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ELCA Churchwide Assembly to Convene in Columbus August 8-12

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in Columbus, **Monday-Friday, August 8-12** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The theme for the assembly is *Embody the Word*. According to the ELCA, “There’s an importance in the double meaning of the two words:

- “Embody, meaning both the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the life of the church emerging from a pandemic.
- “Word – both meaning Jesus Christ and scripture

“Luke 24:45 states, ‘Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.’ We embody the Word, both Jesus and the scripture, by speaking it and proclaiming it. In 1522: Martin Luther’s translation of the New Testament made the Word accessible to the people and revolutionized the Christian movement worldwide. 500 years later, the call to make Jesus accessible to the people still exists today and as we look to the future of this church.

“The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God’s grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- “Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- “Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- “Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws.
- “Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- “Worship together.
- “Adopt a budget.
- “Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.”

For questions about the Churchwide Assembly, including COVID-19 related questions, please visit the [frequently asked questions](#) page.

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- * Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- * Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- * During the passing of the peace, we suggest you wave or place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- * Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- * If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- * Please silence cellphones.

We have missed those of you who have not yet returned to in-person worship. There are a whole variety of worship opportunities available. If you feel safe coming back into the sanctuary, your presence and spirit would be a true blessing to us.

We are not the same without you.

RLC Summer Basketball Camp Concludes with Banquet

Redeemer's 2022 summer basketball camp, led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, concluded this past **Thursday, July 21**, with a hot dog banquet and awards program in the Fellowship Hall. "Camp was very successful this year, with over 30 campers completing the program. We are grateful for the support of those who contributed." Approximately 70 campers and their families attended the banquet. Also, a shoutout goes to **Mike Benis** who served as Redeemer's liaison for the entire camp!

Food Giveaway Serves 461

Kathy Zwanziger reports that Redeemer's monthly food giveaway in conjunction with Lutheran Social Service and the Mid-Ohio Food Collaborative served a total of 461 people last **Thursday, July 21**. A total of 27 volunteers survived the heat, helping that day – including folks who stepped up to fill spots for several regulars who were absent. "Thanks to all the volunteers who helped!"

She noted that there were 45 new families served and that all but a few bottles of glue were distributed of the "extra" school supplies that were handed out

The giveaway in August is **Thursday, August 18** and the "extra," non-food item to be distributed will be paper products (paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, baby wipes, etc.). "Your donations are always greatly appreciated!" They can be placed on the shelf in the coatroom.

Sister Act Hosts Special Event on Medical Ethics, Health Decisions

Sister Act invites the congregation to a special event on **Wednesday, August, 17** at 6:30 p.m. to learn about medical ethics and questions regarding health care decisions. **Dr. Mobin-Uddin** will present some information and allow time for questions and answers that might help attendees understand the ethics and decisions that must be made around health care and end of life concerns.

This event will be held in the sanctuary and participants are required to wear masks. "We hope you can join us for this very interesting and informative event!"

August 14 Church Picnic Celebrates Pastor Dave, Mike

Redeemer members and friends are invited to a church picnic on the lawn to celebrate the upcoming wedding of **Pastor Dave** and **Mike Allen**. It will follow worship on **Sunday, August 14** and will be held on the church lawn. Fried chicken, beverages and paper products will be provided. The congregation is invited to bring a side dish or dessert.

Although Pastor Dave and Mike have requested no gifts, Redeemer would still like to offer the opportunity to honor them with a donation to a charity. Those interested can make a donation to a charity of their choice in their honor, or can donate to Redeemer Lutheran Church (memo line: Pastor Dave & Mike). The money collected will be used to make a donation to Reconciling Works.

Plan to come for a fun celebration and fellowship! "Keep your fingers crossed for good weather." (If the weather doesn't cooperate, the celebration will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall.)

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 28, 2-4 p.m.

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." ...Ephesians 5: 1-2

The Education Ministry Team is planning an afternoon of fun on our lawn for Redeemer's kids and families, as well as our Redeemer community kids and families. All are welcome!

This year KidsFest will be a camp theme. Additional volunteers to monitor each station are still needed. "You can come up with your own activity and ideas or we can help with resources." Most activities will be under the shade of a canopy. Kids and families will rotate through stations as they like.

**KidsFest:
Camp Compassion**



Volunteer opportunities could include, but are not limited to:

Crafts

Music

Games

Story

Welcome table

Set up/Take Down

Decor

Please let **Krista Skipper** know if you would like to be a part of this community ministry opportunity. She can be reached at kristamary5114@gmail.com or by texting/calling 614-596-5886.

July Book Study Concludes This Week

Redeemer concludes its **annual summer book study**, reading and discussing *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Isabel Wilkerson**. The final session is set for **Wednesday, July 27** at 7 to 8:30 p.m. both in-person here at Redeemer and on Zoom.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 821 5241 5223; Passcode: 649376. To participate by phone, call 312 626 6799. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82152415223?pwd=N25pVmVEN1VZNEdkNVUxVGpCOXhJUT09>

Save Date for Redeemer's 65th Anniversary Celebration

On **Sunday, September 25**, Redeemer will celebrate its 65th anniversary. Redeemer members and friends are invited to an old-fashioned Redeemer celebration: a **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social**. Following worship, folks will gather in the basement Fellowship Hall for a simple lunch provided by Sister Act. Then, they can sit back to enjoy ice cream sundaes and a Redeemer Talent Show.

Talent Show? Yes, Redeemer's got talent and we're looking for folks to share theirs. In the past, we've had groups sing, instruments played, poems shared, and even THE Croatian Stepdancers performed. Some of Redeemer's technology talent will be utilized to create a video of life at Redeemer over the last 65 years (thimbles and all). Those who'd like to share their talent are asked to contact **Michele Disbro**.

"Redeemer may be turning 65 but we're not retiring from our active ministry in Berwick!"

Sunday Morning Drivers Needed

A Redeemer member living at Kensington Place, just north of Bexley, is in need of transportation to worship services. If you would be willing to be part of a transportation rotation, please let the church office know so that a schedule can be put together that works for everyone.

Providers of After-Worship Refreshments, Cookies Sought

Individuals or groups within the congregation are encouraged to sign up to provide refreshments following a worship service. It doesn't need to be elaborate: cookies, cold iced or lemonade and coffee will do. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library for those who might be willing to provide refreshments on Sundays through the summer.

In addition, donations of packaged cookies are also needed. If this is something you can do, just put them on the counter in the kitchen off the Narthex. Questions? Contact **Jon Disbro** at 614-451-3642 or at Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org.

Join the Redeemer Live Stream Team

Tom Mimplitch writes, "We are hoping to add some new faces to our live stream production team. We have some of the most advanced audio and video production equipment in Columbus, outside of commercial studios. There are five high resolution cameras that we remotely aim and zoom to capture the action wherever it is. We have wireless and wired microphones processed by a state of the art 16 channel audio mixer that is also remotely controlled. These are all controlled by software running on a PC and an iPad in our control booth.

"If you would like to learn more please stop by our booth for a tour sometime after a service (we are too busy before a service). Or contact via email at live@redeemerluth.com."

Adult Education Class Moves to 'Sermon Talkback'/'Look Ahead'

For the next several Sundays, the Adult Education Class will be a "sermon talkback" as well as a sermon "look ahead" so folks interested in discussing the themes raised by the day's sermon and the biblical text it was based on as well as the scriptures for the next Sunday can gather in Room 2 at 11:15 a.m. to share their thoughts and ideas.

BREAD Celebrates Success, Launches Investment Campaign

B.R.E.A.D. Network members gathered at Christ United Methodist Church on **Monday, June 27** to celebrate their successes over the past year and their 25th anniversary of working for justice. Because of B.R.E.A.D.:

- City Council invested \$430,000 for contracts with the National Network for Safe Communities to implement Gun Violence Intervention strategies.
- Nine Restorative Justice Circles are in place to prevent children from entering the Juvenile Justice System.
- Franklin County now has an Affordable Housing Trust Fund with \$4 million dollars to finance the development of affordable housing.
- The Franklin County Commissioners continue to approve \$6.5 million for affordable housing.
- **Councilmember and President Pro Tempore Elizabeth Brown** enthusiastically supported the Columbus canopy Restoration Project to reduce the effects of climate change.

While not every campaign has been completed, B.R.E.A.D. is hopeful with the progress that is being made. It will continue to push for One ID Columbus, the release of one-third of the American Rescue Plan dollars to go to the Affordable Housing Trust, and a reconciliation process with the Columbus Police.

"We also celebrated the attendance at the Nehemiah Action on May 10. Columbus had the largest turnout in the country for the various D.A.R.T. organizations which is the overarching organization for all

B.R.E.A.D. type justice organizations. Redeemer Lutheran Church met the goal of having the same number of attendees as the number of our weekly worship attendance. Great job, Redeemer folks!” wrote **Michele Disbro**.

Then, B.R.E.A.D. kicked off their investment drive. Network members pledged financial support toward a goal of \$180,000. For every \$1 invested in B.R.E.A.D. in 2021, \$41 was leveraged back into the community! **Redeemer would love to give an additional gift (besides the membership dues) to support the work towards justice. If you would like to support the work of B.R.E.A.D., please make your check out to Redeemer Lutheran Church and note in the memo line that the donation is for B.R.E.A.D.** [Special envelopes are also available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.] The church will gather the checks and send one large donation to B.R.E.A.D. at the end of the summer.

“What an easy way to support the fight for justice in Columbus! Help us build responsibility, equity, and dignity for all!”

RLC’s Saturday Garden Giveaways Now Every Saturday

Redeemer’s Saturday morning garden giveaways are now underway and will occur every Saturday through the summer. Picking begins at 9 a.m. while the giveaway begins at 10 a.m. and runs until the week’s harvest is gone.

Plan to come, help with the picking and the distributing! And if you have extra from your garden, please bring that to share.

LSS Food Pantry Needs Donations

Kathy Zwanziger reports that the LSS Food Pantry needs canned tuna, canned chicken, vegetable oil, and wrapped paper towels as well as cash donations. She reminds folks that donations can be leveraged to purchase more items for the same amount than we can on individual items. Whichever way you choose to donate, it is gratefully appreciated!

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates over the summer. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Noisy Offering to Go to Columbus Diaper Coalition

Redeemer’s Noisy Offering – that offering of loose change that is deposited in the offering plate just insider the entrance to the Sanctuary – will now be used to support the Columbus Diaper Coalition.

This coalition began in November 2013 because diapers are not covered by Ohio Works First, SNAP (food stamps) benefits, or any other social-service organization.

The Columbus Diaper Coalition is a diaper bank that currently supports four area food pantries. Since the supply chain for infant supplies has been interrupted and with the added stress of inflation, the diaper bank has more and more demand. The vision of the Columbus Diaper Coalition is to grow into a diaper bank that can serve all of Columbus.

For more information or where to drop off diaper donations go to:

<http://www.columbusdiapercoalition.org> .

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**, 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.

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

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

Member Directory Update: Heidi Sherer has a new email address: SallieRay@breezelineohio.net .

Card Ministry Seeks Donations of Greeting Cards

Redeemer’s Card Ministry is seeking to replenish its supply of greeting cards, especially ones that are suitable for men as well as women. They can be placed on the donation shelves in the coat room.

July Birthdays

25-Tracy Hoddinott-Ervin 27-Tom Mimlitch
29-Kathy Mimlitch 29-Becky Trover
31-Marilyn Roberts

August Birthdays

3-Kathy Pautsch 5-Julie Denniss
5-Clayton Ullman 6-Bret Jimison
8-Jessica Marquez 9-Justin Marquez
15-Seth Harms 15-Sarah Kirkman
16-Diana Gordon 16-Cathy Oldham
16-Madelyn Zimmer 17-Thelma Johnson
18-Jasper Glover Oakleaf 23-Scott Steiner
25-LaVerna Reinoehl 26-Brad Binau
27-Matthew Bird 27- Jon Disbro
29-Heather McGurer 31-Lynn Belhorn

The Wider Church

HopeWood Outdoors Upcoming Events

HopeWood Outdoors [LOMO] announces upcoming late summer and fall events. There are still openings at HopeWood Shores [Camp Luther] for both kids camp and family camp. Special events for September include Water & Wine Retreat, Wild Women's Retreat, and Camp Boo-ther. October brings a HopeWood Shores Servant Weekend and HopeWood Pines [Lutheran Memorial Camp] Apple Butter Festival.



Registration is also open for 2023 Camps.

For more information, view their newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/57p7z4t3>

Community Beyond

National Night Out Set for August 2

National Night Out is set for Tuesday, August 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of Berwick School, 2655 Scottwood Road. A collaboration of the Berwick Civic Association and local police, this event features a carnival.

Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Support Group Returns to In-Person Meetings on Second Thursdays

The Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group has returned to meeting monthly in-person here at Redeemer on the **second Thursday** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. That makes the next meeting on Thursday, August 11. Dottie Odrosky leads the group.

Wearing a mask is no longer required but is very much acceptable for those who prefer to continue to do so. Those who have not attended before are asked to register by calling 800-272-3900 or by going online to www.alz.org.

Getting Ready for Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2022 Lessons

Readings: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Luke 12:13-21

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Upcoming Churchwide Assembly

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is divided, reunite it; Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by that truth and peace, as this church prepares to gather in assembly. God of grace, hear our prayer.

A Prayer for Ukraine

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are staying: safety

For those who are fighting: peace.

For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort

For those who see no future: hope

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Grace of God Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Julie and Steve, Evelyn, Alta, and Clyde Boreman.

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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Chad Eberle's mother, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren, on being deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Connie Criswell
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Ashley Bird
Producers	Michele Disbro, Tom Mimlitch
Communion Set-up	Katie Jacobs, Diane Brobeck
Hospitality	Julianne Johnson and Sara Auman

*Flowers are given by Julianne Johnson, in memory of her mother, Dody Johnson
Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer July 26 – August 1, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	7 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
<u>Wednesday</u>	7 p.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Summer Book Study
<u>Saturday</u>	9 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM Worship with Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Adult Ed Sermon Talk Back/Look Ahead

Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community