

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 116 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.



Pastor's Message

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

My dear beloved in Christ, as I was preparing to write my newsletter article for the month of November, I was undecided whether to reflect on "Thanksgiving" as it is one of the highlights of the month. Or should I share a reflection on the current situation we are facing as a country and in particular our politics surrounding the Election.

As I was struggling between these two options, I came across a Facebook post a classmate of mine wrote as part of her daily reflection. With her permission, I would like to share it with you as I feel it is very timely and helpful reminding us that "With God's help, by God's grace, in God's love, we can do better!" So here it is.

"Beloved, The show my high school senior class put on was Annie Get Your Gun. The most familiar song from that show is "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better." Some of you may know it. I haven't thought of it for quite a while until today when back-to-back opposing political ads appeared on TV.

That's what each candidate seems to be saying unless they're criticizing their opponent, not giving them any credit.

Jesus' disciples wanted to raise a similar theme—asking to be favored by Jesus, questioning a healer who wasn't in their circle. Jesus answered them by talking about being last and least, and by accepting those outside the circle. St. Paul asks whether Jesus-followers could boast about what they do and have received and answered himself, no. We don't boast because it's not us, it's God. Most Bach fans know even this amazingly talented musician always wrote To God be the Glory on all his compositions.

We live in a country where, and in a time when, our self-praise, our boasting seems to be pervasive. Even folks, who claim (rather inaccurately) that this is a nation founded on Christian faith, boast about their positions as though they are most favored, as though they are inside the circle and everyone else is not. Even Christians forget it's not us/them—it's all God's. And God's circle is infinite—or as some have said, God's tent is bigger than we imagine. Or, if we build a fence, God is on the other side (as well as inside)!

In what seems to be one of the most divisive times in our nation's history (perhaps second only to the Civil War), as Jesus-followers we must find ways to end name-calling, bullying, shunning, threatening each other. God has shown us the way in Jesus—to love and serve all people. With God's help, by God's grace, in God's love, we can do better!"

Happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings always and please stay safe.
Pastor Mukesh



Prayer Concerns

Members: : Dee Grover, Christina Jackson, 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, Chris Ryan, Tim Kucey, Helen Susko, Don Farnham, Katherine Patelunas.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Luke Tynan, Jim McMullen, Joe Mellon, Colleen Quinn, Crystal Nystrom, Arlene Krajewski, Liam Schieber, Marie Armitage, Tom Gallagher, Tom Steele, Ted Kristiniak, Gary Thomas, Paul Robinson, Fred Winter, Alvora Hommen, Cheryl Winter, Marilyn Davis, Nellie Johnson, Kelly Baron and her daughter, Talyia, Steph Fuhrer, Leslie Ewen, Alice Miller's son, Oxanna's dad, Cheryl Hummell, Roo Bublitz, Harry and Edith Gordon, Mary Sunday, John Burg, Violet Herbert, Kyle & Christin & Vayda Herbert, Jennifer Pacittom, Marie Delfin, Brett Fetterolf, Carol Ann Vogel, Harry & Carol Thompson, Beth Strecker, Henry Krajewski, Diane Van Hise, Connor Scott, Jean Sabalusky Brian Woodford Sr., Amanda Kelly, Mason Sredl, Valerie Mihalek, Mr. Finn, Yusuf K., Joe Garcia, Albert Lee Jr., John Shay, Paige Neal Jackson and her mother Latoya, Robert Blinstrub Sr., Keith Russell, Bill Engle.

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 November

On November 10, 2019 we will pray for:

Kathy and George Rehm, James and Elizabeth Reinas, Lois Reinehimer

On November 24, 2019 we will pray for:

Denise and Paul Robinson, Donald and Marylou Robinson, Becca Roland



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Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee continues to meet monthly by Zoom. Although necessity calls us to change our “normal” plans for the year and defer in-person activities like the Pig Roast, we are still doing God’s work and we have vibrant ministries happening right now.

Marylou Robinson blesses us all with birthday and anniversary cards, Edna Schwenk reaches out in love with personal sympathy and get well wishes, and we lift-up each member of the congregation with our prayer initiatives throughout the year.

In October, we support our college students with Halloween Care Packages as a reminder that they are loved and remembered by us all.

Thanks to everyone for supporting Evangelism’s ministries! Your special gifts have made it possible to provide postage and purchase cards and to provide the gifts that are used in our ministries throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you! Thank you!



Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation classes are continuing via Zoom on Sundays with two age groups: our Little ones (Preschool ages to 1st grade) and our Elementary aged kiddos (2nd to 4th Graders) We are working on getting together take home packs for the kiddos to be able do some work during our zoom classes! The kiddos are great even with zooming for school they still want to hop on and have Sunday School classes, which is awesome!!

Do you have a kiddo or grandchild that would love to join us? We love seeing new faces!

Confirmation classes will begin soon, we are finalizing a program plan. If you have a youth in 7th/8th grade and would like to have them included, let me know!

Here is the link to sign up your youth for Sunday School classes or confirmation: <https://forms.gle/t2ufDjkjUWQcKB1C6>

Adult Bible Studies

Our Adult Bible study for Monday night has been meeting via zoom! They are focusing on the 5 gifts of Discipleship and Stewardship, thank you to Cindy Oser for organizing this!

And our Senior Bible Study is not meeting right now due to having to utilize zoom for meeting and most of our senior members aren't comfortable with that. As soon as this situation changes we will update you all!

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Stewardship through Discipleship News by Denise Robinson

November has been designated Stewardship awareness month at Redeemer but the focus on stewardship is a way of life that happens every day, 365 days a year!

Your actions in life; your vocation, the things you do for others, for the environment, using your time talents and financial resources, are all living a life of stewardship through discipleship. In simple terms generosity.

“You are the one person that God picked out of everyone to be you. You have a unique calling and unique giftings to meet the needs in your family, church and community.”

Do you think of yourself as a steward of discipleship? Having unique gifts and unique calling? I'm sure you struggle with this as I do, finding it hard to think that what I do daily is God's work. But I'm me and you are you and even the smallest act; a smile a helping hand, a phone call, a card or letter, a hello or wave to someone might be the most needed act of God's love the recipient may have needed at that very moment. Your generous actions, all given to your ability, are given out of generosity and love.

I read a story recently in an article by Peter W. Marty, that I thought I would share.

“ There's an old tale about a monk who found a precious gemstone. He picked it up and put it in his knapsack and carried it with his few other belongings. One day he struck up a conversation with a traveler. When the monk opened his sack to share some food, the traveler saw the jewel and asked the monk to give it to him. The monk did so readily.

The traveler went on his way, overjoyed by this unexpected gift that would bring wealth and security for the rest of his life.

After a few days, however, the traveler returned in search of the monk. Once he found him, he immediately gave the stone back and begged the of the holy man, “ Please give me something much more precious than this stone, as valuable as it is. Give me that which enabled you to give it to me.”

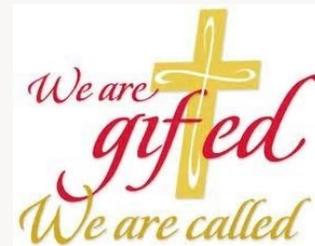
This story captures the monk's generous spirit. Not the generous deed of giving away something precious, but his generous spirit that appears to shape his entire outlook on life. A life filled with this form of generosity ours of love unconsciously. People with this instinct for generosity is second nature or as Jesus put it, *“reacts in a way that your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing.”* (Matthew 6:3) (continued on next page)

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In reading this tale and the explanation by the author, I have a better understanding of generosity and stewardship through discipleship. "Generosity has nothing to do with means , and everything to do with desire."

We, with our unique giftings that God has chosen for us, are called to be generous in life, it is in fact one of the nine fruits of the Spirit. (Galatians 5) Be grateful for what you have been given and share your blessings with others. I have written in the past giving makes you happy. Truly, grateful people tend to be generous people. Generous people tend to be really, happy people.

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



Stewardship through Discipleship article - see next page

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Stewardship through Discipleship by Patti Finn

God has blessed me so abundantly that I could fill this newsletter and still not have half enough room to list everything. I guess you could say “my cup runneth over”. The blessings began with the circumstance of my birth, a baby boomer, born healthy in America, at a time of peace and economic stability, to parents who took me to church and sent me to Lutheran grade school. Although my situation was comfortable, I was always aware of those less fortunate. I guess you could say I was born with an innate sense of compassion for others as one of my first memories, about the age of two years old, was that of helping a physically disabled child that lived next door. A little girl about my age was confined to a playpen because she could not walk. Although I wanted to play with the other children, I felt compelled to stay by her playpen and retrieve the toys as she tossed them out.

I also think God blessed me with a generous spirit. My goal in life was never to be rich, just to be comfortable. With this mindset, it has been a blessing that I have generally always had enough to share without feeling deprived of anything myself. In fact, I have discovered that the more opportunities I have found to help others, I’ve always had my own coffers refilled, which leads to confidence in continuing to share my blessings because I know that God has proven he always provides for my needs. I believe that this mindset of “enough” is what enabled me to gradually get to Tithing of my blessings.

Lastly, the blessing of compassion and generosity also has made me passionate about social injustice and inequality of every kind. Therefore I am continued to be blessed to serve as chairperson of the Social Ministry committee which enables me to mobilize the members of Redeemer to respond the needs of others in congregation, our community and the world at large.



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Social Ministry & Shared Meal Ministry

Social Ministry:

13 meals were delivered to Redeemer members homes on October 6th in conjunction with the Shared Meal.

Shared Meal Ministry:

In October shared meal continued with sending thirty (30) take-out meals to homeless people via the Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need. Don and Rita Solt put together the thirty meals.

The new “to-go” program continued for a second month making meals for people to pick up at Redeemer’s kitchen door from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm. The “to-go” meals are put together by Karen Kondrk, John Slaughter, and Linda Winter.

For October shared meal expanded again. Patti Finn, social ministry, and Redeem-A-Meal Ministry joined forces with shared meal to deliver meals to Redeemer members. Patti put together and delivered approximately 20 meals. Hopefully receiving a home cooked meal to your door will cheer people during this time of isolation.

Thank you to Gary Overbagh for joining the team to bake ziti. Thanks to Linda Bartleson, Jen O’Connell, Lynda Jones, Arlene Shecter, Denise Brad, Beth Bowe, Dolores Danielson, Patti Finn, Kathy Rehm, and Gary Overbagh for making ziti for October’s meal. It takes a team effort to accomplish this ministry.



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Garden Club

Thank you to everyone who helped with the planting, spring and fall, and with the weeding every two weeks all summer. Thank you to the crew who watered though the summer. There have been many compliments on how nice the flower beds look around the church.

Thank you to everyone who dedicated geraniums in the spring for Mother's Day; and/or mums and pansies in the fall to honor first responders, doctors, nurses, and all essential workers. Praise to God's beautiful creation.



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WELCA Ministry

For October, Welca had a wonderful Halloween party via zoom hosted by Pat Gallagher. We dressed in Halloween costume. Denise Robinson and Dolores Danielson won for the best costumes. Denise had a spooky background picture and a hat that danced on her head. Dolores dressed as an orange Halloween witch complete with broom.

We told Halloween stories from family traditions. Some stories were about our children and some stories were about our own childhoods. Joan Dunn won for best Halloween story from her childhood. Joan told about trick-or-treating in the city. She got pizza, coins, and brownies. It was a good day.

Thank you to all who attended our meeting!!!

November 17 at 7:00 PM will be our next meeting via zoom. The zoom connection information will be the same as in October. It will be sent out again closer to the date. Please join. The more, the merrier.

Property Ministry

All damages the from June 3 storm have finally been repaired. The two broken windows were the last to be done. The building looks very nice, clean, and new. Have you noticed the beautiful storage shed? The doors have been rebuilt and the rotted boards on the side have been replaced with new lumber. The entire shed has been painted and the shrubs around the shed have been trimmed.

As you drive by, check it out.

Property received a call advising that the alarm system in the church office building was sounding. Upon investigating the alarm, it was discovered that the water meter was leaking. The water company installed a new meter.



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Stitching Angels

Stitching Angels, knitting and crocheting group at Redeemer, is still going strong and spreading ministry from Redeemer into the community. Dolores Danielson has crocheted with love and prayers eleven (11) beautiful, multicolored baby blankets. Dolores does not stop at a blanket. She always crochets a matching hat and shops for a matching toy to complete the gift.

Dolores has a network of volunteers who have made 43 surgical dolls. These dolls were cut and sewed by Jacqueline Bartleson, Bryan's mom. Linda provided all the fabric and stuffing. Dolores stuffed dolls and the Mother's Group at Redeemer also helped by stuffing dolls at one of their meetings. Dolores sewed them all closed.

The Bartleson family and Dolores continued their cooperative venture to send love and prayers to hospital patients with 26 neck pillows.

Gail Blinstrub joined the volunteer group to deliver all these 11 crocheted baby blanket sets, 43 fabric dolls, and 26 fabric neck pillows – several plastic bins of gifts – to Capital Health. Gail reports back a Big Thank You from the staff at the hospital.



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Music and Worship

ADVENT MATINS

On November 29th we will begin our Advent journey in preparation for Christmas. In keeping with our tradition, we are going to observe that journey with a special service of Lessons, Carols and Candle light on the first Sunday in Advent. We call it “Advent Matins”.

The worship service will look a little different this year, but we are going to enhance the beauty of this service with various musical offerings including musical offerings by our Bell Choir and Chancel Choir.

In order for you to share in this experience from home, please come prepared with a candle that you can light.

Please share this worship opportunity with your family and friends and ask that they join our live broadcast on Facebook at 09:20 on November 29th.



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Finance Ministry

Financial Condition for the period ending	Sep-20		
Current Fund Income	\$	111,875.18	
Donations/Reimbursements	\$	5,456.53	
Expenses	\$	150,279.94	
Insurance Proceeds for Roof	\$	22,844.04	
Net Income (loss)	\$	(10,104.19)	
Balance in Building Maintenance	\$	325.53	
Balance in Raise the Roof	\$	5,807.00	
Withdrawal from Money Market	\$	18,304.00	
Tree removal	\$	5,000.00	To be returned to Money Mkt.
Reimbursement	\$	(1,760.00)	
Remaining Balance	\$	3,240.00	

Thank you for saving the Redner and Browns Shop Rite Supermarkets Cash Register Tapes. Money raised from these register tapes goes to the Redeemer Current Fund. Please mail them to the church or drop them off during Food Pantry Hours Monday thru Friday 12pm-1pm.

Katherine Patelunas



Social Ministry

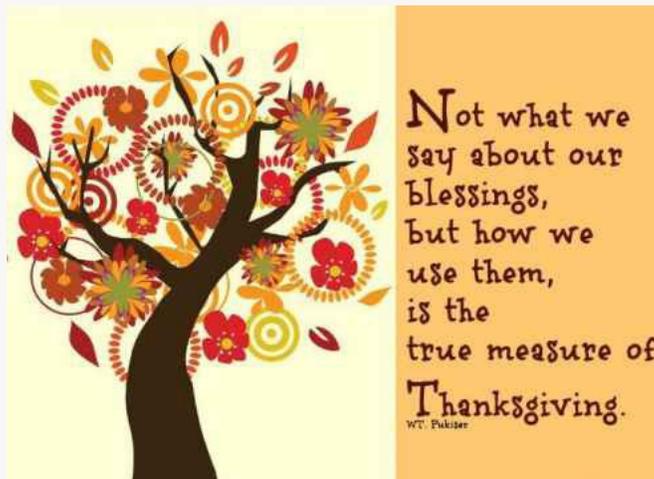
Share Your Blessings for Thanksgiving

Social Ministry at Redeemer would like to provide gift cards to Bucks County Housing.

The Bucks County Housing Group's goal is to enable families to achieve life skills that will secure self-sufficiency and permanent housing. I am hoping and praying Redeemer will continue to support the work being done for those who are homeless. Your generosity helps build self-esteem and responsibility. Bucks County Housing can only operate with community support like ours.

Please mark your donations - Social Ministry. Donations needed by Saturday 11/21/20.

Thank You in advance,
Patti Finn, Social Ministry



Parish Register



A Loss
in our Church
Family

Jim Susko passed away on 10/4/2020. Our sincere sympathy and condolences to Helen and all the family. Please keep the family in your prayers.



A Loss
in our Church
Family

Ruth Schwartz passed away on 10/7/2020. Our sincere sympathy to her daughter Ruth and all the family. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Dear Redeemer Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the prayers for my nephew and his wife and the twin girls, Vayda and Violet who were born on 9/3/2020 at CHOP.

Violet has a condition called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) which means that the left ventricle of the heart is underdeveloped. The good news is that the people at CHOP are wonderful, skilled, caring individuals! Violet underwent the first surgery of a 3 part reconstruction surgery. The second surgery will take place at around 3-4 months old, and the 3rd surgery when she is about 3 years old.

Vayda came home shortly after birth, and went to see her sister Violet everyday while she was in the hospital. Violet came home from the hospital a few weeks ago, and my nephew and his wife had to be trained on special techniques. As of this note Violet is back in the hospital due to some complications but we hope to have her back home as soon as possible.

I just want to thank all of you for your ongoing prayers for this family. And I want to thank you for the Redeem A Meal that I was able to deliver to the family. I am so blessed to be a part of Redeemer. Please continue to pray for strength for my nephew and his wife, and for healing and recovery for Violet and continued good health for Vayda.

Love, Holly Rogerson

Parish Register

Linda and Fred Winter went to visit Brandon recently and asked to share this picture of them with Brandon.
Brandon Winter sends best wishes to the Redeemer Family!



When my arms can't
reach people who are
close to my heart...

I
always
hug them
with my
prayers.



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Thanksgiving Prayer

*Heavenly Creator,
In this season of gratitude and abundance, we
give You thanks for our many blessings as we
pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope
seems lost. Keep their faith strong as they await
relief. Let Your goodness flow throughout our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen

Sharing God's Bounty

November

Part of God's Plan

"In those days . . ." So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obey[ed their] rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and his Son each step they took on his path.

Of course, God did just that. God provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). God sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent *"Magi from the East"* who brought *"gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh"* and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as God speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out his plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.



November Kids Pages

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	found
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	that	happiness	lesson	and
5	books	others	disciples	gathered	hearts	tradition
6	celebrates	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

 _____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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Answer:

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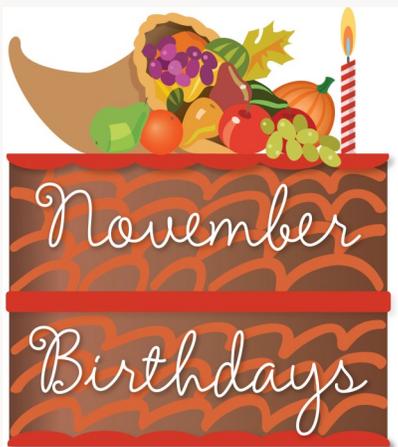
November Birthday's and Anniversaries

November Birthdays

1st Effie Shaffer
7th Marianne White
9th Heidi Morgan
10th Brian O'Connell
Robert Rockenbach
11th Jolene Cochran
Valerie Mihalek
13th Thelma Thorsen
14th Ciera Hope Cooke
18th George Rehm
19th Joanne Waldkoenig
22nd Kim Overbagh
Rev. Esther Rajashekar
23rd Jordan Ditcher
Haley Martin
24th Michael Hemphill
28th Mike Burlingame
29th Alex and Andrew Northrup
30th Hailey Schmidt
Rande Funkhauser

November Wedding Anniversaries

11/1 Lissy & Joshua Tidwell
11/6 Gail and Bob Blinstrub, Jr.
11/8 Laura & Paul Ottinger
11/11 Carole & Randy Funkhauser
11/12 Cathy and Alan Dashoff
11/14 Johnathan & Amanda Sivils
11/18 Lydia and Joseph Cochran
11/22 Lew and Cindy Oser
11/23 Denise and Paul Robinson
Michael and Cathy Hemphill
Thomas and Sandra Hemphill
11/25 Patricia and Christopher Ryan
11/28 Linda and Bryan Bartleson



**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.*



MISSION STATEMENT

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