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Pastor Kayla Looks at Upcoming 'Allhallowtide'

Halloween is just as holy as All Saints' Day. Any child is likely to realize this obvious fact, but if you're new to this idea: hear me out.

The word nerds among us will realize holy is embedded into the name of Halloween itself: hallows meaning holy to give us All Hallows' Eve. The historians among us will love following the rabbit trail of its Celtic pagan origins. Druids came together on the 31st, believing it to be a day when the veil between the dead and living was the thinnest. Dressed in costume (read: animal heads), they would offer agricultural sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

When Christianity became more popularized, Celtic practices started to weave their way into the rituals of the church. All Saints Day, first instituted in the 9th century, was purposefully put on Nov. 1; the church's way of acknowledging how thin the veil can feel between the living and the dead. Like any big feast day in the church, Nov. 1 first started on Oct. 31 with a vigil. Later on, All Souls' Day was instituted on Nov. 2, which made up the trifecta known as Allhallowtide, a time to remember the final things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

When we come together on All Saints, we will acknowledge the power of resurrection through remembering our baptism, lighting the Christ candle, and celebrating Communion.

But Halloween gives us an opportunity to celebrate resurrection, too. It might not look as fancy as All Saints, but in the spooky fun of the night, we get to make fun of the ghoulishness of this world. In fact, doing so is an act of joyful resilience to all the injustices we and our neighbors face.

So go ahead and don the scariest costume, enjoy your favorite scary movie, and revel in the night of foolery and fun.

Don't think that any of these activities are separated from your spiritual life. They are done acknowledging that death no longer has its grip upon us. As **Martin Luther**, who was always one to jest at evil, said, "... when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: 'I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is **Jesus Christ**, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!'"

Happy and holy Halloween, dear church.

Pr. Kayla

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The Redeemer Community

Fall Back

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 1**, so set clocks *back* one hour Saturday night or risk being early for church and being drafted to sing in the choir!



Excitement Builds ... Literally as Narthex Art Switches Out This Week

Inspired by the installation of Redeemer's new pastor and the upcoming holiday season, the next Narthex art theme is "Excitement," **Emily Kent** announced Sunday. "If you have a piece of art that fits this theme you'd like to lend for the display, please bring it to church by **Friday, Oct. 30**. We will be changing the art on the morning of **Saturday, Oct. 31**."

Adult Forum Continues Look at ELCA Social Message on Homelessness

On **Sunday, Nov. 1**, the Adult Forum concludes its two week study on the revisions proposed for the ELCA's social message, "Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment." The ELCA has set a deadline of the end of November to provide feedback on this draft.

To find the social message online [click here](#). On Sunday, **Pastor Kayla** will also have printed copies of the "draft social message with changes marked" which can be found by [clicking here](#).

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the class will focus on "Walking with People Who Are Homeless."

"Our close study of this text can help shape the church's language, especially how the ELCA articulates the challenges and its call to action. Your perspective on this process matters. I can't wait to hear it."

Collections for Thanksgiving Bags Underway

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 are now being accepted until **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



Youth to Pack Thanksgiving Bags

Katie Jacobs announced that for the Youth Sunday School in November, the kids will put together some Thanksgiving bags. They are seeking food donations (see above) from folks who may not want to provide an entire bag of Thanksgiving provisions. "That way, if people come across a great sale on corn or pumpkin, etc., they can still help out." The class will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 8** so items should be brought by then.

RLC to Serve Dinner at First English on Nov. 12

Redeemer's next opportunity to feed those in need will be on **Thursday, Nov. 12** at First English Church from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. According to coordinator **Kay Ernsthansen**, "We will be preparing our much requested Sloppy Joe and tater tots menu. First English has asked that we prepare for 80 people."

The sign-up is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Library. There are aluminum pans on the rack in the coatroom that can be used for sloppy joes or cookies or brownies, for those wanting to bake.

Questions should be directed to Kay at kaernsthausen@gmail.com.

First English is located at the corner of E. Main St and 22nd Ave. (1015 E. Main St, Columbus, 43205).

Two BREAD Events Coming Up

Kristi Hildebrand reminds folks about two upcoming BREAD events: the first, the **Annual Assembly**, will be held on **Monday, Nov. 16**. Then, on Monday, Dec. 14, the **Research Kick-off** will take place here at **Redeemer**

Lutheran Church. ***"Please mark this on your calendar and try to come if you can, to help welcome the Network Members to our church."***

"The Research Kick-Off is just what it sounds like, a kick-off for the research teams. The structure is that everyone meets together for general updates. Then we split into campaign groups for campaign specific updates.

"At Redeemer, they would like to do the first part in the Sanctuary. For the second part, the larger group will stay in the Sanctuary, and the smaller group will go to another location, such as Room 2.

"The more Redeemer folks that we can have available to welcome people, point out the restrooms, answer questions, etc., the better."

"And of course, you will get important updates and next steps from our two campaigns:

- "Trees protect us! We protect trees!"
- "A Brighter Future Starts Today! We Need Pathways to Better Pay!"

Upcoming Dates for Network Members

- Annual Assembly: **Monday, Nov. 16** at 7 p.m. Location: St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church, [6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.](#)
- Research Kick-Off: **Monday, Dec. 14** at 7 p.m. Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1555 S James Rd.
- Rally: **Monday, March 29, 2027**: Location TBD.
- RLC Network Meeting: **Wednesday, Feb 27, 2027** (Room 2 & Zoom) -- *The big date for everyone:*
- Nehemiah Action: Monday, **April 26, 2027**: Location TBD

Time to Order Poinsettias!

Yes, it is that time to order poinsettias for Christmas! They are \$8 per plant and can be ordered in red, white or pink. The order is due the **Sunday, Nov. 22**, before Thanksgiving. The envelopes are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Complete the envelope with your name and the dedication. Put cash or check in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate. The dedications can be: "in Memory" of a loved one, "in Honor" of loved ones or "To the Glory of God". There will be a dedication page included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Don't wait...Don't forget...Order Now!!

Questions should be directed to **Kay Ernsthausen** at kaernsthausen@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Sister Act to Explore 'Taste of SoulCollage'

Sister Act will gather **Saturday, Nov. 7** from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Redeemer for a **Taste of SoulCollage**. According to **Kelley Frank**, "SoulCollage is an intuitive, creative collage journey to embrace self-discovery and deepen your relationships with your inner self, your community, and your higher power (however you name it). No artistic talent is necessary! The SoulCollage process utilizes 8x5 cards, a variety of images, and your intuition and imagination. Please bring a notebook or journal and a pen. You are welcome to bring any of your own images as well.

"As this gathering will be reflective and contemplative, it will be an in-person only gathering. All supplies will be provided, thanks in large part to the generosity of Thrivent Financial. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you want. Please RSVP to Kelley by **Saturday, Oct. 31**. You can reach out to Kelley at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or [740-475-8498](tel:740-475-8498) for any questions, as well."

'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.

Check with **Brad Binau** about possibly going down for a performance together.

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. 27**.

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

Next Movie Night Set for Nov. 15

“The Holiday” with **Kate Winslet** and **Cameron Diaz** will be shown at Redeemer’s next Movie Night on **Sunday, Nov. 15** at 5:30 p.m. here at the church. Two women who are fed up with love find each other's homes on a home swap website and decide to get away for the holidays.

They are both trying to forget their troubled love lives, but love finds them anyway!

What RLC’s Sanctuary Art Portrays ... Part 9

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

The church calendar’s “Ordinary Time” was been interrupted by a festival: Reformation Sunday! The “color” of the day was red, as is the Day of Pentecost.

“I designed the multi-tone altar hanging with Pentecost Day in mind. ‘When the day of Pentecost had come, they [the disciples] were all together in one place. ...Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.’ (Acts 2:1,3)”

“This idea is duplicated in the left processional banner.

“The right processional banner picks up Acts 2:4: ‘All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.’ The Holy Spirit being depicted as a dove comes from Jesus’ baptism by John in Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, and John 1:32.

“The center processional banner is the reverse side of Redeemer Tree. It is a cross using the colors of the Pride flag (before it was expanded to include Trans, Aro/Ace, and racially marginalized people).

“Finally, the red poncho that **Pastor Kayla** donned just before Holy Communion is called a “chasuble.” It is a liturgical vestment worn by the main celebrant during Holy Communion. It is not ‘necessary’ but can be a fun addition on any Sunday, but especially for festival days. The color follows the season.

“Members of Redeemer made several chasubles (including this one) using material and orphrey banding from a liturgical supply company in the mid 1980’s.”



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 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. Memorial pages can be included in the Memorial Book regardless of whether the person’s or the pet’s cremains 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.”

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](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!!

The supply of cookies for after-worship refreshments is at an all-time low. So those who might see a good sale on packaged cookies are invited to purchase a second package to donate to the church. Just leave them on the kitchenette counter in the Narthex.

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 for healing and strength are asked for **Kathie Ehrich** who is awaiting heart surgery as she recovers from an infection. Prayers for strength and patience are also asked for Kathie’s caregiver, her sister **Nancy**. Prayers for healing and restoration are asked for **Shirley Cannon** who has surgery Tuesday for cancer. Prayers for healing continue to be asked for **Bill Boys** who is now home following a recent hospitalization. Prayers continue to be asked for **Michelle Clemence** as she recovers from knee surgery.

October Birthdays

26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin
26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips
30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

November Birthdays

2-Danica Denniss 2-Barbara Hairston
2-Neil Hoddinott 4-Felix Hopgood
9-Ruth Murray* 9-Bryce Harms
12-Emlyn Ott 13-Emily Ott
20-Zak Hinkle-Moore 21-Andy Jacobs
24-Judith Bird 24-Sarah Highland
24-Mathewoodson Raymond 26-Grace Montgomery
26-Dereck Stewart 28-Greyson Brush
29-Mary Bowling

**Ruth Murray turns 93 on Monday, Nov. 9. Her address for those wishing to send her a card is 23032 Buena Vista Road, Rockbridge OH 43149-9657*

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.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

October 27 "Give me strength to face my ill, to trust in skill and care, to bless the hands that help me heal and find your spirit there" (ACS 1021). Praise God for being present with us in times of need through those who care for us — spiritually, physically and emotionally. Ask the Spirit to help us attend to the needs of those around us and to respond with respect, sensitivity, compassion and support.

28 Remember in prayer students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds who study at our seminaries, that their faith, knowledge and skills will be strengthened and sharpened for a life of proclaiming God's love and mercy, nurturing faith and caring for neighbors and siblings in Christ.

29 Pray for those who lack consistent safe shelter, especially parents with children. Give thanks for congregations and community organizations that provide temporary and long-term shelter along with housing, meals and social services. Pray that their ministries will grow, expand and inspire others to join in the work of providing shelter.

30 Pray for youth, adults and volunteers arriving at Camp Ewalu in Iowa for the Gathering Expedition event, a time for them to explore faith, identity, purpose and leadership in their journey toward the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

31 Reformation Day Give thanks for the work of **Martin Luther** and other Protestant reformers who were inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Spirit, Scripture and prayer to renew the church through five convictions: Scripture alone, Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone and glory to God alone. Pray for the Spirit to help us consider how we might reform and renew our church for the sake of doing God's work in the world.

November 1 All Saints Day Give thanks for the global Christian community. Praise God for the bond of faith that stirs joy and inspires siblings in Christ to unite in doing God's work in the world.

2 National Native American Heritage Month Give thanks for Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, who enrich society with their diverse gifts, traditions, resilience and wisdom. Pray for Indigenous ministries and faith communities, for ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations, and for the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association, that their advocacy will guide the work of our church and society in building just relationships with Indigenous peoples.

The Wider Church

Pope Leo XIV Addresses Lutheran World Federation Delegation

The following is an excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's message to the Lutheran World Federation earlier this month and referenced by **Pastor Kayla** in her sermon on Reformation Sunday:

"I am pleased that the Lutheran-Catholic relations have matured both spiritually and theologically over the decades. The international dialogue, now in its sixth phase, has yielded important insights. A milestone in the ecumenical journey was certainly the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*. Yet the texts jointly developed in earlier years — above all *The Eucharist*, *The Ministry in the Church*, and *Ways to Community* — also deserve to be recalled and received ever more deeply.

“Five years ago, in his address to the Lutheran World Federation during a private Audience, my predecessor Pope Francis beautifully described the significance of ecumenism: ‘Ecumenism is not an exercise of ecclesial diplomacy but a *journey of grace*. It depends not on human negotiations and agreements, but on the grace of God, which purifies memories and hearts, overcomes attitudes of inflexibility and directs towards renewed communion’ (*Address to the Lutheran World Federation delegation*, 25 June 2021).

“Renewed communion in the apostolic faith, in the sacraments, and in the ministries is the goal of our ecumenical journey of grace, which we walk together guided by the Gospel. On our common journey from conflict to communion, there are special moments. As you have mentioned, the year 2030, which marks the 500th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, can become one such shared moment: a profound ecumenical experience that can give new energy and joy to the steps we will take towards full, visible unity.

When the *Confessio Augustana* was read out in Augsburg on 25 June 1530, the unity of the Western Church was imperiled but not yet shattered. The authors of the Augsburg Confession — as my predecessor Saint John Paul II put it — had the “intention of bearing witness to their faith in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” (*Address on the occasion of the 450th anniversary of the Confessio Augustana*, 25 June 1980). The Augsburg Confession was originally intended as a document of reconciliation within the Church. Only later did it come to be understood as a text of divisive confessionalization.

“Looking forward to 2030, it would be good if we could once again succeed in affirming together the pre-confessional ecumenical potential of the *Confessio Augustana*. I earnestly appeal to all believers, and especially theologians, to set their minds on Christ and his Gospel. Let us return, with deep devotion, to our common roots, to the faith of the early Church and the Church Fathers, in order to rediscover the apostolic and pre-confessional heritage which truly unites us as brothers and sisters, brothers and sisters in Christ.

“Christ must not become a ‘foreign word’ in our world. Our world needs ecumenical witnesses to Christ who make him known through their lives and actions, for Christ alone is the living source capable of fulfilling humanity’s deepest longings.

“Dear brothers and sisters, united in this shared ecumenical and missionary task, I would like to thank you once again for your visit. Let us renew our commitment to unity by praying together now as the Lord has taught us.” *The Lord’s Prayer (recited together)*.

Capital University Installs New Campus Pastor



Capital University's new campus pastor, Rev. Ian McMichael (center), was installed Sunday, Oct. 25. Redeemer's Pastor Kayla Hopgood was among those who participated as well as the Rev. Dr. Miles Hopgood and former RLC Interim Pastor Leslie Fox.

ELCA Looks to Update Social Message on 'Homelessness'

As National Homelessness Awareness Month approaches in November, the ELCA is looking to update its 1990 social message “Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment.” This social message has guided the church’s advocacy and public witness for nearly four decades.

But much has changed in those years, in the church and the world. “Our understanding of homelessness, including the words we use to describe homelessness, has grown and deepened. Emerging ministries with and

among people who are unhoused have challenged our perspectives on housing, homelessness and what it means to be a neighbor.

“Given these changes, the ELCA Church Council, at the request of the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, has authorized reconsideration of two sections of “Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment.” A reconsidered draft of the social message is now available for public comment from all ELCA members until Nov. 30.

To learn more and to download the draft social message [HERE](#) (See separate story, this issue on the Adult Forum examination of this social message.)

The Community Beyond

Early Voting Now Underway

Absentee voting by mail and in-person is now underway. Boards of elections are open for early voting under the following schedule:

- 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.

The election protection hotline phone number is 1-866-OUR VOTE.

Do You Know a Berwick Veteran?

Diane Brobeck reports that the Berwick Civic Association (BCA) Trustee Board “wishes to honor those who have served our country through U.S. military service. If you know a veteran who needs to be recognized, please send the veteran’s name, address, and military service title to Info@614Berwick.com by **Sunday, Nov. 1**. Veterans must be a current resident of Berwick (or deceased). Include your contact information so that we can follow up with you.”

Other upcoming events include the following:

- Berwick Annual Trunk or Treat/Berwick School — Thurs. Oct. 29, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Berwick Centennial Logo Contest Submissions Due — Sunday, Nov. 1; Check BCA website for more info.
- BCA Annual Meeting — Tues. Nov. 10, 6-8 p.m./Berwick School: Guest Speaker: Councilmember

Getting Ready for Worship

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member Michelle Clemence.

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 and Nancy 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 Mimplitch'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, Bob Rapp, Shirley Cannon, Michelle Clemence.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Kayla Hopgood
Assisting Minister	Joss Dana
Cantor	Al Rider
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher, Kelley Frank, Trina Thornton
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Hospitality	

*Flowers are given by Michelle Clemence in honor of Arthur Clemence's 100th birthday.
The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

Upcoming Events at Redeemer October 26 – November 2, 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
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
Sunday		Daylight Saving Time Ends
	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
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



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

Recent Activities Here at Redeemer Game Night was 'Lots of Fun'

That was **Michele Disbro's** assessment of Redeemer's Game Night last Friday, adding that there was "a great turnout!"

"Everyone enjoyed playing lots of games, sharing plenty of laughs, and sampling a wonderful variety of snacks. It was a great opportunity to relax, connect with friends, and enjoy some friendly competition. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun! Watch for future fellowship events - maybe some more game nights!"



Sister Act Retreat

Earlier this month, Sister Act members journeyed to HopeWood Pines/Lutheran Memorial Camp for its annual fall retreat, this year themed "Rest and Receive: A Sabbath of Gratitude."

