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Two Months in This, What's Surprising You?

Yesterday was our ninth Sunday not being able to gather in the same place for worship.

Instead of Pentecost, we're thinking about having confirmation on **Reformation Sunday, October 24.**

Vacation Bible School might be a long weekend sometime this fall.

Basketball Camp can't happen the way it usually does.

Choir Sunday, Sunday School Teacher thank you celebrations ... all on-hold.

We're becoming good at doing classes and meetings on Zoom. Grateful for technology that allows us to keep coming together and keep seeing and talking to each other. And, along with the gratitude, the *Zoom Fatigue* spreading across the globe makes itself known among us as well. There's just something tiring about only seeing people as two-dimensional rectangles who occasionally freeze up with odd expressions on their faces, preparing to say something profound ...

And ... and what are the gifts of this time that are surprising you? What are moments or even regular blessings that you're discovering as you live into whatever you've come to call this time we're experiencing together as those who share this planet?

Please send me some things you've found to be pleasant surprises. We'd like to include them in the Wednesday and Friday all-church emails we've been sending out since all this started as a way to remind us we are still joined by and one in the Spirit. If you'd like to take a video of yourself doing and being one of these pleasant surprises, by all means do so and send it to the church office. Maybe you'll give some of us an idea we need because our creativity is in hibernating right now.

A couple weeks ago I made cookies for the first time in years and took some to my neighbors next door – a nurse who supervises one of the floors at Harborview and who is due to deliver her second child in July, and her husband, who runs the gym where I go during normal times, and their 3-year-old who's going through toilet training.

A friend I met in Seattle who moved from there 20 years ago has become an every-other-week Skype companion. We're discovering how much we trust each other and how freeing it is to be so honest.

I've been surprised that I have zero energy for any of the "big" books on my to-read list. I pick up a book that will demand a lot of me, look at the table of contents or read a random page, and I put it right back. Normally my Internal Judge might criticize my laziness. A pleasant surprise has been discovering that my Internal Judge must have gone on vacation with my creativity, because IJ has been mercifully absent the past month.

Maybe one of the most pleasant surprises this season has brought me is to show me that the kindness, patience, and humor I've needed to show myself are gifts I can show others with relative ease. Those are muscles I hope I will keep choosing to work. So when "coming together" means something more than gathering in front of a computer screen and staring at two-dimensional rectangles, I can keep treating myself and others with those blessings.

Please do share pleasant surprises you've found. We continue to need each other!

*Blessings,
Dave Shull*

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The Redeemer Community

RLC to Serve at First English on May 14

Redeemer will be serving dinner at First English on **Thursday, May 14**. According to **Kay Ernsthausen**, who coordinates these dinners, “Now more than ever these dinners are needed.”

To accommodate the times, the menu will include a pasta bake casserole, dinner roll with butter, fruit cup and a dessert. Donations of the individual fruit cups as well as individually wrapped cookies such as Nutter Butters, HoHos, DingDongs, Whoopee pies or Little Debbies are needed – anything **individually wrapped**. For the rolls, they are seeking packages of 12 “ready to serve” rolls.

A total of **eight** casseroles are needed. Volunteers will pick up **hot** casseroles on Thursday so if you are going to prepare one or two let Kay know at email below.

A basket has been placed by the front door in the Narthex. Any time from now till May 14 the fruit cups, rolls, and desserts can be dropped off when **Office Manager Becky Trover** is in the office. It is suggested calling before coming over to make sure she is there. Or if you have a code to get in, you can come anytime.

“During this uncertain time, we need to take all precautions to serve food that is healthy and safe. That is why the individually wrapped is important. As for the casserole, we were asked for a hot dish. Most of the people don’t get a hot dish and they so like getting one. I thank you all in advance for your donations and service.”

Since sign up at church is not possible, please email Kernie032000@yahoo.com with those items you plan to donate.

Recipe for Pasta Bake

1 lb. box of penne or mini rigatoni pasta

1.5 lbs. hamburger or sausage

2 jars of spaghetti sauce

12 oz. of shredded mozzarella

2 cups shredded parmesan cheese (the green bottle is fine)

Optional ingredients: onions and/or peppers to cook with the meat, black olives, mushrooms

Cook pasta according to directions on the box. Brown meat on the stove, adding onions or peppers to this if you have them and want to. Drain fat. Add sauce to the pan and heat until it is warmed through. Combine pasta, sauce/meat mixture and mozzarella cheese. Put in a 9x13” pan. Sprinkle top with parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes, until heated through.

This can be made a day or two ahead and baked the day it is needed.

‘Brewing Faith’ to Meet on Zoom on May 12

The Brewing Faith group will meet this **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting with ID: 832 0034 3412; Password: 012748. Or copy/paste the following into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83200343412?pwd=RWdKcFpRcnBZa2NwcE5GZkQ1SDJ2Zz09>.

Healing Prayer While We Are Apart Together

The Healing Prayer Team is hoping to continue Healing Prayer during this time that Redeemer is meeting remotely.

If you have a prayer request, whether “healing” or otherwise, please contact the church office with your name and a good time to reach you by telephone. This wouldn’t be a specific time, but rather something like “Tuesday afternoon” or “any morning” or “Friday after 3 p.m.” We’ll contact a prayor who is available at your convenient time, and they will phone you to pray for and with you.

Send your requests to info@RedeemerLuth.com or phone 614-237-1263.

Adult Sunday Class Examining 'Apostles' Creed for Today`

We say the words every week in worship: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...*

Where do these words come from? Why does this statement of faith include what it does, but say nothing about the sacraments, and nothing about what a life of following Jesus looks like in practice? Are there ways earlier Christians might have heard these words that are lost to us now? If we affirm these words in worship, what do we believe we are saying? What are we committing ourselves to? What meanings do these words have for us?

These are the kinds of questions we're exploring in our Sunday Faith Exploration class. The next one is **Sunday, May 17** from 10-11 a.m. Join the Zoom Meeting ID: 813 5189 3338/Password: 017144. By phone, call 646 876 9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81351893338?pwd=NG1iaUFDdUMxOFV6ajI4UzZYKzg3UT09> .

You would bless us by your participation in this!

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **May 10** Sunday worship service is available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the Sunday Worship Bulletin, go to the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerLuth.com >News, Sermons, Devotions.

We are holding one another in prayer and in spirit as we work through this time. Go in peace, serve the Lord, wash your hands!

Tuesday Bible Study Dives into the Apostle Paul

This **Tuesday, May 12**, the Bible study group here at Redeemer continues its in-depth exploration of Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth. In this letter, Paul addresses how communities are formed, what the role of love is in our common life, what it means to be in a body as opposed to just spiritual beings, who Jesus is, what the cross of Jesus is and does, and how to imagine the brand new world he says people are living in here and now.

In other words, a letter Paul wrote around the year 55 talks about issues that Redeemer has to face today if we are to be an active, vital body of Christ today.

If you have some free time on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m., join our community of exploration, honesty, laughter, and prayer. **The Bible study is held via Zoom.** If you'd like to join us, here's the information you'll need to connect:

If you'd like to be part of the Tuesday Bible study on Zoom and have the Zoom app, then enter Zoom and use this information: Meeting ID: 870 6134 5972; Password: 001691. To enter by phone call 646-876-9923 and enter the meeting ID and password.

If you don't have the Zoom app, you should be able to join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87061345972?pwd=QVp1UjJuZlZLVjU2VHFjVjIwbzlmZz09>

Call Dave Shull at 206-725-3785 if you have any questions.

Important Emails

DShull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, 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 communicating with **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips**, and 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.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

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

Congratulations to **Jackson Harms**, son of **Seth** and **Thea Barbour-Harms**, who graduated from Reynoldsburg High School this year! Members are asked to notify the church office of any graduates in your family so we can recognize them in a future issue of *Reflections*. Just email the information to info@redeemerluth.com.

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Thanks so much to the team of volunteers who work every week to prepare and upload the Sunday worship service: **Tom Mimplitch, Michelle Disbro, Kristi Hildebrand, Tori Reed, Kathy Rapp, Karen Kent, Becky Trover** and, of course, **Pastor Dave** and all those who have served as cantors and assisting ministers. It may not be the equivalent of being in church but it is a welcome weekly reconnection to the Redeemer family!

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Pastor Dave is taking a week for some time off and for continuing education between noon on **Sunday, May 24** until **Monday morning, June 1**. Emergency pastoral care coverage **Sunday-Thursday, May 24-28** will be done by **Pastor Dave Richie**, who pastors Good Shepherd and Reformation Lutheran Churches. His number is 740-377-5883. From **Friday-Sunday, May 29-31**, emergency pastoral care coverage is by **Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church. His number is 614-832-2461. Redeemer member **Margie Farnham** will preach for the service which will be available on YouTube on **Sunday, May 31**.

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Jeremy Davis, a Redeemer member who is at the Ross Correctional Institute, is unable to receive visitors due to COVID-19 prevention efforts. In addition, Redeemer is not able to send him the group letter written each week after worship. Please send him a note sharing a greeting, thought, or prayer. It must be on a blank white 8.5x11” piece of paper; the note must be written in black or blue ink only. There can be NO enclosures of any kind. His address is Jeremy Christian Davis #758199, 16149 Ohio-104, Chillicothe OH 45601.

Members Need Assistance

Don Luck writes: "I still need help cleaning woodwork and cabinets in my house to prep for painting. NO STEP-LADDERS NEEDED. If you are willing to help, call **Tim Cooke** at 740-513-6609 for scheduling. Many thanks for considering this break from self-confinement."

In addition, members are asked if any of you have an unused working tablet, laptop, or smart phone that you are willing to either lend or donate. A member living in a single household needs it to better stream our services, download and use conversational apps like Zoom, and efficiently communicate with the rest of us. Please contact the church office if you are willing to share or lend one during this physically isolated time.

May Birthdays

11-Logan Baldogo 14-Ty Pawlowski
17-Mary Benis 17-Ken Jones
19-Al Debelak 20-Jackson Harms
21-Paul Voytas 22-Dave Lippert
22-Lea Spang 26-Kathie Ehrich
27-Jeanne Eakin 29-Barbara Willmann

COVID-19 Information

To get the most up-to-date information regarding the pandemic and Ohio's COVID-19 activities, go to the Ohio Department of Health website at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

In addition, the Southern Ohio Synod has put together a number of Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) resources online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ohdaov>. Among the items linked to are the latest "Stay Safe Ohio" order from Gov. Mike DeWine, a checklist on face coverings and cleaning and disinfecting alternatives.

The Wider Church

Faith Lutheran Sponsoring Food Drives

Faith Lutheran Church (730 Collingwood Ave., Whitehall) is sponsoring a "touchless LSS canned goods collection" from 10 a.m. to noon the next three **Sundays: May 17, May 24 and May 31**. There will be a blue bin in the parking lot, on the sidewalk near the front door as you enter from Collingwood Ave. People wishing to donate are invited to drive up to and deposit that Sunday's item in a touchless fashion.

The items will then be delivered to the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on Champion Avenue. **Each Sunday LSS is asking for a specific item:**

- 5/17 - Canned mandarin oranges (in light syrup or their own juice). approximately 11 oz. can.
- 5/24 - Canned corn and green beans (no salt added) in approximately 14-15 oz. cans.
- 5/31- Creamy peanut butter-approximately 18 oz. jar.

Updated Guide Available

The updated guide "Lutheran Introduction to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression" is now available to order for \$2.25 each. Published by ReconcilingWorks, this latest edition includes revisions "to ensure that the language is as helpful and inclusive to expanding welcome to the LGBTQIA+ community...." In addition, "new pages bring some visibility to the different ways in which someone may identify – including the flags that celebrate their diversity."

It can be ordered by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y6ugynf5> where other print items are also available.

The Community Beyond

Columbia Gas Suspends Late Payment Charges

According to information provided by Columbia Gas, the utility company has suspended late payment charges until June 1. It has also voluntarily suspended shutoffs for nonpayment and it is also offering flexible payment plans to customers "who indicate either an impact or hardship as a result of COVID-19."

To learn more, go to www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com/COVID-19.

State Provides Resources for Job Search

The state of Ohio provides a couple of website listing jobs available: they include the COVID-19 Job Search which can be found online at <https://jobsearch.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/jobsearch/>. There is also the opportunity for employers to list jobs on this site.

Another state website, OhioMeansJobs.com offers a variety of resources beyond the jobs search including virtual job fairs. It can be found at <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/>. Individuals can register by calling 614-559-5052 or emailing info@omjfc.org.

Getting Ready for Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 17, 2020

Lessons

Sunday Readings: John 14:15-21; Psalm 68: 4-10, 32-35; Acts 17:22-31

Prayer for the Times

Ever-present God, You are the giver of all life, and you know what we need even before we ask. During this time of uncertainty, fear, and precaution, let your Spirit of wholeness and health fall fresh upon your people. Continue to sustain all health care providers and first responders as they care for those who are ill. Give wisdom and insight to researchers who seek medical solutions for this virus. Provide for those families, businesses, and institutions who are financially affected during this time of caution and guide their planning as businesses begin to reopen. Comfort those who are quarantined or isolated. Give courage to college and school administrators, educators, students, and families as they celebrate and recognize accomplishments of the past year in new ways and as they begin to look ahead and plan for the fall. And call anew your church to love both you and our neighbors in new and faithful ways in the coming weeks. We trust and know that you hear our prayer, and will provide, because of your self-giving love in Jesus. It is in his name that we pray. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 Trinity Lutheran Church, Marysville.

+ For Redeemer community members Karen and Bruce Collins

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, Lea Spang, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Bonnie Hegreness, Becky Trover's sister Maddie, Jack and Shirley Miller, and Redeemer visitors.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

10 a.m., Sunday May 17: The class continues a study of the "Apostles' Creed for Today" ~ Led by Dave Shull

This class is held via Zoom. See separate story about how to participate.

This Week at Redeemer

May 12 – May 18, 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<u>Sunday</u>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM Adult Sunday School
	12:30 p.m.	ZOOM Congregation Council