

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CELEBRATING 115 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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.

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**Redeemer
Herald**

Pastor's Page



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

Have you ever felt your faith in God slipping away? If so, you are in good company for even the most faithful Christians are at times. At times, we may feel discouraged and have our doubts especially when we are faced with difficult situations in life. When things are not going the way we expect to, we may lose hope and sight of who really is control. But my dear friends, even when we may feel far removed from God because of lack of trust and faith in God, God never leaves our side. God is always with us, always willing to calm the storms of life. The truth is when we sincerely seek God's presence, when we genuinely seek to establish a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, God will indeed calm our fears, answers our prayers and restore our soul.

As the prophet Jeremiah says, ¹²"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity." (Jeremiah 29:12-14)

"We thank you Lord for your ever presence in our lives. We know sometimes this world can be a very puzzling place, filled with uncertainty and doubt. When we are unaware of our next step, keep us mindful that you are always near and that you can overcome any challenge. Help us to trust you, knowing that in the end 'all things do work for good for those who love you.

Pastor Mukesh



September Events



- * 9/3/19: Shared Meal 6pm
- * 9/8/19: Worship 9:20am
Installation & Recognition of Sunday School teachers and
Blessing of the Backpacks
Rally Day, God's Work, Our Hands Service Project
- * 9/15/19: "Blue Mass" Worship Service 9:20am

Events Coming in October

- * 10/5/19: Blessing of the Animals
- * 10/13/19: Youth In Worship Sunday/Blessing of Knitted Items of
Stitching Angels
- * 10/19/19: Community Pig Roast
- * 10/26/19: Halloween Party



Past Events

- * We served 65 people at the Shared Meal on August 6, 2019
- * Mission Festival held on August 25, 2019 and raised \$1011.00 which
will be split between Doctors without Borders, and Advocates for the
Homeless
- * 115th Anniversary Celebration, Outside Worship/Picnic on 7/14/19
- * Participated in National Night Out on 8/6/19 by offering tours of our
beautiful church

Prayer Concerns

Members: Sharon Degen, Dee Grover, Ruth Samuels, Christina Jackson, Doris Parfitt, Ruth Schwartz, Lois Hershberger, Aurel Frantz, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Helen and Jim Susko, Aaron Winter, Kay Robinson, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Lois Gradel, Jean Lippincott, Donald Solt, Danny Vile, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Edith Williams, Elizabeth Reinas.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Luke Tynan, Joyce Murphy, Jim McMullen, Jack Fetterolf, Brian Kirch, Mason Sredl, Rev. Esther Rajashekar, Tim Kucey, Joe Mellon, Colleen Quinn, Crystal Nystrom, John Toppings, Mike Hanley, Arlene Krajewski, Liam Schieber, Marie Armitage.

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military: Chad Durban, Joseph Piel, Mason Burgess, Kelly Cahill, Matthew Brandon Winter, Reid Furman, Julia Furman, Anne Furman, Matt Glaze, John Dichoso.

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 September

On September 9th we will pray for:

Joseph, Lydia and Jolene Cochran, Beth Connolly, Martin and Dolores Danielson

On September 22nd we will pray for:

Cathy Dashoff, Angelique Defeo, Wayne and Sharon Degen, Heather Depero



A Message from the Bishop

Beloved siblings in Christ,

Last week at our Church wide Assembly, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recommitted itself to walking alongside immigrants and refugees as a matter of faith. This Assembly action affirmed our history as an immigrant faith in the United States and the Lutheran church's long history of assisting strangers in our land.

We live in a time when the immigration system in our nation is stressed to the point of breaking, and the legal processes for dealing fairly with those seeking refuge and asylum in America is overwhelmed. As immigration is part of our national debate, our ELCA is emphasizing the biblical and historic basis for walking with one another in the form of accompaniment, and the increased opportunity for diversity and inclusivity as we build relationships with global immigrants. To be light to those who are in darkness through separation of parents and children and the threat of deportation of loved ones, we are called to be beacons of hope. This is truly "God's work. Our hands."

The Church wide Assembly proclaimed that the ELCA aspires to be "a sanctuary denomination." The Assembly acted to lean into our prophetic call to provide support and comfort to immigrants, recognizing that "sanctuary" will be embodied differently across the church. Sanctuary may include providing information about undocumented persons' rights, connecting them with legal assistance, providing food, funds or housing, or simply having faithful discussions of immigration issues in our churches. In the months and years ahead we will, together, determine how expressions of the ELCA offer "sanctuary."

Let me be clear that this Assembly action in no way encourages Lutherans to break any immigration laws (as some news media

outlets have suggested). In fact, this decision by our church to recommit to working for the rights of migrants and refugees in no way compels any congregation to take a particular course of action.

Instead, I encourage you to consider this decision a call to consider how you and your congregation engage with immigrant populations and to discern how you could meet local needs and/or advocate for laws that reflect the biblical values of loving our neighbors and seeking the welfare of immigrants in our midst.

This action should not be construed as a “top down” decision by ELCA leaders. This issue was placed before the Assembly by an action from the Metropolitan New York Synod, and the language about “sanctuary denomination” was added from the Assembly floor. Discussion was civil and rooted in Scripture and our Lutheran heritage. This grassroots initiative was affirmed by more than 900 voting members elected from each of the ELCA’s 65 synods.

I have included a link below to bullet points prepared by the ELCA that explore the meaning of this decision. I encourage you to read them, pray about them, and discuss them in your community of faith. If you have further questions I encourage your to converse with me at bishop@sepa.org.

In Christ’s love,

The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport

<https://ministrylink.org/bishops-message-on-elca-as-sanctuary/>

Past Summer Events

7/14/19 Worship Service and Picnic on the church grounds





Parish News and Notes

St. Mary Medical Center Department of Spiritual Care is seeking Initial Visitors. The description of the role and contact information is below.

Initial Visitors are volunteers of various religious traditions who assist the Professional Chaplains in meeting the spiritual and emotional needs of the patients and their families by offering Spiritual Care Services within 24 hours of admission. Duties are carried out in accordance with St. Mary Medical Center's Mission and Standards of Care. Initial Visitors visit the newly admitted patients to the hospital, and introduce them to the Spiritual Care Department. As part of their duties, they confirm that information is correct regarding the patient's religion and community of worship affiliation. They provide a Spiritual Care Brochure and other Spiritual Care approved literature. If appropriate, they ask if the patient would like their Clergy notified of the hospitalization or if they would like to see a Chaplain. They do not visit Critical Care Units or patients in isolation. For Catholic patients, the Initial Visitor inquires if the patient wishes to receive daily communion or would like a visit from a Priest. Initial Visitors are encouraged to make referral to a Professional Chaplain. This volunteer ministry requires a minimum of one day per week for 2 hours.

Members of the congregation who may be interested can call the Spiritual Care Department for more information at 215-710-5045 or writing to pbenoit@stmaryhealthcare.org. An interview with the Director of Spiritual Care and completion of the onboarding process with the Office of Volunteer Services are required.



Summer Outing to Andalusia Biddle Estate Followed by Lunch at High Tides Restaurant:

Thursday, July 18, 2019 – 10:00 am

On Thursday, July 18th several Welca members and friends toured the Nicholas Biddle Estate – both the house and gardens. **Andalusia**, also known as the **Nicholas Biddle Estate**, is a historic mansion and estate located on the Delaware River, just north of Philadelphia, in Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The community surrounding it, Andalusia, takes its name from the 225-acre estate.



Parish News and Notes

To Redeemer Church Members,

Thank you for the lovely flowers you sent. It is very much appreciated!

Love and Stuff,

Effie Shaffer



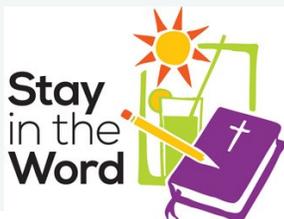
A Loss
in the Church
Family

Our heartfelt sympathy to Scott, Jordan and Lissy Ditcher on the loss of wife and mother; Martha (Marty) Ditcher. Marty passed away on 6/28/19. Her beautiful funeral service was held on July 6, 2019. Please continue to keep the family in prayer.

Adult Bible Study Class

It's September and school is starting, and that means it's time for Redeemer to begin another year of Bible study. The Senior Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00am in Pastor's office.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke. We're all learners and if you are too, come and join us. We look forward to having some new learners.



Parish News and Notes



Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to Advocates for the Homeless & Those in Need. Your support of \$49.42 towards our #10YearsStrong campaign is deeply appreciated.

These are just a few of the programs this generous gift will make possible:

- ◆ Code Blue Homeless Shelter
- ◆ Wheels to Meals Transportation
- ◆ Rejuvenation Station Lunch and Shower
- ◆ Those in Need (TIN) Fund

The majority of AHTN's missions involve transportation of the homeless and others in need. The cost of insurance, maintenance and fuel are one of our largest expense items. The TIN Fund continues to grow as more individuals in Lower Bucks find it difficult to retain housing and other life essentials.

This gift specifically, and the overall support from donors like you are what make it possible for us to expand and enrich the services we provide. Thank you again for supporting AHTN.

Penny Martin, President

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need

WELCA

Women of the ELCA, Redeemer, Penndel participated in the May 2019 Synod Assembly with an ingathering service project. Pastor Mukesh delivered our 10 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief and a \$30.00 check toward shipping. Here is our thank you letter.

“We sincerely want to thank all the women (plus children and men) who helped with these much-needed donations. With the help of your monetary donations given to pay for the cost of a trailer and driver, we were able to get these items to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD. From there they will be sent to people in need all around the world. THANK YOU! “

On July 18 WELCA toured Andalusia, the Nicholas Biddle Estate, in Bensalem for our summer outing. The tour was a wonderful history lesson. After the tour, we all enjoyed lunch at the High Tides Restaurant.

This June, July, and August WELCA met on the third Tuesdays, to make crafts for our bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 2. Thanks to everyone who came out and created beautiful items. We especially thank Cindy Oser and Marianne White who came up with, purchased, and presented crafts for us to make. These crafters helped us make wonderful projects – come out to the bazaar and see.

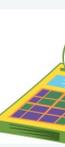
The Kick off of the new program year for WELCA will be Tuesday, **September 17 at 7:00 PM.** Refreshments will be provided by Karen Kondrk and Lois Gradel. Devotions will be offered by Jean Lippincott and the program by Denise Robinson.

Rita Solt

Finance

Financial Condition for the period ending July 31, 2019

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Current Fund Income | \$ 70,616.45 |
| Donations/Reimbursements | \$ 7230.55 |
| Expenses | \$100,760.71 |
| Net Income | (\$22,940.71) |
| Balance in Building Maintenance Fund: | (\$ 30.47) |
| Balance in Raise the Roof Fund: | \$10,851.00 |



Vacation Bible School 2019

We had about 20-25 kiddos all week, many who have been coming year after year! This years VBS traveled around the world for ***The Incredible Race***. We started our journey in South America where we learned about where the human race began! And then we were off to Asia where we learned the story of the tower of Babel and how the world came to have different languages. On Wednesday we traveled to Africa where we learned that although we are different in how we look or speak, we are all one race! And then came Europe, where we learned about how important God is in our life, and how he reaches all people with his love. And we finished our journey in North America, where we heard about how we need to treat people with love & respect.

Thank you to everyone that helped whether by running one of our stations or just helping out with our kiddos throughout the week! Our volunteers were amazing and we couldn't have gotten through the week without all of you – Meghan Schmidt (Crafts), Deb Farnham (Story), Trish Ryan (music leader), Christine Martin (Science), Carol Chatelain (Snacks), Michelle Brownlee (Games), and Gail & Bob Blinstrub (Dinner & Ice Cream)! And also thank you to all of our helpers throughout the week – Joan Dunn, Georgia Woodford, Carol Lipson, Lynn Engle, Kim Overbagh, Jeff Paulsen, Jasmyn & Trevor Davis!







HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come out to Redeemer Lutheran Church
Saturday October, 26th
Time: 3pm - 5pm

Come on out and check out
our haunted basement,
show off your costumes and
play some spooky games!



New Mother's Group

The Mothers Group is a new ministry at Redeemer, which started in May 2019 and meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Our next gatherings are on September 24, and October 22, 2019.

We have a fluid group of mothers in attendance with their little ones. Friends and new members are always welcome. We hosted many infants and preschoolers at the last get-together and Carole and Dianne provided childcare to support these moms. (We could use some extra childcare help the future if anyone has a free hour to spare!)

The mothers all have busy lives and many of them work full-time and some also go to school while raising a family. They are still seeking spiritual growth and they look to this time at Mothers Group to develop spiritually and to support and serve each other. The mothers will typically share a meal, have prayer and play time, and either do a craft or work on a service project. The group discussion is centered on the book "Long Days of Small Things: Motherhood as a Spiritual Discipline." The mothers are also looking for outreach opportunities. Please pray for these mothers and the bonds they are building at our church.

The group plans meetings and communicates on Facebook. Please send a Facebook "friend request" to Lily Castellucci or Jessica Hotalen and request an invitation to the private Facebook group called "Mommy Group of Redeemer."

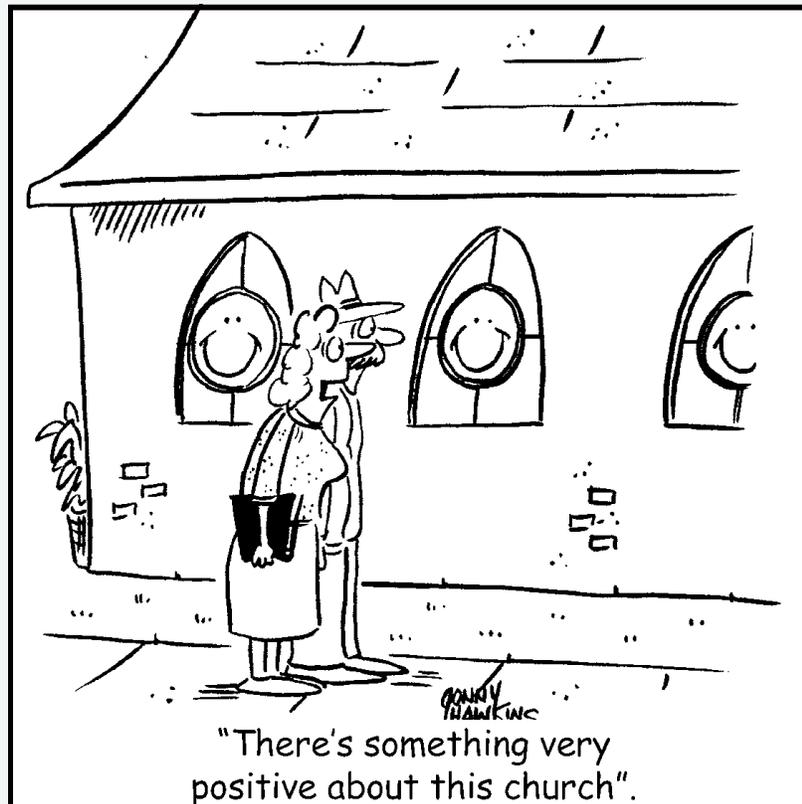


God's Work Our Hands

"God's Work. Our Hands." at Redeemer Sunday, September 8th – Following Worship

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. Mark your calendar today! The date for the 2019 "God's work, Our hands" is Sunday, September 8.

At Redeemer we are planning – again this year – to fill gift bags for the men and women who attend our monthly shared meal as our "God's Work, Our Hands" project.



Sharing God's Bounty

September

Why We Struggle in Giving

Jesus gave us all ... his one and only Son (John 3:16). Just as Jesus gave, we are enabled by God's grace to be giving people. For Christians, giving is not an option. We are to give our first fruits generously and joyfully out of gratitude for who God is and what he has done and continues to do for us. So why don't Christians give as they should?

The following are some reasons people don't give more:

1. **Spiritual problems.** People act as owners of their things rather than stewards. They readily acknowledge God as the owner with their lips but not with their hearts and actions. Those lacking an intimate relationship with Jesus do not make giving a priority.
2. **Financial problems.** The average credit card debt per household is approximately \$8,000. Many don't manage their money wisely. Until we spend less money than we make, we will find that money is tight and unavailable for giving generously.
3. **Compartmentalization.** We compartmentalize when we divide our lives into competing parts. If we disconnect God from the managing of our money, he is not in control, and we are prone to hoard money rather than give it.
4. **Limited vision.** We are apt to give less than we are capable if we do not understand all that our church or other Christian organizations are doing. If we understand and relate to the vision and mission of the church or organizations seeking our contributions, we will give generously.
5. **Limited relationships.** People give more when they are connected to the church or Christian organization through relationships. If good relationships exist with the pastor or church leaders or even other members, people tend to be more generous.

If we are struggling in our giving, we need to seek God's strength to grow in our faith and trust in him. It is only by God's grace that we can be empowered to grow in the grace of giving.

May God help us all grow in his love and grace so we become the generous givers he wants us to be.

We own nothing. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. A basic understanding of Christian stewardship is that we are set in this world as caretakers, as stewards, not as possessors. To be wise, is, in one sense, to be a good steward. The gospel story of the talents constitutes a plea for us to use what has been entrusted to us, but it is grounded in the truth that we own nothing, not even our lives.



Community Pig Roast

October 19, 2019

5:00PM – 8:00PM

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246 Hulmeville Ave.

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Come and enjoy live music by Ron-D

Fun, food, and fellowship

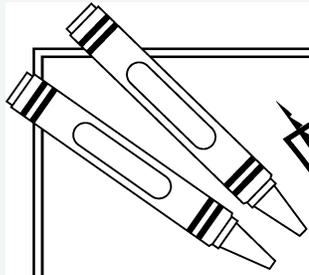
Bring a lawn chair for the music and campfire

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Server Schedule September

| September 2019 | 9:20am Worship | Notes |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9/1/2019 | Setting 3 Communion | |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Abby Clark, Patti Finn | |
| Lay Assistant | Gail Blinstrub | |
| Altar Guild | Lori Meola, Bunny Elinich | |
| Counters | Marilyn Hrywnak, Patti Finn | |
| Nursery | Kim Overbagh | |
| 9/8/2019 | Service of the Word | God's Work Our Hands/Rally Day |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Nicholas Palladino, Alan Ryan | |
| Lay Assistant | Deb Farnham | |
| Altar Guild | Rita Solt, Linda Winter | |
| Counters | Marilyn Hrywnak, Patti Finn | |
| Nursery | Rita Solt | |
| 9/15/2019 | Setting 10 Communion | Blue Mass Sunday |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Isabella Palladino | |
| Lay Assistant | Gail Blinstrub | |
| Altar Guild | Rita Solt, Linda Winter | |
| Counters | Arlene Shecter, Jean Lippincott | |
| Nursery | Lynn Engle | |
| 9/22/2019 | Service of the Word | |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Patti Finn | |
| Lay Assistant | Denise Robinson | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Funkauser, Arlene Shecter | |
| Counters | Arlene Shecter, Jean Lippincott | |
| Nursery | Lori Meola | |
| 9/29/2019 | Setting 3 Communion | |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Cindy Oser | |
| Lay Assistant | Lori Meola | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Funkauser, Arlene Shecter | |
| Counters | Arlene Shecter, Jean Lippincott | |
| Nursery | Becca Roland | |



PUZZLE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.



blind



leprosy



lame



deaf



dead

hear



walk



raised



sight



cleansed



The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
 who have _____ are _____, the
 _____, the _____ are _____.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, NIV

Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.



What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

What you do:

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.

September Birthday's and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

1st Donna Kistner
Pearl Ward
4th Amanda Trapani
Michelle Brownlee
5th Edna Schwenk
6th Michael Leppo
7th Dolores Hoppe
10th David Feldbauer
11th Michelle Seyferhelt
14th Charlene Williams
Gail Pulsinelli
15th Jean Lippincott
Ilene Kersten
18th Ruth Samuels
Shelley Solt
Cindy Oser
19th Felicia Kieser
Brian Woodford
24th Michael Parker
25th Isabella Palladino
26th Jared Smith
27th Lynda Jones
28th Arlene Shecter
Tyler Mecutchen
29th Amy Meola
Julie Short
Tony Yepello

September Wedding Anniversaries

9/03/94 Michelle & Garnett Morris
9/29/79 Dave and Cindy Short
9/29/09 Gary and Kim Overbagh
9/30/72 Joan & Mike Dunn



**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.***

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