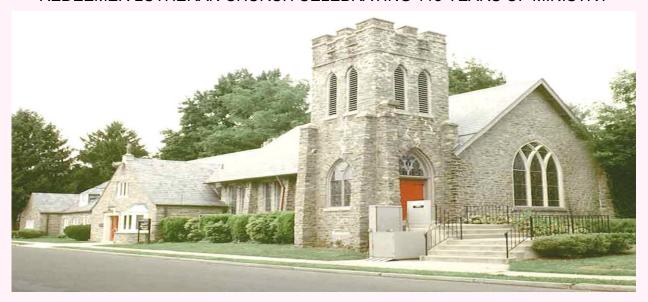
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 113 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

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

As I think of the month of February, I could not help but think of Valentine's Day. As you may know, Valentine day is the day when people show their affection for another person or people by sending cards, flowers or chocolates with messages of love.

Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February, officially the start of their springtime. It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they'd get married.

Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St Valentine, a famous saint who lived in the third century AD. Gradually, St Valentine's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved.

Well our Lord knows a little something about love too for our God is indeed a God of love.

As the word of God says in 1 John 4:7-11, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as Valentine day draws closer, may the God Who is Love, make us all ever mindful of The Valentine of all valentines, His dear Son, nailed to a cross for us all, buried in a tomb for us all, and raised from the dead for us all. Mindful of that Love which made us all alive by His work of grace, may we be so moved to love not only our Lord, but those who are around us, that they too might see the Love of God for them lived out before them. Indeed we will be known as Jesus' disciples by the love we show.

From

Pastor's

Prayer Concerns

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, Helen and Jim Susko.

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, Brian Kirch, Jim McMullen, Esther McMullen.

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:

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



Prayer Initiative for February

On February 11th we will pray for:

Shirley & Darwin Brendlinger, Karen Brown, Michelle Brownlee and children Jacob Eckel, Patrick Eckel and Trevor Brownlee

On February 25th we will pray for:

Annette Carson, Carole Chatelain and husband Mike, Rev. Mukesh & Cameel Cheedie and daughters Rosanna and Marisa



February Events

with Burying of the Alleluia's and brunch following worship

√ 2/14/18: Soup Supper 5:30pm

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Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

Events Coming in March

 3/4/18: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am, Souper Bowl Sunday Collection

* 3/6/18: Shared Meal 6pm

* 3/7/18: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm

* 3/9/18: Family, Fun & Fellowship 7pm

* 3/11/18: Worship service, led by Youth 9:30am

* 3/14/18: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm

* 3/17/18: Bingo 3-5pm

* 3/18/18: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am

* 3/21/18: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm

* 3/24/18: Journey to the Cross, Clean Up Day

* 3/25/18: Worship and Sunday School 9:30am PALM SUNDAY

Past Events

- * 37 people attended our Shared Meal Ministry on Tuesday 1/3/18. They served sauerkraut and pork. The pork was donated by Jason Green and members donated the sauerkraut.
- On Saturday January 20th approximately 50 members and friends enjoyed fellowship and food at the annual Evangelism cook-off. See pictures and additional information on page 9.



WELCA



You're Invited to a Tea Party

The February 20, 2018 Welca meeting will be our annual tea. Devotions will be offered by llene Kersten. Refreshments will be provided by Linda Winter, Marilyn Hrywnak, and Rita Solt. The theme is "A Trip to Paris." All are welcome!!!

Patricia Finn and friends,

Thank you to all of the terrific elves at Redeemer for making Christmas bright for the children! The wonderful collection of gifts for the children served by Silver Springs - Martin Luther School was just perfect!. (Large American Girl style dolls, Magna-tile building sets, art kits, slippers and more)

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of our ministry.

Sincerely, Amanda Bryant, Development Officer



Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers

We need your help with the soup, bread, and desserts. Please complete the form which can be found in your weekly bulletin and give to Karen Kondrk. If you have questions, please contact John Slaughter or Karen Kondrk.

Karen: 215-828-7466 John: 215-360-1930



Worship and Music—OUR CHURCH

Sunday February 11th will be a busy and memorable day at our church observing the Transfiguration of our Lord and Youth in Worship burying the "alleluias" along with our annual pancake breakfast afterward.

The transfiguration of Jesus is a significant event observed on the Sunday before Lent begins. Jesus took disciples Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. There in front of them, Jesus changed from his human form to a glowing, dazzling white heavenly form. Then, they heard God's voice say, "This is my son, whom I love. Listen to Him". The transfiguration of Jesus was a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses to the reality that Jesus was who he claimed to be. (1)

During Lent, the omission of "alleluias" dates back, at least, to the 5th century in the western church. (2) The association of "alleluias" with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting them from Lent as a kind of verbal fast which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns Easter morning. (2) On this Sunday before Lent begins, our church congregation brightly colors paper "alleluias", we sing hymns containing the word "alleluia", and hang an "alleluia" banner. At the end of worship, our children collect all the alleluias and "bury" them in a box until Easter morning where they decorate the nave in colorful array.

Lent is a time of shedding whatever is standing between you and God (3) including luxuries. Back in the old days an abundance of food, eggs, butter/lard, salt, and sugar were items that had to go during Lenten fasting. Not wanting to waste them, the Christians had a feast day before Ash Wednesday to use up all the extras. Pancakes were a great way to use up the items from the larder. Pancake ingredients are also said to represent the four pillars of Christian faith – eggs for creation, flour as the mainstay of human diet, salt for wholesomeness, and milk for purity. (4) The custom still lives with pancake breakfasts and dinners around the world. We hold our symbolic pancake feast on this Sunday to be sure we get a lively crowd.

Be sure to come to worship on February 11th beginning with announcements at 9:20am. All are welcome.

- 1. allaboutjesus.org
- 2. The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
- 3. beliefnet
- 4. bt.com



Jesus' Transfiguration

Parish Register

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



Mission Statement

Redeemer Youth will be collecting for this event on Sunday 2/4/18.

Using the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need.

Vision Statement

Transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

We believe:

- The idea for Souper Bowl of Caring is a gift from God
- Young people have the ability to serve and should be given opportunities to lead their communities in helping others
- Every dollar collected through Souper Bowl of Caring should be donated directly to a charity selected by each participating group
- People of all backgrounds and beliefs can work together
- Hunger and poverty have a negative impact on individuals and the communities in which they live, yet there is joy in serving and giving to those in need

The excitement and energy surrounding the Super Bowl can be used to engage young people in service while producing lasting hope for all people.

Transfiguration Sunday

Matthew 17:1-8 The Transfiguration

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I^[a] will make three dwellings^[b] here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.



On Sunday, February 11, 2018 the congregation is invited to worship service beginning at 9:30am followed by a Brunch at 10:30am. Our Brunch has been part of our **"Fat Sunday"** celebration for the past fifteen years which is organized in order to draw our attention to the Lenten Season that begins on February 14th with a Soup supper at 5:30pm followed by the Ash Wednesday service at 7pm.

If you plan to attend the Brunch on February 11th, please complete the reservation slip and place it in the offering plate.

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I plan to attend the Pancake Brunch February 11, 2018

No. attending:

Name:



Evangelism - Annual Cook-off





Our Cook-off

- Over 50 people attended
- Thanks to Dolores for providing the devotions.
- Thanks to John Schwenk for hosting the trivia.

The winners are:

Appetizer: Trish Ryan, mini Mexican empanadas Entrée: Andy Martinsen, venison sloppy joes Dessert: Rita Solt, apple pe-

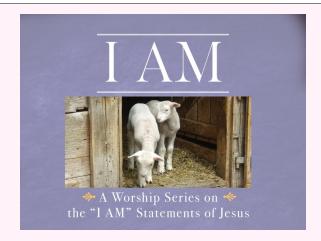
can pie







Lenten Worship Series



This series of worship services is based on six of Jesus' "I am" sayings. Jesus calls himself the Bread of life, the Light of the world, the Door of the sheep, the Resurrection and the Life and the true Vine. He identifies himself with the name of God, "I AM." Jesus is I AM, the God who saves and sets people free!

Come every Wednesday for a Soup Supper at 5:30pm followed by our worship series, "I AM" at 7pm

Date	Statement	
2/14/18 - Ash Wednesday	Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58	
2/21/18	I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. John 6:35	
2/27/18	I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. John 8:12	
3/7/18	I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9	
3/14/18	I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:25-26	
3/21/18	I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5	1

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Christian Education/Faith Formation News

Hope everyone is surviving the winter so far! It's been quite the rollercoaster ride of temperatures but be assured the temperature is definitely heating up in Sunday school! Entering February, our elementary classes will be busy experiencing the bible account of Jesus' teachings with emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. *Our youth will be leading the Transfiguration service on February 11 at which time we all decorate and bury our alleluias in preparation of Lent.* As we begin our Lenten journey together, all are invited and encouraged to attend Redeemers Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday February 14 as well as the first soup and bread supper at 5:30 pm.

During Lent our semi-annual **WORLD HUNGER APPEAL** takes place with barn boxes available to collect loose change or bills for your donations to support this worthy ministry. You can also place your gifts in an envelope earmarked for World Hunger. Be sure to include your name and envelope number for your records. In addition to the month long world hunger appeal we will continue our **God's Global Barnyard collection on the second Sunday of each month.** No gift is too small when it comes to helping others obtain the food and sundries they need to sustain a healthy life. Thank you in advance for your support in these worthy ministries.

First Holy Communion will now be open to 4th grade and up who have not received communion instruction. Trish Ryan will be reaching out to families and if you know who would like their 4th grader or older child to participate please contact Trish Ryan or Denise Robinson to be included. Dates and times will be announced when the schedule is set.

Adult bible studies are ongoing Monday evenings at 7 pm and the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10 am. Please prayerfully consider attending either of these great bible discussion groups.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY (World Hunger Appeal during Lent)

4th --- Transfiguration lesson and practice for service

6th – shared meal ministry 6 pm

11th – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD – youth in worship

14th – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 PM soup and bread, 5:30 pm

18th – Jesus teaches (Sermon on the Mount and Beatitudes)

21st – mid week Lenten service, 7 pm; soup and bread, 5:30 pm

25th - Jesus teaches (Sermon on the Mount and Beatitudes)

28th - mid week Lenten service, 7 pm; soup and bread, 5:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 9 AM -1 PM SEE THE FLIER IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS.





An old spiritual song asks this question: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" In all honesty, we have to say no, but soon our church could have a different answer to that question.

Our church will be hosting *Journey to the Cross*, an Easter learning experience on **March 24, 2018**. **Come anytime between 9am & 12:00pm**.

As a traveler, you have the opportunity to walk in Jesus' footsteps during Holy Week. Smell the aroma of anointing perfume, taste Passover food, feel a crown of thorns, and so much more. You will hear about Jesus from Bible witnesses and be a part of the Passion experience.

We need some great volunteers to make our *Journey to the Cross* as meaningful as possible, and we're hoping that you will help. Please prayerfully consider serving our church as Actors, Station Helpers, Meet-and-Greet Volunteers, and Tour Guides.

For more information about ways in which you might contribute to the *Journey,* please see the sign-up sheet located narthex or contact Denise Goccia @ 215-512-3434 or email: denisegoccia@hotmail.com

Please save March 24, 2018 on your calendar. Come join us as a volunteer or a traveler.

And please pray for all those involved—volunteers and journeyers—so that the Holy Spirit may truly bless our experience together.

Learning/Serving God at Redeemer













Sharing God's Bounty

Christ's Love Compels Us

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Some sons disobey their fathers. Others obey unwillingly with arguing and complaining, resentful of their fathers' authority. Still others are compliant, but are there any who would be as submissive as Jesus was to his Father's will? "... yet not my will, but yours be done," Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42). Carrying out his Father's will was no easy task, but, because his love for us is as great as the Father's, he was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was his love for us that caused Christ to give his very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in him.

There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to "pay him back." The Christian life of stewardship is a response to his love. His love compels us to respond by loving him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which he died (1 Corinthians 9:9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:27). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out his lifeblood for us. The prophet Micah clarifies to us what God requires of us: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8b). These are not attitudes we can work up of our own accord. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.



Taking a seat opposite the treasury, Jesus observed the crowd putting money into the collection box. Many of the wealthy put in sizable amounts; but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent. He called his disciples over and told them: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44



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Finance

Financial Condition for the period ending December 31, 2017

Current Fund Income \$133,393 Donations/Reimbursements \$16,513

Expenses \$146,985 **Net Income** \$ 2921

Restricted Fund Balances

Building Maintenance \$7686.00 Raise The Roof \$21,891.00

Respectfully, Mike Dunn, Treasurer

February Server Schedule

February 2018	9:30am Worship	7PM Worship
2/4/2018	Setting 3 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	
Altar Guild	llene Kersten, Arlene Shecter	
Counters	Wayne Degen, Karen Kondrk, John Slaughter	
2/11/2018	Service of the Word	Transfiguration Sunday
Acolyte/Crucifer	Scott Ditcher	
Lay Assistant	Lynn Engle	
Readers	to be determined	
Altar Guild	llene Kersten, Arlene Shecter	
Counters	Wayne Degen, Karen Kondrk, John Slaughter	
2/14/2018	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
Lay Assistant		Gail Blinstrub
Altar Guild		Joan Dunn, Arlene Shecter
2/18/2018	Setting 10 Communion	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Scott Ditcher	
Lay Assistant	Marty Ditcher	
Altar Guild	Gail Blinstrub, Joan Dunn	
Counters	Gail Blinstrub, Pat Gallagher	
2/21/2018	Midweek	Midweek
Lay Assistant		Lori Meola
Altar Guild		Ilene Kersten, Arlene Shecter
2/25/2018	Service of the Word	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Georgia Woodford	
Lay Assistant	Cindy Oser	
Altar Guild	Gail Blinstrub, Joan Dunn	
Counters	Gail Blinstrub, Pat Gallagher	
2/28/2018	Midweek	Midweek
Lay Assistant		Cindy Oser
Altar Guild		Lori Meola, Cindy Oser



Legacy Story - Rande Funkhauser



Rande and his wife Carol.

Rande Funkhauser was born November 30, 1952 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to Wayne and Genevieve Funkhauser. Wayne was a Methodist from the midwest, and served in WWII as a B-17 bombardier. Genevieve was Roman Catholic. They met in Massachusetts prior to Wayne shipping out overseas to war. When he returned, they married and had two children, Linda and Rande. The family belonged to the Methodist church in Westfield, MA.

Rande joined the Boy Scouts at 11 years old. His father formed a new Boy Scout troop and was their Scoutmaster. There were many fond remembrances of camping, hiking, and cycling with the troop. In high school, Rande was on the football, track and wrestling teams. He attended Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, NY and majored in Chemical Engineering. There he joined Theta Xi Fraternity. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree, his first job took him to Yardville, NJ. To a young man from Massachusetts, this was like the deep south, and everyone talked differently. He eventually married in 1981 and has three children, Brenda (1983), Michael (1985) and Kevin (1989). They eventually moved from New Jersey to Newtown in 1987.

His career evolved from a process engineer working in chemical plants to a project engineer and project manager working in engineering firms. The children kept him busy, as all were active in sports and Scouting. Rande became Scoutmaster of Troop 380 at the Presbyterian Church in Newtown.

The children have all moved away from home and live in Asbury Park, Philadelphia, and Chambersburg, PA. Thankfully, the children live close enough that they can get together several times a year.

Rande has had health and career setbacks over the years, however, his faith is strong and he is a very optimistic person. No matter how bad things may seem, there are other people who have it much worse.

Rande and his wife separated in 2006 and were divorced. Rande went to Salsa dance lessons at II Sol restaurant in Newtown, and noticed a very attractive woman, Carol Lipson, on the other side of the room. He went over to talk with her and her friends, and they had a chance to dance together during the lessons. They later met at the Yardley Inn for a first date and their relationship blossomed. Carol wanted to return to Redeemer Lutheran Church, where she grew up attending church. Rande had been a member of Newtown United Methodist Church, however, he agreed to go to Redeemer with Carol. He eventually became a member in 2017. They have been together ever since that chance meeting at II Sol and were married on November 11, 2017 at Redeemer, with a reception at the Yardley Inn. They reside in Newtown.

Today's youth need a Christian community more than ever. Growing up seems a lot more stressful today than when we were kids, and that was bad enough. Bullying is more prevalent, and social media contributes to youth anxiety over their friendships. Family support is critical, however, the power of an extended family of fellow church members shouldn't be underestimated. And with God's help, all things are possible. Always remember the Golden Rule- treat others as you would have them treat you.







February Kids Pages



Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, VIV



Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

What you need:

- · 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

What you do:

- Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
- Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
- With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
- If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.

February Birthday's and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 1st Anthony Trapani, Jr. Cathy Hemphill
- 4th Joan Dunn
- 6th Kylie Slaughter
- 8th Helen Susko Donald Robinson
- 9th Barbara Kissinger
- 10th Sandy Feldbauer Michael William Ruth
- 11th Kendra Mason
- 15th Amanda Sivils Michael Griffith
- 16th Lisa Thomas
- 17th Charles Kissinger
- 21st Lois Rinehimer Ashley Thomas Donald Mihalek
- 22nd Gretchen Waldkoenig
- 23rd Trevor Brownlee
- 24th Lois Hershberger
- 26th William Parfitt

Walentine's



February Anniversaries

2/28/1970 Fred and Linda Winter



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.

