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A New Exchange of the Peace

In my message yesterday, I talked about how you and I are the way God seeks to show up in the world. I said if we wish to walk in the way of Jesus, then perhaps we might look at the life he lived, the stories he told, and the prayers he prayed. These reveal his commitment to reducing the suffering he encountered around and within him. As we seek to be the way God shows up in the world in Advent and beyond, before reacting to any situation, we might stop for a moment, look at what we're about to say or do, and ask ourselves, "Will this reduce the suffering in my midst, or add to it?"

I read an article in my divinity school magazine yesterday that speaks to the issue of how the polarization in our country grows out of the suffering that results from not understanding each other's fears and values. As I read it, I thought of conversations I have had with some of you about the political and religious divisions among your families and friends. So I'm sharing excerpts from it in the hope these words might offer you a way to imagine healing some of these painful divides. Titled "A New Exchange of the Peace," it is written by **Mark Beckwith**, who served for 12 years as the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, NJ. It was his work around gun violence prevention that led him to do what he describes in this article; the article comes from the Fall 2024 issue of another publication called *Reflections*, a Yale Divinity School publication.

Bishop Beckwith writes: "One arena of American life where people tend to fiercely grasp a railing, intensely resist conversations around reconciliation, and adamantly fight about legislation, is on the issue of guns in America. Simply put, the gun rights side insists that more guns make people safer; the gun violence prevention side seeks to demonstrate that more guns make people more vulnerable to violence. In conversations between the two, it is extremely difficult to find common ground.

"Several years ago, in searching for common ground, I went to a gun show. There was lots of talking between the vendors and shoppers, and with the representatives from the NRA Foundation and local gun clubs. And I listened. In truth, I eavesdropped – and hoped that people wouldn't recognize me as an outlier, which I certainly was. In very short order I realized that the language these people used so comfortably was language I didn't understand. But I could certainly see and hear the passion. The passion was real, and it was deep – and the gun show was a safe place where they could claim their identity, an identity that had a long history and that was uniquely American. On the surface, their identity was about guns, but it ran deeper than that; the vendors and shoppers were a part of an American culture that is not easily acknowledged and is often misunderstood. And it is a culture that is not going away. It has been here ever since Europeans came and settled on this continent, claiming it as their own, using guns to kill for food, protect livestock from predators – and more than occasionally to kill or subdue whoever blocked the path of manifest destiny.

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The Redeemer Community

Mission Endowment Fund Seeks Suggestions for 2024 Distribution

Every year the Redeemer congregation donates a percentage (4 percent) of the year-end market value of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) to other charities on behalf of the congregation. The 2024 3rd quarter market value was \$165,285 which would provide approximately \$6,611 for distribution. (The final amount may increase or decrease depending on the 4th quarter value which will be available in January). The guidelines for distribution, as established in the constitution are as follows:

- To establish/support ministries of outreach on behalf of the congregation.
- To further partnerships in mission through the synod and other arms of the ELCA.

Some prior recipients have included the LSS Food Pantry, Lutheran Memorial Camp/HopeWood Pines, Mid-Ohio Food Co-operative, Lutheran Social Services, Ronald McDonald House, and Groveport Special Olympics.

To fulfill the Mission Endowment Fund's guidelines, the Special Funds Team (SFT) is seeking suggestions for the use of the funds for 2024. Please use the pink form found at the back of this *Reflections* or on the table in the rear of the Narthex to nominate possible recipients. Complete it and place it in the Sunday offering plate or leave it in the church office.

Suggestions are due by **Sunday, December 15**. The Special Funds Team will then make its recommendation and forward it to council for action by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January.

Find Calm during Redeemer's Midweek Advent Services

With the beginning of the season of Advent on **Sunday, Dec. 1**, Redeemer offers a space to rest in the calmness, beauty, and joy of a darkened sanctuary filled with the sounds of *Holden Evening Prayer*.

Wednesday evenings, Dec. 11 and **Dec. 18**, will be oases in the midst of everything else that is going on in your lives. Folks are invited to gather in the Narthex at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee (sign-ups are in the hallway outside the library), and then in the Sanctuary for the 7 p.m. service.

"Let yourself let go of all you might be carrying right now, and receive the gift of this time to be reminded of what life, love, and peace feel like."

Tuesday Bible Study Will Not Meet Dec. 10, Resumes Exploring Advent, Christmas Stories Dec. 17

There will be **NO Bible study on Tuesday, Dec. 10** due to the memorial service for **David Hairston**. The group will resume with its look at what the Gospel stories really say about the coming of **Jesus on Tuesday, Dec. 17**. The group meets from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays for the Bible study. Folks can participate in-person or on Zoom.

Sunday Adult Forum Continues Getting to Know Julie Johnson

On **Sunday, Dec. 15**, the Sunday Adult Forum will continue to get to know **Julianne Johnson** as part of the series "Getting to Know You." As a way to deepen relationships with each other, these sessions help group attendees get to know each other. **Pastor Dave** will interview Julie about her life and others will also have a chance to ask questions.

Then on **Sunday, Dec. 22**, the group will get to know **Paula Carson**. Contact the church office for links to previous discussions with **Julie Johnson** and **Nancy Magargal**. The session with **Ashley Bird** was not recorded.

Bishop Griffin Resource Shed Project Complete

Larry Trover reports that the shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center on E. Livingston on the campus of Christ the King Catholic Church has been completed. He thanks all those here at Redeemer who contributed to its construction through the Noisy Offering.

"Redeemer has given the Bishop Griffin Resource Center a garden shed plus \$1,826.40 toward their expenses for a concrete pad, assembly and installation of the shed." *Thank you.*



'Christmas is ...'

Come join Redeemer's youth for worship on **Sunday, Dec. 22** to learn what Christmas is all about as the Sunday School students share a great reflection on Christmas. **Michele Disbro** writes, "Once again, we need a little help from the audience so we are looking for five people to share a quick story about one of the following questions:

- 1 – "What is a favorite memory you have about a crèche/nativity set?"
- 2 – "What is a special story you have about Santa Claus?"
- 3 – "What is a special memory you have about decorating the Christmas tree or a special ornament?"
- 4 – "What is a memorable gift you gave or were given for Christmas?"
- 5 – "What would you like to share about a fun Christmas feast?"

"If you have a special memory you would like to share about any of these questions, please email Michele at mddisbro@gmail.com. We are hoping to find five different people to share one story for each of the questions. To participate, email Michele quickly to call dibs on one of the questions!

New Narthex Art Explores Theme of 'Journey' for Advent/Epiphany

The latest Narthex Art Exhibit is now up, exploring what "Journey" means to members who contributed a wide variety of pieces. And thanks to **Michelle Clemence** and **Emily Kent** for their work installing the exhibit.

There are many amazing stories represented in the exhibit.

Good Gifts Catalogs Available

ELCA Good Gifts let folks choose from more than 60 charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones this Christmas. Or just choose one that speaks to you, and know that you're sharing the love of Christ with neighbors in need. Favorite ministries are included, too. The 2024 Good Gifts catalogs are available in the Narthex, along with coloring books and stickers to share with any young children who might enjoy them.

Advent Devotional Booklets Still Available

Redeemer's 2024 *Advent Devotional Booklet* is now available in the Narthex in regular and large print versions. The devotions are also available on the Redeemer website: www.RedeemerLuth.com.

If anyone would like a print version mailed to them, please let the office know. Those who would like to receive a daily email with that day's devotion, please contact the office.

Please feel free to take copies to share with family and friends – more can be printed if needed.

Opportunities for Worship, Breaking Bread, Conversations, Book Study with Neighbors at Christ United Methodist Church

Pastor Dave writes, "Since before I came to be with Redeemer in 2017, we have been doing a Good Friday service with the people at Christ United Methodist Church in Berwyn. As rich as those services are, they don't give us opportunities for us to get to know each other and learn from each other. **Pastor Willis Johnson** and I would like to change that. So we have some invitations for people in both faith communities.

"First, Redeemer will host a combined worship service on Martin Luther King, Jr., on **Sunday, Jan. 19**, at 10 a.m. Pastor Willis and Pastor Dave will offer a dialogue message. Following worship, there will be a potluck in Fellowship Hall with folks from both congregations seated at the tables. There will be "prompt" questions at the tables that will encourage conversation about issues surrounding issues Martin Luther King, Jr. Day bring up.

"Second, from 6:30-8 p.m. starting **Jan. 29-Feb. 19**, we will have four **Wednesday evening** discussions of the book *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*, by Duke University professor **William H. Willimon**. This is a short, readable book that explores how Christians are invited to engage with those society labels 'outsider' and 'stranger.' These classes will be held at Christ United Methodist (1480 Zettler Road) and on Zoom. Please go ahead and order a book yourself if you're interested in joining us. If you have difficulties with that, contact Pastor Dave.

"Pastors Willis and Dave invite you to participate in these opportunities to live into Redeemer's vision of ourselves as a place that fosters understanding and healing in community."

BREAD: Non-Police Crisis Response System

Since 2019, the Columbus Safety Coalition (CSC) and BREAD have advocated for a non-police crisis system to handle non-violent issues involving behavioral health, food/housing insecurity, and mediation. In February 2023, Columbus City Council allocated \$1.2 million to create a non-police alternative crisis system. However, the city

has no timeline for the beginning steps, which are to begin a pilot program and to appoint a citizen advisory panel. To apply some pressure, CSC and BREAD are planning to put an initiative on the ballot for the November 2025 election, following this timeline:

- January, 2025: File (non confusing) ballot language.
- February – May, 2025: Collect signatures. The minimum needed is 25,000. Their goal is 60,000.
- November 2025: Vote on the initiative.

Lots of volunteer opportunities will start in 2025 once the attorneys have finished writing the initiative. They include:

- Collect signatures of registered Columbus voters (the signatures need to be registered Columbus voters, but the people collecting them only need to be Ohio registered voters).
- Validate the signatures against the database.
- Encourage people to come out on an “off year” election and vote for the initiative.

Also, BREAD network members, please note the annual Redeemer Justice Network Meeting on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025** at 6 p.m. before the Lenten Midweek Service. Those who are not a network member but who are interested in BREAD, please talk to **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro**.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

- Research Kickoff meeting: **Monday, Dec. 9, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ on Genesee Ave. (1889 Genesee Ave.)
- RLC Justice Network Meeting: **Wednesday, March 19, 2025** at 6 p.m. (before the Lenten service), Room 2 and on Zoom.
- Rally: **Monday, April 7, 2025** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.
- Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 13, 2025** at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center.
- Celebration: **Monday, June 30, 2025** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.

'Noisy Offering' Going to BREAD

For Advent and Epiphany, Redeemer's “Noisy Offering” will go to support the work of BREAD. See above article for more details about what BREAD – Building Responsibility Equality And Dignity – is currently working on.

The group is comprised of many different congregations in the Columbus area which, in turn, represent many different traditions. Each of the congregations believes something different about the nature of God and the name God. But each shares a commitment to pursue justice guided by faith – to finding, in shared beliefs the strength that unity can bring.

The “Noisy Offering” is that donation of loose change that is made as one enters the Sanctuary.

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“An insistent inner voice in me wants to dodge this history, or at least erase the weapons of destruction from its telling. That inner voice is shared by millions of others who claim to be advocates of peace. This desire to view our history minus guns is what the gun rights advocates fear – that gun disdainers will try and take away their guns and the culture in which guns are an integral part.

“It is a vicious cycle – of arrogance and self-righteousness on one side, and defensiveness and armed defense on the other. And it was at the gun show that I discovered anew my own arrogance and self-righteousness ... I have learned to temper both, and to adjust my language: instead of saying ‘gun control,’ which inevitably causes guns rights advocates to shift the conversation to the Second Amendment, and which ends up shutting down conversation, I now say ‘gun safety.’ This provides a space to potentially open up dialogue and find common ground.”

I hear Bishop Beckwith inviting us to that deep listening/eavesdropping that alone helps us more deeply understand those with whom we feel completely different. What he's calling us to do reflects why our congregation's vision statement is so incredibly hard to live into: Redeemer Lutheran Church fosters understanding and healing in community. The only way we can come close to doing that is if we make sincere efforts to understand those who, if we're honest, we believe are totally wrong. And, again, if we're honest, why would we want to do that?

Bishop Beckwith answers that question by seeing a direct connection between seeking understanding across divides with the ritual we carry out each week in worship:

“Many of us worship in communities that regularly include the exchange of the peace. For me, the peace is a liturgical activity that is offered in direct response to Jesus’ challenging invitation from Matthew 5:23-24: ‘So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.’ (NRSV) Jesus is inviting his followers to enter a space of reconciliation, each filled with hurts and hopes, resentments and gratitude. The exchange of the peace declares that whatever separates us – and there is so much that separates us – can be overcome through the reconciling love of Christ.”

How have you experienced that kind of love that can begin to heal what separates us? How have you ever been an instrument of that love, offering it to another as a way to invite a reduction in suffering? This is our Advent prayer, is it not? As we sang in our sending hymn yesterday:

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God’s grace our warring world
shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Pastor Dave

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

Prayers are asked for **Barbara Hairston** and her family on the death Thursday of her husband **David**. A memorial service is planned for **Tuesday, Dec. 10** beginning at 12 noon at the Schoedinger East Funeral Home (5360 E. Livingston Ave.).

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Prayers continue to be asked for **Ruth Boys** who is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle, and for **Jon Disbro** who is having sinus surgery this week.

Congratulations to Elaine Disbro

Congratulations go out to **Elaine Disbro** who graduates from Queens University in Belfast, N. Ireland on Tuesday with a masters' degree in conflict transformation and social justice. *Way to go, Elaine!!!*

Congratulations to Dottie Odrosky!

Dottie Odrosky, volunteer and co-founder, Mount Carmel Health System Sole Care Clinic, and caregiver support group facilitator for the Alzheimer's Association here at Redeemer, was honored as a 2024 semifinalist in the Everyday Kindness Heroes program, an effort of *Columbus Monthly*, *The Columbus Dispatch* and *Columbus CEO* that's supported by the Center for HumanKindness at The Columbus Foundation.

Meet Redeemer's New Alternate Interpreter Marilyn Floyd

Sunday was the first day for Redeemer's new alternate interpreter for the Sunday service, **Marilyn Floyd**. She notes she is a native North Carolinian, and a retired teacher of the deaf, previously employed by the state of Ohio and Columbus City Schools. "Some of the things that I enjoy are reading, writing, watching true-life movies/documentaries, and Deaf Ministry. I am married and we have one daughter."

Welcome Marilyn!

Emily Kent to Host 2 Death Cafes This Week

Emily Kent will host two Death Cafes this week at the Gahanna Library, 310 Granville St., Gahanna 43230. They will be held on **Wednesday Dec. 11** from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 1 and on **Saturday Dec. 14** from 4-5:30 p.m. in Room 2.

"Come talk about anything related to death and dying."

Flower Sign Up Sheet for 2025 Now Up

The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for the worship services in 2025 is now up on the bulletin board next to the Library. This is a good opportunity to remember a loved one, a special occasion or just because. To pay for the flowers use the special envelop that is also available on the bulletin board. They run \$20.

December Birthdays

10-Eric Hutton
19-Joe Darst 19-Melinda Eakin
19-Novella Hinkle* 24-Julianne Johnson
26-Doug Eakin 26-Emily Kent
31-John Kennedy

*Novella turns 97 this year. Cards can be sent to her at 2884 Ivanhoe Dr., Columbus 43209-3225.

The Wider Church

An Advent Message from Bishop Dillahunt

Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt writes, "*Gracious and Almighty God, stir our hearts and minds as we await the coming of your Son, our Savior. In this season of hope, prepare us to welcome Jesus with open hearts and renewed spirits. May his light shine brightly in our lives, guiding us in paths of peace, love, and compassion. Strengthen us to be messengers of your grace, and may all the world come to know the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*"

"Advent is a season of both waiting and preparing. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas while also awaiting his glorious return. As John the Baptist urged, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him' (Mark 1:3). With hearts open, we ready ourselves for the Savior of the world. Luke 3:6 reminds us, 'And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

"This season calls us to reflect on our identity, shaped by God's unconditional love through Jesus. 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6).

“Advent is a time to prepare for something far greater than ourselves. It’s a time to be bearers of grace, love, and forgiveness, serving as bold witnesses to Jesus Christ. ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.’ (John 15:9).

“So, we pray together, ‘Stir our hearts, Lord, and come, Lord Jesus.’ The good news is about to be proclaimed by shepherds, angels, and through us.”

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

Dec. 10 Give thanks for siblings in Christ who accompany us on our baptismal journeys and encourage our faith and understanding of God’s ways. Pray that we will not hesitate to share the gospel or to show love, concern or mercy for others, as God does for us.

11 “I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I” (With One Voice 642). Praise God that our salvation does not depend upon our actions, the strength of our faith or our perfect understanding of what God has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ.

12 December is a time of anticipation and joyful celebration, expressed through shared meals, gatherings of friends and family, community events and special opportunities for worship. Promise to invite and welcome others, especially those in our communities who feel alone, ignored or forgotten.

13 Give praise and thanks to God for blessing us with Jesus Christ, our true Savior, Messiah, teacher, light and hope.

14 Pray that, day after day, we will grow more generous in responding to our neighbors in need, strengthening our communities, supporting our global companions and expanding the ministries and outreach of our congregations.

15 Promise to be a faithful, generous and merciful follower of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed and doing God’s work in the world.

16 Las Posadas Las Posadas (“the Inns”) is a Mexican Christmas tradition in which worshipers reenact the experience of Mary and Joseph as they searched for a place where Mary could give birth. Remembering Mary and Joseph’s difficult journey, promise to embody hospitality, compassion, generosity and justice in responding to modern-day homelessness, poverty and immigration.

The Community Beyond

Join Williams, Smith as They Perform in Christmas Concerts

Looking for some good Christmas music to brighten the holiday? Then Redeemer members are invited to come out to support the Reynoldsburg Community Band. Look for **Linda Williams** and **April Smith** in the flute section! As of now, the following concerts are scheduled for the Christmas season:

- **Saturday, Dec. 14** at 11:30 a.m. at the 1858 Meeting House (43 E. Sandusky St.) in Mechanicsburg.
- **Monday, Dec. 16** at 7 p.m. at the Reynoldsburg Senior Center (1520 Davidson Dr.).
- **Friday, Dec. 20** at 7 p.m. at the New Horizons Church (2100 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd.) in Blacklick.

Getting Ready for Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-20

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Karen Riccio and Al Debelak.

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, 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, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, John Huber, Barbara Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Karen Kent, Tamara Hinkle-Moore, Ruth Boys, Al Debelak

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Communion Prep	Misato In, Diane Brobeck, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Karen Rider

*Flowers are given by the Nancy Steiner in honor of David Steiner's birthday and Rhianna's birthday.
The Noisy Offering will go to BREAD.*

This Week at Redeemer December 9- December 16, 2024

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	BREAD
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Member Care
	noon	Memorial Service for David Hairston
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith ZOOM and IN-PERSON
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Suzuki Music
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Desserts
	7:00 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Suzuki Music
	6:30 p.m.	Bexley/Berwick Dementia Support Group
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	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

Mission Endowment Fund
2024 Distribution Nomination

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Organization's Purpose: _____

Amount or Percentage of Available Funds Requested; _ _____

Redeemer member(s) involved with the organization: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, who? _____

Redeemer member submitting the request: _____

Please submit to church office or put in offering plate on/before **Dec 15, 2024.**