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Generous

The root of the word generous means “to give birth.” It’s the same root of words like generate, gender, and generic. Regardless of where the root comes from, generous is at the root of who Redeemer is.

Anyone stepping into the Narthex would know this. The challenge was issued last month: *Fans, Fans, and More Fans!* Knowing meteorologists are predicting a hot summer, and knowing people on limited incomes are having to limit their purchases only to what is most essential, we were summoned to collect more box fans to distribute at the **June 20** food giveaway than the remarkable bounty we blessed folks with last year. Even though we have a couple weeks to go, we have already met that challenge! Your deep desire to bring relief and joy to neighbors facing profound financial stressors once again has been transformed into something tangible and life-changing.

But no one should be surprised. Aside from giving your sweat equity to the food giveaway month after month, each month you choose to add a little something to the food we load into people’s cars – personal care products, school supplies, whatever symbols of kindness we can give people who aren’t used to being surprised by such acts of grace. (For June, this includes summer personal care items such as sunscreen and kid’s sunscreen, body lotion, insect repellent, etc.)

And your generosity extends far beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood. In 2022, your generosity birthed contributions to Lutheran World Relief of over \$11,000. You made your love real to Ukrainians whose lives were being shattered by **Vladimir Putin’s** immoral and illegal war against them.

Such generosity wouldn’t be surprising if it flowed from a congregation of 200-300 people in worship. But we’re nowhere close to that. And yet, look how we show up, look how we give, look how we love. Such a huge spirit of compassion abides in this place.

I thought about that this past Saturday. **Brad Phillips, Wendy Stoica,** and I spent the day in Beaver Creek, Ohio, at the 2024 Synod Assembly gathering. At one point, **Bishop Susan Darcy Dillahunt** thanked the 183 churches in the Southern Ohio Synod for their financial support for the work of the synod. Throughout the day, we heard presentations from various groups expressing gratitude for the variety of ministries these contributions supported. I looked over the chart of how much each congregation had given last year. Between our regular mission support and our contributions to the Thrive! campaign, Redeemer gave \$33,342 to the synod in 2023. Of the 183 congregations in this synod, only 14 gave more to the synod than did Redeemer. I can’t know what other financial commitments many of these other congregations have. Yet I was floored to see where Redeemer’s level of support put us, since we’re clearly not anywhere close to the 15th largest congregation in the synod. Then again, maybe I shouldn’t have been surprised. Because generous is core to who you are.

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The Redeemer Community

Registration Open for RLC Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for Redeemer's summer basketball camps for youth ages 8 to 14. Led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, the camps begin **Monday, June 10**. A parent/camper orientation is set for **Thursday, June 6** at 6 p.m. in the church.

Redeemer provides these camps for free. They run for six weeks, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. They conclude on **Thursday, July 18**.

To register, call 614-237-1263. A registration form is also available on the Redeemer website.

Donations of Bottled Water Needed for Basketball Camp

Members are asked to donate **8 oz.** bottles of water for use by participants at Redeemer's Basketball Camp. They can be placed in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

How to Participate in Columbus Pride 2024

Saturday, June 15 is the Columbus Pride Parade. Area ELCA congregations hope to have at least 100 folks marching and riding behind the ELCA banner. Here's how to register:

To add your name to the list of people who will be marching or riding in this year's parade, click on the following link, fill in the information that is requested in the google doc and submit the response: <https://forms.gle/v6TcfBBJhto3YQd9> .

To order a t-shirt, click on the following link to be taken to a page with multiple sizes and colors to choose from. Once you have chosen a size and color, place the order for a t-shirt that will be delivered directly to you. <https://epiphanypickerington.secondslide.io/products/PRIDE/pride> .

The group will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church (404 S. Third St.) between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. This is where to check in and receive your wristband for the parade. No one will be permitted to march or ride without a wristband. The group will leave the parking lot together at 8:45 a.m.

For those who arrive at the church after the group leaves, text **Pastor Brad** at 248-470-3185 for information about where to meet the group. Folks are encouraged to bring a water bottle and any snacks and posters they'd like.

For those with mobility challenges and who need a ride from the parking lot to the parade route, plan to arrive at Trinity by 8 a.m. so the van can drive you to the staging area.

"Participating in this parade is an awesome way to show people who assume Christians are anti-LGBTQIA+ that there are so many of us who know the circle of God's embrace is infinite. Our Outreach Team invites you sign up and make that number even larger, so no one can doubt it!"

"If you'd like to connect with other Redeemer folks that day, let **Mary Benis** know you're marching so we can look for each other."

Fans, Fans, and More Fans!

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of box fans to be distributed at the **June 20** LSS/MidOhio\Food Giveaway. The goal for this year is 170 fans. (A total of 153 fans were collected last year.) There are over 160 fans bought – and donations are sought for 30 of those. Folks can make a monetary donation to Redeemer, noting "Fans" in the memo line. Or if you would like to donate fans **Julie Johnson** notes that Menards has had good sales with fans costing as low as \$18 a piece.

Questions should be directed to Julie at Julianne.Johnson53@gmail.com .

Fans, fans, and more fans!

Volunteers Sought to Provide Summer Hospitality following Worship

Jon Disbro writes, "I think we all enjoy the after worship refreshments and the chance to linger and connect with other folks.

"Now you have an opportunity to support that effort by signing up to provide the refreshments for a Sunday over the summer. It's very easy and there are supplied snacks, coffee, and paper products if you need them.

"In the past we have had small groups, committees, and friends sign up to do it together and enhance the normal offerings. Sign ups for June, July, and August are on the bulletin board outside the Library in the hallway.

"Sign up and see how much appreciation you will receive for whatever you offer!"

Redeemer Summer Book Study to Focus on Poverty, By America

In recent summer book studies, Redeemer's Book Group has focused on immigration, racism, and death and dying. This summer, they will discuss a book that begins with the statement: "The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why?"

Pulitzer-prize author **Matthew Desmond** dives into that question in his book *Poverty, By America*. He looks at causes, and, most importantly, presents his own solution for how actually to end poverty.

The group will meet Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. on **June 19, June 26, July 3, and July 10**. The group is starting in June because **Pastor Dave** will be at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in the middle of July. They will meet both in-person and on Zoom. The discussion on June 19 will cover the prologue and the first two chapters. For those not wishing to purchase the book, the library has a number of copies to take out.

To join the meeting via Zoom, go to the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86071756592?pwd=dm5VN2FaZWVcUk3bEQycTVRTmpSUT09>; Meeting ID: 860 7175 6592; Passcode: 322720. To join via phone, call 312 626 6799.

Both pastor and **Sheryl Owens** look forward to another summer of honest, enriching conversations.

Deadline Approaches to Drop Off Items for Youth Gathering Yard Sale!

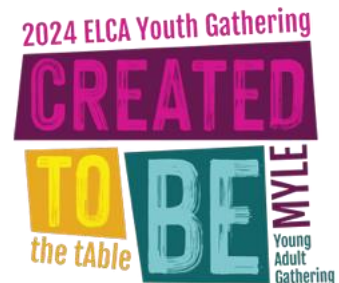
Redeemer's Youth are raising funds for the 2024 Youth Gathering by holding a yard sale on the church lawn **Saturday, June 22** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To help make the sale a success, they are looking for donations of gently used items in good condition. This could include the following:

- Clothes
- Housewares
- Books
- Toys
- Sporting goods
- And more!

"Your donation will help make the 2024 Youth Gathering a memorable experience for our young people," writes **Wendy Stoica**.

Donations can be dropped off at the church by Sunday, June 16. The current location is in the Fellowship Hall on the stage. "We will update this information soon including how to request pick up of items so stay tuned!"

In the meantime, for any questions, please contact Wendy at wendystoica@earthlink.net or call or text her at 614-477-3247.



Guest Presenters Set for Adult Ed Class

While **Pastor Dave** is on vacation, the Adult Ed class will host guest presenters the next two Sundays. On **Sunday, June 9, Grant Eckhart**, pastor of the Jacob's Porch campus ministry at Ohio State, is preaching, presiding, and leading the class to talk about issues facing campus ministry these days.

Then on **Sunday, June 16, Pastor Emlyn Ott**, a member of Redeemer, is preaching, presiding, and sharing an adult ed topic of her choice.

Join the class either in-person in Room 2 or via Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>; Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923; Passcode: 383835. Phone only: 312 626 6799.

Then, when Pastor Dave returns on **Sunday, June 23**, the class resumes the discussion of "A Draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith" which can be found online at www.elca.org/civicsandfaith. That discussion will take the class to the end of the month and the end of the class until it resumes in the fall after Labor Day.

Extra Items for June Food Giveaway

The "extra" items that Redeemer looks to distribute at the June food giveaway are summer personal care items such as sunscreen, kid's sunscreen, body lotion, insect repellent, etc. The items can be placed in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

The next giveaway is set for **Thursday, June 20**.

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus

The Tuesday Bible study is on hiatus for the next two weeks while **Pastor Dave** is on vacation. It will resume with the study of the book of Romans on **Tuesday, June 18**.

Liturgical Garments Reflect 'RLC through the Seasons'

Liturgical garments and other items worn/used by Redeemer's worship leaders over the years are the first installment in the latest Narthex Art exhibit: "Redeemer through the Seasons." Two additional exhibits under this theme are planned with the congregation's help needed for the second installment to be announced at the end of June.

The changeover, however, means that folks who loaned items for the Easter season exhibit are asked to pick those up. They can be found in the Library.



Noisy Offering to Support World Central Kitchen

Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" will go to the World Central Kitchen (WCK) which is first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world -- and it is more important than ever in a crisis.

Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that they are not alone, someone is thinking about them, and someone cares.

Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. This is the foundation of **Chef Jose Andres**, founder of World Central Kitchen. The program began after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. For seven years they worked on resilience programs investing in long- term solutions around the food needs in the Caribbean and Central America.

Then in 2017 with Hurricane Harvey hitting Houston, WCK began to move into action and respond to areas hit by natural disasters. So 2017 they went to Houston.

Recently, members of one of WCK's relief teams were killed while going into Gaza to deliver food. **Kay Ernsthansen** writes, "Since the bombing in Gaza there has been an earthquake in Taiwan. There are so many places that need food. We do what we can for our neighbors with the food giveaways and the garden and this is an opportunity to feed those who are hungry around the world. For more information on World Central Kitchen look them up at <https://wck.org>."

Being Good Stewards of Earth #4: Ways to Compost Food Scraps

Michele Disbro asks, "Do you recycle right?"

"Did you know that the Franklin County Landfill receives 1 million pounds of food EVERY day! That food can actually be composted and returned to the ground as nutrients. Some people compost food in their yards. Redeemer member, **Sue Yehling**, takes all of the inedible food scraps from the monthly food giveaways and the Saturday garden giveaways. She hauls the scraps to a compost pile on her property. Many of us do not have the space to set up a food compost in our yard and these food composting spots can often attract animals. (Sue has fun stories about watching animals drag away cracked open melons and squash, etc.) So how can we compost food at home?"

"Buy a five-gallon bucket with a lid (available at hardware stores). Deposit any food scraps (including meat and bones if you're NOT composting in your own yard) into this bucket and store out of the way. You may want to keep it in your garage and empty it more often in the summer months because it will smell when you open the lid. You can buy green compostable bucket bags to line the bucket to make it easier to empty or be prepared to rinse out the bucket at times. Then simply take your bucket to one of the many free drop off sites as listed below. Rather than fill a landfill, let's put those food scraps to good use by composting them!"

FREE Food Scraps Drop-off

Franklin County Landfill receives 1 million lbs of food Every DAY!

Bexley Curbside

***Columbus** Bill McDonald Athletic Complex, 4900 Olentangy River Road, 43214

***Columbus** Dodge Park & Community Center, 667 Sullivant Ave, 43215

***Columbus** Scioto Southland Park, 3901 Parsons Ave, 43207

****Columbus** 2566 Jackson Pike, (Some items like Tires & TV's may require a fee)

*****Columbus** 2100 Alum Creek Drive, (All accepted items are accepted free)

Dublin City Service Center parking lot at 6555 Shier Rings Road

Gahanna Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave

Grandview Heights on Douglas Street behind 1481 Goodale Blvd

Grove City Brookpark Middle School, 2803 Southwest Blvd

Hilliard Municipal Bldg 3740 Municipal Way 43026

New Albany (3) Public Service Bldg 7800 Bevelhymer Road | Village Hall 99 W. Main St

Temple Beth Shalom/All Saints Episcopal Church, 5089 Johnstown Rd

Upper Arlington Municipal Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Upper Arlington Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park, 4395 Carriage Hill Lane

Upper Arlington Fancyburg Park, 3375 Kioka Ave

Westerville (4) Public Service Dept, 350 Park Meadow Rd | Parks Dept 469 Westdale Ave |

Former Senior Center, 310 W Main St | Huber Village Park, 362 Huber Village Blvd

Whitehall Municipal Building, 360 South Yearling Road

Worthington Currently the program is at full capacity & cannot take new participants

*These locations are open to Columbus residents 24/7 and are Free

**This location takes Reuse, Recycling & Food scraps, Mon – Fri 10:30a-6p, Sat 9a-4:30p

***This location takes Reuse, Recycling & Food scraps, Tuesday – Saturday 10am-6pm

Affordable Compost Pickup Service ... 740-249-5427

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Remembering where the word generous comes from, I wonder how this spirit came to birth within Redeemer? Those of you who have been here a very long time: has this always been a part of us? If so, what sustains it? If not, what has helped to nourish it? Whatever spirits are generating it, whatever spirits are sustaining it, this is a rare gift, a rare spirit, that is gracing us.

If **Maya Angelou** was right when she said, “I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver,” then we at Redeemer must be among the freest people there are!

Dave Shull

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

Kathy Zwanziger has an extra blue, youth medium Redeemer t-shirt that is available to anyone who would like it. Two other stray t-shirts were claimed Sunday after the worship service.

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Prayers of thanksgiving are asked by **Heidi Carman** who said her cancer is in remission. Prayers are also asked for **Kathie Ehrich** who was hospitalized last week.

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Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Dave will be on vacation from **Monday-Sunday, June 3-16**, returning to the office on **Monday, June 17**. Between June 3-8, emergency pastoral coverage will be provided by **Rev. Julianne Smeck** (734-972-6126). Between June 9-14 and June 16, it will be provided by **Rev. Dave Richie** (740-377-5883). On Saturday, June 15, contact **Pastor Dave** at 206-725-3785.

Updated 2024 RLC Member Directory Now Available

The updated edition of the 2024 **Redeemer Member Directory** is now available. It can be picked up in the church office. Or call the church office at 614-237-1263 to have it either mailed or emailed. Thanks to **Diane Brobeck** for keeping this resource up-to-date!

The following update has been received since the directory has been published:

- **Helen Brunston** has a new phone number: 614-549-7295.

June Birthdays

3-Malcolm Highland 3-Rob Skoog
4-Ruth Boys 6-Nancy Steiner
9-Elinn Neal 12-Clyde Boreman
13-Jim Riley 16-Jil Williams
18-Jessica Fisher 20-Katie Jacobs
23-Nathaniel Bird

The Wider Church

Gaza and Palestine Update

Julie Johnson submitted the following update on Gaza and Palestine:



Please pray for peace and advocate for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

June 4 LGBTQ Pride Month Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us in advocating for social, institutional and legislative change that reflects justice, total inclusion and God's boundless love for humanity in all its diversity.

5 "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works" (Psalm 139:14). Turn to our Creator in prayer for comfort and confidence when you experience self-doubt or feel inadequate.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central States, Central/Southern Illinois and New England synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Caribbean Synod, Delaware-Maryland Synod, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, La Crosse Area Synod, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Sierra Pacific Synod and Southwestern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Pennsylvania and South Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

9 Give thanks and praise to God, whose power prevails over all evil and vanquishes darkness that can overshadow and frighten us.

10 Pray for Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders and staff as they prepare to welcome campers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to faith-enriching summer camps, day camps, service experiences, wilderness trips and retreats.

The Community Beyond

Alzheimer's Association to Hold 'Caregiver' Forum

The Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio Chapter will hold a community forum on "The Role of Caregiving" on **Tuesday, June 11** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bexley Library Auditorium. Topics to be covered include "The Importance of Caring for Yourself," "Importance of Support Groups" and "Support Group Experience."

Registration is requested and can be done by calling 800-272-3900. Refreshments will be provided.

Getting Ready for Worship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-25

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Peace

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Hilliard.

+ For Redeemer community members Jennifer, Tim and Colin Young.

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law Becky and Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich; Terry Warren's sister Elaine Warren, Nathaniel Bird's in-laws Rose and Wendell Jordan, John Huber.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Grant Eckhart
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Cantor	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Communion Prep	Laura Warren, Cathy Oldham, Michelle Clemence
Hospitality	Outreach Team

*Flowers are given by Julianne Johnson in memory of her parents, Dody and Oscar Johnson
Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

This Week at Redeemer **June 3 – June 10, 2024**

Monday	5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
Wednesday	12:30-4 p.m.	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp Orientation
Sunday	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Suzuki Fiddle Week through Thursday
	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Basketball Camp
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143

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