

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 116 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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Pastor's Page

Greetings in the name of the resurrected one, Jesus the Christ.

11 So if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

12 In everything, then, do to others as you would have them do to you. For this is the essence of the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:11-12)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to share a story that I came across on my Facebook page that was posted by the One Human family, entitled, "WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND."

It is a story that demonstrates in my view, of "what we sow, we shall reap" May you find in this story the inspiration to live every day, doing unto others as you would want others to do unto you, knowing that God does works in mysterious ways.

So here it is:

One day a man saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road but, even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she looked worried.

No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said, 'I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm?

By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson.' Well, all she had was a flat tire but, for an old lady, that was bad enough.

Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two.. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need and, God knows, there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed and, Bryan added, 'And think of me.' He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road, the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to get a bite to eat and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her.

The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that, even being on her feet for the whole day, couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back.

The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something was written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: 'You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you.'

Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills. Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard.... She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, 'Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson.'

There is an old saying... 'What goes around comes around.' Today I send you this story, and I'm asking you to pass it on. Let this light shine. God works in mysterious ways and sometimes puts people in our lives for a reason.

Blessings always and stay safe.
Pastor Mukesh.



Prayer Concerns

Members: 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, Chris Ryan, Tim Kucey, Helen Susko, Don Farnham, Jim Reinas, Joanne Waldkoenig.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Luke Tynan, Jim McMullen, Joe Mellon, Colleen Quinn, Crystal Nystrom, Arlene Krajewski, Liam Schieber, Tom Gallagher, Tom Steele, Gary Thomas, Paul Robinson, Fred Winter, Alvora Hommen, Nellie Johnson, Kelly Baron and her daughter, Talyia, Steph Fuhrer, Leslie Ewen, Cheryl Hummell, Harry and Edith Gordon, Mary Sunday, John Burg, 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, John Shay, Paige Neal Jackson and her mother Latoya, Keith Russell, Bill Engle, Lynn and Mike Brad, Christine Kosto, Linda Austin, Pastor Ron, Gloria Austin, Nikki Cancilla, Nathan Sredl, William Gardner, Tom Steele, Donna Johnson, Robert Blinstrub Sr., Donna Johnson, Britney Diabelko, the Dundee family, Irene Thomson, George Rehm, Ed McBlain, Bill Mason, Wilbur Welz, Bill Armitage, Ray Short, Julia Aquilone, Lisa Knoll, Kyra Kinsey, Ella, Marcia Kulp, Julie Capriotti.

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. Joe Biden, Vice Pres. Kamala Harris, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.

Prayer Initiative for May

On May 9th we will pray for:

Derek, Lisa, Damian, Tyler, and Blake Thomas;
Ronald and Dawn Thomas

On March 23rd we will pray for:

Thelma Thorsen; Elisabeth, Joshua, and Sage Tidwell;
Dawn Trapani



Parish Register

Redeemer Family,

Thank you so much of all of the expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother, George.
The thoughtfulness, caring and prayers meant so much to all of us.

Donna Kistner and Family

Dear Members of WELCA,

Just a little note to thank all of you for my Easter card and the bag filled with goodies.
It was so nice of you to think of me at this time of isolation.
Also, I'd like to thank Rita and Edna for delivering the gift and having a short visit. It was nice seeing them again.

Sincerely,
Thelma Thorsen

Dear Rita and Joan,

Thank you for your wonderful visit, truly nice to see you both again, both look lovely.
Thank you for the lovely gifts for Easter. You made this gal really happy! God bless you both always.

Love,
Winnie (The Pooh!)

Just a little note of thanks to all of the wonderful folks who called me, sent cards, delivered food, and drove me places during my battle with the virus. Especially thank you to my great wife, Edna and our daughter Karen, who kept me on the straight and narrow while recuperating at home. All of you guys are the best. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
John Schwenk



Congratulations to Lissy and Joshua Tidwell on the birth of their daughter Sage Olivia Tidwell.

She was born on 4/12/2021 at 3:58pm and was 6lb 8 oz, and 19.5 inches long.

Proud grandfather is Scott Ditcher.

Below is a picture of the cousins together. Jordan had a baby boy named Liam on 11/28/2020. (previously shared in the January newsletter).

Congratulations!



Liam and Sage together!



Council Highlights

Council met on February 9, 2021.

In summary for our congregation members, the following items were discussed at this meeting. The Redeemer Committee chairs/representatives shared reports of committee activities which have been shared with congregation through various announcements and newsletter articles. The council discussed the successful completion of the annual congregational meeting that was held on January 31, 2021. The meeting went very well for a virtual meeting and a round of thanks to all involved in the logistics to make this meeting possible. We discussed what ministries should focus on this year to help continue our mission vision for Redeemer and we agreed to discuss new ideas in next months meeting. It was brought up in council that there are concerns of meeting conflicts over our Zoom platform and since we have not done the calendar planning sessions as normal, we need to make sure meetings are scheduled through Holly.

At this meeting we also discussed that we realize the council meeting notes were no longer available to church members since they were posted in the church building. We were reminded that in previous years there used to be a section in the newsletter called the Council Highlights. We decided to re-start this section of the newsletter to give a council meeting summary to our members. We continued to discuss that all committees are strongly encouraged to submit monthly newsletter articles to maintain communication throughout the organization to make sure all members can be aware of Redeemer's activities. We know there are many wonderful activities here at Redeemer so let's keep everyone updated with all the good works.

Redeemer will continue to run virtual Facebook live services as it is still recommended to remain closed to in person worship. Until next month's summary, the council wishes all well for the start of a Happy Spring! Take Care Everyone!

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Stewardship Ministry

STEWARDSHIP NEWS by Denise Robinson

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

James 1:17 ESV "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Stewardship is heart work! We use the gifts God has blessed us with to fulfill God's mission. It is written in 1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." We use our blessings of time, talent, and treasure with the utmost love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who showed us his love for us by dying on the cross for our sins.

April 4th Easter morning, we praise God's son, our risen Lord, with Alleluias and joyful hymns. We, as His disciples, express our love not only on this day but every day as we walk in Jesus' footsteps, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. This is what we've been called to do. The blessings God has given us are more than we could ever imagine and our hearts overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving.

We are the stewards of all He has entrusted to us; the land and the seas and all that is in it. We are stewards of our family, friends, neighbors, all those we know and don't know, all those in need. We are stewards of our church, its ministries, both locally and globally.

As we live discipleship through stewardship, we have been blessed with different gifts to serve in different ways. God has chosen you. You are the one person God picked out of everyone to be you. You have a unique calling and unique gifts to meet the needs of family, church, and community. Whatever the gifts God has blessed you with, it is out of love that we use them to the best of our ability doing His work.

The use of our time; making a call to someone to say hello, writing a note or email, making a meal. Volunteering - giving an hour or two to a cause you hold dear to your heart. So many things that you could spend a little time doing.

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Stewardship Ministry, continued

The use of our talents; each of us is unique, use the gifts you have been blessed with. Reach out where your talents can be utilized no matter how big or small it might be.

The use of our treasure; support the church ministries through offerings and benevolence, purchase food for a food pantry or diapers for a diaper bank. Financial support helps ministries flourish in addition to one's time and talent.

Deuteronomy 16:17 NRSV “all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.”

We are a blessed congregation. So many are continuing ministry and supporting ministry through these hard times of the pandemic. Is there light at the end of this covid era? Yes! Personally I believe we have been guided by the light of God through all of this and have been provided ways to stay vital while being distanced, for church is not the building, we, the people are the church.

There are so many opportunities to show our love by using the gifts God has blessed us with – our time, talent, and treasure, to fulfill God's mission. These are a thank-offering for His immeasurable blessings. This is Discipleship through Stewardship and no matter where you are in your journey, each one of us has the ability to do “heart work.”



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Stewardship Discipleship Story by Rita Solt

December, 1975 we moved from Fort Dix/McGuire, New Jersey to Penndel, Pennsylvania for Don to take a new job. We had two little boys – Fred was three and a half and Jason was 18 months. Penndel, Bucks County was all new for us, we didn't know anyone. We soon started to search for a local pre-school for Fred, which brought us to Redeemer. Fred started with Mrs. Waldkoenig and Mrs. Frick. Sometimes we would walk from our house to Redeemer and Fred would run the whole way. He loved it so much. Thanks to the Redeemer members who in 1975 used their time and talent, and the Good Lord provided for us.

We started to attend Sunday morning worship services. We sat behind Harold Kistner and when we were asked to join, we did. Many people welcomed us. Jason went to Sunday School with Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Weber. Since he was older, Fred was with Mrs. Crawford. I attended Sunday School with Mrs. Dot Claus. We had friends and belonging - the Lord again provided. Redeemer became a big part of my life.

Dot Sullivan taught me altar guild – Linda is my partner. When Joan Dunn became Sunday School superintendent, she asked me to teach the sixth-grade class. Donna Winter and Andrew Spicer were my first, but not my last, class. Many summers, I either had a class or was the craft lady at VBS. Redeemer became my family.

We were so very blessed with a new little daughter, Rachelle, or Shelley. She was baptized as a new member of Redeemer and God's family. Shelley was an active member and grew up at Redeemer.

When Pastor Esther asked me to head WELCA, I was very honored and have loved it. We all do the work of the women's group. We do live out the mission statement of supporting each other.

I enjoy being part of the garden club and volunteering for shared meal and food pantry.

In 2016, God sent us the opportunity to visit Luther Land, Germany and I came back very excited. It was wonderful to celebrate the 500-year anniversary of the 95 Theses at Redeemer with much help from different pastors, the congregation, and even a college professor, Chris Palladino.

Being part of the social ministry outreach during the pandemic quarantine has cheered me. I hope my calls, cards, and emails have been helpful to the recipients. Pastor Mukesh reminded me that it is alright to give others an opportunity to show their Christianity. I was in the hospital with cancer for eleven days - there were visitors every single day. When I had chemo, Sunday morning worship gave me such a wonderful warm cared-for feeling – it strengthened me. When my dad unexpectedly handed me an adventure, Kim and Gary were there the entire time to listen and care. When Don had surgery Joan and Dolores Danielson spent the day with me at St. Mary's. Ministry is alive and well at Redeemer.

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Stewardship Word of the Month
Kindness



Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7



30-DAY KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Start this kindness challenge now or at the start of a new month. Hang it on your wall and cross off each act of kindness for the next 30 days.

DAY 1

Bake something for your neighbor

DAY 2

Volunteer at a local shelter

DAY 3

Compliment a stranger

DAY 4

Express gratitude

DAY 5

Hand out 5 kindness cards

DAY 6

Hand deliver 2 kindness notes

DAY 7

Text someone a nice message

DAY 8

Pick up trash on the ground

DAY 9

Smile at 5 strangers

DAY 10

Put your phone away all day

DAY 11

Thank someone

DAY 12

Let someone know they matter

DAY 13

Send an appreciation card in the mail

DAY 14

Comment something nice on another's post

DAY 15

Write a good review for your friend on LinkedIn

DAY 16

Leave a nice note on a car

DAY 17

Shop local

DAY 18

Spread good news

DAY 19

Inspire someone

DAY 20

Let someone check out before you at the store

DAY 21

Don't look at your phone during a meeting

DAY 22

Give someone your favorite book

DAY 23

Compliment a coworker

DAY 24

Add a motivational sticky note on your mirror

DAY 25

Run an errand for someone

DAY 26

Give blood

DAY 27

Leave an unused coupon at checkout

DAY 28

Turn off your phone for a morning

DAY 29

Have a self-care day

DAY 30

Stay calm and patient all day

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Evangelism Ministry

Mothers Day 2021 – Let Your Light Shine

On Mother's Day we remember all the special women who have made a difference in our lives, whether they are related by blood or faith. Sharing love and embracing each other during this time of social distancing is challenging. Many of us may feel a sense of loss this year, having said goodbye to loved ones or simply having been isolated in ways we never experienced before. But gratefully, we know that God is always with us and we see a hopeful light. Lately, I have found so much happiness in seeing freshly vaccinated grandmothers who have never met their new grandbabies finally being able to make that connection. Their pictures and stories show an inescapable joy. Thank God that we are all getting closer to the day when we can come together to worship and to enjoy each other's company in-person. Let us be sure to say how much everyone means to us!

Make this Mother's Day an opportunity to call or write a special note to lift someone who is feeling loss or isolation in ways we may not entirely understand. Let your light shine! You will be a blessing to them, just as you have been blessed.

Happy Mother's Day!



Clean Up Day



Garden Club Ministry News

Garden Club teamed with the property committee to clean-up the church grounds on Saturday, March 27. The weather was warm and beautiful. Many members attended even Hailey and Natalie Schmidt. It was wonderful to see the girls and each other.

With so many helping hands, we were able to not only clean around the church building but also around the office building. Thank you to everyone who helped. Thank You to Deb Farnham for planting the colorful Easter plants all around both the church and office.

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WELCA Ministry

Our Welca tradition of giving a small thinking-of-you Easter gift to homebound members continued this Easter season including a masked, socially-distanced “drive-way” visit. Visits were very much enjoyed by Welca volunteers. Thanks Edna Schwenk, Jean Lippincott, Joan Dunn, Linda Winter and Rita Solt for delivering gifts and visits.

During our gathering on the third Tuesday of April, we celebrated Earth Day with many members speaking on various Earth Day related topics. Thanks to Marilyn Hrywnak for the Earth Day program idea. Thanks to Deb Farnham, we expanded our devotion for the evening. We thank Lynn Engle for setting up her personal zoom for us. And, thank you to everyone who presented a topic.

We look forward to our next Welca gathering on the third Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. Also, we are planning to continue getting together over the upcoming summer months on the evening of the third Tuesday.



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Worship & Music Ministry



May 17, 2021

As we have in prior years, we will be celebrating Church Music Sunday on May 17th. Here is a description of this Sunday as provided by the ELCA:

For centuries, the Introit (a small portion of a psalm text chanted at the beginning of the liturgy) for the Fourth Sunday of Easter was from Psalm 98, "Sing to the Lord a new song" (Cantate Domino). This day was often known as "Cantate Sunday" and in some traditions, became a day to celebrate music in the church. The Introit no longer exists in today's Lutheran worship. However, the idea of publicly recognizing ministries in the church is an excellent idea. This is our way of thanking everyone who has continued to provide us with musical offerings during this pandemic. Therefore, we will be celebrating on May 17th with our choirs singing and our bells ringing.

If you are not a member of our vocal or bell choirs, but would like to participate in the worship service, please contact Gail Blinstrub or Trevor Davis. We would gladly welcome the sharing of your talent in the service.



A comment about the worship service on April 11, 2021

That was a beautiful service. I especially loved the three little boys dancing and dad singing.

Sharing God's Bounty

May 2021

Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize

If a runner in a race takes his eyes off his goal for even a fleeting moment, he risks losing his focus and, along with that, the race. So it is with the Christian who must be diligent to keep his focus on his stewardship. If he takes his eyes off his heavenly goal and directs them toward his possessions, his worldly aspirations, or his temporal difficulties, he loses his focus and risks losing the race. The words of Paul provide encouragement for us: *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13). Focusing on our Earthly circumstances can lead us in two directions – both of them deadly! We may either find things of the world to be so attractive, they become the prize toward which we strain, or we find things to be so dismal that we despair.

Our Chief Steward, Jesus, our Savior, focused on the prize. We are exhorted to follow his example: *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”* (Hebrews 12:2). Talk about keeping focus! *“Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart”* (Hebrews 12:3). Talk about running a race! And he did it for us, *“so that [we] will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

And look at the prize he won! He ascended into Heaven and now sits *“at the right hand of the throne of God.”* Heaven is our prize, too – a prize beyond compare. Christ’s promise is this: *“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life”* (Revelation 2:10b). Should we falter, as we are certain to do, we claim another of his promises: *“The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it”* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

“I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich...”

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.”

Kid's Pages

Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

A. Matthew
B. Mark
C. Luke
D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)

PUZZLE



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

ANSWER POWER



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.

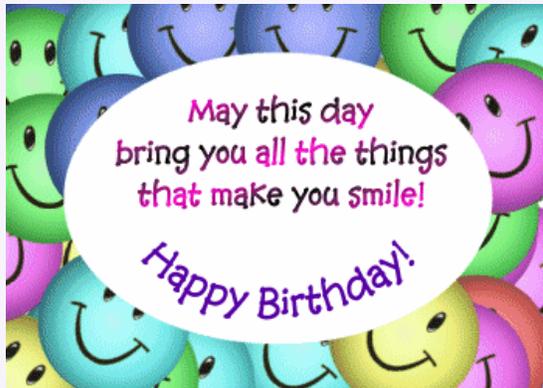
March Birthday's and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

1st Charles Saul III
3rd Darrel Martin
4th Marilyn Bilofsky
 Lauren Morris
5th Lew Oser
13th Lynn Engle
14th Linda Lee
 Philip Herrington
15th Rick O'Connell
17th Kenneth Ward
20th Jasmyn Davis
21st Mukesh Cheedie, PASTOR
 Heather Depero
 Ian Ryan
22nd Christopher Ryan
 Julie Anna Martinsen
25th Karen Brown
27th Karen Kondrk
28th Jane Leppo
29th 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
5/21/73 David and Rose Erdman
5/26/96 Erica Bose and husband
5/28/05 Michelle & Dean Brownlee



"Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Sometimes our records are incomplete. Please let us know."

**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.

