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2025 Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday



March 5

7:00 am

IN-PERSON

7:00 pm

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM

Lenten Wednesdays

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Soup and Conversation
Noon



Evening Prayer

7:00 pm

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM

Maundy Thursday

April 17

7:00 pm with Foot- and Hand- Washing

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



Good Friday

April 18

7:00 pm Worship – Seven Last Words of Christ

with Christ United Methodist Church

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 20

8:30 am Worship

IN-PERSON

9:45 am Easter Brunch

11:00 am Worship

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM



The Redeemer Community

Spring Ahead



Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 9**, so set clocks *ahead* one hour Saturday night or risk missing church and all that is going on that day.



Death, Dying, and Grieving - Adult Education in March

Ash Wednesday will launch Redeemer into Lenten reflection on our mortality and God's promise to bring life out of death. **Emily Kent** and **Brad Binau** will explore these themes for three Sundays in March in an adult education class, "Death, Dying, and Grieving."

March 9 - Death: Grieving our Losses.

All our losses are a kind of death and all our losses require grief work. We will name and explore different kinds of losses and the fundamentals of good grief work that can result in remembering with less pain.

March 16 - Dying: Experiencing Physical Death

"End-of-life doulas" have special gifts to help us become more comfortable with our own mortality and navigate end-of-life issues for ourselves and those we love. We will explore our attitudes about bodies and how we care for them at the end of life and after death.

March 23 - Grieving: Remembering Life

Good grief work can help us remember the past with less pain and anticipate the future hopefully -- some theologians call this "remembering the future." We will explore funeral and burial practices and how they can facilitate or impede how we remember. We will discuss the role of Redeemer's Remembrance Garden as part of the congregation's mission and ministry.

Redeemer to Serve at First English March 13

Kay Ernsthansen reports that, on **Thursday, March 13**, Redeemer is scheduled to provide the dinner at First English. The menu, which will serve 150, includes Sloppy Joe sandwiches, tater tots, green beans, individually wrapped cookies or brownies. It runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Servers are also needed.

Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library for whatever you might be able to donate. Kay notes that the frozen tater tots can be placed in the freezer either upstairs or in the downstairs kitchen. The frozen green beans should be cut beans and in the largest package available. She is looking to prepare meals for 150 people.

There is also a need for 5-6 servers. They will need to be at First English by 4:30 p.m. To volunteer, sign up on sheet. Questions can be directed to Kay at KAErnsthansen@gmail.com.

Following is the Sloppy Joe recipe from **Kathy Mimplitch**:

- 2 pounds lean ground beef or ground turkey
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tsp prepared yellow mustard
- 1 1/2 cups ketchup
- 6 tsp brown sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion and green pepper. Drain off liquids. Stir in garlic powder, mustard, ketchup and brown sugar. Mix thoroughly. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Recipe can be made with turkey. This makes ~ 12 servings.

From Church Council

To keep the congregation informed about what your Council is doing, each month look for an article that summarizes the significant matters before the Council.

Council has appointed **Julie Johnson** to lead a new ministry group. The purpose of the group is to explore ways Redeemer can enhance its efforts to support those seeking to immigrate legally to or remain legally in the United States. Currently **Emily Ott**, **Kelley Frank**, **Elaine Disbro**, **Karen Rider** and **Pastor Dave** will be serving on this ministry group. Let Julie know if you are interested.

The council has appointed **Emily Kent** and **Hitoshi Phillips** to serve on the Special Funds Team.

Discussion continues about the restroom doors. Council is seeking input from those most likely to be affected by the current configuration of the doors.

CROP Walk Set for Sept. 28; Donations Being Accepted Now

Connie Criswell reports that this year's CROP Walk for world hunger is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28. However, "They have asked for us to start fundraising NOW, because the need is greater than ever, especially since the current administration has slashed or eliminated aid funding.

The 2025 Redeemer Team page is up and available for donations [HERE](#). If anyone is interested in joining this year's team, please let Connie know.

Narthex Art Theme to Change for Lent

The current art installation's "journey" is coming to an end. The Art Team will be changing the exhibit in the Narthex to give the congregation some ideas to reflect upon during the Lenten season.

If you loaned the church a piece of art for the Christmas/Epiphany journey, please take it home within the next couple weeks. Thank you!

From the Property Team: Work Continues on Basement Drain

Property Team Chair April Smith reports that a third plumbing company will be coming out to see if they can solve the drain problem in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. "Thanks again for your patience and cooperation in not using the triple sinks."

March 23 Deadline to Order Easter Flowers

It's time to order Easter flowers. Orders are now being taken through Sunday, March 23. Flower options include white Easter Lilies (\$12.50 per pot) or tulips with a choice of red, yellow, purple and/or pink (\$7.50 per pot). The envelopes to order are on the bulletin board in the hallway opposite the coat room.

After completing the envelope, place the money in the envelope, seal and place it in the offering plate. Questions regarding ordering flowers? Contact **Kay Ernsthausen** at KAErnsthausen@gmail.com.

Variety of Lenten Services, Activities Planned; Volunteers Sought

Yes, Lent is not that far away, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5 when Redeemer will hold worship services at both 7 a.m. (in-person only) and 7 p.m. (both in-person and livestream).

Then from Wednesday, March 12 through April 9, Lenten Soup and Conversation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Narthex. The sign-up sheet to provide soup, bread or a dessert is on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Midweek Lenten services run those same Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Volunteers are sought to share a story about a time they experienced a period of silence – maybe long, maybe brief – and how that silence blessed them with some kind of wisdom, insight, discovery or revelation. What did that silence teach you? Presenters are also asked to come up with a Bible passage that speaks to the theme of what the silence taught you. See the Feb. 24 issue of *Reflections* for more information on this.

The sign up sheet for this is also on the bulletin board next to the Library.

'Care Kits' Now Available to Hand Out

With the assistance of Redeemer's youth, "Care Kits" have now been assembled and are available for members to give out to anyone they find in need. The kits can be found on the table in the Narthex by the coatroom.

Also, take a bottle of water to include.

Members are encouraged to supplement the kits with \$5 in the kit and/or by also giving a book.

The kits include items such as chapstick, small bottles of lotion, hand warmers, soft breakfast bars, small packets of wipes or small bottles of hand sanitizer.

Michele Disbro thanks everyone who contributed items or cash and who helped assemble the kits!

BREAD Update: Environmental Justice Campaign

Kristi Hildebrand reports that, "Tree canopy has never been more important to Columbus than it is today. Preserving and growing tree canopies create more vibrant, resilient communities. Trees are the only type of infrastructure that increases in value over time and provides benefits valued three times more than the cost to maintain them. This is why BREAD is working with city officials and leaders to increase the tree canopy.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

- RLC Justice Network Meeting: **Wednesday, March 19** at 6 p.m. (before the Lenten service), Room 2 and on Zoom.
- Rally: **Monday, April 7** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.
- Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 13** at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center.
- Celebration: **Monday, June 30** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.

Tuesday Bible Study Looks at Stories of Elijah, Elisha

The Tuesday Bible Study continues its discussion of the stories of Elijah and Elisha when the group meets on **Tuesday, March 4**. The group meets from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays for the Bible study. Folks can participate in-person or on Zoom.

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

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

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

'Noisy Offering' Going to CRIS

For the season of Lent Redeemer's Noisy Offering will be going to the Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). (See separate story, this issue for more information on CRIS.)

CRIS' mission is to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the Central Ohio community.

Due to the current political climate the funding for CRIS has been cut drastically, so those who can are asked to help.

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

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 of comfort are asked for **Bill Boys** on the death of **Ruth** on **Monday, Feb. 24**. Arrangements are pending for a celebration of her life here at Redeemer. Bill has a new address: Creekside at the Village, 2200 Welcome Place, Apt. 469, 43209-2965. His cellphone remains the same at 865-256-0071.

Prayers of comfort are also asked for **Skye** and **Clay Andree** on the death of their grandmother, **Lue Andree**.

Prayers for comfort are also asked for **Terry and Laura Warren** on the sudden death of an extended family member.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Scott Steiner** who had shoulder surgery last week.

***Christ in Our Home* for April-June Available**

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet *Christ in Our Home* for April through June is now available on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

RLC Community Member to Perform in 'The Book of Will'

Gary Brose, a frequent visitor at Redeemer, will portray one of the main characters in an upcoming play at The Lancaster Playhouse. The play is *The Book of Will*, which tells the fictionalized story of the challenges facing friends of **William Shakespeare** after his death, as they attempt to collect and publish his plays.

The playhouse is at Maria's Event Space, 129 E. Main St. in Lancaster. Performances will be on **Friday-Saturday, March 7-8** and **Friday-Sunday, March 14-16**. For more information or to order tickets, go [HERE](#).

Flower Sign Up Sheet for 2025 Now Up

The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for the worship services in 2025 is 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 envelope that is also available on the bulletin board. They run \$20.

March Birthdays

3-Ranel Hoddinott 3-Larry Trover

4-Petra Williams 7-Earl Bradley*

8-Helen Brunston 8-Al Rider

13-Dave Engel 14-Laura Warren

14-Tim Watson 15-Kristi Hildebrand

17-David Williams 24-Carol Heacock

27-Margie Farnham 30-Colin Young

* Earl turns **91** this year!! Cards can be sent to him at 5688 Notre Dame Place, Columbus OH 43213-1490.

The Wider Church

A Call to Support CRIS Ohio

Julie Johnson writes that the Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) is a nonprofit agency in Central Ohio that provides a variety of services to refugees and immigrants. It is an affiliate of Church World Services (which Redeemer support each fall through CROP Walk – see separate story, this issue on CROP Walk).

Among other activities it is a refugee resettlement (as an affiliate of CWS) and has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. State Department to directly receive and place refugees in our community. It has been in existence for 30 years and has earned the respect of many who advocate for immigrants and refugees.

CRIS offers a variety of services in addition to resettlement services including legal services, family services, employment services, health and wellness services and youth mentorship services.

“CRIS has been immensely impacted by executive orders signed by **President Trump**. On his first day in office, he signed an executive order that stopped the arrival of refugees. This included persons who had been through all background checks, interviews and other steps required and who had even booked transportation. For four days the U.S. government issued a stop work order, halting CRIS’s work with other refugees. CRIS was also impacted when Trump signed an executive order halting government funding of grants and loans.

“*Supporting CRIS is an action that we can take now to support immigrants and refugees in our area* in a hostile and chaotic time. The quickest way to support CRIS is directly through either their website at crisohio.org or by calling 614-235-5747. You can also donate by writing a check to Redeemer and note in the memo line CRIS. Donations through Redeemer are usually delayed by at least a month.”

CU Sponsors Nelson Lecture Series March 18, 20

Capital University (CU) is sponsoring the Nelson Lecture on **Tuesday and Thursday, March 18 and 20**. Tuesday events include worship in the Gloria Dei Worship Center at 10 a.m. and an interactive lecture at 7 p.m. that evening.

“The Blanket Exercise” is an interactive journey through 500+ years of Indigenous history. “Engage, reflect and learn in this powerful, immersive experience. Ages 15+ are welcome.” Due to the nature of this exercise, prompt arrival is required. No admittance once the exercise begins.

Then on Thursday, **Vance Blackfox**, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and founder and director of Other + Wise, will speak in Cap’s Convergent Media Center beginning at 7 p.m. A reception follows at 8:30 p.m.

LMC to Hold Maple Syrup Festival March 9

Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC)/HopeWood Pines will hold its 49th Annual Maple Syrup Festival on **Saturday, March 9** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival features pancakes, syrup demonstrations and live music.

All proceeds from the day’s events will benefit “camperships,” to send a child to camp.

LMC is located at 2790 State Route 61, Marengo, OH 43334.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

March 3 Pray for lasting and resilient peace in the Holy Land and Middle East, that those who have suffered and lost much will experience justice, hope and healing as they rebuild their lives and communities.

4 Praise God for young people who serve our neighbors through ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), working alongside global companion churches and organizations. Pray that their yearlong journeys will be blessings to the communities they serve and will strengthen their faith, clarity of vocation and understanding of people in diverse contexts.

5 Ash Wednesday Pray that we will wear the mark of the cross on our foreheads with humility and repentance and will remember why we are baptized into Christ: to proclaim the gospel, bear love and mercy into the world, serve our neighbors, strive for justice, grow in faith and glorify God in all we do and say.

6 Ask the Spirit to guide us through the season of Lent, that it might strengthen our faith in God’s sacrificial love through Jesus Christ. Give thanks for the knowledge that we live in God’s all-encompassing grace, given despite our weakness, uncertainty and arrogance.

7 Lift up praise and thanksgiving that God is perfect, impartial and ever present, defending those who suffer.

8 Remember in prayer our national leaders, that they will exercise wisdom, compassion, justice, mercy, respect for the diversity of humankind and attentiveness to those who are neglected and excluded. Pray that our leaders will foster well-being in our communities, nation and world.

9 Pray that the Spirit will give us strength whenever we are tempted to stray from the ways of God, revealed to us in human terms through the life of Jesus Christ.

10 Give thanks for moments of joy and celebration in your life and the lives of your neighbors and siblings in Christ.

First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025 – 10 a.m. Lessons

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 Peace Lutheran Mission in Gahanna.

+ For Redeemer community member Kurt Goshen.

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 sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin and their son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Barbara Hairston and family, Dottie and Larry Bird, Eileen Welker, Nancy Magargal's grandson Benjamin, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, LaVerna Reinoehl and family on the death of her brother Don Kapper, the family of Bishop Robert Kelley, Bill Boys on Ruth's death, Scott Steiner, Skye and Clay Andre on the death of their grandmother

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Lynn Belhorn
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Vergger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Communion Prep	Wendy Stoica, Lynn Belhorn, Kay Ernsthausen
Hospitality	Katie and Ruby Jacobs

No Flowers during Lent

The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

Week to Come at Redeemer

March 3 – March 10, 2025

Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	4:30 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2462
	5:30 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Team
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	5:15 p.m.	Outreach Team
	7:00 p.m.	Berwick Civic Association
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Suzuki Music
	12:30-4:00 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Suzuki Music
Sunday		Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward by 1 hour!
	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed Forum
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School for ALL Ages!
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	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