

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 115 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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*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.***



**[Philippians 4:6-7](#)**

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."***

## Pastor's Page

***Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 11:1-2)***

My dear brothers and sisters, it is said that if we were to rank the seemingly most irrational statements in the bible, well this one would land near the top of the list. I mean, are we to count it all joy when life seems throw us trials and challenges? How can that possibly make sense?

Well my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, what the writer of James is talking about here is not to ignore the fact of the difficult circumstances we experience in life. He is not saying we are to enjoy our trials or that they are themselves joy. But rather he is saying we can have joy in the midst of our troubles.

Joy that comes from knowing God is still in control. From knowing that our trials and hardships help to purify, strengthen, and mature us. From focusing on things that cannot be taken away from us rather than things that can.

I believe when we view our troubles as opportunities to grow in our faith and trust in God, God can and will use us more effectively. One such example is as we all know, in this time of social distancing, God has blessed us to be able worship virtually every Sunday morning. And I am thankful that in this challenging time, many have stepped up to share their gifts and talents to make this ministry opportunity possible.

As we continue to worship in this format, I am including in this article “7 SEVEN TIPS FOR ENGAGING WITH LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP By Constance Cherry.”

I pray that you will find these tips helpful in enriching your worship experience.

While some churches have had live-streamed services for years, a vast number of others have felt the understandable urgency to do live streaming for the first time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But it is not just the leaders who are asking, “How do we do this?” People



worshipping remotely are also asking, “How do we do this? How do we worship during a live-streamed service?” Where one or two or three are gathered, how does this work? For families with young children who find it tough to turn their attention to a worship service on screen, what could help? For a household of one, how can it seem like they are not alone?

The most fundamental shift to make is moving from ***watching to participating***—from ***passively observing a produced service to fully engaging as an active worshipper***. Let me offer seven practical suggestions for worshipping during a live-streamed service.

1. **Build anticipation.** Talk to your family the night before about how exciting it will be to worship together “live.” For those who live alone, share your joyful anticipation with a friend or neighbor, inviting them to join you from their home at the same time.
2. **Prepare the technology in advance.** Make sure that you have reached the web page at least 15 minutes ahead of the hour of broadcast and that it is functioning well. That way, you won’t miss the first moments of the service while you are trouble-shooting any technical difficulties that could arise, especially with the slowdown in Internet capabilities many people are experiencing.
3. **Create a worshipful setting.** Gather what items you have around the house to create a centerpiece for worship. On Palm/Passion Sunday, I found a large battery-operated candle. To create the allusion of palms, I cut a few leaves from my yucca plant in the back yard. I placed an open Bible in front of the candle. Voila! Now I have profound symbols of the day in my living room to aid in worship. They will stay there through the evening. Next week, I will replace the yucca-turned-palms with a ring of artificial spring flowers for the Christ candle that I will hijack from another home arrangement.
4. **Get settled.** Make sure that the lighting in the room is conducive to avoid screen glare. Position everyone to be able to see the screen. Test the audio. Provide ample and comfortable seating for everyone. Grab that cup of coffee or tea.



**5. Pray.** Before the time of service, offer a prayer out loud for whomever is present (even if it is just you), invoking God's presence. Give this special time to God. Pray for your pastor and all worship leaders as they are doing things they've never done before—like leading corporate worship without the gathered corporate body physically present with them. Here's a prayer you can use:

*Triune God, be present with us as we turn our hearts to worship you. We thank you that you are present everywhere at once, and so we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit to pour out upon those who lead us in worship and upon every worshiping community gathered anywhere throughout your beautiful world. May Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, meet us powerfully to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**6. Enthusiastically participate throughout the entire service!** Don't just watch other people sing, *sing!* Don't just watch other people pray, *pray!* If you are invited to engage in certain postures such as kneeling, bowing, standing, stretching out your hands to receive the benediction, *do it!* Do everything you would do if you were present together at your church—aloud! You will probably feel awkward. You might even think, what's the point? No one can hear me. Ah, but many *can* hear you. In fact, every Sunday when our churches are full of people, there are a host of others who are hearing us; we have just become unaware. Every time we worship the Lord Jesus Christ as the gathered community on earth, we unite with the saints in glory, the church triumphant, as they do the same. So, go ahead—sing, pray, and gesture in abandon, for you are not alone after all!

**7. Reflect on the experience.** Mention what happened in worship at various points throughout the rest of the day or the upcoming week. Reflecting on what held meaning or was remarkable (other than the glitches in live streaming that happen to all of us!) is a way to remind ourselves that our weekly worship service at home has real significance. Why not also take time to write a hand-written thank you note to your leaders expressing appreciation for the ways they are leading you during worship? At this point the U.S. postal service is still functioning. What could be more encouraging than for a leader to receive a personal note they will cherish during this challenging time and beyond?



Worshipping remotely can easily become passive, but biblical worship is never passive. So, let us do what we can to fully engage. Think of it as rehearsing for that first Sunday when we are finally back in our houses of worship together again. How much more enthusiastic our worship will surely be for having made the shift from watching to participating until then.

As the bible says in 1 Corinthians 16:13, I say to you my dear brothers and sisters, let us “Be on our guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” God is in control.

Stay safe and know that God is with us always.

Pastor Mukesh



## A note from Gail Blinstrub

As a healthcare worker, going to work these last few weeks has become emotionally overwhelming.

On the days I get to sit at my desk, too often I hear over the loud speaker “Code blue” signaling resuscitation help is needed in one of our Covid-19 patient rooms. The majority of the time, the patient does not survive.

I arrived to work one day and in my email was a document from our hospital chaplain which made me smile and gave me hope. I shared it with Pastor Mukesh who actually used the words in his sermon on Easter Sunday.

I thought perhaps you might want to read it yourself and ponder over its meaning.

God Bless,

Gail Blinstrub

### **Words of Encouragement**

*Selected by Chaplain Jon  
Lockdown by Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM  
March 13, 2020*

Yes there is fear.

Yes there is isolation.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
you can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
the sky is no longer thick with fumes  
but blue and grey and clear.

They say in the streets of Assisi  
people are singing to each other  
across the empty squares,  
keeping their windows open  
so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.



They say that a hotel in West of Ireland  
is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know  
is busy spreading flyers with her number through the neighborhood  
so that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary.

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting.

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality  
to how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

and though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing.

## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Dee Grover, 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, Beth Bowe.

**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, Cheryl Winter, Marilyn Davis, Nellie Johnson, John Rehm, Kelly Baron and her daughter, Talyia, Steph Fuhrer, Beverly Wolfe, Tom Steele, Leslie Ewen, Alice Miller's son, Oxanna's dad, Cheryl Hummell, Roo Bublitz.

**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 May

### **On May 10, 2020 we will pray for:**

Lauren, Kayla and Kersten Mariano, Patricia, Darrel, Hayley, Kelsi, and Asher Martin

### **On May 24, 2020 we will pray for:**

Andy Martinsen, Erik, Danielle, Julie Anna, and Mason Martinsen



## Parish Register News and Notes!

Dear WELCA,  
Thank you for the Easter gift bag full of goodies. It was greatly appreciated.  
Hope everyone is safe and healthy.

Love and Stuff,

Effie 2020



### *Losses in Our Church Family*



Our heartfelt sympathy to the following families of our church members who have passed away recently.

Charlene Williams  
Sharon Degen  
Ruth Samuels  
John Seyferhelt

### *Romans 14:8*

*If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*



## Parish Register News and Notes!

Thank you for the thoughtful card for Paul and a thank you to Dolores Danielson for thinking of us and sending us a prayer pillow. What a lovely surprise it was. Between the corona virus and Paul's treatment receiving this certainly brightened our day.

Sending prayers to you all.  
Denise and Paul Robinson



Hello Everyone at Redeemer!

I miss you!!! Just wanted to thank everyone for their prayers phone calls, texts and cards during my bout with Covid-19. I was in a very dark place that first week and a half..... It has been very scary but with Pastor's phone calls and all your prayers and wonderful thoughtfulness, you all got me through this. No words can express how thankful I am to each and everyone of you and how much this helped me recover! **Prayers do work!** Praising God, our Father!

Love to you All and God bless!!!  
Beth Bowe



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# Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries

## Worship and Music

Greetings from the Worship and Music Committee.

While we haven't physically been in church or had a group meeting, we have been busy during this "stay at home time" planning our virtual worship services.

We are so blessed that with Trevor and Jasmyn's generosity, Redeemer was able to purchase a subscription to the online version of Sundays and Seasons which has made putting together the worship services so much easier.

It is with this program that we are able to provide you with a complete worship service handout each Sunday for you to use to follow along with the service. This handout contains all the liturgy, scripture readings, hymns and prayers of intercession that you would normally receive on a Sunday morning in your "old bulletin". If for some reason you are not receiving this via your email, please contact Holly to be sure that we have the correct email address for you.

Change is never easy, but since we haven't been in church in over a month, this time away, will make the transition to being "bulletin-less" easy in the future when we are able to gather together and meet in the sanctuary. We had set a date of May 24th to begin being "bulletin free" and given the circumstances, that has become an easy transition. We will work together to ensure that you are still receiving announcements and other important documents as we transition.

I am pleased that we were able to keep some traditions and bring you the Holy Week Services live from the church with some modifications. Traditions are important to us Lutherans.

Unfortunately, our choirs, both vocal and hand bells were not able to finish their season and provide you with the musical offerings that you love to hear.

We will not be able to celebrate Music Sunday on May 17<sup>th</sup> as originally planned but when things are safe we will return and make a joyful noise



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to the Lord once again.

For now I hope you are enjoying the musical offerings by Trevor and Jasmyn during the worship services on Sunday.

I would also like to thank everyone that has been sending in their offerings. Redeemer is alive and continues to do her ministry work and your support is needed to make this happen.

If you have any suggestions for the worship services, please feel free to contact me and share your ideas.

I can be reached at 215-891-1388 or email [Gailaa@verizon.net](mailto:Gailaa@verizon.net).

Please take care, stay safe, wash your hands and phone a friend!  
Happy Spring!!

Gail Blinstrub



## ATTENTION ALL HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS

**SAVE the DATE!**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Handbell Choir Zoom Meeting at 11am.**

**Check your email for more information!!**

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## Food Pantry

The food pantry is open and serving those in need. John Slaughter is manning the pantry Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. I am still working so I go home for lunch and then come to the pantry to help him if needed. Along with the regulars, we have seen a slight increase in people coming to the pantry. It is especially hard for those who are out of work right now and for those who have their kids home from school. We've had people come and tell us they have six kids at home to feed. Everyone who is coming is extremely grateful that we are still open and they will take just about anything we have. John is running a tight ship! No one is allowed in the pantry. Anyone who comes is to wait at the bottom of the steps. They are asked what they need and it is brought out to them and left on the steps for them to take, to maintain social distancing.

We have been extremely blessed by some of the donations we have received in the past 2 months. John has been doing pick ups at the New Britain Baptist Church Food Larder in New Britain. He has gotten all kinds of frozen Applegate meats and cheese products, produce such as greens, sweet potatoes and grapes, and eggs along with canned and boxed items from the food drives they have been holding.

Tracey Crouse, owner of the Irish Rover Station House, closed her restaurant so she donated tomatoes, peppers, onions, lemons, limes and frozen dinners that were left over from banquets. She also belongs to the Langhorne Rotary and is working on getting us a grant for the food pantry. We are so grateful for Tracey & the Rotary for helping us!

The Langhorne Lions Club usually gives our pantry a check in June. They called and said they wanted to help us now because so many people are in need of food. They asked if we wanted the money or if we wanted them to go shopping. We chose shopping. They have come twice with food for us. They have donated 400 lbs. of fresh chicken which had to be bagged and frozen. They also donated 100 lbs. of carrots, 100 lbs. of potatoes, 50 lbs. of onions, 120 lbs. of French fries, 30 dozen eggs, 40 boxes of pasta, 3 huge cans of pasta sauce, 24 huge cans of soup, a large crate of tomatoes, and a 250 ct. box of baggies to use for the chicken. Thank you Langhorne Lions for the enormous amount of food!



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Don & Rita Solt are going to Giant every Wednesday to pick up the bread and cakes instead of every other week. Holly's church cancelled their pick up so we are taking their spot as well.

Food Runners, the organization that picks up food from different places and drops it off at different pantries, has suspended their operation for now. That means we are not getting pizza on Thursdays which is a big loss. I am still going to Wawa and they have now added premade wraps to what they already give us. We are working on a grant right now to receive funding through Wawa. Please keep your fingers crossed for us that we get something from them!

Mike Dunn forwarded an email to me from the PA Southeastern Synod that the PA Department of Human Services was seeking input on local needs for Defense Logistics Agency meals to be distributed at food pantries. We filled out the survey and received 204 meals that include breakfast, lunch and dinner all in one package for the pantry and were delivered by the National Guard. Thanks Mike!

We received 700 hot dogs from the Jesse Soby American Legion Post #148 in Langhorne whose event was cancelled. Thank you to Dolores Danielson for getting them for us.

We are very grateful for all of the donations we have been receiving. It is a blessing to know we are helping so many people during this scary time.

Karen Kondrk

### **Church Members:**

**If you find yourself in need of food and are unable to make it to the church office between 12 –1 pm please contact Karen Kondrk at 215-828-7466 to make other arrangements.**



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## WELCA—Community Day

### **At this point Community Day is uncertain.**

If the Penn del Community Day Flea Market is able to take place, Redeemer will participate. On **Saturday, June 6, 2020**, we would be offering as usual: flea market “spaces,” breakfast foods, a bake table, a chance table, a craft table, flea market tables, and the men would serve lunch of burgers and hot dogs.

All of that is contingent on volunteers being available and able to take this on with little advance notice or planning. At this time, every event is obligated to the health/virus situation.

If Community Day happens:

Donations of flea market items would be appreciated.

Use of Canopy tents for the day would be appreciated.

Vendor spaces on Woodland Avenue between Redeemer and Our Lady of Grace School, would be available. Call Rita Solt. Cost is \$20.00. Bring your own table.

Flea market items will need to be moved from the upstairs storage to the downstairs parish hall approximately one week before to give volunteers the opportunity to prepare.

On the day of the flea market, set-up help would be needed at 7:00 AM.

As always, proceeds benefit Redeemer Current Fund. Please stay tuned.

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## WELCA—Monthly Meeting for May

May 2020 – WELCA Monthly Meeting – Contingent on church being open.

Our May WELCA meeting is traditionally a Covered Dish Dinner and is held at 6:00 PM - one hour earlier than regular meetings.

Program: Waste Management Speaker

Devotions: Dolores Danielson.

Our dinner chairperson: Ilene Kersten.

Please see form below. Return info by email or phone.

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I plan to attend the Covered Dish Dinner on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring: Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert \_\_\_\_\_



## Garden Club News



Redeemer Garden Club has cleaned the church flower beds from the Hulmeville Avenue neighbor all the way around to the kitchen door. Thank you to Heather Palladino, Deb Farnham, and Rita Solt for their time and hard work on this project.

The Garden Club has requested the congregation to sponsor geraniums in honor or in memory of their mothers for Mothers' Day. Even if the church is not open, flowers will be planted to beautify the church for summer. Thank you to everyone who sponsors.

Garden Club is inviting new members. If you are interested, please contact Heather, Deb, or Rita either by phone or email to be added to the contact list.

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## GERANIUMS FOR REDEEMER'S FLOWER BEDS

If you would like to help with geraniums for around your church this Mother's Day and throughout this season, please send your donation and dedication to Redeemer Lutheran Church, **239 Fairview Avenue Penn del, PA 19047** Dedications will be part of the announcements in the Mother's Day online bulletin.

Mark your envelope "Geraniums"

Deadline for dedications: Sunday, May 3

Geranium planting: Saturday, May 9

Write your dedication here:

In honor of:

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In memory of:

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If you would be willing to help plant on Saturday, May 9, let's begin around 10:00 am. Arrive when you can and leave when you need.

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## Social Ministry

Social Ministry has recently formed a "Call-Team" to regularly contact Redeemer's members while we practice physical distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. We are blessed that the following ladies have volunteered to keep us social and spiritually connected.

Denise Robinson, Kathy Rehm, Marilyn Hrywnak, Carol Funkhauser, Linda Winter, Rita Solt and Jean Lippincott. From my personal experience making these calls, I'm delighted with the conversations that prove so welcome and appreciated. In the future we hope to share some of our interactions and reactions from members in future Newsletters.

God Bless, Stay Healthy and Wash Your Hands ....



Patti Finn  
Social Ministry Chair

## Property Team Report

Redeemer's property team has been working hard during the time the church building has been closed.

The lighting in the sanctuary has been upgraded with new LED light bulbs to make for easier reading in the pews. The lighting behind the altar stained glass window has been improved with LED tube bulbs to make the window brighter and nicer.

The sanctuary wall which had water damage has been scraped and repaired, then painted.

The wall is now looking perfect! Thanks to Jeff Paulsen for giving of his skill. Thank you to Jeff Paulsen and Don Solt for their time, talent, and resources.



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## Stewardship News

### Why Giving to Redeemer is more important now than ever.

I recently read an article titled “why giving to your church right now might be more important than ever” by Erik Cooper and it really hit home for me and what I share I hope hits home for you as well.

Many of us, amidst this coronavirus outbreak have fears and anxiety. I like you are concerned about finances, our own, business finances if you have one, as well as the financial position of our children and my church family.

What I also have is a deep belief in God’s word and a love for mission through ministry. I love Redeemer as I’m certain you all do as well and believe it is God’s plan for us to proclaim His kingdom to all. When we honor the church, we are honoring God.

In these scary times, Pastor Mukesh and a small group of volunteers from our church family are ministering to us by holding live worship services on FaceBook and posting them on YouTube. Our church is keeping the food pantry open, making phone calls, sending out emails, connecting with members. Faith Formation has created a FaceBook group for families to connect and continue with bible related activities for our youth. Prayers are being lifted everyday by Redeemer members. Our church secretary has been working from home and our music director has been part of the Sunday morning worship doing what he does best, sharing his music to the glory of God. Our church executive committee and council have been working diligently discussing more ways to minister to our church family and the community.

During this unprecedented historical moment full of unknowns, I want to encourage all of us to continue giving to our church. Something spiritual happens when you give to our church that goes way beyond just helping pay salaries, property bills and programs.

When I give part of my income to God through my offering at church, I am making a declaration to myself that God is my ultimate provider and the foundation of my trust. I am declaring through my offering that no matter what is going on around me, my hope and trust are rooted in Christ.



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No matter what happens we are under the shadow of His wings. God is with me all the time. My God will supply all my needs according to His riches, (Philippians 4:19) There's no place I would rather be.

In these terrifying times I encourage you to keep all in your prayers, continue to use your time, talents and especially your treasure to support ministries of Redeemer.

Make a declaration, a commitment, to yourself and to God. "Give joyfully as an outward expression of your inward commitment that Jesus is where your trust is firmly rooted."

Denise Robinson  
(with help from Erik Cooper)



### **Stewardship through Discipleship Temple talk By Diane Anderson**

Sorry I cannot be with you all to tell you my Temple talk in person. This is a very crazy time in all our lives. Something I never thought I would see in my lifetime. But here we are. Jesus said to count on him in all situations. I for one take this seriously. I wake every morning and thank God for this day, I thank him for all I have and for my Redeemer family. I do not know what I would do without all of you. That is why I felt it was my responsibility to write this. In January we had some very serious talks about what we can do to keep our church here for many years to come. We heard about how giving (forgive me for getting this amount wrong) an extra \$8.47 more a week could really help. Well I for one went home and saw that I needed to give a LOT more than what I had been to get closer to giving my 10%. And I did just that. I increased my giving and I feel great about it. Mostly because, like others I do not blink an eye when I spend \$50 on a dinner out. But what does that get me? A full tummy for three hours. How much more will I get if I gave that \$50 to Jesus?



Today with Covid 19 impacting so many lives we really are starting to think about what we really NEED. How many of us have been praying to Jesus for healing of someone we care about that is sick? Who are we praying to? Exactly, Jesus, and without our church how are the kids of tomorrow going to learn about just how important He is in our lives. Our church and GOD are what matters most in my life.

I have been so blessed with my family and our health. I try to spread my blessing onto others through a Thank You to the grocery cashier, to the workers in healthcare and so on. Believe me a little smile and thank you goes a long way. Its these easy things, that cost nothing that shows our love, as Jesus taught us, that mean so very much in today's world.

I have been a Christian since I can remember. But since I came to Redeemer and joined the bible study, I have grown in my faith so very much. I realize more and more how my stuff means nothing. Without Jesus in our lives, our lives mean nothing as well. I hope and pray that everyone that is reading this is well, healthy, and blessed with Jesus's love. I can not wait to get back to Redeemer and share my talents singing in the choir and playing bells. (even if I mess-up sometimes) Actually that's what I love most about Redeemer, we can mess up and no one cares, because we are all trying our best and the love in this church is overwhelming with appreciation of all.

GOD Bless you all with Love, Health, and Joy in your heart. Miss everyone!!!

Diane Anderson



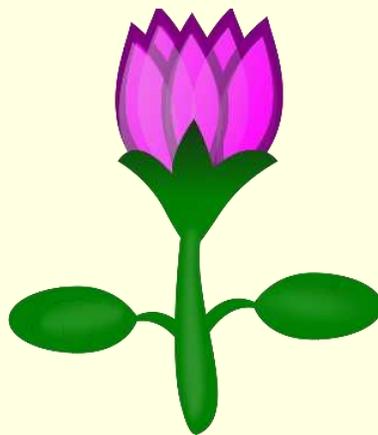
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## Evangelism

Mother's Day is going to be different for us this year, in ways that are common yet unique to each of us. We will be missing the closeness of our friends and loved ones, some are absent by self-quarantine, some may be absent by death or distance. Remember we are all together in this journey. All of us at Redeemer share a bond with each other. We are yoked in our journey as Christians and lift each other's cares up to the Lord.

On Mother's Day we want to remember and honor all the special women in our lives whose nature and nurture have sustained us. Sharing love and embracing each other in this time of social distancing is a challenge. Let's make Mother's Day an opportunity to call or write a special note to someone who is perhaps feeling loss in ways we may not entirely understand. You will be a blessing to them, just as you have been blessed.

At Redeemer our plan was to honor all the women of the church with the gift of a fresh flower following the Mother's Day Sunday Service. It appears that God has a different plan this year as we worship safely from home.

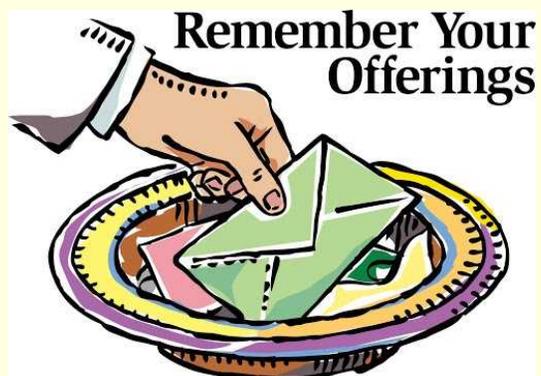


**Please accept this flower as an IOU for the real thing once we are physically back together again. See you then! We pray for safety and health for you and all those you are near. Let's remember the mantra "My mask protects you. Your mask protects me." as we distance from each other out of love and caring.**

## Financial Report through First Quarter 2020

Financial report as of end of 1st Quarter 2020

Current Fund Income	\$34,628.18
Donation/Reimbursement	\$2,107.53
Expenses	\$ 41,482.22
Net Income (loss)	(\$4,412.51)
Balance in Building Maintenance	\$165.53
Balance in Raise the Roof Fund	\$17,631.00



# Sharing God's Bounty

May

## God's Draft Choices

Two of the most highly watched sporting events on television are not when teams or athletes are competing against each other; rather they involve the drafting of players for the National Football League (NFL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams. For many hours, fans of professional sports will watch intently to see whom their favorite teams will draft.

Most of us won't be drafted by professional football or basketball teams, but, as Christians, we receive a greater calling. We, in essence, are God's draft choices. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16). God has made us a part of his team. We are not chosen by God because we are successful in our careers, great athletes, or wealthy. God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. *"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things ... and the things that are not ... to nullify the things that are"* (1 Corinthians 1:27-28).

Through faith, we understand that we are among the foolish and weak through whom God carries on his life-saving work. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). God entrusts us ... clay jars ... with this treasure ... the Gospel. Even though we are frail and unworthy of our tasks, God has chosen us to carry his message of love to the world. As humble people of faith, we are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He transforms and molds us. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God who does the drafting and the changing. Through faith, we will stay on God's team, and we will bear the fruit that he calls us to bear.

The professional athletes who are drafted are expected to perform. They are paid large sums of money to do very athletic things. As God's chosen people, we may not receive large compensation, but our benefits are out of this world! Therefore, we are eager to use our lives and resources in God's service for his glory. Paul wrote, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). What a privilege it is to be part of and serving on God's winning team!

*If Jesus walked up to you and said: "Come follow me ... I have a lot of work to do and I really need your help," would you tell him to get lost because you are just too busy in your pursuit of personal possessions and worldly comfort? Every day is a time to reflect on all that God has given you and a time to share and care about others. Have you given any consideration to helping Jesus carry out his works in your own church?*

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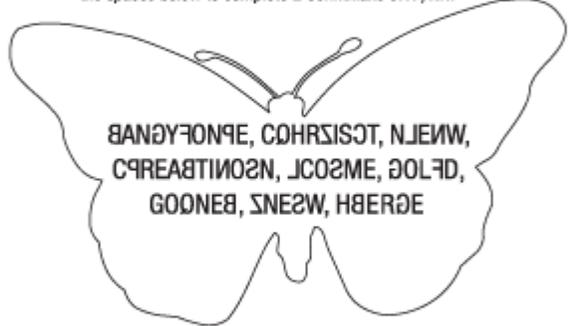
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## Transformation **POWER**


 Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
 God transforms us from old to new.
 

*Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*



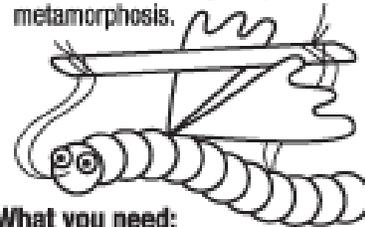
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 The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ !  
 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

# CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



### What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

### What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.

## April Birthday's and Anniversaries

### May Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Charles Saul III  
4<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Bilofsky  
Lauren Morris  
Tyler Slaughter  
5<sup>th</sup> Lew Oser  
6<sup>th</sup> Lenore Miller  
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17<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Ward  
20<sup>th</sup> Ian Ryan  
21<sup>st</sup> Mukesh Cheedie, PASTOR  
Heather Depero  
22<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Ryan  
Julie Anna Martinsen  
27<sup>th</sup> Jim Susko  
Karen Kondrk  
28<sup>th</sup> Jane Leppo  
29<sup>th</sup> Amanda Seyferhelt  
Ann Marie Winter

### May Wedding Anniversaries

5/09/87 Anne Marie Parfitt-Clee  
5/17/80 Bill and Diane Anderson  
5/21/88 Patricia & Tom Gallagher  
5/21/1973 David and Rose Erdman  
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