

# Welcome All. Tell The Story. Grow As Disciples.

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## July 2026

***“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.”***

Martin Luther writes the quote above in his work *“Freedom of a Christian.”* After he makes that statement Luther asks how both of these contradictory points can be true? Luther’s overall point is that there are two parts of a human being, the inner person and the outward person. Through faith in Jesus Christ the inner person receives all of God’s blessings. Forgiveness, joy, peace, the resurrection from the dead. This inner person is totally free because of these blessings.

And because the inner person is free, that means our outer person can serve our neighbor. After all, we have all we need in the blessings that come from faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, since we have everything we need we can ask our neighbor what they need. We can stop being self centered in all that we do because we have the free blessings of Jesus Christ.

So, I know what you are thinking: so what? Our world talks a lot about freedom. Specifically, our politics debates a lot about the freedoms people are supposed to be granted. And this month we celebrate our country which loves to talk about freedom. I’m not going to tell you how to vote, but if you read Luther you will find that many people, including Christians, have this debate all wrong. We typically think that freedom is something that the law or authorities grant us or as something that can be taken away. Often we are very afraid of the threat of someone taking away our freedom.

Yet Luther says that freedom is something the Christian already has and can never be taken away from you. No matter what the law says, you can never lose the freedom you have from faith in Christ. After that, the only question becomes “how do I serve my neighbor.” Thinking about our freedom debates as a discussion of “how do I serve my neighbor” would fundamentally change the tenor and direction of our politics in this day and age.

So my prayer for you is that you can feel secure in the freedom you have in Jesus Christ. You are free. Free because Jesus has already forgiven you. You need do nothing to make sure of that. Simply trust in God’s good promises. Let us therefore take this freedom we have in Jesus and commit to serving our neighbor and looking out for their needs.

~Pastor Dave



*Spoken Word Service with Communion*



### **Bible Study with Pastor Dave**

~In person Co-Ed Bible Study Tuesdays at 11 am (Room 7)

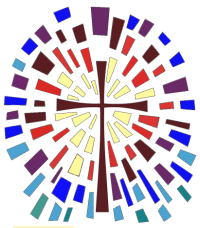
~Men’s Bible Study Saturday, July 18th in Room 7.

~Zoom Co-Ed Bible Study Thursday at 4:30 pm via zoom

(Email [pastordave@relc.org](mailto:pastordave@relc.org) or [office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org) for the ZOOM link)



**Wednesday, Spoken Word worship service** in the chapel each Wednesday at 7pm, with communion. These services will be simple spoken word without music and will not be live streamed online or recorded. See Pastor Dave for more information.



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## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Council Vice President - Michael Boring  
Council Secretary - Elaine Puckett  
Council Treasurer - Bridget Daniels  
Others- Michael Biggert,  
Nick Lungociu,  
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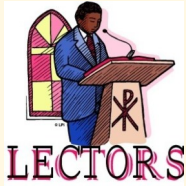
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## July Worship Assistants

If you are interested in volunteering this summer, We always need extra help with Children's Church, please see Pastor Dave or Kathy Rotolo.

**Assisting Ministers will be Tricia Ohler 7/5,  
Candy Franz 7/12, John VanVleet 7/19 and Michael Boring 7/26**

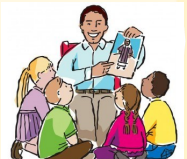


**Lectors will be Don Kincaid 7/5, Dan Mushalko 7/12,  
Donna Suain 7/19, and Renee Mushalko 7/26**



**Children's Leaders will be Patty Eakins for 7/5 and  
Renee Mushalko 7/12**

**We still need someone to lead 7/19 and 7/26.**



## Worship Assistants –Thank You to all who volunteer to serve :

**NOTE: If you would like to serve as Usher, Greeter, or Children's Church Leader please use the sign-up sheet that's on the desk in the narthex, we always need more people to help greet and usher, plus if you sign up ahead of time you get your name in the bulletin. :-)**



USHERS



**CenterPoint Church is renting the RELC Chapel on Sundays from 12:30am - 5:30pm for their service at 2:30pm They will also be using classrooms 3 from 2am– 4:30pm, the nursery, and classroom 7 from 2-5pm. They also have band practice in the chapel Thursdays, 6-8:30pm. These weekly rentals are not listed on the calendar above, but please note they happen every week. Only extra events from CenterPoint are listed on the printed church calendar.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any Prayer requests and updates (on treatment or healing regarding people you have placed on the prayer list) to [prayerteam@relc.org](mailto:prayerteam@relc.org) or contact the office at 614-876-7926, or by email [office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)



**Adult Education every Sunday before service at 9am Room 7** on Sunday mornings before 10am worship. Pastor Dave will be going more in depth with the text for that Sunday. All are welcome!

A gift for you!

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
From: \_\_\_\_\_

GOOD AT THE KROGER CO. FAMILY OF STORES



Pastor Dave is asking for a few \$20 Kroger Gift Cards to keep in the office each month. If you are able to help please bring them to Katherine in the office. Do not give them to Pastor on Sundays. Thank you.

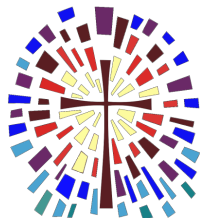


Don't forget to link your Kroger card to donate to RELC (SK398)

**Men's Bible Study will meet at 8:30am, Saturday July 18th at RELC in Room 7.**

All ages welcome.





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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

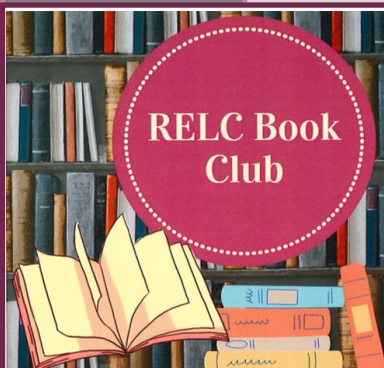
Please keep those prayer shawls and patches coming. Our goal for the patches is about 500 and we probably have about 200 at this time. We have plenty of yarn if you need it - see Barb Emmets or Judy Miller. Many thanks to everyone who assists with this ministry.

~See Barb Emmets or Judy Miller if you need assistance.



## Q & A with The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic

If you've ever had questions about your faith, or questioned if you should even have faith, join us for **The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic** every Sunday after service. It's an open discussion about anything you've ever wondered about religion. As a recovering heretic, Dan Mushalko takes no Church teaching at face value...while Pastor Dave Kamphuis taps his vast knowledge of Church history and theology to fill in the gaps of our doubt. Most importantly, they take *your* questions, too. Join us around 11:15am live in the WLC, or on our live YouTube stream at <https://bit.ly/RELC-QA>.



**RELC Book Club** -Now we are on "summer break" BUT you can start reading early!! Happy reading - Pam See Pam Davis with any questions. **NO Book Club July.**

**New list will start 8/18.** See below and you can start reading this summer.

### RELC Book Club 2026-2027

August 18<sup>th</sup> *Code Name Helene* by Ariel Lawhon

September 15<sup>th</sup> *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs

October 20<sup>th</sup> *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

November 17<sup>th</sup> *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis

January 19<sup>th</sup> *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict

February 16<sup>th</sup> *The Charm Bracelet* by Viola Shipman

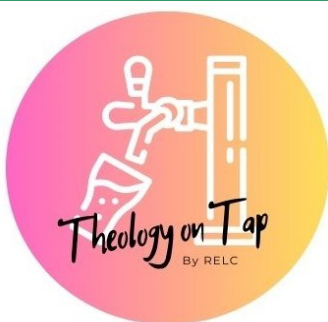
March 16<sup>th</sup> *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

April 20<sup>th</sup> *The Last Twilight in Paris* by Pam Jenoff

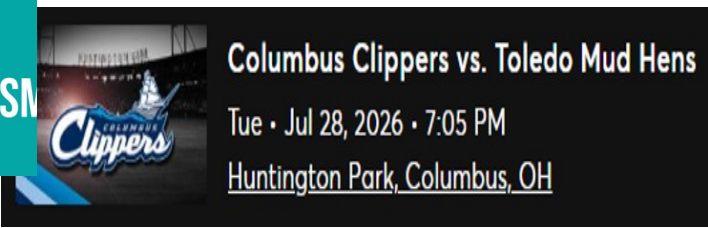
May 18<sup>th</sup> *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi



Book Club Ladies enjoying a screening of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* at Jill Rill's. We recommend this book & movie!



**No Theology on Tap for July!!** Instead come join the RELC Evangelism Team for Dime-A-Dog night at Huntington Park to watch the Columbus Clippers play against the Toledo Mud Hens! The game will be Tuesday, July 28 for a 7:05pm game. (If you sign up before the deadline 7/12, Evangelism Team plans to pay for entrance tickets) Please let us know if you need to carpool on the sign up.



**Columbus Clippers vs. Toledo Mud Hens**  
Tue • Jul 28, 2026 • 7:05 PM  
[Huntington Park, Columbus, OH](https://www.columbusclippers.com)



**Blood Drive**  
Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3500 Main Street  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
Thursday, July 23, 2026  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: RELC to schedule and appointment.

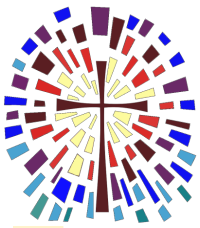
Your next blood drive is scheduled for 7/23/2026.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma

July 13-31, 2026, will receive a Fandango Movie Ticket by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees).\*

Additional details can be found at [RedCrossBlood.org/July](https://RedCrossBlood.org/July). In June, We collected 12 units, 4 of these from Power Red donations, and we had 12 presenting donors.





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## Giving Garden News - July 2026



It was the picture-perfect summer morning. Clear blue sky, cool morning temperatures as I pulled my car beside the Giving Garden and noticed a young male sitting on one of the benches and his bicycle propped up against a post.

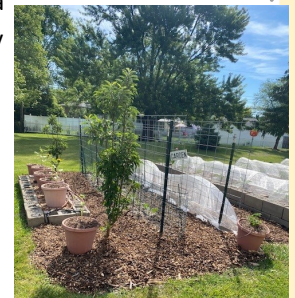
"Hello", I said. "Are you homeless"? Granted, this is not the best way to greet someone, but I have seen him in the GG area several times and he just typically waves, smiles and walks away. "No", he replied. "I am on my way to work, and I like to stop here and enjoy the quiet and the garden". OK now you are in my wheelhouse so I introduced myself and he said "Hi, my name is Daniel like in the Bible". The conversation continued and I found out he is of Latino descent and goes to a Latino focused church in Westerville. He loves his church for the culture, food and it gives him a chance to speak in his native language. I told him about the mission of the Giving Garden and he seemed very interested. Daniel, like in the Bible, you are a fine young man. You hold down a job, ride your bike to work and find time in the morning to appreciate all that God has given you. May you and others continue to enjoy the outdoor space that RELC has created for peaceful, quiet moments.



I cannot tell you how many times during the week, I am mentioning or telling others about "my church garden". It is such a source of pride for RELC and it fulfills a vital mission to meet the food insecurity needs of our neighbors. Enjoy the GG everyone. Take time to sit on a bench in the pollinator garden and be still and know God. *Happy Gardening!*

~Carol Williams ([mwill999@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mwill999@columbus.rr.com))

Please see me in church or drop me an email if you would like to be part of the GG work crew. We are a small but mighty group and we welcome anyone interested in helping out in the GG. No green thumb required.



  
Light up your community with this bag.



Spread some light and love with this \$2.50 reusable *Fight Hunger* bag. Every time this bag is purchased at our selected Kroger store during our selection period, our organization will receive a \$1 donation.

[kcolumbus2give.local.com](http://kcolumbus2give.local.com)

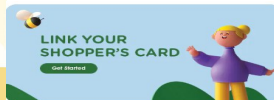


*Fight Hunger* bag program

**BOLD (Bread Of Life Disciples) Food Pantry!** As a beneficiary in the Kroger Columbus *Fight Hunger* bag program, your organization will receive \$1 for every \$2.50 *Fight Hunger* reusable bag sold **throughout July 2026** at your selected Kroger Columbus location:



2525 Hilliard-Rome Road, Hilliard OH



Don't forget to link your Kroger card to donate to RELC (SK398)

## FELC English Meal Ministry

We will serve breakfast at 1st English on July 12 and dinner on July 23.

We do some breakfast prep on Saturday at 10am in the RELC kitchen and the rest at 1st English.

We usually leave RELC at 7:15am. Breakfast is served 8:30am - 9:30am.

We will do some of the dinner prep at RELC in the afternoon around 1:30pm and then leave for 1st English at 4pm. Dinner is served 5:30-6:30pm.

If you would like to help with either (or both) meals, please see Kathy.

[Kathy.Rotolo@relc.org](mailto:Kathy.Rotolo@relc.org)



## LSS - FAITH MISSION/CHOICES

Both the Mission and CHOICES are in need of the following items.....



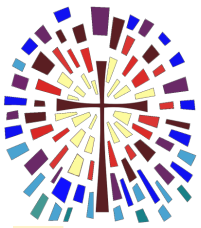
**Men's and women's underwear - all sizes, gender neutral lotion and body wash, boys and girls multipack underwear and baby wipes. All items must be new and can be placed in the LSS marked tubs at the Donation Station in the narthex.** We would like to get a group together to go to the LSS Donation Center to help unpack supplies, sort supplies and the stock the shelves. - **July 31st.** Please let Barb know if you are available.

We usually carpool from the church at 10:00 am and work at the center from 10:30 to 12:30.

Any questions - See Barb Emmets

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- Boys and girls multipack underwear
- Baby wipes





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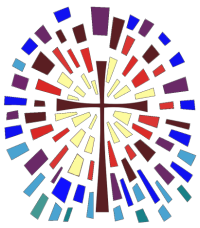
# RELC out and about town....



Several ELCA Lutheran churches in Columbus gathered at Old Trinity to march in the Columbus Pride Parade and share God's Love with everyone.

Congratulations to Pastor Keith L. Monroe as the new Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio.





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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2026** -We are at the halfway mark along our journey to the packing party in November, for the shoeboxes. For the month of July we will be collecting School Supplies and still need a few more coloring books. **Suggested School Supplies items are as follows: Notebooks, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pens, pencils, scissors, markers and rulers.** Please note that you can purchase any of the items on the list at anytime during the year when you are out shopping. Monetary donations are always accepted and we will shop for you, just give \$ to Barb or Pam. Please continue to pray for the children who will receive the boxes and learn about the love of Jesus. Prayer cards are available in the narthex. PS- Keep those shoeboxes coming! No Boot Boxes please. *Any questions - see Barb or Pam*

- January - washcloths
- February - spoons
- March - cups
- April - coloring books and cups
- May - small toys
- June - socks and pencils
- July - school supplies**
- August - school supplies
- September - socks and sharpeners
- October - remaining needs
- November - remaining needs
- December - Christmas sales



**School supplies - notebooks, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pens, pencils, scissors, markers, rulers**



Children are always welcome at RELC and we offer a soft space option for families with littles that wish to keep their kids in church and need a little entertainment.



Children's Church is open to all children aged 4-10, and takes place during the bible readings and sermon during worship. Pastor Dave releases the kids with an adult leader for a lesson and activity.

Everyone comes back during Share the Peace. **Please consider volunteering to help this ministry, we need more volunteers. Sign up in the narthex or see Katherine in the office or Kathy with questions.**



**RELCS**

**VBS will be June 30th, July 1st and July 2nd from 6-7:30pm.** The theme is *I'm Crafted*.

So I'm sure your Minecraft loving children are going to want to check it out. Scan the QR code to sign your kids up. ~Questions see *Becky Rader or Mollie Kountz*.



June 30 - July 2, 2026  
6:00-7:30  
For ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sign up using the QR Code



Children's Sunday School programs are at 9am during the school year. All Sunday School Activities will resume again in August. (check bulletins for actual dates and cancellations)

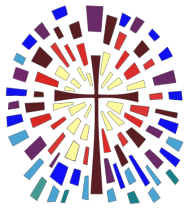
- ~Godly Play (preschool—3rd grade, meets in Godly Play Room) on break for summer
- ~Big Bang (for all kids that have aged out of Godly Play) on break for summer
- ~Fusion Youth Group (currently all kids are welcome) several of the older Youth are helping with ~Vacation Bible School June 30th, July 1 and July 2nd from 6-7:30pm.



## July Birthdays



7/1 Adalyn Badenhop	7/7 Susan Shuter	7/18 Drew Dittmar
7/4 Alyssa Lungociu	7/7 Greg Davis	7/20 Shelley Schalip
7/4 Pete Miller	7/10 Chris Long	7/27 Henry Rader
7/6 Patty Eakins	7/14 Mark Shuter	7/31 Katherine Hunt
	7/16 Candy Franz	



# July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1) 6-7:30 Vacation Bible School (WLC) 7pm Spoken Word Service (chapel)	2) 4:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 6-7:30 Vacation Bible School (WLC)	3)	4) Independence Day 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)	
5) 9:00am Education Classes—Adult Education (Adult Room 7) 9:00am Praise Band Practice 9:15-9:40am Media Sound Check 10:00am Worship Service with Communion (WLC) 11:15am Q&A: (WLC) 6-9 Private Basketball (WLC) <b>NO Jae</b>	6) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	7) 11:00am Bible Study (Room 7) 6:15pm Evangelism Team Meeting (Church Office) 7:00pm Communication Team Meeting (Church Office)	8) 6:30-10:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7pm Spoken Word Service (chapel)	9) 4:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	10) 9-1pm Renee (narthex)	11) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 10:00am FELC Breakfast prep (kitchen)
12) 7:30 am First English Breakfast (1015 E Main Street, Cbus, OH) 9:00am Education Classes—Adult Education (Adult Room 7) 9:00am Praise Band Practice 9:15-9:40am Media Sound Check 10:00am Worship Service with Communion & a Baptism (WLC) 11:15am Property Team Meeting (Room 7) No Q&A 6-9 Private Basketball (WLC)	13) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	14) 11:00am Bible Study (Room 7) 7:00pm Financial Stewardship Meeting (Church office)	15) 6:30-10:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7pm Spoken Word Service (chapel)	16) 4:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Worship Planning Meeting (church office)	17)	18) 8:30am Men's Bible Study (room 7) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
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Please email [office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org) or leave a message 614-876-7926 Mon-Fri. 10:30am-2:30pm

Whenever you have events or meetings that need to go on the calendar. Also please let me know about media needs.

Thanks ~Katherine