help us be grateful, wise and effective stewards of creation, understanding our connection to all living things and teaching others to care for our environment and natural resources — life-sustaining gifts from God entrusted to our use and care.

26 Give thanks for ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, the Lutheran World Federation and other partner agencies that work on our behalf to address the causes of hunger and poverty worldwide and to provide our neighbors with relief, care, support and hope.

27 Thanksgiving Day Praise God for the gifts that sustain our body and spirit — food, shelter, family, friends, faith communities, the bounty of creation, God’s love and forgiveness, and so much more. Remember and give thanks for those who plant, cultivate, harvest, prepare and deliver the food that nourishes us.

28 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who lack safe shelter and wonder how their basic, daily needs will be met. Ask God to help us be attentive to their immediate and long-term needs and be diligent in seeking solutions to the dearth of affordable housing and access to social services in our communities — solutions that respect the value, rights and dignity of our neighbors in need.

29 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). Have faith that God listens to prayerful conversations that express our gratitude, needs, worries, questions, excitement and hopes — today and every day!

30 First Sunday of Advent Pray that, in the upcoming month, we will turn our attention to anticipating and rejoicing in the gift of God’s son, Jesus Christ, brought into the world to shine a light on God’s awesome love and forgiveness.

December 1 World AIDS Day and HIV/AIDS Awareness Month At the end of 2024, an estimated 40.8 million people worldwide were living with HIV, 1.4 million of them children and 39.4 million of them adults. Remember in prayer health care professionals and care providers who work in HIV/AIDS education, prevention, treatment and research.

The Community Beyond

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.

Singing Buckeyes Present Christmas Concert Dec. 13

The barbershop group *The Singing Buckeyes* which includes Redeemer’s **Scott Steiner** will present “Harmonies for the Holidays” on **Saturday, Dec. 13** at both 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Valley Dale Ballroom (1590 Sunbury Rd., Columbus 43219).

Tickets for the afternoon performance run \$20 while the evening performance, which also includes the Columbus Children’s Choir, run \$25. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Getting Ready for Worship

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Matthew 24:36-44

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members LaVerna Reinoehl.

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 Hegreiness, 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 Ehrlich, 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	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Communion Prep	Michele Disbro, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Julie Johnson and Sara Auman

*The Noisy Offering will go to ELCA's Good Gifts.
Flowers are given by LaVerna Reinoehl in memory of Dave*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer

Nov. 24- Dec. 1, 2025

Monday	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
Thursday		<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> – church office closed
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	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	4:30 p.m.	Executive Team via ZOOM
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout #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



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.