



Reflections

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Telfer Reports on Minneapolis Activities

Jennie Telfer, of Peace Catalyst International and a previous guest presenter to Redeemer's Adult Forum, writes that clergy from around the country are being invited to visit Minneapolis this week on Jan. 22 and Jan. 23. She goes on,

"Many of you are aware of the challenges facing the people of Minneapolis at this time. You can see what one United Methodist pastor witnessed in front of her church in Minneapolis ... [HERE](#).

"This clergy network writes, 'Because we want to meet you with transparency in this moment, we have to advise you that right now, **Minneapolis is not safe - for anyone**. Agents are smashing windows, breaking doors, and stealing humans without verifying whether they are undocumented or even whether they are immigrants. As part of this "immigration enforcement" operation, the U.S. has incarcerated members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and refused to release information about the men unless the tribe "enter[s] into an immigration agreement with ICE." Federal agents assault and abduct citizens regardless of their status, and then sometimes abandon their human targets miles from where agents took them. And they disappear other neighbors entirely. We cannot quantify the risk of visiting our cities because it changes daily. We also recognize that if everyone stays away, more terror will come here and elsewhere. We trust you to make the decision that is the best one for you, and if you do come, encourage you to bring a passport card or copy of your passport, birth certificate, or other proof of status.

"Minneapolis faith leaders come from different traditions and are committed to upholding the dignity of their neighbors. 'Today you can find us living our faith in online vigil spaces, singing at the scene of **Renee Good's** murder even before ICE cleared the scene, rinsing tear gas from our eyes, and lifting up ICE agents in prayer even after they block us from offering pastoral care to detainees.

"They invite clergy and faith leaders of all stripes to join them Jan. 22 and 23 to 'experience, witness, learn, and resist with us.' Join them if you can, and if you cannot join them, please extend this invitation to other faith leaders in your network." Find more information [HERE](#).

For those who cannot go to Minneapolis, look for local demonstration opportunities. Also, contact your own congressional delegation, regardless of party, and tell them this is not acceptable and that Congress must stand up to stop this. Flood congressional offices with letters, emails. Get others to do likewise. Write letters to the local newspapers, call TV stations to cover these activities.

For those looking for reliable coverage from Minneapolis, go to [Minnesota Public Radio](#) and [MinnPost](#).

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RLC Leaders

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor -

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 - Ashley Bird

Vice President - Lynn Belhorn

Finance Officer - Laura Warren

Secretary - Jon Disbro

Worship - Michelle Clemence

Education - Karen Rider

Outreach - Mary Benis

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Stewardship - Brad Phillips

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The Redeemer Community

Direct Questions over Transition to Council President

Want to know who is doing what here at Redeemer? Who's in charge? What is happening? during this transition period until Redeemer gets an interim pastor, then contact **Council President Ashley Bird** at jamnbird@aol.com; 614-257-7245; or 614-239-9380. If he doesn't know, he will be able to direct you to the person who does.

To better understand the call process, go [HERE](#). The initial planning meeting of the Call Committee will be held this **Thursday, Jan. 22** at 4:30 p.m. here at church.

Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 25; Lunch to Follow; *Folks Asked to Bring Desserts*

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held **Sunday, Jan. 25** following the worship service. Business items include adopting the 2026 spending plan and approving both synod-required constitution revisions and the Mission Endowment Fund distribution.

According to a letter from **Congregation President Ashley Bird**, the constitution changes are required and the result of the last three churchwide assemblies in 2019, 2022 and 2025. A copy of the changes was sent to all friends and members of Redeemer last month, together with a cover letter explaining the edits.

Currently, the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) is soliciting suggestions for the distribution of the approximately \$7,117 available to donate from 2025. That distribution will be approved at the meeting.

Also on the agenda for the annual meeting is approval of Redeemer's 2026 spending plan. **Finance Officer Laura Warren** walked attendees of the Jan. 4 Adult Forum through the details, explaining how the transition in the pastoral leadership this year affects the budget, reflecting both the need to pay additional supply pastors as well as a reduction in the salary line to reflect an interim pastor for only 10 months. She stressed that the budget is a "point in time" and will need to be adjusted as the year plays out.

Another area that is very fluid concerns the proposed line item for immigration support, with \$20,000 budgeted for the year and "additional needs covered by donations." She noted Redeemer currently assists two families and may take on a third.

Other highlights of the spending plan include the following:

- Staff (custodian, office manager and directors of music) were given a 4 percent increase.
- Distribution of assistance through the Good Samaritan Fund is currently on hold until an interim pastor is secured.
- Property allocations are lower for 2026 because in 2025 the parking lot was repaved and the Remembrance Garden was established.

Copies of the Annual Report highlighting the many ministries of Redeemer are now available as is a copy of the proposed constitutional changes. An updated version of the proposed 2026 spending plan will be available Sunday now that Laura has received the actuals for January-December 2025.

Members must attend in person in order to vote, per RLC's constitution.

The meeting will be followed by a light lunch with sandwiches from Subway, chips and beverages. **Members are asked to bring desserts.**

Noisy Offering to Go to LSS Choices

The Noisy Offering from now until Ash Wednesday will be collected for LSS Choices. The holidays can be a very stressful time. As a result, the number of people (both men and women) abused by their spouse increases.

Many will stay with a spouse because it's the holidays. But once January comes around they find the courage to leave. Even though Choices is under the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) umbrella, they can use extra funds in the beginning of the year when their numbers go up.

Kay Ernsthansen writes, "The funds are so needed. Along with the increase is spousal abuse is the increase of human trafficking. Because of these two facts, we will be collecting noisy offering for LSS Choices."

Sister Act Members 'To Pursue Passions' over Year

Sister Act will gather **Wednesday, January 21** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2 (and on Zoom, link below) for its first meeting under its 2026 theme of "Igniting Your Fire by Pursuing Your Passions." This month the topic "Pursuing Writing." Published author **Emily Kent** will talk about the book in which she wrote a chapter: *The Fire from Her Crown: Igniting Fires of Purpose, on Purpose*. She will share how she got involved in the project and read her chapter aloud.

She will also talk about her writing process, and give us a sneak peak at the next part of her writing journey.

The Zoom link is [HERE](#); Meeting ID: 876 9207 1033; Passcode: 812325

More about the book: "19 other extraordinary women co-authored this book, titled *The Fire From Her Crown*. Each author was given the assignment to write her story as creatively as her heart could pour out. They built a tribe that looks like love, acts like love, and sounds like love. Each of them had a profound experience with the book, telling their stories in their words, with and without fear, for the purpose of helping you feel seen and heard, and to know that you are loved.

"It is a breathtaking, soul-shaking read, and they have included many resources as well!

"If you do not have a copy of the book yet and want one, you can order it from Amazon [HERE](#)."

BREAD Roadmap Updates

Kristi Hildebrand provides the following update from BREAD:

"Protect Renters Now: The Columbus City Council, especially **Council Member Nick Bankston**, is committed to adding a new Rental Registry in the city of Columbus. The rental registry will provide transparency of landlord contact information to renters. BREAD recommended this course of action to protect renters from unsafe conditions. BREAD is still pushing for one extra step, which is "proactive rental inspections". The City Council's proposal is dependent on complaints from renters, who may be reluctant to report unsafe conditions due to fear of retribution.

"We Protect Trees: The City of Columbus is committed to a goal of a 40 percent tree canopy by 2050. However, to achieve the goal, the Columbus City Council needs to enact protections for trees on private property which they are failing to do. At the December Research Kickoff, the Trees Protect Us! We Protect Trees! Committee laid out a plan to increase the heat on city leaders to honor that commitment. Over the next four months, the committee will take steps to highlight the negative health impacts loss of tree canopy will have on our community. At the May 12 Nehemiah Action, they will be calling on city leaders to honor their commitment and draft legislation to protect trees on private land that incorporates 70 percent of all existing tree canopy.

"Livable Wage: The new problem that BREAD adopted at the November Annual Assembly is the lack of a livable wage. Watch this space for information on what specific issue the committee chooses to combat this problem.

"Bonus issue: Non-Police Crisis Response. While this is no longer a BREAD issue, they have advocated for it since 2019. In November 2025, **Mayor Andrew Ginther** announced that he was including \$1.0 million in his 2026 Budget Request to City Council to expand Right Response operations and to create a non-police crisis response mobile unit pilot.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the 2026 Nehemiah Action on **May 12, 2026!**

Upcoming BREAD Dates for Network Members

- RLC Network Meeting: **Wednesday, March 18** at 6 p.m. at Redeemer (Room 2).
- Rally: **Tuesday, April 14** at 7 p.m. at Corinthian Missionary Baptism (3161 E. 5th Ave.)
- Celebration: **Monday, June 22** at 6 p.m. Location TBA.

Upcoming BREAD Date for EVERYONE

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

Souper Bowl Coming to Redeemer Feb. 8

Once again Redeemer will participate in the “Souper Bowl” on **Sunday, Feb. 8** – the date of the NFL Super Bowl – to benefit Lutheran Social Services.

Due to the buying power of the food pantries, each \$1 donated translates to the ability to purchase \$4.50 in food. Contributions will be collected based on the teams in the Super Bowl or the ads.

Food can also be brought to the church and placed in the shopping cart in the coatroom off the Narthex. The best soups to donate are tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable. In addition, the most needed items include 16 oz plastic jars of peanut butter or any canned fruit approximately 15oz. “However, the LSS Food Pantries will be able to use any and all collected food items.”

Youth Decide Recipients of ‘Noisy Offering’ through ELCA’s Good Gifts

The Sunday School Class did some late Christmas shopping! The noisy offering collected during Advent and Christmas totaled \$425.36. **Shanaelle, Ruby, and Caroline** enjoyed looking through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog together. After much browsing, the girls selected the following gifts to purchase:

- Sunday School Starter kit: \$ 65
- Fruit Tree Farm: \$150
- Send a Girl to School: \$ 40 purchased three/one for each of the girls.
- Water Filter: \$ 10
- Goat: \$ 50
- Chicks: \$ 10 (enough left for three broods)

The pictures of the gifts are on a poster in the Narthex by the coat room. Check it out! ‘Thank you to all who donated. The gifts are very much needed.’

New Goals for New Year: *Reduce/Reuse*

In an effort to be kinder to the environment, folks at Redeemer want to provide an opportunity to do more reducing and reusing. To that end, coffee cup racks have been hung in the hallway by the drinking fountain to encourage members and friends to bring in their own coffee mug to hang on these racks.

Then, as **Michele Disbro** points out, “Whenever you want a cup of tea or coffee, *reduce* the amount of paper products used by *reusing* your coffee mug! Dirty mugs can be placed in the green dish tub on the table outside the kitchenette. Volunteers will wash the mugs and replace them on the coffee racks.

“We also have a row of mugs available for visitors. (Feel free to guide our visitors to these guest mugs.) There is space to hang more mug racks if we need more space for coffee mugs in the future.

“Continuing with the Reduce and Reuse goal: you are always encouraged to bring your own table service for potluck dinners at church. Paper products will always be available as well.”

Redeemer Welcomes Guest Preachers

Over the next several weeks, Redeemer will welcome a series of guest preachers until an interim pastor can be appointed. The following is the list of those individuals Redeemer can expect to hear from now through Feb. 15:

- **Sunday, Jan. 25: Rev. Karen Chakoian**, recently retired pastor of Granville Presbyterian Church.
- **Sunday Feb. 1: Rev. Grant Eckhart**, pastor of Jacob’s Portch Campus Ministry at Ohio State University.
- **Sunday, Feb. 8: Rev. Teddy Caesar**, Pentecostal pastor at Destiny Church International and teacher at Whitehall City Schools.
- **Sunday, Feb. 15: Rev. Emily Krause Corzine**, presbyter for congregational life and transitions, Presbytery of Scioto Valley, Presbyterian Church USA.

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.”

Narthex Art Reflects 'Blue or Purple' Theme

The *Blue or Purple* exhibit has now been installed in the Narthex! Stop by to peruse the many pieces submitted by members and friends! There are many stories there and a number of pieces created by Redeemer members.

It will be up through the Christmas season.

Volunteers Sought to Provide Refreshments after Worship

Volunteers are needed to set up/provide refreshments following the Sunday worship service. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library.

It doesn't need to be elaborate. Coffee, teas are in the cupboard and packaged cookies are under the counters.

This is a wonderful time to visit with fellow worshippers and is much appreciated.

Reach out to **Jon Disbro** with any questions.

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.**

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.

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."

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: On hiatus.

Important Emails

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

Prayers for healing and comfort are asked for the sister of **Wilfrantz Raymond**'s sister who is having a portion of her leg amputated Monday following a very serious accident involving spilled hot oil. Prayers continue to be asked for **Don Luck** who is facing health challenges and for **Barbara Hairston** who recently had surgery. Prayers for healing continue to be asked for **Kelley Frank** who faces further cancer treatment and for **Drusanne Shaulis** who has had a stroke. Prayers for comfort are asked for **Steve Sherer**, uncle of **Heidi Sherer**, who is in the late stages of cancer.

Latest Issue of *Christ in Our Home* Available

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet *Christ in Our Home* for January - March is now available on the kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

January Birthdays

20-David Detweiler

20-Corinne Montgomery 20-Tony Naess

21-Elizabeth George 21-Shirley Miller**

22-Maureen Callahan 22-Shirley Cannon

24-Sophie Brush 24-Marshall Edgington

24-Kathy Rapp 25-Rosalie Highland

26-Jeff Montgomery 28-Bebe McCoy

****Shirley Miller** will be 91 on Jan. 21. *Cards can be sent to her at 4050 Wiston Dr., Groveport 43125-8910.*

The Wider Church

Bishop Curry Issues Statement on ICE Shooting in Minneapolis

Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:17).

ELCA Presiding Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry writes, “Alongside our siblings in Christ in Minneapolis and throughout Minnesota and all who have been impacted by aggressive immigration enforcement and violence by federal law enforcement agents, I mourn the shocking shooting death of **Renee Nicole Good** by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent on Jan. 7, 2026. I join calls for a thorough investigation into this case, accountability for the shooting and a de-escalation of ICE enforcement across the United States. Alongside the Lutherans who have held vigils in Minneapolis and around the country, our church prays for God’s peace in this community and justice in this case.

“The ELCA is committed to upholding and guaranteeing basic human rights for the safety of migrants and their families. Our church works toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the United States. We decry language that dehumanizes immigrants who are beloved children of God and escalates tensions between federal agents and communities. Surges of immigration enforcement and violent encounters like we are seeing in Minneapolis — as well as in Chicago; Atlanta; Los Angeles; Portland, Ore.; and Washington, D.C.— have indiscriminately targeted our neighbors, creating fear and uncertainty. This has created conditions where immigrants, those accompanying them and federal agents are all at risk.

“ELCA social teaching provides guidance in complex situations: “Public safety depends upon trust in law enforcement to respect and protect the rights of all” (“[Gun-related Violence and Trauma](#)”). As a church, we are concerned by the trend of law enforcement and federal agents involved in immigration enforcement relying on the use of force in our communities without sufficient accountability or oversight.

“God calls us to be witnesses to God’s presence, healing and hope. I invite ongoing prayers, vigils and advocacy for peace and justice, and I affirm the ELCA’s “pledge to continue our church’s historic leadership in caring for refugees and immigrants” ([For Peace in God’s World](#)).

Resources are available from the ELCA’s migration strategy [AMMPARO](#) (Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities).

Canada, Denmark, U.S. Lutheran Bishops Issue Joint Statement Supporting Greenlandic People

“To our dear siblings in Christ,

“As the national bishops of Lutheran churches in the United States, Canada and Denmark, we wish to send the Greenlandic people our full support in an unusually difficult situation. We pray for and encourage our own congregations and people to pray for and stand with Greenland and the Greenlandic people who want to maintain their independence. We pray for peace and respect between nations.

“We unreservedly support the Church of Greenland and **Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk**, whose [statement](#) has been quoted in several media outlets: ‘This is a question of human rights, dignity, and respecting international laws and treaties. We are a small people, but we are not invisible. Our future is not something to be decided over our heads. We have language, culture, ancestors, children, and a future tied to this place. We are people, not property. Greenland is not land to be bought. It is our home and it is not for sale.’

“The Church of Greenland works closely with dioceses in Denmark and plays an active role in international affairs as a member of the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and other organizations. We wish that this close cooperation will continue and bring joy and benefit to the people of Greenland.

“We invite you to write to your elected leaders and tell them to respect the independence of Greenland and the Greenlandic people.”

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, National Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Rt. Revd. Henrik Stubkjær, Bishop of Viborg Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

January 20 Remember in prayer ELCA campus ministries and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), inclusive faith communities on college and university campuses across the United States that nurture the faith of young adults through worship, study, fellowship and service. Give thanks for congregations that support and partner with campus ministries.

21 “I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness” (Psalm 40:10). How can we keep the good news to ourselves? Pray for enthusiasm and the courage to share the story of our salvation and faith — God’s story — through our words and actions. Let us give thanks for how the Spirit equips us for such work.

22 Pray for nations at war that are on the verge of peace and for those for whom a vision of peace is not yet clear.

23 Pray for partnerships that help spread the gospel and provide love and care for our neighbors and siblings in Christ, including companion churches, full communion partners, the Lutheran World Federation, ecumenical and interfaith organizations, Lutheran Services in America’s network, Global Refuge, the World Council of Churches and others.

24 Remember in prayer Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders who are recruiting young adults to serve in summer camp programs and are planting seeds of invitation in those who are unsure of how their faith, gifts and passions can be used to serve children, youth and adults of diverse abilities and backgrounds.

25 Pray that we respond with a resounding yes — or even an uncertain yes — as the first disciples did when Jesus beckoned, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

26 Conversion of Paul: Give thanks for God’s unfathomable power to change and redeem anybody, including us. Pray for those whom we feel are lost, unreachable and even undeserving of our mercy, trusting that all things are possible for God and that God will change our hearts and nudge us to be a loving and inspiring presence in their lives.

The Community Beyond

Warming Centers Open as Temperatures Drop

As temperatures drop, the Community Shelter Board and its partners have activated Winter Warming Centers throughout the region to support our neighbors in need.

Key Resources:

- 24/7 Access: The Third Shift Warming/Cooling Center (in partnership with First English Lutheran Church) is open 24 hours a day. (1015 E. Main St.)
- Need Shelter? Call the Homeless Hotline at 614-274-7000.
- Need Food? Call the Food Line at 614-341-2282.
- Youth (Ages 14-24): Star House offers drop-in services (1220 Corrugated Way)

In addition, Columbus Metropolitan Libraries and Columbus Recreation & Parks Community Centers are also available during normal business hours as safe places to get out of the cold. To learn more and see all locations, go [HERE](#).

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. and can be found [HERE](#). 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, Jan. 27**.

Getting Ready for Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Matthew 4:12-25

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Reformation Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member April Smith.

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey’s sister Kleta Childs, 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, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton and Kelley’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, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel Hoddinott’s sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Larry Trover
Guest Preacher	Rev. Karen Chakoian
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Cantor	Emily Kent
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	Wendy Stoica, Maddie Sutphin
Hospitality	Annual Meeting

*The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services CHOICES.
Flowers are given by Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel celebrating their 43rd anniversary*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer January 19- January 26, 2025

Monday	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
	1:00 p.m. Bexley/Berwick Dementia Support Group
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki
	5:00 p.m. TOPS
	5:30 p.m. Girl Scout #2462
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Member Care
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki
	6:30 p.m. Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki
	6:30 p.m. Sister Act
Thursday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki
	4:30 p.m. Initial Meeting of Call Committee
Saturday	10:00 a.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m. Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
	11:15 a.m. Annual Congregation Meeting and light luncheon. Please bring a dessert to share
	4:30 p.m. First English Discussion Series
Monday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki
	5:00 p.m. TOPS

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