

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CELEBRATING 113 YEARS OF MINISTRY



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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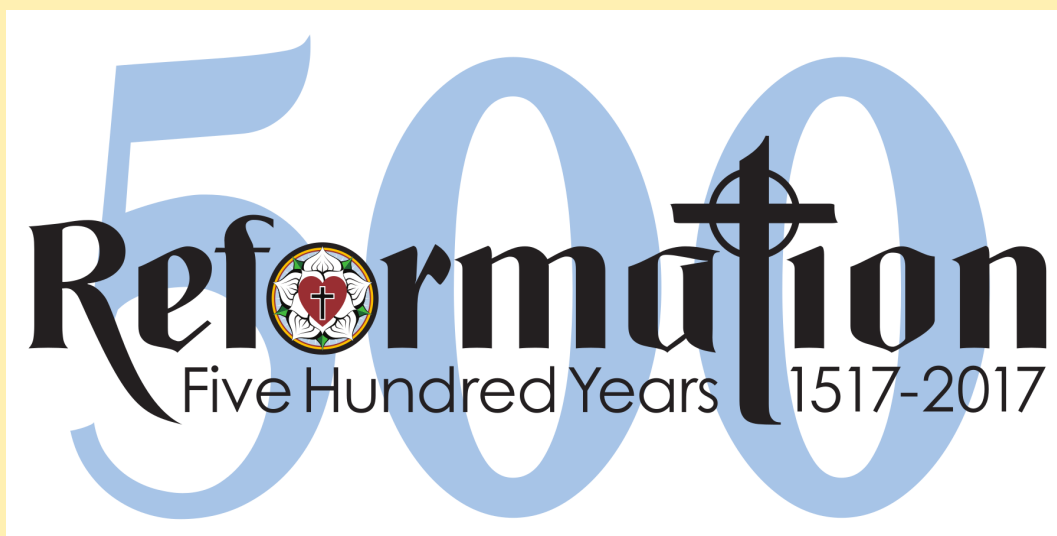
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Rev. Heeralal Mukesh Cheedie





“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.” (Matthew 4:18-22)

Have you ever asked yourself, what does it mean to be called to follow Jesus?

What Does it Really Mean to be a Disciple of Christ?

Below is an excerpt from an article by Andrew Hale describing what being a disciple of Christ really means.

“Disciple of Christ. As a Christian, such a title should be your driving ambition. Disciple appears 269 times in the New Testament. This word always refers to followers of a particular leader, most commonly Christ. First century disciples were obvious. They would sacrifice everything to follow their master and learn his ways.

The disciples of Christ desired to learn His teachings and His way in order to become like Him - and ultimately to train others to be like Him. First-century disciples could be clearly identified, but modern-day disciples may not be so easily spotted. Even still our goal is the same - look like Christ and teach others to look like Him.

A disciple of Christ is about being, knowing and doing life like Christ.

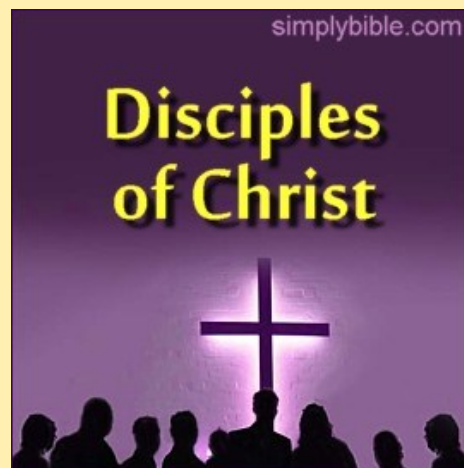
Being: Is your mind Gospel-oriented? Examine your thoughts and motivations. Being like Christ transforms the way you think about your friends, family and enemies. You relate to coworkers, neighbors and strangers with an eternal mindset. Jesus was very intentional about every word He spoke and every contact He made. His disciples will carefully inspect their intentions as well.

Knowing: Christ left His disciples with the command to teach others to observe all things He had taught them (Matthew 28:20). We should consume His Word and commands - which is a lifelong journey. The more we know Him, the more we will want to know Him.

Doing: What did you do today that will impact eternity forever? Too often Christians spend the bulk of their time and energy on projects that won't matter next week, let alone for eternity. God has made us stewards over the time and ability He gave us. As disciples of Christ, we must assess all that we do to ensure we are bringing Him the most glory.

Bible studies, prayer lists, accountability conversations, church attendance and a ton of other programs can help a disciple start being, knowing and doing. However, our schedules will be overwhelmed and distracted when these programs act as a substitute to being, knowing and doing. Can I encourage us to take some time this week and consider whether our current journey of discipleship is leading us toward **being, knowing and doing**. If not, may I suggest we reform ourselves and our priorities and make some changes!" Happy Reformation.

Pastor Mukesh



Past Summer Events

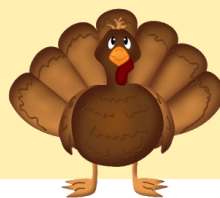
- * 57 people attended our Shared Meal on 9/5/17
- * Stewardship Breakfast recognized 1st Responders 9/9/17
- * Worship Service recognizing 1st Responders with special blessing by former Pastor Lyndon Harris
- * Coach Bingo event held 9/23/17 to support current fund

October Events

- ♦ 10/7/17 10am –3pm Blessing of the Pets and Doggiepalooza on church grounds
- ♦ 10/14/17 8-12 Flea Market
- ♦ 10/22/17 9:30am Worship/Sunday School and Baptism—Charlie Tiberi (grandson of Denise Robinson)
- ♦ 10/28/17 5pm Men's Dinner. The theme is Reformation 500! If you would like, please wear a costume of the era.
- ♦ 10/29/17 9:30am Worship and Reformation 500 Celebration

Events Coming in November

- ♦ All Saints Sunday 11/5/17
- ♦ Stewardship Sunday 11/12/17
- ♦ WELCA Thankoffering Sunday 11/19/17
- ♦ Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at Redeemer 11/22/17 7pm
- ♦ Thanksgiving Day 11/23/17



News and Notes and Thank You's and Community Info

Dear Rita and Friends and Members of R.L.C.,
You really brightened my day! Thank You for your gift package, that means a lot.
God bless you all.

Love,
Elizabeth Reinas



Council Highlights

Church Council Update - September 12th Meeting

- Over the 13 weeks of summer, our weekly church attendance average was 81 indicating attendance was steady and growing slightly despite summer vacations.
- A follow up to the June 10th Leadership Retreat has been scheduled for January 6, 2018 - details will be forthcoming.
- "Coffee House" - a new monthly gathering is planned for church members and open to the public. The "Coffee House" gathering will provide food, games and music. The first monthly gathering is planned for Friday, October 13th at 7:00PM.
- A nursery for the children of parents attending worship services is being planned, volunteers are needed.
- Organizing a group for those struggling with issues of grief is being looked into.

The identification of funding for the acquisition of updated audio/visual equipment is underway.

REFORMATION 500 COMMEMORATION EVENTS

October 1517 – 2017

“The Idea that Changed the World”

The Martin Luther documentary, “The Idea that Changed the World” is available on line. This movie/documentary explains more and better exactly how and what Luther said and wrote that moved society from the old into the new.

Saturday, October 28 - 5:00 PM

Men’s Dinner – Luther and the Reformation

Saturday, October 28, will be Men’s Dinner with the theme - Luther and the Reformation. Plan to attend and, if you like, dress in the time period.

Sunday, October 29, 2017 - 9:30 AM

Special Reformation Worship Service – Wear Red

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017, will be 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the castle church door at Wittenberg University in Wittenberg, Germany – the event started the Reformation. Redeemer will have a special worship service. Please wear the color red for this service.

Sunday, October 29, 2017 - 2:00 PM

“What I Learned in Luther Land” – St. Stephens Lutheran Church

Redeemer’s congregation is invited to St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Feasterville, on Reformation Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 pm to hear the speaker, Steve Seyfried on “What I learned in Luther Land, A Layman’s Guide to the Protestant Reformation.” This program runs just under one hour and includes a slide presentation.



Prayer Concerns

Members: Sharon Degen, Marty Ditcher, Dee Grover, Ruth Samuels, Christina Jackson, Doris Parfitt, Ruth Schwartz, Ciara Winter, Lois Hershberger, Linda Lee, Jean Lippincott.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Dennis Green, Mary Gruppioni, Michael King, Amanda Peszek, Luke Tynan, Elizabeth Reinas, Michael Brad, Robin Marie Manrodt-Ryan, Joyce Murphy, Lee Delano Ann Kudenack, Diana Hoffman, Patrick Dilorio, Sarah Shoener. Ron Skoczylas, Chad Durban, Bryan Oser, Joseph Piel, Derrick Stone, Mason Burgess, Andrew Aninsman, Sarah Rogerson Shoener, Jenna Scheiber.

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

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

President, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.

Prayer Initiative for October

On October 8th we will pray for:

Thelma Thorsen, Jeffrey Mason, Jessica Mason, Kendra Mason, Danny Vile, Jeannie & William Vitale

On October 22nd we will pray for:

Our college students: Alex Northrup, Andrew Northrup, Connor Thorsen, Kyra O'Connell, Lauren Morris, Nicholas Morris, Myles Mecutchen, Tyler Mecutchen and William Parffit.

Save your cash register tapes!

Thank you for saving the Redner and Browns Shop Rite Supermarkets Cash Register Tapes. We recently received a check from Redner's Supermarkets for \$180.00.

This money was applied to Redeemer's Current Fund. We will continue to save the receipts.

Katherine Patelunas



Finance

Financial Condition for the period ending August 31, 2017

Current Fund Income	\$ 87,513
Donations/Reimbursements	\$ 9,491
Expenses	\$ 97,104
Net Income	\$ (100)

Restricted Fund Balances

Building Maintenance	\$ 7,150
Raise the Roof	\$ 20,338



Stewardship

September was a busy month at Redeemer. Our Patriot's Day Weekend was exciting and inspiring. Many people were responsible for its success. A big thank you to the cooks, servers, ticket-takers, the VBS staff, and the Worship and Music Committee. A big thank you to Valerie M. for inviting Pastor Lyndon Harris to our September 10th service.

Our picture taking sessions were also fun. Volunteers helped make the sessions run smoothly by manning the greeter table and by making phone calls. Many thanks to those helpers!



Breakfast for First Responders, 9/9/17

Mission Festival

Mission Festival Auction

The Annual Mission Festival Auction held on August 27th raised a total of \$1,185.00. Proceeds have been donated to benefit both a domestic and an international agency in equal amounts.

- Bucks County Health Improvement Program - which provides a free medical clinic for low income adults residing in the county and;
- Doctors Without Borders - that provides urgent and emergency medical care to those in war torn areas of the world.

Thank you so much to everyone who baked, created, cooked and prepared your Thank Offerings for such a worthy cause.

A special thank you to the following individuals who made the successful day so much fun and fulfilling: Karen Kondrk, Auctioneer, Lynn Martinsen - Assistant Auctioneer, Sandy Weasner, Photographer, Deb Farnham - Recorder of Sales, Marilyn Hrywnak, Cashier. The clever "Theme Baskets" were created by Karen Kondrk, Marilyn Hrywnak, Dolores Danielson and Linda Bartleson. Tea sandwiches were prepared by Annette Carson and Arlene Shecter.

Hurricane Relief

Thank you to everyone who opened their hearts and wallets to contribute to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund benefiting those who are struggling due to the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. The generous donation from Redeemer totaled \$715.

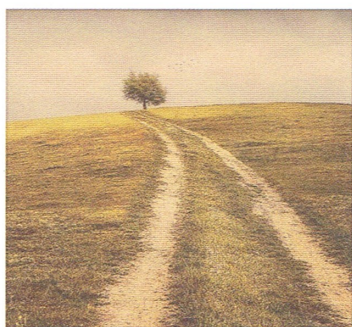


Mission Festival



October is Lutheran Charities Month!

Thank you to the hundreds of contributors who have lifted up
Lutheran Charities through your giving and your prayers over the years.
You have made a difference!



Jesus said, "How will we liken the Kingdom of God? Or with what parable will we illustrate it? It's like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, though it is less than all the seeds that are on the earth, yet when it is sown, grows up, and becomes greater than all the herbs, and puts out great branches, so that the birds of the sky can lodge under its shadow."

— Mark 4:30-32

We have faith that all of us making gifts (planting seeds), as we are able will grow a great tree of support, enabling children and families to find hope and healing.

Please make a gift to Lutheran Charities and become a branch on the tree. Your gift will be distributed to the direct needs of not one but FIVE core charities:

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
KenCrest Services
Liberty Lutheran
Lutheran Settlement House
Silver Springs/Martin Luther School

100,000

of our neighbors served
every year (and perhaps
your family, too!)

As you view the above listed organizations you might wish you could support all of them. Well, you can! You support all of them with one gift to Lutheran Charities. I could tell you about the dozens of services these charities provide but they are too numerous to mention here. We would be pleased to speak with you about Lutheran Charities anytime to give more detail. Call 855-323-HOPE.

The history of giving among Lutherans is truly astounding. Remarkably, it is on par with the Salvation Army, American Red Cross and the United Way. Thank you!

Consider giving monthly through a pledge and auto debit. All gifts are fully tax deductible. [CLICK HERE](#) for donation options.



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Christian Education

Fall is in the air, a time when God shows his beautiful world in vibrant colors as nature begins to prepare to sleep. But here at Redeemer Faith Formation is wide awake and in full swing! Adult bible studies are anxious to welcome new friends into the discussions on Monday evenings at 7 pm in the church office and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10 am also in the church office. Refreshing your faith and bible knowledge is easy; just get to one of these highly energized discussion groups.

Elementary studies for Kindergarten – 6th grade and preschool classes for 3 and 4 year olds are Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. This month the excitement will focus on the bible account of David and Goliath learning how we too can have faith like David. The kids will also participate in **youth lead worship October 8** and again **on October 29** as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Redeemer is a great place for kids to share their love of God with their peers. We welcome visitors to share in the fun as we dig deeper into the bible accounts each week.

If there are any youth interested in participating in Redeemer's confirmation program that are not already doing so, please contact the church office or Denise Robinson. Youth need to be entering 7th grade and up for confirmation.

Also, there are opportunities for our youth to serve as acolytes and crucifers as well as lesson readers on youth lead worship Sundays. Again please contact the church office or Denise at denisejrobinson@aol.com or see her on Sundays. Training times will be set up for those interested in serving.

Redeemer kids are the future of the church. As Jesus said, "let the little children come." So let them come to Redeemer to experience the love of God and share the good news to all.

Thank you to all the children who attended Rally Day and supported the First Responders as well as helping with the God's work our hands project filling toiletry bags for the homeless.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR OCTOBER

1st -David and Goliath--- 1 Samuel 17

3rd— shared meal ministry

8th – youth in worship, ***Gods global barnyard goodwill offering***

15th – David and Goliath lesson continued

22nd - Reformation lesson

29th – Reformation Sunday –youth participate in service and class time



Blessing of the Animals and Doggiepalooza

Saturday October 7, 2017

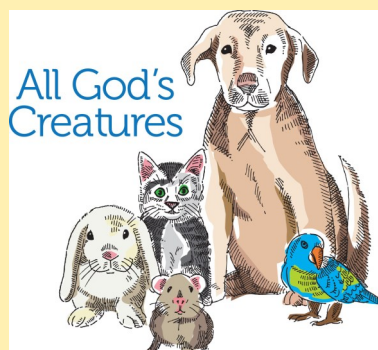
10am—3pm

Vendors

Pet Rescue

Sponsored by The Shelter Animal Project

Everyone is invited!



WELCA
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Women's Group
Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Devotions: Linda Winter
Refreshments: Joan Dunn, Kim Overbagh, Diane Anderson



Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 4

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Craft Table	Bake Table	Raffle Table
“Treasures”Table	Christmas	Pretzels and Drinks
Money Tree	Breakfast Foods	Delicious Lunch

WELCA's bazaar needs the help of the entire congregation. Please bring any items you have for the Craft Table, or “Treasures/White Elephant” tables and drop them in the library area.

Baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Drop them Friday, November 3 or early Saturday morning, November 4. Thank you all so much - for always coming through for the bazaar.

We will be carrying things from upstairs into the downstairs on Sunday, October 22 after service. This is a week early because of Reformation 500 Sunday on October 29. If you are able, we would very much appreciate your help to bring items down.

Come out Saturday, November 4 – Shop, have Lunch, and good fellowship!!!

Stuff the Bus



Redeemer members, Linda Winter, Rita Solt, and Joan Dunn helped pack up the supplies from the Stuff the Bus United Way campaign.

Sharing God's Bounty

October

Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, *"Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty"* (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all his kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time." It is God alone who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled himself, should we not follow his example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled himself, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: *"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him"* (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: *"You made [us] ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under [our] feet."*

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. Humility is the decision to "let God be God." We are stewards through humility. We are to honor God with what we have, what we are, and what he will make of us.

Whatever standard we, choose, be it tithing or some other, it must never be confused with the reason for giving. We give because God has blessed us and because we want with all our hearts and minds to return to God that which God has given. This is the motive.

Legacy Story - Kim Overbagh



Kim Overbagh, born November 22, 1957 to Vernon and Margaret Bullock. Vernon was from Detroit, MI and raised Methodist. Margaret was from Chatham, Ontario, Canada and raised Catholic. Margaret's parents frowned on the relationship because Vernon was not Canadian and he was not Catholic. They eloped. They first moved to Norfolk, VA and later to the Mayfair section of Philadelphia. In August of 1957 they moved to Levittown where they raised their family. Kim was baptized at Hope Lutheran Church in Levittown. Some years later they began attending Redeemer, Kim was in a confirmation class of 27 and was confirmed April 4, 1971 by Pastor Clarence Melin. She remembers that there were several evening activities and a weekend camping retreat for the youth. The family left Redeemer about the time Pastor Charles Steinhauer began.

Kim married in May of 1978 and moved to Hollywood, Florida. She has two children Tom and Brittany. In 1992, she divorced and returned to Levittown to be near family. She was introduced to Gary by her brother in-law and 25 years later,

they have raised the family, the kids are married and doing well and Gary and Kim are looking forward to the next season of life.

She went to work at an accounting office in Huntingdon Valley soon after moving back and continued her education when time would allow completing the accounting certificate program. The accounting firm has gone through three ownership changes, the most recent was also a change in location to Langhorne - closer to home and with a larger, friendly staff.

In March of 1992 Kim returned to Redeemer with her children. Tom and Brittany attended Sunday School, VBS and sang in the children's choir. Kim taught Sunday School and has served on several committees. Through the years the Pastors have changed, the interims come and go but the Redeemer family remains strong and committed to one another. It is a pleasure to attend and serve Redeemer.

The current challenge is to have our children return to church. They too should experience the growth from hearing God's word and the friendship of a Christian Community. We might need to step out of our comfort zone and explore new opportunities to include the youth in ways that they feel enriched and welcomed. To quote a line from one of Gary's favorite movies, "If you build it, they will come."



October Server Schedule

October 2017	9:30am Worship	Notes
10/1/2017	Setting 3 Comm	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	
Worship Leader	Gail Blinstrub	
Altar Guild	Kim and Gary Overbagh	
Counters	Arlene Shecter, Jean Lippincott	
10/8/2017	Service of the Word	Youth Sunday
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford	
Lay Assistant	Deb Farnham	
Readers	To be determined	
Altar Guild	Rita Solt, Linda Winter	
Counters	Gail Blinstrub, Pat Gallagher	
10/15/2017	Setting 10 Comm	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Gail Blinstrub	
Altar Guild	Rita Solt, Linda Winter	
Counters	Gail Blinstrub, Pat Gallagher	
10/22/2017	Service of the Word	Baptism Charlie Tiberi
Acolyte/Crucifer	Cindy Oser	
Lay Assistant	Marty Ditcher	
Altar Guild	Ilene Kersten, Arlene Shecter	
Counters	Gail Blinstrub, Pat Gallagher	
10/29/2017	Setting 3 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Cindy Oser	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	
Altar Guild	Ilene Kersten, Arlene Shecter	
Counters	Diane Anderson, Bill & Stacy Anderson	

Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.

PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

“ _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ .”

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17, NIV

October Birthday's and Anniversaries

October Birthday's

2nd Mary Lou Robinson
 3rd David Austin
 Erik Martinsen
 4th Vonda Kieser
 7th Joseph Cochran
 10th Brittany Hyndman
 Albert Mateo
 11th David Short
 14th Fred Winter Jr.
 16th Rita Solt
 19th Amy Schuette
 21st Patricia Finn
 23rd Sam Meola, Jr.
 Cody Latko
 25th Christina Jackson
 27th Evan Trumpler
 29th Avery Austin
 30th Lois Gradel
 31st Bunny Elinich
 Katie Ladigoski

October Anniversaries

10/3/09 Brian and Meghan Schmidt
 10/5/85 Jim & Marsie McMullen
 10/6/90 Christine & Steven Rager
 10/11/ Denise & Robert Brad, Sr.
 10/12/68 Dolores and Marty Danielson
 10/13/91 Susan & Daniel Haimowitz
 10/16 Dawn and Ron Thomas



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.



Our Mission:

As a community of faith we worship the Triune God. We are called to love and serve all God's people and creation through word and deed.

