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A Note from Pastor Elizabeth

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

Has it only been a week and a day? Some of you I have known for a couple of weeks. And yes, it's true: a couple of us were at Maryland Avenue Elementary at the same time! In a very short time you have given me a warm welcome and already are letting me get to know you. To all of you who have given extra time, listening, discerning, paperwork help, and interpretive services, I am deeply grateful.

Being an intentional interim pastor means working beside you in a time of change to serve Christ in all people, while helping you put into words who you are so that others, particularly clergy seeking a new call, can know what you are truly about. You as a community are speaking out loud who you are to each other, the world, and the rest of the church.

For me, being a pastor in a time of change includes:

- Listening, then listening more.
- Praying, teaching, and preaching informed by that listening,
- Asking, with you and the search committee, the best

questions possible.

- Then reflecting with you what together we hear and see.

None of this is to change who you are or what you do, but to be as clear as possible so that you get the best match possible with your new long-term pastor.

And we get to begin this relationship while walking together through Holy Week. That timing is perfect! We get to remember Christ's new commandment to love one another, to remember and watch and wait as God in Christ empties God's self and goes through death and comes back beyond anything we can ask or imagine.

May we walk together this Holy Week and beyond to serve in love and accept the newness of life that God gives us in Christ's resurrection. To be continued!

With Gratitude,
Pastor Elizabeth

RLC Leaders

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus
Interim Pastor – Pastor Elizabeth Hoster
Office Manager - Becky Trover
Office Assistant - Diane Brobeck
Custodian - Marshall Edgington
Organist/Senior Choir Director – Kathy Rapp
Pianist/Chime Choir Director – Karen Kent
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The Redeemer Community Redeemer Installs Pastor Elizabeth!



Sunday, March 22 Congregation Council President Ashley Bird led the congregation in installing Pastor Elizabeth Hoster as Redeemer's interim pastor. (Picture from Kristi Hildebrand)

Surveys on Ministry Tasks, Gifts Due Monday, March 23

The deadline for congregation members to submit responses to two surveys from the Call Committee is **tonight, Monday, March 23**. Be sure to add your perspectives to those of others who have submitted the two surveys linked below. Just click on the links, make your selections and submit.

Or return the survey attached to today's *Reflections* or mailed to you last week.

- Survey 1: [MINISTRY TASKS](#) - consider tasks that you think are the most critical for the pastoral position.
- Survey 2: [MINISTRY GIFTS](#) - consider gifts that you think are essential to the pastoral position.

Fellowship Team Sets Organizing Meeting

Redeemer's Fellowship Team is getting back together, with an organizing meeting set for **Tuesday, March 24** at 11 a.m. here at the church. The group is looking to plan some fun activities so join them or pass ideas along to **Michele Disbro** at MDDisbro@gmail.com.

Youth Easter Party Set for March 29

The Easter party for young people will be on **Palm Sunday, March 29** immediately following worship. Join us for crafts and the egg hunt!

Easter Brunch Donations Will Go towards Youth Gathering

Easter Brunch will be served between the **8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** services on Easter morning, **April 5**. Contributions of breakfast casserole, breads (including muffins and bagels), fruit, and drinks (milk, chocolate milk, juices) are being solicited, as well as help to set up coffee. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board beside the library. Donations will go to support our youth travelling to the Gathering in July 2027. Questions? Contact **Wendy Stoica**.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues March 24

Redeemer's Tuesday Bible Study continues on **Tuesday, March 24**, both in-person and online beginning at 1 p.m. This week, join **Pastor Elizabeth** as she leads the group's discussion.

Treats are solicited if anyone is so inclined.

For Zoom link, see separate "Zoom Links" story this issue.

Adult Forum to Get to Know Karen Rider

The **Sunday, March 29** session of the Adult Forum returns to its "Getting to Know You" series, this time, getting to know **Karen Rider**. The forum begins approximately 11:15 a.m., after the worship service, in Room 2.

Grab a snack and join the group to learn more about fellow Redeemer member **Karen Rider**.

Narthex Art to Return for Easter with Theme of *Joy!*

Emily Kent announced that the Narthex art exhibit will return for Easter with the theme of *Joy!*. Be thinking about what you may have to share through the exhibit. Forms will be available on the shelf below the bulletin board. Items should be submitted Holy Week.

Final Lenten Luncheon, Midweek Evening Service Set for This Week

This **Wednesday, March 25**, marks Redeemer's final midweek service for this Lenten season. It starts at 7 p.m. here at the church. In addition, the final Lenten Soup and Conversation will be held Wednesday at noon until 1 p.m. in the Narthex.

Update on Holy Week Planning: Volunteers Needed to Help Strip Altar on Maundy Thursday

Worship Team Leader Michelle Clemence Sunday asked for volunteers to help strip the altar and sanctuary following the Maundy Thursday service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Library.

Then on Good Friday, the service will be focused on the words of the Gospel of John and will need readers *only*. They are not seeking personal reflections on the texts this year. Again, that sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Why Do They Call It Maundy Thursday?

In answer to a query from an individual, **Pastor Elizabeth** writes that, "The word Maundy is derived from the Latin word *Mondatum*, which means commandment. The day before Jesus was put to death, he gave his disciples and us a new *mondatum*, a new commandment: that we love one another (John 13:14). And he demonstrated this love by washing their feet. *And that was only the beginning of three days of love that never end!*"

Subscriptions to *Living Lutheran* Available

For those who would be interested in receiving their own copy of *Living Lutheran* magazine at home, the church has received donations from the congregation to cover the cost. Please let the church office or **Laura Warren** know if you would like a subscription.

Noisy Offering to Go to LSS Choices

The Noisy Offering from now through Easter 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 stay with a spouse because it's the holidays. But once the beginning of the year 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."

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: 883 2879 6239; Passcode: 890127.

Tuesday Bible Study: Resumes Tuesday, March 17 both in person and on Zoom [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077; Passcode: 338045

Sister Act Zoom can be found [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 876 9207 1033; Passcode: 812325

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

Latest Issue of *Christ in Our Home* Available

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

March Birthdays

24-Carol Heacock

27-Margie Farnham 30-Colin Young

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

March 24 Remember in prayer our companion churches, siblings in Christ and neighbors in Central America: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Belize.

25 “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications” (Psalm 130:1-2). Lift up your problems, worries and fears to God, trusting that your prayers are never too small, complicated or unimportant to be heard by God who cares deeply for each of us.

26 Give thanks for the ELCA Lay Schools for Ministry program that creates in-person and virtual opportunities for lifelong learning, which inspire biblical and theological literacy, gospel fluency, and daily vocation and ministry.

27 Ask the Spirit to renew and sustain our faith, hope, sense of purpose and loyalty to a dependable God who sacrificed everything through Jesus Christ that we might live. Pray that we will be mindful that God has called us to be compassionate and trustworthy in sharing the gospel and loving and serving our neighbors.

28 Pray for leaders who serve in youth and family ministries, that they will be supported and affirmed for their work of caring for youth, nurturing faith, encouraging service, and helping young people discover and use their gifts.

29 Palm Sunday Praise God that the humility with which Jesus enters Jerusalem demonstrates a powerful love for us that is down to earth yet undeterred by the stress, chaos, injustice and uncertainty of the world. As an act of faith, we give thanks and pray that we will follow his example.

30 Who are we? Imperfect people wonderfully created by a perfect God who calls us children, loves us dearly and is faithful to us. Offer up prayers of joy and thanksgiving!

The Wider Church

ELCA Unveils Updated Website

The national ELCA announced that it has updated its website at ELCA.org! According to the church, the website has a new look and feel as well as the following features such as the ELCA’s resource library, congregation profile information, *Living Lutheran* articles and the ELCA’s seeker site to provide better search results. “Navigate our resources, learn about key topics and find communities of support.

“Explore ELCA.org today and discover more about who we are as a church.”

The Community Beyond

Virtual Death Cafes Now on Zoom!

Emily Kent hosts a virtual Death Cafe on the fourth Tuesday of every month. They run from 7-8:30 p.m. 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, March 24**.

Columbus Library to Hold ‘Big Book Sale’ March 27-29

The Columbus Metropolitan Library will hold its semi-annual “Big Book Sale” on **Friday-Sunday, March 27-29** at the Main Library (96 S. Grant Ave.). They will be selling books and other library materials that are no longer suitable for the library’s collection.

Children’s books start at \$1. Adult fiction and nonfiction books start at \$2. CDs, DVDs and audiobooks start at \$3. Proceeds support the Columbus Metropolitan Library programs and services.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Getting Ready for Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St. Phillip Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Sue and Tim Watson.

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 family of Karen Rider's niece Tammy and Karen's 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, Drusanne Shaulis, WilFrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie Raymond, Don Luck, Greg Williams, Nate and Alyssa Bird, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Linda Williams' sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil.

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. Elizabeth Hoster
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro
Communion Prep	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Kathleen Zwanziger
Hospitality	Maddie Sutphin

The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services CHOICES.

Upcoming Events at Redeemer

March 23 - 30, 2026

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Team
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup and Conversation
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
Saturday	10 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School Easter Party
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS

Redeemer Lutheran Call Committee Ministry Site Profile surveys: Here are the choices that you will be considering on the 2 online surveys emailed to you. Alternatively, you can complete on paper by either printing this page out or picking up a copy in the narthex.

Ministry Tasks

Choose 5 that you think are most critical for the pastoral position.

- Administration
- Communication/Media
- Counseling/Social Work
- Evangelism/Mission
- Innovation/Creativity
- Inter-personal Climate
- Ministry with Seniors
- Pastoral Care and Visitation
- Recruit and Equip Leaders
- Social Ministry
- Strategic Mission Planning
- Youth and Family Ministry
- Building a Sense of Community
- Children's Ministry
- Community Organizing
- Financial Management
- Ministry in Crisis
- Multicultural Ministry
- Preaching/Worship
- Self Care/Family Life
- Spiritual Formation/Direction
- Teaching
- Christian Education
- Conflict Management
- Ecumenical Work
- Interpret Theology
- Ministry in Daily Life
- Music/Worship/Arts
- Participant in the Larger Church
- Public Policy/Advocacy
- Small Group Ministry
- Stewardship
- Volunteer Coordination

Ministry Gifts

Choose 10 gifts from this list that you think are essential to the pastoral position.

- Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice
- Provide care and nurture
- Be active in visitation of members and non-members
- Be effective in working with children
- Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works
- Be an effective administrator
- Be an effective communicator
- Be an effective teacher
- Encourage support of the Church's wider mission
- Work regularly in the development of stewardship growth
- Be active in ecumenical relationships
- Be effective in working with youth
- Organize people for community action
- Be skilled in planning and leading programs
- Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the ELCA
- Understand and interpret the mission of the Church from a global perspective
- Deal effectively with conflict
- Bring joy and good humor to relationships
- Be able to share leadership and work in a team
- Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks
- Be able to use technology and media
- Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs
- Have talents in the areas of music, arts, and writing

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