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A Place to Remember

Work on our Remembrance Garden is now underway! When the Congregation Council approved the project on September 17, the team guiding the project shared this statement which offers rationale for the garden and how it will serve our mission as a congregation: "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1.3

When people are asked why they are part of Redeemer Lutheran Church, many say, "I love this community." Going through the seasons of life together over a long period of time nurtures especially deep relationships.

So when we think about our deaths, and where we would like to be remembered, many of us want to be on the grounds of the church where so many significant events have taken place. In this holy ground, our ashes will be able to co-mingle with God's creation and with other saints who have passed on to the mystery of God's future. Here, all of God's beloved can find rest and remembrance.

We call this site a Remembering Garden because the process of grieving requires remembering, and healing begins as we can remember with less pain. We are creating a sacred space where the memory of any loss can be contemplated and find its rightful place among the memories that make us who we are. Recalling those who have died is an active task that requires courage and community. For all who have gone before us we joyfully invoke the traditional Jewish prayer:

"May their memory be a blessing."

We are pleased that the physical work on the garden was able to begin this fall. As it does, the team will continue to meet, and work with the council, to formalize the policies and procedures for the use and the care of this place to remember. A plan for landscaping the area, likely to be deferred till the spring, will also be developed once the construction is finished.

It is planned that the garden will have a self-contained "water feature." The bubbling water will remind us of the Bible's assurance that "all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death" and "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6)

We want the garden to be a place that honors all life, and where all our losses can be remembered. There will be area an area where human ashes of Redeemer members and their loved ones can be scattered or buried and co-mingle with God's creation. And there will be a separate area where the ashes of our pets can return to the earth and we can remember how they returned our love and enriched our lives.

And with that in mind, please remember that this **Sunday, Oct. 6**, from 4 to 5 p.m. we will have a "Blessing of the Animals" on the lawn between the flower garden and the Remembrance Garden. *Bring your pets and invite friends and neighbors to bring theirs!*

Pastor Brad

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The Redeemer Community

'Blessing of Animals' Set for Oct. 6

The blessing of members', friends' and neighbors' pets is set for **Sunday, Oct. 6** on Redeemer's front lawn. It runs from 4 to 5 p.m. and critters of all shapes, sizes and denominations are welcome: from schnauzers to snakes. *Stop by!* There will also be other activities.



Volunteers Needed for RLC Team at Food Pantry

Kathy Zwanziger reported that volunteers are needed this week for Redeemer's team serving at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry on **Wednesday, Oct. 2** from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The pantry is located at 1460 S. Champion Ave. at the corner of Frebis and Champion. Questions? Check with Kathy.

Carol Heacock Reports Good Neighbors Picnic 'Great Day'

Carol Heacock reported to the congregation that Saturday's "Good Neighbors Picnic" was a "great day" despite the rain. She said it was well attended and that the Free Store, where she served as a "personal shopper" for those going through, saw much of the supplies distributed. She explained that folks/families could pick out a coat, two tops and two bottoms, shoes and socks, underwear and as a final item, each could pick out a blanket.

She said that other volunteers at the Free Store included teens from St. Charles Preparatory School which is right across from Wolfe Park, from OSU and Johnstown.

Carol thanked Redeemer for its 26 years of support – both prayer and donations.

CROP Walk Set for Sunday, Oct. 13



The 2024 Central Ohio CROP Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 13** and once again, the Redeemer Lutheran Church Team is walking to raise funds for alleviating hunger, both here and around the world.

To sign up to walk or to make a donation, go to Redeemer's web page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>

Online donations are preferred, but the walkers will also accept cash and checks made out to CWS/CROP and can be given to any of Redeemer's team: **Kathy Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Heidi Sherer and Connie Criswell**. "Anyone else who would like to join us would be more than welcome!"

Sign Ups Underway for 2024 Advent Devotional Booklet

Members and friends are invited to write a devotion for Redeemer's 2024 Advent devotional booklet. The list of readings which provide the basis for the devotions is posted on the bulletin board. The meditations should be fewer than 350 words, include a title and conclude with a short prayer. Individual devotions should be emailed to **Mary Benis** by **Monday, November 11** for editing.

Call the church office at 614-237-1263 and check with booklet coordinator **Connie Criswell** at cac56@columbus.rr.com with your selections to avoid duplications. Redeemer member **Donna Voelkel** will again provide original art for the cover.

Sunday Adult Ed Continues Looking at 'Leading Causes of Life'

The Sunday Adult Ed Forum continues examining the book *Leading Causes of Life* by **Gary Gunderson** and **Larry Pray** although folks don't need to read the book to participate. **Pastor Brad** will examine the things that Gunderson and Pray insist actually *cause* life with the first examined this past Sunday being "connection" or "our capacity for interaction with all of creation." Other conditions for life and the Sundays they will be discussed are as follows:

- **Agency/Sunday, Oct. 6:** Our capacity to make things happen, even modestly.
- **Blessing/Sunday, Oct. 13:** Our capacity to care across generations.
- **Hope/Sunday, Oct. 27:** Our capacity to remember the future.

Pastor Brad writes, "I believe Jesus came to offer us abundant life. I believe God's mission is to redeem a languishing creation and restore to every corner of creation a sense of flourishing. That's why I'm all in with Gary

Gunderson and his plea that we stop staring at our consumer culture and all its empty promises about how we can defy death. Let's refocus on the health practices that actually cause life."

The Adult Ed class is held both in-person and on Zoom. To participate remotely go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>; Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581; Passcode: 752230. Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

Sister Act's Fall Women's Retreat Set for Oct. 11 - 13

With Labor Day this weekend, that means fall is just around the corner and it's time to plan to attend the Sister Act Women's Retreat. This year is scheduled for the second weekend in October at HopeWood Pines/Lutheran Memorial Camp, Friday, Oct. 11- Sunday, Oct. 13. This is the same weekend as the traditional Apple Butter Festival.

The theme this year is *Walking in Nature with God*. During this time together, the group will be celebrating the beauty of nature that is all around and being mindful of God's gift of nature that is a part of our everyday lives.

The group will be staying in the Priebe Center which is set up with a large open room for meeting and fellowship, a kitchenette, and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds. There are two bathrooms with showers, one in each wing. Outside, there is a patio with picnic tables and a fire pit which is traditionally used for the evening campfire including smores.

The cost for the weekend is \$92; for Saturday it is only \$12. **Checks should be made out to HopeWood Pines.**

The group will be eating meals at the Priebe Center again this year with each participant asked to contribute \$25 to cover the cost of food for the weekend. This contribution is separate from the check for registration.

"We welcome your input. Let us know your ideas for the weekend whether it be activities, Bible studies, crafts, music, games, worship, meals, etc. As you're thinking about the retreat, send your ideas and questions to **Michele Disbro, Carol Heacock, or Kay Ernsthansen.**"

Food Giveaway Serves 502 People

Kathleen Zwanziger reports that, "The September food giveaway was held on yet another hot day, **Thursday, Sept. 19**. Together we served 502 people, which included 146 children and 116 seniors. Once again, we had several new families (43). The traffic directors did a terrific job, utilizing three traffic lanes (to keep cars off Scottwood Road) that merged into one.

"We had a total of 24 volunteers. If you felt extra busy, keep in mind that one was a client who came early to help bag items, two were members who had worked their 'day jobs' before arriving, and two were basketball players who helped us tear down the site. Then there were all of YOU who helped by supplying us with the extras to hand out. People appreciate what we all do to help our neighbors in need. Thank you!"

The October giveaway "extras" are cleaning supplies such as wipes, paper towels, sponges, etc. These items can be dropped off in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

Council Votes to 'Retire' Parking Lot Murals

In August, the Redeemer Congregation Council voted to retire the six murals that have been hanging on the fence in the parking lot, reports **Council President Krista Skipper**. These murals, done by Columbus artist **Duarte**, had been hanging for several years and had become warped and faded. Additionally, they were adding weight to a fence that is in need of replacement.

The property team reached out to Duarte to thank him for sharing his artistry with our community and to ask for his guidance. Duarte responded, "The murals served their purpose for a season and I have no means to restore them. You can lay them to rest, throw them out, recycle or whatever works best. Blessings and Grace."

Duarte's murals on the front fence remain.

Stewardship Committee Thanks Those Attending Anniversary Celebration

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those who attended the Anniversary and Celebration of Ministries Sunday Potluck, **Kathy Denhard** writes. "Great food and great conversations highlighted the gathering which featured a Crossword and Word Finder game challenge. Winners of a Redeemer Coffee mug were **Zak Hinkle-Moore, Brad Dana, Kathy Zwanziger, Heather Coffman, Heidi Scherer, Eileen Day, Elizabeth George, Linda Williams, LaVerna Reinhoehl, Pastor Brad, Wendy Stoica, Misato In and Larry Trover.**

“Extra copies of the Ministries Booklet are available on the table by the library. Maybe you are called to join one of them.”

Narthex Art Now Features Banners



The latest installment in the series of art exhibits “Redeemer through the Seasons” is now up featuring Redeemer’s many banners used throughout the year to enhance the liturgical observances. Included with each is a short history and the artist who created it.

The display also includes a special quilt created by member **Kathy Mimlitch** reflecting Redeemer’s members as well as activities in the church. She created the quilt for Redeemer’s 67th Anniversary.

Check it out to find the square you signed. If you didn’t sign a square, use the cloth marker to sign one of the white triangles.



Kathy Mimlitch acknowledges **Karen Rider** for the inspiration for the anniversary quilt, **Kathy Rapp** for the embroidered pieces and **Eileen Day** for her consultation on making the wall hanging.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Oct. 1

Redeemer’s Tuesday Bible Study continues on **October 1** with a look at the Book of Revelation, led by **Pastor Brad**. It runs from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. both in-person here at church and on Zoom. To Zoom in, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1> ;Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992. Passcode: 830218. Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

Trivia Night Returns Friday, Oct. 18!!



What is the oldest city in the United States? *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is a crime novel featuring which fictional detective? Do you know the answer to any of these questions? Are you lucky to remember what you had for breakfast today? Either way, we hope you can join us for Redeemer’s Trivia Night on **Friday, Oct. 18** at 7 p.m.

Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. We’ll form teams (be thinking of a team name!) and the competition will be fierce over numerous rounds of questions.

Don’t think you can’t possibly contribute to your trivia team because the questions will cover a range of topics over a range of decades. The best teams consist of diverse people to handle the variety of questions. Bring a friend! Come join the fun! See **Michele Disbro** if you have any questions.

Come have fun, laugh, learn, and may the smartest team win?!!

Redeemer Offers Urgent Messages through Mobile Messaging Service Called ‘Remind’

Remember last year when we needed to cancel the worship service due to some unexpected HVAC problems? What happens if there is an ice storm or snow and you’re not sure if the church will be open for worship?

Now, Redeemer members and friends can sign up to receive a text message on their phone whenever there is an urgent situation regarding church. This service will be provided by “Remind,” a service that many local schools use. The schools send out important messages to their families’ cell phones so the families can be notified quickly.

Redeemer’s **Member Care Team** would like to give this service a try for Redeemer. It’s super easy to use. Once you sign up, you don’t need to do a thing. To sign up, just send a text message to 81010 with the message @RLCCBUS and respond to the texts that you get back. If we need to notify you of something, we will send you a text.

Signing up for “Remind” messages is totally optional, but we anticipate it will be helpful in emergencies. Click [here](#) for more complete directions or reach out to **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro** for help in signing up.

Upcoming Fall Events at Redeemer

Now that it's September, activities here at Redeemer are ramping up, bringing new ways to enjoy being with people in the Redeemer community. So review the list below to see what might sound like something you'd like to check out:

Sunday, Oct. 6 will see the **blessing of members', friends' and neighbors' pets** on the church lawn from 4 to 5 p.m. All sizes of pets are welcome: from schnauzers to snakes!! There will also be other activities.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13 Sister Act's Fall Retreat at Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp). See separate story, this issue of *Reflections* for more details and information on how to register.

Sunday, Oct. 13: CROP Walk. Redeemer has a team of folks who walk to end hunger here in Columbus and around the world. See separate story in this issue of *Reflections*.

Thursday, Oct. 17, between 3-5:30 p.m.: The last Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative/Lutheran Social Services Food Giveaway of the year. Watching the transformation of an empty parking lot into a drive-through fresh produce market where love and joy are real enough to touch is only one of the reasons to be part of this ministry. Another is you connect with other members of this community as you bag cucumbers and put boxfuls of amazing stuff into backseats and trunks. You can just show up and you'll be put to work. Set-up begins at 1 p.m. and clean up generally runs until about 6 p.m. **The October giveaway "extras" are cleaning supplies such as wipes, paper towels, sponges, etc.** These items can be dropped off in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

Redeemer Resumes Ongoing Fall Schedule

The following highlights ongoing fall activities here at Redeemer. Check them out! There may be something you'd like to try!

Ongoing Tuesdays, 1 p.m. and weekly in-person and on Zoom: Exploring the Bible. These 90-minute weekly afternoons sessions invite us to bring our insights, curiosity, honest questions, and favorite snacks. This fall the group will explore The Book of Revelation, led by **Pastor Brad**. Not too familiar with it? Come and change that! It meets both in-person here at church or via Zoom which can be accessed at: Zoom Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1>; Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992; Passcode: 830218. Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

Ongoing Sundays: Readers are needed for the Sunday services throughout the fall. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library. Readings are sent out the week ahead of the service. **Readers of all ages are welcome to participate in this ministry.**

Ongoing Sundays, 8:45 a.m. and weekly: Senior Choir rehearsal. You've enjoyed listening to them as they lead worship. If you enjoy singing, why not come to their first rehearsal of the fall? There's a unique joy in making music together – and you'll be surprised at the beautiful tunes you will help create! Contact **Director Kathy Rapp** if you have any questions: ARappThing@hotmail.com; 614-565-2945.

Periodic Sundays through October, a new adult education class based on the book *Leading Causes of Life* commences. See separate article in this *Reflections* for more details and the dates of the discussions.

Second Sundays: Redeemer's **monthly Sunday School for All Ages.** This month, the youth will help Sister Act assemble "Care Kits" for members to distribute to unhoused persons. (See separate story, this issue.)

First Wednesdays: Redeemer serves at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on the first Wednesdays. It runs from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Questions? Call the church office at 614-237-1263. Or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Every other month Redeemer packs 150 sack lunches to be distributed at First English Lutheran Church. The sack lunches are packed on the Saturday and distributed the next day. See separate article, this *Reflections*, for information about the items needed and the packing schedule.

October-November: Members will once again be asked to write a reflection for the 2024 Advent Devotions booklet. Watch *Reflections* for the devotion texts and deadlines.

BREAD Updates on Activities; RLC to Hold 'Listening Session'

Redeemer's BREAD liaison, **Rob Sievert-Wagner**, recently shared updates on BREAD's activities:

Environment: The Environmental Campaign is reenergized because they are working on the private tree ordinance. (Reminder, they already won the public tree ordinance.)

Housing: They are working on holding irresponsible landlords accountable.

Non-crisis response teams: BREAD is working to develop a ballot initiative for 2025. This bill would be for the creation of non-crisis response teams to be sent out for non-crisis situations rather than the police. Watch for more information and the opportunity to help collect signatures for this important ballot initiative. Please see more information here:

<https://www.redeemerluth.com/wp-admin/upload.php?item=5609>

BREAD House Meetings: Every fall the BREAD congregations hold house meetings to share updates on the BREAD campaigns and share their concerns about social justice in Columbus. All faith organizations in BREAD hold these listening events as a tool to determine the next project that BREAD would like to focus on. Redeemer will hold its house meeting on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, during the Sunday School hour, beginning at about 11:15 a.m.



Upcoming BREAD Dates

- **Team Assembly: Monday, Oct. 28:** North Broadway UMC at 7 p.m., 48 E. North Broadway Street, 43214.
- **RLC House Meeting/Listening Session: Sunday, Nov. 3.** Room 2 at 11:15 a.m.
- **Annual Assembly: Tuesday, Nov. 12,** Christ the King Catholic Church at 7 p.m., 2777 E. Livingston Ave., 43209.

Senior Choir Rehearses Sunday Mornings

Redeemer's Senior Choir rehearses on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Contact **Director Kathy Rapp** if you have any questions: ARappThing@hotmail.com; 614-565-2945.

Important Emails

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

A reminder: Pastor Dave will NOT be emailing or texting anyone in the congregation while he is away on sabbatical. Anyone who receives a missive from him should not open it and delete it.

RLC T-Shirts Available for Ordering

A wide variety of Redeemer t-shirts are now available for ordering including sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts. Also, a wide range of colors are available including red, orange, yellow, green blue, fuchsia, purple and black. A variety of styles are also available such as unisex, women's and youth. The shirts include Redeemer's logo on the front and Redeemer's values of inclusion, compassion and justice on the back. Go to <https://www.customink.com/g/amh0-00cw-haan> to make a selection and to order. The deadline to order is **Monday, Oct. 21**.

Care Kits Available for Distribution

Care Kits, assembled by members of Sister Act and the youth Sunday School classes, can be picked up in the Narthex and distributed to those in the community who need some additional help. Also included is a resource list of where they might go for assistance. It was also suggested folks could insert \$5 into the kits they distribute.

Former Redeemer Pastor Moves; Cards Welcome

Kathleen Kelley reports that her father, former **Bishop** ... and Redeemer pastor ... **Robert Kelley** has moved to Cotter House Worthington. His new address is Rev. Robert Kelley, Room 208, 800 Proprietors Rd., Worthington, OH 43085. She says if any Redeemer members are interested in sending him a note or card, they can go to him directly at this address.

Christ in Our Home for October-December Available

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

September Birthday

Editor's note: A belated happy birthday to **Jennifer Young** whose birthday on September 29 somehow migrated to the editor's October list. *Mea Culpa, mea culpa.* When you see her, wish her a "Happy Birthday" – several times over!! *Happy Belated Birthday, Jennifer!! Hope it was a good one!*

October Birthdays

4-Misato In 4-May Schwarz
9-Bill Boys 11-Thea Barbour Harms
11-Sue Watson 16-Eileen Day
17-Shari Ayers 19-Renee McFarland
19-Miles Smith 20-Ryland Neal
23-Skye Andree 23-Cason Day
23-Sandra Keaton 24-Bret Day
24-Leyton Wolfe 25-Madeline Gosnell
26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin
27-Brad Phillips 27-Krista Skipper
29 Jeremy Davis 30-Martin Binau
31-John Caron

The Wider Church

Bishop Dillahunt Provides Update on Springfield

Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt wrote this week that following her recent message (published in the Sept. 23 issue of Reflections), "many of you have reached out directly to ask what else can we do.

"I continue to be in contact with our congregations and their leadership. They affirm that the most important thing to be done continues to be to hold their city and the communities they serve, especially our Haitian neighbors, in prayer.

"For those who feel called to share financial gifts with those doing local relief efforts, they lifted up St. Vincent de Paul in Springfield at <https://www.svdpspfl.org/services/donate-2/>, as they already have pathways established for using those funds to serve the Haitian community.

“It is a blessing to serve in ministry with this synod, especially in times of distress, as we embody the Gospel by caring for, loving, and serving our neighbors. We will keep you posted when any additional opportunities to serve arise.”

Update on Palestine and Gaza

The following update is provided by **Julianne Johnson**:

“This past week has been filled with news about Israel and Lebanon, and the Hezbollah fighters there. This included Hezbollah’s pagers simultaneously exploding which killed at least 12 people and injured over 3,000, and the subsequent explosions of walkie talkies, some of which exploded at funerals of those killed by pager explosions. Israel has told the United States that it was behind this sabotage. Late last week Israeli planes did their largest bombing in Lebanon. The United States and other nations are not happy with Israel for this escalation, which they fear will expand the conflict in the region.

“It is important to note that Israel continues its efforts in Gaza, which UN officials have termed a ‘moonscape’ due to the massive destruction of virtually every area of Gaza. Aid trucks trickle into Gaza, at a rate far below what arrived daily before October 7, 2023 – let alone what is needed to begin to address the starvation occurring through Gaza.

“Israel has also begun attacking in the occupied West Bank – destroying roads and then driving into towns with tanks. The West Bank economy has collapsed since October 8, 2023, when people and goods were prohibited from crossing out of their villages and towns, and over 100,000 people whose work required them to cross into Israel from the occupied territory could no longer cross.

“A ceasefire and hostage deal seems unlikely in this atmosphere. **Prime Minister Netanyahu** and his far-right coalition are unwilling to compromise on control of what’s known as the Philadelphia Corridor at the Egypt/Gaza border – an area that Egypt controlled for decades.

“As the focus continues to shift in the news to Israel’s northern border with Lebanon, it is crucial that the world does not forget the immense death, starvation, and suffering in Gaza, or the fate of the remaining hostages there. Nor should Israel’s continued and increases violations of international law in the West Bank be condoned.

“I just recently realized that the Israeli Knesset voted this summer to never recognize Palestine. Netanyahu has stated this before but now that is the official position of Israel.”

Annual Hopewood Pines Apple Butter/Fall Festival Set for Oct. 13

Celebrate the fall season with the annual Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp) Apple Butter Festival on **Sunday, Oct. 13** from 12 to 6 p.m.! Enjoy a wagon ride through camp, sample tasty apple butter, grab a meal, and let the kids have fun in the supervised children’s activity area.

There will be craft vendors, food trucks, wine and beer vendors, and so much more!

Also, enjoy the NEW pumpkin patch. Come and buy pumpkins of all shapes and sizes and even bring them to paint during our festival!

This annual event raises funds for camp scholarships (camperships). “Your support can make a big difference — \$590 can send a child to summer camp, and \$2,235 can send a family of four to camp at Luther.

“Last year, thanks to your generosity, 269 campers were able to attend camp. Help us make camp accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Every contribution matters — thank you for your support!”

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

October 1 International Day of Older Persons: Remember in prayer older adults, who bring vitality and diverse gifts to communities and congregations; give thanks for their faith, wisdom, generosity and life experiences. Pray for those who live in nursing homes, facilities for memory care and assisted living, and continuing care retirement communities, that they will be valued and respected and will receive skilled care.

2 “Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and moisture, too. Sprouting blossoms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the season’s signs that you make all things new” (*With One Voice* 727). Greet this new day with gratitude to God for the blessings of autumn — fall harvests, the beauty of changing seasons and other signs of God’s ceaseless creativity.

3 Give thanks for the 13 new ELCA missionaries who have begun their work alongside global partners in eight countries, serving as teachers, pastors, pastoral interns, program coordinators and more.

4 *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1181-1226):* Give thanks and praise to God for saints who have gone before us and saints still in our midst, who teach and inspire us to be humble, generous, grateful and attentive children of God.

5 We are nourished and sustained by countless resources in creation — all gifts from God, entrusted to our care. Give thanks for the gift of water, without which life cannot exist or flourish. Pray that we will exercise discipline, responsibility and generosity in how we use water, and that we will work to assure the availability of clean water for all people, everywhere.

6 Pray for the children of your congregation and give thanks that God has entrusted to us the opportunity and responsibility to nurture their faith and gifts and to surround them with care and grace.

7 Remember in prayer girls, women and people of other gender identities and expressions who suffer domestic violence. Pray that they will find care and safe shelter that support their recovery from physical, emotional and spiritual trauma. Give thanks for the work and resources available to us through the ELCA Gender Justice and Women’s Empowerment program.

The Community Beyond

Key Election Dates for Nov. 5 Election

Monday, Oct. 7: Deadline to register to vote (9 p.m.)

Check voter registration status at <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

Register to vote or update registration (including address changes) online at

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/register/>

Tuesday, Oct. 29: Deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received by a county board of elections by 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8: Absentee voting by mail begins. (Must be postmarked by Nov. 4.)

Early, in-person voting begins, including the Saturday and Sunday two weeks before Election Day but NOT the Monday before Election Day. See hours and full schedule at

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/>

Tuesday, Nov. 5 ELECTION DAY – Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for mail ballots to be personally delivered to county board of elections by 7:30 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 9:**

Deadline for boards of election to receive mail-ballots that have been postmarked on or before Monday, Nov. 4.

Alzheimer’s Association to Hold ‘Healthy Cooking on a Budget’ Session

The Alzheimer’s Association Central Ohio Chapter will hold a seminar on **Wednesday, Oct. 2** on “Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body” at the Bexley Library beginning at 6 p.m. It will include a cooking demonstration and tasting of a brain healthy recipe will be included, along with the distribution of bags containing “healthy ingredients,” as long as the supply lasts.

The demonstration will be led by registered dietitian **Jenny Lobb**. For more information, contact **Missy Rouse** at 614-643-2135.

Getting Ready for Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Galatians 6:14-18; Psalm 148; Matthew 11:25-30

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for a life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Peace

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington.

+ For Redeemer community member Heidi Carman.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns: Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, 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, her son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich; Nathaniel Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan, John Huber, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Karen Kent, Diane Brobeck, Roman Fisher, Terry Warren's sister Elaine.

Worship Leaders

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| Presiding Minister | Pastor Brad Binau |
| Assisting Minister | Connie Criswell |
| Cantor | Heidi Sherer |
| ASL Interpreter | Bryan Neal |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chim24-35e Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Usher | Kathy Zwanziger |
| Verger | Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica |
| Producers | Michele Disbro, April Smith |
| Hospitality | Michelle Clemence |
| Communion Prep | Nancy Magargal |

*Flowers are given by **the Hoddinott family** in memory of **Brittany Amon**.*

The Noisy Offering will go towards construction of a tool shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.

This Week at Redeemer

September 30 - October 7, 2024

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| Monday | 5:00 p.m. | TOPS |
| Tuesday | 1:00 p.m. | Bible Study |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Outreach Team ZOOM |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Berwick Civic Association |
| Wednesday | 12:30-4 p.m. | RLC at LSS Food Pantry |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts Troop 1143 |
| Monday | 5:00 p.m. | Executive Team ZOOM |
| | 5:00 p.m. | TOPS |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts 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