

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 116 YEARS OF MINISTRY



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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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.



Redeemer Herald January 2021

Pastor's Message

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

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14).

Beloved, 2020 has been a very challenging year to say the least. But it is all in the history book. As we begin this New Year, like the Apostle Paul, I would like to encourage us all to look forward and toward what is ahead in this coming year. To press toward the goal to live out our baptismal vows, and our mission “to love God and all people and creation through our word and deed” knowing that Emmanuel, God is with us.

Let us pray: It is on account of Your mercy alone, O Lord, that I am not consumed, because Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Abide with me, O God, throughout the coming year. Be my guide in all my perplexities, my strength in my weakness, my ever-ready help in all my troubles. Forgive me all my sins. O Sabaoth Lord, look down from heaven and in grace behold and visit Your holy Church, which You have chosen for Your own. Preserve for us Your saving Word and Sacraments, that Your vine may send out its boughs from sea to sea and its branches to the uttermost parts of the earth. Look graciously upon our nation and all the nations of the world, and bless them with peace. Grant all that are in authority wisdom and courage to rule in such a way that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. To You, almighty Creator and gracious God, I commit this nation, my church, my family and loved ones, and myself. Abide with me. With Your grace and mercy, preserve me whole—soul and body—blameless to the coming of my Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name I pray through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
(Adapted from *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, pp. 123-124)

Blessings for a very Happy and Healthy New Year.
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, Mike Dunn, John Schwenk, Sandy Weasner.

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, Cheryl Hummell, Roo Bublitz, Harry and Edith Gordon, Mary Sunday, John Burg, Violet Herbert, Jennifer Pacittom, Marie Delfin, Carol Ann Vogel, Harry & Carol Thompson, 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, Keith Russell, Bill Engle, Lynn and Mike Brad, Christinie Kosto, Linda Austin, Pastor Ron, Gloria Austin, Nikki Cancilla, Nathan Sredl, Naomi Rogerson, William Gardner.

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 January

On January 10th we will pray for:

Carol Samuels -Stout, Alyssa and Chelsea; Michael and Kelly Sanchez

On January 24th we will pray for:

Charles and Karen Sauls, Krystin and Matthew; Brian and Megan Schmidt, Hailey and Natalie

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Evangelism

Congratulations to our new college graduates, Lauren and Nick Morris, shown here celebrating their December 2020 virtual at-home graduations. It is great to see them capping off the year on such a high note and Redeemer was glad to mark the occasion with gift cards and a couple of special lawn signs.

Nicholas graduates with a BS in Business and plans to work in the financial/insurance industry. Lauren graduates with a BS in Health Professions and is continuing with an 11-month accelerated BSN program at Drexel starting in March 2021.

May God guide Lauren and Nick through their lives, as their family and church community continue to pray for and support them.



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Stewardship through Discipleship News by Denise Robinson

“No one is born Christian, we become Christian. With the water of baptism and the power of the Word, we are marked as disciples and become members of the family of God. God declares us to be God’s sons and daughters and therefore, brothers and sisters in Christ. In the services of baptism, a relationship is established connecting us with God and the church.” (Stir Us into Deeper Discipleship; ELCA planning guide)

Entering God’s family through the affirmation of baptism we make the commitment to participate in a community of faith and asked to continue in the covenant God made with us in baptism:

*To live among God’s faithful people,
To hear the word of God and share the Lord’s supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

Christian disciples daily seek God’s power to put off the old selfish ways of living, and to put on Jesus’ new way of life. Martin Luther says in the Small Catechism “*Baptism means the old creature (Adam) in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and die with all sins and evil lusts, in turn, a new person daily come forth and rise from death again. He will live forever before God in righteousness and purity.*” This use of baptism is a continuous, lifelong process affecting every aspect of a disciple’s life. This is how our journey of Christian discipleship begins.

The journey compels us to set our hearts toward Christ and along the way our discipleship skills are made concrete in the faith practices: prayer, worship, study, encouragement, inviting, serving, and giving. Sometimes our Christian journey takes a bit of a detour and we don’t stay on the path to the awesome adventure we are offered as disciples. As we remember who we are in baptism, we must open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit who invites us to plunge into the fullness of Christ. God’s Spirit splashes us again and again with the waters of Baptism, stirring us to discipleship. (excerpts from Stir us to Deeper Discipleship. ELCA planning guide)

This is Discipleship through Stewardship. It is the essence of what a disciple is; one who uses the gifts God has blessed us with to fulfill God’s mission through stewardship.

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As we begin 2021 let us remember the covenant God made with us in baptism. How will we live our lives accordingly? How will we proclaim God's good news and serve all people? Make this your New Year's resolution to continue your never-ending journey of Christian discipleship through stewardship.

**Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Happy New Year and may we continue our path of discipleship!



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Property Ministry

Property decorated the sanctuary for Christmas with the garland, wreaths, and tree so that the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services would have the Christmas background. The outside door wreaths were hung as well.

Property continues to check the buildings every other day, including keeping up with the timers for the outside lights to make sure the lights come on at dark.

On Thursday, December 17, property cleaned the snow from all sidewalks.



WELCA

December 15 was the Welca Christmas party on zoom. Thank you to Katherine Patelunas and her daughter, Elaine Copeland for leading us in Christmas songs.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 PM

Via Zoom: Please use same email forwarded from Pat Gallagher

Refreshments: Everyone



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Food Pantry Ministry

The food pantry has been pretty busy lately. With the holidays upon us, more people are looking for help. We are so happy that we are able to help them. We have gotten so many donations lately and we are so grateful!

Last year, Keller Williams Real Estate of Langhorne helped us with Thanksgiving meals. We reached out to them to see if they could help and they came through for us again. They donated 15 turkeys, 25 vouchers for free turkeys and over \$500.00 in gift cards! We are truly grateful for their donations.

Compuprint of Fairless Hills is the printer of some of our church material and also does some printing for Penndel Borough. The owner, Sean McKinney, just gave us a check for \$500.00 for the food pantry! We are very happy he thought of us again!

The Langhorne Rotary Club has been very supportive of our pantry. They just surprised us with a check for \$413.00! It is an odd amount because they are also helping 2 other pantries and they split what they received between the 3 of us. They are so awesome!

We also received a check for \$200.00 from Penndel American Legion Post 486. They have donated to us before and we are so happy they want to continue to help us!

Kiddie Academy of Langhorne held a food drive for us. All of the kids and parents really wanted to help. The manager of the academy counted every item when they packed up the food to see what they collected. It was over 700 items! We really appreciate that they held the drive for us.

The Hansen family of Yardley who are friends of Holly, came twice to donate cases of all different kinds of food to us. The daughter liked what she saw and would like to volunteer. She is going to come in and sort through the donations we have received.

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Antoine Lovelace from Lace'd Hair Salon located in Penndel Borough, stopped by and dropped off a load of food that they had leftover from the drive they did for Thanksgiving. Their goal was to feed 500 families but they ended up with enough food to feed 650 families! We are grateful for their donation and we are happy they are in the same "business" as we are – feeding those in need!

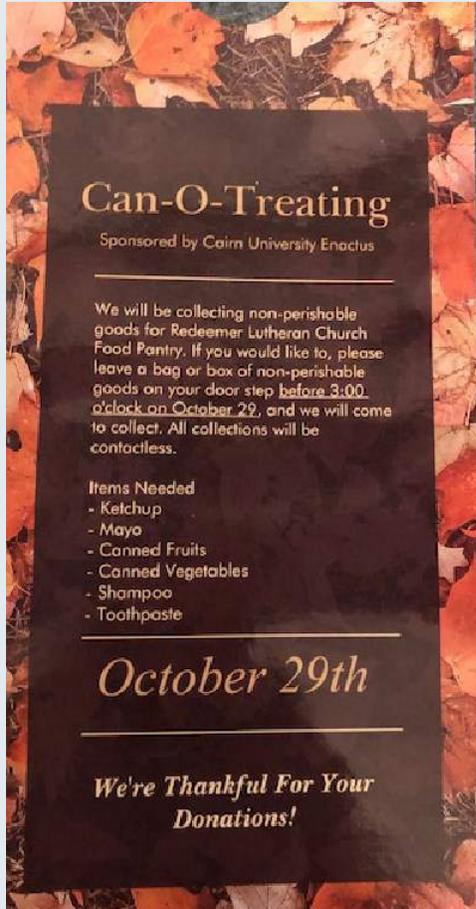
And because of all of the donations we've gotten lately, we have food all over the place! (We're not complaining!) So, we went on Facebook market place and looked for used bookcases. We messaged three different people in Langhorne asking if they were willing to donate the bookcases that they had for sale. All 3 said yes. John and I went and picked one up and the other was delivered by the owner. I showed him the pantry and now his wife asked if we ever need volunteers! And she wants to donate some much needed toiletries! Also, the last bookcase we picked up, the guy said he had another one if we wanted it. Ask and you shall receive! So, we ended up with 4 bookcases. We now have a place to put all of the food we have gotten lately.

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food and money to our much needed ministry! We are grateful because without these donations, we would not be able to feed as many people as we do!

Karen Kondrk



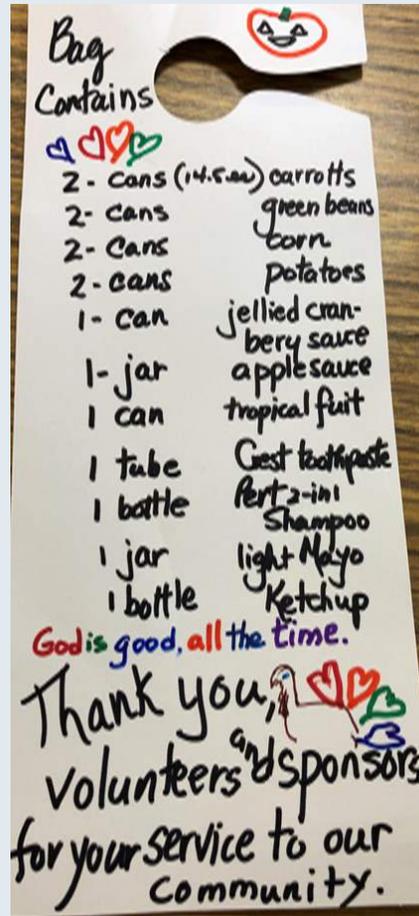
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Shared Meal Ministry
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Finance Ministry



Financial Condition for the period ending	Nov-20	
Current Fund Income	\$ 137,030.00	
Donations/Reimbursements	\$ 8,780.00	
Insurance Proceeds for Roof	\$ 27,830.00	
Total Contributions	\$ 173,640.00	
Expenses	\$ 176,939.00	
Net Income	\$ -3,299.53	
Raise the Roof	\$ 5,827.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 436.00	
Withdrawal from Money Market	\$ 13,304.00	\$5,000 paid back for tree removal

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



Parish Register

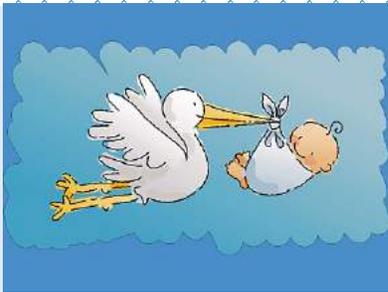


Good Morning,
Thank you for the endless support and care packages during my undergrad at Temple. They were always a nice surprise and much appreciated!

Merry Christmas!
Lauren Morris

Thank you for all of the care packages throughout my time at Penn State including the yard sign and gift card for graduation.

Merry Christmas, Nick Morris



*Welcome Liam!
Congratulation to Jordan
and Nick!*

Liam Nicholas Rodriguez
Born 11/28/20 @ 5:00am
6 lbs 7 oz, 18.75" long

Parents: Jordan Ditcher and Nick Rodriguez



Sharing God's Bounty

January

Setting Goals

It is a common and helpful practice to use the start of a new year as motivation to set goals and make plans to attain those goals. As Christians, what is our ultimate goal? What did Jesus tell us in Matthew 6:33? *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* Certainly this is a worthy and all-encompassing goal for us as Christians.

We're also told that goals should be detailed and specific and measurable. How do we satisfy that criteria in light of our main goal to seek God's kingdom?

Let us remember that all we say and do and are should strain toward seeking God's kingdom. That means we'll be busy in the study of his Word and in regular attendance in church where we can hear his Word and receive his sacraments. It means that we'll be busy about his work of seeking and saving the lost. How is that accomplished?

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"You show that you are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts"* (2 Corinthians 3:3). Jesus put it this way, *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). This is what we are – God's letters who reflect the light of Jesus to a world trying to find its way in darkness.

The psalmist commanded, *"Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise"* (Psalm 96:2-4). In all our words, this should be our goal: to proclaim the goodness, the glory, the greatness of our God.

Then our acts should follow up our attitudes and words. Again Paul's words speak to us: *"Bless those who persecute you; Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony . . . Do not repay anyone evil for evil . . . If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone . . ."* (Romans 12:14ff.). Throughout his letters, Paul urges us to share with those in need, to support those who preach and teach the Word, and to give as we have received.

These are goals worthy of setting and ones we can carry out by "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, [who] though he was rich, yet for [our] sakes he became poor, so that [we] through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

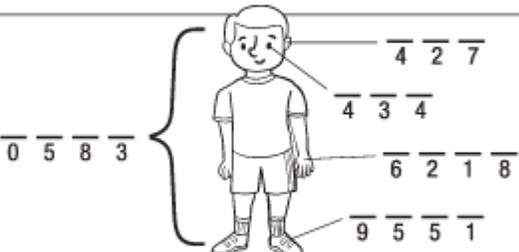
PUZZLE



WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church – the body of Christ – is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the 20 should say, "Because I am not a 17, I do not belong to the 16," ... And if the 13 should say, "Because I am not an 11, I do not belong to the 16," it would not for that reason stop being part of the 16. If the whole 16 were an 11, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole 16 were an 13, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one 16.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: body – 16, eye – 11, ear – 13, hand – 17, foot – 20

January Birthday's

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2nd Erin Dunn
Jeannie Vitale
3RD Wayne Degen
4th Frank Rager
7th Elaine Rossi
Robert Brad, Jr.
Gail Blinstrub
Chelsea Lee Stout
8th Anjali Bose
Carol Lipson Funkhauser
9th Julie Bartleson
10th John E. Seyferhelt
13th Danielle Martinsen
Carey Trumpler
14th Cindy Short
Mike Dunn
Marsha Goodwin
Carole Chatelain
15th John Slaughter
16th Gary Overbagh
Jeff Paulsen
18th Kathleen Rehm
Ryker Herb
19th Christopher Rager
Nicholas Morris
Kerstin Pugh
21st Lynn Leppo
22nd Lauren Bilofsky
Angelique Defeo

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

**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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