

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 113 YEARS OF MINISTRY



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometime ago, I was invited to join a Bushi Karate group.

Through diligent training, Bushi's mission is to teach "traditional martial arts and life skills, to drive the perfection of the person." They also foster 6 core values which are: honor, truth, hard work, self confidence, self discipline and teaching.

Regular classes were from 5.30-6.30 Monday through Friday.

Well, for the first few weeks, I was able to attend class everyday of the week. It was a good start and I was very excited. But then other things started to get in the way. I had meetings, seminars and other church commitments which took my time away from the class. I started going only once or twice every week. Then as time went by, I wasn't able to attend even one class a week. At the closing of the year I stopped going because I found myself busy with other commitments.

My dear brothers and sisters, I share this story because I feel sometimes it is the same with our walk with our Lord. Like meetings, and seminars and other things that took me away from my karate class, there are so many things in life that are fighting to take our time away from God.

The word of God says in Psalm 37: 3-6:

"Trust in the Lord and do good, dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord, trust him and He will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

As you begin this New Year I pray that you will commit your ways to the Lord and spend quality time in prayer and worship and studying the word of God. And don't let anything take away your time from God. As the bible says, "Seek God first and all other things will be yours." Matt:6:33.

May God bless you with a happy and healthy New Year as you commit your ways to the Lord.

Pastor Mukesh

P r a y e r C o n c e r n s

Members: Sharon Degen, Marty Ditcher, Dee Grover, Ruth Samuels, Christina Jackson, Doris Parfitt, Ruth Schwartz, Lois Hershberger, Linda Lee, Jean Lippincott, Thelma Thorsen, Aurel Frantz, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Bob Winkler, Mary Lou Robinson.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Dennis Green, Mary Gruppioni, Luke Tynan, Robin Marie Manrodt-Ryan, Joyce Murphy, Austin Parker, Donna Merlo, Lee Delano, Gloria Watkins.

Remember in your Prayers our Members and Friends 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: Pres. Donald Trump, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.

P r a y e r I n i t i a t i v e f o r J a n u a r y

On January 14, 2018 we will pray for:

Marilyn Bilofsky, Lauren Bilofsky, Gail & Bob Blinstrub, Alex Northrup, Andrew Northrup, Effie Shaffer

On January 28, 2018 we will pray for:

Erica Bose, Beth Bowe, Denise & Bob Brad, Bob Brad, David & Sandy Feldbauer, David Feldbauer

Ephesians 6:18

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

January Events

- * 1/2/18 Shared Meal Ministry 6pm
- * 1/6/18 Leadership Retreat 8:30-3:00pm
- * 1/6/18 Undecorate the Church
- * 1/7/18 Worship/Sunday School 9:30am
- * 1/14/18 Stewardship Sunday & Brunch
- * 1/20/18 Annual Evangelism Cook-Off
- * 1/21/18 Worship and Sunday School 9:30am
- * 1/28/18 Worship and Sunday School 9:30am, Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Events Coming in February

- * 2/11/18 Transfiguration Sunday, Youth in Worship
Fat Sunday, Pancake Breakfast
- * 2/14/18 Ash Wednesday & Soup Supper followed by weekly
midweek soup suppers and worship 2/21, 2/28/18

Past Events

- * 57 people attended our Shared Meal Ministry on 12/5/17
- * Advent Matins Worship Service 12/3/17
- * Christmas Caroling on 12/10/17 (17 people went)
- * Christmas Pageant on 12/17/17 was wonderful, and followed by a yummy Cookie Walk!
- * Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship
 - Christmas Eve 7 and 9pm: 80, 101 attendance
 - Christmas Day 9:30am: 35 attendance

Parish Register

Dear Redeemer Friends,

Thank you so much for coming to Attleboro to sing Christmas Carols and bring a poinsettia to me! It was wonderful and I can't thank you all enough. And thank you also to the children who joined you, for their presence and their gift that they made. I am so grateful for your presence.

Love,
Winnie Ferguson



Annual Reports are due

Please submit your report to me by **January 5, 2018**. Please send your report by email. If you need help I will be happy to type this for you, just let me know. Holly.

Redeemer Social Ministry at work in our Community

Silver Springs Martin Luther School - Social Ministry and the women of WELCA teamed up to provide the children of the Martin Luther School with their Christmas gift wishes. A Social Ministry Action Team provided the boys at the school with Magna Tile building sets. WELCA provided large American Girl type dolls for the girls. Thank you to Don and Rita Solt for delivering the gifts to the school on behalf of Redeemer.



Shared Meal - A Social Ministry Thrivent Action Team provided the funds the December 5th Shared Meal. Our Sunday School children prepared Christmas gift bags for the homeless that regularly attend our monthly meals. The gift bags contained new heavy weight fleece lined sweatshirts and new socks. Christmas Greeting cards were made by the Sunday School children and inserted into the bags.



Additionally, the guests were invited to share their personal gifts (love, their heart, a kind word, faith and hope etc.) with Jesus. These special gifts were offered up to the newborn Savior on Christmas Eve.

Redeemer Social Ministry at work in our Community

Redner Food Market Gift Cards - Donations to Social Ministry by Redeemer members were used to purchase four \$35.00 gift cards for the families residing at the Penndel Emergency Shelter to use towards their Christmas Dinners. The gifts cards were enclosed in a Christmas Greeting Card from the members of Redeemer and presented to Dionne Mitchell of the Bucks County Housing Authority.

Christmas Giving Tree - The members of Redeemer once again rose to the occasion providing thirty gift wishes for the children residing at the Bucks County Housing shelters in Penndel and Morrisville. Pastor Mukesh presented the gifts to Eric Clare, Interim Director of the Bucks County Housing Shelter. Mr. Clare was astounded at the generosity of the congregation and expressed his deep sincere appreciation.



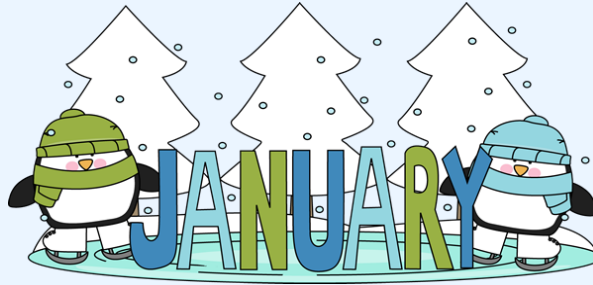
Thanks to our generous Redeemer members, as you helped put the magic in Christmas for these children.

Christmas Caroling with our Homebound Members

On Sunday, December 10th, 17 members went Christmas Caroling to visit a few of our homebound members. We visited Ruth Schwartz at her home and then went to Attleboro to visit Winnie Ferguson, Aurel Frantz and Christina Jackson. They were excited to see us and sang along with us. We gave them a Poinsettia, a Christmas card and star light from Sunday School and a handmade Christmas ornament to brighten their rooms.



WELCA News



Thank you to everyone who donated to the WELCA thank offering held the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Thank offerings are sent to the national Women of the ELCA.

Thank you to everyone who baked and/or purchased cookies at our annual Christmas Cookie Walk. For the first time this year, we included Christmas crafts along with our cookies. Your very generous help makes this event possible. All proceeds go to Redeemer's current fund. This year's proceeds was \$459.75 – an all-time high.

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Devotions will be offered by Marilyn Hrywnak.

Refreshments will be donated by Linda Winter and Marilyn Hrywnak. Mark your calendar and come out on Tuesday the 16th (always the third Tuesday of the month) – even if you have never been to a WELCA meeting in the past. You would be very welcome. All Redeemer women are welcome.



Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

Christian Education/Sunday School

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and continued blessings for 2018!

Redeemer Sunday school would like to thank the children, their parents and the congregation for their participation in our well received debut of A NEW STAR, a slightly different presentation of the Christmas story held during the worship service on December 17. Thank you to Ms. Irene for jumping right in leading the music and to Georgia and Nick for their stellar job portraying the old and new stars. The kids were treated to a pageant party following a job well done!*****

Redeemer's elementary classes resume January 7, 2018 at 9:30 am.

Join us as we dive into the Jordan River with John the Baptist and Jesus, and learn about our own baptism. Our Sunday school room is located on the upper level of the Parrish hall. We welcome kids pre-school through 6th grade to join us in discovering bible accounts through a variety of activities each Sunday.

January 14th will be our first Youth lead Worship for the new-year with the kids taking on roles as readers, ushers, bell ringer as well as offering an anthem.

Adult Bible studies resume Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7 pm for Evening bible study and Wednesday, January 10 am for our senior/morning bible study. Why not make a New Year resolution to renew your bible knowledge in one of these great discussion groups!

Let's pray Old Man Winter is kind to us on the weekends but for any cancellation of church you will be notified via our inclement weather contact system.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JANUARY

JANUARY- Happy New Year! (Schedule based on good weather!)

2nd – shared meal ministry 6pm

6th – Ministry retreat, 9am

7th – ***SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES*** - John Baptizes Jesus and Epiphany

14th – ***youth in worship-***

21st – Jesus calls his disciples

28th - Jesus calls his disciples continued

LOOKING AHEAD- TRANSFIGURATION, Sunday FEBRUARY 11TH;

Ash Wednesday February 14

*******View the Christmas Pageant on our website:**

<http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org/category/media/>

January 2018 Server Schedule

January 2018	9:30am Worship	Notes
1/7/2018	Setting 3 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Scott Ditcher	
Lay Assistant	Marty Ditcher	
Altar Guild	Kim and Gary Overbagh	
Counters	John & Edna Schwenk, Andy Martinsen	
1/14/2018	Service of the Word	Stewardship Sunday & Youth in
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford	
Lay Assistant	Gail Blinstrub	
Youth Readers	to be determined	
Altar Guild	Kim and Gary Overbagh	
Counters	John & Edna Schwenk, Andy Martinsen	
1/21/2018	Setting 10 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Cindy Oser	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	
Altar Guild	Rita Solt, Linda Winter	
Counters	John & Edna Schwenk, Andy Martinsen	
1/28/2018	Service of the Word	Annual Meeting following worship
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Deb Farnham	
Altar Guild	Rita Solt, Linda Winter	
Counters	to be determined	

Join Us for our Annual Evangelism Cook-off

Saturday, January 20, 2018

5:00 pm

**Everyone is welcome.....enjoy delicious food, have fun
and good fellowship.**



Name: _____

Attending: _____

Yes, I will be entering the contest and bringing the
following:

(place a √ next to the item)

_____Appetizer

_____Entrée

_____Dessert

Name of Item:

Finance



Financial Condition for the period ending November 30, 2017

Current Fund Income	\$117,167
Donations/Reimbursements	\$ 15,503
Expenses	\$134,709
Net Income (Loss)	\$(2,039)

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

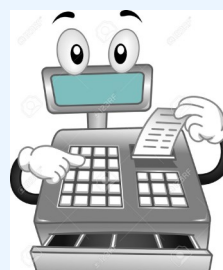
Building Maintenance	\$ 7,626
Raise the Roof	\$ 21,795

Respectfully,
Mike Dunn, Treasurer

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



Forgetting What Is Behind

"Forget about it." It's a phrase we may say to ourselves when we don't want to face up to something. Perhaps we give it in the form of advice to someone who's complaining about an offense he's received. According to Paul, it's a good thing to do. It's counsel he followed himself: *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13b-14).

Paul had a past anyone would want to forget. In his Pharisaical zeal, he had caused the imprisonment, persecution, and even death of many who were followers of the Way. All that changed, we know, when he himself faced Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Yet, from our reading of Scripture, we know he didn't "forget what was behind." He brought it up many times as he explained the change that Jesus had brought about in his life to the other apostles and as he testified in the highest courts of the day.

Like Paul, we can't forget about our past sins – and maybe that's good, as long as we remember that Christ has forgotten them! Remembrance of our sins serves the purpose of keeping us humble and grateful, aware that we walk in God's ways only as we rely on him to lead us, thankful that he forgives all sin, past, present, and future. Then we are not encumbered by guilt (1 John 3:20). We can *"[forget] what's behind"* and *"press on toward the goal"* that Christ has lain out before us as we serve him with all the gifts he so graciously gives us.

We begin a new year in God's grace. We also begin each day, sometimes each moment, as newly forgiven, cleansed stewards equipped through Word and Sacrament to fulfill God's purposes for our lives.

Our own growth and the growth of our church depend on the willingness of us all to invest that talent for others. As a member of your church, you are called to share in all aspects of its life. Membership is responsibility - the response to the call to ministry, and service. To be a church member is to answer that call with time and talent.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
1/28/18**



***Please plan to attend this important meeting!
Potluck luncheon during meeting.***

***Please put your reservation slip in the box in the narthex or
call the church office at 215-757-2724***

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***I plan to attend the annual meeting on January 28,
2018. Please indicate what item you will bring,
below.***

Name: _____

Attending: _____

I will bring:

Salad: _____

Entrée: _____

Dessert: _____

Legacy Story: Sandy Weasner



Born July 14, 1964, I'm the daughter of the late Clarence & Lois Weasner and have one sister, Linda Bartleson. I grew up and have lived in Newtown my entire life.

As a child, I attended Sunday School and sang in the children's choir at Newtown Presbyterian Church. When God's Love Lutheran Church was built our family transferred to God's Love where I was active with youth group and confirmed. I stopped attending Church for a few years after high school but returned with the encouragement of my mother after the passing of our father in 1990. Mom decided she wanted to return to Redeemer as she grew up in Penndel but did not want to go by herself so she talked me into attending one service with her and I've been here ever since.

I graduated from Council Rock in 1982 and then earned an Associates Degree in Business Administration from BCCC and I continue to take classes mostly online.

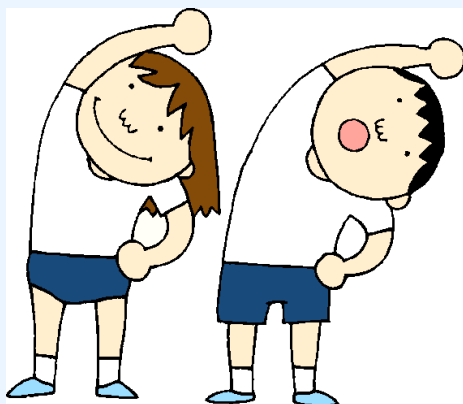
I have held several executive assistant / project coordinator positions with large corporations but due to mergers / acquisitions I changed jobs more often than I preferred. God always has a plan for us, when one chapter closes another more exciting chapter begins. I'm blessed to have met so many wonderful co-workers/friends over the years and learned something new at each job.

I currently have two jobs working 7 days a week. For the past five years, working full-time at The First National Bank & Trust Co of Newtown currently as a Real Estate Evaluator and for the past four

years working weekends as a receptionist at The Birches, a senior living community, in Newtown. I also serve on Church Council as the Evangelism & Publicity chairperson.

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, country music, concerts/theater, exercising, reading and I hope to get back to traveling. We all have busy lives, but it is important to introduce children to Church at an early age to help them form a foundation.

Submitted by Sandy Weasner





A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
 SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
 QWCDREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
 MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL
 ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

_____:

_____! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV
 Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:



NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!

January Birthday's and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

2nd Erin Dunn Rothenbach
Jeannie Vitale
3rd Wayne Degen
4th Frank Rager
7th Elaine Rossi
Robert Brad, Jr.
Gail Blinstrub
Chelsea Lee Stout
8th Anjali Bose
Carol Funkhauser
9th Julie Bartleson
10th John E. Seyferhelt
12th Doris Parfitt
13th Danielle Martinsen
Carey Trumpler
14th Cindy Short
Mike Dunn
Marsha Goodwin
Carole Chatelain
15th John Slaughter
16th Gary Overbagh
Jeff Paulsen
18th Kathy Rehm
19th Christopher Rager
Nicholas Morris
Kerstin Pugh
21st Lynn Leppo
22nd Lauren Bilofsky
Angelique Defeo
Christopher Rager
23rd Damian Thomas
Kelsi Martin

24th Laura Ottinger
Joshua Misnik

29th Dolores Danielson
Bob Winkler

January Wedding Anniversaries



1/26/1999 Wayne and Sharon Degen

**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.

