REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 112 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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December Events

- 12/4/16 Advent Matins Worship Service 9:30am
- 12/6/16 Shared Meal 6pm
- 12/11/16 Worship and Sunday School 9:30am
  Christmas Caroling to shut-ins
- 12/17/16 Decorate the Church for Christmas
- 12/18/16 Children's Christmas Pageant and Worship 9:30am
- 12/24/16 Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm and 9pm
- 12/25/16 Christmas Day Worship at 9:30am

Events Coming in January 2017

- Annual Cookoff: January 14, 2017
- Annual Meeting: January 29, 2017

Past Events

- Shared Meal served 71 people on Tuesday November 1, 2016
- WELCA had a successful Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 11/5/16
- Stewardship shared their message through skits and on Stewardship Sunday 11/13/16 served a wonderful breakfast
- The Youth Group hosted 20 people for an afternoon of Bingo on 11/12/16
- WELCA had their Thank Offering Worship Service on 11/20/16 and collected Thanksgiving food items for Redeemer's pantry.

Prayer Concerns

Members: Marian Hemphill, Sharon Degen, Marty Ditcher, Dee Grover, Ruth Samuels, Alice Skinner, David Short, Mike Dunn, Christina Jackson.

***Relatives and Friends of our Members*:** Dennis Green, Mary Gruppioni, Philomena Stendardo, June Schultz, Hannah Lipson, Kelli Kane, Dottie Nelms, Dimitri Herr.

Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:
Pres. Barack Obama, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives**.**

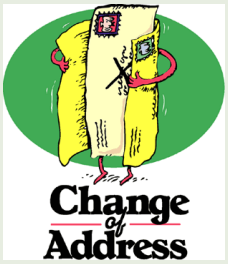
Remember in your Prayers our Members and Friends Serving In the Military:
Ron Skoczylas, Chad Durban, Bryan Oser, Joseph Piel, Derrick Stone, Mason Burgess.

Prayer Initiative for December

On December 11th we will pray for:Doris Parfitt, Ann Parfitt-Clee, John Parfitt, William Parfitt, Donna Parfitt-Herbert, Katherine and Larry Patelunas, Steve and Christine Rager, Christopher, Frank and Stephanie Rager, Lois Rinehimer, Catherine Robinson, Denise and Paul Robinson, Donald & Marylou Robinson, Elaine Rossi, Deeanna Rossi, Michael and Victoria Ruth, Michael Ruth, Hannah Ruth

On December 25th we will pray for: Chris & Trish Ryan and children Alan and Ivan, Debra Salvadore-Hug and children Bryan and Christine, Ruth Samuels, Kay Robinson, Dolores Hoppe, Amanda Trapani, Carol Samuels-Stout, Alyssa Stout, Chelsea Stout, Michael & Kelly Sanchez and Jack, Charles and Karen Sauls and children Matthew and Krystin, Brian & Meghan Schmidt and child Hailey

Parish Register News and Notes



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EMERGENCY **R**ELIEF **A**SSOCIATION OF LOWER BUCKS COUNTY

Dear Members.

The ERA appreciates the support we receive from the community. WE are currently seeing a continued great need for the food pantry's services in Bucks County. Thank you for your generous gift of 30 pounds of food during the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

We truly appreciate your support. Thank you for your generosity and for taking time to care.

Lind McGowan, Board Member

Please submit your reports for the Annual Meeting to Holly by January 6th, 2016. If possible, please submit the reports by email; if you do not have email or need me to type the report I will be happy to do so, just give me enough time!

Thank you very much,

Holly, Redeemer church secretary

SAVE THE DATE!

Come join us for Christmas caroling. We will visit members of our congregation who can't get out to church. Help share the blessing! Join us following worship and coffee hour.

Sunday 12/11/16

Parish Register and Notes

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff of Doctors Without Borders, I want to thank you for your generous gift of $745.50 received on October 18, 2016.

Your contribution helps ensure that our patients receive the care they so urgently need, no matter their circumstances.

Sincerely,

Jason Cone

Dear Redeemer Members,

Thank you for the wonderful Halloween package. My birthday is on Halloween so this made it more special.

Connor Thorsen

Dear Redeemer,

Thank you for your congregational support of Lutheran Charities with the gift of $745.50 towards the Domestic Disaster Relief Program. We know your congregation put a lot of effort into your auction to raise these funds and it is much appreciated. Through your gift, you are able to assist our five core charities as they touch the lives of over 100,000 or our neighbors.

Lutheran Charities organizations serve people of all ages, from new-borns and school-aged children through adults in their senior years. From inner city ministries and domestic violence programs to intellectual disability service and compassionate senior care… the reach of these ministries is truly extraordinary. Our charities offer revitalizing support and encouragement without regard to religion, race, disability, age, gender or sexual orientation, through the generous giving of those who love God and neighbor.

Programs

Ken Crest, Diakon Youth, Adoption and Foster Care Services, Liberty Lutheran, Lutheran Settlement House (LSH), Silver Spring School

Barbara Stechert, Manager of Donor Relations/Ministry Partners

Parish Register and Notes

Redeemer Lutheran Church is still collecting tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stores. We do receive a percentage of money from these tapes which goes to the Current Fund. Please try to keep them current. There is a basket on the shelf in the Narthex for the tapes.
Thank you for your help.

Katherine Patelunas

January 14, 2017

5:00pm

Join Us for our Annual Cookoff

This year will include German choices to help celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

Save the Date for food and fun and fellowship!

Finance Update

Financial Condition for the period ending 2016	October 31,
Current Fund Income	$86,852
Donations/Reimbursements	$13,475
Expenses	$115,318
Net Income (Loss)	**$(14,991)**

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

Building Maintenance	$5,773.00
Raise the Roof	$17,290.00
Search Fund	$470.00

The year is coming to a close, there are six (6) Sunday Services to turn in any offering envelopes you may have overlooked throughout the year. Every contribution is helpful and appreciated.

Christmas Sponsors Needed

Christmas Sponsorships

Torch Candles, Stanchion Candles, Congregational Candles, Communion Hosts and Bulletins are available for sponsorship for the Christmas services. Listed below are the prices for sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring any of these items please call the church office at 215-757-2724 or by email: redeemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net.

Stanchion Candles: $5 per candle (10 candles each service) 7 & 9pm
Congregational Candles: $13 per service for the 7 & 9pm service
Communion Hosts: $15 per service for 7 & 9pm
Bulletins: $10 per service for Christmas Eve 7 & 9pm

WELCA

WELCA Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar was held Saturday, November 5. Thank you to all who helped. We very much appreciate everyone carrying, baking, donating items, etc. The 2016 bazaar went very well all around.

December WELCA Christmas Party
Daughters and Grand-Daughters Invited
Tuesday, December 20 in the parish hall

THE WELCA CHRISTMAS Party will be Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 PM. For refreshments, we will each bring a dozen cookies (or our best home make baking). Dolores Danielson has devotions. Katherine Patelunas and Elaine Copeland host the Party. All Redeemer women are invited to attend and bring their daughters and/or grand-daughters.

Christmas Cookie Walk - Sunday, December 18

Redeemer members will be baking a wonderful variety of Christmas Cookies to be sold in the Parish Hall after the Sunday School Pageant on Sunday, December 18. These beautiful cookies make a great gift – at just the right time. Tins and plates will be available as gift containers. It is great fun to choose your cookies – this is a not-to-be-missed event. Proceeds will benefit the current fund.

A Big Thank You to all who bake!!!

Merry Christmas,
Rita Solt

I hope you have your holiday spirit in full swing after celebrating a very joyous Thanksgiving last week!
Christmas is coming soon and Sunday school is busy preparing for the Advent matins service on December 4th and our annual Christmas pageant on December 18th!The kids have been doing an awesome job with Youth in Worship and they are excited to participate in these two very special holiday worship services at Redeemer. Our lesson for December will focus on Advent and the Christmas story which we start on November 27th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The complete schedule is below.

Our two confirmation students, their parents and teacher Lynda Jones have come up with a workable schedule for service and class time making confirmation an enjoyable learning experience for all.

In November the Sunday school children had the opportunity to visit and work at our food pantry on Sunday November 20th. As the leaders of Redeemer Sunday school, it is one of our goals to help our kids understand that they too can help others through service. Some of the children have participated in service at their schools as well as at church. What a wonderful legacy to give our Redeemer children to feel good about helping others.

The Adult Bible Study schedule can be found by asking Ilene Kersten or Diane Anderson.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 27TH –First day of Advent; lesson on Advent

DECEMBER

4th - second Sunday of Advent—Advent matins service and class time
6th - shared meal ministry, an opportunity for service
11th – third Sunday of Advent---- PRACTICE THE PAGEANT; Caroling to shut-ins after worship, all invited to go caroling
18TH – PAGEANT SUNDAY!! GODS GLOBAL BARNYARD GOOD-WILL OFFERING COOKIE WALK following in the parish hall

24TH – ***CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 7 PM AND 9 PM***

DECEMBER 25TH NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY---
1ST NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; Happy New Year!
8TH - Daniel and the Lion's den, Daniel 6 NO YOUTH IN WORSHIP; Welcome back!
15TH - Daniel and the Lion's den, Daniel 6
22ND - Possible YOUTH IN WORSHIP
29TH - lessons continued

Please be advised that as inclement weather arrives you will be notified of any worship and Sunday school schedule changes.

Legacy Story– Marilyn Hrywnak

Marilyn was born on April 21, 1952 in Philadelphia, the third daughter born to Victor and Marion Scholtz. She was raised in the Kensington section of Philadelphia and attended public school, graduating in 1969 from Jules E. Mastbaum Vocational High School.

While growing up church was a big part of Marilyn's life. She was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Church activities such as Sunday School, Choir, Luther League, Brownies and Girl Scouts took up a lot of her time. Marilyn's father was also baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's and her parents were married there. On Palm Sunday evening there was a Confirmation Reunion held every year, where they displayed the pictures of confirmation classes thru the years. She remembers always looking at the photo of her father at age 13. Her father lived to celebrate his 50th confirmation reunion. St. Michael's was an active church holding dinners, the church picnic at Carson Simpson Farm and a two day Christmas Bazaar. Unfortunately, due to declining attendance St Michael's is now holding on by a thread.

After graduating high school, Marilyn went to work as a secretary for N. W. Ayer Advertising Company in center city Philadelphia. After N. W. Ayer relocated to New York, Marilyn went to Penn Mutual Insurance Company on Independence Square. After leaving Penn Mutual she worked for a psychologist, General Accident Insurance Company and ended her secretarial career at Delaware Investment Company retiring in 2013.

In June, 1974, Marilyn married John. John lived around the corner from Marilyn and they knew each other growing up. They dated off and on

during their teenage years. John joined the Philadelphia Police Department 6 months before they married. Upon being married they lived for 2 years in an apartment and then bought a home in the Holme Circle section of NE Philadelphia. John and Marilyn had two daughters, Kristen born in 1976 and Heather in 1980. Kristen graduated from Penn State University, is married and has 2 children. Sadly, Heather passed away in 2012.

In 2013, John and Marilyn decided to downsize and move from Philadelphia. They bought a ranch house in Langhorne. Marilyn was looking for a church in the area and found Redeemer on-line. She started to attend weekly, finding Redeemer and Pastor Esther very welcoming. Marilyn decided to join Redeemer and it was a very good decision for her. Not knowing many people in this area, she has made friends thru Redeemer and enjoys church activities. Having lost John in August, the people of Redeemer have been so supportive and caring. They have helped and are still helping Marilyn thru a very difficult time. Marilyn is so thankful that she found Redeemer.

Marilyn likes to read, do crafts, attend craft shows and enjoys history. She also enjoys time with her grandchildren and doing volunteer work at their school.

Having lost her daughter, mother and husband in a span of 6 years, Marilyn feels her faith in God has gotten her thru these difficult times. It brings her comfort. She also believes being kind, thoughtful and non-judgmental is important. You never know what burden people have in their lives or what they have experienced. Marilyn hopes that young people will come back to church and religion.

Order Your Poinsettias

Christmas poinsettias for Christmas Services

6 inch red $6.50
6 inch white $9.00
8 inch red $13.00

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th!
All Poinsettias must be paid for before they will be ordered

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NAME_____

EMAIL _____

PHONE_____
OF 6" PLANT(S) ORDERING:RED_____WHITE_____
OF 8" PLANT(S) ORDERING: _____
TOTAL COST: $_____

IN MEMORY OF:

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IN HONOR OF:

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

WILL TAKE AFTER SERVICE GIVE TO SHUT-INS

Contact Cindy Oser at 267-407-8637 or cak918@yahoo.com

December Server Schedule

December	9:30am Worship	Note
12/4/2016	**Special Setting**	Advent Matins Gail Blinstrub Worship Leader
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford, Damian Thomas	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	
Altar Guild	Ilene Kersten, Arlene Shecter	
Counters	Andy Martinsen, John & Edna Schwenk	
12/11/2016	**Service of the Word**	Rev. Wende Bleam Caroling
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Deb Farnham	
Altar Guild	Ilene Kersten, Arlene Shecter	
Counters	Andy Martinsen, John & Edna Schwenk	
12/18/2016	**Sunday School Pageant**	Gail Blinstrub Worship Leader
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford, Damian Thomas	
Lay Assistant	Cindy Oser	
Altar Guild	Gail Blinstrub, Joan Dunn	
Counters	Andy Martinsen, John & Edna Schwenk	

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Christmas Eve			
12/24/2016	**7:00pm**	**9:00pm**	Rev. Wende Bleam both services
Acolyte	Georgia Woodford, Billy Clark	To be announced	
Crucifer	Damian Thomas	To be announced	
Bookbearer	Tyler Thomas	To be announced	
Torchbearer	NA	To be announced	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	Bill Anderson	
Altar Guild	Gail Blinstrub, Joan Dunn	Arlene Shecter, Ilene Kersten	
Counter	Arlene Shecter, Jean Lippincott	Arlene Shecter, Jean Lippincott	
Christmas Day			
12/25/2016			**9:30am**
Lay Assistant			Andy Martinsen
Altar Guild			Kim and Gary Overbagh
Counter			A. Shecter, J. Lippincott

Here's Where Your Pennies Go

Luke 10:37

"Which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him,……

….GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Thank you for generously supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. With our gifts and with prayers, service, and advocacy, we answer Christ's call to "Go and do likewise." This "going and doing" makes a life-saving difference for neighbors near and far. ELCA World Hunger is a connected, comprehensive, and compassionate program that helps individuals and communities break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Your gifts make a difference in our fight to end hunger. Each gift to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal is a promise to our neighbors around the world and around the corner that they are not forgotten, that their hunger and thirst will not go unnoticed. God Bless and keep you as you, **"Go and do likewise."**

Hunger is like this: If you're hungry, you can't sleep at night. If you have hunger, you can't plan ahead for your life. You can't think about anything except the hunger that you have."

This is what Sevu Kanyasya told us. His family tried for years to survive as farmers in Kenya. But drought meant the family constantly struggled to feed and support themselves. Because of compassionate people like you, Sevu's life has changed drastically. With a new irrigation system from Lutheran World Relief, his family now grows all of their food on their farm, with plenty left over to sell.

Please help us reach our goal of raising $500,000 over the next 6 months to combat a global crisis as food shortages and famine threaten the world.

In West Africa, drought and internal conflict has disrupted food production and put millions of lives at risk of devastating hunger. We are helping farmers grow enough high-quality, nutritious crops to feed and support their families — even in arid conditions.

In Central America, where crop disease has devastated farmers, we are distributing food to nearly 1,000 families in northern Nicaragua through the local Lutheran church, as well as seeds to farmers who lost their seed supply during the recent harvest. We are also building irrigation systems to combat the effects of the severe drought and improve production in the next growing season.
Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in this world and caring for hungry children and families.

Ever-grateful for your support,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (rt.)
President and CEO
Lutheran World Relief

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship Services

Christmas Eve Services

7:00PM

Family Service with Carols, Dramatic Presentations of Lessons, Candlelight

9:00 PM

Holy Communion Service with Carols, Candle Lights & Chancel Choir and special Bell music

Christmas Day Service

9:30 AM

Holy Communion Service with Christmas Carols

Merry Christmas

Social Ministry

The Giving Tree

We have committed to purchasing 34 gifts for the children at the BCHA. Members are encouraged to select one of the Christmas ball tags from the tree and purchase the item requested. These gifts should be brought to the December 11th Service wrapped with the Christmas ball tag taped on top to identify the recipient. Any gifts not donated by December 11th will need to be purchased by the Social Ministry Committee members.

Thank YOU!

Patti Finn, Social Ministry Chairperson

Share Your Blessings at Christmas

Redeemer's Social Ministry would like to provide gift cards for food in time for Christmas.

The Bucks County Housing group's goal is to enable families to achieve life skills that will secure self-sufficiency and permanent housing. I am hoping and praying Redeemer will continue to support the work being done for those who are homeless. Your generosity helps build self-esteem and responsibility. Bucks County Housing can only operate with community support like ours.

Please mark your donations - Social Ministry.

December Birthday's and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

2nd Anne Marie Parfitt
3rd Charles Olson
Annette Carson
5th Travis McMullen
7th Janet Maher
8th Kristie Mabin
11th Michael Sanchez
14th Beth Bowe
17th Sandra Hemphill
19th Alice Skinner
20th Diane Anderson
Martin Danielson
24th Jeffrey Mason
26th Michelle Morris
27th Susan Haimowitz
Vera Defeo
29th Bill Anderson

December Anniversaries

12/3/77 Walter & Margaret Schulze
12/8/98 Donna Parfitt-Herbert and
Leland Herbert

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

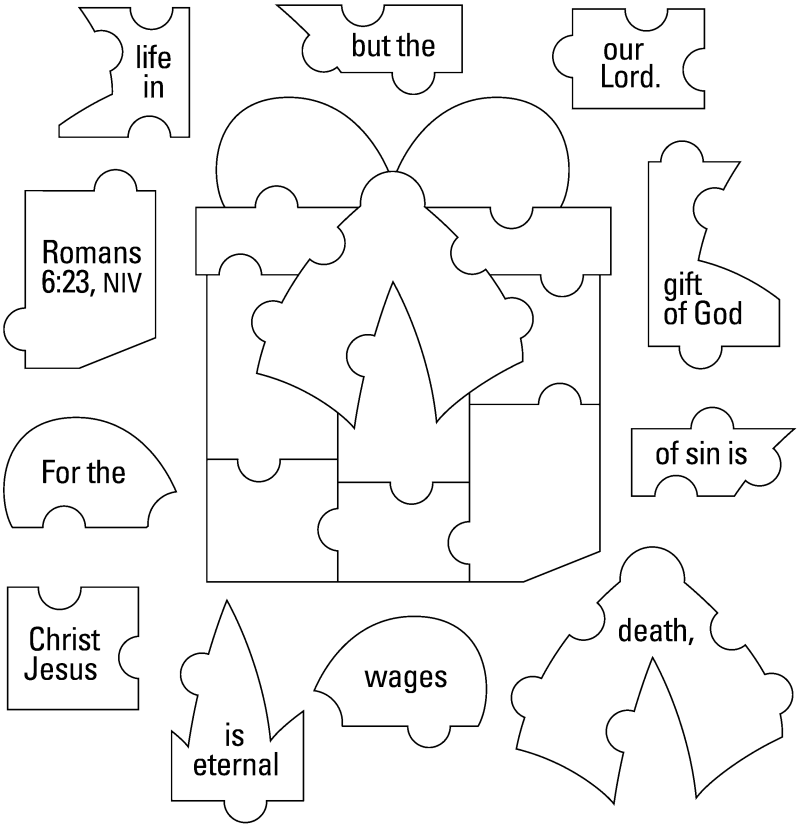
1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.

PUZZLE

The greatest gift

Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition.
What very special gift has God given to you?

Directions: *Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.*



Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV

Visitors and Neighbors:
Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Our door is open to you!
We would be happy to have you join us as a Partner in prayer, in song, and in the hearing of God's word.

MISSION STATEMENT

Redeemer Lutheran Church is a caring community of baptized believers, confessing Jesus Christ as our Lord and savior. As a forgiven community, we gather in faith around God's table to hear God's word and participate in the life giving sacraments, which God has instituted through His Son Jesus Christ. Responding in faith we are called to joyfully proclaim the Gospel of our Lord in word and deed in the wider community.