



Reflections

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Redeemer Installs New Pastor

With the presentation of the letter certifying the call of **Pastor Kayla Hopgood** to be Redeemer's next pastor by **Council President Ashley Bird** to the **Assistant to the Bishop Bob Abrams**, her call became official **Sunday, Oct. 4** during the morning worship service.

Joining in the celebration were over 100 members and friends of the congregation as well as a dozen clergy – visitors from Trinity Seminary and Capital University as well Redeemer's own members who are also pastors.

Also participating in the ceremony were youth of the congregation, **Kathryn Ott** and **Miles Smith**, as they exhorted Pastor Kayla "to baptize, to teach and to forgive sins." **Vice President Lynn Belhorn** and **Becky Fisher** charged Pastor Kayla with proclaiming the good news and presiding at the Lord's Supper.

Following the service, Redeemer's Church Council hosted a reception, as folks got to mingle and bask in the joy of the day.

A special thanks goes out to those who helped with the reception including **Kathleen Zwanziger**, **Michele Disbro**, **Sue Yehling**, **Kay Ernsthansen**, **Kathy Mimplitch** and other council members who contributed food and helped with the setup and clean up.

(See more pictures of the day's events from **Kristi Hildebrand** on page 11 of this issue.)



Pastor Kayla and family, including Miles Hopgood, Felix and Alma Hopgood



Visiting and Redeemer clergy participated in the installation. They included, from, left to right, Rev. Dr. Rachel Wrenn, Rev. Dr. Ian McMichael, Rev. Dr. Brad Binau, Rev. Diandra Darby, Rev. Dr. Kerstin Hedlund, Pastor Kayla, Rev. Dr. Miles Hopgood, Assistant to the Bishop Bob Abrams, Rev. Wilfrantz Raymond, Rev. Larry Trover, Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott and Rev. Al Rider.

RLC Leaders

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Pastor Kayla Hopgood

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 Mimplitch

Property - Sue Yehling

Stewardship - Brad Phillips

APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer - Kay Ernsthansen

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Emlyn Ott Rich Pautsch

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

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The Redeemer Community

Sister Act Plans Fall Retreat

Sister Act will hold its fall retreat at HopeWood Pines/Lutheran Memorial Camp on **Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11**. The theme for this year is “Rest and Receive: A Sabbath of Gratitude.”

The retreat will be held in the Priebe Center, which has a large meeting room, kitchenette and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds.

Cost for the weekend is \$105 and \$17 for Saturday only. (Checks should be made out to HopeWood Pines.)

There is also a \$25 fee to cover the cost of meals for the weekend or \$15 for Saturday only. This is in addition, to the above cost.

Questions should be directed to **Carol Heacock, Michele Disbro** or **Kay Ernsthausen**.

Folks are asked to think about this observation from **Martin Luther**: “God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars” and this from **Ralph Waldo Emerson**, “Adopt the pace of Nature, her secret is patience.”

‘Blessing of Animals’ Set for Oct. 11

The blessing of members’, friends’ and neighbors’ pets is set for **Sunday, Oct. 11** on Redeemer’s front lawn. It runs from 2 to 4 p.m. and critters of all shapes and sizes are welcome!

Folks are also welcome to bring photos of former pets they continue to hold in their hearts.



Redeemer Raises over \$17,000 for 2026 CROP Walk

As of **Monday, Oct. 5**, Redeemer’s team of **Connie Criswell, Kelley Frank, Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica, Trina Thornton**, and **Kathy Zwanziger** had raised a total of \$17,023 for the 2026 CROP Walk which was held **Sunday, Oct. 5**. This is 98 percent of the goal of \$17,368.

Donations will be taken for two more weeks.

While folks were asked to donate earlier this year in the face of government cuts to food programs, the need is still greater than ever. “So if you have not yet donated, or wish to donate further, our Redeemer Team website is [HERE](#).”

Online donations are preferred, but cash and checks made out to CWS/CROP are also welcome.



Kathleen Zwanziger

Photos for New Picture Directory Set for Oct. 18, Oct. 25

Kristi Hildebrand writes, “Can you believe it has been three years since we created our last picture directory? It’s time for a refresh — and just in time to give the Hopgoods an updated copy!”

“We would love to include a photo of everyone who regularly attends Redeemer, including both members and friends. We have welcomed many new members and friends since our last directory, and we’d love to add their photos. We’ll also be happy to take a new photo of anyone who would like one, especially our kids as they grow and change! If you were included in the 2023 directory and would prefer to reuse your previous photo, that’s perfectly fine, too.”

The photography area will be set up in the Library **for two more Sunday mornings before and after worship**. “We are taking a hiatus on **Sunday, Oct. 11**, but we will be taking photos on Sundays, **Oct. 18 and Oct. 25**.”

“We hope everyone will participate and help us create an updated directory that reflects our wonderful Redeemer family!”

BREAD Kicks Off New Year!

BREAD enters its new season celebrating two major wins: the Rental Registry and Non-Police Crisis Response. This year, the group is focused on two campaigns: Trees Protect Us! We Protect Trees! and A Brighter Future Starts Today: We Need Pathways to Better Pay. (Redeemer’s bulletin board has updated information.)

Related to the first topic, BREAD’s Environmental Justice Committee is asking BREAD members to respond to a city of Coumbus survey related to its efforts to revise its zoning process. Specifically, BREAD members are asked to respond to the survey, asking that the new zoning code integrate tree protections — particularly regulations protecting trees on private property under development — into the revised zoning code.

To respond to the survey, go [HERE](#) and select the second box, “I want to comment generally on the draft code.” In the box that reads, “Please share your general thoughts on the draft zoning code,” please insert a message similar to the following: ‘I would like to see protections for trees on private property under development incorporated into the revised code, as recommended in the report by the city’s chosen consultant on how to protect mature trees on private property. According to the Urban Forestry Master Plan, the consultant and other experts, we cannot achieve the goal of 40 percent tree canopy by planting alone; we must protect mature trees.’”

Public comment period is open until **Saturday, Oct. 24.**

Upcoming Dates:

- **RLC Listening Session:** Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:15 AM (Room 2 & Zoom)
- **Annual Assembly:** Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.
- **Rally:** Monday, March 29, 2027
- **Nehemiah Action:** Monday, April 26, 2027

Uno! Spoons! Scrabble!

The Fellowship Team is holding a **Game Night** on **Friday, Oct. 23!** Folks are asked to bring their favorite game, a snack to share, and a desire to have fun. The game could be simple and short – or more complicated and take more time. The snack could be popcorn or pizza – and could serve as supper or not.

It will start at 6 p.m. here at Redeemer. Hope to see you there! (And ask **Kathleen Zwanziger** about her grandfather.)

Sign Up for Advent Devotions Now Available

Connie Criswell announced Sunday that the sign-up sheet for this year’s Advent devotional booklet is now up on the bulletin board next to the Library. The deadline for entries is **Monday, Nov. 9.** They should be sent to **Mary Benis** at mkbenis@yahoo.com . Sign up early to get a choice of scriptures which is what the daily devotions are based on.

2026 Basketball Camp: ‘Much Appreciated’

This year’s camp had 71 young folks enrolled, with 44 completing the program and receiving certificates. A good number of parents completed the after-camp survey and were quite clear about how much their kids had gotten from the camp – e.g., fun, skills, discipline, friends, teamwork.

They also had numerous suggestions for the camp (such as wanting the camp to go longer) and for other programs Redeemer might offer in the future (flag football, softball, soccer, cheerleading, and more).

Mary Benis reports that the Outreach Team would be happy to share all the responses with anyone who’s interested. “Rest assured that the basketball camp is much appreciated.”

Remembrance Garden Update

There are now a few permanent pages in the Memorial Book, as well as a sign by the door to the garden that gives helpful information and guidelines. Please take a look.

Mary Benis, council liaison for outreach, reminds the congregation, “Just as we welcome 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. Memorial pages can be included in the Memorial Book regardless of whether the person’s or the pet’s remains are included in the garden. Just contact the office for more information or guidance.

“Congratulations to us all for bringing this dream to fruition. Beyond fulfilling its intended purpose, the Remembrance Garden has greatly enhanced the appearance of the north side of our building.”

‘Come From Away’ on Stage at Wagnalls Community Theater

Experience the heartwarming and inspiring story of “Come From Away” at Wagnalls Memorial **Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6–8** and **Nov. 13–15.** This award-winning musical tells the remarkable true story of nearly 7,000 stranded airline passengers and the small Newfoundland town that welcomed them in the wake of **Sept. 11, 2001.**

Filled with music, humor, and humanity, “Come From Away” celebrates kindness, community, and the connections that bring people together during extraordinary times.

Volunteers for Council Positions, Special Funds Needed

The Congregational Council is seeking nominations of voting members to fill the following positions for the 2027-28 term (two years), effective **Jan. 1, 2027**. Interested individuals may nominate themselves or another voting member, with their permission.

Vice President

- During the first year, performs the duties of the President in the President's absence or incapacity or at the president's request.
- During the second year, assumes the position of President
 - presides over meetings of the Congregation and Council
 - ex-officio member of all congregational committees
 - empowered to implement decisions of the congregation and the Council

Secretary

- Keeps accurate written record of all proceedings of the Council and meetings of the congregation.

Education Ministry Representative

- Ensures regular meetings of the Education Committee are held and written minutes provided to Council.
- Attends Council meetings, representing the Education Committee's perspective in Council matters.
- Ensures that opportunities for spiritual growth are offered to all ages, including Sunday School for youth, preparation for confirmation, encouraging and supporting all youth in their participation in the life of the congregation.

Special Funds Team Representative

This position is open for a term of three years, beginning Jan. 1, 2027. The Special Funds Team monitors and administers the Mission Endowment Fund, Memorial and Special Gift funds.

If interested or wanting more information, contact **Vice President Lynn Belhorn**, phone: 419-722-3921 or email at lynn.belhorn@gmail.com.

Collections for Thanksgiving Bags Begins Oct. 5

Thanksgiving is coming! To make it a joyful holiday for many neighbors, Redeemer will again be assembling Thanksgiving bags that will be distributed by Lutheran Social Services. Please use reusable shopping bags or the thicker plastic bags like the Kroger Click List style bag. (Paper bags tend to rip while being stored and distributed.) DO NOT include any item in glass jars.

Bags will be accepted as early as **Monday, Oct. 5** and no later than **Monday, Nov. 16**. Just like last year, the foods needed are the following:

- 13.75 oz box mashed potatoes (or one box)
- 2 cans of mixed fruit (suggestions: peaches, applesauce, pears)
- 2 cans of corn
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box (or pouch) of stuffing mix
- 1 gravy packet
- 1 box dessert mix



Noisy Offering to Go to Lutheran World Relief!

For now until the Advent season, Redeemer's Noisy Offering will be given to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). According to LWR, its mission is "affirming God's love for all people." They do this by working with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. LWR's vision is "a healthy world forever flourishing in dignity and justice" and its values include the following: "Disruptive, Interconnected, Agile, Inclusive." More information on LWR can be found [HERE](#).

Tuesday Bible Study

Pastor Kayla will lead Redeemer's Tuesday Bible Study as it continues, both in-person and online, beginning at 1 p.m. on **Tuesday, Oct. 6**.

Treats are solicited if anyone is so inclined.
For Zoom link, see separate “Zoom Links” story this issue.

Book Discussion Continues on Third Wednesdays

Sheryl Owens announced Sunday that the discussion of the summer’s book, *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 Fegelsang on the third Wednesdays beginning at 2 p.m. in the Narthex. The next meeting is set for Oct. 21.

What RLC’s Sanctuary Art Portrays ... Part 7

Editor’s Note: Michelle Clemence Michelle Clemence has been asked to explain some/all of the artwork in the Sanctuary. This is the seventh in a series of articles.

“Artist, architect, and industrial designer Leon Gordon Miller (1917-1985) created the seven framed prints hanging in the sanctuary. Last submission, I talked about the three on the south walls. Here are the four on the north walls, starting between the organ and piano:



Psalm 104:13-14 (New Living Translation)

“You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.
‘You cause grass to grow for the cattle.
‘You cause plants to grow for the people to use.
‘You allow them to produce food from the earth.’”

Isaiah III Isaiah 2:4

“To my eye, it’s easier to see this print as Swords into Plowshares than the print on the other side of the sanctuary by that name.”

Ezekiel Ezekiel 1:4 (New International Version)

“I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal.”

Hosea Hosea 8:14 (New Living Translation)

“[God said,] ‘Israel has built great palaces, and Judah has fortified its cities. But they have both forgotten their Maker. Therefore, I will send down fire on their palaces and burn their fortresses.’”

“Former Redeemer members **Tom Rabenold** and **Lou Staffilino** purchased and framed the collection in memory of charter member **Dick Kautz** (1925-2018).”

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers to Read at Fall Worship Services Needed

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates over the fall. 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.

RLC 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

Adult Education Forum Zoom can be found [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 883 2879 6239; Passcode: 890127.

Important Emails

Pastor@RedeemerLuth.com – use for directly communication with **Pastor Kayla**.

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

Prayers of thanksgiving and celebration are asked on behalf of **Bill Boys** who has returned to his residence at Creekside! It’s been good to see him in church. Prayers for healing are asked for **Maddie Sutphin** who had cataract surgery Monday on her second eye. Prayers are also asked for **Jon Disbro** who hurt his back and is laid up at home. Prayers are also asked for **Michelle Clemence** who is having knee replacement surgery on **Monday, Oct. 12**.

Prayers for healing are asked for **Shirley Cannon** who is beginning cancer treatment.

A Note of Thanks

Barbara Hairston sent thanks to Redeemer, writing, “Thanks for all the cards and all the good well wishes, the love from Redeemer.”

October Birthdays

9-Bill Boys

9-Eileene Welker 11-Sue Watson

11-Thea Barbour Harms 16-Eileen Day

19-Renee McFarland 19-Miles Smith

23-Skye Andree 23-Cason Day

23-Sandra Keaton 24-Bret Day
24-Leyton Wolfe 25-Madeline Gosnell
26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin
26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips
30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

RESOURCES

Latest Church Directory Available

Hard copies of Redeemer's latest directory are available in the church office. Folks interested in a digital copy, should email the church office at info@RedeemerLuth.com.

Copies of 'Living Lutheran' Available in Narthex

Copies of the latest issue of *Living Lutheran*, the official publication of the ELCA, can be found in the Narthex beneath the TV. The copies are free.

Christ in Our Home for October - December Available

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

VIDEOS

Tribute to Pastor Elizabeth Available Online

Kristi Hildebrand prepared a wonderful video tribute to Pastor Elizabeth and her time here. It can be found [HERE](#).

Link Available for Sunday Adult Forum on Transitions

Members interested in hearing the Sunday, Sept. 6 Adult Forum with Pastor Elizabeth on transitions and the role of pastors and interim pastors in serving congregations, should call the church office for the link.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

October 6 Pray for the health and well-being of military personnel who are separated from family, friends and communities of faith while deployed for extended tours of duty around the world. Ask God to help us accompany and support their families and loved ones during their absence.

7 Remember in prayer immigrants and asylum seekers. Ask for guidance, wisdom and courage as we accompany these neighbors and siblings in Christ, helping them remain hopeful in the face of criticism and mistrust and supporting them through the complex process of becoming U.S. citizens.

8 "In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*). Ask the Spirit to help us show recognition and gratitude for those who enrich our lives through their care, wisdom, friendship, generosity and spiritual encouragement.

9 Give thanks for congregational ministries and community programs that attend to the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of older adults and that provide opportunities for them to use their gifts, faith, wisdom, experience and desire to serve others.

10 God has given us abundant resources to ensure that the hungry have access to nourishing, life-sustaining food. Pray that we will respond to their immediate needs, seek sustainable solutions, and advocate for our leaders, government and institutions to address the needs of our neighbors, especially children and youth, with compassion.

11 Ask God to help us go beyond the walls of our sanctuaries as we serve our neighbors in need and invite others to follow Jesus Christ. Ask the Spirit to stir our trust in God's ability to use our unique gifts, skills and passions for ministry, especially when we doubt ourselves.

12 Indigenous Peoples' Day Give thanks for Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas and other parts of the world for thousands of years. Pray that we will not overlook them in our telling of history and that we will honor our church's commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing, respect and unity as children of God.

The Wider Church

Ohĩgni wičhaungkiksuyapi kte 'We Will Always Remember Them'

In 2025, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly passed a memorial that made clear the church's commitment to tell the truth about the long-term damage caused by Indian boarding schools. The ELCA is committed to be a part of the "Truth and Healing" movement.

Scope

In September 2022, the ELCA launched the work with an initial 15 synods across four midwestern states. In May 2023, efforts expanded to 27 synods across 10 additional midwestern states, covering all of ELCA Regions 3, 5, and 6. In 2026, this will expand to all ELCA synods across all 50 states.

Vision

A nationwide network of ELCA members who ...

- Conduct research to identify Indian boarding schools and day schools sponsored or supported by Lutherans (approx. 1820-1970) and secure all records.
- Educate other Lutherans about Indian boarding schools through worship, learning opportunities, and communications.

- Participate in an ongoing truth and healing process for both Native peoples and White ELCA Lutherans.

... with the goal of members throughout the ELCA knowing and claiming our complicity in the history of church-sponsored Indian boarding schools and these schools' deliberate, devastating impacts on Native people and their communities, then and now.

September 30 is National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools. Folks are asked to participate in the following three ways:

- to wear orange on September 30
- to sign up for continued learning and training [HERE](#):
- to pray.

Luther Seminary Begins Next Chapter

The Board of Trustees of Luther Seminary in St. Paul announced the impending sale of its Upper Campus property to a development company, with the school remaining on the campus through the end of the current academic year.

The seminary plans to move to a location in downtown Minneapolis with housing for residential students to be offered starting June 1, 2027 at Augsburg University.

Luther Seminary President Robin Steinke writes, "These milestones mean that we are entering a season of farewell to our beloved campus in St. Paul. We hope alumni and friends will join us on campus throughout the coming months to remember, honor, and celebrate all that this place has meant to so many. We invite you to follow along on our relocation website [HERE](#) and to continue holding Luther Seminary in prayer as we move forward, trusting God."

First English Discussion Series Returns

The First English Lutheran Church Discussion Series "Impacting Community ... Discussion. Action. Change." returns on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. with the next ones featuring a speaker from the League of Women Voters on **Sunday, Oct. 25.**

The sessions, which run from 4:30 to 6 p.m., are sponsored by First English and Urban Connections. They will be held at First English, 1015 E. Main St., Columbus.

Questions should be emailed to info@urban-connections.org.

The Community Beyond

Deadline to Register to Vote Set for Oct. 5

Military and overseas voting has begun as the deadline to register to vote in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election approaches. Uniformed And Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballots started to be sent on Friday, Sept. 18. Meanwhile, the deadline to register to vote is **Monday, Oct. 5**, with boards of elections and the Ohio secretary of state's office open until 9 p.m. on that date to receive late registrations.

Absentee voting begins by mail and in-person on **Tuesday, Oct. 6**. Boards of elections will be open for early voting under the following schedule:

- Tuesday, Oct. 6 through Friday, Oct. 9: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12 through Friday, Oct. 16: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 23: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 26 and Wednesday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Oct. 30: 7:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: 7:30 a.m. through 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31: 8 a.m. through 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 1: 1-5 p.m.

Polls will be open on **Tuesday, Nov. 3** from 6:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m.

Additionally, absentee ballot applications to vote by mail must be received by boards of elections by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Completed absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Mailed UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by Saturday, Nov. 7 in order to be counted.

Getting Ready for Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Hope Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member Heidi Carman.

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, Becky and Larry Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston; Wilfrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie; Don Luck, Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Linda Williams' sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Karen Rider's friends Nancy McGinnis and Eileene (Judith) Welker, LaVerna Reinoehl, Drusanne Shaulis, Don Crosley's mother Wanda, and Bob Rapp.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Kayla Hopgood
Assisting Minister	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Brad Dana
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Communion Prep	Becky Trover, Melissa Hackim
Producers	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Melissa Hackim

*Flowers are given by Brad Binau and Ann Palmerton in honor of their 38th anniversary.
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer
October 5 - 12, 2026

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	4:30 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #2462
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:15 p.m.	Outreach Team via ZOOM
Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	RLC at Food Pantry
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	7:30 p.m.	
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Friday		Sister Act Retreat
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Chime Choir
		Sister Act Retreat
Sunday		Sister Act Retreat
	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages!
	2:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS

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

RLC Celebrates Installation of New Pastor

