Organ Donation: An Act of Stewardship

A Stewardship August focus area is organ and body donation. If you have signed up for organ or body donation, good for you! If you are not yet an organ or body donor, we hope this information will help you in your decision or guide you to encourage others to get involved in this important ministry! The statement from the ELCA on organ donation:

- Regards the donation of cadaver organs as an appropriate means of contributing to the health and well-being of the human family.
- Recognizes that the donation of renewable tissue (e.g. bone marrow) and live organs (e.g. a kidney) can be an expression of sacrificial love for a neighbor in need.
- Encourages its members to consider the possibility of organ donation and to communicate their wishes to family members, physicians and health care institutions.
- Encourages those willing to donate to make the necessary familial and legal arrangements.
- Calls upon its pastors to acquaint themselves with the ethical and legal issues and clinical procedures involved in order that they may counsel persons and families considering the possibility of donation.
- Urges its pastors, congregations, synods, agencies and institutions to sponsor educational programs on organ donation.
- Calls upon government to establish public policies which will encourage voluntary donations, discourage coercive donation, assure the efficient, equitable distribution of human organs and tissues for transplants, and disallow both the sale and purchase of organs as an appropriate means of contributing to the health and well-being of the human family.

Here are some facts from the Lifeline of Ohio:

Advances in medical science have made transplant surgery extremely successful. The major problem is obtaining enough organs for the growing number of Americans who need them. There are hundreds of thousands of Americans waiting for organs to become available so that they can have a second chance at life. Sadly, there are not enough organ donors to meet the growing need, resulting in the deaths of 22 men, women, or children each day.

Persons waiting for transplants are listed at the transplant center where they plan to have surgery, and are placed on a national computerized waiting list of potential transplant patients in the United States.

When donor organs become available, several factors are taken into consideration in identifying the best-matched recipient(s). These include medical compatibility of the donor and potential recipient(s) on such characteristics as blood type, weight and age. Urgency of need, and length of time on the waiting list are also factors in the allocation process. In general, preference is given to recipients from the same geographic area as the donor because timing is a critical element in the organ procurement process.

We hope this information is of help to you.

Organ and body donation sign-up is a special act of Stewardship. There is additional information available on the table near the front entrance in the Narthex. There will also be information in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

The Stewardship Team
Redeemer Community

Volunteers Needed for Produce Give-Away on August 20

While a number of individuals are already signed up, a total of approximately 15 to 20 volunteers are needed for the next produce give-away here at Redeemer which is set for this Thursday, August 20 beginning at 3 p.m. and running through 6 p.m. This is done in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board on the south wall of the Narthex or just come on Thursday!

Approximately 12,000 pounds of food is delivered to the parking lot between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

This is in addition to the Redeemer’s own weekly vegetable give away from the church’s garden. That begins at 10 a.m. every Saturday.

Readers Sought for Single, Two-Service Sundays

Readers are need for this coming Sunday, August 23 and for the last of Redeemer’s single service Sundays on September 6. In addition, the sign-up sheet is now up for Sunday, September 13 through the end of the year.

If you can read Sunday, please call the church office at (614) 237-1263. Otherwise, please sign up on the sheet which can be found posted on the bulletin board on the south wall in the Narthex.

God’s Work – Our Hands: RLC to Focus on Commons on Livingston

Redeemer will be participating in the service event, which has been dubbed “God’s Work – Our Hands,” on Sunday, September 13 – the date set aside by ELCA to highlight service in each congregation’s community. Redeemer’s service opportunity will involve The Commons on Livingston, based on input earlier this year from the church council.

According to Redeemer’s Lay Ministry Coordinator Carolyn Moehring, the Commons on Livingston is a cooperative supportive housing project between the Veterans Administration and National Church Residences. It is unique in the country because many of the individuals did not complete two years in the military many times because of mental illness. It houses 100 veterans, most of whom have been homeless and most of whom have struggled with mental illness, drugs, alcohol, done prison time or a combination of those challenges. Many of them have burned all bridges with their families. At the current time there are 95 men and 5 women living at the Commons.

A portion of the veterans qualify minimally for veterans benefits. Most may qualify for basic medical services but that is all. Except for a handful they have to use community transportation. A few qualify for companion animals (small dogs under 18 lbs or a cat). Many, if not all, are on food stamps. However, food stamps do not cover many of the daily needs items such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap (can only use liquid laundry soap), body soap or shampoo, razors, shaving cream, dish washing liquid (no dishwashers in the building), to name a few items. As part of Redeemer’s project the congregation will be collecting these types of items for delivery to The Commons on Livingston in September. Two bins in the Narthex are dedicated to this collection.

In addition, Redeemer will sponsor a Bingo Night at The Commons on Monday evening September 21, preceded by a light dinner. For that evening, the following volunteers and items are needed:

- Bingo callers
- Bingo prizes (Families may sign up to provide a prize. Simple ideas include a movie night basket that includes an inexpensive DVD and microwave popcorn; an Italian basket that includes pasta, sauce, cheese, bread; a Mexican basket that has all the makings for tacos; a card night basket with playing cards, bagged snacks. All of the individuals would be thrilled with COTA day passes or Walmart gift cards.)
- People to serve dinner (2 or 3)
- Dinner! (The community room has a small kitchen with only a small oven so dinner needs to be simple.)

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Sister Act to Meet August 21**

Redeemer’s women’s group *Sister Act* will gather on **Friday, August 21** at 6 p.m. at Carol Heacock’s home, 6858 Peachtree Circle, Westerville. Please note place and earlier time. Movie and discussion - *Spitfire Grill*, led by Kelley Scott. A simple meal will be provided. Plan to bring popcorn or another movie-watching snack to share.

Future events include the following:

- **Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11:** Annual Women's Retreat at the Lutheran Memorial Camp in Fulton, OH. The theme of this year’s retreat is “Alive in Grace.” The cost for the weekend, including two nights and up to six meals, is $100. Partial or full scholarships are available. For questions, please contact Michele Disbro, Kay Ernsthausen, or Carol Heacock.

  As always, questions should be directed to Kelley by email to kelleynotez@yahoo.com or by phone - (740) 475-8498 (home/cell).

**Prayers & Personals**

Prayers are asked for Melissa and Eric Vivens who were married here at Redeemer on Saturday. Congratulations!

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Prayers are requested for Bob Frazier who has been in Mt. Carmel West for the past week with several medical issues.

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Prayers are requested for Bernice Stewart who will be having surgery on Friday.

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It was great to see Cora Marquez in church Sunday with her parents Jessica and Justin!

**The Wider Church**

**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

*A hymn festival in thanksgiving for the life of Walter R. Bouman*

A celebratory hymn festival will be held on **Friday, September 11**, at 7 p.m. in Gloria Dei Chapel at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. The evening will feature a variety of beloved hymns in festive settings, and Bach’s Cantata *Erhalt uns, Herr, von deinem Wort*, performed by the Muskingum University Chamber Singers. The festival honors Dr. Walter Bouman, who taught at Trinity Lutheran Seminary from 1971 until his death in 2005 and who was a member of Redeemer. He was thoroughly devoted to the church, to its people, and especially to his students. Dr. Bouman taught and preached the Word of God around the globe.

For more information on the event, call (614) 214-2639, or visit the Bouman Hymn Festival webpage at tlsohio.edu under “News and Events.”

**The Community Beyond**

**Nothing But Nets**

From Rick Reilly at NothingButNets.net:

“**United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** recently released the Millennium Development Goals progress report and we've cut deaths from malaria by 69 percent among children
under age five in sub-Saharan Africa. Your support has contributed to global efforts to fight malaria, which have saved 6 million lives since 2000.

“Thanks to you and our supporters all over the world, the United Nations Foundation's *Nothing But Nets* campaign has been able to send more than 9 million life-saving nets to protect children and families. I can say without hesitation that those nets have helped millions of families stay free from this terrible disease, and, yes, have saved lives. The work that we are doing together matters, and it's yielding tremendous results.”

### Getting Ready for Sunday

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2015**

**Lessons**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

**Order of Worship – Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

10 a.m. – Setting Hymnal Supplement

**Intercessions & Thanksgiving**

+ For the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in St. Louisville.
+ For Redeemer members Ranel and Neil Hoddinott.

*Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Pearl Aggas, Barb Atkinson, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Gerry Stokes, Georgia Wegmeyer, Norm Wegmeyer, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Evelyn Fitch, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes, Faith Wick, Bob Edmund, Jon Denniss, Marcene Phillips, Alexa Thanakeo, Rob Skoog, Adnane Haimani, Bonnie Hegreness, Donald Stewart, Nancy Magargal, Jack Oldham, Tom Mimlitch, Cora Marquez, Lea Spang, Bob Frazier, Bernice Stewart, and Redeemer visitors.

**Worship Leaders**

10 a.m.

- **Presiding Minister**
  - Pastor Al Debelak
- **Assisting Minister**
  - John Caron
- **Crucifer**
  - Jackson Harms
- **Reader**
  - Jennifer Young
- **Cantor**
  - Bennett Whitaker
- **ASL Interpreter**
  - Kathy Rapp
- **Organist**
  - Karen Kent
- **Pianist**
  - Julie Johnson
- **Verger**
  - Dave Reinoehl
- **Coordinator**
  - Tom Rabenold
  - Lou Staffilino
- **Ushers**
  - Tom Rabenold
  - Lou Staffilino
- **Welcoming Team**
  - Tom Rabenold
  - Lou Staffilino
Hospitality  Julie Johnson  
Communion Set-up  Kathy Zwanziger  Ranel Hoddinott  

Response to Visitors:  
Baker  Bonnie Hegreness  
Baked Goods Deliverer  Mary Benis  
Note-writer  Shirley Miller  
Food Pantry Delivery  

*Flowers are given by Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham in memory of Sue’s son Joe.*

**Sunday School**

*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE SUMMER – CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS RESUME SEPT. 13!*

**This Week at Redeemer**  
**August 18- August 24, 2015**

**Tuesday**  
8:00 am  ROMEO  
2:30 pm  Suzuki School  
5:30 pm  Evangelism  

**Wednesday**  
12:00 pm  Beacon of Hope #2  
2:30 pm  Suzuki School  

**Thursday**  
3:00 pm  Suzuki  
3:30 pm  Food Give-Away  
7:00 pm  Condo Association  
7:30 pm  Congregational Council  

**Friday**  
Suzuki School  
6:00 pm  Sister Act @ Heacock’s home  

**Saturday**  
9-3 & Sunset  Beacon of Hope  

**Sunday**  
10:00 am  Worship with Holy Communion  
1 pm  Raven’s Farmers Market  
7:00 pm  Movie Night  

**Monday**  
3:00 pm  Suzuki School  
6:00 pm  Girl Scouts