

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 115 YEARS OF MINISTRY



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Lent



March 2020

Pastor's Page

Greetings to you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.
(Ephesians 3:20-21).

As Mark Kirchoff states, “ Paul’s words in his letter to the Ephesians stand in stark contrast to the secular world’s view of economic events. Reporters, politicians, and leaders of the business and industry often have a modus operandi of negativity and scarcity, many times fueled by fear. The message we hear makes us cautious regarding moving forward with any certainty. And we dare not give beyond our means.”

As we all know, at Redeemer, we do have some challenges ahead especially in the area of supporting our mission and ministries financially. Many are concerned and strongly believe that with our current financial standings, Redeemer may not be around for too many more years.

As a community of faith, gathered to worship the Triune God, I say to you my dear brothers and sisters, let us live by faith and not fear, trusting that we serve a God of abundant generosity. As I sometimes say, “let us do our best and let God take care of the rest.’

Again to quote Mark Kirchoff,” Paul’s encouraging words to us say that God is able to do abundantly far more than anything we are able to ask or even think about asking for. And perhaps even more amazingly, God chooses to work **through us** to accomplish more than we can imagine.

In this season of Lent, a season of fasting, praying and alms giving, I pray that we return to God not only our heart, body and soul, but our time , talent and treasure as we live out our mission to “Love all of God’s people and creation through our words and deeds.”

Blessings on your Lenten Journey.

Pastor Mukesh

Prayer Concerns

Members: Sharon Degen, Dee Grover, Ruth Samuels, Christina Jackson, Doris Parfitt, Ruth Schwartz, Lois Hershberger, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Aaron Winter, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Lois Gradel, Jean Lippincott, Danny Vile, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Edith Williams, Elizabeth Reinas, Linda Winter, Donald Robinson, Chris Ryan, Tim Kucey.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Luke Tynan, Joyce Murphy, Jim McMullen, Brian Kirch, Joe Mellon, Colleen Quinn, Crystal Nystrom, Arlene Krajewski, Liam Schieber, Marie Armitage, Tom Gallagher, Tom Steele, Ted Kristiniak, Gary Thomas, Asher Fails, Paul Robinson, Fred Winter, Alvora Hommen, Jack & Cheryl Winter, Marilyn Davis, Nellie Johnson, John Rehm, Kelly Baron and her daughter, Talyia, Steph Fuhrer, MaryJane Engle, Beverly Wolfe, Tom Steele, Luke Michael Rothenback.

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 March

On March 8th we will pray for:

Karen Kondrk, John Slaughter, Katie Ladigoski, Linda Lee, Lynn, Jane, Michael and Andrew Leppo

On March 22nd we will pray for:

Jean Lippincott, Kristie Mabin, Janet Maher, Margaret Manrodt

March Events

- * 3/3/20: Shared Meal Ministry
- * 3/4/20: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/7/20: Bible Trivia and Potluck 6:30pm
- * 3/8/20: Worship and Sunday School 9:20am (Baptism—Robinson)
- * 3/11/20: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/15/20: Worship and Sunday School 9:20am
- * 3/18/20: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/22/20: Worship and Sunday School 9:20am
- * 3/25/20: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 3/29/20: Worship and Sunday School 9:20am

April Events

- * 4/1/20: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Midweek Worship 7pm
- * 4/4/20: Journey to the Cross at Redeemer 9am-12pm
- * **4/5/20: Journey to the Cross prior to worship (8:30am)**
- * **Palm Sunday Worship and Sunday School 9:20am,**
- * **Easter Bake Sale**
- * **4/9/20: Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm**
- * **4/10/20: Good Friday**
- * **Cross Walk: 12pm beginning at Quaker Mtg House**
- * **Ecumenical Worship: 1:30pm (place to be determined)**
- * **Tennebrae Worship 7pm at Redeemer**
- * **4/12/20: Easter Worship**
- * **7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am**
- * 4/13/20: Easter Monday - office and food pantry closed
- * 4/19/20: Worship and Sunday School 9:20am
- * 4/28/20: Worship and Sunday School 9:20am



Parish Register

Thank you!

Sincere thanks to everyone in the Stitching Angel Knitting Group for your donation to Care Wear Volunteers and for all that you do to warm and comfort those in need.

With warm regards to all,

Bonnie



Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran,

I received the Valentine's bag that was sent to me filled with candy, and wanted to give a big thank you to the church for sending it. I really appreciate it, and I hope everyone has a great Valentine's Day filled with love!

Thank you,
Brian O'Connell



Parish Register



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Erik O. Clare
Executive Director
Bucks County Housing Group

January 8, 2020

Redeemer Lutheran Church Pennel
298 Hulmeville Road
Pennel, PA 19047

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church Pennel,

Thank you for your generous gift of gifts and assorted gift cards for 12 kids to Bucks County Housing Group on December 25, 2019!

We wanted to reach out to you personally to show how much we appreciate your donation for Adopt-a-Family of 2019! Our families and their kids were so happy this Christmas to receive their presents, and we have you to thank for that.

As an organization, we are constantly growing and striving in order to meet the needs of our county. For families in our programs who are struggling to get back on their feet, other needs often must be prioritized over things we often take for granted, like being able to afford Christmas presents for those closest to us. The gift you provided is incredibly meaningful in that it has allowed the families in our shelters to feel just a little more normal and a little more whole.

Please contact our head of Development, Nicholas Parsons, at 215-394-8259x116 or nparsons@bchg.org if you have any questions or concerns. We would love for the opportunity to thank you again!

Sincerely,


Erik Clare
Executive Director

Redeemer Lutheran,
Thank you for everything you gave this year to support other families in need for Christmastime! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,
Nick Parsons

Thank you for your support and generosity for our clients.

Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization EIN#23-1878791. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation.

Please keep this written acknowledgement of your donation for your tax records.

The official registration and financial information of Bucks County Housing Group, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Evangelism

We sent Valentines Day messages and WAWA Gift cards to three of our "away" college students and cards with candy-filled gift bags to six of our nearby students. Thank you for your donations that make this ministry possible! To know that our students are remembered and valued as part of God's blessed community is a joy.

Start forming your teams now for the 6:30 pm March 7, 2020 Bible Trivia and Potluck. We invited Emmaus Road Church and Peace Lutheran Church to come compete with us. Let's see if they are willing to take us on! This is a fundraiser, with proceeds to be set aside for updating our technology, for repairs or for buying extra equipment. Five-person teams will compete against each other, \$20 per team to play. You can come solo and join up with a team or bring your own team. Prizes will be awarded to each member of the winning team. We hope to see you there!

Cookoff Results And the winners are:



Appetizer: Jasmyn Davis
Side Dish: Sandy Weasner
Main entrée: Karen Kondrk
Vegan: Jasmyn Davis

Cook-off Pictures



Mother's Group News

Mothers Group met in February and the moms had a fun evening together, with hot chocolate and cupcakes for the children followed by a brief "mommy only" meeting to share devotion and to brainstorm upcoming activities for 2020. While the moms were out of the room, Lila, Diane and Carole sang Kumbaya to the toddlers and they seemed to enjoy it!

The moms will be working with Redeemer's Stitching Angels to collaborate on making pillows and stuffed animals for Redeemer's ministries. It is great to see the new mothers being embraced by our congregation!

Some quotes from Facebook:

"Such a nice night out with you ladies & kiddos! Looking forward to the next one :-)"

"Great pictures. What a wonderful group of kids and moms. I truly enjoy seeing them every month."

"It was nice seeing everyone tonight! It's so nice seeing all the kids getting bigger and getting to know everyone more each time we go! And knowing we aren't alone in our feelings. Thanks for that :-)"

Please pray for our mothers and the bonds they are forming at Redeemer. Regular Mothers Group meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. All moms are welcome!



Faith Formation



Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

There will be a small egg hunt for all ages after service on Palm Sunday, April 5th. We will have eggs for the little ones as well! So join us! If possible let us know if you are thinking about coming, so we can make sure to have enough eggs.



We need your help!

Looking for people who would love to help guide our younger youth in their faith journeys on Sunday mornings! Does this sound like something you would love to do, is it a good way to share your talents? Chat with Jessica Hotalen!

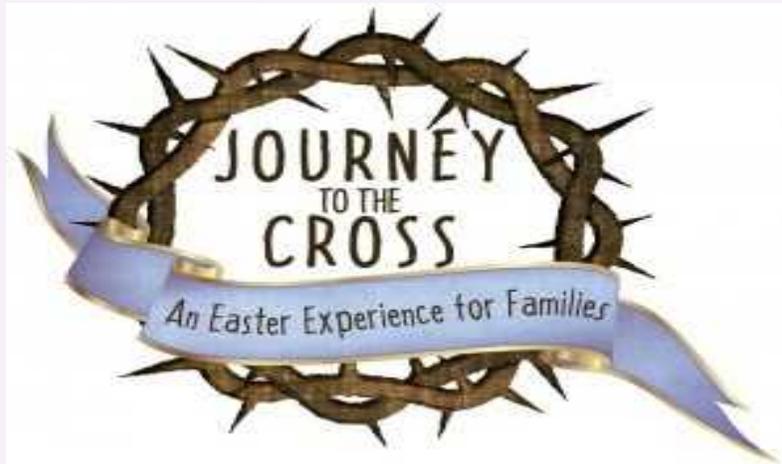


Youth Group

Youth Group News!

Do you have or know a youth aged child (Middle & High School age)? Do you want them to be more involved with Redeemer ministries? Do you want them to grow in their faith journey?

Then talk to Jessica Hotalen!



Journey to the Cross is a self-guided, immersive, interactive walk experiencing the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Feel the sand on your feet, smell the perfume that was poured out on him, experience the tastes of the Last Supper, pray in the garden...take the Journey to the Cross.

DETAILS:

April 4th - Come anytime between 9:00am and 12:00pm
April 5th – Starting at 8:30am – last station will be in
sanctuary
(Allow 30-60 minutes to experience the journey)

Redeemer Lutheran Church; Penndel PA

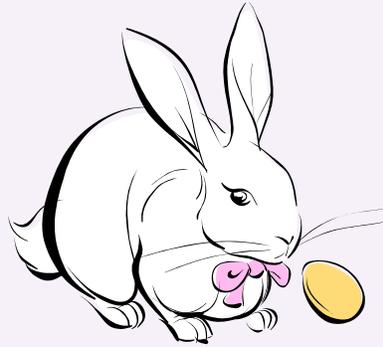
This event is for the whole family.

For more information and to sign up:
Contact Denise Goccia at 215-512-3434 or email
denisegoccia@hotmail.com

WELCA NEWS

Easter Bake Sale

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020



Choose from a variety of Delicious Easter Baked Goods
Available in the Parish Hall following
Worship service on April 5th.

Proceeds benefit Redeemer's current fund.

W E L C A MEETING

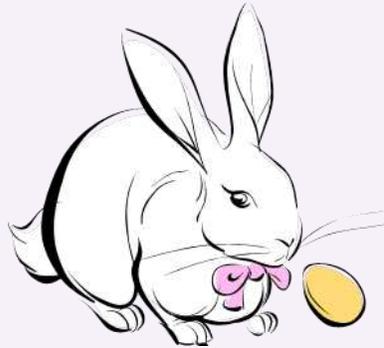
March Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall at
Redeemer

Devotions: Katherine Patelunas

Program: Carole Chatelain



Easter Bake Sale
Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020



For Easter WELCA would like to offer Easter basket goodies to the members and friends of Redeemer. We are asking our Redeemer bakers to make your best Easter/spring creations to be offered on Palm Sunday, April 5th after the worship service. Proceeds benefit the current fund.

Please sign up on the form below and bake your favorite goodies to be offered during our Easter Bake Sale. Return your form to Rita Solt or Edna Schwenk.

Name: _____

Yes, I will bake _____

W E L C A Up-coming “Current Fund” Fundraisers

WELCA will be offering two opportunities for Redeemer members to show their crafting skills toward fundraising for the current fund. First on **Saturday, June 6** at the Penndel Community Day, WELCA will man a craft table. We will need your creations to succeed in this event. All proceeds benefit the current fund.

Also, **OLG School** has invited Redeemer to host a table at their craft show in their gym in **September** for no charge. We need crafted items for this table! Please help. All proceeds benefit Redeemer’s current fund.

WELCA will be:

Creating Easter gift bags for Redeemer home bound members and
Compiling Personal care kits for the ingathering to be delivered by
Pastor Mukesh at the synod assembly on May 2.

Celebrating Ruth Schwartz’s 94th birthday on March 2, 2020, if you
would like to send her a card.

WELCA Tea Party in Memory of Marty Ditcher and Kay Robinson



WELCA Tea Party Pictures



Stewardship is Heart Work!

“Because everything is a gift from God, we are only stewards, or managers of all that we have. Everything belongs to God, so we do not have absolute ownership of anything. It is our responsibility to take care of and make good use of what God has entrusted to us.” (Stewardship newsletter, Parish Publishing LLC 2018)

If anyone ever attended Sunday school or Bible study, you are familiar with the parable of the Talents. (Mathew 25:14-30) In this teaching, Jesus tells of a master who was going on a long journey and entrusted his property to his servants. Two of his servants went out and doubled their investments but the third did nothing with what was given to him. Those who used their talents were rewarded according to their ability but the servant who did nothing was let go.

So, what is the message Jesus was sending? Not being a theological scholar, I can only share the message I grew up with. We have each been given special talents/ gifts from God. God wants us to use whatever talents we possess in his service. It doesn't matter if we are the “best” but that we use our talents to the best of our ability. If you can use a broom help some one who needs assistance cleaning their residence. You can paint, use a hammer or a saw? Give a hand to someone who needs work done. Or maybe you can sing or play an instrument, volunteer in your church choir or offer music at worship. Cooking might be your gift, plan a meal for someone who could use help. If you're a good listener, lend a compassionate ear to a friend. If you have a generous heart and love supporting ministry through financial giving this is Gods gift to you.

The possibilities are endless, and we all have special talents, young and old! Each of us has so many gifts to share and are discovering that God has given us gifts we didn't realize we had. Everything we have is a gift from God. Use these gifts to do God's work in the church, the community and the world.

Denise Robinson
Chair of Stewardship

Stewardship is how one uses the gifts and resources God has blessed us with to fulfill God's mission through discipleship.



Easter Sponsorships



During Easter we offer an additional opportunity for sponsorships.

We are in need of Easter sponsors for the Torch candles, bulletins and communion hosts.

Torch Candles are \$20 per service and are needed for the 7am, 9am and 11am services.

Bulletins are \$10 per service and are needed for the 7am, 9am and 11am services.

Communion Hosts are \$15 per service and are needed for the 7am, 9am and 11am services.

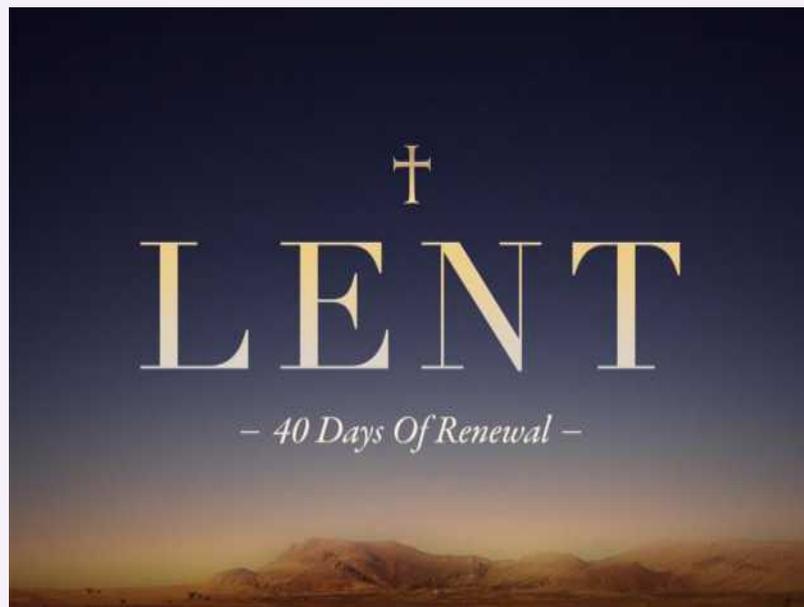
Please call Holly in the church office or contact her by email to sponsor. Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers

We need your help with the soup, bread, and desserts. If you have questions, please contact John Slaughter or Karen Kondrk.

Karen: 215-828-7466

John: 215-360-1930



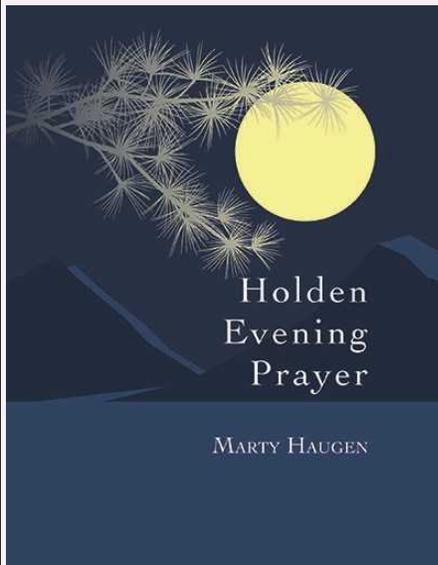
Lenten Offerings at Redeemer

**Soup Suppers 5:30pm
Every Wednesday**

3/4/20—4/1/20



**Mid-week Worship Service
3/4/20 - 4/1/20
7:00pm
Every Wednesday**



Holden Evening Prayer (or "Vespers '86" as it is still known at Holden Village) was written during the winter of 1985-86 when I was living with my family at Holden. As each part of the vesper service was written it was prayed with the community as part of evening worship. The final version represents a very real collaboration with the winter community at Holden. I believe that one of the reasons it continues to be used is because it reflects the very real prayer of a particular community.

Marty Haugen

Come join us during Lent every Wednesday evening at 7pm beginning on Wednesday March 4, 2020 and experience the Holden Evening Prayer.

Server Schedule March 2020

March 2020	9:20am Worship	Notes
3/1/2020	Setting 4 Communion	(1st Sunday of Lent)
Acolyte/Crucifer	Cindy Oser	
Lay Assistant	Gail Blinstrub	
Altar Guild	Cindy & Lew Oser	
Counters	Don & Rita Solt, Annette Carson	
Greeter	Deb Farnham	
Nursery	Carole Chatelin	
3/4/2020	WEDNESDAY	Mid-week Service
Altar Guild		Cindy & Lew Oser
3/8/2020	Service of the Word, Setting 4	(2nd Sunday of Lent)
Acolyte/Crucifer	Abby Clark/Becca Roland	Bells Playing
Lay Assistant	Cindy Oser	
Altar Guild	Cindy & Lew Oser	
Counters	Don & Rita Solt, Annette Carson	
Greeter	Sandy Weasner	
Nursery	Kim Overbagh	
3/11/2020	WEDNESDAY	Mid-week Service
Altar Guild		Lori Meola & Bunny Elinich
3/15/2020	Setting 4 Communion Lent	(3rd Sunday of Lent)
Acolyte/Crucifer	Patti Finn	
Lay Assistant	Lori Meola	
Altar Guild	Lori Meola & Bunny Elinich	
Counters	Don & Rita Solt, Annette Carson	
Greeter	Donald Robinson	
Nursery	Rita Solt	
3/18/2020	WEDNESDAY	Mid-week Service
Altar Guild		Lori Meola & Bunny Elinich
3/22/2020	Service of the Word, Setting 4	(4th Sunday of Lent)
Acolyte/Crucifer	Isabella Palladino	
Lay Assistant	Deb Farnham	
Altar Guild	Lori Meola & Bunny Elinich	
Counters	Marilyn Hrywnak, Patti Finn	
Greeter	John Schwenk	
Nursery	Lynn Engle	
3/25/2020	WEDNESDAY	Mid-week Service
Altar Guild		Rita Solt & Linda Winter
3/29/2020	Setting 4 Communion Lent	(5th Sunday of Lent)
Acolyte/Crucifer	Cindy Oser	
Lay Assistant	Denise Robinson	
Altar Guild	Kim & Gary Overbagh	
Counters	Marilyn Hrywnak, Patti Finn	
Greeter	Bunny Elinich	
Nursery	Lori Meola	

Sharing God's Bounty

March

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

(Mark 16:5-7).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kid's Pages



PUZZLE

MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD


 People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.
 

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

	A type of horn	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
	Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _	PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a tambourine	_ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _	MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	EPPI
	A percussion instrument	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
 _raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

**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.

