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Coming Up at Redeemer

Summer Book Group to Read, Discuss 'Separation of Church/Hate'

Redeemer's summer reading will be *The Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists and Flock-Fleecing Frauds* by John Fugelsang. Pastor Elizabeth writes, "The book provides practical guidance for engaging in conversations with family, friends, or coworkers who use religion to justify harmful beliefs. Fugelsang combines humor, biblical knowledge, and political insight to reveal inconsistencies in fundamentalist arguments and to encourage debates grounded in compassion and reason."

This was one of the books that was highlighted during the recent Adult Forum "Beach Reads" segment. (See story, May 25 *Reflections*.)

Anyone wishing to discuss the book is welcome to gather here at the church at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 24-July 22. More details to follow!

Plan to March for PRIDE Saturday, June 20

This year's PRIDE parade will take place on Saturday morning, June 20. Once again, ELCA marchers will gather together at Trinity Lutheran Church downtown, at 404 S. 3rd St., at 8:30 a.m. and will then move as a group to the holding location to await the beginning of the parade. Then everyone will march in the parade behind the ELCA banner.

All marchers must register to receive a wristband, which is required to participate in the parade. To add your name to the list of marchers, click [HERE](#), fill in the requested information, and then submit your response.

"This is such a meaningful way to show our support for the LGBTQIA community at a time when many other messages and actions are decidedly negative. If you have questions about the parade, feel free to contact **Pastor Brad Gee**, who's coordinating the ELCA efforts this year at pastorbrad@epiphany-lutheran.com or 248.470.3185.

"If you're planning to march with the Lutherans, please let **Mary Benis** know so we can be looking for each other and/or can help with transportation if needed."

Summer Basketball Camp Begins in One Week; 8 Oz. Bottles of Water Needed

Registration for Redeemer's Basketball Skill Building Camp is up to 31 youth as it gears up to get underway this week with the information meeting set for Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. The camp – for both girls and boys, ages 8 to 14 – will run, rain or shine, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, June 15 - July 22. That means now is also time to start bringing **8 oz.** bottles of water. (**That's the small bottles.**) They can be placed in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

Following the death of founding coach **Larry Jones**, **Thomas Mitchell** becomes primary coach, assisted by **Andre Mitchell**, assistant coach, and **Stan Harris**, camp director.

Besides water, the program needs one or two additional adult volunteers, male or female, from Redeemer to support the coaches and help with supervision of the youth. You may volunteer for all or for part of the sessions. Please see **Mike Benis** or **Larry Trover** if you may be interested.

RLC Leaders

OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Sister Act Retreat Looks Like It Was *Lot* of Fun!!



Sister Act had its retreat Saturday, June 6. drawing many of the congregation's women! Even rain couldn't dampen their spirits! (Should think again about setting it on the weekend of the Memorial Golf Tournament...)

From Laura Warren: Redeemer's Website: Past, Present, Future

Redeemer's Website Past and Present

“Have you taken a look at the church website [HERE](#)? It was created by **Kristi Hildebrand** and a small team several years ago led by **Mary Benis** and has been a wonderful tool to keep the congregation and interested people informed. Did you know that some of our new members have found our church through the website, including **Lynn Belhorn**? Thank you, Kristi!

Redeemer's Website Future

“We need volunteers to help support the church's website for the future. We are in discussions with a firm that would provide ‘under the hood’ platform support and ease in modifications and features. A few volunteers to be the website contact and help drive this effort are needed.

“Please contact the church's office here at info@redeemerluth.com and/or **Laura Warren** at laura.warren214@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.”

Calling All Redeemer Baseball Lovers!

The reconstituted Fellowship Team is planning a trip to Huntington Park on **Wednesday, July 29**. The Clippers will be playing the Toledo Mudhens, beginning at 7:05 p.m. Plenty of food will be available for purchase. As is normal on Wednesdays, some items will be \$1. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway to let us know how many tickets (\$11 each) we will need to purchase. Please sign up by **Wednesday, July 15** to allow time for tickets to be purchased, received, and distributed.

Join your fellow baseball fans for an evening of fellowship!

Updates to Emergency Contact Numbers

Many of members have given emergency contact numbers to the church office. But times change for all -- it may be time for folks to revisit those contacts and make sure that the list is still accurate. Contact **Kathleen Zwanziger** (kzwanosu69@gmail.com) or the church office (info@Redeemerluth.com) to make any necessary changes (or be reminded who you listed!).

Garden Giveaway Open for Business on Saturdays

Redeemer's gardeners has now begun the Saturday giveaways, starting at 10 a.m. on the parking lot. Picking begins at 9 a.m. Volunteers are to help are always welcome! Check with **Jon Disbro** with questions.

Two Requests from Outreach Team

Corn hole game -- Every year Redeemer's Outreach Team staffs a table at Berwick Elementary School for Neighbor Night Out, this year on **Tuesday, Aug. 4**, **Mary Benis** writes. "We'd like to encourage folks to visit our table by offering a fun game – and treats, of course. If you have a corn hole game we could borrow for that evening, please let Mary or any other member of the team know."

Website monitor – All of the outreach team members oversee various other ministries, so the website sometimes gets less attention than it needs. Mary notes, "We're looking for someone of just about any age who would be able to give the website a careful look every week or so to spot any needed updates, which could then be passed along to the Outreach Team. If you might be or know of such a person, please let **Mary Benis** or any other member of the team know." (See separate story, this issue, on the website from **Laura Warren**.)

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**.

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."

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.

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

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(s) of your choice! Open dates include **June 28**, most of July and all of August.

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

Most dates in July and August are open for folks to volunteer to provide transportation assistance for **WilFrantz Raymond** to get to his twice-weekly English classes. If this is 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*.

RLC Food Pantry Team Needs One More Volunteer for June 18

A slot remains open to volunteer on Redeemer's **Thursday, June 18** date at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry. Check with **Kathleen Zwanziger** for details.

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.

Tuesday Bible Study: Zoom can be found: [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077; Passcode: 338045

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

Summer Book Group: Zoom can be found [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 889 3638 2605; Passcode: 721097

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

An Update from Kelley Frank + Way to Help

Kelley Frank wrote this week: ‘Your continued spoken and unspoken prayers, positive vibes, amazing love, and encouragement are incredibly thoughtful and comforting ...we feel SO very loved and held. You are community at its best 😊

“While it has been a roller coaster the past couple of weeks, sometimes delays are a gift and we have welcomed the extra few days to take care of some important inside/outside tasks, take a step back for reflection, be more intentional about preparing/planning for surgery/recovery time, and enjoy some unexpected unplanned time!

“@ April, thank you for the Isaiah passage from the Message. Perfect verse for this time ...

“Trina will share updates next week as they occur.”

To assist Kelley and **Trina Thornton** through the next weeks, a meal train is set up to help provide them meals. Gift cards are encouraged due to their location but home cooked meals are also welcome.

Please contact **Eileen Day** for details, text or email eileenday1@hotmail.com .

A Note from Kathleen Zwanziger

“Recently I had my three-year post-transplant appointment. I learned that many of the things to which I have had to say ‘no,’ I can now say ‘yes’ (like eating raspberries and raw cauliflower!).

“Perhaps you noticed I did not wear my mask last Sunday to church – but if I hear lots of coughing or sneezing, the pink mask will return! Thanks to all of you who were careful to help me observe all those ‘NOs.’ I greatly appreciate your care and concern.

“You perhaps also noticed I used those three years to grow my hair to once again donate. That was much easier than donating a kidney! Again, a special thank you to Wendy.

“Each of us can do something to make the world a better place: providing transportation to church or medical appointments, working at the food pantry, or simply smiling a welcome to someone new.

“Redeemer members, you are a blessing to many!”

***Christ in Our Home* for July-Sept. Available**

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet *Christ in Our Home* for July through September is now available on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

Copies of ‘*Living Lutheran*’ Available

Copies of the latest issue of *Living Lutheran* are available in the Narthex (under the TV) for anyone to take home.

‘Orange Bag’ Recycling Available in Narthex

One of the trashcan receptacles in the Narthex has been designated for “orange bag” recycling – that is plastic items that can not be recycled through the normal processes. This includes plasticware, Solo cups, straws. Just deposit those items and Redeemer members will see that the bag is recycled properly.

June Birthdays

9-Elinn Neal 11-Cassandra Reinoehl
12-Clyde Boreman 13-Jim Riley
16-Jil Williams 18-Jessica Fisher
20-Katie Jacobs 23-Nathaniel Bird
24-Andy Day 26-Eric Reinoehl
27-Micheline Saint Felix 30-Julie Brush

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

- 9 Remember in prayer the 4,000 young adults who lead summer camp programs at our 112 Lutheran outdoor ministry sites across the United States and Puerto Rico, programs that include youth camps, adult and family camps, travel and adventure camps, day camps, servant learning events and more.
- 10 “Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts” (Psalm 33:2-3). Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving for cantors, church musicians and choirs that help us express our faith, joys and laments when we gather for worship.
- 11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, 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.
- 12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Southwestern Pennsylvania synods, 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.
- 13 Remember in prayer individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, that their faith, gifts and abilities will be valued and affirmed in the church and society. Give thanks for the work, services and advocacy of ELCA Disability Ministries and the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network.
- 14 Thank God for calling, equipping and sending us into our communities and the world, accompanied by our siblings in Christ, our global companions, our ecumenical partners and organizations that share our vision of serving neighbors in need and doing God’s work in the world — together.
- 15 Give thanks for those who make you laugh and smile, lifting your spirits.

The Community Beyond

Reynoldsburg Community Band Sets June Concert Dates

You’ve heard them as soloists here at Redeemer, come hear **Linda Williams** and **April Smith** play their flutes as part of the Reynoldsburg Community Band! June concert dates are as follows:

- **Monday, June 15** at 7 p.m. at Reynoldsburg Senior Center, 1520 Davidson Dr., Reynoldsburg.
- **Sunday, June 28** at 6:30 p.m. Concert on the Lawn at the Livingston House, 1792 Graham Rd., Reynoldsburg.

Getting Ready for Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 23

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Ascension Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Sara Auman and Julianne Johnson.

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 Mimlitch's daughter Holly Ragland, LaVerna Reinoehl, Cora Marquez.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Lynn Belhorn
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Communion Prep	Kathleen Zwanziger, Krista Skipper, Karen Rider
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Hospitality	Laura and Terry Warren

*Flowers are given by Kathleen Zwanziger in honor of Jamie's high school graduation.
The Noisy Offering will go to Columbus Diaper Bank.*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer June 8- June 15, 2026

Monday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m. TOPS
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	6:30 p.m. A Brewing Faith at Budd Dairy Food Hall (1086 N. Fourth St., Columbus)
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
Thursday	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	6:30 p.m. Basketball Camp Orientation
Saturday	10:00 a.m. Garden Giveaway
Sunday	10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
Monday	1:00 p.m. Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Support Group
	3:00 p.m. Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m. TOPS
	5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m. Basketball Camp

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