

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 112 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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Lent



Redeemer welcomes our new pastor, Rev. Heeralal Mukesh Cheedie

Pastor's Page

Feb 14, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Gal. 1:3-5)

On Sunday, February 12th 2017, you the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church were led by the Holy Spirit to extend to me a call to be your Pastor. I have been truly humbled and honored by the extension of this call.

With that said, I am writing to announce that I have prayed with my wife, daughters and many others, and through the guiding of the Holy Spirit, I have been led to accept your call to be your Pastor.

As I rejoice in this new call and our continued partnership in the Gospel, I pray the Lord will continue to bless us and our ministry.

I look forward to March 1st, 2017, the first day of my ministry as your pastor at Redeemer.

May the peace of God that passes all human understandings be yours and mine forever.

Your humble servant,

Rev. Heeralal Mukesh Cheedie

Prayer Concerns

Members: Marian Hemphill, Sharon Degen, Marty Ditcher, Dee Grover, Ruth Samuels, Christina Jackson, Donald Robinson, Aaron Winter, Carol Samuels-Stout.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Dennis Green, Mary Gruppioni, Kelli Kane, Dottie Nelms, Dimitri Herr, Lazarus Kondyra, Florence Bakich, Linda Tiberi, Larry Krusen, Joel Furman, Amanda Peszek, Jeff Lippincott, Danielle Camilli, Leah Ciervo, Tom Bowe.

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military:
Ron Skoczylas, Chad Durban, Bryan Oser, Joseph Piel, Derrick Stone, Mason Burgess

Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:

Pres. Donald Trump Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.

Prayer Initiative for March

On March 12th we will pray for:

Marilyn Bilofsky, Lauren Bilofsky, Gail & Bob Blinstrub, Alex Northrup, Andrew Northrup, Effie Shaffer, Erica Bose and children Devan and Anjali, Beth Bowe, Denise & Bob Brad, Bobby Brad, David & Sandy Feldbauer and son David, Shirley & Darwin Brendlinger, Karen Brown, Michelle & Dean Brownlee and children, Jacob Eckel, Patrick Eckel and Trevor.

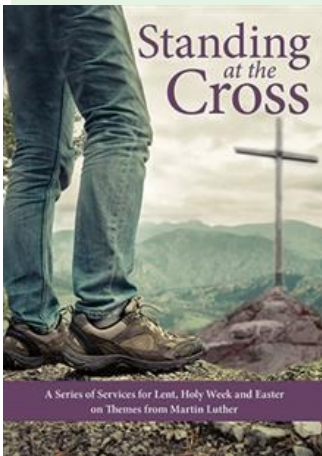
On March 26th we will pray for:

Johann Callan, Annette Carson, Lydia & Joseph Cochran, Jolene Cochran, Aurel Frantz, Beth Connolly, Eleanor Harm, Martin & Dolores Danielson, Cathy & Alan Dashoff, Susan & Daniel Haimowitz, Angelique Defeo and children Lauren & Vera, Wayne & Sharon Degen, Heather Depero, Scott & Marty Ditcher, Jordon Ditcher, Lissy Ditcher, Bonnie Dow and children Chris and John, Michael & Joan Dunn, Erin Dunn.

March Events

- * 3/1/17: Ash Wednesday; Soup Supper 5:30pm Worship 7pm
- * 3/5/17: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am
- * 3/8/17: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/12/17: Worship service led by Youth 9:30am
- * 3/15/17: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/19/17: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am
- * 3/22/17: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/26/17: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am

Ash Wednesday and Midweek Services 2017



As a Lenten lead-in to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this year our Mid Week Lenten Service is entitled "*Standing at the Cross*". The series will focus on portions of sermons by Martin Luther for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. As we stand with Luther at the foot of the cross each week, we contemplate the ways in which we stand firm in the faith as followers of Christ during this holy season.

Events Coming in April

- * 4/2/17: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am
- * 4/5/17: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 4/9/17: Palm Sunday Worship, Sunday School 9:30am, Easter Egg Hunt
- * **4/13/17: Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm, 1st Holy Communion**
- * **4/14/17: Langhorne Ministerium Cross Walk (12:00pm at Friends Meeting House)**
 - * **Good Friday Worship: 1:30pm at Langhorne Presbyterian**
 - * **Good Friday Worship at Redeemer: 7pm**
- * **4/16/17: Easter Worship 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am**
- * 4/23/17: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am
- * 4/30/17: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am

Shared Meal and Food Pantry Ministries

Shared Meal:

We served 49 people at our Shared Meal Ministry on Tuesday 2/7/17. In March Jason Green of Jay's Steak and Hoagie Joint in Parkland will provide the main course for the shared meal to be held on 3/7/17. Our shared meal ministry is the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

Food Pantry:

We implemented a new system to help track use of our distribution. We take a picture of each person and then record when they have received their monthly allotment of food bags. We currently have 70+ people who utilize the pantry each month. Additionally each person can come on Wednesdays for bread, bagels, donuts, cakes, rolls which are donated by Giant in Langhorne. People also can come every day the pantry is open to receive Wawa items which include hotdogs, breakfast and lunch sandwiches, hash browns, and pretzels. Pantry hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12-1.

Matthew 25:40

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Message from Council President

So now we have a new pastor

Yesterday 2/12/17 we voted for a new pastor. Now it is up to you and me to support him in two ways: by showing up at church and making sure we can pay our bills.

I also want to thank the call committee for all their hard work and time spent in selecting Pastor Mukesh. I believe he will be the right person for our church. The future is in our hands - let's make it bright.

Respectfully,

Don Solt



The art of music is the best food for one who is troubled, for through it the heart is contented, inspired, and refreshed. ...
Martin Luther

Mini Reformation/Martin Luther Library Check It Out

The Martin Luther library has become very popular – several different members have borrowed books and movies. To expand our library, some Martin Luther books have been moved from the “Martin Luther Room” into the mini library. The library is now located in the parish hall under the windows that look out onto the back yard next door. Check it out.

Monday Evening Bible Study

The Monday evening Bible study has enjoyed studying Martin Luther over the past month using the pamphlet called “About Martin Luther” from Channing L. Bete Co. and the twenty-eight articles of the Augsburg Confession. Consider joining us.

Lenten Services for 2017

This Lenten season Redeemer is planning to use a new program which includes quotes from Martin Luther’s sermons. Luther, along with being well known for his 95 Theses, is also well known for his rhetorical power. We will look forward to hearing his quotes.

Christ is not found in church doctrine, but in your love for each other.
.... Martin Luther

Council Highlights

At the January 29th Annual Congregational Meeting, Sean Schutte was elected to join the Church Council replacing out-going member, Diane Anderson. The 2017 Church Council met immediately following the Annual Meeting and elected the council's Executive Committee: Don Solt - President, Kim Overbagh - Vice President, Mike Dunn - Treasurer and Patti Finn - Council Secretary.

WELCA



Women
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IN AMERICA

WELCA MEETING – MARCH 21, 2017 7:00pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:00pm

Devotions: Marilyn Hrywnak

Refreshments: Katherine Patelunas

Finance

Financial Condition for the period ending January 31, 2017

Current fund Income:	\$9,765
Donations/Reimbursements:	\$1204
Expenses:	<u>\$8,463</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$2,506
Balance in Building Maintenance:	\$5,972
Balance in Raise the Roof:	\$17,745

Christian Education / Sunday School



The month of March comes in like a lion goes out like a lamb! This familiar saying describes Redeemer Sunday school and Christian Education, at least coming in like a lion! Our programs are creating roars of enthusiasm tackling the word of God in our two adult Bible studies, confirmation class, first Holy Communion, elementary levels and pre-school classes. Reinforce your Bible skills and knowledge and invite those you know and love to join you in one of these awesome education opportunities.

First Holy Communion instruction begins March 5 under the guidance of Christopher and Trish Ryan. This is open to 5th grade students and up who have not received instruction in the sacraments and desire to do so. The program used is "Fed and Forgiven." Upon completion, the students will receive their first holy communion on Maundy Thursday. Classes are Sunday morning, reporting to Sunday school at 9:30, to be excused to class at 10 – 11 am.

During Lent, as we reflect on Jesus' journey, Redeemer can also reflect on the needs of others by way of the **World Hunger Appeal**. Coin boxes are available in the narthex as well as in front of the parish hall to use for your extra change and small bills to help those who hunger and thirst. This has been a long- standing ministry that helps people not only in our own back yard but throughout the world. Every little bit helps; thank you in advance for your gifts.

The youth were involved in two services in February- youth in worship and Transfiguration Sunday, as always, we are very proud of these kids and the time they put in preparing and leading worship. The confirmation class sponsored a free will offering on Souper Bowl Sunday to kick off our World Hunger Appeal and thanks to the generosity of our church family, \$79.00 will go toward this ministry.

Christian Education/SundaySchool cont'd

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH- lesson plan - Journey to the Cross
(CONFIRMATION STUDENTS FOLLOW TEACHER SCHEDULE)

- 1st - ASH WEDNESDAY- worship service 7:30 pm
- 5th - "Journey to the Cross" lesson, *First Holy communion instruction*
- 7th - Shared meal ministry, 6 pm
- 8th - mid- week Lenten service with soup and bread supper
- 12th - Youth in Worship; Gods Global Barnyard free will offering, NO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- 15th - mid week Lenten service with soup and bread supper
- 19th - "Journey to the Cross" lesson, *First Holy communion instruction*
- 22nd - mid week Lenten service with soup and bread supper
- 26th - "Journey to the Cross" lesson, *First Holy communion instruction*
- 29th - mid week Lenten service with soup and bread supper

MARK YOUR CALENDAR--- VBS – **INSIDE OUT AND UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET**

July 24– July 28, 2017



Children's Sermon on Sunday 2/12/17 with Pastor Mukesh

Parish Register

St. Mary Hospital CARES Program

St. Mary Hospital CARES Program is reaching out to the community to assist their efforts in providing medical equipment to people who have trouble affording these necessities. These items will be sterilized, cleaned and refurbished and donated free of charge. If you have any used or new medical equipment that is no longer needed, please call Lillian Schonewolf, Director, Community Outreach & Volunteer Services at 215-710-2096.



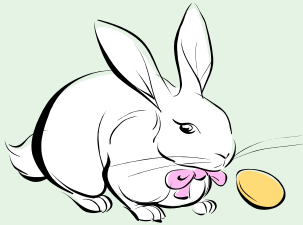
Dear Rita,

Our thanks to you and our friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church for the donation of a trunk full of a terrific collection of Christmas gifts for the children of Silver Springs—Martin Luther School that they enjoyed during the holiday season! The boys and girls were thrilled to receive the 8 mannequin dolls, 35 journals for girls that Redeemer Lutheran Church donated to us. The Redeemer Lutheran Church Social Ministry donated several quilts and 35 journals for boys that were delivered to us.

We are grateful for your support of our ministry and work to bring education, nurturing, and healing to vulnerable children. For many of our boys and girls, this was the first time they experienced an abundant, festive, and joyful Christmas. Through the help of caring partners like you, we are able to help them to make lifelong memories. On behalf of the children, thank you!

Lyn Unipan, CFRE Development Director

BRAND NEW FOR 2017 EASTER BAKE SALE Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017



Let's all try something new!!! Please bake your old favorite or try a new creation for our new-this-year Easter bake sale to be held after service on Palm Sunday, April 9. Redeemer bakers do such a wonderful job – our bake sales are always such a big success that we want to add a new opportunity for members to have treats for themselves or to give as gifts for Easter.

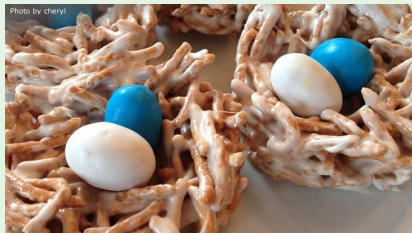
All proceeds benefit Redeemer's current fund.

Sponsored by WELCA

Easter Baking Ideas!



<http://allrecipes.com/recipes/965/holidays-and-events/easter/desserts/>



Legacy Story– Christina Jackson



Christina Jackson celebrated her 101st birthday on October 25, 2016.

In 1998 Christina joined Redeemer. She loved attending church services every week and helping fold the weekly bulletins and newsletters.

Speaking with her she has the voice and mind of a young person. Her outlook is very Uplifting.

Christina was married for 64 years before her husband passed away. She has 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. Her daughter live close by and her other daughter is in Florida. Her son passed away. She has 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, with another on the way. *(as of 2011)*

She raised her family in Philadelphia, and after living in Florida for awhile she moved back to the area and became a part of Redeemers family.

Before her eyesight became a problem she would paint, she did a lot of work from pictures her family would provide her with from places that they had vacationed and having their mother paint them that scene gives them the memory of both their mothers wonderful

artistic talent and places that they had visited.

Circumstances have changed since this story was published in 2011. She now lives at the nursing home Attleboro; a facility in Langhorne. She loves having visitors stop in to see her. We wish her many many more years of Good health and happiness.

Submitted by Marian Hemphill 2011
Updated by Holly Rogerson 2017



Ponder these:

- * Faith is the postage stamp on our prayers.
- * Don't confuse what can't be done with what hasn't been done.
- * If God brings you to it, God will bring you through it.
- * A visit on Sunday helps avoid a case of the Mondays.
- * Count your blessings not your problems.
- * If you can't make a brand new start, then make a brand new ending.
- * Be careful how you live. You are the only Bible some people read.

Thanks to Marty Ditcher for the Church Signs calendar where I got these! Holly

Server Schedule

<i>March 2017</i>	9:30am Worship	7:00pm
3/1/2017 Wed.		Ash Wednesday
Acolyte/Crucifer		Patti Finn
Lay Assistant		Gail Blinstrub
Altar Guild		Joan Dunn, Alrene Shecker
3/5/2017 Sun.	Setting 3 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford, Damian Thomas	
Lay Assistant	Bill Anderson	
Altar Guild	Gary and Kim Overbagh	
Counters	Andy Martinsen, John/Edna Schwenk	
3/8/2017 Wed.		Midweek Service
Lay Assistant		Denise Robinson
Altar Guild		Gary and Kim Overbagh
3/12/2017 Sun.	Service of the Word	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford, Billy Clark	
Lay Assistant	Marty Ditcher	
Altar Guild	Gary and Kim Overbagh	
Counters	Andy Martinsen, John/Edna Schwenk	
Readers	Abby Clark, Michaela Hemphill, Alan Ryan	
3/15/2017 Wed.		Midweek Service
Lay Assistant		Lori Meola
Altar Guild		Lori Meola, Cindy Oser
3/19/2017 Sun.	Setting 10 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Andy Martinsen	
Altar Guild	Rita Solt, Linda Winter	
Counters	Andy Martinsen, John/Edna Schwenk	
3/22/2017 Wed.		Midweek Service
Lay Assistant		Karen Kondrk
Altar Guild		Rita Solt, Linda Winter
3/26/2017 Sun.	Service of the Word	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Scott Ditcher	
Lay Assistant	Deb Farnham	
Altar Guild	Rita Solt, Linda Winter	
Counters	Wayne Degen, Karen Kondrk, John Slaughter	
3/29/2017 Wed.		Midweek Service
Lay Assistant		Marty Ditcher
Altar Guild		Ilene Kersten, Arlene Shecker

Sharing God's Bounty

March

“A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter . . .’” (Mark 16:5-7).

“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? *“Don't be alarmed”* the man in white said. Yeah, right!

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands he had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, he was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell his disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped him. “Then Jesus said to them, *‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . .’*” (Matthew 28:9-10).

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”* (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have his promise, *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”* (Matthew 28:20). So don't be afraid! Go and tell!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! **Alleluia!**

Ask yourself: Do you ever find time for the work of God? There is a wide choice of things which you can do for God and neighbor, in and through your church community - if you have the good will. With good-will you also will find the necessary time for such projects, even though you may have to cut and pare in other directions.

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."**

The gift of giving back

UNITED STATES
ELCA.org/hunger



More than 14 years ago, First Lutheran Church in Bryan, Ohio, made a commitment to serve its neighborhood, a diverse community of lower-middle-income working families. Gifts to ELCA World Hunger helped support and grow the church's Food and Fellowship program in 2003.

Gifts went toward expanding the food pantry, and the congregation began a Sunday supper series, offering nutritious meals enjoyed and prepared by neighborhood residents. The dinners are followed by a program, topics ranging from health and nutrition to growing a community garden. Inspired by one of the speakers, the congregation started its own garden, which has been a blessing for the food pantry and a great educational tool for the community.

The congregation's commitment to their neighborhood has meant change. "Part of the process has been educating our

traditional members that not everybody coming to church today is going to look like them or act like them, and that's OK," Emily Ebaugh, a member since 1984, says. "This ministry has been transformational to our church."

Today, the once tiny food pantry offers neighbors a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh and frozen meat, canned goods and toiletries. Allowing residents to make their own food selection empowers them, Ebaugh said, and helps ensure that food is used and not wasted.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church love and serve our neighbors. Much of the work made possible in the United States supports new or expanding community efforts to address hunger.

Thank you for helping our church be a place our sisters and brothers can turn to in their time of need.

PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.

Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
 because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.
 Psalm 86:7, NIV

March Birthday's and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

1st Linda Bartleson
Sean Schuette
2nd Ruth Schwartz
Toni Julia Carra
3rd Mason Martinsen
4th Georgia Briann Woodford
6th Patricia Gallagher
8th Jocelyn Yepello
9th Matthew Sauls
12th Blanche Short
DeeAnna Rossi
15th Devan Bose
Aurel Frantz
17th Patrick O'Connell
Dee Anna Grover
Mildred Murray
19th Kay Robinson
Jason Short
Ron Thomas
Denise Brad
22nd Tracey Feldbauer
23rd Lindsay Morris
24th Cathy Dashoff
26th Marty Ditcher
29th Jessica Mason
30th Lori Meola
31st Stacy Bartleson
Linda Winter

March Wedding Anniversaries

3/20/93 Helen & James Susko



**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.