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Coming Up at Redeemer

BREAD Nehemiah Action Event Set for May 12

This year, BREAD's Nehemiah Action is set for Tuesday, May 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the Celeste Center at the fairgrounds. Progress will be updated on the following three campaigns:

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

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.

RLC to Serve Dinner at First English May 14

Kay Ernsthansen writes: "On Thursday, May 14 Redeemer is scheduled to provide the dinner at First English. The menu includes Sloppy Joes Dinner which need to arrive at First English hot. If you are making Sloppy Joes and 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. We will need to be at First English at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Unique 'Yard Sale' Set for May 17 after Worship

When the "Lutheran Posse" helped Bill Boys clean out his home, some items seemed too special to donate. These items included some unique items that are being made available to anyone in the congregation who would like have a memento of **Ruth and Bill Boys**: some artwork that hung in their house, some of Ruth's old jewelry, some blankets, art supplies, and office supplies. These items will be on display Sunday, May 17 in the Sunday School room across from the nursery.

After church, feel free to look through these special items and take them home.

There is no cost for these items; although donations to the Good Samaritan fund or the Immigration Fund in honor of Bill and Ruth Boys are always appreciated.

Movie Night to View 'Harold and Maude' May 17!

The return of Movie Night will see the showing of "Harold and Maude" at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. According to **Pastor Elizabeth**, this film from 1971, tells the story of "Harold (**Bud Cort**), a wealthy young man obsessed with death, and Maude (**Ruth Gordon**) who is on the verge of 80 and full of passion for life. What makes her that way? And how will this unlikely friendship change Harold? Like **Jesus** said, Come and See.

"The soundtrack to this cult classic is pure 1971 **Cat Stevens**. The message is perfect for living out the Feast of the Ascension."

"We're inviting people to bring snacks, their favorite pizza, drinks, etc." *Feel free to bring a friend!*

Following the movie and discussion, the group will discuss plans for future movie nights.

"Trigger Warning: there are several staged suicide attempts in the movie. Pastor Elizabeth is happy to talk with anyone who may want more information."

RLC Leaders

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The Redeemer Community

Final Adult Forum Invites Recommendations for 'Great Big Lutheran Beach Read'

For the final session of the Adult Forum for the season on Sunday, May 17, **Pastor Elizabeth** invites folks to bring the title and author of a book they love that would make a good summer read.

Everyone gets three to five minutes to share their suggestion.

There may be door prizes.....

CROP Walk Now Taking Donations

Although this year's CROP Walk for the alleviation of local and world hunger is not officially until Sunday, Oct. 4, the website is now up and accepting donations, coordinator **Connie Criswell** says. "When you donate to the CROP Walk, neighbors near and far will have the life-sustaining support they need – whether providing food for families in Honduras or assistance to hurricane victims in Florida.

"With less government assistance to hunger programs, our donations are needed more than ever."

The Redeemer Team webpage is [HERE](#).

Save the Date: Columbus Pride Parade Saturday, June 20

This year's Columbus Pride parade will take place on Saturday, June 20. The ELCA marchers will again be meeting ahead of the march at Trinity Lutheran Church downtown. Registration details will be shared in early June, but questions should be directed to **Mary Benis**. "This is such a meaningful way to show our support for the LGBTQIA+ community -- please plan to take part!"

Plans Getting Underway for Summer Basketball Camp

Plans are now getting underway for Redeemer to again sponsor the summer Basketball Skill Building Camp. It will run – rain or shine – from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, June 15 - July 22. Following the death of founding coach **Larry Jones**, **Thomas Mitchell** becomes primary coach, assisted by **Andre Mitchell**, assistant coach, and **Stan Harris**, camp director.

The camp is for both girls and boys, ages 8 to 14. The information meeting is set for Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. here at the church.

One or two additional adult volunteers, male or female, are needed from Redeemer the camp. (Yes, both girls and boys participate in this program!) You may volunteer for all or for part of the sessions. Please see **Mike Benis** or **Larry Trover** if you may be interested.

Noisy Offering to Go to Columbus Diaper Bank

Contributions through Redeemer's Noisy Offering will now be going to the Columbus Diaper Bank. **Kay Ernsthausen** reports, "The Columbus Diaper Bank does not distribute diapers directly to individuals. Diapers are distributed through a network of service organizations. By working with organizations that are established in the community it allows the Columbus Diaper Bank to contribute a resource to our partners, increasing their services to the community. It also allows us to be efficient and to utilize the organization's expertise to distribute to families and babies in need."

Partners include Columbus Public Health, Celebrate One, Little Bottoms Free Store, Homeless Families Foundation, Huckleberry House, Lower Lights Christian Health Center, Lutheran Social Services Choices for Victims of Domestic Violence, Food Pantries: Broad Street Food Pantry, NNEMAP Food Pantry, Vineyard Columbus Northside Food Pantry, Worthington Resource Pantry, Bishop Griffin Center, GRIN Food Pantry, Baptist For Life of Central Ohio and Gladden Food Pantry,

The diaper bank highlights the following "diaper realities":

- A baby needs eight-10 diapers a day. That's about 3,650 diapers a year.
- Diapers cost between \$100-\$150 a month.
- Most laundromats and day care centers do not except cloth diapers.

Kay notes that several of the organizations listed Redeemer has supported either thru volunteer hours or other designated "Noisy Offerings."

"This is just another organization we can support – that turns around and helps the community."

Tuesday Bible Study Continues

Redeemer's Tuesday Bible Study continues on Tuesdays, both in-person and online beginning at 1 p.m. 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.

Check It Out: Narthex Art Reflects Theme of Joy!

The Narthex art exhibit which is up through the Easter season reflects the theme of *Joy!* Many wonderful pieces are on loan from members depicting their vision of "joy." There are even a couple of pieces from Redeemer's own collection as well as an original creation by Redeemer's youth led by **Krista Skipper**.

Volunteers Sought for Variety of Opportunities

Slots Open to Sponsor Flowers for Worship

There are two slots open to sponsor the Sunday flowers moving through Summer. This is an opportunity to remember a loved one, honor someone, acknowledge a special event. Dates open include Sundays July 19 and Aug. 9.

Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library. Flowers are \$20 and payment envelop can also be found on the bulletin board. Just fill out the front and put the envelop with check into the offering plate.

Volunteers Sought to Provide Refreshments after Worship over Summer

The list to provide refreshments following summer worship services is now up. Check now and get the date of your choice!

It doesn't need to be elaborate. Coffee, teas are in the cupboard and packaged cookies are under the counters. Reach out to **Jon Disbro** with any questions.

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

Volunteers to Read at Summer Worship Services Needed

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates over the summer. The new list is on the bulletin board next to the library. **Readers of all ages, including youth and children, are encouraged to participate.**

Readings are posted next to the sign-up, and also sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings.

Transportation Assistance Needed for Two Dates in June

While folks have volunteered to provide transportation assistance for **WilFrantz Raymond** to get to his twice-weekly English classes, there are still two dates open in the near future: Monday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 3. If this something you can do, please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board next to the Library. For details, see the announcement on the bulletin board or the May 4 issue of *Reflections*.

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 cremains 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: Zoom can [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 – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Elizabeth**.

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 or call **Diane Brobeck** at 614-266-6930.

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

Confirmation Set for Pentecost, May 24

Kathryn Ott and **Miles Smith** will be confirmed on Pentecost, Sunday, May 24, during the 10 a.m. worship service. Special refreshments will follow the service.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Bob Telerski** who is recovering from a stroke. Bob is the husband of RLC friend and Bishop Griffin garden maven **Marge Telerski** and a friend of the Trover family.

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Prayers for comfort are asked for Redeemer members **Elizabeth George** and **Paul Voytas** on the death of Elizabeth's mother **Meta George** on April 30 and for **Cindy Batts**, daughter of **Kathy** and **Tom Mimplitch**, and for her family on the death of her father-in-law.

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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.

May Birthdays

14-Ty Pawlowski 17-Mary Benis
17-Ken Jones* 18-Maddie Sutphin
19-Al Debelak 21-Paul Voytas
22-Dave Lippert 26-Brad Dana
26-Kathie Ehrich 26-Melissa Sutphin

*Ken Jones turns 96 on Sunday, May 17!! His address for those wishing to send him a card is 158 Ironclad Dr., Columbus OH 43213.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

May 12 Pray for those who are suffering, grieving or seeking help. Ask the Spirit to guide your efforts as you respond not with judgment but with love, care and sensitivity.

13 Pray for ministries and community programs that provide education and counseling for parents, day care and youth ministry for children, shelter and services for families that are homeless, and time and space for every family to grow in faith together.

14 Ascension of Our Lord Ask for God's patience as our faith matures, deepening our appreciation for what God has given *all* humanity through Jesus Christ. Pray that the Spirit will clarify for us God's enduring love and forgiveness, the gift of salvation and how we might live in community.

15 Pray for leaders, voting members and others as they gather for the assemblies of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, Saint Paul Area Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

16 Pray for leaders, voting members and others as they gather for the Northern Great Lakes Synod assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

17 Pray for leaders, voting members and others as they gather for the Southeastern Iowa Synod assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

18 Pray for our siblings in Christ, both in our congregations and around the world, who share our heritage and accompany us in our baptismal journeys as we do God's work in the world together.

The Wider Church

A Poem from Pastor Steve Bond

Warblers

a poem for May 8, 2026

In a sudden flash of yellow
they arrived this morning
surprising me at my window
unbidden like grace.

There was, of course, nothing
I could do to hold them still;
a moment's waiting, perched
on a branch, and then gone.

Not long enough even
for a picture. All I have
is the memory contained
in a few quick words.

Plenty in this world threatens
to make us forget such things:
the latest atrocity
sweeps them from our minds,

or they are drowned out
by clinking glass and speeches
as loud men toast themselves while
they're having a ball.

So much to entertain,
anesthetize, or frighten us,
and keep us from remembering
uncommodified life.

Yet here is the stubborn fact
of freely given birdsong
presenting itself as evidence
there is something here worth loving.

HopeWood Shores Sets 'Servant Weekends'

HopeWood Shores has set "Servant Weekends" to tackle projects at the two camps including landscaping, painting, cleaning up winter damage, raking trails, special building projects and more to help beautify the grounds and facilities.

Servant Weekends for HopeWood Shores continue Fridays-Sundays, May 15-17.

To register for HopeWood Shores go [HERE](#).

The Community Beyond

Singing Buckeyes Concert Set for May 30

Scott Steiner invites Redeemer members and friends to the Saturday, May 30 concert of the "Singing Buckeyes" – a barbershop quartet he sings with. The free concert, "What a Day for a Daydream," will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church (268 Hill Rd. N., Pickerington) and begins at 5 p.m. Find more information [HERE](#).

Getting Ready for Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 African International Lutheran Mission in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Sue Yehling.

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' sons Greg and David Williams and sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Nate and Alyssha Bird, Kathy and Tom Mimplitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Michelle Clemence and family, LaVerna Reinoehl.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Communion Prep	Eileen Day, Michele Disbro
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Hospitality	Melissa Hackim

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The Noisy Offering will go to Columbus Diaper Bank.*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer May 11-18, 2026

Monday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m. TOPS
	6:30 p.m. A Brewing Faith – Seventh Son Brewing
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	6:40 p.m. BREAD Nehemiah Action – Celeste Center
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
Thursday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	4:30 p.m. RLC serves at First English
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Suzuki Senior Recital
Sunday	8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m. IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
	11:15 a.m. Sunday School for ALL ages
	5:30 p.m. Movie Night
Monday	1:00 p.m. Bexley/Berwick Dementia Support Group
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m. TOPS
	5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 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