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ELCA Bishops Emphasize Need to Speak Truth

The ELCA Conference of Bishops issued this statement following their recent meeting:

“In a perfect garden, created by God for the sake of humanity, evil entered in the form of deception and lies. Christians refer to this story, found in the biblical book of Genesis, as the *fall of humanity*. This foray into human sin began when Adam and Eve, the first humans created in the image of God, were deceived.

“Humans have contended with the powers of deception ever since.

“Yet we are a people who know and proclaim the power of God at work in the world. We proclaim the power of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, the one who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

“We know that the power of truth is greater than the power of deceit.

“We, the members of the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, speak with one voice to condemn the hateful, deceptive, violent speech that has too readily found a place in our national discourse. We lament the ways this language has led to hate-fueled action.

“We refuse to accept the ongoing normalization of lies and deceit.

“We recommit ourselves to speaking the truth and pointing to the one who is truth. We find courage in our collegiality and implore the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as our partners and friends, to join us as we:

- “Pledge to be vigilant guardians of truth, refusing to perpetuate lies or half-truths that further corrode the fabric of our society.
- “Commit to rigorous fact-checking, honoring God's command to ‘test everything; hold fast to what is good.’ (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
- “Reject the use of humor that normalizes falsehood, remembering that our speech should ‘always be gracious.’ (Colossians 4:6)
- “Boldly advocate for the marginalized and oppressed, emulating Christ's love for the least among us.
- “Courageously interrupt hate speech, standing firm in the knowledge that all are created in God's image.
- “Lean in with curiosity, engage with those who think differently and ‘put the best construction on our neighbor's action’ (Luther's explanation of the Eighth Commandment).
- “Amplify voices of truth.

“Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, may we resist deception and lift up the truth that all members of humanity are created in the image of God.

“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all as we respond to the Spirit's invitation into this intentional commitment against deception and for truth.”

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The Redeemer Community

And the Winner Is ...

Pastor Brad reports that the winner of the “Suggest a Sermon Topic Sweepstakes” for **Sunday, Oct. 13** is “Evil: How should we understand it? How prepared are we to deal with it?”

He thanks all who made suggestions about a sermon topic you’d like to have him address. “See you on Sunday, or you can see me and everyone else on YouTube if you can’t be there in person.”

October: Stewardship Month at Redeemer.

Kathy Denhard writes that stewardship “is more than fund raising to support the budget. It is about recognizing God’s work in our lives, responding to God with gratitude and pooling our time, talents, and resources so that together we can create something greater than ourselves.

“Annual giving supports everything we do and are at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are spent on all aspects of our worship, outreach, and community support and engagement. Together we have affected, in ways both large and small, the lives of the people both within and beyond the walls of this church.

“Each Sunday in October, the Stewardship Team will feature examples of how we do this. This past Sunday, **Sachio** and **Hitoshi Phillips** shared their experiences with the Live Streaming Ministry. Other Sundays we will highlight our support for the ELCA, what our Outreach Ministry supports and showcase some of the nuts and bolts of keeping our doors open.

“Pledge cards have been mailed, along with a letter from **Pastor Dave**. I invite you to prayerfully consider returning your pledge and reflect how God works in your life. I thank you if you have already returned it.”

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.

RLC Security Alarm Reminders

April Smith, chair of Redeemer’s Property Team, reminds folks, “When you enter the building and you know no one else is present, please assume that the security alarm is on. There is a keypad next to the kitchenette and also one in the hallway of the education wing as you enter those doors. Look for the orange instruction sheet on the entrance doors. There are also instructions by the keypads.

“Please be sure to disarm the system when you enter and re-arm it when you leave. We have had a few calls recently from the monitoring company indicating intrusion when in fact it was our own folks in the building. Police are dispatched if we cannot respond to the monitoring company in a timely manner.

“If you are unsure how to use the alarm system, if you need a code number, or just have questions about what to do, please see me or **Sue Yehling** and we will help you out!”

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:

- **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

The Sister Act Women's Retreat is this coming weekend, Friday, Oct. 11- Sunday, Oct. 13, at HopeWood Pines/Lutheran Memorial Camp. 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."

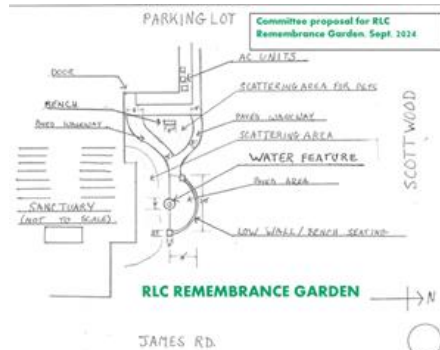
Work Continues on RLC's Memorial Garden



Work is underway on the "Redeemer Lutheran Church Remembering Garden" on the north lawn outside the Sanctuary. Council approved a motion at September meeting to spend \$24,497 for the landscape portion of the memorial garden. Funding for the project is coming from the "Memorial Fund" and the "Mary Kohler Ministry Fund."

Members of the "Memorial Garden Project Team" are Michele Disbro (convenor), Mary Benis,

Brad Binau, Kathy Mimplitch, Al Rider, Pastor Dave and Linda Williams.



Last Food Giveaway Set for Oct. 17

The last food giveaway is set for **Thursday, Oct. 17**. A sign-up sheet to volunteer is on the bulletin board next to the Library. 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.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Oct. 8

Redeemer’s Tuesday Bible Study continues on **October 8** 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!!!

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 Mimplitch** 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 Mimplitch 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.

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:

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 wipers, paper towels, sponges, etc. These items can be dropped off in the coatroom, just off the Narthex.

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.

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.

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.

A Note of Thanks

Neil and Ranel Hoddinott thank “everyone for their prayers, love, support and cards when their granddaughter-in-law, **Brittany**, passed. It was very comforting and heart-warming!”

2025 Calendars Available for Pick-Up

Calendars and planners for 2025 are starting to accumulate on the shelf under the hallway bulletin board. Members and friends are encourage to take as many as you can use and feel free to share with friends and family. **Office Manager Becky Trover** suggests, “If you visit nursing homes or care facilities, oftentimes they like to have wall calendars to post in each room - you are encouraged to take a supply with you.”

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**. **(There is a minimum order requirement which the church hasn’t met yet. So for those planning to order but haven’t done so, now is the time. Don’t forget: these would make good Christmas presents!)**

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.

October Birthdays

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

Local Hearing Set on ELCA’s Civic Life & Faith Social Statement

The Authentic Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Team of the Southern Ohio Synod will hold a hearing on the Draft Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith on **Friday, Oct. 18** from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Redeemer’s Adult Forum spent a number of Sundays earlier this year discussing the statement.

“This event will provide an opportunity to respond to the draft of the social statement and engage with differing viewpoints from across the synod. We are grateful for **Pastor Amy Reumann**, ELCA senior director for witness in society, for her leadership of the discussion and also share our thanks to Trinity Lutheran Seminary for hosting this event and conversation.

“If you would like to join us for this event, we do ask that you read the entirety of the draft social statement prior to attending. You may find the draft social statement [here](#).”

'Trinity Days' Speakers Set, Include Cheryl Peterson

Frequent guest pastor at Redeemer, **Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson**, is one of two main speakers at Trinity Seminary's "Trinity Days" set for **Thursday, Oct. 17**. She is to discuss her new book *The Holy Spirit in the Christian Life*.

Keynote speaker for the day is **Rev. Amy Reumann**, the ELCA senior director for witness in society in Washington, D.C. She directs the church's advocacy in federal public policy through the ELCA-affiliated state public policy office (SPPO) network.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with the welcome by Trinity Dean Kleinhans at 10:15 a.m. Reumann speaks at 10:30 a.m. while Peterson will speak at 2:30 p.m., following Reumann's second presentation which begins at 1:15 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Gloria Dei Worship Center. Advance registration can be done online at <https://tinyurl.com/ycxktypz>. Cost is \$65.

Then on Friday, Reumann will lead a hearing on the ELCA's Civic Life and Faith Social Statement – which Redeemer's Adult Forum discussed for several weeks in the spring. The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Gloria Dei Worship Center. Folks attending are asked to read the draft ahead of time. It can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/2h4kmvzc>.

Update on Palestine and Gaza

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

"This past week the news from the Middle East has been dominated by Israeli bombing in the country of Lebanon. Israel reports that it is targeting the leadership of Hezbollah, and the explosions of pagers and communications were clearly aimed at that organization – but injured and killed others nearby. The bombing of Lebanon – a sovereign country – is different from its actions in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, which are within the borders of Israel. It is hard for me not to see Israel as the aggressor in what has become a wider war that endangers more involvement from the United States and other countries. Israel arguably started this escalation by its assassination of a Hamas leader in Tehran where he had come to the installation of the new leader of Iran."

"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 **Oct. 7, 2023** – let alone what is needed to begin to address the starvation occurring through Gaza.

"Israel has also continued attacking in the occupied West Bank. The West Bank economy has collapsed since Oct. 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 hopeless.

"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 increasing 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 8 Ask the Spirit for guidance, wisdom and creativity as we work to grow the church, not for the sake of numbers but to spread the message of God's love and mercy for humanity and to draw upon the gifts of the many to love and serve our neighbors, here and around the world.

9 Pray for national leaders, diplomats, mediators and organizations working to achieve ceasefires, peace and recovery in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan and other regions. Ask God to make us diligent bearers of hope, peace and justice in the world.

10 Remember in prayer refugees, immigrants and asylum-seekers who are displaced by economic and climate crises and by conflict and persecution. Ask God to protect them as they seek safe, welcoming places where they can settle and rebuild their lives.

11 "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4) Give thanks and praise to God, who showers love and attention on us no matter how complicated our lives are or how insignificant we feel.

12 Pray that we might discern and avoid the false teaching of Christian nationalism, which divides us and uses Christ's name to place us above others, claiming privilege and God's favor. Ask the Spirit to stir in us a desire and commitment to love, uplift and serve our neighbors — without bias.

13 Ask God to help us keep our priorities straight, that we might share the good news of Jesus Christ and trust in the promise of eternal life.

14 Indigenous Peoples' Day "We join states, cities and towns across the country to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in place of Columbus Day and honor the people whose lands we walk, whose Indigenous voices have always been spoken here and who share their gifts and contributions throughout our society" (**Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, Indigenous Peoples' Day statement). Pray that, in our relations with Indigenous neighbors and children of God, we will not waver in our commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing and unity."

The Community Beyond Key Election Dates for Nov. 5 Election

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

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.**

Getting Ready for Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2024 – 10 a.m. Lessons

Readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Mark 10:17-31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through 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 Shepherds Lutheran Church in Lewis Center.

+ For Redeemer community members John Caron and Chad Eberle.

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, John Huber, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Karen Kent, Diane Brobeck, Roman Fisher, Terry Warren's sister Elaine, the family of Nathaniel Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brad Binau
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Cantor	Jennifer Young
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	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner
Communion Prep	Nancy Magargal

Flowers are given by **Laura and Terry Warren** celebrating their **44th Anniversary**.
The Noisy Offering will go towards construction of a tool shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.

This Week at Redeemer

October 7 – 14, 2024

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Executive Team Zoom
	3:00-8:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	2:00-8:30 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith at East Market
Wednesday	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Suzuki Music
Thursday	10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	6:30 p.m.	Bexley/Berwick Dementia Support Group
Friday-Sunday		Sister Act Retreat at Hopewood Pines
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
		CROP Walk
Monday	5:00 p.m.	TOPS

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

Highlights from 'Blessing of Animals'

The following pictures show the highlights from Sunday's "Blessing of the Animals" held here at Redeemer on the front lawn. **Kathy Zwanziger** reports that about a dozen folks came and brought their dogs. "It was quite a nice event."

