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Krista Skipper Provides Update on Call Process

“Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Bob Abrams met with the Call Committee last week for training. He reviewed the expectations for first and second interviews with candidates. The most common way to receive the names of candidates is “The Bishop, through her assistant, reviews the Rostered Minister Profiles (RMPs) of candidates available in the portal, interviews those outside of the Southern Ohio Synod, and assesses whether there may be a match.”

“Our committee is now beginning the interview process. We have asked the council to set a budget for travel expenses for any potential second interviews.

“We appreciate your prayers and support during this time. Our committee is feeling energized and hopeful!

“We will not be able to share any details about candidates, the RMPs, or the interviews. As stated in “A Guide to the Call Process” by the Southern Ohio Synod, *“This phase is entirely confidential. There is no time when the name or personal information of a candidate may be revealed by the Call Committee to anyone (unless checking references with the candidate’s permission), except when transmitting the name of the primary candidate to the council president.”*

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.

Come, join these young members of Redeemer’s family as they take this next step on their faith journey!

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!”

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
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 Ernsthausen

CALL COMMITTEE

Joss Dana Zak Hinkle-Moore
Emily Ott Sheryl Owens
Al Rider Krista Skipper, Chair
April Smith Kathleen Zwanziger

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Emlyn Ott Rich Pautsch

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Wendy Stoica, Chair Hitoshi Phillips
Emily Kent John Kennedy
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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The Redeemer Community

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](#).

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 Ernsthansen** 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 is still one date open in the near future: **Monday, June 22**. All dates in July and August are open. 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 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: 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

Skoogs Invite Congregation to Graduation Party

Michelle and Rob Skoog warmly invite any of their Redeemer Family to their house at 37 N. Stanwood, Bexley, on Memorial Day, May 25 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for an open house celebrating the graduations of Izzy and Sophie Skoog from Bexley High School. No gifts, please.

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Prayers for healing and health are asked for **Kelley Frank** as she faces upcoming surgeries this week and next month in her cancer battle. Prayers are also asked for her partner **Trina Thornton** as they face this journey together.

May Birthdays

18-Maddie Sutphin

19-Al Debelak 21-Paul Voytas

22-Dave Lippert 26-Brad Dana

26-Kathie Ehrich 26-Melissa Sutphin

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

May 19 Give thanks for the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology and for scientists, science teachers, researchers and church leaders who work to explain the implications of science and technology for Christian faith.

20 Ask God to bless the work of ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Advocacy Network, AMMPARO, ELCA Racial Justice Ministries and other programs and ministries of our church.

21 Remember in prayer young adults and professional leaders as they prepare to serve campers of all ages and abilities in Lutheran outdoor ministries across the country. Pray for the Spirit to nurture their enthusiasm for doing God’s work this summer.

22 Give thanks for the ELCA Prison Reentry and Advocacy Network, which provides leaders, resources and opportunities for congregations and individuals to accompany people in prisons, jails and juvenile detention centers. Pray that our congregations will welcome and support those working to reclaim their lives after incarceration.

23 “In hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.” (Romans 8:24-25) Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith

in God's promises and in what Jesus Christ taught us. Pray for reassurance when we feel pressured to prove our faith and defend our beliefs.

24 Day of Pentecost Give thanks for the Holy Spirit, through which we invite people of all nations, races, genders, cultures, languages and ages to believe in God's love, mercy and presence in the world. Praise God for the rich diversity of humanity, which yields a variety of gifts for sharing the gospel, serving our neighbors and growing the church.

25 Memorial Day Remember, mourn and give thanks for those in the military who gave their lives for justice, peace and the freedom of our country and all nations. Pray for the safety of those currently serving in the military and for the well-being of their families.

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](#).

New Recycling Convenience Center Opens in Worthington

A new Recycling Convenience Center has opened in Worthington at 380 Highland Avenue. The facility was funded in large part by a nearly \$30,000 grant from SWACO, and will be a year-round collection point for residents to drop off harder-to-recycle items that can't be placed in a curbside recycling cart. The new facility is located adjacent to the Worthington's Service and Engineering Building, and is open to the public for the responsible disposal and recycling of materials such as electronics, Styrofoam, car batteries, anti-freeze and motor oil, and food scraps.

"Franklin County residents are passionate about sustainability, and every item that we recycle keeps valuable materials out of the landfill, conserves resources, and helps ensure our landfill continues to serve our community for years to come," said SWACO Assistant Executive Director Scott Perry.

Seventy-six percent of the waste that comes to the Franklin County Landfill could have been reused, recycled, or composted, including more than a million pounds of food waste each day. SWACO's Recycle Right, Save More Than Food, and Choose To Reuse programs all provide resources to help Franklin County residents make good, sustainable decisions about the items they're throwing away. Funding for this facility was provided as part of SWACO's "Greenprint for a Sustainable Future," a strategic roadmap designed to increase the region's diversion rate and foster environmental stewardship through sustainable waste management, community engagement, and transformational leadership.

In addition, SWACO provided more than \$275,000 in grants this year to local communities, schools, faith-based organizations, and nonprofits to fund programs that divert waste away from the landfill. SWACO also operates its own Recycling Convenience Center at 2566 Jackson Pike.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the new Worthington Recycling Convenience Center, or visit RecycleRight.org to find closer drop-off location.

Getting Ready for Worship

Pentecost

Wear Red!!

May 24, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of All Saints Church: A Lutheran-Episcopal Community in Washington Courthours.

+ For Redeemer community membes Jennifer and Tim Young, Colin Young.

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 Alyssa Bird, Kathy and Tom Mimplitch's daughter Holly Ragland, LaVerna Reinoehl.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Readers	Kathryn Ott and Miles Smith
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Communion Prep	Eileen Day, Michele Disbro
Producers	Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Confirmation Celebration

*Flowers are given by Judith and Ashley Bird in memory of Julia Tieman.
The Noisy Offering will go to Columbus Diaper Bank.*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer May 18-25, 2026

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
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act – Pursuing Travel
Thursday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Confirmation
Monday	5:00 p.m.	TOPS

Nehemiah Action – Tuesday, May 12

Thank you everyone! It was a great night...for BREAD, for Redeemer and for Justice in Central Ohio!

Thank you to **Pastor Elizabeth** for the opening meditation and to **Emily Ott** for ASL interpretation.

From **Pastor Elizabeth**: “Your turnout last night, and ALL of the hard work that preceded last night, is so inspiring. You are making justice happen!”



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