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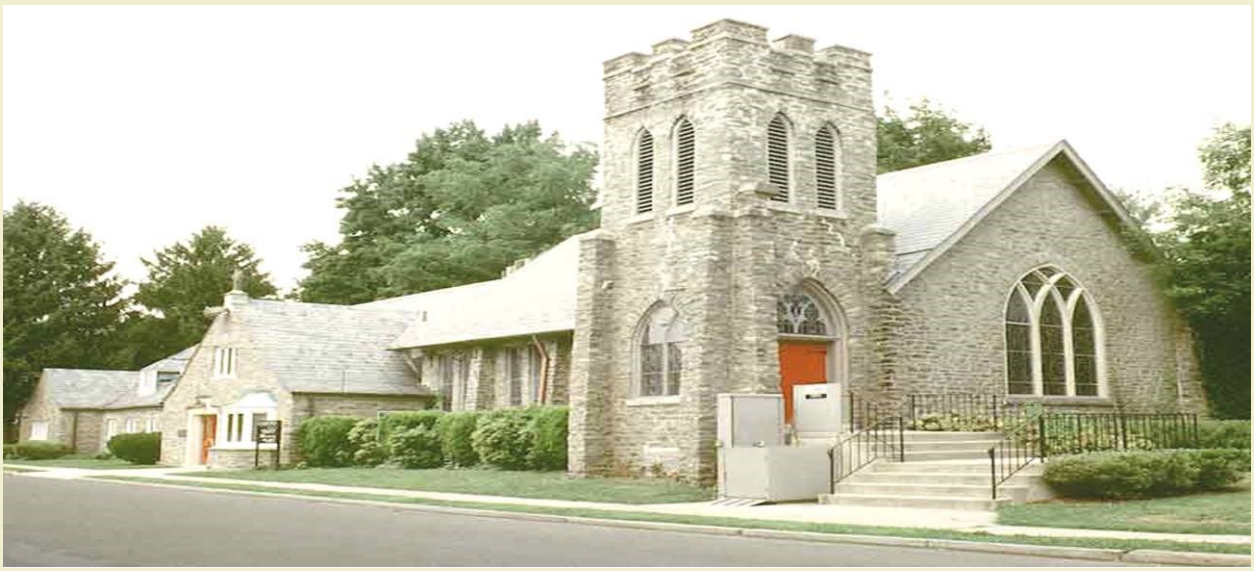

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Our Mission:

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 Newsletter For June

Pastor's Page

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

Well it was a hot September that year, one of the hottest on record. There were some folks complaining a bit about that lingering heat. The irony here is those same folks were also complaining a little earlier of the year of the cold winter. During that time, everyone was wishing for warm weather. Now that we are coming to the summer months, there is no question in my mind that I will hear folks complaining that it is too hot and that we need the fall season to come.

In general, my dear brothers and sisters, it seems we humans, we just have an unsatisfied nature, don't we?

I think the Apostle Paul understood that urge to complain some times, and used it to teach us some things about that.

In his letter to the people in Philippi, (Philippians 4:12-13,) Paul writes, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do this through Him who gives me strength."

Paul truly did know what it meant to struggle. He had a lot to complain about. Being stoned, multiple imprisonments, shipwrecked and many other problems, that seemed to affected him on a regular basis. He felt Satan's opposition to his life and ministry and kept charging.

How often when we have opposition in life do we take that same tact, and push on? In actuality, many give up, believing that if God wanted them to do something for Him, easy, every "door" would be open. Just like the heat or cold of the season, there is always something to complain about in our Christian walk and ministries of the church. Like Paul, we can stay focused and learn to be content in whatever situations we may be in. The strength to do that only comes from a healthy relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the One who helps us as we faces the daily challenges of life and ministry.

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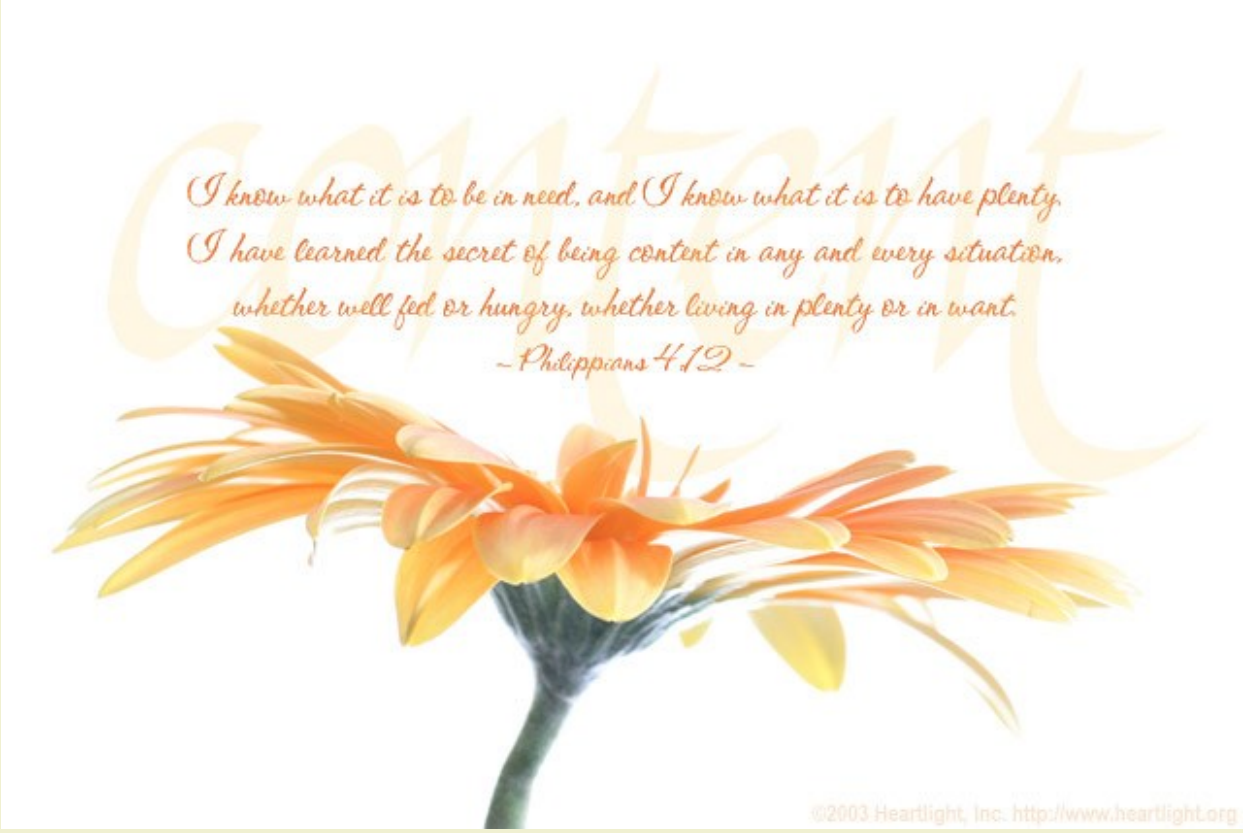
Next time my dear friends when we start complaining about something, it may be a good discipline to stop to take a good look at ourselves. Are we just wishing the weather or our present challenge/s we may be facing at the moment would change? Well, that's normal. But are we fussing and whining about our present situation, about the ministries of the church and faith issues because it's just too hard to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

Well if so, it sounds like we are going it alone. It was never meant to be that way. We can find contentment, and we will find it in the strength that comes from our dependence on Jesus Christ.
Indeed, we can do all things through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us!

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, Denise Robinson.

Relatives and Friends of our Members:

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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 June

On June 12, 2021 we will pray for:

Carey, Robert, and Evan Trumpler; Danny Vile: Jeannie and William Vitale

On June 27, 2021 we will pray for:

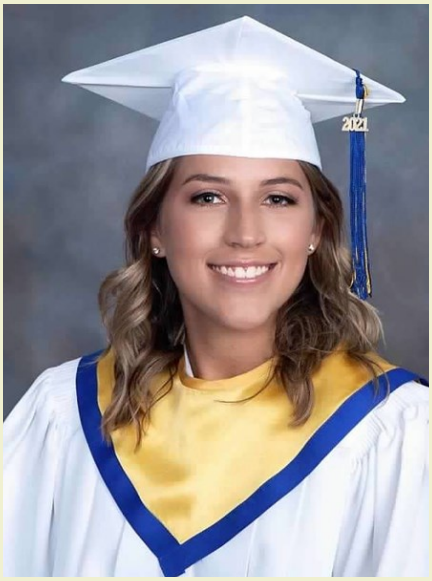
Robert Melissa, Brayden, and Cassidy Volkman; Gretchen and Joanne Waldkoenig

2021 Graduate News

Bill Clark

Through much support, I will be graduating from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in Supply Chain Management and a real estate analysis and development certificate from Smeal College of Business this spring.
This September, I plan on joining the Marine Corps and am currently scheduled to go down to Quantico, Virginia for Officer Candidate School where I will start my career.

Lindsay Morris



Lindsay Morris is graduating from Villa Joseph Marie High School and will be attending Penn State University Park. She will be studying business.

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Worship and Music

Music Sunday

For centuries, the 4th Sunday of Easter was known as Cantate Sunday and became a day to celebrate music in the church as this was the day when the introit (a small portion of a psalm text chanted at the beginning of the liturgy) was from Pslam 98, "Sing to the Lord a new song" ("Cantate Domino"). The Introit no longer exists in today's Lutheran worship but the idea of publicly recognizing our music ministry in the church is an excellent idea.

So on May 16th we recognized the following individuals in our church who give their time and musical talent to the Lord.

Bell Choir:
Diane Anderson
Gail Blinstrub
Jasmyn Davis
Jordan Ditcher
Deb Farnham
Karen Kondrk
Alex Northrup
Cindy O'Connell
Gail Pulsinelli
Denise Robinson
Trish Ryan
Sean Schuette

Chancel Choir:
Jasmyn Davis
Trevor Davis
Carol Funkhauser
Denise Robinson
Christopher Ryan
Trish Ryan

Faith Formation Choir
Alan Ryan
Ian Ryan
Hailey Schmidt
Natalie Schmidt
Ariel Schuette
Aella Strohl

Other Musicians
Pastor Mukesh Cheedie
Cameel Cheedie

Choir Director:
Trevor Davis

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Garden Club Ministry

The Garden Club met on Saturday, May 8 to plant the geraniums which were dedicated to our mothers for Mother's Day. They looked beautiful for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9. Thanks to everyone who helped plant.

Parish Register News and Notes!

A very belated thank you to my Redeemer family and especially WELCA for all the cards, prayers and goodie bags. All have brightened my days and were very much appreciated. I think of Redeemer often and am happy to be remembered.

Fondly,
Joanne Waldkoenig

If you recall 4 Neshaminy High School girls were injured in a car accident earlier this year. Below is a letter sent from the one of the families.

Dear Dolores and the entire Women's Group at Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer pillow and lovely prayer cards.

They really mean a lot to our family and we treasure them. We can't thank you enough for all your prayers and kindness. We are so humbled & overwhelmed by everyone's generosity!

Much love,
Colleen, Michael, Bella, Marco and Julianna Mazzoni

Julianna Mazzoni continues to get better each and every day! Thank you for praying for her, your prayers are truly working.

Love,
Julianna's mom, Colleen

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Food Pantry Ministry

Things have slowed down quite a bit. We really can't imagine what happened to all of the people that used to come, especially the regulars. It's a shame because we are getting some good food from Herbert Hoover Elementary School and from the George School through Jen O'Connell.

Because of the slow down, it was suggested that we put a sign on the corner of Hulmeville and Woodland Aves., letting people know we are here. We spoke to Sean McKinney from Compuprint, who, as was mentioned before, does printing work for Redeemer and Penndel Borough. He is the one who made the beautiful banner now hanging on the railing in front of the church. He is making a sign for us and donating it. Hopefully people in need will notice and come to see us! We really appreciate Sean's donation.

I received an email from the Bucks County Opportunity Council letting us know that they received another round of United Way Covid 19 Recovery funding. I was able to place an order for $1,300.00 worth of food from Derstine's. It was nice to be able to order some different things that are not normally donated. It was really nice to shop and not have to use our food pantry funds!

We have also been getting some different items when John does a pick up sometimes on Wednesdays in Bristol at the Bucks County Opportunity Council's Help Center.

Karen Kondrk

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Evangelism

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16**

The church property is looking bright and inviting and we have a great new banner to share the message of Jesus with our neighbors! Maybe the banner will give us all cause to reflect. How do you let your light shine so that others may see God in you? Some of us might say it is a way of life to shine our light. Many simple things like helping our neighbors, giving our time and talents to serve God and others, showing friendship and interest in someone who is lonely. All these things bring together the energy, the light, that Jesus asks us to shine. We see you, we thank you, and may God continue to bless you as you love and serve others and shine God’s brilliant light.

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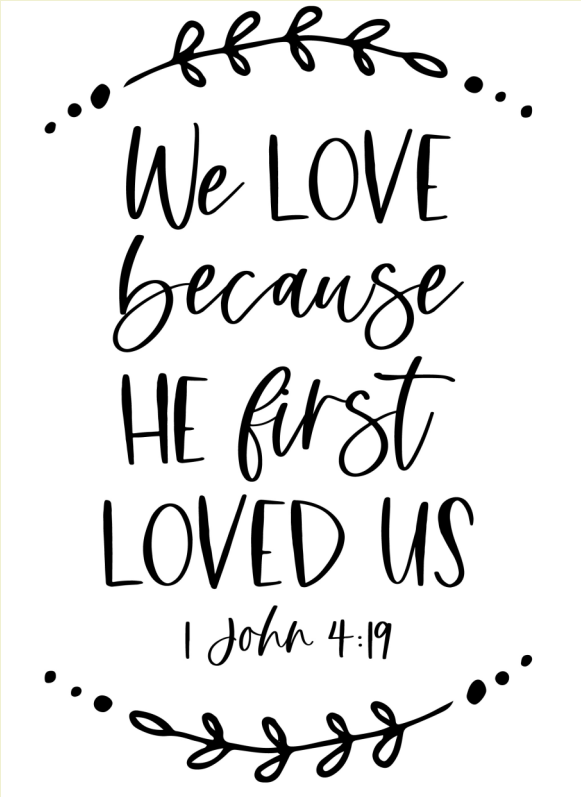
Evangelism

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation. (Psalms 68:5)

I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty. (2 Corinthians 6:18)

This month we give thanks for the gift of fathers and for the men who have served us as mentors and guides. We thank God for good memories of fathers we have lost, and we pray that God will continue to bless us and our children and grandchildren with loving role models. May God continue to support fathers and guide them. **Happy Father's Day!**



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Penndel Safari Walk

Redeemer participated in the Penndel Safari Park.
The display included
Lions, Giraffes, Tigers, Elephants and Panda bears, along with some other animals!

Safari

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Social Ministry

On May 11th Social Ministry delivered 1,922 disposable baby diapers, 1,100 baby wipes and 11 cans of baby formula to the Bucks County Housing Authority for distribution to needy mothers at the agency's food banks and Emergency Shelters in Morrisville and Penndel.

A heartfelt thank you to the members of Redeemer that contributed to our Diaper Initiative and to Denise Robinson who got us off to a good start with a $250 Action Team funded by Thrivent. We were so gratified to hear the Senior Director of BCHA, Eric Clare, relay the importance of our support in the community. The expense of disposable diapers is not covered by government assistance funds, so it is a difficult decision for mothers with limited funds to make…either food, medicine, transportation…. Or, changing a baby's soiled diaper. Because cloth diapers are not permitted to be washed at commercial Laundromats or shelter facilities, some mothers delay changing a soiled diaper and risk their baby developing a rash…Many mothers resort to using rags and plastic bags as a substitute. Social Ministry, with your continued support, will continue to supply these necessary essentials to ensure these supplies are available to mothers in need.

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Stewardship News

STEWARDSHIP NEWS by Denise Robinson

As the pandemic restrictions loosen and the summer months arrive, many Redeemer members will venture out more with family and friends enjoying vacations and the beautiful weather. As we all know the life of our church – ministry - is always in motion even during the summer. Keep Redeemer in your thoughts as you take time to replenish by keeping your offering up to date, and when needed, share your special gifts God has blessed you with so our church may continue ministry. The apostle Paul explains spiritual/ special gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 beginning in verse 4 taken from the New International Version of the bible.

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes
them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are
different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same
God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for
the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of
wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spir-
it, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one
Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another
distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of
tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are
the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one,
just as he determines.

Unity and Diversity in the Body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form
one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by[c] one Spirit so
as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we
were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of
one part but of many.
15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to
the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if
the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”
it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body
were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were

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Stewardship News continued

an ear, where would the sense of smell be? [18] But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. [19] If they were all one part, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many parts, but one body.
[21] The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” [22] On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, [23] and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, [24] while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, [25] so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. [26] If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
[27] Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. [28] And God has placed in the church first, apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? [30] Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[d]? Do all interpret? [31] Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

There is such a wide variety of God given gifts here at Redeemer. The variety of gifts we are given are for the use of the world and God asks us to share our gifts and let Him guide us. As members of the body of Christ we all work together in the same manner as God has put together the body to work as one. We each have so many gifts to share but we don’t need to use up our energy all at once. We share our gifts for the good but also need to take time to replenish. During the summer months replenish your energy, but also continue to replenish your faith. God is with us even when we take time to relax. Continue to support the church through offerings and, when asked, your time and talents. We are all part of the body of Christ and, just like the body, we all work together to fulfill God’s mission through word and deed.

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Discipleship Through Stewardship by Mary Lou Robinson

I have been asked to write a little blurb for our Redeemer Lutheran's Monthly Newsletter. I really don't know why I said I would do this as I just could not imagine what I could write that would really be of any interest; but, I said I would do it and I shall. Everyone writes such good articles but, even after much thought, I just could not come up with a thing that could possibly be of interest. And then, I decided to write my special story.

I was born and raised a Lutheran, actually my family goes back five generations, all Lutherans. Zion Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, PA, was my home church. In 1965, Donald and I were planning our wedding there. We met with our Pastor, Rev. John Manrodt. Donald thought the world of this man and he was the man who was going to perform our wedding ceremony. We met with him for our premarital classes and everything was set. I was living in Washington D.C. at the time. I came home for a weekend and Rev. Manrodt met with us and told us that he was extremely sorry, but he would not be able to do our wedding as he, Peggy and the three little Manrodt's were moving away. I just couldn't believe it; just can't you stay a little while longer? But, no, they had to move on, but Pastor did tell me that someone would be at Zion Lutheran to marry us in July. My Dad already knew that the Manrodt's were leaving but he felt that it was Pastor Manrodt's place to tell us. I was upset because I did not want just anyone to come in that day for the ceremony. I wanted someone I knew, this is my Zion Lutheran Church family. My Dad said not to worry; everything would work out. I could just not imagine how that could happen.

Well, it did. Rev. Charles Wisler, Retired, was the very, special man who did our ceremony. He was the same man who married my Mom and Dad many years before in that exact same church. He also was a friend of my Grandfather and sometimes he would come and sit on the back porch with my Pappy Clapper. I knew him as a nice old man who visited with my family. I was happy to have Rev. Wisler do our ceremony. My Dad was right; it all worked out just the way it should have.

The years went by and thirty-seven years later, I saw the obituary for John Manrodt listed in The Bucks County Courier Times. He passed away November 15, 2002. Our paths never crossed but we always remembered him. Of course, I left work early that day to attend his funeral. I talked to Marsie and Pastor Esther. That evening I told Donald how good I felt

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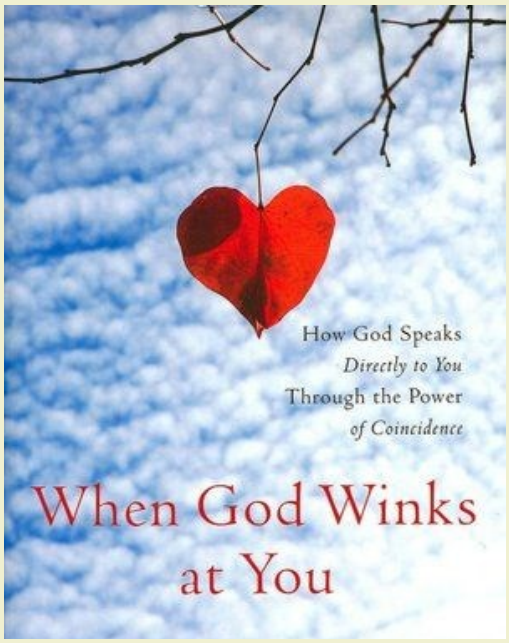
Discipleship story continued

about being there and how much I liked Pastor Esther. Shortly thereafter, Donald and I were at Redeemer on Sunday mornings. One Sunday morning a few weeks later, Marcie asked her Mother if she knew who we were. Of course, Peggy couldn't remember me after all those years as I had aged quite a bit, but Peggy certainly remembered Williamsburg. Now, we continue to talk about those good old days back there and different people we knew. We have come full circle and that is certainly God's doing. We are blessed with this special relationship we now have with Peggy and Marcie. We are still making more good memories.

I really believe that sometimes we receive the gift of Stewardship even not being aware of it at the time. As in our case, sometimes it takes many years to come together. Always remember, God is in control and all things will work together for the good of all in his time.

We are so happy to be a part of our Redeemer Lutheran Church Family.



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Stewardship Word of the Month

Goodness

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.
Psalm 23:6
Praise someone's goodness by using one of these "Good job" words. The “Good Job” words on the next page.

Enjoy reading about some goodness in the world by reading the following story

Orchestra brings Beethoven to the deaf

A Hungarian orchestra is helping deaf people to “hear” and enjoy the music of Beethoven through touch.
Budapest’s Danubia Orchestra Óbuda holds concerts for hearing-impaired people who quite literally feel the Fifth Symphony by Beethoven, who himself battled with hearing loss and wrote some of his greatest music while going deaf.
Some of the audience sit next to the musicians and place their hands on the instruments to feel the vibration. Others hold balloons that convey the vibration of the sounds. Some are given special hyper-sensitive hearing aids.
“When I sat next to the musician who played the double bass, I started crying,” says Zsuzsanna Foldi, who has been deaf all her life.
Máté Hámori, the orchestra’s conductor, says the aim is to bring music to people who otherwise have no chance to enjoy it, and to call attention to hearing difficulties that are often ignored. *[Source: Reuters]*

Stewardship Ministry

Financial Report through April 2021

Financial Condition For Period Ending April 2021

	April	
Current Fund Income	$	51,210.00
Donations	$	844.75
Reimbursements	$	205.00
Total Income	**$**	**52,259.75**
Expenses	**$**	**54,675.97**
Net Income (loss)	**$**	**(2,416.22)**
Balance in Building Maintenance	$	935.53
Balance in Raise the Roof	$	6,127.00

Sharing God's Bounty
June 2021

Overcoming Pride

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote the following about pride: "Pride is the one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine they are guilty of themselves." We demonstrate pride when go our own way and do our own thing. It is "my will be done" not "thy will be done."

Pride is sinful and destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all his kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Through faith, we are changed by God from being self-serving, proud people into people who are humble and seek the welfare of others before ourselves. God changes us from being people who always want to be in control into people who desire to be controlled by God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, *"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"* (Matthew 5:5). In Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he wrote, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." Through faith, we understand our need for humility. We become more humble as God molds and transforms us by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

Pride has no place in our lives as Christians and stewards. First Peter 5:6 reads, *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time."* It is God alone who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled himself, should we not follow his example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled himself, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: *"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"* (Psalm 8:3-4). The inference is that, although we are insignificant, God has exalted us: "*You made [us] ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under [our] feet."*

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God." We are stewards through humility. We are to honor him with what we have, what we are, and what he will make of us.

Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others: *Time, Good Example, Acceptance, Seeing the Best in People, Self-esteem, Self-disclosure, Helping Someone Learn Something New, Listening, Fun, and Letting Others Give to You.*

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Kid's Pages

Bible Quiz

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in _____ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

A. springtime
B. summer
C. seedtime
D. autumn

Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV)

Follow the Son

Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)

What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

April Birthday's and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

3rd Georgette Escardille
Charles Jones
Bill Vitale
4th Alan Ryan
6th James McMullen
Edwina Seyferhelt
Becca Roland
8th Lissy Ditcher
Jessica Piel
10th Marsie McMullen
12th James Reinas
13th Nathan Hotalen
15th Peg Manrodt
18th Bill Anderson, Jr.
20th Abby Clark
21st Meghan Schmidt
25th Winnie Ferguson
Myles Mecutchen
Richard Moulder II
26th Ciara Winter Mitchell
28th Jennifer O'Connell
Lauren Mariano
30th Charles Jones

June Wedding Anniversaries

6/8 Patricia & Tom Finn
6/10 Rick & Jennifer O'Connell
6/25 James & Elizabeth Reinas
6/29 Linda (English) Patton & Joe Patton

"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.

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