

Welcome All. Tell The Story. Grow As Disciples.

May 2022

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3500 Main St., Hilliard, OH

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

So ends Matthew’s gospel, with a famous command to go and share the good news with all the world. But, let’s be honest, this command makes us nervous. It especially makes us Lutherans nervous. “Evangelical” may be in the name of our denomination, but evangelism is something that is much harder and scarier. So where do we begin?

When it comes to sharing our faith and inviting others to faith we have to begin with a very basic question: why? Why do we want our community to grow? There are a lot of answers we could give to this question: we want our church to be bigger or we want our church to survive, for example. We could say we want a bigger youth group, a bigger budget, for church to feel like the good ole days.

Here is the secret though, all those answers are bad answers because they don’t include Jesus. We have to be sure that our motivations are right when we are talking about evangelism and growth. We want people to know Jesus. That is the reason for evangelism.

So, to be clear about that question we then have to ask another: Why do you want people to know Jesus? What about Jesus makes you want to share his good news with all the people you meet? Unlike the previous question I don’t have a “right” answer for this one. Maybe it’s because Jesus has healed you, forgiven you, raised you from the dead, given life in the midst of depression, or some other reason even I don’t know about. Whatever your answer, if we are going to share the good news we have to know what we find compelling about Jesus and be able to articulate that to all we meet.

When you are thinking about why you want people to know Jesus here is an added task: try and make your answer just one sentence. It’s a lot easier to ramble about Jesus, but often people just don’t have the time. Our point of contact between our faith and someone’s life may be just one simple sentence. So your homework, as you finish reading this article, is to practice talking about Jesus with just one sentence. One sentence about why Jesus is important to you or why you want people to know Jesus.

This is not all that evangelism entails, but it is a good place to start. Start with why you want church to grow. Why you want people to know Jesus. Then boil all that down to one sentence. With that sentence and those questions answered for yourself you will be prepared to go out and share Jesus with all the world.

-Pastor Dave

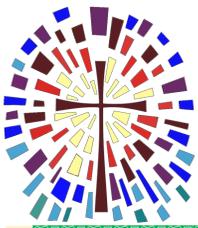
May Worship Assistants

| | <u>Assisting Minister</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>2 Ushers</u> | <u>2 Greeters</u> |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/1 | Candy Franz | Donna Suain | ?? | Donna Suain & Janet Poulosom |
| 5/8 | Renee Mushalko | ?? | ?? | ?? |
| 5/15 | youth | youth | youth | youth |
| 5/22 | Tricia Ohler | ?? | Mark Docter & ?? | ?? |
| 5/29 | Andy Ohler | Karen Harvey | ?? | ?? |

Worship Assistants

LECTORS, GREETERS, and USHERS are needed for all of **May and June**.

So... PLEASE consider signing up for one or more of these positions. No previous experience needed! All ages welcome to sign-up! If you need information on any of these duties, please see or email Kathy Rotolo (kathy.rotolo@relc.org). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can email the church office (office@relc.org).



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From the Council...

Much of the focus of this year's Council work has been visioning...discerning God's current to future call for RELC and determining the path for answering the call.

When meetings are roughly an hour long, we want to maximize how much time can be spent on visioning, so there is reading homework we have to do in preparation for each meeting. This also prepares us by helping us see what RELC is doing now, outlined in ministry reports, for example (why these are so important!).

So, what are we working on now?

♦ **March Meeting: Worship and Worship Space**

What are the needs for our worship space, and not just the physical needs? How do colors, setup, tone, lighting, and so on impact worship and how can they be improved?

How do we want to shape worship? What ambiance? What impact?

This is a process that will take some time, but we have a basic framework started and will continue to add to.

♦ **April Meeting: Evangelism and Growth**

It's a common refrain that we want the church to grow. We have explored what that really means. We've accepted certain realities for today's Church as rules we will work within and explored the history of how people came to RELC in the first place, way back when (When? Well, 1958, to be exact. Quite a story.)

We have much more to work on here. Time again in May's meeting will allow us to further the process.

There will be more to share about both of these efforts. Looking at God's calling to RELC in these ways is a privilege for the Council and will be woven into our journey as God's body as we move into the future. Stay tuned!



In God's Grace,
Council



A pastor, a Trekker, and a Star Wars fan walk into a recording session...

It sounds like the set-up for a joke, but it's really the start of a nerdy new outreach from RELC: the *Church in Space* podcast. *Church in Space* is a show that explores the intersection of religion and science fiction. **Episodes 1 through 13 are posted to the church website.**

www.RELC.org/podcast-2/

New episodes are released each Sunday afternoon on Podbean; and posted to the church website each Monday.

Also now available on Apple Podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/church-in-space/id1505351854>



Bible Study with Pastor Dave

Tuesday at 11 am at RELC & Thursday at 7 pm via ZOOM (no bible study Holy Week)

(Email pastordave@relc.org for the ZOOM link) All are invited—join when you can!

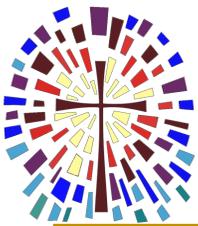


One of the statements of the RELC mission is to "Tell the Story."

Adult Forum: Pastor Dave is leading the discussion about a new story each week. Join the discussion Sundays at 9-9:45 AM in the Narthex.

Self-Study: Each week there is a worksheet with a Bible reading available with questions to explore more of the story. Please grab one from the narthex, read it online or reach out to the office.





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First English Meals

We will be preparing and serving dinner at 1st English on May 26 and could use some baked goods for dessert. If you would like to contribute a dozen (or 2) cookies, brownies, or other treats, please bring them to the RELC kitchen by noon on May 25. Also, if you would like to help prepare or help serve the meal at FELC, please let Carol Williams know. Prep time is 1pm on the 26th, we usually leave around 4:30pm and serving time is 5:30-6:30pm. If the weather cooperates, we will probably set up a serving line outside of their church (they have several picnic tables for folks to be able to sit and visit during the meal). Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Looking ahead to June and July, we could use some extra hands in preparing and serving breakfast at 1st English as some of our "regulars" will be on vacation. If you are interested in helping June 11 (prep) or June 12 (serving) AND/OR July 9 (prep) or July 10 (serving) please see Kathy Rotolo (kathy.rotolo@relc.org) for more details. ~Kathy Rotolo



Thank you for the Lenten Journey

To Worship Planning Team, Back Row Ministry, Altar Guild, Hospitality, and the Many Others Involved!

I want to thank you all for bringing us through Lent and Holy Week to a joyous Alleluia for Easter! This entails a lot of hard work that you all make look extremely easy and that has made each of the experiences throughout this time period very special. I appreciate your flexibility and adaptability, your vision and collaboration to bring a uniqueness to our Lenten journey, and the pleasure it is to watch your groups work. Each of you bring commitment, dedication, and mostly a lot of love to RELC. I see it, and it brings me great solace knowing that you have listened to God's call to you, even when maybe that wasn't your first priority. The RELC body of worshipers have benefited from the talents you have, your faith, and your devotion to God.

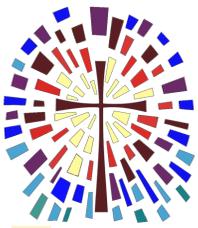
Because most of you will continue to have duties to perform as time moves along here, it's hard to tell you to take a well-deserved rest, but I also know that this may cause you to have many distractions from your own ability to worship. So, while you may find it difficult to take time off, please find time to give yourselves the chance to focus on your own connection to God in worship.

My prayers will be full of gratitude for you, and I hope others in the congregation will pray for you as well. Thank you for your distinctive touch on this Easter season! You can never fully know its impact, but God knows, which is why He has called you specifically.

Many blessings to each of you on this continuing journey with our Lord!

Sincerely,
Renee Mushalko
Council President





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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the month of May we will be collecting children's socks - ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. Socks, or any other items for the boxes can be placed in the tubs at the Donation Station, by the restrooms. Cash donations are always welcome and we will shop for you - see Barb Emmets or Pam Davis. A list of our most needed items at this time is to the right. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Any questions - see Barb or Pam.



SOME ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

- * SHOE BOXES – (NO BOOT BOXES PLEASE)
- * CUPS
- * SOCKS
- * COLORING BOOKS
- * STUFFED ANIMALS
- * SMALL TOYS
- * CHILDREN'S SCISSORS



CHOICES - The shelter is in need of juice boxes and individual snack packs at this time, as well as children's shorts - all sizes. Items can be placed in the CHOICES tub at the Donation Station. *Any questions - see Barb Emmets*



We are excited to share that LSS CHOICES is one of the top 200 finalists in the national State Farm Neighborhood Assist® grant program. We are trying to earn one of 100 \$25K grants, and we need you to help by voting for CHOICES! **Here's how:** click [here](#) and vote for LSS CHOICES. Voting is open from **Wednesday, April 27 until Friday, May 6.** You can vote up to **10 times per day, every day.** Winners will be announced June 7. A \$25K grant will help us provide safe shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. Annually, CHOICES serves about 2,000 people and answers more than 4,000 crisis hotline calls. Please vote for CHOICES and help us earn this generous grant!



Barb got a write up on the LSS website. Barbara has been volunteering with us for almost 3 years. She comes to serve at our LSS Donation Center every Friday, serves in our kitchen and helps with special projects! Barb says she loves to volunteer because "I love to give to the community. Now that I am retired, I have the time and I feel God driving me to do what we are asked to do by loving our neighbor." We ❤️ Barb!

TASKS A PLENTY

Sometimes it can be difficult to devote 2 years of your life to a ministry role, yet you may feel like you want to contribute in some meaningful way.

Over the course of May, we will be posting lists of tasks that need to be done around RELC: some will be creative, some administrative, some maybe even a little messy...but all in need of your helping hands. Watch the bulletin and the notice board at the bathroom end of the Narthex for the tasks as they are posted and sign up to help! Once the task is done, you can either move on to another one or wait for a later opportunity.

Thank you for doing God's Work!

Kindness
is in your blood.



Blood Drive Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

3500 Main Street
Hilliard, OH 43026

**Thursday, May 26, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

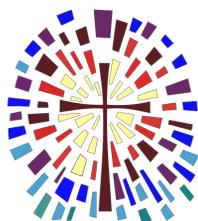


DOWNLOAD THE APP

**This Red Cross
Blood Drive is in
memory of Shelia
Hall @ RELC 11-5pm**

**Download the app using the QR code
above.**

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED
CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, use sponsor
code: RELC



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Men's Fella-ship Breakfast will combine this month with the Giving Garden Group for a joint breakfast and mulching outside the church!
Saturday, May 14th, 8:30am

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



For the next few months, please continue to work on making shawls and patches at home.

Anyone interested in making shawls or patches that has not made them in the past - see Barb Emmets for further information about this ministry.

RELC BOOK CLUB

The book for May 17th is **Book of Lost Names** by Kristen Harmel
(Book Club is held at RELC in Room 7C)



There will be no Book Club Meeting in June or July. We will meet again in August, with the book, **Sold on a Monday** by Kristina McMorris.



Theology on Tap May 24, 2022 7pm

@ Crooked Can Brewing Co., Center Street Market

Theology on Tap meets once a month



usually on the 4th Tuesday of the month for fellowship and discussion on how faith in-

fluences what we think about current events and the world around us.



Join us!!!



The Lunch Ladies will meet again in June, so stay tuned!

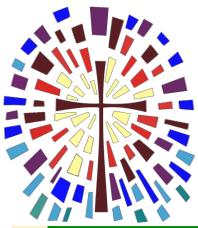


Pictures from April Ladies Lunch at MCL!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Email to prayerteam@relc.org or contact the office at 614-876-7926, or email office@relc.org.





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Giving Garden **May 2022**

Wow is it May already?? So hard to believe that from the very first seeds that I planted on March 6th they are now strong healthy plants that are ready to be planted into the Giving Garden. We have made it through the winter and a cold and rainy spring but we are ready for warmer temperatures and the official start to gardening!! In fact, the GG is already planted with cool weather spring crops such as Pak Choi (2 types), kale, cabbage (white and red), cutting celery, radishes and carrots.

We are kicking off our GG season on Saturday May 21 at 9:00 am with the planting of our summer crops. We need lots of volunteers to help out. Please bring gloves and a garden trowel.

An added bonus for helping out on Saturday 5/21 - There will be plenty of plants for volunteers to take home to their personal gardens. Dan and I had a very successful seed starting season (more than can be planted in the GG).

Thank you Jesus for seeds and soil, adequate growing conditions and hands that tend to the Giving Garden.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the GG.

Carol Williams (mwill999@columbus.rr.com or see me in church)



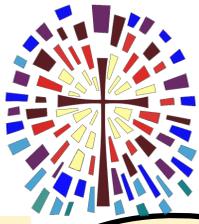
Thank You City of Hilliard

Have you noticed the big pile of wood chips on the north end of the church property? This is courtesy of the City of Hilliard and their tree removal service. We were able to obtain 2 cubic yards of wood chips on Friday 4/22 to be used to build walking paths and provide edging to the Giving Garden. Not only will this make the garden area look clean and inviting but it will also help in weed control. Oh, did I mention the wood chips were free!!

Thank You Jesus for the city of Hilliard and all that it does for it's residents and businesses.

~Carol Williams





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Breakfast and Mulch

It is that time of the year where we need to make sure the landscaping around the church property is looking fresh and tidy. Our outdoor volunteers are already busy mowing, trimming and cleaning up various flower beds. **On Saturday May 14th we will be spreading mulch in various areas around the church. Please come and have breakfast at 8:30am and then we will begin to lay down the mulch around 9:30am. Please bring gloves and a rake if you have one. We will have some extra rakes too.** A good turnout means we can be done in about an hour.



Please contact Carol Williams if you have any questions.

Sundays, 11:10-11:45 AM

The Pastor
and the
Recovering
Heretic

When it comes to faith practices, Bible readings, theology, and so on, what have you been curious about?

Pastor Dave Kamphuis and **Dan Mushalko** explore questions about Lutheran ritual, Pastor's sermons, and the Sunday readings, and answer your burning questions.

In-person audience welcome (Life Center) or join online via live streaming: relc.org (Live Worship button)

You can submit your questions online (during discussion) or by email (other times) at pastordave@relc.org

Ministry COORDINATORS:

The guidelines for the August 21 Ministry Fair are now available. A Council member will provide you with a copy and answer any questions you may have.

You are encouraged to make your plans early, particularly if you have an idea you'd like help developing.

Thank you for participating!

QUESTIONS? See
Pastor Dave or Renee Mushalko

Our projected giving for 2022 was \$298,000. I am happy to report that as March ended, we had received gifts and offerings of approximately \$76,000—one quarter of that total. The people of RELC continue to be good and faithful stewards of God's blessings.

If you did not receive offering envelopes at the beginning of the year and would still like them, please contact the church office. If you would like information on electronic giving, qualified minimum distributions from a retirement account, or including RELC in your estate planning, please contact Charlie Anderson at (614) 599-4362 or by emailing charlie@relc.org.

In Christ's service,
Charlie Anderson
RELC Financial Stewardship Team



Katherine's office hours will be changing for summer. After Memorial Day they will change to 11:00 am—3:00pm, Monday thru Friday. You can always call or email the office with questions! office@REL.C.org

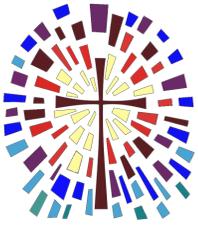


Greetings to Pastor Dave and our RELC Family.

Words cannot express our thanks to you for your prayers, get well cards, and meals; when I had my malignant kidney removed on April 6th. The prayers and well wishes meant so much to both myself and to John. The good news is that this cancer is a grade 2 out of 4. We are so thankful and happy. My chemo is working well for the multiple myeloma, and I am hoping and praying that this will eventually go into remission, as my blood numbers are slowly improving. Pastor Dave, thank you so much for coming into our home the day before surgery for the beautiful short service, and prayers. God is good! Prayers work miracles. Thanks again, to all of you.

Shirley & John Berger





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HS Youth News

**Always subject to change*



- **May 13th -30 Hour Famine Dinner**
- **May 14-15th -30 Hour Famine** **more details to follow*
- **May 15th -Youth Sunday** –the youth will lead service this Sunday.
- **May 22nd –End of the Year Family Cookout** –bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **July 26th 10am –5pm @ Wittenberg University** –all those who were suppose to participate in The Youth Gathering this summer can join Synod Day at Wittenberg sponsored by the Southern Ohio Synod. Please let RELCyouthgroup@gmail.com know if you're able to attend.



Youth Group Egg Hunt

Sundays at 9am

- ~Godly Play (preschool -3rd grade)
Godly Play is off 5/1 & 5/8
- ~Youth Sunday School (grades 4-7)
- ~High School Group (grades 8-12)
usually meet a few times a month.

Godly Play, High School and Youth Sunday School Groups will take a

break for Summer. Youth Group may have a couple events, but no formal Sunday School class during summer. Stay tuned!



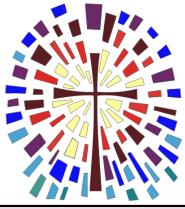
On Maundy Thursday, Jacob Kibbe, Ewan Kountz, and Henry Rader celebrated their 1st Communion. In addition to classes with Pastor Dave, they decorated chalices and helped make the bread served to all who attended the service. They also participated in the service by communing their families.

A special Thank You to Nancy Bryner for making keepsake bags for the chalices.

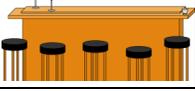


May Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 5/1 Grace Kibbe | 5/11 Allyson Kelley | 5/23 Brett Dillon |
| 5/3 Tara Heath | 5/17 Bob Owen | 5/24 Janet Poulson |
| 5/4 Kara Long | 5/21 Sue Owen | 5/25 Mark Docter |
| 5/5 Melanie Anderson | 5/23 Kristy Baker | 5/28 Mike Baker |
| 5/8 Tom Ohler | 5/23 John Perry | 5/29 Tom Rahr |
| | | 5/31 Lori Drenten |



May Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1) 8:30am Choir rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School (Youth grades 4-7, and Adult only) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q&A (WLC) | 2) 10:30am Worship Planning Meeting (office) 11:30am Staff Meeting (office) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Cubs Committee Meeting | 3) 11:00am Bible Study (narthex) 6-8pm Cub Scouts Den Meetings 7:00pm Financial Stewardship Meeting (office)  | 4) 7:00pm RELC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting  | 5) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting  | 6) 6-10pm Media (WLC and Narthex)  | 7) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 9:30am FELC Breakfast Prep (kitchen)  |
| 8) Mother's Day 8:00am Breakfast FELC (First English Columbus, OH) 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School (Youth grades 4-7, and Adult only) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q&A (WLC) | 9) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot)  | 10) 11:00am Bible Study (narthex) 6-8pm Cub Scouts Den Meetings 7:00pm Council Meeting (Room 6) | 11) 7:00pm RELC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Property Team Meeting (office) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting  | 12) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)  | 13) High School Youth Group 30 Hour Famine Kick-off  | 14) 8:30am Men's Fellowship and Giving Garden Breakfast and mulch (inside and out) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) High School Youth Group 30 Hour Famine |
| 15) Youth Sunday 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School (Godly Play, Youth grades 4-7, and Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q&A (WLC) High School Youth Group 30 Hour Famine | 16) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot)  | 17) 11:00am Bible Study (Narthex) 7:00pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting 7:00pm Communication Meeting (office) 7:00pm Book Club (Room 7C) | 18) 7:00pm RELC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting  | 19) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)  | 20) Boy Scout Pack 789 Cookout (backlot and yard)  | 21) 9:00am Giving Garden Planting Day (outside) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)  |
| 22) 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School (Godly Play, Youth grades 4-7, and Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q & A (WLC) 5:00pm HS Youth Group | 23) Office Closed 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot)  | 24) 11:00am Bible Study (Narthex) 7:00pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting 7:00pm Theology on Tap (Crooked Can, Center St. Market)  | 25) 7:00pm RELC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting  | 26) Ascension Day 11-5 Red Cross Blood Drive In Memory of Shelia Hall (WLC)  1:00pm FELC Dinner Prep (kitchen) 4:30 FELC Dinner (First English Columbus, OH) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) | 27) | 28) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) |
| 29) Ascension Sunday 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School (Youth grades 4-7, and Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:10am Q & A (WLC) | 30) Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot)  | 31) 11:00am Bible Study (Narthex) |  | | | |

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