



# Reflections

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## Redeemer Activities Lead Up to Easter

### *Spring Ahead on March 8*

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 8**, so set clocks *ahead* one hour **Saturday night, March 7** or risk missing church and all that is going on that day!!!

## Lenten Luncheons, Evening Services Ongoing

Now through **Wednesday, March 25**, Redeemer is holding Lenten services at 7 p.m. here at the church. In addition, Lenten Soup and Conversation are being held Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Narthex. The sign-up sheet to provide soup, bread or a dessert is on the bulletin board next to the Library.

For the complete Lent/Easter schedule for Redeemer, see the “poster” on the last page of this issue of *Reflections*. (Consider printing it off and posting on the refrigerator door!)

## Redeemer Welcomes Guest Preacher

On the intervening Sunday before **Pastor Elizabeth** begins on **Sunday, March 15**, Redeemer will welcome the following guest preacher:

- **Sunday, March 8: Rev. Teddy Caesar**, Pentecostal pastor at Destiny Church International and teacher at Whitehall City Schools, returns.

## Adult Forum Sets Topics for Next Couple of Weeks

On **Sunday, March 8**, the Adult Forum will resume the discussion with **Dr. Brad Binau** regarding the Apostle’s Creed that was started on **Feb. 22**.

**March 15** will see an abbreviated session of “Getting to Know Pastor Elizabeth” in the Sanctuary on her first Sunday as Redeemer’s interim pastor. That will be followed by a reception in the Narthex.

## March 11 Deadline to Order Easter Flowers

Orders are now being taken through **Wednesday, March 11**. Options include white Easter lilies (\$12.50 per pot); or red, yellow, purple or pink tulips (\$7.50 per pot) Envelopes to order are on the bulletin board next to the Library. Folks are asked to complete the envelope, place the money in the envelope, seal and place it in the offering plate. Questions regarding ordering flowers? Contact **Kay Ernsthansen** at [KAErnsthansen@gmail.com](mailto:KAErnsthansen@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!

## Update on Holy Week Planning

**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.

## RLC Leaders

### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Interim 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

### 2026 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

Member Support – Kathy Mimitch

Property – Sue Yehling

Stewardship – Brad Phillips

### APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer – Kay Ernsthansen

### CALL COMMITTEE

Joss Dana

Zak Hinkle-Moore

Emily Ott

Sheryl Owens

Al Rider

Krista Skipper, Chair

April Smith

Kathleen Zwanziger

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Sara Auman

Emlyn Ott

Rich Pautsch

### SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Wendy Stoica, Chair Hitoshi Phillips

Emily Kent John Kennedy

Terry Warren Laura Warren [ex officio]

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Emily Ott

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## The Redeemer Community

### ***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, contact **Council President Ashley Bird** at [jamnbird@aol.com](mailto: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 was held **Thursday, Jan. 22.**

### **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.

### **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](mailto:MDDisbro@gmail.com).

### **RLC to Serve Dinner at First English on March 12**

On **Thursday, March 12**, Redeemer is scheduled to provide the dinner at First English. The menu will be: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, tater tots, corn, fresh fruit and cookies. There will be lemonade and water also available for the dinners. "We will need enough food for 125 dinners which will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will need to be at First English by 4:30 p.m. to help," says coordinator **Kay Ernsthausen**.

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

"The Sloppy Joes (made with two pounds of ground beef or turkey) need to arrive at First English hot. If you would like them picked up on Thursday, we have drivers who can help with this". Just let Kay know you would like a pick up.

"The tater tots come frozen in a bag. They can be put in the freezer upstairs or downstairs. The most economical packages I found were the five-pound family fun bag. Both Giant Eagle, Kroger and Gordon Food Service carry the five-pound bags. The corn should be family-size bags. The fresh fruit we are looking for are cuties/Clementines or mandarin oranges – small citrus that is easy to peel – and bananas. We will break them down into small bunches. Remember for all the food, we are serving 125 dinners."

A total of 240 or 20 dozen cookies are also needed.

"There is also a need for servers. Five to six servers will be good to have. For any questions contact Kay.

The sign up for food and helping can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library.

"Following is the recipe for Sloppy Joes – from **Kathy Mimplitch** – that has been used in the past.

"Thank you all for your commitment to this ministry."

2 lb lean ground beef or ground turkey

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

1 tsp garlic powder

2 tsp prepared yellow mustard

1 1/2 cups ketchup

6 tsp brown sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion and green pepper. Drain off liquids. Stir in garlic powder, mustard, ketchup and brown sugar. Mix thoroughly. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

This makes ~ 12 servings.

Notes from Kathy: "I usually omit the green pepper (I don't like it)! I sometimes use ketchup and barbecue sauce instead of just ketchup. I almost double the brown sugar as I like it sweet."

## **Sister Act Changes Dates, to Meet March 22**

Sister Act will now hold its March meeting on “Finding Your Passion – Cooking” on **Sunday, March 22** here at the church immediately following the Adult Forum. **Kay Ernsthansen**, who is organizing the event, writes, “Since the menu is a surprise, I do need some guidance ... If anyone has any food allergies or foods they absolutely don't eat, please let her know.

“Second: I need a head count. If you will be joining us, please let me know by email or text by **Saturday, Feb. 28**.

“I will be letting attendees know what I would like them to bring no later than **March 15**.

“So you can plan, we will be doing the cooking in the church basement. I'm looking at vegetarian options ... looking thru a cookbook from **Bill Boys** and watching America's Test Kitchen and Milk Street. The options are wide open!”

## **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 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:** On hiatus.

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

## Important Emails

[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 both **Holly Ragland** and **Cindy Batts**, daughters of **Kathy** and **Tom Mimpltich** who are facing health challenges; and for **Georgeann Neuzil**, **Linda Williams'** sister-in-law who is hospitalized in Istanbul.

## 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

3-Ranel Hoddinott 3-Larry Trover  
4-Petra Williams 7-Earl Bradley\*  
8-Helen Brunston 8-Al Rider  
13-Dave Engel 14-Laura Warren  
14-Tim Watson 15-Kristi Hildebrand  
17-David Williams 24-Carol Heacock  
27-Margie Farnham 30-Colin Young

\*Earl Bradley celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 7!!!

*If folks want to send him a card, his address is 5688 Notre Dame Pl., Columbus 43213-1490*

## The Wider Church

### Concordia College to Perform in Columbus

The Concordia Choir from Moorhead, MN, under the direction of **Dr. Michael Culloton**, will perform in Peace Lutheran Church (455 Clark State Rd.) on **Thursday, March 5** at 7 p.m. The concert by this 68-member a cappella choir will include numbers from the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements.

This choir is featured on the PBS in the Concordia Christmas Concerts.

Tickets, which run from free student tickets to \$44.52 for adult premium seating, can be purchased online [HERE](#).

### Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**March 3** Remember in prayer the bishops of our church as they gather for the spring Conference of Bishops meeting. Give thanks for their faith, gifts, wisdom and careful deliberation, which God uses to benefit and guide the church and its leaders.

**4** “Grace knocks us flat, preventing any form of self-congratulation. All the good we achieve is to be attributed to God rather than to ourselves” (**Kathryn Tanner, *Christ the Key***). Ask the Spirit to help us embrace the free, undeserved gift of grace — love, forgiveness and new life — that is made real to us through baptism and the life, teaching, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**5** Remember in prayer those recovering from winter storms and flooding in various regions of our country, that they will receive support, encouragement and resources from neighbors, communities of faith, and disaster relief agencies and ministries, including Lutheran Disaster Response.

**6 World Day of Prayer** Take time today to pray for siblings of Christ around the world. Give thanks for this vast ecumenical community of faith that is called and equipped by the Spirit to do God’s work in the world — together.

**7** Pray for young adults who are considering or have applied to be volunteers in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program for 2026-27, a yearlong opportunity for international service and ministry alongside our companion churches and organizations.

**8** When Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman drawing water at a well, he reveals himself to be the promised Messiah, the truth and source of living water — love, mercy, new life and salvation. Pray that we will demonstrate gratitude and joy to God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with *all* people, including family, neighbors, friends, strangers, immigrants and refugees of all cultures, nationalities and life experiences.

**9** Pray for the ministries and organizations that help us understand the value and fragility of creation and the environment. Bless their work as they remind us of our responsibility to be grateful, wise and responsible stewards of these gifts from God — gifts that nourish us and sustain all living things. Remember in prayer the ministries of synod creation care teams, Lutherans Restoring Creation, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, the Creation Care Network, ELCA Advocacy and Creation Justice Ministries.

## 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**.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### Third Sunday in Lent

**March 8, 2025 – 10 a.m.**

### Lessons

**Readings:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

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

+ For Redeemer community members Becky and Larry Trover.

**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 Alysha Bird, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch's daughters Holly Ragland and Cindy Batts.

## Worship Leaders

Presiding	<b>Rev. Emlyn Ott</b>
Preacher	<b>Rev. Teddy Ceasar</b>
Assisting Minister	<b>Lynn Belhorn</b>
Cantor	<b>Linda Williams</b>
Organist & Senior Choir Director	<b>Kathy Rapp</b>
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	<b>Karen Kent</b>
Usher	<b>Nate Ott</b>
Verger	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
Producers	<b>Tom Mimlitch, Miles Smith</b>
Communion Prep	<b>Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Kathleen Zwanziger</b>
Hospitality	<b>Ashley and Judith Bird</b>

*No altar flowers during Lent*

*The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services CHOICES.*

## Upcoming Events at Redeemer

**March 2 - 9, 2026**

<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 Scouts #2462
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	5:15 p.m.	ZOOM Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup and Conversation
	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Service IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</b>
	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON & ZOOM
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class
<b>Monday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS

# 2026 Lenten Worship

## *Lenten Wednesdays*

*February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25*

### *Soup and Conversation*

*Noon*



### *Evening Prayer*

*7:00 pm*

**IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM**



## *Palm Sunday*

*March 29 – following worship*

*Youth Easter Party – crafts and egg hunt*



## *Maundy Thursday*

*April 2*

*7:00 pm with Foot- and Hand- Washing*

**IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM**



## *Good Friday*

*April 3*

*7:00 pm Worship – The Gospel of John*

**IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM**



## *Resurrection of Our Lord*

*Sunday, April 5*

*8:30 am Worship*

**IN-PERSON**

*9:45 am Easter Brunch*

*11:00 am Worship*

**IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM**



**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