



# Reflections

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## RLC Leaders

### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus  
 Interim Pastor – Pastor Elizabeth Hoster  
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 Pianist/Chime Choir Director – Karen Kent  
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### 2026 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President – Ashley Bird  
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### APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer – Kay Ernsthausen

### CALL COMMITTEE

Joss Dana	Zak Hinkle-Moore
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April Smith	Kathleen Zwanziger

### MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Emlyn Ott	Rich Pautsch

### SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Wendy Stoica, Chair	Hitoshi Phillips
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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# Holy Week Worship

*Maundy Thursday*  
*April 2*

7:00 pm Worship with Foot- and Hand-Washing  
 IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



*Good Friday*  
*April 3*

7:00 pm Worship – Tennebrae - the Gospel of John  
 IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



*Resurrection of Our Lord*  
*Sunday, April 5*

### Two Worship Services

8:30 am worship  
 IN-PERSON

9:45 am Brunch

11:00 am Worship  
 IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM

LIVESTREAM or to watch later

<https://redeemerluth.us10.list->

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## The Redeemer Community

### Easter Brunch Donations to Support Youth Gathering

Easter Brunch will be served from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on **Easter morning, April 5**, between the two services. Contributions of breakfast casserole, breads (including muffins and bagels), fruit, and drinks (milk, chocolate milk, juices) will be served. **Contribution of fruit is still needed as well as help to set up coffee.**

Free will donations are welcome and will go to support Redeemer's youth travelling to the National Youth Gathering in July 2027 in Minneapolis. Questions? Contact **Wendy Stoica**.

### Tuesday Bible Study Continues March 31

Redeemer's Tuesday Bible Study continues on **Tuesday, March 31**, 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.

### 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 have to share through the exhibit. Forms will be available on the shelf below the bulletin board. Items must be dropped off at church no later than **Friday, April 3**.

### 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!*"

### Save the Date: BREAD Nehemiah Action Event Set for May 12

From the BREAD organization: "This is our battle cry: your voice and your presence are needed. When you, your family, your friends, and your congregation show up, you help demonstrate that we believe in justice and that we are serious about securing solutions. Together, we send a clear message to our community leaders that we will continue to research, organize, and push until these issues are addressed."

This year, BREAD is fighting for progress on the following three campaigns:

- Rental Registry – ensuring safe, accountable, and dignified rental housing.
- Environmental Justice – protecting the health of neighborhoods and the tree canopy.
- Livable Wage – making sure pathways are provided to livable wage careers.

Join BREAD as they gather at the Celeste Center at the fairgrounds on **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:45 p.m. Redeemer members are reminded to wear their Redeemer t-shirt.

Feel free to bring friends and carpool. Parking is covered by BREAD.

See **Emily Ott, Kathy Zwanziger, Kristi Hildebrand, and Michele Disbro** for any questions.

### Sister Act April Meeting Pursues Passion of Reading

The **Wednesday, April 15** meeting of Sister Act will pursue the "Passion of Reading" with **Laura Pleasants** who will talk about her book podcast Book Bumble.

The group will meet here at church at 6:30 p.m.

### 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](mailto: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

[Pastor@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Pastor@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Elizabeth**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[NeedaRide@redeemerluth.com](mailto:NeedaRide@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 are asked for **Michele Clemence** who is undergoing tests this week.

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*Congratulations* go out to **Jon Disbro** and his garden crew on the receipt of over \$1,000 from the city of Columbus to support the produce garden in Redeemer’s courtyard!!

The special orange recycling bags for the hard-to-recycle plastics are available on a table in the Narthex. Folks are encouraged to take one. To learn what can be recycled through those bags, check out the sheet next to the box of bags. It includes items like candy wrappers, foam egg cartons, foam to-go boxes, and many other items.

## 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 Birthday

30-Colin Young

### April Birthdays

1-Gabriel Reinoehl 3-Chad Eberle

4-Jenny Young 5-Wendy Stoica

6-Nathan Ott 13-Steve Boreman

15-Jill Disbro 16-Mike Benis

18-Isaac Marquez 19-April Smith

19-Damon Stewart 22-Grayson Ullman

23-Andy Skoog 24-Michelle Clemence

24-Elaine Disbro 27-Margie Frazier

27-Dora Pinder

## Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**March 31** Give thanks for faith-based preschool and early childhood education programs that provide safe and nurturing environments where children experience God’s love and promises, grow confident, learn valuable skills and thrive.

**April 1** Give thanks, for God has not left us alone stumbling in darkness, guilt and chaos. Time and time again, we are led to the cross and the empty tomb, where we are bound to, and set free by, the death and resurrection of **Jesus Christ**, our lord, messiah and savior.

**2 Maundy Thursday** “When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of his disciples, he gave us a sign of love complete” (*ELW* 360). Ask God to help us understand the sacrificial love Jesus Christ had for his followers, neighbors in need and the world. Pray that we do likewise and that our actions of love, mercy and service inspire others.

**3 Good Friday** Pray that we deepen our understanding of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the ultimate demonstration of God’s boundless love for *all* humanity. Ask God to forgive us when we seek or justify vengeance, isolation and dominance over people whom we see as adversaries, who unsettle us or whose beliefs differ from our own.

**4** Pray for those who long for good news, hope, relief and liberation, including people of all ages who live in the midst of conflict and war, experience poverty and hunger, are imprisoned, suffer despair, and seek meaning and purpose.

**5 Easter Sunday** Shout together with siblings in Christ throughout the world, “Hallelujah! Christ is risen!” Give thanks to God for showing humanity that God’s promise of love, forgiveness and new life embodied in Jesus Christ is real, given to all people and to be trusted. Hallelujah!

**6** Pray for peace where there is conflict, war and instability in the world, including Iran, the Middle East, Venezuela, Ukraine, Mexico, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan and Myanmar. Pray for people who are impacted and displaced by conflict, that they remain hopeful, find safe sanctuary in welcoming communities, have resources to meet daily needs, and know that they are not forgotten.

## The Wider Church

### **Brad Binau: Reflections on ‘A Just War’ from McAfee Brown**

“Of the three basic positions on war that emerged in Christian history, the earliest was an unequivocal *pacifism*. The early Christians, who took very seriously the injunction that they were not to take up the sword, refused to serve in Roman armies for several centuries. Early literature gives ample evidence of the pacifist position of the Christian Church.

“Later on, when the peace and stability of the Roman Empire were threatened by the invasion of barbarians from the north, Christians began to argue that there might be times when they could be justified in waging war, if certain specified criteria were met. This position came to be called the doctrine of *the just war*. [see below.]

“A third position that emerged still later was the theory of *the holy war* or *crusade*, which involved an acceptance of whatever kind of force or violence was necessary to secure a given end, and the unquestioning participation of the Christian on the assumption that God’s will was being served.”

#### **Criteria for A Just War**

1. Declared by a legitimate authority, recognized head of state.
2. Carried out with right intention – to promote peace. Vengeance or lust for domination are not “right intention.”
3. Last resort. All possibilities of resolving the conflict through negotiation, etc., must have been exhausted.
4. Principle of proportionality. The means and ends of the warfare must be proportionate: “The good to be accomplished must outweigh the evil that will be exercised in bringing about the good.”
5. Reasonable chance of success. It is immoral to incur destruction if there is no chance of success.
6. All possible moderation. As outlined in Hague and Geneva Conventions: no massacres, looting, torture, etc. The ensuing peace should embody charity and justice rather than vengeance.

(**Robert McAfee Brown**, *Religion and Violence* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.), Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1987, p. 19-20.)

### **From SOS: Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem – The Journey Begins**

“Holy Week begins with a crowd searching for a savior who will free them from Rome. Quickly, those shouts turn from “Hosanna” to “Crucify him!”

“This year, we journey through Holy Week through the Gospel according to **Matthew**, experiencing more than palm-waving joy: the cleansing of the Temple, the intimacy of the table, a new commandment to love one another, the ache of betrayal, the violence of the cross, and the fragile silence of the tomb.

“In Holy Week, we meet a God revealed not in triumphal power but in a cross, a God who does not avoid human pain but enters into it and experiences it fully. Jesus is still Emmanuel, God with us, through the events we remember this week. He does not save us from a distance. He feels, suffers, cries, and dies for the forgiveness of our sins.

“On Maundy Thursday, we hear the story of how Jesus and the disciples gathered in a home, around a table, and received a command. Matthew records: “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” (Matthew 26:26–28)

“At that table we are reminded: grace is not earned; it is a gift. Christ’s body and blood are offered for a broken world. It is offered for us. Sent from that table as forgiven disciples, we are called to love our neighbors with the same self-giving love we have received.

“We continue to the Mount of Olives. After prayer and a hymn, the disciples will sleep. They will run, deny, fail, and abandon him.

“Betrayed by one of his own, Jesus is arrested, beaten, humiliated, tried, and led to a cross where, with a loud cry, he breathes his last.

“Good Friday tells the truth about suffering in multiple levels: personal, communal, and systemic. Even here, God is at work. The cross exposes the world’s violence and proclaims that God’s response is not vengeance but mercy. God’s grace meets us precisely where we least expect it: in weakness, loss, and death.

“Holy Week reveals who God is and who we are: beloved, forgiven, and sent to share this good news with the world.”

Blessed Holy Week, Southern Ohio Synod (SOS)!

## ELCA Unveils Updated Website

The national ELCA announced that it has updated its website at [ELCA.org](http://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](http://ELCA.org) today and discover more about who we are as a church.”

# Getting Ready for Worship

## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2025 – 10 a.m.

### Lessons

**Readings** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of The Church on Oakland Park in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Tamara Wawrosch, Noah and Maddie Gosnell.

*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, 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, Linda Williams’ son Greg Williams and sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Nate and Alysha Bird, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch’s daughter Holly Ragland.

### Worship Leaders – Maundy Thursday

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lynn Belhorn
<b>Cantor</b>	Jennifer Young
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Kay Ernsthause, Misato In
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling

### Worship Leaders – Good Friday

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Julianne Johnson
<b>Readers</b>	Julianne Johnson, Lynn Belhorn Georgene Slagle, Mary Benis Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Kay Ernsthause, Misato In
<b>Producers</b>	Judith Bird, Tom Mimlitch

### Worship Leaders – Easter Morning

	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Elizabeth Hoster	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jon Disbro	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Cantor</b>	Connie Criswell	
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp	
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent	
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence, Wendy Stoica	
<b>Usher</b>	Helen Brunston	Ashley Bird
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Kay Ernsthause, Misato In	
<b>Producers</b>	Miles Smith, Tom Mimlitch	
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Easter Breakfast by Youth between Services</b>	

*Flowers are given by members and friends of Redeemer  
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services CHOICES.*

### Upcoming Events at Redeemer

March 30 – April 6, 2026

<b>Monday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 p.m.	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday service IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Good Friday Service IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Easter Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	4:30 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #2462

**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all

**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community

**Redeemer's Values:** Inclusion, Compassion, Justice